# Council Briefing

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## Administrative Services

#### Fiscal Services

- New police alarm permits issued in January totaled 47, bringing the fiscal year total to 224. The total number of active permits as of Jan. 31 was 4,980.
- ➤ Invoices billed in January totaled 543, with a valuation of \$415,079. Invoices billed for fiscal 2009-10 to-date total 3,653, with a valuation of \$2,911,361.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in January totaled 643 and 229, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,355,092. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date totaled 4,490 and 1,708, respectively, with a valuation of \$44,910,135.

## Information Technology:

- > Staff continues to implement the City's Enterprise Resource Planning system. Human Resources and Payroll have been the focus for the programming group, and are the next two modules scheduled for implementation.
- > Staff continues to work on the requirements for the new Utility Billing system and the critical interfaces necessary for this project. Our webmaster, Catherine Carter, has designed the on-line payment process screens for this new system. Citizens will be able to continue to pay their water bills on-line.
- Purchasing: In January, the Division: processed approximately 140 requisitions; created approximately 77 purchase orders; and saved \$2,225 through early payment discounts. The Division also saved \$2,638 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources. Central Services made 101,211 copies and processed 9,578 pieces of mail.

#### Revenue:

➤ In January, 108 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that sum, 88 were businesses in Fullerton and 20 were located out of the city, but doing business here. Business tax collected for new registrants totaled \$8,250.

- ➤ A total of 171 businesses closed in January: 76 in the city and 95 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in January numbered 862, which totaled \$140,480 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In January, the Division answered 2,755 calls and processed 4,488 cash register transactions totaling \$18,206,000. Of the transactions, 1,295 were credit cards, 1,387 checks, 1,010 cash, and 170 direct deposits.

# Community Development

Community Preservation: In January, the Division had 615 active cases; received 194 complaints (1,647 fiscal year-to-date); resolved 123 complaints (1,442); conducted 641 inspections (4,959); issued 39 courtesy notices (568), 86 first notices of violations (733), and 37 citations (239); granted 26 extensions (193); received 27 graffiti complaints (133); sent 10 compliance letters (268); arranged pick up of 23 large items, such as sofas (214); and billed \$8,500 in revenue (\$45,200).

#### Building Division:

- ▶ Inspection stops in January totaled 819 (down 2.6 percent from January 2009) and resulted in 1,137 inspections. Average daily inspection load was 63, and the average daily inspections were 14 per inspector (including annual inspections of 200 apartment units, preparation of reports on 400 W. Orangethorpe Ave., and inspections with the Williamson Street Task Force). Additionally, inspectors responded to 16 building and 31 NPDES complaints in January, and completed 55 ancillary (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) plan checks.
- Also in January, 211 (including 55 ancillary plans) plans were submitted for checking. Of thosel, 61 were checked the same day, at the counter. There were a total of 1,429 visitors to the permit counter (a 5.5 percent decrease from January 2009), and 390 permits and plan checks were issued (a 29 percent decrease), with a total valuation of \$2,193,735
- ➤ In January, 25 Green (no fee) Permits and eight "E-Permits" were issued.
- Fullerton's Building Division and the ICC Orange Empire Chapter will sponsor a "Disabled Access Seminar" Feb. 10 at the Maintenance Services Department.
- ➤ Construction on 80 percent of the retaining walls in the Lions Field project has been completed. Foundations for dugouts 2 are 3 are finished, and placement of underground utilities and drainage system is in progress
- ➤ A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new "retail shell" at 2720 Nutwood Ave. Tenant improvement plans for two fast food chains have been submitted for plan check.

- ➤ The second plan check review is in progress for the Main Library expansion.
- ➤ Final inspections are under way on the St. Jude parking structure, 2143 N. Harbor Blvd., and Phase II of the St. Jude office building, 2141 N. Harbor. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for each may be issued by Feb. 15.
- ➤ Roof decking has been completed for the new multi-purpose building at the First Evangelical Free Church. Work is under way on the interior utility systems.
- ➤ Power has been released for the Jacaranda Senior Apartment Project at 1900 Camino Loma. Work is under way on corrections for final inspection.

