



Council Briefing

November 2008

Administrative Services

- **Fiscal Services:**

- Police alarm permits issued in October totaled 41, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to 197. Total number of active permits as of Oct. 31 was 4,819.
- Invoices billed in October totaled 739, with a valuation of \$1,175,523. Invoices billed for the fiscal year-to-date total 2,781, with a valuation of \$4,994,095.
- General checks and direct deposits in October totaled 890 and 338, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,761,369. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 3,133 and 1,157, respectively, with a valuation of \$26,164,452.

- **Information Technology:**

- Staff is completing the testing and starting installation of the downtown camera project. The cameras will assist the Police in keeping the downtown area safe for citizens.
- Staff has built an image for 50 laptops that will be installed in the police cars over the next month. By building an image, this will speed up the installation process for the laptops. Staff will copy the image to all of the laptops, which is a much faster process than installing all of the software individually to each laptop.

- **Purchasing:** In October, the Division processed approximately 190 requisitions; saved \$3,400 through early payment discounts; and saved \$2,900 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases and state/government resources. Central Services made 141,329 copies and processed 13,353 pieces of mail.

- **Revenue:**

- In October, 162 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 114 were for businesses in Fullerton and 48 were for businesses out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$12,042.
 - A total of 251 businesses closed in October: 153 in the city and 98 out of the city.
 - Business certificates renewed in October numbered 679, which totaled \$79,910 in business tax collected.
 - **Utility Services:** In October, the Division answered 2,436 calls and processed 3,772 cash register transactions totaling \$8,762,768. Of those transactions, 1,204 were credit cards, 1,172 were checks, 645 were cash, and 147 were direct deposits.
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Community Development

- **Community Preservation:** In October, the Division: received 233 complaints (1,324 year-to-date) and resolved 236 (943); handled 580 active cases; conducted 678 inspections (3,500); issued 149 first notices of violation (640) and 35 citations (213); arranged for the pick-up of 20 large items such as sofas and appliances (66); received 19 requests for graffiti removal (50); received 76 Hotline calls (353); and billed \$8,900 in revenue (\$25,900).
 - **Planning Division:**
 - In October, nine project applications were submitted: three minor site plans, one conditional use permit, one variance, one General Plan revision, one administrative restaurant use permit, one zoning adjustment, and one modification to a previously approved project.
 - Also in October, 21 applications were acted upon by the final hearing body: one minor site plan, one minor development project, two major site plans, three conditional use permits, one variance, three subdivisions, one General Plan revision, three appeals, three administrative restaurant use permits, and three others.
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ENGINEERING

- **Project Development and Design:**
 - A contract is expected to be awarded by the end of the month for demolition of three apartment buildings and garage structures at 518, 524, and 530 S. Ford Ave. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$85,000, and work is set to begin in December.
 - Bid opening is scheduled for late this month on a sewer reconstruction project in the Chapman Avenue/Gregory Avenue area. The project will include replacing 4,000 linear

feet of six-inch sewer pipe with eight-inch pipe on Winetta Place, Alberta Place, Martha Place, Adlena Place and Wanda Drive. Street reconstruction will also be included to improve poor pavement conditions. Total estimated construction cost for both sewer and street work is \$1,450,000.

- The sewer replacement project in the Cannon Lane/Lemon Street area, originally projected to begin this month, is now set to begin in December.

- **Construction Management:**

- Work began in October on the fiscal 2007-08 Residential Street Reconstruction Project. The project will include new asphalt concrete, curbs and gutters, access ramps, water valve and manhole adjustments to grade. The work will be on Gilbert Street, between Valencia Drive and Orangethorpe Avenue, and in the 2100 block of W. Houston Avenue.
- Work began in October on the Slurry Seal Project for fiscal 2008-09. The work will be done on Chapman Avenue, between Euclid Street and Jacaranda Place, and on various residential streets bordered roughly by Rosecrans Avenue, Euclid, Bastanchury Road, Malvern Avenue, and Sunny Ridge Drive.

