Council Briefing

August 2010

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- New police alarm permits issued in July totaled 46, with the total number of active permits as of July 31 at 5,045.
- Invoices billed in July totaled 591, with a valuation of \$1,286,779.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in July totaled 726 and 276, respectively, with a valuation of \$12,384,063.

Information Technology:

- ➤ The City's IVR (Interactive Voice System) is in its final testing, with implementation to follow in two weeks. This new system will allow scheduling of inspections with staff in Community Development.
- > Staff is in the process of setting up a web server for the City's new Utility Billing System. This will allow citizens to continue to pay their utility bills on-line.
- The renovation of the Main Library will call for an expansion of the WiFi access for patrons. Staff is in the process of getting bid proposals for this project.
- Purchasing: In July, the Division created approximately 84 purchase orders and change orders; saved \$550 through early payment discounts; and achieved cost savings totaling \$17,150 for July through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases and state/government resources. Central Services processed 10,592 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

➤ In July, 126 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that sum, 77 were businesses in Fullerton and 49 were located out of the city, but doing business here. Business tax collected for new registrants totaled \$10,318.41.

- ➤ A total of 133 businesses closed in July: 55 in the city and 78 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in July numbered 736, which totaled \$82,769 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In July, the Division answered 2,735 calls and processed 3,912 cash register transactions totaling \$8,555,101. Of those transactions, 1,205 were credit cards, 1,156 checks, 867 cash, and 166 direct deposits.

Community Development

Customer Service:

- ➤ Planning Technician Elaine Dove received a note of appreciation: "Thank you for all your research, Elaine.... Many thanks for your time, consideration and courtesy. We very much appreciate your professional assistance."
- ➤ The staff is exploring the potential for a small wind turbine demonstration project in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department. Prior to moving forward with any amendment to the Municipal Code to allow such devices, staff is working with a small wind turbine business owner to gain first hand data on the feasibility and learn of any impacts to a roof mounted installation in a residential zone.
- ➤ Planning Staff assisted a resident over the phone with questions regarding an established home-based business, which is expanding. Staff was able to provide information that prevented him from incurring the expense of getting "stamped" Engineering plans before coming to the Planning Department to see if his idea complied with the FMC.
- > Staff referred an elderly resident to Eastside Church for help with property maintenance.
- Community Preservation assisted a resident who came to the counter to submit a complaint about his neighbors. The complaint included an observation that at least 15 people were living at the property, several inoperable vehicles and piled-up trash/debris cluttered the driveway, a number of once nice trees that lined their block wall had been cut down, multiple trash containers are regularly left in front of their property, and a concern that people were living in a make-shift shed in the backyard that is also visible from the public right-of-way. Staff promptly inspected the subject property and received a call from the complainant who was grateful for the quick response, especially since he is trying to sell his home.
- ➤ In July, Permit Counter staff responded to 2,418 telephone inquiries on building issues. Visitors to the front counter continue to express concerns about longer wait times for assistance due to staff reductions. Staff is working on procedures to address the issue.

Community Engagement:

- ➤ Planning staff conducted interviews with property owners, business owners, and other stakeholders as part of a Council-authorized existing conditions analysis of the southeast and northern industrial areas.
- Staff conducted three workshops with businesses, the sign industry and residents to discuss and gain an understanding on community preferences regarding dynamic signs and their regulation.
- > Created a new section on the internet for the public to access Downtown3D model files.
- ➤ A neighbor, Bill Mudge of Orange County Vector Control (OCVC), and Community Preservation staff have, for almost a year, been monitoring a foreclosed vacant property with a pool. The property has been completely secured and OCVC is treating the pool on a regular schedule. On notification of the neighbor, staff learned the house was recently vandalized, occupied for a day, and a water hose was left running in the pool. Staff located the lender/REO for the bank in charge of the property, issued a verbal Notice of Violation, and the lender/REO responded immediately to clean and secure the property.
- Community Preservation continues to assist the Permit Counter due to increased activity.

Economic Development:

- ➤ Staff responded to a request from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to provide additional information on the Fullerton Transportation Center Specific Plan for the Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program project application. The additional information was a two-sided brochure, matching objectives of the Specific Plan with the goals of the Catalyst Program to promote the project should it be selected. Approximately six development projects will be selected as Catalyst Projects in communities throughout California to "incentivize" sustainable communities and test innovative strategies.
- Participating in newly-formed City-wide team focusing on analyzing existing conditions on Euclid and Commonwealth corridors; efforts also include planning short- and long-term strategies to address concerns raised by auto dealers for Council consideration.
- ➤ Staff issued a request for expression of interest to consultants to register for the anticipated late-2010 Downtown Fullerton Core and Corridors Specific Plan (see www.downtownfullertonspecificplan.info).
- > Staff participated in proactive joint inspections to restore the Williamson Automotive Corridor to vitality.