# Engineering

- Project Development and Design
  - ➤ Bid opening is slated for Feb. 25 on the Riverside Drive and Raymond Avenue Area Sewer Reconstruction Project. The project consists of sewer main replacement and pavement rehabilitation, and the estimated cost is \$2 million. Construction, projected to last 90 working days, is expected to begin in June.
  - ➤ Bid opening was slated for Feb. 3 for the 2008-10 Curb/Gutter and Sidewalk Reconstruction Project. The project is expected to be brought to Council for awarding at the March 2 meeting. The project will include reconstruction of damaged sidewalk, curb, and gutter, as well as access ramps and concrete driveways. Construction is anticipated to begin in May.
- Construction Management: All American Asphalt started work this month on the Commonwealth Avenue Reconstruction, from Magnolia to Vermont avenues. The project includes reconstruction of pavement, access ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter; installation of traffic loops and traffic signal interconnect; traffic restriping; and adjusting manholes and water valves to grade. While the contract time is 40 days, recent rains prevented scheduled work. Completion is now estimated for the end of March or beginning of April.
- Water Engineering: On Sept. 29, 2008, the City Manager mandated a 10 percent reduction in water consumption compared to the average of base years 2004, 2005 and 2006 for City facilities. Water Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and Maintenance Services have been working together to reduce usage at all City-operated sites. In 2009, the City saved approximately 38 million gallons of water at its facilities, a 15 percent reduction in usage compared with the base years' average.

## Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 1,027 requests for service in January, which was
up from the 950 requests received in January 2009. Of the 1,027 requests, 828 were

medical aid calls, 32 were fires, nine were hazardous materials incidents, and 98 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 89 automatic aid calls and received 121. Of the 727 medical aid calls, 486 were Advanced Life Support and 241 were Basic Life Support.

## Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses

- At 4:13 p.m. Jan. 6, Engine 5 was dispatched to the area of Fullerton Creek Road and Sycamore Avenue on a report of a tree fire. The crew found a palm tree burning in the flood control channel and extinguished it. The area was covered with palm fronds and empty beer cans. No ignition source was visible, but the fire was likely caused by humans. The Landscaping Division was asked to remove the fronds and trim the tree.
- At 11:45 a.m. Jan. 8, Engine 1 responded to a reported vehicle fire in the 200 block of E. Valencia Drive. On arrival, Firefighters found a vehicle well involved in fire, which they extinguished. The vehicle's fuel tank had been damaged and resulted in a fuel leak that was contained. Maintenance Services assisted with the fuel clean-up.
- ➤ At 12:42 p.m. Jan, 8, Engines 4 and 6, Truck 1, Battalion 1 and Brea Engine 1 were dispatched to a reported natural gas leak in the 3600 block of Potrero Drive. Crews noted the gas smell in a residence, shut off the gas, ventilated the home and contacted the Gas Co.
- At 6:51 p.m. Jan. 8, Engines 3 and 5, Truck 1, Battalion 1 and County Engine 34 were dispatched on another reported residential gas leak, this time in the 2600 block of E. Sherwood Avenue. No gas smell was noted by the crews but the gas was turned off and the Gas Co. notified.
- At 1:14 p.m. Jan. 9, Engines 4 and 5, Fullerton Wildland Engine 330, Brea Engine 1 and Battalion 1, and Fullerton Battalion 1 were sent on a quarter-acre vegetation fire inside the Brea Dam Recreational Area. Fire personnel initially hiked into the remote area and attacked the fire with hand tools until Wildland Engine 330 arrived, driving off-road, and fully extinguished the fire. No structures or City property were damaged. Cause of the fire was suspicious in nature.
- ➤ At 5:01 p.m. Jan. 12, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of heavy smoke in the area of State College and Yorba Linda boulevards. Crews narrowed the location to the 2100 block of N. Pioneer Avenue and found four Cypress trees burning alongside a residence. The fire was extinguished and crews checked for extension to the nearby residence. Some shingles and fascia board that had suffered heat extension were removed. The thermal imaging camera was used to check for hot spots. It appears the fire was caused by a burning cigarette.
- At 12:17 a.m. Jan. 18, Engine 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a reported vehicle fire in the 300 block of W. Brookdale Place. On arrival, the crew found a car fully involved in fire in the driveway of the residence. The crew extinguished the fire. The fire appeared to be of suspicious origin, and the Police are investigating.

