

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: FRIDAY UPDATES

Debris Disposal – The ACT V parking lot at 1900 Laguna Canyon Road will be open through January 10, 2011, for disposal of dirt. There is also a roll-off container for disposal of trash at the site.

Over-the-Counter fees – Fees for permits necessary to help storm victims return to their homes and to make such repairs as necessary to restore habitability, will be waived through January 10.

New Building Official - After a recruitment process with 65 applicants, a new Building Official has been selected and will start on Monday, January 10th. Carl Hefner has a Bachelor's degree and more than 25 years of experience in the building industry. Carl is a Certified Building Official and has many related certificates and a contractor's license. He most recently was the Deputy Building Official for the City of Sacramento. He also has worked for the City of Davis, the County of Sacramento and the City of San Jose.

Skateboarding - On February 1, 2011, the City Council will consider a report from the Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee regarding skateboarding regulations.

Laguna Beach Seniors Executives Director - The Board of Directors of the Laguna Beach Seniors appointed Nadia Babayi as the new Executive Director of the Susi Q Center. Nadia brings over 25 years experience with corporate, non-profit and government organizations. She served as Director of Development for Stop- Gap, a non-profit theatre group, and most recently was Campaign Manager/Team Leader for the Department of Commerce's project with 12 cities in South Orange County (including Laguna Beach) relating to the 2010 Census. Nadia starts on January 10.

Community Assistance Grants - The application period for fiscal year 2011-2012 Community Assistance Grants is now open. The application is available on the City website and submittals are due Friday, February 25.

OCTA has recently released the 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for public review - OCTA is asking county stakeholders for feedback. They invite everyone to log on to the project website at http://www.octa.net/lrtp_overview.aspx View the documents and complete a quick 5 question survey! This is a great opportunity for county residents, employees, and commuters to get involved in shaping the Transportation System of the future! OCTA will host a public meeting to provide more details about the plan and allow the public to provide their feedback. *The public comment period closes in January 31st*, they encourage everyone to log on to the project webpage!!

Dog Park Closed - The Dog Park on Laguna Canyon Road suffered significant damage during the flooding and will remain closed at least through the middle of the month as City crew work to restore the turf areas and repair damaged irrigation and drainage structures.

Slide Below Heisler Gazebo - An impending slide from the bluff below the Gazebo near Las Brisas has closed a portion of the beach below for safety reasons. The Gazebo itself is not threatened. A contractor will be hired next week to topple the loose material to remove the threat of material falling onto the beach.

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Laguna Canyon Road Widening Delayed - The County's plan to add a second outbound lane on Laguna Canyon Road at El Toro Road will be delayed again. The first phase of the project was scheduled to be completed before next summer. There was an irregularity in construction bids recently received by the County that will prevent the County from awarding a construction contract in time to complete the work before summer. The work is now scheduled to begin in September and be completed before the end of November.

State Inspectors – Inspectors from the state are checking contractors to make sure they are appropriately licensed. Working without a license in a state disaster area is a felony.