Council Briefing

April 2009

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in March totaled 31, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to 361. Total number of active permits as of March 31 was 4,870.
- ➤ Invoices billed in March totaled 1,147, with a valuation of \$57,778. Invoices for the fiscal year-to-date total 7,233, with a valuation of \$18,725,312.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in March totaled 635 and 304, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,667,195. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 6,411 and 2,510, respectively, with a valuation of \$56,950,408.

Information Technology:

- ➤ The City's Webmaster created an Intranet site for Police Officers to use in their patrol cars to look up information on parolees, sex offenders, and citizens who are lost (Return Home Registry). This information allows them to access the data quickly when making routine stops.
- Staff installed an Internet Security Appliance server for the City's GIS data to protect from outside intrusion. This server acts as an interface from the City's website to the GIS server when citizens are viewing maps to restaurants and other types of businesses.
- Purchasing: In March, the Division processed approximately 230 requisitions and created 71 purchase orders. In addition, \$1,620 was saved through early payment discounts. The Division also achieved cost savings totaling \$1,520 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases and state/government resources. Central Services ran 133,408 copies and processed 13,978 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In March, 188 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 129 were for businesses in Fullerton and 59 were for businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$13,874.
- ➤ A total of 180 businesses closed in March: 77 located in the city and 103 located out of the city.
- Business certificates renewed in March numbered 794, which totaled \$97,680 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In March, the Division answered 2,237 calls and processed 4,242 cash register transactions totaling \$8,953,360. Of those transactions, 1,266 were credit cards, 1276 checks, 994 by cash, and 166 direct deposits.

Community Development

Community Preservation: In March, staff: received 207 complaints (2,188 year-to-date); resolved 199 complaints (1,817); had 593 active cases; conducted 652 inspections (5,788); issued 55 courtesy notices (new activity tracked); issued 140 (1,207) first notices of violation and 43 (433) citations; sent 31 compliance letters (new activity tracked); arranged for the pick-up of 12 abandoned large items (141); made 32 (197) requests for graffiti removal; received 59 (595) Hotline calls; and billed \$6,550 in revenue (\$49,000).

• Planning Division:

- ➤ In March, three project applications were submitted, including two minor site plans and one modification to a previously approved project.
- Also in March, nine applications were acted upon by the final hearing body, including two minor site plans, three minor development projects, two conditional use permits, and two modifications to previously approved projects.

• Building Division:

- ➤ Inspection stops in March totaled 852 (down 29 percent from March 2008) and resulted in 1,145 inspections. Average daily number of inspections was 57, and the average daily workload was 12 inspections per inspector.
- ➤ In addition, 194 (including 27 ancillary plan) plans were submitted for plan check in March. Of that total, 81 were checked the same day, at the counter There were a total of 1,364 visitors to the permit counter (a decrease of 15 percent from

- March 2008), and 469 permits and plan checks were issued (a decrease of 20 percent), with total valuation of \$3,798,000 (decrease of 52 percent).
- ➤ 2801 Brea Blvd Grading and construction of retaining walls for new multipurpose building for Evangelical Free Church are 85 percent complete.
- ➤ 1645 W. Valencia Drive and 150 S. Brookhurst Road (Grace Ministries) Building is 80 percent complete, but site work is less than 50 percent completed.
- ➤ 924 S. Highland Ave. The new 14-unit condo project is at landscaping stage and ready for final inspection.
- ➤ 1885 N. Euclid St. Imperial Spa Construction is at 60 percent complete. Progress has been slow due to several revisions.
- ➤ 1016 N. Harbor Blvd. Slab and masonry walls completed on an office addition.

Engineering

 Project Development and Design: Bids were opened in March for the Richman Elementary School Athletic Field Lighting project. The lowest proposal of \$251,000 was submitted by R&M Electrical Contracting. The work includes installing lighting poles, caissons, control panels, conduits, wiring, pull boxes, contactors, connectors, and related items. With Council approval of the contract award at the April 7 Council meeting, construction is projected to begin at the end of this month. Project continuation, however, hinges upon continued funding approval from Housing and Urban Development. Decision status is pending.

• Construction Management:

- Work on the Chapman Avenue Reconstruction from Victoria Avenue to Acacia Avenue is expected to be completed by the end of this month. The contractor has placed all concrete curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and reconstructed one-half of the street segments with new aggregate base and asphalt. The second half of the street segment remains.
- With new play equipment funded by the KaBoom! Playground Grant, the Truslow Mini-park Improvements project is a shared endeavor between Engineering and the Parks and Recreation departments. CJ Construction, Inc., is the contractor for the site work on the project. The work will include replacing playground equipment and rubber surfacing; new fencing, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation; and new concrete ramp and sidewalk. The contractor has completed placement of a new concrete access ramp and sidewalk around the playground.

