



Council Briefing

August 2009

Administrative Services

- Fiscal Services:
 - Police alarm permits issued in July totaled 40. The total number of active permits as of July 31 was 4,942.
 - Invoices billed in July totaled 509, with a valuation of \$569,845.
 - General checks and direct deposits in July totaled 735 and 302, respectively, with a valuation of \$7,622,795. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 735 and 302, respectively, with a valuation of \$7,622,795.
- Information Technology:
 - The City's webmaster has developed a website for Police Officers to access while in their patrol cars. Previously, Officers would receive printouts of information, which included bulletins, return home registrants, warrants, parolees, and sex offenders. The website will allow Officers to retrieve the information online as soon as it is posted. This would eliminate the need for printouts to take with them when they are in their patrol cars. The Police Department's Crime Analyst uploads the information when she receives updates. All of the data is searchable by name, features, and address of the person. This is a great tool for the Officers when they are out in the field.
 - Staff will be conducting an internal and external security audit for the network and systems. This audit will help to ensure that the City's network and data is secure.
- Purchasing: In July, the Division processed approximately 188 requisitions; created 78 purchase orders; and saved \$1,823 through early payment discounts. The Division also achieved cost savings totaling \$1,398 for July through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources. Revenues of

\$15,968 were brought in through the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. Central Services made 127,706 copies in July and processed 12,745 pieces of mail.

- **Revenue:**
 - In July, 163 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 106 were for businesses in Fullerton and 57 were for businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$11,193.
 - A total of 213 businesses closed in July: 88 in the city and 125 out of the city.
 - Business certificates renewed in July numbered 917, which totaled \$118,981 in business taxes collected.
 - **Utility Services:** In July, the Division answered 3,094 calls and processed 4,712 cash register transactions totaling \$10,020,727. Of those transactions, 1,391 were credit cards, 1,462 checks, 1,040 by cash, and 182 direct deposits.
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Community Development

- **Planning Division:**
 - In July, four project applications were submitted, including two minor site plans and two others.
 - Also in July, two applications were acted upon by the final hearing body, including one minor development project and one subdivision. Additionally, one City-initiated project was completed.
- **Community Preservation:** In July, staff: received 324 complaints; resolved 270 complaints; had 554 active cases; conducted 808 inspections; issued 139 courtesy notices, 124 first notices of violation, and 40 citations; sent 29 compliance letters; granted 31 extensions; arranged for the pick up of 20 large items, such as sofas; received 12 graffiti complaints; and billed \$7,400 in revenue
- **Building Division:**
 - Inspection stops in July totaled 892, and resulted in 1,252 inspections. Average daily inspection was 63. Average daily work load was 12.7 inspections per inspector. Additionally, inspectors responded to 22 complaints and completed 64 ancillary plan checks.
 - In July, 260 plans (including 64 ancillary plans) were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 89 plans were checked the same day, at the counter. There were a

total of 1,491 visitors to the permit counter (a decrease of 14 percent from July 2008), and 452 permits and plan checks were issued (a decrease of 20 percent from July 2008), with total valuation of \$2,023,800.

- In July, 16 E-Permits were issued on-line.
 - In July, 32 Green (no fee) Permits were issued.
 - Framing, plumbing, electrical and mechanical are in progress at all levels on Phase II of the St. Jude Medical Office Building, 2141 N. Harbor Blvd. The building is 70 percent complete.
 - Construction of the partial foundation work is completed on the new food court-style shops at 133 W. Chapman Ave.
 - Grading for phase I of the Home Depot project at 601 N. Placentia Ave. is at 95 percent completion. In addition, a revised plan has been submitted for review.
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Engineering

- **Construction Management:** Approximately 50 percent of the storm drain pipe has been installed in Lawrence Avenue as part of the Lawrence Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project. The work includes installing new concrete storm drain pipe from the Balcom Avenue channel to Commonwealth Avenue, as well as seven new catch basins on Lawrence and Commonwealth. Additional work consists of water line relocation; curb and gutter; sidewalk; access ramp, driveway, and other related work. Contractor on the \$387,502 project is Paulus Engineering. The project, which began in July, is expected to be completed in September.
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Fire