Public Health and Safety:

Community Preservation staff observed a very large pile of construction debris left behind a vacant supermarket undergoing an interior demolition and all of the workers had left for the day. Staff located a phone number for the contractor in charge of the project and told him the debris needed to be removed as soon as possible due to the hazard. He said he was surprised it was not cleaned up since they remove it daily; staff sent a picture by email to show him how bad it was. He had it cleaned up right away.

- ➤ Staff completed the public review phase of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The draft document will now be forwarded to CalEMA and FEMA for review and approval, prior to coming to the Planning Commission and City Council for action.
- Community Preservation continued providing information to residents about Animal Control. Resident concerns have included a "pack of coyotes" in a neighborhood, as well as stray cats living in a tree and causing a flea epidemic.
- ➤ Building staff conducted 1,100 inspections, which included corrective actions involving the health and safety of buildings and occupants.

Quality of Life:

- ➤ Staff met with representatives from Anaheim, the County of Orange, and OCTA to continue discussion on commuter bike route linkage connections between the cities in North Orange County. These agencies met again at the end of July to identify each city's General Plan bikeway routes and to discuss linkage gaps.
- ➤ Community Preservation picked up two tires from the alley of the 700 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue and dropped them off at the City Maintenance dump site. The complainant was happy with the quick response.
- Community Preservation staff advocated for a tenant (receiving housing assistance) to move out of her apartment on short notice, due to roach infestation. Staff spoke with the property manager and he agreed to allow the tenant to move out without a penalty for breaking her lease.
- ➤ After years of numerous inspections, working with property owners, filing a criminal case, obtaining a receivership, building rapport with and overseeing Receivership workmanship and repairs, the Parkin Gardens property, 1201 S. Gilbert St., will now be sold to new owners. The City was successful at mitigating a problem property that had been a source of chronic housing and health and safety complaints since 1995 and improving the quality of life for all current and future tenants. Quality of life was also improved for neighboring properties affected by the neglect of property management and complete disregard of property maintenance; such as overflowing trash, graffiti, vehicle issues, etc.
- ➤ The free "Green Permit" program ended June 30, with a total of 279 permits issued and \$128,489 in permit fees waived.

Volume of Work and Professional Development:

> Planning staff, along with Redevelopment Agency staff, completed the draft Fullerton Transportation Center Specific Plan and accompanying environmental analysis for

- internal review. Following review by the project team staff, the documents will be released for public review this month.
- > Staff continued dialogue with Tidemark (permit systems) to help desk technicians to solve GIS connection to Tidemark issues.
- ➤ GIS Specialist Diana McCarthy attended a day of training workshops at the ESRI International User Conference (GIS).
- ➤ Planning staff, working with the Engineering Department and the project team for the Library expansion project, obtained a one-time incentive payment of \$5,511, pending verification of installation, from Southern California Edison's Savings by Design Program for the interior lighting and HVAC systems.
- From June 23 through July 25, Community Preservation had 653 active cases; received 253 complaints (149 for July); resolved 231 complaints (164); conducted 679 inspections (498); issued 101 courtesy notices (92), 101 first notices of violations (75), and 38 citations (28); granted 18 extensions (13); received 24 graffiti complaints (15); sent 10 compliance letters (8); arranged pick up of 22 large items, such as sofas (14); and billed \$9,330 in revenue (\$7,400).
- ➤ In July, the Building Division: received 240 new plan submissions; conducted 135 overthe-counter plan checks; made 792 inspection calls; conducted 1,109 inspections; responded to 17 complaints; conducted 4 NPDES inspections; conducted 38 mechanical, electrical and plumbing plan checks; handled 5,302 customers at the counter; and issued 520 plans and permits.
- ➤ In July, the Planning Division: handled 215 general zone code inquiries at the front counter, as well as 99 by email and 85 by phone; handled 22 residential property-specific and 24 commercial/industrial property-specific inquiries at the front counter; conducted 69 over-the-counter plan checks; handled 22 business registration inquiries; and handled 15 inquiries resulting from Community Preservation action.

