



**Public Works Department
Monthly Council Report
October 2013**

1. Installed three new Elm trees in the Post Office South parking lot and have two more to plant as time permits. Installed main water line to all the planters to water them and sprinkler heads will be added to water trees properly and consistently with a sprinkler time clock.
2. Paving projects on Allen Ave at Shady Lane, Redwood Dr., Canyon Road and Winship Ave started this week.
3. Removed fallen Elm branches all around Town this month. Staff believes this is due to the age of our Elm trees and their weakening due to Dutch Elm Disease. Also removed more DED Elm trees on Lagunitas Road.
4. Removed unsightly and dangerous old wood curb from the south Post Office parking lot. Installed new AC curb and 4' tire stops
5. Staff has been working with homeowners and construction sites along Ross Creek and Corte Madera creek having them remove down branches, excessive brush in the creek channel and dead and down trees.
6. Staff has been visiting various construction sites to make sure they are installing winter stormwater best management practices (BMP's). All open constructing sites were to have winter BMP's in place by **October 15th** . Staff started inspection of active sites after October 15th deadline and upon visiting open sites found many had not installed BMP's or minimal ones. Additional inspections will occur to ensure compliance.
7. Staff worked with Ross Common maintenance contractor to improve the wet and dry areas. This is customary this time of year for the Common because of overuse, soil compaction, differences in shade and sun areas and soils.
8. Trimmed up the Post Office Park and when finished staff will add compost to some planters to beautify and keep out weeds. Patty Garbarino of Marin Sanitary District graciously donated ten yards of compost.
9. Will be sending out a Town Wide winter notification soon to let everyone know it is the time of year to clean the ditches, water courses and culverts that are over and under their property and driveways.
10. Building permits, business licenses and resale inspections (Income report attached)

In the month of October, 22 building permits were issued with a valuation of \$173,792 and 16 plan-check permits with a future valuation of \$356,700. \$395.50 in business license fees and \$770 in resale inspection fees were received

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