- **Water Engineering:**

- On Oct. 19, the blending of State Water Project (SWP) water supplies at the Weymouth and Diemer plants was reduced from 20 percent to zero. As a result of this change, the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) will increase from approximately 575 parts per million (ppm) to approximately 670 ppm. Ongoing dry conditions and an expected initial low allocation of SWP water supplies for next year require this precautionary measure. Its implementation helps conserve SWP water supplies in areas of the MWD system which can only receive raw or treated SWP. Blending in the Weymouth and Diemer regions will be resumed once water supplies improve. Residential and industrial customers may notice the effects of higher TDS (or hardness) in their water (e.g., spotting on glassware, and use of more soap when washing or bathing). Staff will notify the City's large industrial customers who use pretreatment and may need to adjust their processes.
- The Water System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Upgrade contractor is approximately 25 percent into the project, and is on time and on schedule. Electrical conduit installation and telemetry panel manufacturing continue. The panel manufacturing process is lengthy and will probably continue through December.

Fire

- **Statistics:** The Department responded to 917 requests for service in October – down slightly from the 951 requests in October 2007. Of the 917 requests, 39 were for fires, 718 were medical aids, eight were hazardous materials calls, and 58 were service calls. In

addition, the Department responded on 104 automatic aid calls and received 111. Of the medical aid calls, 486 were Advanced Life Support and 232 were Basic Life Support.

- **Suppression:**

- At 1:30 a.m. Oct. 1, Engine 2 was sent to the 2600 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue to provide medical aid to a 21-year-old man who had sustained two knife wounds. The patient suffered moderate trauma and was transported to UCI Medical Center.
- At 5:27 p.m. Oct. 7, Engine 4 responded on a reported traffic accident at Morelia Avenue and Laguna Road. A dump truck lost its brakes, jumped the railroad tracks, went through a metal fence, and came to a stop in the front yard of a residence in the 2300 block of Morelia. The driver was taken to St. Jude Medical Center. The Engine 4 crew contacted Union Pacific Railroad due to extensive rail damage.
- At 6:11 p.m. Oct. 8, Engine 1, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a traffic accident at the corner of Commonwealth and Highland avenues. The vehicle ran into a planter box. The driver was treated on scene and taken to UCI Medical Center, accompanied by Paramedics.
- At 8 a.m. Oct. 9, Engine 1 responded on an auto-versus-motorcycle accident in which a Police Motorcycle Officer was injured. The Officer was treated by Paramedics and escorted to St. Jude Medical Center. He was released from the hospital later in the day.
- At 1:51 a.m. Oct. 11, Engines 1, 3 and 6 and Battalion 1 responded to the 100 block of N. Cornell Avenue on reports that dynamite was stored in a residence in the area. Fullerton Police, Sheriff's deputies, Orange County Bomb Squad and ATF were also on scene. Ten homes were evacuated and the displaced residents were sheltered at the Senior Center. The material was recovered and the scene was secured.
- At 6:56 p.m. Oct. 12, Engine 5, Truck 1, USAR 1 and Battalion 1 responded on a report of a vehicle crashing into a building in the 3000 block of E. Topaz Lane. There were no injuries. Engine 5 was assigned safety and secured utilities, and Truck 1 with USAR 1 shored up the building. Two occupants in one apartment were displaced.
- On Oct. 13, Engine 6 crew – Capt. Dave Duncan, Engineer Jim Worthy and Firefighters Chris Onyshko and Michael Longeuay - was dispatched on Orange County Strike Team 1421A and Battalion Chief Rocky McFadden was dispatched on Orange County Strike Team 1423 to the Sesnon Fire in Northern California. All personnel returned Oct. 15.
- Also on Oct. 13, Engine 3 crew – Capt. Adam Loeser, Engineer Mike Meacham and Firefighters Scott Vandelinder and Ryan Cooke - was dispatched as part of Orange County Strike Team 1424 to a wildland fire in Bonita Canyon in Newport Beach. A very fast response from Orange County strike teams and a water-dropping helicopter extinguished that wildland fire and the crew was able to return by the evening.