- ➤ Nearly 30 street segments in various locations throughout Fullerton have new sewer lining installation completed as part of the Sewer Lining Project FY 2007-2008. One location Miramar and Anita remains, and is projected to be completed by mid-month.
- Excel Paving Inc. has finished installing new sewer line on Malvern, between Drake and Woods, and on Woods, between Malvern and Fern, as part of the Woods Avenue Sewer Replacement Project. Installation continues in the alley north of Fern to Grandview, and should be completed early this month. Street reconstruction, concrete curbs, gutters, and ramps remain, with project completion estimated for June.
- Water Engineering: Work is progressing on schedule on the Water System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade. The contractor continues to install new remote telemetry units, and transitioning pump station radio control to the new system. Estimated completion date is July.

Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 907 requests for service in March, which
was significantly higher than the 881 requests in March 2008. Of the 907 requests,
33 were fires, 737 were medical aid calls, nine were hazardous materials incidents,
and 61 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 139 Automatic
Aid calls and received 85 (not included in the above stats). Of the 737 medical aid
calls, 473 were Advanced Life Support, and 264 were Basic Life Support.

• Suppression:

- ➤ On March 1 various fire units responded to dumpster fires: at 1:03 p.m. in the 1800 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue, at 6:40 p.m. in the 200 block of S Acacia Avenue, at 10:12 p.m. in the 100 block of W. Valencia Drive, and at 12:18 p.m. in the 1800 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. All four fires were quickly extinguished. Cause of the fires is suspicious and under investigation.
- ➤ At 12:02 p.m. March 3 Engines 1 and 2, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 rolled on a residential fire in the 4200 block of W. Oak Avenue. Light smoke was showing on arrival and units proceeded to extinguish a small fire that was confined to one of the bedrooms. County Truck 61 assisted with smoke removal and overhaul.
- ➤ At 8:45 a.m. March 3, Engine 6 was sent on a hazmat call to the 4100 block of W. Artesia Avenue. The reporting party said engine oil was being drained on the ground at a commercial vehicle storage yard. No active problem was noted by the Engine Company. Environmental Compliance Specialist Miner initiated enforcement action, with the help of the Orange County Health Department.

- At 12:49 p.m. March 5, Engines 1, 2 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to City Hall for a reported commercial automatic fire alarm. A manual pull station on the third floor had been activated. Employees were evacuated. Fire crews restored the automatic alarm and employees returned to their offices.
- At 11:20 a.m. March 10, Engine 1 responded to a vehicle fire in the 1200 block of North Berkeley Avenue. On arrival the crew found the vehicle fully involved in fire. The crew extinguished the fire rapidly. Prior to the fire unit's arrival, Orange County Sheriff's deputies had broken a passenger window to allow a small dog to escape the fire, and sustained small cuts on their hands, but refused any medical attention. However, both deputies were advised to go to a clinic by a supervisor for evaluation.
- At 2:31 a.m. March 11, Engines 1 and 2, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 and units from Anaheim Fire and the Orange County Fire Authority were dispatched to a second-alarm commercial structure fire in the 100 block of N. Gilbert Street. On arrival, crews found the structure well involved in fire, with auto repair equipment, solvents and cleaners fueling the flames. One employee suffered minor injuries. Cause is under investigation by an Anaheim Fire Department investigator.
- ➤ At 3:52 a.m. March 17 Engine 2 was sent on a reported stabbing, in the 200 block of S. Basque Avenue. Paramedics assessed the patient, who had received two stab wounds. He was transported to UCI Medical Center.
- At 5:24 p.m. March 17, Engines 1, 2 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 rolled to a structure fire in the 1100 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. The fire burned in the service bay area to the rear of the vacant car dealership and was quickly extinguished. Cause of the fire is suspicious and is under investigation.
- At 4:19 p.m. March 21 Engines 1 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a residential fire in the 200 block of N. Marie Avenue. The fire was confined to one room and had started in an entertainment cabinet. The home sustained moderate to heavy smoke damage. The cause of the fire appears to have been electrical and accidental in nature. The home's two occupants were displaced.
- At 9:48 a.m. March 21, Engines 1, 4, 5 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a report that a vehicle hit the Post Office in the 1800 block of N. Sunny Crest Drive. Engine 5 arrived first and examined the driver, who appeared uninjured and refused treatment. The building was evaluated by Truck 1/USAR1 and no major structural damage was found.
- ➤ At 8:24 a.m. March 22, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a possible chimney fire in the 1200 block of N. Longview Drive. Engine 5 made the initial contact with the residents and determined they could handle the