Engineering

- Project Development and Design: Work is expected to begin in early September on the Grandview Avenue Sewer Replacement Project from Woods Avenue to Fern Drive. The \$417,090 contract was awarded to Garcia Juarez Construction July 20. The work includes replacing the sewer main, and reconstructing manholes, curb, gutter, and pavement.
- Construction Management:
 - > The sewer replacement in the Carol Drive/Magnolia Avenue area was completed in July.
 - ➤ To date, the construction crew has completed all sewer main installation and house connections on the Drake/Brea Creek/Commonwealth Sewer and Street Improvements Project. Curb/gutter and driveway replacement has occurred on the 500 blocks of W.

Amerige, Whiting and Wilshire avenues. This equates to approximately 50 percent of the total scheduled replacements, with the remainder occurring on the 300 block of W. Whiting Avenue and on Richman Avenue, between Chapman and Commonwealth. Paving remains for all streets. The work is estimated to be completed in October.

- Construction is expected to be completed in September on the Water Main System Replacement / Sewer and Street Improvement Project for fiscal 2009-10. Council awarded this \$633,344 project to Garcia Juarez Construction in May, and construction began in early July. In general, the work includes: removing existing pipes and manholes; constructing 4- and 8-inch water mains; constructing 8-inch sewer lines; and constructing extensions, reconnections, access ramps, sidewalk, curb/gutter, and all related work. The contractor completed the sewer main installation and all house connections. The next project segment includes new water services and water main installation on Lois Lane, from Fern Drive to Woods Avenue.
- Work is expected to be completed in September on the Riverside Drive and Raymond Avenue Area Sewer Reconstruction Project. This \$1,064,038.50 project was awarded by Council to Nikola Corporation, and work began in May. Among the tasks included in reconstruction are: existing sewer removal and new sewer installation; reinforced concrete box storm drain construction; failed street and alley pavement removal/replacement; access ramps; and restriping. The contractor has completed installing new sewer main on Riverside and Raymond. Three alleys remain, with street repairs to follow.

Water Engineering:

- ➤ On Sept. 29, 2008, the City Manager mandated a 10 percent reduction in water consumption when compared to a three-year average of calendar years 2004, 2005 and 2006. Water Engineering, Parks and Recreation, and Maintenance Services have been actively working together to reduce water usage at all City-operated sites. For calendar year 2009, the City saved approximately 35.5 million gallons, or 14 percent. From January through June 2010, the City saved approximately 27.2 million gallons, which amounts to a 29 percent reduction in water usage.
- ➤ Share the Power Program: Southern California Edison (SCE) offers several programs in which customers are paid to reduce electrical demand during grid events and emergencies declared by SCE. In November, the City agreed to participate in SCE's "Share the Power Program" through one of its approved third-party vendors, EnergyConnect. In this program, the City agrees to reduce its electrical demand on the grid by turning off various wells and booster pumps for a minimum of one and a maximum of four hours when SCE declares a power shortage event. In return, the City receives a monthly standby payment based on an agreed-upon amount of electrical demand. The "Share the Power Program" is a no-cost, no-risk program which the City can terminate at any time. The City received its monthly standby payment of \$5,569 for the first quarter of 2010. There were no events called by SCE during this period; consequently, the City was not required to reduce its power usage at any time.

Fire

- Statistics: The Department responded to 920 requests for service in July, which was down somewhat from the 956 requests recorded in July 2009. Of the 920 requests, 688 were medical aid calls, 85 were automatic aid responses, 27 were fires, 10 were hazardous materials incidents, and 55 were service calls. Of the 688 medical aid calls, 439 required advanced life support and 249 required basic life support. In addition, the Department received 86 automatic aid responses in return.
- Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:
 - At 4:34 p.m. July 1, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a structure fire in the 500 block of S. Raymond. Avenue. Fire units extinguished an electrical panel fire. The building was evacuated and SCE responded to repair the electrical power problem. Several businesses were without power for the day.
 - At 1:16 p.m. July 5, Engine 5 was dispatched to a home in the 2700 block of Sequoia Avenue on a reported cardiac arrest. On entering the home, Paramedics found a woman dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police took over the scene.
 - At 5:34 p.m. July 6, Engine 1 responded on a report of a stabbing in a business in the 400 block of S. Harbor Boulevard. Paramedics provided advance life support treatment to a woman who had been stabbed in the chest. She was transported to a trauma center.
 - At 2:22 a.m. July 8, Engine 5 responded to a vehicle fire at E. Madison Avenue and Cameo Lane. The crew found a mini-van that was fully involved in fire. The owner of the vehicle could not be located. Cause of the fire is undetermined and the loss was estimated at \$7,500.
 - ➤ At 8:13 p.m. July 9, Engine 5 was dispatched to Cal State Fullerton on an automatic fire alarm response and met the campus police at the library. Cal State's Communications Center notified both Fire and Police that all campus fire alarm systems had been activated simultaneously. Engine 5's crew walked each building to check for smoke/fire and attempted to reset each alarm. After an "all clear" for any fire, the crew left the scene, with campus police waiting for the alarm company to arrive and make repairs.
 - At 2:45 p.m. July 11, Engine 2 responded to the intersection of Euclid Street and Malvern Avenue on a report of a Police Officer-involved traffic accident. Police Sgt. Eric Halverson was treated on scene and escorted to a trauma center accompanied by Engine 2 Paramedics. A second patient in the collision was treated on scene as well, and transported to a local hospital.
 - At 12:05 a.m. July 14, Engine 2 and Truck 1 were dispatched to the westbound 91 Freeway, west of the Brookhurst on-ramp, on an accident involving a pickup truck and a semi-tractor trailer with a possible fatality. On arrival, Firefighters found the pickup truck's engine and driver-passenger compartment fully involved in fire. While extinguishing the

