February 2008

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

- New police alarm permits issued in January: 50
- ➤ New alarm permits issued FY 07-08: 309
- Total active permits as of 01/31/08: 4,680
- Invoices billed in January totaled 947, with a valuation of \$441,843.
- ➤ Invoices billed for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date total 4,330, with a valuation of \$5,219,020.
- ➤ Total number of general checks and direct deposits issued in January was 756 and 222, respectively, with a valuation of \$4,593,467. The total number of general checks and direct deposits for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date are 5,633 and 1,412, respectively, with a valuation of \$43,334,902.

Information Technology

- ➤ Staff has reviewed several e-mail filtering solutions. We have made a decision to start using Postini which will take the place of Barracuda. This software will be much easier to use and extremely fast. Staff will be rolling it out to the entire city within the next month.
- We are finalizing the details on our backup server for the Police Department, which will be housed at the City of Anaheim. In case of a disaster we will have the capability of dispatching out of Anaheim.

Purchasing

- ➤ In January, the Purchasing Division processed 215 requisitions.
- \$4,100 was saved through early payment discounts.
- Central Services ran 159,153 copy impressions during the month and processed 14,540 pieces of mail.

Revenue/Business Registration

- ➤ In January, 161 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 113 are located in Fullerton and 48 are located out of the city but will be conducting business here. The business tax collected for the new registrants totaled \$11,310.
- ➤ A total of 174 businesses closed during the month: 74 located in the city and 100 located out of the city.
- ➤ The number of business certificates renewed was 1,037, which totaled \$164,183 in business tax collected.

Utility Services

- During January, 2,561 calls were answered.
- ➤ The total number of cash register transactions processed was 4,718 and totaled \$17,472,147.
- ➤ The total transactions processed by payment method were: credit cards, 1,360; checks, 1,456; cash, 1,028; and direct deposits, 175.

Community Development

Building Division

- ➤ Inspection stops in January totaled 977 and resulted in 1,328 inspections. Average daily inspections were 86.4. Average daily workload was 14 inspections per inspector.
- ➤ 203 (including 10 ancillary) plans were submitted for plan check in January. Of that total, 88 plans were checked same day, at the counter. There were 1,658 visitors to the permit counter in January and 474 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$3,777,442.
- ➤ In January, we received one appointment request through the on-line system.
- > Staff has thus far completed conversion of 245,558 microfiche images of existing building documents to the digital system.
- ▶ 155 E. Chapman Plans are approved for the new McDonald's.
- > Grading plans are approved for the new senior condominium project at 1900 Camino Loma (Jacaranda Senior Village).
- ➤ 1318 N. Acacia Steel erection is completed for new addition to the St. Juliana Parish Hall. Project is at 80% completion.
- ➤ 1951 Sunny Crest (Providence Center) Grading is in progress for third phase (two-story medical building). Food court is under construction.

- ➤ 1451 Brea Blvd New Elks Lodge Project is at the final framing inspection stage. Work will be starting on landscaping for the hillside and retaining walls.
- ➤ 130 Laguna Framing construction is in progress for addition to existing building (Rio Rehab).
- ➤ 1645 W. Valencia & 150 S. Brookhurst (Grace Ministries) Steel framing for the second floor and placement of concrete deck completed. Waiting to start work on the roof's space frame.
- ➤ 1451 Brea Blvd. (University Heights) All buildings are completed. Issued 12 TCOs. Waiting to final hillside grading.
- 2941 Brea Blvd. Issued grading permit for the new townhomes.
- ➤ There are four large custom homes, primarily in the Las Palmas area, that are at different stages of construction.
- ➤ 601 S. Placentia Grading for Phase I of the Home Depot project is in progress.
- ➤ 1101 S. Euclid Plans are approved for new Washington Mutual and Tesco located at the new shopping center at Euclid and Orangethorpe. Grading is partially completed.
- ➤ 2000 Youth Way YMCA remodel and addition Project is at 85% completion.
- ➤ 1600 W. Commonwealth Building plans for Olson's Mosaic Walk submitted for first plan review.

Community Preservation

	Jan.	Year-
	2008	to-Date
Complaints Received	174	1,594
Complaints Resolved	194	1,304
Active Cases	481	N/A
Inspections Conducted	642	4,623
First Notice of Violations Issued	128	1,028
Citations Issued	59	373
Large Item Pickup (couches, appliances, etc.)	20	132
Request for Graffiti Removal	21	86
Hotline calls	95	595
Revenue Billed	\$6,300	\$33,80

Housing and Community Rehabilitation (HCR)