- situation. The structure response was canceled. The residents said a ball of wrapping paper had got stuck in the chimney and caused a lot of smoke.
- At 11:58 p.m. March 24, Firefighters returning to quarters from a medical aid call noticed smoke coming from a strip mall at 2300 W. Valencia Drive and called for a full commercial structure assignment. Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 1, Battalion 1 and neighboring units responded. Crews located the fire in a restaurant kitchen and quickly extinguished it. The restaurant and the occupancy next door, a bridal shop, suffered significant fire and smoke damage. The fire is under investigation.
- At 3:14 p.m. March 25, Engine 6 was dispatched to a residence in the 1700 block of Celeste Avenue. Four children playing with fireworks in the backyard started a small fire in leaves and yard debris. The fire was extinguished by Firefighters. Fullerton Police interviewed the children and a report has been filed.
- At 6:37 a.m. March 30, Engine 2 responded to the 1600 block of W. Elm Avenue on a medical aid call. Paramedics found a 13-year-old boy dead at the family residence. The child had suffered from numerous medical problems.
- Downtown Activities: Only a few responses were noted: at 12:09 a.m. March 21, Engine 1 responded to a report of an unconscious male in the 100 block of N. Harbor Boulevard, and at 1:57 a.m. the same day, Truck 1 was called out on an assault in the 100 block of W. Santa Fe Avenue, but was cancelled en route.

Other Activities:

- ➤ The Department hosted a three-day Advanced Incident Command class for City EOC participants at Station Six. This class is a Federal requirement.
- ➤ The first Fullerton Elementary School District CERT class was conducted over three days. Disaster Preparedness Specialist Villicana and CERT leaders instructed 57 teachers and school employees.

Human Resources

Personnel Services:

- ➤ In conjunction with the City Manager's Office, staff is developing a cultural diversity training program with an emphasis on customer service. We anticipate scheduling training sessions beginning this month or May.
- ➤ In March. staff processed one regular and three nonregular new employees, one regular promotion, and 21 nonregular separations.

➤ In conjunction with Parks and Recreation, staff has started planning for the 2009 Employee Picnic. Volunteers will be sought from each department for the picnic committee.

Risk Management:

- ➤ In March, 12 liability claims were filed, 12 were closed, and two lawsuits were served.
- ➤ In March, seven new Workers' Compensation were claims filed and 28 were closed.

Library

- Read Across America: Staff members visited and read to 583 students in 27 classes in celebration of "Read Across America."
- "ARTSATIONAL!:" The Children's Services Department held its second "School Night @ the Library" March 2. The family event, called "Artsational!," was a celebration of the arts, featuring musician Craig Newton. Newton used 10 different musical instruments to lead the audience in songs that traced the history of music in America from colonial times to the present. Hands-on activities and demonstrations were provided by the Children's Museum at La Habra, CSUF Department of Music, CSUF Department of Theater and Dance, Fullerton Museum Center, Heritage Museum of Orange County, Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Orange County's Pacific Symphony, and the Library's teen volunteers. With more than 150 people attending, the evening was a big success.
- Workforce Development: Staff gave a tour of the Library and presented information on Library Resources to the Chamber of Commerce's Workforce Development subcommittee March 5.
- Job Info at the Library: The Library hosted a program by Dr. Patty Malone March 10 entitled "Recession-proof your Job Search." A similar presentation on job interview skills was presented last year and the pod cast can be accessed on the Library website. The JobKiosk machines at the Main Library and Hunt Branch are very popular, with 960 job searchers using them in March. Other job and career materials can be found in the Library and many of the titles can be checked out. Patrons also can use public internet computers to assist in job searches.
- NCL Grant: The Fullerton Public Library was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the National Charity League March 19 for materials for the summer reading program.

• Online Payment of Fines and Fees: On March 30, the Library officially introduced online payments of fines and fees via the Library website. This allows patrons to pay overdue fines and associated fees via the internet 24 hours a day.

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ The Department received 1,294 service requests, completing 963 (74.4 percent) in the month. Of the 12 emergency requests received, eight were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 613 or 47.4 percent of the total.
- ➤ In March, the Department's support staff received 1,630 calls, an average of 81 per workday, or 40 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- ➤ The Division has contracted with L.S. Lichty and Associates (the consultant we used during the selection process for the current phone system) to audit our phone service and charges in hopes of realizing cost savings, including the increasing maintenance agreement costs.