- fire, the crew found a badly burned body behind the wheel of the pickup truck. Truck 1 and Battalion 1 assisted with extricating the body from the truck.
- At 1:40 p.m. July 14, Engines 1, 3 and 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to the 1500 block of S. Highland Avenue on a reported residential structure fire. The fire turned out to be a stovetop blaze which had extended to the microwave and the area surrounding the stovetop. Estimated damage was \$3,500.
- At 1:01 p.m. July 15, Engines 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to the Fullerton Airport on a report of a plane into a fence. A single-engine plane had run off the end of the runway and into the chain link fence bordering the Airport property. The pilot was uninjured and there were no other occupants. A small amount of fuel that had leaked out of the plane was contained by Airport personnel.
- At 1:09 p.m. July 16, Engines 1 and 4 and Truck 1 responded to the 3000 block of Santa Rosa Place for a residential fire. Units found a small portion of a single-family residence roof was on fire, and quickly extinguished it. Crews then checked for extension and overhauled the area. The cause of the fire was determined to be an electrical short. Loss was estimated at \$18,000 to a residence valued at \$800,000.
- ➤ At 5:17 p.m. July 16, Engine 3 was sent to investigate a report of water coming up from a parking lot in the 700 block of S. Raymond Avenue. The crew found a large amount of water in the street and determined the leak came from an underground line failure. The water was shut off, disabling the sprinkler system to an adjacent factory. A fire watch was initiated until repairs could be made to put the sprinkler system back in service.
- At 4:11 a.m. July 17, Truck 1 responded to a water main break in the 600 block of S. Newell Avenue which had lifted the asphalt and had dropped the gutter a few inches. Firefighters shut down the 4-inch water main to stop the water flow. The residents and the City's Water Division were notified.
- At 12:20 p.m. July 20, Engine 1 and Truck 1 were dispatched to a reported traffic accident involving a semi-truck, a motorcycle, and a fuel spill. Paramedics evaluated and treated one patient, who was transported to an area hospital. The Fire units contained the leaking fuel from the semi-truck.
- At 10 p.m. July 29, Engine 1 responded to a report of a shooting victim at Hill and Malden avenues. Paramedics treated a young man who sustained multiple gunshot wounds. The patient was transported to a local hospital, where he died.
- ➤ On July 29, Engine 1 was dispatched as part of an Orange County Strike Team to the Crown Fire in the Leone Valley. The crew was assigned structure protection on the "Hot Fire Line Assignment;" and returned safely to Fullerton at 7 p.m. July 31.

Public Events/Requests

➤ The mobile EOC was stationed at the Fullerton College parking lot between 5-10 p.m. July 4 for the Community Fireworks Show and Festival at Fullerton High School Stadium.

- No significant incidents were reported during the event. Fire Prevention personnel provided inspection services and stand-by at the fireworks firing zone.
- ➤ The North Orange County Knotty Knitters Club donated 56 "Share" bears to the Department July 10. The bears will be placed on all fire rigs to be given to children who are traumatized in an emergency.
- ➤ CERT leaders, with the help of an instructor from the American Red Cross, taught an all-day class on shelter training July17. Forty-three citizen volunteers participated.
- On July 23, Engine 5 Capt. Engineer Joe Frilot, Engineer John Miller, Firefighter/Medic Lori Reese and Firefighter Zachary Flisik attended the Los Amigos District Cub Scout Day Camp at Craig Park to provide a hands-on firefighting experience for the 185 scouts.

