

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2010
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Community and Senior Center Floor Refinishing - The dance/exercise studio floors will be refinished during the week of December 27. Due to the number and variety of dance and exercise classes scheduled in Studios 1 and 2, the floors are refinished annually when there is a break in the programming. New classes will begin on January 3, 2011.

City to Provide Free Reusable Grocery Bags - This Saturday, Dec. 18th, local volunteers will be handing out free recycled, reusable grocery bags at local supermarkets as part of "*Day Without A Bag.*" The bags were purchased by the City through a state recycling grant for the purpose of promoting the public's use of reusable bags over single-use paper and plastic grocery bags. The bag giveaway will occur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Albertsons, Pavilions, Ralphs, and Whole Foods.

The California Fish and Game Commission has adopted regulations - Regulations were adopted to create a new suite of marine protected areas (MPAs) in Southern California. They voted to approve the Integrated Preferred Alternative including Option 2 in Laguna Beach. This splits the Laguna Beach MPA into a State Marine Reserve from Abalone Point to the city/county line south of Treasure Island, and a "no-take" State Marine Conservation Area that extends south to Seacliff Drive to allow for Aliso Creek pipe and outfall maintenance. This results in a no take zone extending from Abalone Point South to Seacliff Drive. Implementation will likely begin within the next twelve months.

Storm Drain Repair Project – The repair of deteriorated storm drain pipes at 44 locations throughout the City has been completed. Where possible, the inner pipe walls were lined to avoid digging in difficult areas and traffic disruption. The lining process consists of pulling a resin saturated felt sleeve through the damaged pipe. The sleeve is then heated with steam and it expands to fit the shape of the pipe where it hardens and becomes a strong new "pipe within a pipe". Deformed or badly deteriorated pipes that could not be lined were dug up and replaced with new reinforced concrete or plastic pipes.

Street Resurfacing – This year's resurfacing project is essentially complete. The contractor will return to address some corrective items in January.

City Hall closed on December 24 and 31 – In observance of Christmas and New Year's City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31.

DUI and Driver's License checkpoint - The Laguna Beach Police Department will be conducting a DUI and Driver's License checkpoint on Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.