- At 9:47 a.m. Jan. 21, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a residential fire in the 100 block of E. Valencia Drive. Engine 1's crew found the storage area of a rear building burning and quickly extended hose lines and extinguished the fire. Truck 1 assisted with ventilation, salvage and overhaul. The cause was determined to have been an electrical short.
- At 2:23 p.m. Jan. 24, Engines 2, 3 and 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a twoalarm building fire in the 200 block of W. Commonwealth Ave. One apartment unit on the second floor was fully involved in fire, with heavy smoke and extremely poor visibility down to the first floor. Ventilation assisted in improved smoke conditions and crews conducted a primary search of Unit A and attacked the fire in the crawl space. They then proceeded to the neighboring unit to attack the main body of the fire and conduct a primary search there. After the main fire was knocked down, a secondary search was done. The cause of the fire is believed to be electrical in nature.
- ➤ At 1:24 p.m. Jan. 26, Engine 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 and neighboring units responded to an apartment fire in the 3200 block of E. Yorba Linda Boulevard. A paper dish with food placed in the oven caught fire and the occupant extinguished the fire with a dry chemical extinguisher. The occupant was treated for minor injuries and transported to a local hospital for further treatment.
- At 12:59 a.m. Jan. 27, Engine 1 was dispatched to a single-car accident at Brea Boulevard and Longview Drive. A vehicle had struck a fire hydrant, bench and a light pole. One patient, thought to be the only occupant, was lying in the street in critical condition. He was treated and taken to UCI Medical Center. The driver had initially fled but then returned to the scene. Both subjects were intoxicated.
- At 1:50 p.m. Jan. 30, Engine 4 was sent out on a reported cardiac/respiratory arrest of a 51-year old male bike rider. The callers gave various locations and the crew had difficulty finding the man. The Police were requested, as well as Engine 1, to help locate the individual. He was finally found on the bike trail in the area of Claire Avenue and E. Marion Boulevard.

#### Other Activities:

- ➤ The Department cleared six weed abatement cases in January, leaving 52 active. There are a total of 285 weed abatement cases in the system.
- ➤ On Jan. 13, Chief Knabe held a strategic planning meeting with CERT volunteers at the City Yard. Mayor Pro Tem Keller and 30 CERT members were present. At the subsequent Jan. 28 meeting, positions were re-organized and job duties assigned.
- ➤ In December, the poor state of the economy had a negative impact on the annual Spark of Love and Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign. Fire stations county-wide collected 25 percent fewer toys.
- > The Department received accreditation from the California Emergency Management Agency as an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Type 1 Rescue Department. This

enables the Department to place its USAR rig in the State EOC's fire and rescue mutual aid system to provide vital life-saving intervention.

## **Human Resources**

#### Recruitments:

- ➤ The Firefighter recruitment has been completed. The names of 114 candidates were placed on the eligible list. Orals are scheduled to be conducted this month.
- Recruitments for Police Lieutenant and Sergeant are under way, and will be completed this month.
- Recruitments for Fire Captain and Engineer have also been completed.
- Human Resources Information System: Work continues on implementation of the new HRIS system. Staff has been working with the vendor and IT to test the Employee Online feature which will allow employees to view personal details such as their benefits profile and payroll information. The expected go-live date has been revised to July.

## • Employee Processing:

- ➤ In December, Human Resources processed two regular promotions, seven regular separations and four nonregular separations.
- In January, the Department processed nine new nonregular employees, two regular and one nonregular promotion and eight nonregular separations.
- Liability Program: Six claims were filed, 10 were closed and one lawsuit was served in December. In January, nine claims were filed, seven were closed and one lawsuit was served.
- Workers' Compensation Program:
  - ➤ In December, 14 new claims were received, three were closed and no lawsuits were filed.
  - In January, 10 new claims were received, seven were closed and one lawsuit was filed.

# Library

• New Database for Children and Adults: The World Book Web is now available on the Library's website and soon will be on the public computers in the Library. This website offers five different components, including specialized databases for different ages as well as one in Spanish. All parts are loaded with interactive features as well as access to the more than 44,000 articles found in the award-winning World Book Encyclopedia. Articles are constantly

being updated to keep the information current. As with all the databases on the library website, a FPL library card is needed to access this database from home.