- During December and January, three exterior paint grants were completed. In addition, funds were committed through the Block Improvement Grants (BIG) program for two projects that provided new exterior paint, a garage door, a new driveway, and converted illegal living space back to a garage. One HOME deferred loan was completed. A grant was provided to test a residence for lead-based paint and lead was removed from two residences. There are currently four ongoing and thirty qualifying projects. One new application was received.
- ➤ Thirteen of the 15 Agency-owned buildings on West Avenue and Valencia Drive have been demolished. The Agency has purchased two additional fourplexes.
- ➤ The HCR Division answered 2,731 calls during the first half of the 2007-08 fiscal year. An additional 446 were answered in January. The breakdown for January is as follows: 62 housing rehabilitation; 1 temporary shelter; 7 senior housing; 31 first time homebuyers; 31 Section 8 assistance; 132 other affordable housing (rental/development); 6 subordination/payoff; 58 general program; 7 fair housing related; and 111 non-housing.
- ➤ The HCR Inspector conducted 194 inspections during January: 72 affordable housing inspections, 67 new construction and 55 housing rehabilitation inspections related to grants and loans in progress.
- Applications were distributed to non-profit agencies and City departments to request Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for 2008/09.
- ➤ Several developers have called regarding affordable housing projects in Fullerton. Three Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) are interested in using HOME funds. They have been asked to provide their CHDO applications for review.

Engineering

Project Development & Design

Placentia Avenue Reconstruction-Yorba Linda to Quartz - City Council awarded this project to RJ Noble Company in December 2007. Work is estimated to begin in February 2008 and to consist of: excavation; asphalt concrete and aggregate base; access ramps; sidewalk and cross gutter; manhole and water valve adjustment; traffic control, loops, striping, and signal interconnect. Contract time is 45 days.

- ➤ Laguna Lake Park Trail Improvements Design is complete, and the construction contract was awarded to Elite Bobcat Services, Inc. Construction will include trail improvements, handicap accessible sidewalk, new park benches and picnic tables, stairs, striping, and trees. The project is scheduled to begin in February 2008 and end in March 2008.
- ➤ Sewer Replacement Project 2006-07-Carhart Area This project includes replacing and/or realigning damaged sewer main lines, constructing manholes, reconnecting sewer laterals, and paving trenches. Construction is scheduled for April to September 2008.

Construction Management

- ➤ Sanitary Sewer Upgrade 2006-07, Phase 2, Various Locations The contractor has completed 80% of the project. Remaining items include: final trench paving, adjusting manholes to grade, and final cleanup.
- ➤ Sewer Replacement Project 2006-07-Glenhaven Area This contract for \$1,135,437 was awarded by Council to Majich Brothers, Inc. It includes installing 8" PVC, 8" high-density plastic pipe, constructing manholes, reconnecting sewer laterals, removing/abandoning existing manholes and sewer lines, constructing alley gutter, alley return, and curb ramp, and pavement/driveway reconstruction in the Glenhaven Area.

The contractor began work in December and has 75 working days to complete the project; with approximately 20% of the work complete, he is on schedule.

➤ Upper Acacia Reservoir Slope Improvements - With the end of the 90-day landscape maintenance on February 6, this project will be complete.

Water Engineering

Water Supply Update - During the past month, Metropolitan Water District (MWD) unveiled its Water Allocation Plan to address the looming water shortage mainly due to the uncertainty of supplies from the Delta. MWD attempted to devise a plan which would be equitable over its entire service area and, overall, this goal seems to have been achieved.

The preferential rights issue is the focus of a few of MWD's member agencies. Preferential rights are the amount of investment an agency has made in the MWD system. This translates into a percentage of the water available. Fullerton's percentage is 0.59%. This means that the City would get 97% of its MWD water demand using the base calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006. Using the Plan formula, Fullerton would receive 95.2% of this average in the event of a declared Level 2 Regional shortage.

The big uncertainty in this Plan is the ability of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to obtain its water from non-MWD sources. LADWP depends on the Owens Valley to supply a majority of its water. If it loses this supply, Los Angeles would need more water from MWD, and this would affect all the other member agencies.

If the Plan is enacted, it would take effect in May 2008 and remain active through April 2009. City staff would then go to Council with a recommendation to activate the Fullerton Emergency Conservation Plan, the level of which would be contingent upon the level established by MWD.

A precursor to the shortage allocation plan was the curtailment of water to agricultural (Ag) water customers. In November 2007, member agencies were required to notify Ag customers that their supply would be cut back by 30%. Fullerton has 12 Ag users that were affected. As of January 1, 2008, these customers were required to make a 30% reduction of water use compared to their 2003-04 base year. Since Fullerton gets 25-45% of its supply from MWD, this translates to a 7-8% total reduction. These customers have been contacted and informed of the consequences of exceeding their allotment. The penalty is approximately \$3.84 per 1,000 gallons.

