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Fullerton



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'Dog Days' are back!

If your pooch kisses like there's no tomorrow, eats like he has just gotten off a diet, or bears a striking resemblance to you, the Fullerton Museum Center would like to have a talk with you.

Dogs of all shapes, sizes and talents are being sought for the Museum's annual "Dog

Days of Summer" talent show and competition set for Aug.12.

The event will be held at the outdoor Fullerton Market, located on Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue. Doggie competitions and entertainment will be held from 5-8 p.m.; the market runs from 4-8:30 p.m.

Prizes will go to the dog who: is the best kisser; has the loudest bark; is the fastest eater; does the best pet trick; and most resembles its owner.

Owners may sign their dogs up for the competitions at the event. The competitions are limited to 10 dogs per event.

In addition to the competitions, a variety of dog- and petrelated vendors will be selling dog treats, apparel, toys and supplies. Other vendors will be offering dog-sitting services, pet adoption, and animal shelter information.

Parking may be found in any of the free downtown lots, or in the parking structures at Wilshire (enter from Harbor); Lemon Street and Chapman Avenue; and in the Transportation Center on Pomona and Santa Fe Avenue.

Adopt a book!

The Fullerton Public Library is looking for generous citizens or organizations willing to "Adopt a Book or Magazine Subscription" to help it build and maintain its collection in the face of major budget cuts.

For fiscal 2010-11, the Library's acquisitions budget has been cut 98 percent, said Director Maureen Gebelein.

Persons willing to "adopt" a book or a magazine can contact the administration office of the Fullerton Public Library at (714) 738-6380.

Donations can be sent to the Library at 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832.

Fullerton Transportation Center parking structure expansion project

Since the 1800s. the Fullerton Transportation Center (FTC) has been a rail hub for North Orange County. Today, the Transportation Center is one of 11 train stations throughout Orange County undergoing structural changes as a response to the increased demand for less expensive commuting options.

The Fullerton Transportation Center offers Amtrak and Metrolink trains and OCTA buses as affordable travel alternatives. Approximately 3,000 passengers take advantage of the FTC

daily, causing parking demand to exceed parking capacity. Ridership is further expected to increase due to the adopted Metrolink Service Expansion (MSE) Program, which will expand passenger rail service between Fullerton and the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station over (Continued to pg. 2)

Rendering of new parking structure



Visit the City's web site: www.ci.fullerton.ca.us or www.cityof fullerton.com

Emergency preparedness:

City of Fullerton prepared to deliver a reliable supply of water

as reminder to local residents of the need to prepare for

emergencies. Smart planning and key infrastructure investments have helped to ensure that the City of Fullerton is ready to provide a safe and reliable water supply during disasters.

The City of Fullerton's emergency preparedness efforts begin with the design of our water storage and delivery systems, which feature protections like back-up power, wireless communications, looped pipelines and reservoirs.

The City's water supply includes eight Metropolitan Water District (MWD) connections which supply water from the Colorado River and Northern California, 11 active water wells, and five connections with



The City's reservoirs are equipped with flexible valves, solar power mixing devices and wireless communications. Shown is the City's Hawks Point

surrounding cities. This system offers multiple water supply points to our residents in case of major pipeline damage due to a local disaster. In addition, the City has built and upgraded 15 reservoirs - with capacities varying from 2 to 6.5 million

Recent earthquakes in Southern California should serve gallons, for a total 65 million gallons - to supply customers with water during emergencies.

> The City is also well prepared once a disaster has occurred. The City maintains an Emergency Operation Center and all Water Division personnel are regularly trained in emergency management protocols, which helps speed response times.

> Our neighboring water agencies also participate in a regional aid agreement whose purpose is to coordinate an emergency response to events such as an earthquake, flood, fire or other regional disaster.

> For more information regarding emergency drinking water supplies for your family, visit http://www.fema.gov/ plan/prepare/water.shtm.