- Business Workshop at the Hunt: In anticipation of the expansion/renovation of the Main Library, much of the adult programming has been shifted to the Hunt Branch Library. This month, the Hunt Branch hosted a SCORE small business workshop on the topic of developing a winning business plan. Forty-six local business or prospective local business people gathered to hear a top-notch speaker relate all the important aspects of writing a plan that would create a solid roadmap for any new or expanded business venture. February's workshop will include information on how to improve decision making by being able to effectively read business financial statements.
- The Library is Busy: The past year was a banner year for Fullerton Public Library! At the end of the December circulation had surpassed the 1 million mark for the first time in history. The increase over 2008 was 72,000, the equivalent of a normal month for the Library.
- Storytime a Hit with Families: In response to the large number of families attending the Toddler Storytime at the Main Library, an additional storytime was added starting Jan. 13. Parents and caregivers now have their choice of three storytimes on Wednesday mornings. Just one month into the new year, total attendance at the Main Library is 362. This represents a 7 percent increase over last year. The popular storytime at Hunt Branch had 166 people attend in January an 80 percent increase over last year. This trend is expected to continue.

## Maintenance Services

#### Administration Division:

- ➤ The Department received 1,564 service requests in January, completing 1,288 (82.4 percent) in the month. Of that number, 31 emergency requests were received, and 19 were completed by the end of the month. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 917 or 58.6 percent of the total.
- ➤ In January, the Department's support staff received 1,660 calls, an average of 92 per workday, or 46 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- The Department's analysis team recently completed its audit of Community Development's Building and Safety Division. The Building Official is currently preparing his written response to the team's findings. After we receive his comments, we will send the complete report to the City Manager. The team is currently working on performance audits of the City's street sweeping and equipment replacement programs.

#### Facilities Division:

Graffiti Crews removed 50,760 square feet of graffiti from 415 sites in January, bringing the fiscal year-to-date totals to 389,235 square feet removed from 3,192 sites.

- Nolberto Torres completed 66 custodial inspections of City facilities.
- ➤ The capital project to rebuild the City Hall elevators is completed. Funds for this project were approved in the fiscal 2008-09 Capital Program
- ➤ The capital project to replace the jail elevator and upgrade the Highland building elevator will go out for bid in the next few months. Funds for this project were approved in the fiscal 2009-10 Capital Program.
- ➤ The capital project to re-coat and upgrade the small pool at Independence Park is on hold. Staff is moving forward on upgrading the drain to meet the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act. Funds for this project were approved in the fiscal 2009-10 Capital Program.
- Sewer Division: In January, the Division: hydrojetted 6.38 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 54,762 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 52 sewer laterals; conducted 7 CCTV inspections of laterals and 37 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 20,236 linear feet of sewer main; approved one Large Lot application; received 19 sewer fee calls; and received 52 sewer service requests. Also in January, there were no public or private sewer overflows reported.
- Street Division: In January, the Division: used 1,151 tons of asphalt for patching, 16 tons for street digouts, 90 tons for Water Division digouts and 45 tons for skin patching; performed 49 asphalt sidewalk repairs; ground 114 sidewalks; cleaned 670 drains; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 582 signs; steam-cleaned 33,451 square feet of sidewalk; cleaned 208,624 linear feet of sidewalk; cleaned one roadway spills; swept 2,204 curb miles; and applied 70 gallons of street paint.
- Equipment Division: In January, the Division performed 25 general preventive maintenance inspections, four BIT inspections, 45 PMs, one smog inspection, one aerial inspection, and five motorcycle PMs.

#### Water Division:

- ➤ In January, the Division produced 539,879,080 gallons of water. Of that amount 87.67 percent 473,337,000 gallons were pumped from wells, and 12.33 percent 66,542,080 gallons were purchased from the MW District.
- Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred during January:

		PIPE		YEAR
SIZE	LOCATION	TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	INSTALLED
8"	801 Rosarita Dr	Cast Iron	Unknown	1960's
		Ductile		
12"	Burning Tree/Pioneer	Iron	Unknown	1960's
6"	2208 El Rancho Vista	Cast Iron	Age	1950's
6"	323 Olin St	Cast Iron	Age	1940's
6"	2601 Coronado Dr	Cast Iron	Age	1960's

8"	2231 Domingo Pl	Cast Iron	Age	1960's
6"	431 Hastings Ave	Cast Iron	Unknown	1960's
6"	518 Lovell PI	Cast Iron	Age	1960's
8"	1908 Lark Ellen	Cast Iron	Age	1960's
6"	1756 Rosalia Dr	Cast Iron	Age	1960's
6"	3024 Arlington Ave	Cast Iron	Age	1960's
8"	1800 Sandalwood Ave	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown

