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Laurel Street Closure

As part of a hazard mitigation grant drainage project, a portion of Laurel Street in Oriole Beach from Magnolia Street west to Bay Street will close the week of October 31 for approximately two weeks. The west bound traffic detour is north on Bayview Lane or Redwood Lane to U.S. Hwy. 98. The east bound detour is north on Oriole Beach Road to U.S. Hwy. 98. Homeowners will have full access to their homes at all times.

Next week's closure is part of the Harrison Avenue HMGP project which will minimize recurring flooding and reduce repetitive flood loss to 210 structures and provide protection against a 100-year storm event. This project will remove inadequate drainage facilities along Harrison Avenue, Oriole Beach Road, Pins Lane, Oriole Drive, and Laurel Drive, and replace with a comprehensive and coordinated drainage network capable of handling existing and future growth in the area. The network will include pipes and open ditches through the Calvary Chapel Church property to protect residences along Redwood Lane from environmental contamination eliminating a health hazard caused by flooded yards with failed septic systems.

Funding for this project was made available through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which provides 75 percent federal funding with the local match of 25 percent coming from the county's Electric Franchise Fee Drainage Reserve Funds. Budget for the project is \$1.758 million. The low bid for construction was by Brown Construction in the amount of \$1.087 million. Construction is anticipated to be complete in September 2012.

Harrison Ave Drainage Improvements - Bay St Detour Plan