- Fullerton's local supply just received a timely boost from the much anticipated Ground Water Replenishment System (GWRS) coming on line. This water comes at a time when the City is anticipating losing its usual replenishment water from MWD. If rainfall reaches normal levels and GWRS continues to operate, early indications seem to point to a 69% basin production percentage (BPP) compared to the current 74%. The BPP is the percentage of a water system's demand which may be produced from local groundwater. This percentage is set by the Orange County Water District (OCWD).
- Finally, the water rate forecast: MWD is proposing a 10, 14, or 20% rate increase effective January 1, 2009, and OCWD will probably increase its rates from 8 to 10 percent, including the impact of the lowered BPP. These factors translate to a 6-10% pass-through increase for Fullerton rate payers. This would become effective in July 2008 and would again be subject to citywide notification and a public hearing.

Fire

- ➤ The Fire Department responded to 905 requests for service during the month of January, detailed as follows: Fires 37; EMS 721; Others 89; Hazmat 4; and service calls 54.
- ➤ 104 auto-aids were given and 107 were received. The auto-aids received are not included in these stats. Last year's request for service in Fullerton for the month of January totaled 929.

Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses

- ➤ January 1 at 9:10 a.m. Engine One was sent to a transformer fire in the 500 block of W. Orangethorpe. On arrival, crews found arching wire on top of the telephone pole throwing sparks into the home's backyard. Edison was notified.
- ➤ January 1 at 10:44 a.m. Engine Two responded to a dumpster fire in the 100 block of N. Pritchard. The crew found residents trying to put out a fire; the fire crew pulled a 200-foot pre-connect hose and completely extinguished the fire.
- ➤ January 1 at 2:07 p.m. Engines Three and Five, Truck One, Battalion One, and neighboring units responded to a reported bush fire at the Southbound 57 Freeway between Yorba Linda and Nutwood. Crews discovered the fire on the west shoulder. During the attack phase, Engine Five's fire engineer experienced pump problems. The lines were shut down and hand tools were used to overhaul the fire.
- ➤ January 1 at 3:51 p.m. Engine Two responded to a dumpster fire at Gilbert and Orangethorpe. On arrival, the crew found a metal trash can with smoldering paper and extinguished the fire.
- ➤ January 1 at 5:56 p.m. Engines Four and Six, Battalion One and neighboring LA County units were sent to a residential fire in the 3200 block of Sunnywood. Smoke and flames were showing from the roof of the single-story residence. The fire was attacked from the inside of the master bedroom and through the ceiling. After extinguishment, personnel proceeded to perform salvage and overhaul operations.
- ➤ January 3 at 9:10 p.m. Engine Six responded to a vegetation fire in the 1000 block of W. Valencia Mesa. The crew found a palm tree in a backyard on fire and extinguished it with water from the unit's tank. The possible cause of the fire was a bottle rocket.
- ➤ January 4 at 5:39 p.m. Engine Two was dispatched to a pole fire in the 1900 block of W. Page Avenue. A power pole to the rear of the property was on fire. Firefighters extinguished the fire, secured the surrounding area and notified SoCal Edison.
- ➤ January 9 at 3:20 a.m. Truck One, Engines One, Three and Five, and Battalion One rolled on a fire in the 2000 block of E. Orangethorpe. Crews were directed to the northeast storage area where employees were using hand-lines to control a fire in the rolls of paper byproducts. Engine Three pulled a hose line and connected a high rise attack bundle to assist with fire control. A lift truck removed rolls of exposed product to an outside loading dock for a wet down.

- ➤ January 13 at 9:30 a.m. Engine Three responded to a vehicle accident with Anaheim medics and Anaheim Fire Truck on Raymond at the 91 Freeway (border of Anaheim/Fullerton). The female driver of an SUV had fallen asleep hitting a nearby telephone pole. The front seat passenger and the baby in the rear seat were pronounced dead on scene.
- ➤ January 13 at 5:53 p.m. Engine One and Six, Truck One and Battalion One were dispatched to an illegal campfire at W. Coyote Hills Drive.
- ➤ January 14 at 3:03 a.m. Engine Two was called to the westbound 91 Freeway/I-5 for a vehicle fire on the freeway. CHP had stopped traffic which allowed the crew to extinguish the fire with a 1-¾" hose line. The car's owner stated that he had been hit by another vehicle, but had been able to exit his vehicle uninjured.
- ➤ January 20 at 8:58 p.m. Engine One was dispatched and handled a structure fire in the 1000 block of Glenhaven due to a bathroom fan having caught on fire.
- ➤ January 21 at 12:15 p.m. A full residential structure fire contingent was dispatched to the 800 block of Arroues Drive. The fire had started in the vicinity of a hot water heater. Workmen were present at the residence and the fire was out on arrival.