#### Landscape Division:

- ➤ West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, has performed the following services from July 1, 2009, through January 31: pruned 11,246 trees, removed 231 trees, and planted 355 trees.
- ➤ The Division received 69 tree-related service requests in January.
- ➤ Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at Nicolas Junior High Scholl and in the Orangethorpe Avenue frontage median in January. In addition, the Division responded to four reports of bee activity.
- Division crews completed the following projects in January:
  - Turf Operations were completed at Valencia Park and Nicolas Junior High
  - Fertilization and general repairs were completed at the Fullerton Sports Complex, Bastanchury Park, Duane Winters Field, Beechwood Field and Chapman Park.
  - Landscape ties and a decomposed granite walkway were installed at the Tennis Center.
  - Landscape ties were installed in Child Guidance Center planters.
  - A commemorative plaque at Byerrum Park was re-mounted after a traffic collision dislodged it from its pedestal.
  - 200 linear feet of chain link fence were replaced after a traffic collision on Euclid Street adjacent to the 2D Reservoir.
  - Crews monitored water flow and cleared drains at Gilman Park during the heavy rains.
- Several areas on the trail system sustained damage from erosion due to flooding:
  - Hiltscher Park Typical pattern of severe erosion and the loss of five mature trees.
  - Juanita Cooke Mud slides reported in three locations.
  - Las Palmas Connector Trail Flooding, debris flow.

- Bastanchury Tunnel Abandoned 6-inch irrigation main line bent into trail tread closing the north tunnel, severe erosion at 13th hole. The damage was caused by floating logs and debris channeled into the tunnels under Bastanchury Road.
- Panorama Trail Severe trail erosion at trail head to Craig Park.

Safety measures have been taken to secure the areas and repairs will be undertaken when weather stabilizes.

Arbor Day 2010 will be held at Laguna Lake at 9 a.m. March 13. This year's planting will be in conjunction with the Laguna Lake Improvement Project and focus on introducing more drought-tolerant California Native trees and plants to the lake's surroundings.

## Parks and Recreation

## Capital Improvements:

- ➤ The second phase of Richman Park Field Improvements grading, turf, walkways, backstops, seating areas and landscaping is estimated to be completed by July. Staff, per Council direction, continues to move forward with artificial turf in place of natural turf.
- ➤ Construction plans are being resubmitted by the architect to various agencies for approval of the Tennis Center Pavilion renovation. Plans are expected to go out to bid next month.
- ➤ Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee members are in the early phases of master planning for the park.
- ➤ The Parks and Recreation Commission has approved preliminary plans (floor plan and architecture) for the proposed Fullerton Community Center. Several user groups have been involved in the planning phase, including the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Citizens Club. All groups, including the ad hoc planning committee, have indicated strong support for the plans to date.

#### Senior Multi-Service Center

- ➤ The center's traditional holiday open house took place Dec. 10, and was attended by approximately 125 guests.
- ➤ The Senior Club hosted its first holiday-themed happy hour social and dance Dec. 11. The party was attended by 125 guests.
- ➤ The holiday luncheon, sponsored by the Community SeniorServ nutrition and dining program, was held Dec. 18, and 182 guests attended.
- ➤ The Center held a second flu clinic Jan. 11. The center's County Preventive Health Care site nurses and Senior Center volunteers served 145 individuals during the clinic.

➤ A three-week senior fishing clinic got under way Jan. 22, with 14 students. The clinic is part of the "Get Outdoors!" Program and made available through a "Take Me Fishing" grant, funded by the non-profit Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

#### Garnet Community Center / Gilbert Community Center

- ➤ This year's Breakfast with Santa took place Dec. 19 at the Senior Center and brought together 84 families from the Gilbert, Garnet, Maple, Orangethorpe and Richman centers. The Fullerton Aquatic Sports Team supplied and prepared breakfast for the 364 attendees. Fifty F.A.S.T. volunteers provided 184 hours of service preparing and serving breakfast and doing holiday craft projects with the 261 children who attended. In total, FAST provided \$550 for the breakfast and nearly 300 new toys for the children.
- ➤ The Centers are working with the Census Bureau to promote census jobs and have provided space for weekly census testing.
- ➤ Youth in Action teens attended team development and activity training in January put on by Department staff.
- Project FLY (Fullerton Lifting Youth) is a 10-week gang prevention program held at the Gilbert Center. Fifteen youths attend the course, which is taught by two Fullerton Police Officers. The program goal is to instill in the youths self-esteem, responsibility, and skills to develop into productive young adults.