Human Resources

- Personnel Services: As a result of the 2110-11 approved budget reductions, staff processed employment status or assignment changes for 25 employees in July. In addition, Human Resources processed one regular promotion to Planning Manager and two separations (retirements in lieu of layoff).
- Risk Management:
 - > Four liability claims were filed in July, nine were closed, and no lawsuits were served.
 - ➤ In July, 11 new worker compensation claims were filed and 15 were closed. Two new lawsuits were filed.

Library

- Children's Summer Reading:
 - ➤ The Reading Club is going strong this summer. By the end of the seventh week 2,291 children had joined the reading club at the Main library and 710 had joined at Hunt Branch, for a total of 3,001 children in the "Make a Splash Read" Reading Club.
 - ➤ The Main and Hunt Branch libraries offer various programs for different age groups. By the end of July, 3,811 children had attended the programming offered by both libraries. The Main Library and Hunt Branch also both offer a family movie and game program. So far, 301 persons have attended those free programs.
 - ➤ Helping with the summer programs for the younger children are teen volunteers. So far this summer, volunteers at the Main Library have worked 173 times, completing 1,012 hours, while Hunt Branch teen volunteers worked 133 times, for a total of 257 hours.

- Teen Summer Reading: The Teen Summer Program offered three programs in July, with a total attendance of 183. This summer, teens have volunteered 583 hours for the teen reading program.
- Special Visit: Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez paid a special visit to the Children's Library July 24. After a puppet show performed by Janine Jacobs, the children and their parents listened to the Congresswoman read "Our California" by Pam Munoz Ryan. After the stories, Congresswoman Sanchez gave copies of books from the Congressional Library to the attendees, which she autographed. Councilmember Quirk-Silva also spoke to the crowd.
- Independent Film Series: Approximately 40 movie lovers turned out for the latest entry
 in the Fullerton Public Library's Independent Film Series. "Jaffa," directed by Keren Yedaya,
 is a 2009 Israeli film chosen as an Official Selection at the Cannes Film Festival. Like all of
 the Library's monthly independent film selections, "Jaffa" is made available for check-out on
 DVD after its initial showing. The Independent Film Series brings limited-release films to the
 community and present important stories from other cultures for enjoyment and discussion.
- Small Business Workshop: In July, the Library hosted another event in its ongoing small business workshop series. The event included information about interpreting financial statements. The outstanding speakers that come to the Library through the auspices of the Orange County SCORE group are always well received. Besides hosting the event, the Library uses these workshops to outreach to the small business community by highlighting what the Library can offer in the way of materials, databases and training.

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ The Department received 1,259 service requests in July, completing 788 (62.6 percent) in the month. Of those requests, 35 were for emergencies, with 33 completed within 24 hours. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests in July 656, or 52.1 percent of the total.
- ➤ In July, the Department's support staff received 1,115 calls an average of 70 per workday, or 35 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- Division staff has developed a new NPDES inspection database in our maintenance management system to track inspections at 146 City buildings, parking lots and parks. Until this year, the inspection forms had to be recorded and copied manually. Using the database will greatly reduce the staff time needed to track inspections, and will make reporting our inspection activities at the end of the year much more efficient.

• Building Division:

➤ The Graffiti Crew removed 38,778 square feet of graffiti from 384 sites in July.

- ➤ Staff completed 27 custodial inspections of City facilities. All future inspections will be done by the Facilities Superintendent or Supervisor.
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- The project to replace the Jail elevator and upgrade the Police Department's Highland building elevator has been awarded. The pre-construction meeting took place July 27.
- ➤ Keypad security locks have been installed on all City Hall restroom doors and the doors leading into the Community Development Department offices. The first-floor restroom is the only one open to the public now.
- Sewer Division: In June, the Division: had no private or public sewer overflow incidents; hydrojetted 7.4 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 46,845 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 173 sewer laterals; conducted 10 CCTV inspections of laterals and 38 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 20,593 linear feet of sewer main; approved three Lifeline and two Large Lot applications; received 25 sewer fee calls; and received 37 service requests.
- Street Division: In July, Division crews: used 57 tons of asphalt for patching, 77 tons for paving, 35.08 tons of asphalt skin patch, and 66 tons for Water Division digouts; made 51 asphalt sidewalk repairs; milled 20 linear feet of gutter; ground 675 sidewalks; cleaned 150 drains and 163,778 linear feet of sidewalk; steam-cleaned 237,240 square feet of sidewalk; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 577 signs; swept 2,980 curb miles; and used 290 gallons of street paint.
- Equipment Division: In July, the Division performed 24 general preventive maintenance inspections, three BIT inspections, 49 PMs, four smoke tests, four motorcycle inspections, and three smog inspections.