- At 5:50 p.m. Oct. 22, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were sent to a structure fire in the 1100 block of S. Cedar Avenue. On arrival, crews saw that a ground fire had spread to the exterior and roof of a detached garage. The crews extinguished the fire and overhauled the garage. A witness said the fire had been started in a planter by several youths. The Police were contacted and are investigating.
- At 9:25 p.m. Oct. 22, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a structure fire in the Fullerton College bookstore. On arrival, crews discovered a trash can fire on the second floor, which had filled both lower and upper floors with smoke. The fire was quickly extinguished and smoke was removed from the building. The cause of the fire was a discarded cigarette. City and campus police are investigating.
- At 5:30 a.m. Oct. 22, Engine 3 crew – Capt. Adam Loeser, Engineer Mike Meacham and Firefighters Scott Vandelinder and Ryan Cooke - was dispatched as part of an Orange County strike team to the Sepulveda Fire.
- At 8:51 a.m. Oct. 24, Engine 5, Battalion 1 and Environmental Compliance Specialist Grant Miner reported to Nutwood Avenue and the southbound 57 Freeway on a chemical spill. Five 5-gallon containers had fallen off a truck on the off-ramp and spilled 15-20 gallons of the material. Fire and Police, Caltrans and the CHP worked together to handle the spill. Specialist Miner, after researching product formulation, determined it was safe to spread absorbent on the material. Final clean-up was made by Caltrans; Street Supervisor Doug Reneau assessed the clean-up and the scene was declared safe.
- At 5:33 p.m. Oct. 25, Engine 2 responded on a complaint of illegal burning. On arrival, the crew found a man in his backyard burning vegetation in an open pit. He was asked to extinguish the fire and told open fires in the city are illegal. The property owner was sent a Notice to Comply to cease illegal burning.
- At 6:39 p.m. Oct. 26, Engine 1 was sent to a home in the 500 block of Orangethorpe Avenue on a medical aid and found the body of an elderly man with second- and third-degree burns to the front of his body. It appears the man suffered the burns from a cigarette lighter used in the vicinity of his oxygen tank, resulting in a flash-over.
- At 4:19 a.m. Oct. 28, Engines 1, 2, 3 and 6, Truck 1, Battalion 1 and neighboring units responded to a two-story residential fire in the 1200 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. After securing the family, crews entered the building and found smoke and flame in the kitchen, which were quickly knocked down. Crews also found heavy fire in the basement. A fast attack saved the structure, although the historic home suffered significant damage. The home had no smoke detectors and the family was saved by their barking dog. No injuries were reported; however, the family was displaced from its home.
- At 1 p.m. Oct. 31, Engines 1, 2, 4 and 6, Truck 1, and Battalion 1 responded to a structure fire in the 600 block of N. Gilbert Street. On investigation, crews found the fire was contained in a fabric drying machine; however smoke had filled the building. The business owner said that the fire was out. Crews checked the machine and found

significant heat still resonating from the dryer exhaust vents. The equipment was locked and tagged, and the occupant was instructed not to operate it until the Fire Prevention Division could inspect safety control procedures and the fire protection equipment. The occupant had failed to report the fire and evacuate the building.

- **Downtown Activities:** At 10:58 p.m. Oct. 1, Engine 1, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a report of a trapped person in the 100 block of W. Wilshire Avenue. A 24-year-old man had been caught under a vehicle while it was moving out of a parking stall. The vehicle was lifted and the patient was treated at the scene and escorted to St. Jude Medical Center.
 - **Other Activities:**
 - Disaster Preparedness Specialist Villicana developed a procedure for CERT relating to activation and additional training modules as they relate to CMAP, a CERT Mutual Aid Program. The CMAP is the only program of its kind in the U.S., and brings Orange County CERT volunteers together for related mutual aid responses.
 - A preparatory EOC workshop for the Golden Guardian Drill was held Oct. 13 at Station 6 for City personnel assigned to an EOC position and/or their alternates.
 - Disaster Preparedness Specialist Villicana held preparedness training sessions at St. Jude Medical Center and Acacia Villas. He also met with the Fullerton School District personnel because the District had received a \$10,000 grant from Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools to fund two CERT classes.
 - Specialist Villicana is also working on a new Fire Service Volunteer program. The program is similar to the Police RSVP program, and is intended to enhance the efforts of the Department by incorporating the skills volunteers can contribute. The program will enhance the CERT program already in place and, together with the Fire Corps, will expand CERT to assist in a variety of duties and responsibilities at Fire Headquarters.
 - The Fire Department's USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) program has been officially approved by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services as a USAR Resource Type 2.
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Human Resources

- **Citywide Training:** On Oct. 20, the City initiated citywide customer service training. Joan Tremblay of Tremblay and McLaughlin will be conducting workshops through February.
- **Exceptional Performance Pay Program:** The City is soliciting nominations for the 2008 Exceptional Performance Pay program. This program is designed to recognize employees who have exhibited exemplary performance during the last year. A luncheon to recognize the award recipients is tentatively scheduled for December.