Facilities:

- ➤ Graffiti crews removed 67,600 square feet of graffiti from 456 sites in March, bringing the year-to-date totals to 497,580 square feet removed from 3,808 sites.
- Staff completed 20 custodial inspections of City facilities.
- ➤ The project to replace four air-conditioning units in the Information Technology offices is nearing completion. The new units are energy-efficient models.
- ➤ The division has also undertaken a project with the Engineering Department to conserve water by using efficient low-flush equipment on all toilets. Staff has replaced 18 toilets and 12 sinks at City Hall with low-flow equipment. The funds for the project come from the MWD Rebate Program.
- ➤ The City Hall Elevator Renovation is under way, with an estimated completion date of six months. The first elevator is about four weeks from completion. The second elevator will then be under repair for another 10 weeks.
- Sewer: In March, the Division: responded to one public and one private sewer overflow; hydrojetted 26.51 miles of sewer mains; root cut/mechanically treated 9,267 linear feet of mains; mechanically treated 239 sewer laterals; conducted 24 CCTV inspections of laterals; conducted 32 source control inspections; conducted

CCTV inspections of 30,235 sewer mains; approved five Lifeline applications and processed 103 Lifeline renewal applications; approved three Large Lot applications; and received 17 sewer fee calls and 44 service requests.

• Equipment: In March, the Division performed one motorcycle inspection, eight General PM inspections, one safety inspection, one bit inspection, 89 PMs, 15 smog inspections, and seven smoke tests.

Landscape:

- ➤ Since July 1, 2008, West Coast Arborists (WCA), the City's contract treetrimming company, has pruned 11,167 trees; removed 482 trees; and planted 466 trees.
- ➤ The Division received 35 tree-related service requests in March, and 30 landscape-related service requests.
- ➤ Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at two locations in March, and crews responded on 14 reports of bee activity.
- Projects completed by Division crews in March included:
 - Frontage area on Brea Boulevard cleared of old plant material and irrigation system upgraded with water-wise sprinklers.
 - New drinking fountain, bike rack, vehicular bollards and additional chain link fence installed at Gilbert Park.
 - Excavation and support for Aqua Bio aeration project at Laguna Lake.
 - Calsense centralized irrigation controllers installed at Fern Drive, Commonwealth School and Hillcrest Park (2).
 - Grading and leveling completed on Juanita Cooke and Hiltscher Park Trails. In addition, cut a V-ditch to drain accumulating water on the trail just south of the lake. A water leak at a private residence was the source of the problem.
 - Slope retention installed at Fullerton Tennis Center.
- ➤ "Arbor Day 2009" at West Coyote Hills Park was a great success, with approximately 75 persons attending. Twenty 24-inch box trees were planted. Participating organizations included Fullerton Beautiful, Fullerton Kiwanis, Southern California Bluebird Club, Isaac Walton League, Sunny Hills High School Ecology Club, Cub Scout Packs 1238 and 1294, Boy Scout Troop 292.

Water:

- ➤ In March, the Division produced 714,879,920 gallons of water. Of that amount, 52.88 percent 378,063,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 47.12 percent 336,816,920 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- Following is a list of water main line breaks that occurred in March:

SIZE	LOCATION	PIPE TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	YEAR INSTALLED
6"	200 Blk Wanda	Cast Iron	Age	?
6"	2600 Blk W. Porter	Cast Iron	Age	1959
6"	1300 Blk Rolling Hills	Cast Iron	Age	1962
6"	1300 Blk Skyline Dr	Cast Iron	Unknown	1981
8"	800 Blk N. Ford Ave	Cast Iron	High Pressure	?
6"	1000 Blk N Highland	Cast Iron	High Pressure	?

• Streets: In March, crews: used 64 tons of asphalt for patching, 82 tons for digouts, and 155 tons for Water Division digouts; applied 8,470 pounds of crack sealer; performed 25 asphalt sidewalk repairs; ground 645 sidewalks; maintained, cleaned and fabricated 675 signs; cleaned 574 drains, 434,393 linear feet of sidewalk, and two roadway spills; swept 3,158 curb miles; and applied 390 gallons of street paint.

Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:
 - ➤ Staff and WEC, the Project Manager at Risk, continue to coordinate efforts to kick off construction of the new Lions Sports Field by June. Staff and the consultant are coordinating the construction bidding process and processing plan checks of construction drawings. A groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively scheduled to take place on May 5, and demolition is to begin May 11.
 - Council awarded the construction bid for the Richman Park Field Lighting and Site Improvements at its April 7 meeting. Remaining site improvements such as field renovation, backstops, ADA walks, and fencing will follow immediately upon completion of the field lighting project.
 - ➤ In response to the concerns of neighbors of Gilman Park, staff completed a review of hydrology and geo-technical data regarding the proposed tot lot. Based on the conclusions drawn from this data, the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending postponing construction of the tot lot, but continuing with a master plan of the entire park that will thoroughly address all concerns and issues. The master plan project start date is still being determined.