Water Division:

- ➤ In July, the Division produced 932,527,160 gallons of water. Of that amount 58.21 percent 542,842,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 41.79 percent 389,685,160 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- > Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred July:

		PIPE		YEAR
SIZE	LOCATION	TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	INSTALLED
10"	Brea & Lemon	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
6"	2413 Coronado	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1960
6"	600 Santa Barbara	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1956
8"	2000 Camino Del Sol	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	Unknown

8"	3620 Nielson	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1980
16"	311 W Hermosa	Steel	Age	1958
6"	2900 Birch	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1962
6"	2801 Coronado	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1956
6"	1100 W Valencia	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
4"	604 Newell	Cast Iron	Age	1954
6"	636 El Mirador	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1961
8"	712 E Hermosa	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1956
6"	1222 Houston	Cast Iron	Age	1955
8"	1400 Manzanita	Cast Iron	Water Hammer ?	1972
4"	1001 S harbor	Cast Iron	Age	1928
10"	1301 E Commonwealth	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
		Ductile		
8"	3635 W Valencia	Iron	Direct Tap Service	1993
18"	Las Palmas Reservoir	SCCP	Unknown	1960
6"	2012 Calle Alegria	Cast Iron	Unknown	1963

Landscape Division:

- ➤ West Coast Arborists Inc., the City's tree services contractor, has performed the following services since July 1: pruned 867 trees and removed 22.
- Activities by the Division in July included:
 - Completed the Child Guidance Center re-landscape project, and the Hillcrest/Lions Field slope and Duck Pond clean-up efforts.
 - Installed temporary handicap ramp at small Dog Park.
 - Supplied brick dust and extra bleachers at Duane Winters Field for the Little League World Series.
 - Trimmed the hedge along the flood control channels on Malvern Avenue, between Euclid Street and Basque Avenue, and on Valwood Avenue, between Longview Drive and Panorama Trail.
 - Assisted Parks and Recreation with July 4 Fireworks Show and Festival.
- ➤ The Division received 41 landscape-related service requests in July.

Parks and Recreation

Capital Improvements:

- ➤ Staff, the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee and consultant Mia Lehrer and Associates continue to make progress on the master plan. A series of public meetings are in progress to gain community feedback to aid in the development of design alternatives. Through this public input process, the consultant will continue to shape the park's master plan.
- The Lions Field project has been completed. An opening day/ribbon cutting ceremony Aug. 2 drew approximately 600 people.
- As various phases of Laguna Lake improvements are completed, other improvement projects at the park are entering the design phase. City staff is working on an in-house design to complete remaining sections of the Bud Turner Trail at the south side of the park. This trail restoration will involve trail tread improvements, landscaping, trailheads, and rest areas. An evaluation of the current trail alignment will also be part of the project, keeping the various trail user types in mind. Other minor improvements to the park will include restroom improvements and site furnishing upgrades.
- ➤ The Lemon Park/Maple Community Center Renovation Project is under way with the development of construction documents. At its Aug. 17 meeting, the Council will be asked to consider a proposal to hire the landscape architecture firm Nuvis as the lead consultant for the project. The construction documents will take approximately 10 months to complete. At that time, the drawings will be ready to go out to bid for construction. The bidding process can take up to three months, with a tentative construction start date of September 2011.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ "Journey to Romania" was the theme for July's cultural reception. The event was attended by 63 persons who enjoyed sampling food, listening to music and viewing an educational display.
- ➤ WECARE volunteers made visits to the Center in June and July to counsel individuals, by appointment, on the various public and special-need transportation resources available to community members, and to assist with filling out applications. Ten people were assisted in June and another ten during in July.

Gilbert and Garnet Community Centers:

- ➤ The Garnet and Gilbert Summer Recreation Programs have adopted the "Commit 2B Fit" health curriculum. The four-week program instructs 20 children, ages 8 to 12, on healthy eating and fitness. The program includes a trip to the local Farmers' Market and Janet Evans Swim Complex. "Commit 2B Fit" is a partnership with St. Jude Medical Center.
- ➤ The Centers are each hosting four-week music appreciation classes for children 5-12 years of age. The classes will conclude with the students recording a CD of their songs.