- **Statistics:** The Department responded to 864 requests for service in July, which was a slight increase over the July 2008 total of 839. Of the 864 calls, 706 were medical aids, 29 were fires, nine were hazmat incidents, and 69 were service calls. The Department also responded on 92 automatic aid calls, and received 72. Of the 706 medical aid calls, 455 required advanced life support and 251 basic life support.
- **Suppression:**
 - On July 4, two Fire Inspectors worked with Fullerton Police Officers to handle fireworks-related calls. The total number of fireworks-related calls this year was 153. Two additional Inspectors worked the Fourth of July Fireworks Show and Festival. The Festival was a success, with no injuries or incidents were reported.

- At 4:27 p.m. July 8, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 1 with USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) personnel and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a gas leak in the 100 block of N. Ramona Drive. A large vehicle ran into a house and became wedged between the house and a retaining wall, shearing off a gas meter. Crews had to order a crane to remove the vehicle. No injuries were reported.
- At 1:35 a.m. July 9, Engines 3, 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1, along with neighboring Fire units, responded to a residential structure fire in the 2000 block of N. Deerpark Drive. On arrival, crews found the upstairs bedroom of an apartment unit fully involved in fire and proceeded to extinguish the fire. The fire was contained to the one unit; however, nine residents were displaced. The fire origin was determined, but the cause was not; however, investigators did determine the fire was accidental. The initial loss estimate was \$60,000.
- At 10:06 a.m. July 9, Engine 4 and Truck 1 were dispatched to Laguna Lake on a service call to assist Parks and Recreation personnel with the removal of a Black-crowned Night Heron that had become entangled in a fishing line and ended up hanging from a large pine tree about 80 feet off the ground. After rescue and initial treatment by Paramedics, the bird was taken by a County Animal Control officer who would take it to a bird sanctuary for further treatment and eventual return to the wild. The bird is on the list of endangered species. The “rescue” was covered by the “Orange County Register,” and the Fire and Parks personnel received credit for their humanitarian actions.
- At 3:12 p.m. July 10, Engines 3 and 5 were called out on a report of a vehicle that had slammed into a tree at E. Chapman and Acacia avenues. Paramedics treated the driver, who was then taken to UCI Medical Center. The passenger, a child, was not hurt and was taken to its mother by Fullerton Police Officers.
- At 3:32 p.m. July 11, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded on a report of a commercial fire in the 2000 block of Orangethorpe Avenue. Crews were directed to a large pulp-drying machine in the building and, with assistance from plant personnel, were able to locate the source of the fire and extinguish it quickly without damage to the machinery, the product or any employees.
- At 10:32 a.m. July 13, Engines 2, 5 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a two-car accident with two trapped patients at Orangethorpe Avenue and Pacific Drive. Crews extricated two critical trauma patients and both were taken to UCI.
- At 4:47 p.m. July 15, Engines 1 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of a truck driver trapped in his vehicle following a collision with another truck. Crews extricated the driver from the cab and Paramedics treated him on scene. He was then transported to UCI Medical Center.