For additional information about the

City of Fullerton's efforts to provide a reliable water supply and steps you can take to prepare for an emergency, please visit http://www.cityoffullerton.com/ or call the City's Water Engineering Office at (714) 738-6845.

<u>More about:</u>

Transportation Center parking expansion project

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the next five years.

At this time, the FTC offers 467 surface parking spots and 298 spaces in the parking structure located at Santa Fe and Pomona avenues which are regularly filled to capacity. To help ease the growing parking demands, the Fullerton Transportation Center Parking Structure



Expansion Project is expected to provide 821 additional parking spaces.

The new parking structure, which will be located at 130 W. Santa Fe, is necessary to provide

additional long-term parking to serve the growing number of Amtrak California's Pacific Surfliner intercity rail service and Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Metrolink commuter rail service patrons.

The project, which is expected to break ground this winter, includes construction of a three-story parking structure with four levels above ground and one level of subterranean parking. The structure will reach a height of 45 feet from ground level. The project also includes a pedestrian bridge over Harbor Boulevard to connect the parking structure to the Fullerton Transportation Center platform.

Construction of infrastructure and utilities to support the parking structure, as well as enhancements to the

roadways surrounding the parking structure, will be designed to facilitate overall circulation in the area. It is estimated the construction will take approximately 18 months, with the parking structure expected to open to the public in the summer of 2012.

In addition to the new parking structure, a Video Surveillance System will be installed in the parking structure and throughout the FTC. Santa Ana and Tustin will also be receiving a new Video Surveillance System at their respective train stations.

In addition, Tustin will increase the number of parking spaces at its train station by 825. Construction on that project is expected to begin this summer.

The FTC Parking Structure Project is funded with \$15,360,000 of Prop. 116 funds, \$13,860,000 from Measure M funds, \$11,250,000 of State funds, and \$1,500,000 of Fullerton Redevelopment funds with a total project cost of \$41,970,000.

For more information about the project please visit the City of Fullerton website at http://www.cityoffullerton.com/ depts/eco_dev/default.asp, and http:// www.cityoffullerton.com/visitors/downtown_fullerton/ transportation_center.asp.

Additional information can be found on the OCTA website at http://www.octa.net/pdf/Fullerton_MetrolinkFactsheet.pdf.



Museum exhibit pops the cap on beer!

On display now at the Fullerton Museum Center is "Kegged, Casked, Bottled, or Canned: 10,000 Years of Beer," a new exhibit which zeroes in on the history of the intoxicating brew. Through the use of advertising material, tap handles, metal signs, prints, beer steins, and fixtures from the home brewing industry, the exhibit traces the history of beer back to the 6th millennium B.C. One of the world's oldest beverages, beer is mentioned in ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian accounts and also shows up in the earliest Sumerian writings. In Europe, beer's colorful past includes this tidbit: During the Middle Ages, monks brewed it to drink while fasting (a loophole in the rules allowing liquids). The exhibit runs through Oct. 10. For further information, call the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Saturday operational hours returned to Main Library for summer

Saturday operational hours at the Main Library have been restored for the summer thanks to the Fullerton City Council.

The Council, at its July 6 meeting, voted to transfer \$8,000 from the Council's budget to the Library's budget to allow the Main Library to be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays through the summer.

The Council also directed City staff to find an additional \$16,000 to fund the Saturday hours throughout the remainder of the current fiscal year.

The proposal to close the Main Library Fridays and Saturdays was one of the reductions approved for the Fullerton Public Library to save on staff and operational costs for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

In addition to the Friday and Saturday closures, the Main Library reduced operational hours throughout the week. The current schedule is 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Also under the approved deductions, the Hunt Branch is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and noon-8 p.m. Thursdays only; the Bookmobile has been taken out of service; and there has been a 98 percent cut in the Library's materials acquisition budget.

The decision to reduce library hours was made by the Council in June as it struggled to close an approximate \$8 million gap in the fiscal 2010-11 municipal budget caused by the economic downturn. Cuts were made across the board, affecting all City departments and operations.