- ➤ Twenty-seven teens traveled to San Diego to take part in the YMCA's "Camp Surf" July 21-23. The camp exposes teens to new experience in a natural setting and promotes self esteem, teamwork and healthy social skills.
- Summer Day Camp: Staff and Hillcrest campers are enjoying arts and crafts, activities and excursions to some of Southern California's favorite destinations. July excursions included Knott's Soak City, Corona Del Mar Beach, Raging Waters, fishing at Laguna Lake, and the Orange County Fair.

Summer Playgrounds Programs:

- ➤ Children from the Summer Playgrounds met at Lemon Park in July for the kickoff rally to begin the "Commit2B Fit" wellness campaign. Speakers included Mayor Pro Tem Pam Keller, Barry Ross, vice president of community affairs for St. Jude Medical Center, and Kate Ziegler, FAST Olympian, who addressed the importance of exercise and a healthy lifestyle. Children were also entertained with a "fitness concert" which included various exercises with hula hoops.
- ➤ Tina Caton, program coordinator for Healthy Lifestyles, has supported the "Commit 2B Fit" campaign by teaching the importance of a healthy lifestyle to each program site throughout the four-week campaign. Children learned to make healthy snacks, how to read nutrition labels, and make posters. All the children received their own water bottle, which they decorated. Recently, at the Chapman Recreation Center, a parent thanked staff for the change this campaign has made in her daughter. The girl used to refuse to eat fruits and vegetables, but now refuses to eat anything unhealthy or drink soda.
- ➤ The Summer Playgrounds program hosted a variety of on-site special events in July, including "All-American Day," "Pirate-Palooza" and "Science Discoveries." All of the events included a variety of specially themed activities and surprises.

Community Involvement and Rentals:

- > Staff is continuing to utilize volunteers from CSUF and Fullerton College. We currently have one academic internship and three service learning volunteers assisting with programs at Chapman, Maple, Orangethorpe and Richman.
- ➤ Ballet Folkloric and Aztec dancers continue their use of the Maple Community Center every Thursday and Friday evening. Both groups bring more than 30 neighborhood members on a regular basis to practice dance and celebrate community.
- > FIES, Second Harvest Food Bank and the County of Orange began a Food Stamp Outreach program in July to help support local families.

Richman Community Center:

➤ Olive Crest Family Advocate Cristina Martinez assisted five clients in July, and five participants attended the on-going parenting classes.

- Volunteer Instructor Brad Namahoe is teaching the basics of self-defense to promote positive self-discipline through the teachings of this Hawaiian mixed martial arts program. Twenty-four children are enrolled in the program.
- ➤ The "SOLFUL" (SUMMER OF LOVE FULLERTON) program continued through July. Volunteers from the Fullerton Collaborative created summer programming for elementary school-aged children in the Richman neighborhood to replace the loss of summer school. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are sports days and Thursdays and Fridays are art classes. There are approximately 30 volunteers and 75 children enrolled in the program, with an average of 35-40 children attending daily.

Tiny Tots

- > July began with 46 children celebrating Independence Day with their own musical bands.
- > "Country Day" found 47 children dressed up country-style, making freshly squeezed lemonade and fishing for surprises.
- > Enrollment numbers increased again from 47 to 58 students for the three upcoming final summer sessions.

• Independence Park:

- ➤ The Park had 20 facility rentals for basketball practice in July.
- ➤ The "Summer Playgrounds" program hosted its annual "Lip Sync" contest in combination with an "Overnighter" at the Independence Park gymnasium July 30. Activities included student performances from each park and various interactive family activities throughout the production. Approximately 100 children spent the night for this event.

Tennis Center:

- ➤ July was a busy month. Servite and Rosary high schools ran tennis camps every day the first two weeks of the month. More than 40 players attended the camps daily. The third week of July, Servite ran a camp for younger players not yet in high school. Troy High School had practice for its junior varsity team, with a turnout of 20 players.
- ➤ The juniors program has its busiest month of the year each July, with as many as 150 players per week attending. This year was no exception! The juniors also hosted the 4th Annual Fullerton Summer Satellite tournament, which had 68 players competing
- In July, the Center was the home team for 16 different adult USTA team matches, which is up significantly from last year.