- At 4:47 p.m. July 22, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of a natural gas leak in the 800 block of E. Walnut Avenue. A gas meter had been hit by a vehicle, which broke the supply line to an adjacent structure. Engine 1 and 3 crews evacuated structures to the east and west side of the meter, while others shut the main valve leading to the meter.
 - At 7:03 p.m. July 23, Engines 1, 3, 5 and 6, Truck 1, USAR 1 and Battalion 1 responded with neighboring units to a traffic accident on the northbound 57 Freeway at Nutwood Avenue. A semi-truck and a vehicle collided, resulting in a fuel leak and fire. Fire units battled the very large fuel fire and were able to extinguish it in approximately 30 minutes. The truck driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Paramedics treated four other patients who were taken to local hospitals. An Anaheim hazmat unit investigated the scene to make sure no hazardous materials were present other than the fuel.
 - At 11:02 a.m. July 26, Engine 2 responded on a report of a near drowning of a 3-year-old boy in the 2400 block of W. Oak Avenue. Prior to their arrival, the boy had been pulled from the pool by his father and Fullerton Police Officers had started CPR. Paramedics treated the child and escorted him to the hospital.
 - At 12:23 p.m. July 28, Engines 1, 2, 3 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were sent to several grass fires to the rear of homes in the 500 block of Maxzim Avenue and the 1600 block of Lombardo Drive. Downed power lines caused by a blown transformer ignited the fire and left 400 homes in the area without power. Because of live wires, Fire crews waited Edison Company personnel to arrive and cut power to the wires before they could put out the fire. Since the power was off until 1 a.m. on a very warm day, the City's Cooling Center at the Main Library was activated to assist residents. Six CERT volunteers walked the neighborhood to provide information about the Cooling Center. Fullerton RACES members provided radio support.
 - **Downtown Activities:** At 1:05 a.m. Truck 1 was sent to the 100 block of W. Wilshire Avenue to a medical aid in the alley. One man suffered a laceration to his finger and the other man had lacerations to his neck. Both were treated at the scene and one was transported to the hospital.
 - **Other Activities:**
 - Various Fire Inspectors, Police Officers and Building Department staff are continuing to provide a safety watch at Grace Ministries' new sanctuary.
 - The Department held another Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class in July. Nine volunteers participated. The CERT volunteers offer a very valuable service to the Department and Fullerton citizens. Their assistance is much appreciated. The next CERT training class is scheduled for October.
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Human Resources

- **Human Resources Information System:** Staff is working with IT to prepare for the initiation of plan development for implementation of the new payroll/HR system. The “go live” date is tentatively scheduled for January.
 - **Recruitments:** The Police and Fire departments have both requested that promotional exams be conducted by November. Scheduling for these six recruitments is currently under way.
 - **Employee Processing:** In July, the Department processed one nonregular new employee, one regular and two nonregular promotions and one regular and one nonregular separations.
 - **Liability Program:** Eight new claims were filed, seven claims were closed and no lawsuits were served in July.
 - **Workers’ Compensation Program:** Two new claims were filed in July and 16 claims were closed. Staff received two new lawsuits during that period.
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Library

- **Small Business Workshops:** In July, three business workshops were held at the Library. Two SCORE workshops covered the topics of “Networking” and “Developing a Winning Business Plan.” A workshop was also presented by the Orange County Public Law Center dealing with what it takes to get a small business started. The workshops’ total attendance was nearly 200. Upcoming business-oriented workshops in August will cover the topics of how to analyze financial statements, how to make the best investments, and how to raise capital to start or expand a small business. All the workshops are free to the public. They also include a presentation by Library staff on the services and materials the Library can offer to assist local business people.
- **Books for Babies:** The Library received a \$500 “Books for Babies” grant from the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. This amount was generously supplemented by \$1,000 from the Friends of the Library, as well as a \$1,000 Target Community Grant. Partnering with local community groups, this \$2,500 will allow the Library to distribute “Books for Babies” kits, reinforcing to new parents the importance of reading. The Library will provide storytimes and use books, nursery rhymes, songs and fingerplays to provide the families with a chance to experience the kind of programming available at the library on a weekly basis. Staff expects to implement this new program in the fall.