- **Employee Processing:** In October, staff processed four nonregular new employees, one regular and five nonregular promotions, and three regular and three nonregular separations.
 - **Liability Program:** Thirteen new claims were received, four claims were closed and no lawsuits were filed in October.
 - **Workers' Compensation Program:** In September, 15 claims were opened and eight claims closed.
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Library

- **One Book, One Community:** The Library has concluded a month-long series of "One Book, One Community" events aimed at promoting a sense of togetherness by encouraging all residents to read and discuss the same book. Our choice, "Rocket Boys," thrilled readers of all ages. Events included several book discussion groups, films, programs for children on rockets and rocketry and space, and a celebration of Appalachia featuring stories and crafts from the area. The Library was especially busy Oct. 18 when it hosted a book festival in the Main Library parking lot. Highlights included a portable Children's Planetarium in the Osborne Auditorium and a visit by Roy Lee Cooke, one of the original "Rocket Boys." The Orange County Space Society also provided a display for the month, which was of interest to many patrons, especially those who enjoy space and rocketry.
- **Stars 'n Scopes at Hunt Branch:** Cloudy weather Oct. 3 put a damper on the "scopes" portion of this program, held in conjunction with our city's "One Book, One Community" month. The 118 attendees at the "Stars 'n 'Scopes" program still enjoyed an evening of outer space and family fun. The evening began with the screening of "Toy Story" and "Astronaut Farmer." Librarian Janine Jacobs then regaled the gathered listeners with three tales relating to stars and space. The evening finished with a star-making craft.
- **School Night @ the Library:** On Oct. 6, Children's Services held its first "One Book, One Community" and "School Night @ the Library" program of this school year. The "Rocket into Space" program featured speaker Robert Trout, a Jet Propulsion Laboratory Ambassador. Also participating in the program was model builder David Okamura. Teachers from the Fullerton School District presented two science activities for children and their parents. Staff and teen volunteers manned four other stations that offered science craft activities, a game, and a taste of astronaut food. A total of 170 people attended.
- **Presidential Debate Program:** More than 40 citizens watched the televised Presidential Debate at the Hunt Branch Library Oct. 7 at a program co-sponsored by the Library, the League of Women Voters and NUFF. After the program, CSUF professors discussed the context of the debate in the hotly contested presidential campaign season. Voter registration materials as well as literature on the election were available to the public and attendees.

- **Library Expansion:** A community meeting was held at the Library Oct. 13 to feature the Library Expansion and Remodel plans. They were also featured at the Library booth during our book festival Oct. 18. Staff was on hand for both events to answer questions about the concept plans. The Library expansion was also included in the community presentation held Oct. 23, which focused on the Civic Center.
- **Teens Give Bedtime Bears a Treat at Hunt:** Teen volunteers from Fullerton's National Charity League provided a delicious cookie-decorating craft and Halloween snack for the 51 attendees of the Bedtime Bears Storytime at the Hunt Branch Library Oct. 28. Many of the children dressed in their Halloween costumes for the occasion.
- **Fullerton History Alive and Well:** Third-grade students from Fisler Elementary School as well as two classes from Richman School visited the Library to learn more about the history of our City. Students heard a Native American story about how California was made and viewed historic photos and artifacts. Some of the items shared included an 81-year-old doll that came from Japan in 1927, an ostrich egg, a stereoscope, and an Olympic torch. The visit also included a tour around the Children's Library, including a view of the hitching post located outside the Library and a look at the grandfather clock.