## After-school Programs:

- > The Orangethorpe and Maple after-school programs serve up to 250 children daily.
- ➤ The Maple After-school Program's collaboration with the Maple Elementary School "Mind, Math and Music" program continues to be a success. Maple Elementary has provided keyboard lessons to specific program participants. Approximately 15 second-graders and six sixth-graders are participating.
- > The Big Brother/Big Sisters of Orange County are continuing their mentoring programs weekly at the Orangethorpe and Maple programs. More than 50 youths are participating.
- > Tutors from the CSUF ARC Program continue to volunteer at Orangethorpe and Maple.
- ➤ The 27 staff members of the After-school Program met for training Jan. 18. Get-to-know-you activities were planned, as well as discussions on program strategies, and other team building activities.
- ➤ Maple Community Center and Orangethorpe Recreation Center are involved in "Network for a Healthy California Children's Power Play! Campaign."
- Ballet Folkloric and Aztec dancers, groups involved in community events, continue their use of the Maple Center Thursday and Friday evenings. The groups bring more than 40 neighborhood members regularly to practice dance and celebrate community.

➤ Interest in renting the Maple Center and Playgrounds On the Go is booming, with parties booked regularly.

## Independence Park:

- ➤ A small group of Raytheon employees have been keeping up with their weekly basketball workouts from noon-1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The senior volleyball activity continues to be popular with seniors from the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ➤ Olympic hopefuls continue training at the Janet Evans Swim Complex. The facility is one of three in the country chosen as training facilities for post-graduate athletes.
- Forty-three NJB coaches use the park for basketball practice in December and January.

#### Richman Community Center:

- ➤ Eighty-one children from the Center attended the "Breakfast with Santa" sponsored by FAST. Seven Youth in Action teens volunteered to help with the event.
- Fourteen teens attended Teen Training and Development at Independence Park. Games and team-building activities brought together teens from Richman, Gilbert and Garnet.
- ➤ Teen Scene participated in various excursions in December, including visits to Knott's Berry Farm and Olvera Street, as well as bowling and roller skating.
- ➤ Eight Sports Central teens are preparing for an After-school Program soccer game at Orangethorpe School. The teens will officiate and keep stats.
- ➤ Both beginner and advanced English classes are full. PACE Children continue to develop socialization skills.
- ➤ The Center is being used by the Census Bureau to test prospective census takers. Approximately 70 people have been tested as of this writing.
- ➤ The Center hosted a holiday festival at Richman Park. Parents sold food and the YMCA's Youth Achievers provided entertainment. The Center also gave away 60 bicycle helmets as part of a bicycle grant. Approximately 100 people attended.
- ➤ The "Village Youth Partnership" gang prevention "think tank" attended the Center's Jan. 7 Parent Activities Committee meeting to gain insight from residents on gang problems. More than 60 people attended, including parents and teens from the neighborhood.

#### Tennis Center:

➤ January is typically quiet at the Center, primarily because of weather. On the 25th, the ladies Sundowners league resumed play. This season the Center is home for four ladies teams that compete with teams around Orange County. Also starting in January, Servite and Rosary high schools are running PE classes at the Center. In addition, for the first

time Troy High School girls teams are using the Center's courts on Fridays, as the boys teams use all of the school's courts.

➤ The Tennis Center is the host site of the annual Fullerton Designated tournament. There are 14 other sites used this year for the tournament. Rain forced postponement of the finals to Feb. 21. There are 1,538 entrants in the tournament. Every year this tournament attracts the best junior tennis players from Southern California. Past winners include Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Jeff Tarango, and Lindsey Davenport.

## Youth Sports:

- Many youth leagues concluded their seasons in December, with exception of Rugby, whose season just began. Fullerton Hills Softball, Fullerton ASA, East and West Fullerton Little leagues and Pony have all concluded winter ball and submitted permits for spring. Pop Warner also closed its season until August. Soccer, baseball and softball started their spring season this month.
- Several fields have recently been closed for annual maintenance.

