MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2010

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lew C. Bauman
County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County Administrative Officer's Report for the week of November 1, 2010

In this week's edition: Election Day is upon us, fundraising tips at the library and Monterey County's award-winning government channel brings home another trophy.

Elections
November 2 Statewide General Election: Election Day is TUESDAY – POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 8:00 PM! There are 160,221 eligible voters, which is the highest registration Monterey County has seen since the Presidential General Election in November 2000, when there were 160,322 registered voters in the County. The majority of polling places have remained at the same location as used for June 8. However, it is important that voters verify their location before heading out on Election Day....

Election Day – Where do I Vote?: To verify if you are eligible to vote and where your polling place is located, visit the Department’s website at www.MontereyCountyElections.us and visit the links “Where do I Vote?” to enter in the street address of where you currently reside – this will generate the location of your polling place along with a sample of the official ballot.

A general list of all Monterey County polling places can be found under “Latest News and Postings” where you can find the link called “Current Polling Places and Poll Workers”

Election Mail: Last Tuesday, October 26, was the last day to request a vote by mail ballot be sent. If you requested a ballot and cannot find it, or if you did not request a ballot in the mail, you can still vote on Election Day! Any voter who wishes to vote must now either come to the Department to obtain a ballot in person when polls open at 7 a.m. and up the close of
polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day, or, simply head to vote at their polling place on Election Day.

All vote by mail ballots must be returned in Monterey County no later than the close of polls on Election Night (8:00 pm). Voters may drop their ballot off at the Elections Department anytime during normal business hours or through the convenient drop slot in the front door, and may return their voted ballot to any polling place in Monterey County ON Election Day. A list of polling places and poll workers can be found on the “Latest News and Postings” information page.

As of Monday, November 1, the Department has issued more than 107,000 vote by mail ballots and has received nearly 48,000 voted returns. The Department worked the last two Saturdays to open and extract voted returns in order tabulate ballots for the first results available to the public (planned for 8:15 pm or shortly after the polls close on Election night).

Releasing Results and Observing Election Activities: On Election Night, select the box on the left-side “Latest Election Results” to see results for the November 2 Election. The Department has developed a general Results Reporting Schedule – this can be found on the Department’s website under the tab called “Election Results.” The schedule reflects that the Department plans to release the first result at approximately 8:15 p.m. or as soon as the Department learns there are no more voters waiting to cast their ballot at any Monterey County polling place. Afterwards, cumulative results will be released each hour until all precincts are reported. The Department expects the final Election Night report to be released well after Midnight.

To read up on how ballots are processed in Monterey County, see the link “Voting in Monterey County” and “How votes are counted” under the Voter Services tab.

The Department also has provided the schedule of observable activities on the website under “Latest News and Postings.”

**Intergovernmental Affairs/Information Technology**

Monterey County’s Government Channel has earned a first place award for programming at the prestigious National Association of Telecommunication Officers and Advisors Government Programming Competition.

The honored program was one of a series on gardening and nutrition showcasing county employees called “Begin in the Garden.” The program featured county staff from the Health Department: Chris Moss and Eddie Wiltsee who gave delightful and energetic information on healthful eating and Ted Terrasas from Environmental Health who explained a little known role of environmental health, safety inspections of compost.

The NATOA awards competition had 730 entries from 26 states and Canada in a variety of categories.
County Communications Coordinator Maia Carroll developed and produced the program and broadcast services vendor Ellen Wrona of Armstrong Productions videotaped and edited the show.

In the last 5 years, MGTVC has won 15 awards for its programming. The channel is a collaborative effort involving the Administrative office which oversees programming and Information/Technology which handles equipment and contracts. You can find links to government channel programs ‘on demand’ and see the channel’s program guide at http://www.in.co.monterey.ca.us/iss/

MGTVC can be seen on Comcast Cable Channel 28, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and in southern and northern Monterey County on Saturday mornings on Charter Cable Channel 29 by agreement with the Monterey County Office of Education.

Libraries

Are you seeking funds for your nonprofit group? Get help with fundraising techniques at these free workshops offered by Monterey County Free Libraries. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

Proposal Writing Basics
Friday, Nov 5, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the King City Branch Library

How to Approach a Foundation
Friday, Nov 5, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Seaside Branch Library

Introduction to the Foundation Directory Online
Saturday, Nov 20, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the King City Branch Library

For more information or to register call (831) 899-2055 or go to http://www.in.co.monterey.ca.us/library/Foundation.html

Health Department

Don’t forget the Monterey County Employee Health and Wellness Fair, Friday November 5th at Natividad Medical Center. For more information:

http://www.mthyhd.org/index.php?option=com_acymailing&ctrl=archive&task=view&mailid=10&key=70a2710b7bcc36864f985afdb28ff7285

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