Downtown Business District

- ➤ January 8 12:24 a.m. Paramedics responded to an EMS call of a 23-year-old female bartender who had fallen ill in an establishment in the 200 block of N. Harbor. The patient did not wish treatment and signed a release.
- ➤ January 12 2:02 a.m. Truck One responded to W. Whiting and Malden on a reported assault. Fullerton PD was already present. The patient's chief complaint was a bloody nose after being elbowed in the face. Basic evaluation and treatment was provided; the patient did not wish further treatment and was released to self-care.
- ➤ January 26 7:35 p.m. Engine One was dispatched on a fall victim at Harbor and Commonwealth.
- ➤ January 26 12:41 a.m. Truck One responded on an assault victim in the 100 block of E. Commonwealth.

Other Activities

➤ FFD had another busy Holiday Season supporting the 15th annual Spark of Love Toy Program. Toys were collected at six Fullerton fire stations and five CVS stores. Collectively, between all the Orange County fire agencies and the Seal Beach U.S. Marines, more than 300,000 toys were collected and distributed to the underprivileged families in the County. The Fire Department wishes to thank

- all Fullerton employees who donated toys and/or gave their time to this worthy program. Dawn Revelle coordinated the Fire Department Spark of Love Toy drive and is an Orange County Toy Drive Collaborative Committee Member.
- The Fire Department worked with the City's Parks and Recreation, Police, and Maintenance Services Departments to staff the mobile EOC trailer during the First Night celebration. The Fire Department provided medical aid to several injured party goers and provided standby fire protection for the Fireworks Show. In addition, an Action Plan was developed to manage the event. It was used successfully. Chief Dominguez worked with Joe Felz as the Incident Commander and Training Captain Schultz functioned as the Operations Section Chief.
- ➤ The Fire Department Explorer Post under the leadership of Captain Wilder currently has 20 members. In 2007, the Explorer Post members received over 1,500 hours of instruction from volunteer Fire Department personnel. In turn, the Explorers deserve credit for giving back several hundred hours of their personal time to numerous city and county programs.
 - Congratulations to Fire Captain Brad Wilder who is in charge of the Fullerton Fire Department Explorer Post. He received the "Fire Explorer Advisor of the Year" award at a ceremony on January 23 at the Council Office in Santa Ana.
- ➤ The Urban Search and Rescue truck has been delivered, the appropriate signage has been applied, and the truck is now fully equipped and ready for service for special rescue operations.
- ➤ This year, the Fire Department will be celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary. The date of its formal organization was August 10, 1908 with O. Erickson elected as the first Fire Chief. The Department's Centennial Committee has already been meeting to plan and establish an event calendar honoring this special milestone.
- Fire Department staff, together with Human Resources, has been busy hiring six firefighters to replace retired employees and fill vacant positions. The new hires will start their four-week Mini Fire Academy on February 11 at Station One.
- ➤ The Disaster Preparedness Specialist has had over 60 inquiries for the next CERT training class in March. Several of these citizen volunteers have already completed their registry, which includes a detailed application and a Life Scan with the Police Department. In addition, a large bin for the storage of CERT supplies has been given to the Fire Department through a contact of one of the CERT volunteers.

Human Resources

- Recruitments Recruitments currently under way or soon to be under way include Chief Planner, Fire Captain, and Risk Manager. The recruitment in progress for Water Services Worker, the classification responsible for collecting water meter readings and performing related duties, yielded 149 applications, primarily from outside candidates.
- Employee Processing In December, staff processed six regular and three nonregular appointments, twelve regular promotions, and seven regular and six nonregular separations. In January, staff processed nine regular and six nonregular appointments, five regular and one nonregular promotion, and two regular and two nonregular separations.
- ➤ Liability Program We received five new claims in December and closed four claims. We were served with one lawsuit in December. In January we received nine claims and closed seven claims. We were served with three lawsuits in January.
- Workers' Compensation Program For November we had eight new workers' compensation claims; in December we had eight new claims as well. Nine claims were closed in November and 14 claims were closed in December. One serious injury occurred during the month of December, but the injured employee is recovering well.

Library

- ➤ Fullerton Public Library was very busy when we re-opened after the winter closure on January 2, 2008. During the closure, the library book return bins stayed open so patrons could return items while we were closed. Staff worked a couple of hours each day of the closure to check-in items that were returned in the bins. They checked-in and shelved about 500 items per day. On January 2, open again to the public, patrons returned 6,478 items to the Main Library and 647 to Hunt Branch. They checked out 5,676 at Main and 517 at Hunt. Staff at Main handled 12,154 items in one day (generally the Main library handles between 3,000 and 5,000 items). When the Hunt total is added, we handled 13,318 items that day. Of course, all those items also needed to be put back on the shelves! In addition, we issued 1,033 new library cards in January, making this one of our highest months ever.
- ➤ Passports Fullerton Public Library earned \$4,770 in January for passport services, making this our busiest month since implementation. U.S. Passport Service has made some changes in its program that will impact our services. Beginning February 1, they have lowered the Execution Fee to \$25.00, which is what we will now charge. They will still be offering the passport book as well as rolling out a new passport card. The passport card will facilitate entry and expedite document processing at the U.S. land and sea ports-of-entry when

arriving from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. The card may not be used for international air travel. The actual cost paid to U.S. Passport Services for the passport card is lower than the actual cost of the passport book, so it is likely that we will have increased traffic for this new offering. Although the Execution Fee will be going down by \$5.00, we still expect our revenue projections to remain stable, especially as we implement photo service.