- **Professional Soccer Player Visits Main Library:** On July 21, professional soccer came to the Main Library when a member of Chivas USA visited the Afternoon Live program. Mid-fielder Michael Lahoud read to the assembled crowd of 166 the books “Hunter & Stripes” and the “Soccer Showdown” by Laura Elliott. Following the book presentation, Lahoud spoke about the importance of reading. In anticipation of Lahoud’s visit, teen volunteers prepared bookmarks with the Chivas USA logo and space for an autograph. Children were given the opportunity to meet Michael and speak to him briefly as he autographed their bookmarks.
 - **New Patron Registrations:** The Fullerton Public Library registered 10,025 new patrons in the past fiscal year.
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Maintenance Services

- **Administration:**
 - The last couple of months have been busy for the Department’s audit team. The team recently completed a performance audit of the Community Development Department’s Housing and Neighborhood Rehabilitation Division. The draft report is being reviewed by Department managers for a response. As soon as the team receives the management response, it will be included in the final report sent to the City Manager.
 - In mid- and late-July, the team started performance audits of Maintenance Services’ Equipment Replacement and Graffiti Removal programs. The team hopes to complete both studies by the end of autumn.
 - The Department received 1,539 service requests in July, completing 1,230 (79.9 percent) in the month. Of the 16 emergency requests received, 15 were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 879 or 57.1% of the total.
 - In July, the Department’s support staff received 1,650 calls, an average of 83 per workday, or 42 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- **Facilities:**
 - The Graffiti Crews removed 52,150 square feet of graffiti from 523 sites in July.
 - Staff completed 59 custodial inspections of City facilities in July.
 - The capital project to rebuild the City Hall elevators is nearing completion. Selection of flooring will take place this month.

- The capital project to replace the jail elevator in the Police Department and upgrade the Highland annex elevator will go to bid in the next few months.
 - **Sewer:** In July the Division: hydrojetted 9.9 miles of sewer mains; root cut/mechanically treated 48,813 linear feet of mains; mechanically treated 171 sewer laterals; conducted CCTV inspections of 12 sewer laterals and 27,566 linear feet of sewer mains; conducted 32 source control inspections; approved four Lifeline sewer fee applications and five Large Lot applications; and received 36 sewer fee calls and 45 sewer service requests.
 - **Equipment:** In July, the Division performed six motorcycle inspections, 29 general preventive maintenance inspections, 73 preventive maintenance inspections, and seven smog inspections.
 - **Landscape:**
 - In July, West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, pruned 1,920 trees and removed 68.
 - West Coast neared completion of pruning Zone 2 by the end of July. Zone #2 encompasses the area from Commonwealth Avenue south to the 91 freeway, and Euclid Street west to Brookhurst Road.
 - The Tree Division received 86 tree-related service requests in July.
 - Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at 14 locations in July.
 - Orange County Probation crews performed weed abatement on the slopes adjacent to the 57 freeway on Bastanchury Road. They were also assigned to Gilman Park to clear the stream bed of accumulated debris and vegetation.
 - Landscape Division Crews completed the following projects in July:
 - Installed new Calsense controllers at Ladera Vista Junior High School and the Terazza and State College reservoirs.
 - Completed installation of plant material and an irrigation system at Vista Park
 - Replaced dugout benches at Ladera Vista Junior High School.
 - Completed brush clearance at Hiltcher and Lost Trail.
 - Removed palm trees at Recreational Riders Rink area.
 - Repaired pilasters at Duane Winters Field.
 - The Division received 51 landscape-related service requests in July.
 - **Streets:** In July, the Division: used 67 tons of asphalt for patching and 89 tons for Water Division digouts; applied 13,680 pounds of crack sealer; ground 478 sidewalks; and cleaned 250 linear feet of channel.
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Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:

- Construction on the Richman Field Improvements Project began July 29. The tentative completion date for the sports field lighting improvements portion of the project is September. The remaining improvements for the sports field, which will follow immediately after the lighting project, will include grading, re-sodding, backstops, ball fields, soccer fields, a shaded seating area, and landscape improvements. The completion of these improvements, along with the re-opening of the park, is expected by the end of January.
- Engineering and the Parks and Recreation staffs are moving forward with the construction documents phase for the Hiltcher Trail Project. Staff continues to consult 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.
- On July 13, the Parks and Recreation Commission approved a preliminary plan to initiate renovation of the Union Pacific Park, with the toxic clean-up pending. The Commission appointed two members to serve on an ad hoc planning committee, and directed staff to recruit area residents to serve on the committee.