Further information about the new schedule for the libraries may be obtained by calling the administrative office for the Fullerton Public Library at (714) 738-6380.

City schedules second free 'Shredder Day' for Oct. 9

In response to citizen requests, the City of Fullerton will host a second "Shredder Day" to allow residents to dispose of personal documents and papers.

The date of the new event is Oct. 9.

The City has again contracted with America Shredding to be stationed in the City Hall visitor parking lot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 9 to accept boxes of personal documents to be shredded at no charge to citizens. The documents will be shredded on the spot.

At the first "Shredder Day" May 22, 13,000 pounds of paper were shredded – the equivalent, once the shredded material is recycled into new paper, of saving 65 trees.

As with the May "Shredder Day," citizens may bring dead batteries to the October event for disposal. As a new component, electronic waste will also be collected for recycling.

Citizens may bring five 10-inch-by-12-inch-by-16 inch boxes filled to the brim with paper to be shredded for free. Additional boxes over the five free loads will be charged \$5 per box.

Electronic items that will be accepted for recycling are

CD, VCR and DVD players; computer monitors and CPUs; desktop copiers; computer keyboards; fax machines; stereos; and microwave ovens.

"Green boxes" will be set up to collect old batteries (sorry, no car batteries) and small electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, power tools, calculators, cameras, etc.) for disposal, also free of charge.

At the May 22 event, 13 boxes of batteries were collected. Fullerton City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. The visitor lot is to the rear of City Hall and can be accessed from Amerige Avenue.

By the way, if you can't round up all your old batteries and inoperable small battery-operated devices by Oct. 9, no worry: The City offers the "green box" program year-round, and collection boxes can be found at City Hall, the Main and Hunt Branch libraries, the Senior Multi-Service Center, the Fullerton Museum Center, Independence Park, the Garnet Community Center and the City Maintenance Yard.

Further information may be obtained by calling the City Public Information Office at (714) 738-6317.



Gardens beautiful

The nonprofit Fullerton Beautiful recently announced the 2010 winners of its "beautiful yard" awards. Shown here are the winners in the residential category: (photo top left) Kaluzny home, 400 N. Malden Ave.; (photo top right) Carter home, 100 N. Hart Place; and (photo at right) Mathews home, 1375 Riverside Drive. Winners in the commercial category were: Dunlap Real Estate Investments, 801 E. Chapman Ave.; Frank Webb Architects and Ahbe Landscape Architects, 1016 N. Harbor Blvd.; and Office of Sharon Lewis-Bultsma and Maribeth Ekey, Psy.D., 1012 E. Chapman Ave. The awards were presented at a Fullerton City Council meeting.





Community dialogues

Community Development Director Al Zelinka is conducting a series of bi-monthly "Community Dialogues" in which citizens are invited to meet with him and discuss the issues, concerns and hopes they have regarding the City's growth and development.

Zelinka said the dialogues will help the department meet the goals of its mission statement.

"I believe community involvement in the planning process is absolutely essential to achieving those goals," Zelinka said, "and I hope the public will take advantage of these meetings to share their ideas, issues and other information."

The "Community Dialogues" will continue throughout 2011. Following is the schedule of the meetings and locations:

- 6-7 p.m. Sept. 28, 2010, and Jan. 25, May 24 and Sept. 27, 2011 Vision Center, Room 140, Grace Ministries International, 150 S. Brookhurst Road.
- 8-9 a.m. Nov. 23, 2010, and March 22, July 26 and Nov. 22, 2011 Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, 444 N. Harbor Blvd.

Further information may be obtained by calling Zelinka at (714) 738-3347, or by email at alz@ci.fullerton.ca.us.

Emergency preparedness focus of August 'Conversation'

Learning how to protect yourself and your loved ones will be the focus of the Aug. 26 session of "Conversation with your City," a special program series presented by Councilwoman Sharon Quirk-Silva.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.

Guest speaker will be Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe, who will talk about emergency preparedness.