Maintenance Services

- **Administration:**
 - The Department received 1,300 service requests in October, completing 988 (76 percent) in the month. Of the eight emergency requests received, five were completed within one day. Building and Facilities received the most requests - 692 or 53.2 percent of the total.
 - In October, the Department's support staff received 2,256 calls - an average of 113 per workday, or 56 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- **Facilities:**
 - The Graffiti crews removed 56,080 square feet of graffiti from 419 sites in October, bringing the year- to-date totals to 231,770 square feet removed from 1,776 sites.
 - Staff completed 24 custodial inspections of City facilities in October.
 - Effective Sept. 27, Priority Building Services assumed the custodial contract and began working in City facilities. Priority's headquarters is in Brea. Numerous positive comments on the company's performance have already been received.
 - Three bids have been received for replacement of four energy-efficient air conditioning units for Information Technology, and the contract will be awarded soon.

- The Division has also undertaken a project with the Engineering Department to conserve water by using waterless urinals and water-efficient low-flush equipment in City facilities. Units are awaiting installation at the Police Department, Main Library and Senior Center.
- **Sewer Division:** In October, the Division: handled two city sewer overflows; hydrojetted 28.01 miles of sewer main; mechanically treated 214 sewer laterals; conducted CCTV inspections of eight laterals; conducted 55 source control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 24,512 linear feet of sewer main; approved two Lifeline applications; received eight Large Lot applications and approved seven; and received 21 Sewer Fee calls and 36 sewer service requests.
- **Landscape Division:**
 - West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, performed the following services from July 1 through Oct. 31: pruned 8,555 trees, removed 234 trees, and planted 69 trees.
 - Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at one location in October, and the Division received 14 calls for bees.
 - Crews completed landscape and irrigation installation at the Richman and Gilbert community centers.
 - Crews completed tree clearance on the access road to the youth hostel at the request of the Fire Department.
 - Crews removed the large Coral trees at the south end of the lemon underpass due to their poorly structured condition and potential liability.
 - Staff completed grading of a new fire and maintenance road within Brea Dam. The road will enable crews to access property for weed abatement.
 - Crews replenished tot lot chips at Rolling Hills Park and Fullerton Sports Complex, and performed chain link and wooden backstop repairs at Nicolas and Gilbert parks.
 - The Division received 43 landscape-related service requests in October.
- **Water Division:** In October, the Division produced 954,664,080 gallons of water. Of that amount, 76.91 percent - 734,221,000 gallons - were pumped from wells and 23.09 percent - 220,443,080 gallons - were purchased from the MWD.
- **Street Division:** In October, the Division: used 116 tons of asphalt for patching and 69 tons for Water Division digouts; ground 366 sidewalks; milled 143 linear feet of gutter; cleaned 24,160 linear feet of channel, 225,070 square feet of sidewalk five roadway spills. and 33,410 miles of street; and cleaned, made and replaced 325 street signs.

Parks and Recreation

- Administration:

- The design consultant continues to make progress on construction documents that will take the Lions Field project to final construction drawings to be completed in December. The RDRC has reviewed the project for architectural theme and has made several recommendations, which the design consultant will incorporate into final design. Council will make final approvals on the project.
- Staff continues to coordinate with the landscape architect on the design of field improvements at Richman Park, including lighting, grading, sports turf, baseball backstops, and landscaping. The architect will submit sports field lighting separately to fast track the project. All other improvement plans will continue concurrently.
- The electrical contractor has completed all site work at Gilbert Park Community Center. Edison is scheduled to connect power to the building by mid-month.
- In response to concerns voiced by neighbors of Gilman Park, City staff has completed review of hydrology and geotechnical site data regarding the proposed tot lot area. A public hearing on the project will be held at the Nov. 17 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
- Staff and design consultants have scheduled a Hiltcher Trail community meeting Nov. 20. The meeting will introduce the project intent and illustrate existing site conditions and potential uses for this trail head. The consultant will work comments and observations made at the meeting into a preliminary concept plan. Subsequent meetings will follow.
- Construction plans have been approved for the Tennis Center renovation.

- Senior Multi-Service Center:

- More than 80 guests attended the Oct. 15 cultural celebration, "Invitation to Italy," and enjoyed regional foods, traditional Italian music, and a video presentation and educational display.
- On Oct. 15, the League of Women Voters presented a review of the various ballot measures and initiatives in the Nov. 4 election. Approximately 60 persons attended.
- The Amerige Brothers Real Estate Office, the small building adjacent to the Senior Center, serves as a six-station computer lab for Center patrons. Sixteen students completed beginners' computer workshops in October.

