

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2011
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

4th of July Fireworks Update – The fireworks show will start about 9:00 p.m. and will last approximately 20 minutes. Seven-hundred (700) fireworks will be launched at a cost of \$26,000. The Board of Realtors provided \$12,500 towards the show which it raised through community events and fundraisers. There will be a mandatory 350' safety radius around Monument Point (including the area by the new amphitheater and whale) which requires this area to be closed first thing in the morning on the 4th of July.

Lang Park Improvement Project - Construction will begin on Monday, July 11th at Lang Park to make improvements to the building and other facilities there. The improvements will include a new roof for the entire building, upgrades to the gym and multipurpose room, and new windows on the portion of the building that currently is used by Anneliese's School. The park area and tennis courts will remain open for use. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

Alta Laguna Park Trail Restoration - The storms of last December caused significant damage to the trail located at the rear of Alta Laguna Park. The trail was closed until last week when the restoration work was completed.

Marine Protection Areas (MPAs) - The Fish and Game Commission voted 4-1 this week to implement the South Coast MPAs on October 1, 2011. This coincides with what would be the first day of recreational lobster season.

Former DeWitt Parcel – The rainstorms last December uncovered a decades old burn dump that was operated on property previously owned by the DeWitt family and others. The property is located off of Phillips Road in Laguna Canyon and was acquired by the City as open space in 1991. During the torrential rains, dirt and debris flowed into the nearby Sun Valley neighborhood, most of which has been cleaned up through a cooperative effort of the neighborhood, the City and volunteers from the Mormon Church. The City is in the process and evaluating options to secure the debris field and part of that process includes soils testing in the area of the debris and on the properties subject to the mud and debris flows. The soils report did not find any significant impacts on private properties but does recommend some additional cleanup of mud and debris on one parcel which the City will work with the property owner to accomplish. The report can be viewed on the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net by searching for "Former DeWitt Parcel".

Wild Land Firefighting Helicopter Training - The Fire Department in conjunction with Orange County Fire Authority will be conducting training on the Fire Road this Friday and next Wednesday and Thursday. The forces will be practicing filling one of the Fire Authority's helicopters with water for wild land firefighting and reviewing aircraft safety. This is part of required annual wild land safety training.

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