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Councilwoman

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Economic Dev	3225
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Utilities	3011
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#### Emergency Services

Emergency	9-1-1
Fire Dept	633-3104
Police Dept	644-3717

#### Libraries

CdM	644-3075
Main	717-3800
Mariners	717-3838
Balboa	644-3076

#### Oasis Senior Center

644-3244

#### Post Office

CdM	673-2989
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## PORT THEATER

The exterior of the Port Theater is nearly complete, but the interior remains a shell because of plan changes, miscommunications, etc. We finally got everyone in the same room and clarified the interior—an upscale movie theater with a capacity for 350 patrons (The old theater could seat over 900), plus the ability to apply twelve times a year for a special event permit to accommodate things like premieres for the Newport Beach Film Festival.

## GRAYWATER

The State giveth and the State taketh away. The State had graywater conditions that were onerous, to put it mildly. As reported here previously, facing drought conditions, the State took the eminently sensible step of simplifying things. All you had to do was get a permit and adhere to some easy safeguards to hook up your washing machine and use the rinse water for irrigation purposes. This being California, this wave of common sense was no sooner announced than it was rescinded. If things get really dry people once again have the choice of a permitted system costing thousands or doing their own thing. Wonder which most will choose.

## SOLAR PANELS

While graywater may still be complicated, solar panels get easier. Under AB 2473 all a homeowner has to do is show that the installation meets health and safety standards. A city is not allowed to impose design or other standards. This could cause some unhappy neighbors, especially when it comes to height issues.

## UPCOMING DATES

### January 9, 8:00 am - Noon

This is the Council's annual planning session, held this year at the Newport Coast Community Center (6401 San Joaquin Hills Road). Among the subjects I hope we discuss—the future of the current city hall site.

### January 12

**STUDY SESSION:** home solicitation ordinance and proposed Huntington Beach desalination project.

**COUNCIL MEETING:** the Megonigal residence. This is the home that is proposed at the base of Begonia Park and has stirred up considerable concern because of potential impacts to public views which are to be protected under the General Plan.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Since resolutions are notorious for being broken, I'm almost afraid to make any, but . . . I resolve to do my best not to get carried away with an edifice complex when it comes to the new civic center.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is a two-way process; please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas and opinions.