- Senior Multi-Service Center:

- “The kingdom of Morocco” was the theme for the monthly cultural program July 9. More than 80 guests stopped by to sample authentic Moroccan foods and to enjoy watching performances by members of the center’s Middle Eastern dance class. Music in the patio and an educational display rounded out the program.
- Talbert Medical Group sponsored a lecture on the sensitive topic of “diabesity,” a term coined to describe the link between obesity and diabetes. Causes, prevention, and nutrition and exercise guidelines were part of the program content. Seventeen persons attended the health presentation.

- Garnet Community Center:

- The summer recreation program has accommodated 80 registered participants. Activities include organized games, crafts and sports. Because of the lack of outdoor space, sports and other outdoor games are played at the Topaz Elementary School field.
- The GEMS Teen Center put on a summer barbecue for 35 teens.

- The GEMS Apartment Owners Association held its bi-monthly meeting July 11. The group shared ideas and strategies to retain renters. The current economy has resulted in several renters needing to leave their apartments. The group was thanked for donating \$200 towards the Garnet Community Health Fair May 30.
- Gilbert Community Center:
 - Four Gilbert teens, along with teens from the Garnet and Richman community centers, took part in the three-day Surf Camp which included surfing, archery, wall climbing and team-building activities.
 - The Gilbert Summer Recreation program hosted a summer barbecue July 17. Teen volunteers and parents assisted by preparing and serving the food while staff led craft and game activities.
 - A total of 127 kids are registered participants in the summer recreation program. In addition to regular daily activities, participants take day trips to the roller rink and Orange County Fair. A special treat was a one-day break dance demonstration and class provided by Eddie “Lil Rock” Barragan, a volunteer from the Richman Community Center.
 - Requests for social services assistance, information and referrals are becoming more frequent as the residents become more familiar with the Center. Typical requests for assistance include emergency rental assistance, landlord-tenant disputes, mental and physical health services, and parenting issues.
- Richman Community Center:
 - The summer “Teen Scene” program has been busier than usual, with many new participants joining from across the City. There is an average daily attendance of 30-40 teens.
 - The St. Jude Neighborhood Health Clinic staff has continued working with staff to provide the clinic’s “Healthy Lifestyles” nutrition program to the kids in the Summer Playgrounds program. Staff gave a brief overview of the food pyramid, did some healthy food tasting, and taught the kids to plan their own menus using healthy alternatives.
 - The Girl Scouts Council of Orange County is providing a four-week program in conjunction with the Summer Playgrounds program. Approximately 20 school-age girls have been participating in crafts and character-building activities.
 - Eddie “Lil Rock” Barragan hosts his break dancing class at the new Don Castro Center every Wednesday. The class has more than 35 kids registered and 20 kids attending on a regular basis.

- The East L.A. Classic Theatre is providing a theatre arts program for Richman teens at the Fullerton Museum Center. After learning some acting fundamentals, the teens will put on their own production.
- Janine Jacobs, manager of the Library's Children's Services Division, read summer stories and performed with her puppets to more than 50 kids. Both parents and children enjoyed the show. Children ranged in age from 3-11 years.
- Services offered in July included legal referrals for six domestic violence victims for one or all of the following services: divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support and legal clinic participants. There were also three referrals made for food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing. In addition, 24 clients attended Spanish Personal Empowerment Programs (PEP) classes and 15 clients attended English PEP classes.
- **Tiny Tots:** Dinosaurs, sea stars and treasure hunts have all been part of the July summer fun for 47 preschoolers at Independence Park. The Children and Families Commission of Orange County made available a Kindergarten Transition DVD, "From Kindergarten to Kindergarten," to help 25 preschoolers understand important things about entering elementary school in the fall.
- **Independence Park:** Every Wednesday, from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. the Park hosts the Fullerton Certified Farmers Market. Later in the afternoon, free break dancing lessons are offered for youths 11 and older.
- **Youth Programs:**
 - The "Summer Playgrounds" Program operates at Chapman Recreation Center, Maple Community Center, Orangethorpe Recreation Center, and Richman Community Center. It offers a variety of organized activities such as arts and crafts, recreational enrichment projects, excursions, and special events. The eight-week program operates weekdays, and continues through Aug. 7.
 - The "Camp Hillcrest" Summer Day Camp served approximately 157 children who participated in a variety of activities, including specialized arts, crafts, enrichment projects, outdoor activities, and excursions to local theme parks.
- **Tennis Center:**
 - The Center hosted a few special events in July. The Rosary Girls High School team had its 18 summer tennis camp on Tuesdays through Thursdays, with more than 30 girls attending daily.
 - The 4th Annual Summer Junior Satellite Tournament was held July 20-24. A total of 106 players, ages 10-18, participated in this second tier of the Junior Tournament.