#### Get Outdoors:

- Outdoor programs continue to grow, with an increase in sales on annual hiking passes and participation in various fishing programs, as well as inquiries for private outdoor programs.
- ➤ "Go Fishing Saturdays," subsidized by the "Take Me Fishing" Grant, have been a big hit not only with the Fullerton community but neighboring cities, as well. The first six of the 12 sessions have reached capacity. Additional dates are available through April 24.
- ➤ The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Kids' Fishing Derby" April 17 set new standards the first week of February as 800 people registered in a day and a half, selling out the event in record time. Staff is taking names on a waiting list.
- ➤ "Snow Day," originally scheduled for Jan. 30, has been rescheduled twice due to rain. The new date is set for February 13. There are still a few spots left for the annual event.

#### Cultural and Events:

- January was a busy month for Museum education programs. After a lull during the holidays, school tours are in full swing. Groups from Whittier Christian School and Rolling Hills, Acacia and Sunset Lane elementary and Fisler Junior High schools have toured the "Cine-Saurus: Dinosaurs in the Movies" exhibit. The Museum Association Board generously provides free transportation to Fullerton School District schools wishing to view the exhibit.
- ➤ Staff has also been busy with the Wednesday morning "Stroller Brigade" program, the Museum's in-gallery story and craft time for toddlers and preschoolers. This program is being offered completely free of charge for parents and caregivers of young children.

- ➤ In addition to on-site programs, Museum staff has been working on a number of collaborative efforts within the community. The Museum will be a featured site in the new Fullerton First Friday Art Walk, an event planned by a number of downtown galleries and arts businesses. Also, education staff has been meeting with teachers from the Fullerton Joint Union High School District to plan arts programs for students in Opportunities programs through the "Project Safe" grant. Classes started this month.
- ➤ The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual "First Night Fullerton" Dec. 31 drew an estimated 15,000 people. Karaoke was a hit, and the Kids Lane activities were well liked. The popular hybrid ice skating rink drew nearly 400 people of all ages. There were no reported injuries or incidents directly related to the event, and the 10-minute fireworks show, said to be the best yet, was a great cap to a successful event.

## Police

• Presentation: The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program conducted a DUI and Standardized Field Sobriety Test presentation to the Orange County Bar Association on Nov. 23 at the Fullerton Elks Lodge. The audience consisted of judges, district attorneys and defense attorneys from Orange County. There were approximately 75 members present. Making the presentation were Lt. George Crum, Sgt. Eric Halverson, Cpl. Tony Diaz and Officers Eric Franke and Pedram Gharah.

#### Patrol:

- ➤ Officer Tim Haid was conducting patrol checks of the parking structure at 120 S. Pomona Ave. due to recent auto burglaries when he observed two men standing outside of a vehicle. The subjects said they were just "hanging out" in the structure. Both were arrested for various narcotics-related violations.
- ➤ Buena Park Animal Control called to inform the Department it had found the Labrador Retriever that James Wernke was walking when he disappeared Dec. 12 on a City trail during a rainstorm. The dog was found deceased in the wash at Franklin Avenue and Beach Boulevard. Animal Control Officer Reyes believes the dog drowned and was pushed by the water to where it was found.
- Officers responded to E. Santa Fe Avenue on a report of a woman walking smashing windows out of parked vehicles in the area. On arrival, Officers located and detained the female, who was identified as the suspect by several witnesses. She was taken into custody without incident. Three vehicles were located with smashed windows.
- Officers were dispatched to Best Buy at 120 E. Imperial Highway regarding a possible forgery in progress. While one subject was detained at the store, Officer Richard Herrera advised that a second possible suspect had gotten into a white truck and was last seen eastbound on Imperial. Officer Stephen Rodriguez responded to the area, located a truck that matched the description, and stopped the vehicle at the 57 Freeway and Yorba Linda Boulevard. Officer David Macshane and Cpl. Mike Bova arrived to assist. Office Rodriguez, during a consent search of the truck, located several clear plastic baggies of

- methamphetamine (54 grams total), a large amount of cash, a glass pipe, an electronic scale, and pay-owe sheets. The suspect was arrested.
- In the early morning hours of Jan. 13, Officers responded to Euclid Street and Laguna Road in response to a report of a man down. On arrival, Officers were directed into the canyon just west of the intersection. It was later discovered a mant had walked into the canyon and could not get out. Officers had to cut the lock on the access gate at Castlewood Avenue, east of Gilbert Street, to gain access to the north side of the canyon. Using the access road, Officers were able to get within approximately 75 yards of the man. Cpl. Mike Bova and Officers David Macshane and Jeremy Viscusi were able to hike to the subject and help him out of the cactus and brush. The 20-year-old man was covered in cactus thorns and had numerous scrapes and abrasions. He was taken to St. Jude Medical Center for treatment. Further examination indicated the subject was under the influence of alcohol.