- Clearly, the primary election matters to the citizens of Fullerton. Approximately 100 people showed up for the "Primary Matters" program which was held on Tuesday, January 15 at the Fullerton Main Library. The program featured a panel discussion on the upcoming primary election which included CSUF professors Mark Jarvis, Stephen Stamough, Sandra Sutpen and Vince Buck (who is also a Library Trustee). Shirley Bloom from the League of Women Voters spoke about the California budget as well as the initiative and referendum process in California. Tim Mountain also introduced the Library's new "Internet Election Guide" to assist the community in easily finding useful online information about all aspects of the upcoming elections. The Main Library will host two more election-themed programs between now and the November election.
- ➤ TumbleBooks Since March 2007, library patrons have read over 6,100 TumbleBooks! TumbleBooks are an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading, in a format loved by children as well as their families. TumbleBooks are also available in foreign languages, including Spanish.
- An Evening with Frank 150 people braved the rain to attend "Orange County Register" columnist Frank Mickadeit's program at the Main Library. Frank read from some of his favorite columns, answered questions from the audience and featured a brand new song, "Barn Car Beauty." Frank was also joined on stage by The Real Librarians of Orange County, as backup singers for "Home Depot Woman."
- ➤ Rain Forest Animals Visit the Library Almost 300 people were able to see live animals in the library as the Wildlife Company brought seven of its animal ambassadors to both library sites. The educational presentation was very well received by an audience of children and their parents. Members of the audience were invited up on stage to interact with some of the animals and everyone who wanted to could meet a very large boa constrictor on their way out of the program. Questions and answers filled the air, as the children learned about these wonderful inhabitants of the world's rain forests. The After School Club is intended to introduce children to a variety of experiences and this program definitely met that goal by giving several youngsters experiences they will not soon forget. The program was featured on the front page of the "Fullerton News Tribune," on the KDOC morning show, and podcast on the "Orange County Interested persons can watch the video website. http://fullertonlibrary.org/kids/index.html and click on "Animals in the Library."

Maintenance Services

Administration

- ➤ Service Requests: In January, Maintenance Services received 1134 service requests, completing 907 (80%) in the month. Of the 20 emergency requests received, 13 were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 466, or 41% of the total.
- ➤ Phone Calls: In January Maintenance Services' support staff received 1,801 calls, an average of 86 per workday, or 43 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

Facilities

- ➤ Graffiti Removed 63,450 square feet of graffiti at 504 sites in the month of January. Year-to-date totals 383,835 square feet at 2,570 sites.
- Custodial Completed 19 custodial inspections of city facilities.
- ➤ Buildings:
 - The capital project to replace the flooring in the Red Cross building has been completed. Funds for this project were approved in the FY-2007/2008 Capital Program.
 - The capital project to replace Fire Station 1 A/C system is in the design stages and is being handled by the Engineering Department. Funds for this project were approved in the FY-2006/2007 Capital Program.
 - All Capital Projects in the FY 2007/08 Facility Capital Repair Program #2422 are on schedule or in the planning stages.

Equipment Division

➤ For the month of January, the Equipment Division performed 8 BIT inspections, 86 PMs, 1 smoke test, and 12 smog tests, 25 generator PMs, and 3 motorcycle PMs.

Sewer Division

- > For the month of January, Sewer Division activity included:
 - Sewer overflows City/private 2/1
 - Miles of sewer mains hydrojetted 14.64
 - Linear feet of root cut/mechanical/treat main 69,666

- Mechanical treatment of sewer laterals 179
- Lateral CCTV inspections 22
- Source Control Inspections 71
- Linear feet of sewer main CCTV inspections 24,484
- Lifeline applications received/approved 1/1
- Large lot applications received/approved 4/4
- Sewer fee calls received 16
- Sewer Service Requests 59

Water Production

➤ In January, the Division produced 574,632,080 gallons of water. Of that amount, 90.83 percent or 521,928,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 9.17 percent or 52,704,080 gallons were purchased from Metropolitan Water District.