- In August, the Center will host a first tier level Junior Tournament which counts towards national rankings. A total of 150 participants are expected, including some of the best players in Southern California.
- Tennis Center staff and players are very pleased that Courts 1-5 will be resurfaced the last week of August. With this project, all of the courts have been newly resurfaced.
- Youth Sports:
 - Fullerton Hills Softball, Little League and Fullerton Rangers Soccer all had a successful spring season with teams competing well in the All-Stars. Junior Ball finished its championship games at Goodwin Field at CSUF, with Golden Hill crowned the Champions. Fullerton Pony Baseball has been busy at Amerige Park hosting the Central Regional, SoCal Super Regional and West Zone Pony tournaments which take place July through mid-August.
 - Fullerton Rangers will hold its annual Rangers Academy Youth Soccer Camp at the Fullerton Sports Complex, and are expecting record attendance. The Club teams had their first local soccer camp at Bastanchury Park, featuring former English Premier League star and World Cup Player Robbie Earle.
 - Fall sports permits were issued the end of July. Little League and Softball teams will begin playing "Winter Ball" in September. Fullerton Rangers kept with tradition by starting its season with the Rangers Classic Tournament held over two weekends - July 18-19 for girls and July 25-26 for boys. Teams from all over Southern California participated, with an estimated attendance of 2,300. Fullerton Pop Warner Football begins its season Aug. 1, and expects the biggest participation to date! Youth Rugby's season officially begins in December.
- Get Outdoors:
 - New programs continue to attract a wide range of participants. Staff offered the first Family Fishing Campout at Laguna Lake. The event was sold out, with more than 15 families participating in the overnighter. Staff provided some basic instruction, bait, gear, and assistance on the lake. Both adults and children caught their first fish - bluegill and catfish. Early risers were treated to a morning hike along the lake and the Juanita Cooke trail. As always, the Get Outdoors staff cooked up wonderful meals for the hungry campers. Many of the parents expressed their gratitude to the City for providing such a valuable family program.
 - Hiking classes continue to maintain their popularity despite the summer heat. Hikes this summer included a saunter from Acacia Park through the Arboretum and a walk on the popular Panorama trail for a spectacular view of Fullerton and neighboring cities.

- Cultural and Events:

- The Museum's summer education programs were in full swing, with overall attendance at 513 for July. A new teen program, "The Idea Place," had its debut, with 10 students enrolled. This open studio allows young artists to work on projects of their own choosing with materials and direction provided by FMC education staff. Participating teens have enjoyed the freedom to experiment and make new friends in a casual setting.
- Family Day, held July 19, attracted 75 visitors for tours of mid-century art and a hands-on 1950s household artifacts area. In addition to classes, tours and Fullerton Market, another summer ritual much anticipated by docents and staff is the Wednesday night Summer Concert series. The FMC craft booth at the concerts served over 300 kids in July alone.
- The City's annual 4th of July Fireworks Show Festival was held at the Fullerton High School Stadium. The event included food, games and live music, and concluded with the traditional fireworks display. Attendance in the stadium was at or near capacity (6,000 estimated).
- Concerts in the Park started July 15, and attendance was at its peak (approximately 800-900 people). Heroes' sold hot dogs and bratwurst and the Museum provided free crafts. A different Fullerton restaurant will continue to be featured each week, including Roscoe's, The Olde Ship, The Matador, Bourbon Street, Big B's BBQ, and Frati Gelato Café.
- The Market has had some of its best weeks in July. As the summer continues, the popularity of the Market continues to grow, and more and more people are coming out to enjoy what festivities it has to offer.