# Redevelopment and Economic Development

- West Avenue Olson Company: Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Feb. 2 for The Olson Company's affordable housing project, which was approved by the Council in December. The 34-unit development will be built along the south side of the 400 block of West Avenue, and will consist of 3- and 4-bedroom detached single-family units featuring a Mediterranean design. The homes will be sold to moderate-income buyers. The project will be completed in three phases (10-12 units in each phase) over the next two years.
- Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity completed the final two units of Phase 2 along the 400 block of W. Valencia Drive in January. This brings the total number of Habitat homes completed to six. Three units are reserved for very-low-income households, while the other three are reserved for low-income households. A third and final phase will be built adjacent to Phase 2, and construction of the five homes will begin in March, and are to be completed by January. All five units will be reserved for very-low-income households.
- West Harbor Alley Improvement: The West Harbor Alley Improvement project the second phase of the water main upgrade project is located in the public alley between Wilshire and Amerige avenues. Two community design workshops were held in July, with roughly a dozen citizens attending. Postcard invitations were mailed to approximately 1,000 addresses in the Downtown C-3 zone, and an ad was placed in the "Fullerton Tribune." Input from the workshops was given to the consultant who, in turn, created design alternatives that were submitted to the Redevelopment Design Review Committee (RDRC). In October, the RDRC was presented with an overview of the project and reviewed existing conditions. In November, the Committee reviewed proposed design concepts and unanimously recommended approval of the project as designed. The preferred design is tentatively scheduled for presentation to Council this spring.
- 2010 North Orange County Business Expo: The City's Redevelopment and Economic Development Department, together with the Fullerton, Brea, La Habra, Placentia, and Yorba Linda chambers of commerce, are preparing for the 2010 North Orange County Business Expo March 26 at the CSUF Titan Student Union. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6

p.m., with free admission for the public to attend morning workshops and an afternoon expo. A keynote luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Seating will be limited and pre-registration for the \$35 luncheon ticket is highly recommended.

- Department Website Statistics: The Department's section on the City website provides information and updates about projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing and economic development activities. In January, the section drew 1,779 hits.
- Unemployment Rates: Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: United States – 10 percent; California – 12.2 percent; Orange County – 8.4 percent; and Fullerton – 10.5 percent. This data was provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board.
- Economic Development Action Team: Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business in Fullerton or to expand their existing business. The following meeting took place recently:
  - Address: 204 N. Harbor Blvd.; theater/entertainment; jobs four volunteer opportunities and six cast members; 1,400 square feet.
- California Manufacturing Technology Consulting (CMTC): California Manufacturing Technology Consulting provides manufacturing and distribution consulting services which improve California's industrial base and the state's economic vitality. The CMTC's Small Business Consulting Group operates the Small Manufacturers Advantage program designed to meet the critical needs of small manufacturers (annual sales of \$15 million or less) and is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Manufacturing Extension Partnership. City staff participated in the following meetings in January:
  - ➤ Royal Welding and Fabricating: Founded in 1968, the company focuses on independent and precision machining for sanitary products for restaurant food, beverages, pharmaceutical and chemical companies.
  - Aurident, Inc.: Established in 1974, Aurident, Inc. is a manufacturer of dental alloys and materials. The company also services the dental laboratory industry.
- Four Corners Transportation and Economic Summit: The "Four Corners" area is where Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties unite geographically. Acknowledging this area as a significant transportation hub, the Four Corners Transportation Coalition hosted a Transportation and Economic Summit Jan. 28 in Diamond Bar to address the road to recovery during the recession and transportation's role in the recovery process. Panels of experts discussed topics encompassing the economic viability of the region and cooperation with Southern California transportation. A keynote address was given by state Sen. Bob Huff. Redevelopment and Economic Development staff attended the summit, noting the importance of the City's location within the Four Corners region. The goal of the Coalition is to facilitate implementation of regional transportation projects. The City recognizes its vested interest in the region's long-term economic growth, along with being a part of a regional collaboration to achieve a widespread solution.