- Trail improvement plans that will address access, safety, staging areas, drainage and landscape for Hiltscher Trail are in progress. Staff is coordinating with the City Attorney on encroachment issues related to the neighbors immediately to the north and south side of the trail. The neighbors directly to the north have filed a lawsuit against the City for inverse condemnation. The City Attorney is researching the claim for possible dismissal of the lawsuit.
- ➤ Repairs and upgrades to the Brea Dam facility to meet fire and ADA requirements are completed. Improvements such as exterior paint and roofing have been finished, and improvements to the irrigation, landscaping, and signs are under way. Design for the storm drain improvement between the two buildings has been completed. The Child Guidance Center is collecting bids for construction of the storm drain.
- Construction plans have been approved for the Tennis Center renovation.
- Staff is proposing improvements to the northwest side of Laguna Lake using Supervisor Norby's 4th District discretionary funds. Anticipated improvements would include the possible demolition of the old restroom adjacent to Lakeview Drive, seating/picnicking areas, a small gathering area for outdoor classes, trees, drinking fountain, and an upgraded lake aeration system to improve water quality. The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments will collaborate on preparing plans for these improvements.
- Staff is proposing Supervisor Norby's 4th District discretionary funds be used for improvements at Independence Park. The improvements include hardscape renovation at the entry, landscaping, pool perimeter fencing, and signage. The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments are preparing plans for the improvements, and staff is seeking bids for work related to the project.
- > Staff will propose improvements to the Hillcrest Recreation Center or the "Red Cross Building" using 4th District discretionary funds for improved ADA access to the existing restrooms and adjacent spaces.
- Staff and the Hillcrest Park Design Committee held their first meeting at the Izaak Walton Cabin to kick off the Hillcrest Master Plan Project. An overview of the park's conditions and the recent history of the planning efforts were discussed. Staff and the committee walked several areas of the park. Several items were discussed such as the renovation of Lions Field, "The Bowl" area, lower playground, the reservoir, war memorials, and other distinct areas of the park.
- ➤ Truslow Park is undergoing site preparations in anticipation of the KaBOOM! grant playground "Build Day" April 25. City staff, KaBoom staff and volunteers are coordinating for the events that will take place in the three days in which this project will be built (April 23-24 site preparation, April 25 build day). An estimated

300 volunteers are expected April 25. Demolition of the park's existing playground, surrounding structures and walkways is in progress. The new playground's foundation/drainage basin, new walkways, electrical, and water will be completed by April 10.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ The center's annual volunteer income tax assistance program has been busy. Approximately 184 individuals were served in March.
- Afghanistan was the country featured for the monthly cultural reception. Approximately 85 guests enjoyed sampling ethnic foods, music, a video and book displays.
- ➤ Eighteen persons received skin cancer screenings at a three-hour clinic. The screenings were conducted by Dr. Norman Soderquist, who volunteers his services two or three times each year.
- ➤ March 17 saw the traditional St. Patrick's Day celebration, which included a holiday-themed luncheon and entertainment provided by the Kitchen Band volunteer musicians. There were 130 people in attendance.
- ➤ A program on dental health and the prevention of dental decay presented by Dr. Cheryl Oshida, DDS, drew 16 persons.

Garnet Community Center:

- ➤ GEMS Teen Center participants visited Corona Del Mar Beach and took part in football, soccer and fishing. The event ended with a bonfire and "rap session."
- ➤ In 2006, when Sergio Padilla began attending the GEMS Teen Center he had failing grades and lacked discipline. As a result of the encouragement and attention he received at the Center, his grades improved and he graduated from Valencia High School. Sergio now attends Santiago Canyon College and volunteers at the GEMS Teen Center tutoring and encouraging other teens.

• Gilbert Community Center:

- Center Coordinator Eddie Burciaga conducted "Conflict Resolution and Mediation" training for parents at Valencia Park School. The training also offered an opportunity to inform parents about the Center.
- ➤ The Center, in collaboration with the Police Department, has initiated a pilot youth development curriculum. The 10-week program, which started March 25, focuses on teaching skills and instilling behaviors and values to stimulate healthy growth. It covers topics such as drugs/alcohol, risk taking and consequences,

- violence, gangs and peer pressure. The pilot program offers two sessions: Group I for students 8-10, and Group II for ages 11-13.
- ➤ Gilbert community residents have started a walking club to promote fitness. The group meets three times a week for one hour to walk in the park and surrounding neighborhood.