Police

- Patrol:

- A robbery was discussed at the night shift briefing July 10. Corporal Jay Cicinelli and Reserve Officer Jesus Salazar took the information and developed leads which led to a likely suspect. They contacted the suspect, a 16-year-old, who confessed to the robbery, as well as an additional robbery. Excellent work by all!
- Also on July 10 an anonymous citizen came into the front desk and donated two flags to the Department. One was the United States flag and the other the State flag. A nice and much-appreciated gesture by a concerned citizen.

- On July 11, Lt. George Crum completed nine days of field certification for the recent Drug Recognition Expert class. Twenty-three students from Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Laguna Beach, La Habra and Palm Springs police departments, as well as the Orange County Sheriff's Department, participated in 118 arrests and evaluations of subjects for being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
 - While off duty last month, Cpl. John DeCaprio saw a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of Euclid Street and Commonwealth Avenue four different times. While on patrol on July 14, Cpl. DeCaprio again saw the truck speeding northbound on Euclid and was able to make a vehicle stop on it. The driver admitted he had a handgun inside the truck and a search revealed a loaded .45-caliber handgun in a bag. The suspect was arrested.
 - On July 14, Cpl. Mike DuFresne was storing a vehicle from a "driving under the influence" arrest in the area of Highland and Ash. While waiting for the tow, a vehicle drove toward Cpl. DuFresne at a high rate of speed. Cpl. DuFresne waved his flashlight at the car to get the driver to slow down. As the vehicle pulled up next to him, Cpl. DuFresne saw that the steering column was damaged and the vehicle appeared to be stolen. He later determined it was stolen. The car was occupied by two male juveniles, and one female juvenile. All three were gang associates. The driver was transported to Juvenile Hall.
 - Officer Robert Barnes saw five subjects walking near Hillcrest Park and stopped to speak with them. Three were juveniles and two were adults. The juveniles were covered in spray paint and a field investigation revealed spray paint cans and other tagging implements in their backpacks. At the time of the report, no tagging could be located. Officer Barnes arrested the juveniles for suspicion of vandalism, and the adults for contributing to the delinquency of the minors. Great observations and tenacity by Officer Barnes.
 - Cpl. Glenn Stotz and Officer Ryan O'Neil saw two males carrying a computer monitor, printer and fax machine through the parking lot near Liberty Tax on Harbor Boulevard. The two suspects did not have a good story for having the items. Further investigation revealed a window had been smashed at Liberty Tax. The owner responded and identified the items the suspects were carrying as belonging to the business. The two suspects were arrested. Great observation and arrest by Cpl. Stotz and Officer O'Neil.
 - A vehicle ran off the roadway at Bastanchury and Associated roads. The driver was westbound on Bastanchury at an unknown speed and when he looked down for his cell phone he lost control of the vehicle and it ran over the center median and into eastbound traffic. A passenger in the car sustained a broken right leg and the driver walked away with minor cuts.
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Redevelopment and Economic Development