- Richman Community Center:

- Staff made a presentation to approximately 100 parents at the Richman School PTA. The discussion included the rising incidence of children buying plastic toy guns. Staff is prohibiting toy guns in the Center. These toys are not safe because they can be mistaken for a real gun at night, even though they are distinguished with the red tip.
- On Oct. 4, St. Jude Medical Center, along with other agencies and the Center, sponsored a Women's Health Fair. More than 30 women received free mammograms. The fair also offered glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and skin cancer screenings.
- Youth in Action and Youth Empowerment Force:
 - Youth in Action (YIA) and Youth Empowerment continue to gain members. The YIA dance group, Happy Feet, performed at the "Lights on After School" event in October, and is rehearsing for the opening of the Richman Center addition.
 - Two Fullerton High School volunteers are teaching Hip Hop dance for the "Feel the Beat" youth dance group, which will also perform at the Richman opening.
- Teen Scene: Since the start of school, staff has seen a surge of new faces. Part of the Teen Scene program contains an afternoon tutoring and study segment, and 12-15 students attend daily.
- PACE/ESL: Twenty-three parents are enrolled in the ESL program, and 17 children are enrolled in the PACE program, with seven on the waiting list. Under staff supervision, children engage in various arts and crafts, movement, and music activities while parents learn English.
- Playgrounds on the Go: Playgrounds on the Go continues to promote its programs in the community, with an average of 20 kids participating daily. Planning is under way for an Oct. 24 event featuring crafts, games and fund-raising activities.
- Garnet Community Center:
 - The Garnet Community Planning Committee held a yard sale Oct. 18. The proceeds will benefit the GEMS Teen Center at the Garnet Center.
 - Teens from the Garnet and Gilbert centers are participating in rock-climbing lessons taught by professionals from Rock City Climbing Center. The 10-week course includes an overnight camping trip to Joshua Tree this month.
- Gilbert Community Center:
 - The Center's After-school program continues to operate at the park pending opening of the facility. Attendance is constant, averaging up to 45 students daily.

- The Center hosted a family “Movie in the Park” night on Halloween, including treats for kids, a costume parade and contest, and viewing of a classic family Halloween movie.
- Tiny Tots:
 - Fifty-one preschoolers came in costume to Independence Park to celebrate Halloween. The children cooked ghost toast and enjoyed games, treats, special songs, and movies.
 - The 4-5-year-old classes are beginning to work on their alphabet books.
- Independence Park/Teen Programs:
 - Two new on-going rentals with Fullerton NJB will keep staff busy until spring. Senior volleyball occurs every Tuesday and Thursday, while a growing group of City employees participate in a friendly lunch break game of basketball Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - The park hosted this year’s “Lights On After School.” The event was a success, with more than 300 kids and parents from City, Fullerton School District, Boys and Girls Club and YMCA after-school programs attending.
 - Every Wednesday, teens are learning how to break dance for free.
- Youth Programs:
 - The Orangethorpe After-school Program is in the midst of intramural football.
 - The Orange County Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentoring program has begun. Students are being interviewed and will be matched to their “bigs” soon.
 - The Maple Center After-school Program has played its fourth intramural football game of the season, which is generating a lot of excitement for the kids.
 - The big kids (grades 4-6) enjoyed a special Halloween event called “Monster Madness” which offered a variety of outdoor activities, crafts, and entertainment.
 - The new Boy Scouts and Soccer program will start soon on Wednesdays.
- Tennis Center:
 - The Center “facelift” has begun. The bathroom and walkway have been repainted, and there are plans to replace the carpet in the bathroom and office area. Six of the 11 courts will be resurfaced in the next few months.

