



Public Works Department/Building Department
Monthly Council Report
December 2012

1. On November 2nd, we met with Ross School, Ross Recreation, and Marizco Landscape Maintenance Company to discuss the Ross Common field maintenance issues. We are resuming regular quarterly meetings to keep everyone informed about the maintenance of Ross Common.
2. We are doing our usual catch basin and ditch cleaning before and after storms.
3. We have had Roto-Rooter come out and jet, vactor and rod out a few storm drain catch basins and culverts.
4. Roto-Rooter used their video camera to inspect a storm drain culvert on Sir Francis Drake (SFD) near the bridge that has been giving the Town problems with blockages for years. There is a buried junction box under our lot on SFD behind #92 Shady Lane. We are going to try to find its exact location and dig it up so we can properly inspect the rest of the culvert.
5. The latest group of storms caused a lot of soil to be washed down from the hills. This resulted in our hand digging a lot of soil from Town catch basins and culverts.
6. A private citizen's culvert plugged at the top of Woodside Way on December 30. It sent a flood of water, dirt and debris down Woodside all the way to Madrona Ave. Nerviani Paving was called out to help clean the dirt off the roadway, approximately 5 to 6 yards of dirt was removed.
7. Nerviani Paving also helped dig out approximately 5 yards of soil at a plugged catch basin that had filled with soil and overflowed on Laurel Grove.
8. The big storms caused trees to fall:
 - November 16th a live oak tree fell and blocked Woodhaven Road and knocked down power lines. PG&E, Ross Valley Fire District (RVFD) and police responded. Treemasters was also called to evaluate the situation. PG&E was very helpful and removed the tree from the roadway and hillside with the guidance of the Treemasters arborist.
 - November 30th a large Oak tree fell on a resident's home. RVFD and police responded along with Public Works Department field operations staff.

- November 22nd a large tree fell on Makin Grade blocking the roadway and knocking down power lines. Makin Grade is a county maintained road.
 - November 22nd a large oak limb fell from a private property knocking out powers lines and blocking Shady Lane.
9. There has been a great deal of roadway clean-up related to fallen tree limbs. This is common during storms especially this early in the winter because there are many leaves remaining on the trees. The added weight of wet leaves and strong winds cause the branches to fall.
 10. Natalie Coffin Greene Park has the normal stockpile of sand and bags. Citizens are reminded to get sand bags now in areas where there is annual local flooding. Waiting until a storm is here is too late. The Town does not stockpile sand bags in Coffin Greene Park as people remove them. Citizens from other communities will get their sand bags here because we usually have a ready supply when others run out. If the box is empty, please call the Public Works Department @ 453.1453, option 4, or the Ross Valley Fire Station in Ross at 453.7434 and bags will be provided.
 11. A special reminder to everyone living on Town hills and private roads; please keep your ditches clean. If you allow them to fill up with leaves, water may run over the roadway and hillside which could create the possibility of a landslide and roadway washing out.
 12. Building Department Income Report
In the month of November we issued 27 building permits, 12 plan check permits with a future valuation of \$1,847,000 and 15 with an actual valuation of \$580,837. We raised \$1,053.75 in business license fees. We scheduled two new resale inspections and processed four and raised \$900 in resale inspection fees. The Building Department Income Report for the month of November is attached.

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