- **Redevelopment Plan Amendment:** On July 14, the City Council adopted the Redevelopment Plan for the Merged Fullerton Redevelopment Project, Amendment No. 1. The purpose of the Amendment was to add 1,165 acres to the City's existing redevelopment project areas. The Amendment Area generally includes properties in the western portion of the City along Commonwealth Avenue from Euclid Street and along portions of Orangethorpe Avenue, Brookhurst Road and Gilbert Street. The proposed Amendment will support infrastructure improvements and commercial/industrial revitalization programs, and expand affordable housing opportunities. It is projected to generate \$533 million over the life of the 45-year plan which is to be used on projects/programs within the Amendment Area to assist in upgrading the area.
- **West Avenue Housing:** On July 27, the Olson Co. submitted its design package to the Planning Department for the development of 34 owner-occupied, single-family moderate-income units along the 400 block of West Avenue. It is anticipated that final approval of the project will be considered by October. If approved, ground-breaking at the West Avenue site could commence in December.
- **Transportation Center Specific Plan:** Agency and Community Development staff reviewed Administrative Draft No. 1 of the Transportation Center Specific Plan in early July. Administrative Draft No. 2 is anticipated in this month. Community Development continues to review and refine technical studies in support of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project schedule has been amended in response to changes in technical study timelines. Pending completion of the Draft Specific Plan and Draft EIR, a community workshop will be held in late September at a date and time to be determined.
- **Transportation Center Parking Structure:** Transtech Engineers are in the process of completing drawings for a design/build package for a new 850-space parking garage to serve the Transportation Center and the Downtown. Planned release date of the RFPs for the package is October. The Downtown Business Association is hosting a community workshop at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at Cherk Restaurant, 101 S. Harbor Blvd. to present the architectural design of the structure.
- **Fullerton Business Expo:** The 3rd Annual Fullerton Business Expo will be held Friday, March 26. The Expo will be produced in cooperation with the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide a variety of informational sessions, business-to-business and resource agency exhibitions for individuals seeking tools for business success and survival.
- **West Harbor Alley Improvement Project:** Design workshops took place July 27 and 30 at the Fullerton Senior Center, with approximately a dozen community members in attendance. Postcard invites were mailed to approximately 1,000

addresses in the Downtown C-3 zone, and an advertisement was placed in the "Fullerton News Tribune." Community input from these workshops will be given to the landscape architect consultant, who will create design alternatives to be submitted to the Redevelopment Design Review Committee in the fall. The preferred design will go to the City Council in November or December. If approved, construction could begin in February 2010, after the holiday shopping season.

- **Department Website Statistics:** The Redevelopment and Economic Development Department pages of the City of Fullerton's website provide information and updates about various projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing and economic development activities. In July, the site had 1,994 hits, with views averaging a minute and a half .
- **Business Outreach Program:** The Business Outreach Program is a means to better understand each business and its operations. Meetings take place at a business office with a selected management team and two or three representatives from the business outreach group, which consists of representatives from the City and Chamber of Commerce. Visits in July were to:
 - Kraft Foods/Fullerton Foods - 1500 E. Walnut Ave.; wholesaler of food and packaged frozen food products; 550 employees; 43,444 square feet.
 - Albertsons Corporate Office - 1421 Manhattan Ave.; western branch and administrative center of corporate offices and headquarters to more than 800 employees; on-site 100; 40,000 square feet.
 - Hydraflow, 1881 W. Malvern Ave; aircraft component manufacturer of rubber hoses and tubing; 155 employees; 40,000 square feet.
- **Unemployment Rates:** Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: United States – 9.5 percent; California – 11.5 percent; Orange County – 9.2 percent; Fullerton – 10.4 percent. Unemployment data provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board at <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Community%20Investment%20Division/Workforce%20%Investment%20Board>.
- **Annual Downtown Event Funding RFPs:** Each fiscal year the Redevelopment Agency budgets money to assist special events funding. For 2009-10, the Agency budgeted \$40,000 and will send an RFP to each organization that received assistance the last two fiscal years. A published notice of funding availability will be advertised in local newspapers and on the City website. Proposals will be solicited for 30 days, with a submittal deadline of Sept. 15. Staff will then compile applicant proposals to present to Council for funding approval in October.
- **Economic Development Action Team (EDAT):** Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business in Fullerton or expand their existing business. In July, the Team met with an existing Fullerton business which is a manufacturer and distributor of products for the water well, environmental and

geotechnical industries. Their plant is 35,000 square feet in size and has 25 employees.