The Chief will also discuss the City's "Community Emergency Response Team," which trains citizens to provide immediate assistance to disaster victims, as well as organize volunteers to assist Fire, Police and Maintenance departments in emergencies.

No registration is necessary to participate in the "Conversation;" citizens can just drop by and join in.

Speakers scheduled for future programs include Engineering Director Don Hoppe and Maintenance Services Director Bob Savage Oct. 28 and Redevelopment and Economic Development Director Rob zur Schmiede Jan. 6.

Further information may be obtained by calling the City Council Office at Fullerton City Hall at (714) 738-6311.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the program are asked to notify the Museum Center staff at (714) 738-6545 prior to Aug. 26.



Museum Center calendar

Secrets of the Brew Masters With Jeff Williams of O'Shea Brewing

1-4 p.m. Aug. 14

\$12 general/\$10 Museum members
Learn how beer is made and how to distinguish
different varieties. This program is a must for the
aspiring beer aficionado! Following the
presentation, samples will be served. Participants
must be 21 or older.

Art workshop for Adults: Bottle Cap Treasures

7-9 p.m. Sept. 14

\$10 general/\$8 Museum members

Turn old beer bottle caps into fun magnets and jewelry. We will be using resin epoxy, collage materials, hot glue, beads and other fun art supplies. Bring your own bottle caps or use some of ours for no additional charge.

The Art of Nature

9 a.m.-noon Aug. 23-27 For students in grades 1-6

\$105 general/\$90 for Museum members In this half day program, young artists will create original artwork in a variety of media. The earth, sea and stars will be our inspiration! We will be exploring the plants and insects in our urban surroundings, learning about dinosaurs, and inviting live animals into our studio to pose for us. Online registration is available at fullertonEconnect.com or in person at the Fullerton Museum Center 301 N. Pomona Ave.

Fullerton Market

4 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays Through Oct.28

Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue

Featuring farm-fresh produce, arts and crafts, handmade apparel, live entertainment, food booths, rides and special activities for kids, and a beer and wine garden for adults.

Call 714-738-6545 for more information



Painting tips to prevent water Pollution

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Fullerton and all of Orange County. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful.

Paint can cause significant damage to our environment. Whether you hire a contractor or do-it-yourself, it is important to follow these simple tips when purchasing, using, cleaning, storing and disposing of paint. Following these easy tips will help prevent water pollution.

Purchasing paint

- Measure the room or object to be painted, then buy only the amount needed.
- When possible, use water-based paint since it usually does not require hazardous solvents like paint thinner for clean-up.

Painting

- Use only one brush or roller per color of paint to reduce the amount of water needed for cleaning.
- Always use a tarp under the area or object being painted to collect paint drips and contain spills.

Cleaning paint brushes

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- For oil-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible. Clean brushes with thinner.
- For water-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible, then rinse in the sink.
- Collect all paint chips and dust. Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead, mercury or tributyl are hazardous waste. Sweep up chips and dust and dispose at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).

Storing paint

- Store paint in a dry location away from the elements.
- Store in original or clearly marked containers.
- Avoid storing paint cans directly on cement floors. The bottom of the can will rust much faster on cement.
- Place the lid on firmly and store the paint can upside down to prevent air from entering. This will keep the paint usable longer. Oil-based paint is usable for up to 15 years. Water-based paint remains usable for up to 10 years.

Disposing of paint

- Never put wet paint in the trash.
 - For water-based paint:
- If possible, brush the leftover paint on cardboard or newspaper. Otherwise, allow the paint to dry in the can with the lid off in a well-ventilated area protected from the elements, children and pets. Stirring the paint every few days will speed up the drying.
- Large quantities of extra paint should be taken to a HHWCC.
- Once dried, paint and painted surfaces may be disposed of in the trash

For oil-based paint or aerosol paint cans:

• Dispose of at a HHWCC.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum St. For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com

