



Public Works Department
Monthly Town Council Report
August 2013

1. Installed the No Commercial Vehicle parking signs on Laurel Grove.
2. Installed 3 No parking Signs on Park Ave and a new Slow Children At Play sign on Circle Drive
3. Marin Fence is installing the new Baseball backstop fencing on Ross Common. They have finished with everything except the section of fence for the center of the Backstop. It had to be special ordered and has not yet been delivered.
4. Painting Red curbs a few at a time all around Town.
5. Purchased and placed a new concrete bench in front of the Town Hall.
6. Put up Fall banners on the street light poles in the downtown.
7. Removed quite a few broken hangers and fallen Elm tree branches all around town. This is usual for this time of year with the higher temperatures and light winds. We have been watching the advancement of DED in some of our Elms and will be removing at least 3 trees by the end of the month.
8. Staff met with ABAG building safety consultant and walked through all Town facilities. City Hall, Police Station, Fire station, Fire House trailer, the Corp Yard and building and the Ross Post Office. We will be receiving a report back soon.
9. Staff met with the records management consultant and will be working on reducing our inventory of files and records.
10. Thank you to Jennifer Leathers for her time and support in helping Town staff water some of our younger Elm trees. The trees are showing major signs of stress. Staff would like to remind all Town residents to remember they are responsible for watering streets trees in front of their homes. That was part of the deal when the trees were planted.

11. The North and South Post office parking lots have been patched and resurfaced. All of the stripping has been replaced, new ADA markers have been installed and new curb stops are in place. It came out great and for the first time in a long time the public is now walking safely in front of the cars to get to and from the Post Office after parking instead of walking behind them. Two new ADA curb ramps have been installed at the Post Office crosswalk to coincide with the AC overlay project. The anthracnose infested Oregon Ash tree in the sidewalk area of the South P.O parking lot was removed as part of the project and the uneven brick area of sidewalk was replaced with a new concrete sidewalk providing much improved pedestrian safety.
12. The wells have run dry trying to keep up with the watering to keep Ross Common looking green. This happens every year. Usually in August, we have to start adjusting the sprinkler system often to keep up with the weather and temperature changes. This year we started having problems in June and July. The water table is lower than average and the wells have been pumping dry every night since the beginning of August. The Landscape maintenance contractor has been doing their best to keep Ross Common looking as good as possible. We have received some complaints from residents about dry lawn areas. It is a heavily used area and it has been over twenty years since the last major renovation.
13. Building permits, business licenses and resale inspections (Income report attached)
In the month of August, 28 building permits were issued with a valuation of \$2,327,376 and 18 plan-check permits with a future valuation of \$3,352,260. \$607 in business license fees and \$3,098 in resale inspection fees were received

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