Landscape Division

- ➤ The City's contract tree trimming company, WCA, performed the following services from July 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008:
 - Trimmed 8,648 trees
 - Removed 209 trees and stumps
 - Planted 238 trees
- Grid pruning crews completed efforts in Zone 6 (Euclid to Harbor/Bastanchury to Valley View), in addition to Zone 16 (Harbor to Raymond/Bastanchury to Dorothy Lane).
- Weekend pruning continues in the downtown, with 90% completion achieved.
- Arbor Day 2008 will be held March 15 at 9:00 a.m. at Gilbert Park (2120 W. Orangethorpe Ave.) Informational fliers will be available in the City Hall lobby and at the Basque Yard reception desk.
- ➤ Orange County Juvenile Work Program Crews were not scheduled for assignment in the month of January.
- Red Imported Fire Ants were reported and treated at Brea Dam Park in January.
- The Landscape Division received two calls for bee hives in January.
- Landscape crews performed additional channel monitoring and clean-up at Gilman Park to ensure unobstructed water flow into the catch basin near Eucalyptus Place. The creek bed frequently becomes blocked with downed limbs and debris and poses a flooding risk to nearby homes.

- ➤ Crews took advantage of the recent rainfall to begin annual trail grading at various locations throughout the city.
- Trail crews performed clean-up at the top of Nora Kuttner trail (party area).
- ➤ The chain link fence at the Hillcrest duck pond and Hillcrest reservoir perimeter were restored.
- ➤ All major trails were inspected and prioritized for weed abatement.
- Landscape staff continued to work in conjunction with the Engineering Dept. to monitor landscape improvements being installed at Adlena, Byerrum, and Valencia Parks.
- Landscape and Street Division crews broke up and removed a large concrete slab behind the Fullerton Dam to minimize further erosion of the river bank.
- ➤ The Division received and completed 12 landscape-related service requests in the month of January.

Street Division

- From January 1 to January 31, 2008, the Street Division activity included:
 - Cleaned 2.985 miles of streets
 - Cleaned 5 roadway spills
 - Cleaned 361,158 linear feet of sidewalk
 - Applied 29 tons of asphalt to perform patching
 - Applied 880 lbs. of crack sealer
 - Used 31 tons of asphalt to perform digouts
 - Cleaned 591drains
 - Installed, fabricated and cleaned 688 signs
 - Applied 80 gallons of paint
 - Ground 392 sidewalks
 - Applied 99 tons of asphalt performing Water Division digouts
 - Performed 64 asphalt sidewalk repairs
 - Performed 100 square feet of asphalt planing
 - Performed 625 linear feet of gutter milling

Parks & Recreation

Administration

Capital Improvements

- Adlena, Byerrum, and Valencia Parks Final changes to the project are being performed, and construction is nearing completion. The parks should be open by early February. The contractor has performed very well.
- Laguna Lake Phase II The bid was awarded in January, and construction will begin the first week in February.
- Richman Park Community Center Some minor delays in the project were caused by a State of Callifornia review process (the State Housing Department approves modular units). Utility (sewer and electrical) relocation plans are complete. Landscape/tree removal and relocation is scheduled for completion by mid-February. The pre-fab building is nearing design completion, and will start construction in early February, pending construction approval by the City's Engineering Department. The building is now scheduled for installation in late March or early April, with final site work (sidewalks, concrete and landscape) scheduled for the months of March and April.
- Lions Field A final design plan was presented and approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 10, 2007. An RFP for project management is currently out for bids.
- Gilbert Park Neighborhood Center Design plans and construction documents are in the review phase; the building is scheduled for construction in February, with installation estimated for April.
- Tennis Center Emergency Light Replacement Project The contractor completed the project early and on budget with the lights available for use in late January.
- Brea Dam Facilities Emergency Roof Repair A contractor has been selected and a pre-construction meeting held with the tenants. All programs will continue throughout the roofing projects. Construction is scheduled to begin in early February, and be completed in two to three weeks.

Family and Senior Services

- > Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center
 - 17 seniors attended an OCTA workshop and ride-along demonstration on December 4 to learn more about how the "big bus" transportation system works and how public transportation can serve as a practical alternative to driving for many adults in the community.
 - Lighthouse Financial Services sponsored an informative seminar on tax preparation basics, focusing on addressing common mistakes or omissions made by do-it-yourself tax filers. 22 people attended this wellreceived program.
 - The Center's annual holiday open house was held on December 6. The featured entertainer was vocalist Elias Hernandez of "Elias with Love," whose performance was very favorably enjoyed by about 165 guests. The program included picture-taking with Santa and a delicious offering of refreshments.
 - The Senior Club annual meeting and luncheon took place on December 7.
 Officers and directors were elected for 2008, and lunch was served to 144
 members and guests. Entertainment was provided by the "Tom & Kris
 Duo." In attendance was Council Member Dr. F. Richard Jones, who
 addressed the group.
 - The Center's monthly cultural celebration was held on Thursday, December 13, with 47 in attendance. The Center celebrated the holiday season with an international flair; the event included music, video, educational displays and food sampling from various cultures.
 - "California Primary 2008: The Initiatives" was hosted on January 10 by the League of Women Voters, and was attended by 25 people who learned about the pros and cons of several ballot measures and how to become better informed voters.
 - A driver safety class, sponsored by AARP, was held on January 16 and 17, with 30 seniors using videos, workbooks and discussion to help review road rules and safety. Attendees are also eligible to receive discounts on their auto insurance.
 - A multi-cultural reception, "Adventure in Spain," held on January 10, was attended by 40 seniors who learned about Spanish culture and the country itself. Refreshments were provided and books, artifacts, music and a short film were available to encourage people to explore for themselves.