- The Center has experienced a busier than normal October. The Juniors program has been averaging approximately 180 students a week, which is a strong increase from a year ago. Rentals have also increased, with participants going up from slightly under 5,000 a year ago to slightly over 6,000 for the same month.
- Many teams are in the middle of their season. The Rosary High School girls' team is playing four days a week. Eleven adult USTA teams had home matches this month, and Beckman Instruments' group plays three days a week after work.
- Youth Sports:
 - The Fullerton Rangers Youth Soccer has well over 2,200 participants on 173 teams.
 - Pop Warner Football is having a successful season, with a couple of teams undefeated.
 - The Little League and softball teams are about half way into their winter season. Golden Hill Little League has 161 players on 13 teams; Pony has 125 participants; and Fullerton Hills has approximately 120 participants.
 - Rugby is gearing up for its season, which begins in December.
 - Most of the City's fields, as well as school fields, are at full capacity this fall.
- Outdoor Recreation:
 - Get Outdoors, in collaboration with the Fullerton School District, has developed a pilot program at Laguna Lake for fourth-grade students. The Laguna Lake Outdoor Science program will include a tour of the lake, discussions of aquatic ecosystems, fish biology, casting a fishing line, and a hands-on art activity.
 - Laguna Lake is providing not only an inexpensive field trip but an opportunity for youth to learn more about the wonderful resources available in their city. There have been several inquiries to date regarding programming for junior and high school students. The pilot program coincides with recent passage of the No Child Left Inside Act HR 3036, which will provide funding for schools that implement environmental education programs at all grade levels, plus funding for teacher professional development.
 - October featured the 2nd Annual "Haunted Family Campout" at the Brea Dam Recreational Center. Participants enjoyed a haunted hike, "Mummy Wrap Burritos" and "Kitty Litter cake," while enjoying an evening "campfire."
- Cultural and Events:
 - Museum programs were in full swing in October. On Oct. 5, staff oversaw a successful closing weekend "Family Day" for the "Rubber Sole, Canvas Upper" exhibit, with approximately 70 visitors participating in tours, a treasure hunt, and sneaker decorating.

- As in past years, the “Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours” are proving a huge success. Approximately 280 ghost hunters participated in tours in October alone. Extra tours have been added in November to accommodate as many people as possible.
 - The new exhibit “The Purse and the Person” opened Oct. 17. Docent tours for the exhibit this month include Troy High School and the Red Hat Society.
 - In October the docent group participated in the Orange County Docent League’s fall event and training at the Orange County Performing Arts Center. Participants worked on tour and storytelling techniques, and networked with other volunteer and staff educators from museums throughout Orange County.
 - It has been a very successful year for Fullerton Market. Attendance decreased during October as a result of the debates and baseball playoffs. On Oct. 30, the Market hosted the City’s annual “Oktoberfest” and offered a costume parade, pumpkin-carving contest, and special themed activities for the entire community.
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Police

- Patrol:

- A 2-year-old child fell from a second-story balcony and was found unconscious by neighbors. When Officers arrived, the child was awake and was taken to UCI Medical Center. The child was bleeding from an ear and the nose, and had several skull fractures. The Department is investigating.
- A 13-year-old fell while riding his razor scooter. An approaching driver did not see the teen on the ground and made a right turn, running over him. The youth was dragged approximately 50 feet and sustained serious head injuries.
- The Department responded to several pro- and anti-Prop. 8 demonstrations at Eastside Christian Church. Approximately 200 people gathered in support of Prop. 8 while a group of approximately 300 lined Yorba Linda Boulevard in front of the church to protest Prop 8. The group on Yorba Linda was loud and boisterous, but remained peaceful. No police action was necessary.
- The Department responded to a radio call to the Target Department Store parking lot in reference to a child left in a car. As Officers arrived, the child’s mother was removing the child from the car. The interior of the car had reached 100-plus degrees. The 1½-year-old male was wearing heavy clothing and had been left alone in the car for approximately 30 minutes. The mother was arrested for child endangerment.
- Corporal Mike Bova stopped a vehicle containing three occupants. The vehicle was registered at an address in Lake Arrowhead. Investigation revealed the female driver

was on probation for auto burglaries, the front passenger on parole for weapons charges, and the rear passenger had a traffic warrant. Corporal Bova conducted a search of the vehicle and found hidden latex gloves, communication equipment and several ignition keys to assorted vehicles. All subjects were arrested for suspicion of burglary and possession of burglary tools, which included a lock punch.