• Richman Community Center:

- Four CSUF students are tutoring elementary and junior high school students in math and creative writing through a new CSUF internship agreement.
- In March, seven legal referrals were made for one or all of the following services: divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support and legal clinic, and immigration. Four referrals were made for food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing assistance.
- ➤ The Community Math Education Center (CMEC) Project is a collaborative effort between CSUF, Richman Elementary School and the Parks and Recreation Department. The program focuses on a) parent knowledge of and advocacy for K-8 learners of math, and b) the remediation of mathematical difficulties experienced by 5th and 6th grade students in the community. Professor Armando Martinez-Cruz has organized a series of five interactive workshops for parents.
- ➤ The Kickstart Project, another CSUF collaboration, includes a six-week free program on healthy eating and physical activity. Thirty-five parents are enrolled.

Tiny Tots:

- ➤ The middle of March found 52 preschoolers dressed in green and looking forward to the annual Leprechaun Hunt at Independence Park.
- ➤ Kindergarten orientation information was made available to families with children entering elementary school in the fall.
- Preparations are being made for registration for the 12 upcoming summer preschool sessions.

• Independence Park:

- > Racquetball remains a popular evening activity. All four racquetball courts are consistently full from 5-9 p.m.
- ➤ Every Wednesday, free break dancing lessons are offered for children ages 11 and up. The class now has approximately 20 youths participating.

- ➤ Parks and Recreation teamed with "Reinvent the Wheel" to sponsor an event featuring music, art, and poetry, with one bike being donated to a boy from the Richman community. "Reinvent the Wheel" works with local businesses to "recycle" old bikes into customized bikes for youths. The group has donated two bikes in the past three months, and is working closely with staff to provide ongoing support to our community centers.
- Fullerton NJB sponsored its annual Youth Basketball "Shoot Out" this month, which featured tournament play, contests and awards.

After-School Programs:

- ➤ Kids from the Maple After-School Program participated in KaBOOM!'s playground "Design Day" March 4. They are also participating in a service learning project about Caesar Chavez and migrant workers.
- After-School Program staff is continuing to build its relationship with the CSUF Office of Internships and Community Engagement. Two CSUF interns will be assisting in the research and development of enrichment activities for various age groups at both sites.

Tennis Center:

- ➤ More than 6,000 people visited the Center in March The month saw 21 USTA matches, as well the Servite High School Boys' Team matches.
- ➤ The Juniors Program is averaging 140 students per week. This month, the Center will host the 4th Annual Fullerton Satellite Tournament, which is an intermediate level tournament for juniors 8-18 from around Orange County.

• Youth Sports:

- ➤ Opening ceremonies for Little League and softball got off to a great start the last weekend in February and the first two weekends in March. Fullerton Rangers Spring Soccer is also under way, with approximately 550 kids kicking up a storm.
- ➤ Fullerton Youth Rugby hosted more than 900 high school-aged participants in the very successful International Rugby Tournament March 21-22. Players traveled from as far as British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, Manitoba, Ontario, Colorado, Oregon, and Northern and Southern California. There were 26 boys' teams and 10 girls' teams. It was the first time seven Canadian school rugby teams played at one location in the USA. The International Rugby Tournament is regarded as one of the 10 best youth rugby tournaments in the United States.

Get Outdoors!:

- ➤ New this year are the "Gooey Campfires." More than 30 participants enjoyed s'mores, an evening hike and the ever-popular viewing of the trap door spider.
- ➤ Hiking classes continue to be popular as West Coyote Hills shows off its finest wild radish and mustard flowers.
- ➤ The Fishing Derby, slated for April 18, continues to be one of the most popular "Get Outdoors!" events of the year, with 800 participants pre-registered. The event is free to everyone, but the first 400 children pre-registered will receive a derby t-shirt. Everyone in attendance is invited to a free lunch. The Department of Fish and Game is stocking the lake with 1,500 pounds of trout for the event.
- ➤ The Laguna Lake Outdoor Science Program was conducted in March for classes from Richman and Fisler schools. Students learned about the lake ecosystem, the food chain, and animals, and received an introduction to fish biology. Additionally, students participated in a bird population count, scavenger hunt and casting contest.

