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Road Projects Moving Forward

Laguna Hills Moulton Smart Street Improvements

Moulton Parkway Smart Street improvements from Santa Maria Avenue in the City of Laguna Woods to El Pacifico in the City of Laguna Hills were recently bid, with the winning contractor coming in 25% below the engineer's estimate. The contract will be awarded in October and construction is expected to start in January 2010. The project will widen Moulton Parkway to its final configuration, including sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway, dedicated right-turn lanes, raised landscaped median islands and parkway improvements. No additional through traffic lanes will be added.

In order to minimize traffic impacts and reduce inconvenience to the motoring public, the project will be constructed during nighttime hours from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Construction near residences on Ridge Route Drive and Santa Maria Avenue will be conducted from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The County of Orange is the lead agency for construction, although the streets are City-owned. Once the construction date is set, the County will provide construction information, such as specific hours, duration and length of construction activities.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Laguna Hills Public Services Director Kenneth H. Rosenfield at (949) 707-2655.

EL TORO ROAD EASTBOUND REPAVING

El Toro Road eastbound, from the City's border with Laguna Beach to Calle Sonora, will be repaved in October through mid-November. The job is currently out to bid, with contract award scheduled for the September 16 City Council meeting. The work involves removing several inches of existing pavement, installing a new asphalt base, and capping the base with two inches of rubberized asphalt, which provides for a smoother ride and less frequent repaving. The westbound section of El Toro Road *(Please turn to page 2)*

Branch Library Looking for DVDs

The Laguna Woods branch of the Orange County Library has a small collection of DVDs available for checkout. The Library is soliciting donations to expand this collection. If you have a DVD that you would like to donate, please bring it to City Hall and give it to one of the librarians. The City branch library is open Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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was repaved in 2002. Contact Assistant City Manager Doug Reilly at (949) 639-0561 for more information.

MOULTON / EL TORO SMART STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Plans are being finalized for the Moulton Smart Street Project Phase 1, which runs from Via Campo Verde to just north of the Moulton Auto Spa car wash entrance and includes the intersection with El Toro Road. The job will be bid by the County of Orange, the lead agency for construction, on September 15, with contract award scheduled for November or early December. Work is scheduled to start in February or March 2010. The project will provide for dual left turns on El Toro Road, dedicated right turns on each leg of the intersection, a bus turnout north of the Moulton Auto Spa entrance that will move buses off the through lane, a new wall on Moulton in front of the Equestrian Center arena, golf netting along the golf course near the bus turnout, and new landscaping in medians and parkways. The work is funded with a combination of developer traffic mitigation fees and Measure M dollars. Contact Assistant City Manager Doug Reilly at (949) 639-0561 for more information. 🌳

A Few Good People Wanted

Do you enjoy learning skills? Interfacing with people and answering questions? Then perhaps you would like to be a volunteer at the City of Laguna Woods. Our volunteers work the front desk to answer phones, help with mailings and assist the paid staff. Shifts are morning, which is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the afternoon shift is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We currently have shifts available and also need help to cover vacation shifts on call. Call Roz at 639-0512 if you are interested in our volunteer program. 🌳

Shop Laguna Woods and Increase City Revenues!

Sales-tax revenue equals approximately 20% of the City's operating budget. For every \$100 spent on taxable items at businesses in Laguna Woods, the City receives more than \$1. Listed below are businesses in the City that sell taxable items. Shop Laguna Woods and help the City increase its revenues.

LAGUNA WOODS SHOPPING GUIDE

VALENCIA CENTER

El Toro and Paseo de Valencia

Adapt 2 It

Bert McCoy Optometry

CVS Drug Store

Elite 10 Nails & Spa

Foot Doctors of Orange County

G.C. Life Center 4 Health

Gabriella's Beauty Salon

Krone Hearing Aid Center

Leisure Dental

Mothers Market

Postal Annex

Starbucks

The Shoe Specialist

Tummy Stuffers

HOME DEPOT CENTER

El Toro and Home Depot

Aim Mail Center

Carl's Jr.

Home Depot

Office Max

Pizzeria Amore

Rite Aid Drugstore

Starbucks

Stater Bros. Market

Subway

Tomo Sushi

EL TORO AND MOULTON

Arco Gasoline and AM/PM Minimart

Laguna Woods Self-Storage/Packing Supplies

EZ Lube

Laguna Hills Animal Hospital >

Mobil Gasoline

Moulton Parkway Auto Spa

WILLOW TREE CENTER

El Toro and Moulton

Advanced Ear Care

Bon-A-Pita Restaurant

El Toro Pharmacy

Olive Garden Restaurant

South Swell Lacrosse

Sunshine Nail & Spa

The UPS Store

Vacuum Depot

Von's Grocery Store

TOWN CENTRE

El Toro and Town Centre

Ayres Hotel

Blockbuster Video

Hair City

Happy Nails

Home Town Buffet

Jersey Mikes Subs

Sushi Wok Express & Restaurant

Town Centre Travel

PS BUSINESS PARK

Moulton and Ridge Route

Atlas Tile & Stone

Design Studio Home Furnishings

Edge Cycle Sports

EmbroidMe

Jack In the Box

Papa John's Pizza

PS Public Storage/Packing Supplies

Subway

'08 Food Facility Awards of Excellence

Each year the Orange County Health Agency and the City of Laguna Woods award certificates of excellence to food establishments that routinely exhibited excellent food safety and sanitation practices during the prior year. The winners are:

- **Carl's Jr.** – 24342 El Toro Rd, Laguna Woods
- **Jersey Mike's Subs** – 24365 El Toro Rd, Suite A, Laguna Woods
- **Moulton Arco AM/PM** – 24181 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Woods
- **Starbucks Coffee** – 24100 El Toro, Suite A, Laguna Woods
- **Starbucks Coffee** – 24338 El Toro Rd, Laguna Woods
- **Subway** – 23582 Moulton Pkwy, Suite B113, Laguna Woods
- **Jolanda's Café** – 23615 El Toro Rd, Suite T, Lake Forest 🌳

Laura's House Expands Series On Elder Abuse

Laura's House, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to change the social beliefs, attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe space in which to empower individuals and families affected by abuse, has recently expanded its podcast series to include a recording on the topic of elder abuse. The new podcast is designed to educate the community on issues surrounding elder abuse, pointing to the rising incidence of elder abuse and need for improved vigilance and prevention. Laura's House is one of eight nonprofit organizations providing services to Laguna Woods residents through the City's community assistance grants.

Elder abuse is defined by the National Center on Elder Abuse as intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or trusted individual that leads to, or may lead to, harm of an adult 65 or older. These acts can include physical abuse, neglect, emotional and psychological abuse, verbal abuse and threats, financial abuse and exploitation, sexual abuse, and abandonment. In some cases, self-neglect also is considered mistreatment.

Most communities offer health and social services programs to address the underlying causes of abuse, stop abusive behaviors and reduce the likelihood of abuse occurring again. "For residents of Orange County, California and beyond, Laura's House provides educational programs, counseling and shelter services to assist victims of family violence in later life," Islam said.

To listen to the podcast, please visit <http://laurashouse.podomatic.com>. More information on the programs and services offered by Laura's House is available at www.laurashouse.org. Victims of elder abuse can get help by calling the Laura's House 24-hour hotline at (949) 498-1511 or toll-free at (866) 498-1511 🌳.

How You Can Reduce Your Electric Costs

How Many 'Vampires' Is Your Electricity Feeding?

Standby power, also called vampire power or leaking electricity, refers to the electric power consumed by many electrical appliances and devices while they are switched off or in standby mode. Even though turned off, these devices continue to draw a small amount of power 24 hours a day, seven days a week while plugged into an electrical outlet. Touch pads, remote controls and memory presets all consume electricity.

In the average home, 5% to 10% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off. The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory estimates that vampire power in California homes could use as much as 13%. This means a yearly cost per household for vampire power of \$80 to \$200. The Department of Energy has estimated the yearly cost to U.S. consumers is more than \$3 billion per year.

Controllable Appliances Drawing Vampire Power	Typical Watt Load per Hour Turned Off – but plugged in	Power Cost Per Month
Desktop PC computer/monitor	5	\$0.67
All-in-one printer	6	\$0.80
Computer speakers	2	\$0.27
LCD television	1.5	\$0.20
Plasma television	3	\$0.40
Portable microwave oven	3	\$0.40
Coffee maker	1	\$0.40
Cellular phone charger	1	\$0.13

Of course, not all appliances can or should be turned off. Refrigerators, freezers, Ti-Vos, DVRs, cordless phones, telephone answering machines and clock radios are always in use and generally cannot be turned off if they are expected to provide the services for which they are designed.

It is also not practical to turn off built-in microwaves, washers and dryers, satellite cable boxes, garage-door openers and computer modems. Using a separate electrical socket for these items is advised.

You can stop feeding those vampires by taking action:

1. Unplug all electric devices when not in use.
2. If you will be away from home for several days, turn off or reduce the temperature of your electric hot-water heater. If you have a gas hot water heater, reduce the temperature – but do not turn it off or you will need to have it turned back on by the Gas Company.
3. Setting your hot-water temperature at no more than 120 degrees will save up to 11% of water-heating costs.
4. Use power strips on televisions and stereo systems, computers, monitors and printers and turn them off when the items are not in use.

If you are concerned that turning a computer on and off frequently will affect the hard drive or other computer components, modern computers are designed to handle 40,000 on/off cycles before failure. You are not likely to hit that number in a computer's average five- to seven-year life span. A computer that is plugged in and turned off uses five watts per hour; a computer in sleep mode draws almost four times that amount. 🌳



Conserve Water —
Save money and
resources!




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Get Connected to City Services

Attend City Council Meeting

 3rd Wednesday of each month,
2 p.m., Laguna Woods City Hall,
Council Chambers, 24264 El
Toro Road. Cablecast live on LW
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Tune In
Channel 31

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Share your thoughts and ideas.



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Apply to Serve on a Committee
Call the City Clerk's office at (949) 639-0500.

City Meeting Schedules

- ❖ City Council 3rd Wednesday of month 2 p.m.
 - ❖ Community Services Committee 4th Wednesday of month 9:30 a.m.
 - ❖ Public Safety Committee..... 2nd Wednesday of month... 9:30 a.m.
 - ❖ Land Use and Design Review Committee.... 2nd Thursday of month..... 9 a.m.
- Meetings are held at City Hall, 24264 El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods CA (949) 639-0500.
Meeting schedules are subject to change.