- A free 10-week hearing class started on January 7 and was attended by 20 students interested in correcting their hearing problems. Discussions, information on assistive listening devices, and the basics of lip-reading were included.
- A weight management series, "Weighing Your Options," started January 9.
 Sponsored by Prospect Medical Group and attended by 25 seniors, this free six-week seminar explores diet, nutrition, exercise and how to make healthy food choices in a fun and easy way.
- The annual holiday luncheon, sponsored by Community SeniorServ, was enjoyed by guests on December 21. Performances by the Center's Hawaiian and Middle Eastern dance class members were the entertainment highlight at this much anticipated traditional holiday party.

Maple Community Center

- The ballet folklorico group ended the season with a recital and dinner.
 Families came together with pride to observe the talents of their children and share in the joys of the holiday season with their community.
- 20 Maple area residents joined together to discuss proposed improvements to Lemon Park and Maple Community Center hosted by Parks and Recreation. Director Joe Felz presented a brief overview of the proposed project, funding and timeline. A Maple resident committee will be formed to discuss, in detail, the community's needs and recommendations for the park and facility.

Garnet Community Center

- On December 22, Breakfast with Santa took place at the Senior Center in collaboration with the Fullerton Police Department, community members and faith-based groups. 450 participants from the Garnet and Richman area were served breakfast, received two toys and took a picture with Santa. Juanita Juarez from the Police Department arranged for Santa to be present, and a church provided the toys.
- About 90 families received toys for their children donated by the Maintenance Services Department, churches, and individuals. Four "adopted" families received gift cards through the Downtown Senior Center.
- On January 16-18, 11 teens attended a camp located in the Angeles National Forest and participated in self-esteem enhancing activities and leadership training.

 On January 26, a neighborhood clean-up took place with approximately 100 residents cleaning both the Garnet Community Center as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

> Tiny Tots

- December was an exciting month for the 50 preschoolers with friendship gift exchanges, winter crafts, and fun new experiences learning about various holiday celebrations and traditions. Classroom pre-registration also took place for the 12 winter-spring sessions being offered. Calls were made to families on the Preschool Wait List and all eight morning sessions reached full capacity.
- January began with 51 preschoolers learning about weather and seasons.
 The Fullerton School District School Readiness Center will be providing optional health screenings to interested preschool families in the coming weeks.

Youth Programs

- The Maple and Orangethorpe After-School programs hosted the annual Winter Talent Shows on December 6 and December 13, respectively. Each program featured student performances and activities for ASP families.
- Camp Hillcrest was featured in the January 10 edition of the "Fullerton News Tribune," highlighting program activities for Fullerton students on Winter Break, operating December 26

 – January 4.
- Orangethorpe ASP students participated in "Camp Orca" activities on January 21 and January 25. Camp activities included outdoor games, creative craft expressions, and excursions to Concourse Bowl and the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.
- Maple and Orangethorpe After School Programs begin their intramural soccer tournament on January 30, playing against other teams from Commonwealth, Raymond, Richman, Woodcrest, Pacific Drive, and Valencia Park schools.

➤ Independence Park/Teen Programs

 The "Teen Action Alliance", comprised of teens from Independence Park, Garnet, and Richman Community Centers, visited the Viva Cambridge Court Senior Living Community in Fullerton on December 8, providing companionship while hosting a holiday party for dozens of seniors.

Recreation

> Tennis Center

• A project at the Tennis Center to replace corroded light poles at courts 1, 6 and 7 has created some disruption for the last three months but is now complete. The Fullerton Designated Tournament, a junior national level tournament for 10–18 year-old players, is planned for the first two weekends in February. It is the single largest annual event at the Tennis Center and one of the largest junior tournaments in the United States, with over 1,000 participants from all over California and some from out of state.

Youth Sports

- In December, many of the youth leagues concluded their seasons with the
 exception of rugby whose season just began. Fullerton Hills Softball,
 Fullerton ASA, East Fullerton and West Fullerton Little League, and Pony
 Baseball have all concluded their "winter ball" and submitted permits for
 spring. Pop Warner also closed its season until August 2008. Soccer,
 baseball and softball will start their spring season in February.
- Director Felz attended his first semi-annual Sports Field Users Committee meeting on January 23. Besides formally introducing himself, he also updated the sports leagues on various City projects and noted that the City's field allocation policy would be reviewed by the Sports Advisory Committee. Other field use and maintenance issues were discussed and resolved.