- On-going Fullerton Certified Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, east of Euclid Street; (714) 871-5304.
- On-going Kiwanis Club of Fullerton, 12:10-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wyndham Hotel, 222 W. Houston Ave.; new members welcome; (714) 255-0925.
- On-going Fullerton Radio Club, 7 p.m. third Wednesday of month, Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave.; (714) 680-4258.
- On-going Newcomers Club, luncheon meetings the fourth Thursday of each month; open to women who are new to area or long-time residents; (714) 992-2356.
- On-going Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m., first Monday of month, First Christian Church, 109 E. Wilshire Ave.; conducted in cooperation with the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County; (714) 525-5525.
- On-going Prostate Forum of Fullerton, 12:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month and 7 p.m. fourth Thursday, First Presbyterian Church, 838 N. Euclid St.; sponsor Prostate of Fullerton; (714) 607-9241.
- On-going Downtown Fullerton Art Walk,
 6-10 p.m., first Friday of month; featuring galleries and businesses in Fullerton's downtown;
 www.FullertonArtWalk.com.
- On-going Bingo Night, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsor St. Mary's Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-going Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Breakfast Meetings, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Thursdays, Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive; (714) 743-8670.
- On-going Fullerton Men's Golf Club, 6 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, Fullerton Municipal Golf Course, 2700 N. Harbor Blvd.; (714) 578-9201.
- Aug. 11 Summer Outdoor Concert, 6:30-8 p.m., Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine St., off Bastanchury Road, west of Brea Boulevard; featuring live entertainment and activities for kids; free; sponsor Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department; (714) 738-6575.
- Aug. 18 Summer Outdoor Concert, 6:30-8 p.m., Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine St., off Bastanchury Road, west of Brea Boulevard;

- featuring live entertainment and activities for kids; free; sponsor Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department; (714) 738-6575.
- Aug. 20 "All that Jazz" Boys & Girls Club of Fullerton Annual Kids Auction Gala, 5 p.m., Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.; featuring dinner, live entertainment, auction and prizes; proceeds go to the Boys & Girls Club; tickets (714) 871-1391, ext. 1004.
- Aug. 26 "Conversation with your City," a special program presented by Councilwoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, 7:30 p.m., Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; quest speaker Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe; (714) 738-6311.
- Aug. 28 7th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, 6-9 p.m., Golleher Alumni House, CSUF Campus, 800 N. State College Blvd; proceeds to benefit CSUF Alumni Association student scholarship program; tickets (714) 278-2586
- Sept. 11-12 Salvia Spectacular, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; event will feature more than 125 salvia species and varieties for sale; (657) 278-3407.
- Sept. 12 "Beauty for a Cause" Benefit Cut-a-Thon, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Salon Lujon & Day Spa, 216 N. Harbor Blvd.; sponsor Low Vision Council of the Southern California College of Optometry Foundation for the Preservation of Sight; proceeds will benefit the Council; (714) 738-1882.
- Sept. 16 Beginning Square Dancing Classes, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Bernardo Yorba Middle School, 5350 Fairmont Blvd., Yorba Linda; sponsor Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club of Fullerton; (714) 773-0933.
- Sept. 18 "Fabulous Forties" Fund-raising Gala, 5:30 p.m., Fullerton Marriott, 701 E. Nutwood Ave., on the CSUF campus; sponsor Museum of Teaching and Learning; proceeds to benefit the Museum; tickets (317) 496-0686.
- Sept. 18 Crab Feast and Auction Under the Stars, 6-10 p.m., North Orange County Family YMCA, 2000 Youth Way; evening will feature all-you-can-eat dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment; proceeds to benefit the YMCA; tickets (714) 879-9622.
- Sept. 19 17th Annual FIES Dinner and Auction, 4:30 p.m., Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante, 550 N. Harbor Blvd.; proceeds to benefit Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service's work to overcome hunger and homelessness in Fullerton; tickets (714) 680-3691.

Send Calendar items to Public Information Office, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., 92832. Mark them "Attention: Focus on Fullerton." Items may also be emailed to SylviaP@ci.fullerton.ca.us or faxed to 738-6758. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.