Cultural and Events:

- ➤ Education staff finished up programming for "Line Drives and Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women's Baseball." Docent tours of the exhibit served 45 students from Maple School and Troy High School's Transitions Program in March.
- ➤ An exhibit-related educational event, was a success with more than 60 persons attending a panel discussion, "We Played Ball," featuring members of the All-American Girl's Professional Baseball League.
- ➤ On March 4, staff opened the new foyer gallery exhibit, "Tools, Trade, and Treasure: Daily Life in Native California." This display, curated in-house, features artifacts on loan from the Orange County Archeological Collection, Cal State Fullerton Archaeological Research Facility, and the Pacific Coast Archeological Society. The exhibit has been popular with visitors to the Museum during installation in the Main Gallery, and will be on display through the end of August.
- ➤ Other Museum education programs continuing in March include "The Sound Heard 'Round the World" outreach program. Sixty-five students from Orangethorpe Elementary School participated in this interactive, standards-based music presentation focusing on the life and work of Leo Fender. The Orangethorpe visit was especially rewarding as Leo Fender attended the same school more than 90 years ago!
- ➤ The Museum hosted the Fullerton School District's Instrumental Music Program in two outdoor concerts in honor of National Youth Arts Month. Ensembles from Beechwood, Nicolas, Ladera Vista, Parks and Laguna Road schools performed for appreciative audiences numbering 80-100 nightly.

Police

Patrol:

- ➤ Corporal Matt Wilkerson made a car stop in the early morning hours. During a consent search, Officers found an M-250 explosive device. The Orange County Bomb Squad picked the device up at the Police Department later in the morning. The driver, an editor of the CSUF "Daily Titan" newspaper, was arrested.
- An armed robbery occurred at the Auto Zone on Euclid Avenue. The suspect was armed with a small caliber handgun. There have been several robberies of Auto Zones in the recent past, and it appears this suspect is responsible for those, as well. The investigation continues.
- Corporal Matt Wilkerson and Reserve Officer Jason Miller checked a vehicle parked in a coin-operated car wash. During a search of the vehicle's interior, the Officers found a banned semi-automatic assault weapon. The vehicle driver was arrested for possession of a banned firearm. A records check of the suspect revealed a number of prior arrests and convictions involving weapons, both firearms and knives.
- ➤ Motor Officer Ryan Warner was conducting a follow-up traffic investigation when a man flagged him down. The man said a woman in the nearby apartments was screaming that her baby was not breathing. Officer Warner found the woman and noted her 1½-year-old son was not breathing and was blue in the face. Officer Warner saw an object stuck in the baby's throat and was able to dislodge it with several pats on the boy's back. Anaheim Fire responded and took the baby to Anaheim Memorial Hospital as a precaution. The baby survived thanks to the efforts and quick reaction of Officer Warner.
- During a Day Watch briefing, Patrol Officers were given information regarding two wanted gang members, one known as "Hyper" and the other as "Panic." Officer Brian Hagopian began a search and located "Hyper" and arrested him without incident. Officer Kenny Edgar, with the same information from Mid-Watch briefing, searched and found "Panic," who was also arrested without incident.
- Officer Jonathan Miller stopped subjects drinking in public. One of the subjects started to walk away. When Officer Miller asked the subject to return, he refused. Officer Miller then approached the subject who pushed him away. As Officer Miller was trying to gain control of the subject a second subject started to intervene. Corporal Tony Rios arrived on scene and saw the subjects were about to assault Officer Miller. Corporal Rios went to Miller's aid and pushed the subject away. The subject was combative and refused to follow directions.

Corporal Rios used his Taser on the subject, who stopped resisting and was taken into custody without further incident.

Redevelopment & Economic Development

- Fox Block: Arteco Partners has been selected as a partner to develop the Fox Block bounded by Harbor Boulevard to the west, Ellis Place to the north, Pomona Avenue to the east and Chapman Avenue to the south. Once Arteco finalizes the selection of an architectural firm, staff, the Historic Theatre Foundation and the developer intend to have their first community meeting sometime in May.
- McDonald's Relocation: Staff, McDonald's and the franchisee are finalizing the business terms of the Property Conveyance and Relocation Agreement (PCRA). Staff intends to take the PCRA and conceptual site plan to the Agency Board for consideration April 21.
- Transportation Center Parking Structure Expansion: Staff and Transtech
 have been working on the conceptual design for the structure. Staff was informed
 verbally by OCTA that a portion of the construction phase of the project will be
 funded using Prop 116 and Measure M funds. Tentative schedule: groundbreaking
 by the end of this year and completion of the garage in the summer of 2011.
- Habitat for Humanity Project: The Redevelopment Agency and Habitat for Humanity of Orange County Inc. currently have an approved Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) for the development of 11 workforce housing units at 413, 425, 430 and 431 W. Valencia Drive. The units are to be occupied by very low- and low-income households. Four of the units have been completed and are occupied by families. Two of the remaining seven units begin construction this month, with five units (Phase 3) being completed by December 2010. It is possible Habitat can begin construction on Phase 3 earlier than anticipated if it is able to sell the notes on the existing and future units to CalHFA as allowed by the amendment to the DDA approved by the Agency last year.
- West Avenue Housing Project: A Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) between the Agency and the Olson Co. was approved March 4. It is anticipated that 34 detached single-family units will be constructed at the site beginning this fall, and will be occupied by moderate-income households. Since 2005, the Agency has acquired 13 properties consisting of 2.4 acres along the south side of West Avenue. The Agency has spent approximately \$11.3 million in acquisition costs for the 13 properties and has spent another \$3.5 million in relocation and demolition costs. In addition, per the DDA, the Agency will also provide assistance in the amount of \$0.55 million to complete the project. Per Agency Board direction, use of sustainable building practices and materials will be