Outdoor Recreation

- The spring newsletter brought in a large number of calls regarding hiking classes for the New Year. Saturday morning hikes set a new record for participants with 37 people registered for the class. A new class, Training Hikes, is designed for those in better shape who are looking for a faster pace and more challenging hikes. As interest continues, more options are being offered including evening and additional weekday classes.
- "Get Outdoors" continues to develop and offer other unique programs for the residents of Fullerton: Snow Day, scheduled for February 2, has already sold out all 1,000 spaces. Family campouts, scheduled for the late spring, are receiving early interest, and fly fishing and mountain biking classes are also experiencing growth.

Cultural and Events

Ongoing Events/Exhibits

- School tours are in full swing after the winter break, with over 370 students participating in guided tours of "Gold Fever" in January alone. Mainly Fullerton School District 4th graders, sponsored through the Museum's partnership with the Fullerton Education Foundation and the All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation, they enjoy a guided tour of the museum exhibit, a hands-on mapmaking project, and a special living history musical performance entitled "Lotta Crabtree: Diamond in the Gold Rush," featuring actress Judith Helton. Docents are working double shifts, consisting of four 30-minute tours back-to-back, to make this experience come alive for visiting school children.
- In January, education staff led 30 Opportunity School students at Troy High School in a self-portrait collage project. The finished pieces are being framed and will be displayed at a location to be announced
- The Museum has also been busy in the area of public art. Besides starting production on the Fender Historic Site mosaic mural, it is also in negotiations with an artist for the Capri Shoes wall mural. A survey of public art outside the City's collection has also been completed for addition to the City website as part of the Museum's efforts to increase the visibility of public art.

Police

Officer Manny Ramos responded to a radio call regarding an armed robbery. The loot was a 200-pound welder which was placed in the back of a pickup truck. Detectives Vince Mater and Hugo Garcia located the suspect's vehicle and followed it northbound on the 5 Freeway. The suspects, realizing they were being followed, exited on Rosecrans in Norwalk. The suspects drove to a shopping center and the right front passenger exited. He was immediately apprehended by Det. Vince Mater. Det. Hugo Garcia continued to follow the fleeing truck to a housing tract. The suspect crashed into a vehicle but continued to flee. Eventually, the suspect exited the vehicle and fled on foot, pursued by Det. Garcia and a Buena Park patrol officer. They lost the suspect.

A perimeter was established, but the suspect was not located. A Los Angeles Sheriff's Department helicopter located a black jacket in a swimming pool east of the perimeter. A yard-to-yard search was conducted and the second suspect was found hiding between two trash cans with a piece of cardboard on top of him. Both suspects were eventually arrested.

- Officer Tim Haid was flagged down in our downtown area by two off-duty L.A. Sheriff's Department deputies. They advised that a suspect had just pointed a handgun at them in the area of Rock 'N Taco. Tim drove the victim deputies around the area and located the suspect on Pomona Avenue. A search of the suspect failed to locate any handgun. However, while retracing the suspect's route, Cpl. Joe Torres located a handgun at the base of a tree at Wilshire and Pomona.
- ➤ The Department responded to Anaheim Memorial Hospital on a report of an unconscious female victim with possible strangulation marks on her neck. Fullerton Fire Department had responded to her residence where her husband had reported to Firefighters that while in bed with his wife, she complained of head pain and lapsed into unconsciousness. He allegedly had his son call 911 and he began CPR. The Department was not requested to the scene of the original call, but later Detectives responded to continue the investigation.

Per the Crimes Persons Sergeant, final determination was that there were no strangulation marks after all. The woman suffered a brain hemorrhage and passed away on January 24. There was nothing suspicious about the cause of her death.

- Corporal Tim Kandler made a car stop and obtained consent for a search of the vehicle. Tim located approximately 400 pirated DVDs with various movie titles from Disney and other movie studios. The suspect admitted bringing the DVDs into the U.S. from Mexico. Detectives Minn and Persons responded and continued the investigation with contacts of the movie studios.
- ➤ There was an attempted burglary at the Fox Theater. The suspects were frightened off before getting at the construction tools that were the target. The suspects had gained entry by using bolt cutters and fled on bicycles when confronted by the reporting person.

Officer Mike Moon, being aware of the attempted burglaries, was behind the Fox Theater and saw a suspect at the back door. When the suspect observed Officer Moon, he rode off on his bicycle. Officer Moon then detained the suspect, found a pair of bolt cutters in his possession, and returned to the theater to find that the padlock had fresh cut marks. The suspect was arrested.