- The Department responded to a report of a stabbing victim. On arrival Officers found a man who had been stabbed in the left side of his neck and abdomen. The man originally told Officers he was stabbed by an unknown suspect; however, Officers' investigation later determined the alleged victim had, in reality, attempted to rob another subject and was stabbed when the subject resisted. Further investigation revealed the man and another suspect had assaulted the victim after they observed him with a large amount of money. The victim defended himself and stabbed the man.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- **Affordable Housing:** Habitat for Humanity is constructing two of the four units located at 413 W. Valencia Drive. The two units will be made available to very low- and low-income households. The units will be completed by the end of the year, while the remaining two units will be completed by December 2009.
- **Library Expansion and Remodel:** On April 1, the Council approved a conceptual plan and cost estimate for the Main Library expansion and renovation project. The plan includes expansion of the Library by approximately 9,250 square feet and renovation of approximately 52,000 square feet. Proposed improvements include a teen technology center, local history rooms, a new lounge/café, and significant modification of the south and east building facades. On July 1, a \$455,000 contract was approved with Griffin Structures Inc. to provide Program Manager at Risk services for the project. Staff and Griffin Structures are working on finalizing the design aspects.
- **Fullerton Community Center:** The Fullerton Community Center Concept Plan was approved by Council July 1. The plan proposes expanding the existing senior center and moving the Boys and Girls Club into it, creating a new Community Center. The square footage would be approximately 40,000-plus. Preliminary design services will be procured through a competitive RFP process.
- **Civic Center Area Plan:** A community workshop was held Oct. 23 to discuss development of the Civic Center area. Workshop objectives included: 1) informing the community of the purpose of the Civic Center strategy plan; 2) sharing information on previous studies and projects; and 3) creating a community-based foundation for developing the plan. The workshop was widely advertised in local newspapers, on both the City website and cable channel, and by mailing more than 500 meeting notices to surrounding residents. Despite these efforts, only 15 citizens attended the workshop. The low turn-out was thought

to be due to schedule conflicts with Fullerton Market and the World Series. A larger number of participants is anticipated for the next workshop.

- **Fox Block RFP:** ARTECO/Genton Barth Partners, the selected developers for the Fox Block development, is working with the Agency, the Fullerton Historic Theater Foundation, the City, property owners and Downtown businesses to develop plans for the Fox Block. A community meeting will be held in early 2009.
- **Parking Structure:** Caltrans has programmed \$40 million in state funds for a multi-level parking structure at the Transportation Center to accommodate up to 1,000 public parking spaces. Staff is reviewing conceptual designs submitted by Transtech Engineers. To date, Caltrans has allocated \$1 million for design and \$7.5 million for right-of-way acquisition.
- **Code Compliance Loan Program:** A new Code Compliance Loan Program was approved by the Redevelopment Agency/City Council Sept. 16. The loan is intended to encourage business owners to reinvest in existing buildings and help finance alterations and improvements necessary for compliance with building and fire codes. The program will offer up to \$50,000 payable over 10 years without interest to qualified applicants. The program will be financed by the Agency.
- **Business Improvement District (BID):** Staff is working with the Community Development Department and local businesses on solicitation of a BID formation consultant. The consultant will provide information to the businesses so they may evaluate whether they would like to pursue formation of a BID, as well as guide them through the formation process if they so choose.
- **Small Manufacturers Advantage:** Staff has begun working with California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC) to inform the industrial business community about a new program called “Small Manufacturers AdvantageTM” (SMA). The program offers assistance to eligible businesses by adding value to their products; increasing speed to market; and improving productivity and profitability. The SMA program is made possible by a federal grant and is offered free of charge to manufacturers, assemblers and job shops with \$100,000 to \$15 million in annual sales. Participating businesses receive a company assessment, personalized planning and self-implementation tools. More than 900 California companies have already benefited from the program and staff is encouraging eligible Fullerton business to take advantage of the program. Further information and loan success stories may be accessed by logging onto http://www.cmtc.com/success_stories/letter.html.
- **Most Wanted Retail and Restaurants:** Staff is collaborating with IT to set up a new retail and restaurant survey feature on the City’s website. The survey will provide a forum in which citizens can easily communicate to staff exactly which retail stores/restaurants they would like to see in Fullerton. The survey will tally votes, in addition to gathering supporting information such as how many visits or how much money might be spent if the retailer or restaurant did, in fact, come to Fullerton.