included within the project design. A discussion on the types of sustainable building practices and materials will occur at the April 21 Council meeting.

- Downtown Business Improvement District (BID): In December, staff received five responses to an RFQ/RFP soliciting a BID formation consultant. In February, all five respondents were interviewed by a panel, which unanimously recommended the firm Urban Place as the most qualified and experienced consultant for Downtown Fullerton. The next step will be Council approval of a budget appropriation for the consultant's scope of service. If funding is approved, the BID exploration process will begin and community meetings will be scheduled.
- Recent Grant Applications Submitted:
 - ➤ Proposition 1B State-Local Partnership Program (Cal Trans) funding not approved.
 - In December 2008, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved funding guidelines and a call for projects for Cycle 1 of the Prop. 1B State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). Applications were due Feb. 17, and adoption of the initial program was scheduled for this month. Thirty-six project applications were submitted to the CTC, including the following four:

Hiltscher Park Trail Improvements and Crossing at Euclid Street

North Harbor Boulevard Streetscape Beautification

North Harbor Slope Stabilization

West Chapman Avenue Beautification

Funding applications were primarily for local road and/or traffic mitigation projects. In approving grants for inclusion in the program of projects, CTC staff considered criteria specified in statute: geographic balance, cost-effectiveness, multimodal, safety, reliability, construction schedule, leverage of funding, and air quality improvements. Due to the large number of funding requests received by CTC, only projects scheduled to begin construction prior to Dec. 31, 2009, were considered for Cycle 1. Projects with construction scheduled after Dec. 31, such as Fullerton's Harbor and Chapman projects, can apply for funding in the next cycle. As such, only 12 of the 36 projects submitted to the CTC are recommended for Cycle 1 funding. Despite the Hiltscher Trail Improvements 2009 construction date, the project was not recommended for funding due to its match fund source ineligibility.

- ➤ Measure M Project T (OCTA) funding approved.
 - In January, the OCTA Board of Directors approved funding guidelines and a call for projects for Renewed Measure M's Project T (Convert Metrolink Stations to Regional Gateways), with applications due Feb. 20. This competitive transit program is intended to provide funding to convert key Metrolink stations to regional gateways that connect to planned high-speed rail systems. Four applications were submitted to OCTA by local agencies

(Fullerton, Anaheim, Irvine and Santa Ana). On March 23 the OCTA Board approved Fullerton's Project T "preliminary engineering" funding request of \$875,000. The City is working with the California High Speed Rail Authority to evaluate the addition of Fullerton as a skip-stop location whereby some high speed trains stop here and others continue through the station. The California High Speed Rail Authority has committed to evaluating this alternative as an option in the Project Level Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement phase.

However, at the direction of the Board, OCTA staff was tasked to identify an alternative funding source. OCTA staff indicated an alternative funding source recommendation will be made to the 2020 Committee April 20. OCTA staff also indicated the alternative funding source will likely be from the Regional Surface Transportation Program. A final funding source recommendation will be presented to the OCTA Board on April 27. Once the funding source for Fullerton's \$875,000 request is approved, OCTA will send the City an official letter of funding approval.

Fullerton Business Expo: For the second consecutive year, staff is collaborating
with the Chamber of Commerce, SBA and SBDC on the "2009 Fullerton Business
Expo" June 27, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cal State Fullerton. The event will feature
panels of experienced business professionals addressing topics ranging from how to
contact resource providers to how to obtain financing for a new business. Numerous
resource booths and vendor exhibits will also be open during the event. Nearly 300
participants attended the first Expo last June.