Youth Sports:

- Fullerton Hills Softball, Little League and Fullerton Rangers Soccer leagues have all had a successful spring season, with teams competing well in the All-Stars and at the state level.
- > Fullerton Hills is celebrating as one of its 14U teams made it to the nationals.
- ➤ July was a busy month at Amerige Park, as Fullerton Pony Baseball hosted the Central Regional, Southern California Super Regional, and the West Zone Pony Tournaments. On July 30, Duane Winters Field was bustling with players from all over the country as Fullerton Pony hosted the Pony World Series Tournament for 13-year-olds.
- Fullerton Rangers will have their annual Rangers Academy Youth Soccer Camp at Fullerton Sports Complex. They are expecting record attendance.
- Fall sports field permits were issued at the end of July.
- Fullerton Rangers kept with tradition by starting its season with the Rangers Classic Tournament held July 17 and 18 for boys and July 24 and 25 for girls. Teams from throughout Southern California participated, with an estimated attendance of 1,500.
- Fullerton Youth Rugby is not to go un-noticed, as the team continues to grow. Rugby's season officially begins in December.

Get Outdoors:

- "Get Outdoors!" offered a "Family Fishing Campout" at Laguna Lake in July. Families had an exclusive opportunity to spend a night at a real urban lake in a safe setting. Staff provided a fishing seminar along with a dinner of hotdogs, chili, cheese, fruit salad and all the fixings. After dinner, campers practiced their fishing skills on the catfish and bluegill in Laguna Lake. The evening finale included s'mores, songs and games. Campers awakened in the morning to the smell of coffee, bacon and pancakes prior to hitting the lake for another session of fishing.
- ➤ The "Kids Summer Fishing Club" concluded at the end of the July with a fishing tournament, casting contest, fishing quiz and a fastest knot tying contest. The kids were treated to hotdogs and s'mores to conclude the summer program.

Cultural and Events:

- The Museum wrapped up its "Technicolor Dreaming" exhibit with a well-attended "Family Day" July 11, attracting about 80 visitors for art projects, tours, and a treasure hunt for kids. Museum staff assisted with installation and program planning for "Kegged, Casked, Bottled or Canned: 10,000 Years of Beer," which opened July 30. While the Main Gallery was closed for installation of the new exhibit, the Fender Gallery was open and had two tours for high school students in July.
- Museum docents and staff have also been busy with the craft booth at the Fullerton Market. Attendance has been up at the craft booth. First Thursday drop-in tours of the

Museum went well July 8, with approximately 20 visitors. The Market has maintained a good level of attendance and continues to attract new visitors each week. The Junior Ambassadors from Morelia visited the Market July 15 and performed a cultural dance that the audience really enjoyed.

- ➤ "Concerts in the Park" began July 14, with 500-600 people attending each week. Overflow parking and shuttle service has been provided to and from First Evangelical Free church for the event. Staff and docents have been working the free arts and crafts booth. The extra half hour at this year's concerts has allowed more kids to enjoy the craft activity and enable us to do more interesting crafts that take a little more time.
- ➤ In addition to on site programming, the Museum staff has been collaborating with a number of regional organizations. We have been working with the Orange County Docent League to plan an October event about trends in educational theory for docent volunteers throughout the county. In addition, the Museum hosted a regional meeting of Arts Orange County member organizations July 17. Lastly, staff attended a planning meeting for the Orange County Cultural and Heritage Tourism Initiative Task Force in July. The Museum will be contributing to this regional effort over the next several months to create connections between Orange County's major cultural assets.

Police

• Statistics: In July, the Department received 3,663 emergency calls (911 lines). In addition, the Department handled an additional 13,772 general information calls for service. Officers were dispatched on 3,597 calls for service and initiated 2,180 additional contacts. There were 1,136 criminal reports taken and 388 persons arrested for various criminal offenses. The Downtown Echo Team Officers arrested eight persons for being drunk in public, six drunken drivers, responded to six fights, and wrote 80 open container citations, 12 urinating in public citations, and 28 jaywalking citations.

Patrol:

- ➤ On July 2, Officers Matt Martinez and Perry Thayer went on foot into the Gem Street area and contacted a subject under the influence of a controlled substance who had five narcotic arrest warrants. Good arrest and proactive teamwork by both Officers.
- ➤ Officers were busy the entire night July 4, chasing fireworks and answering various fight/party calls throughout the city. There six arrests were made.
- ➤ On July 10, a City employee called to report that four City vehicles and one trailer in the City Hall employee parking lot had been vandalized with black spray paint. The vehicles were parked in the far west portion of the lot.
- ➤ On July 11, Sgt. Eric Halverson was involved in an on-duty traffic accident. He was injured and transported to UCI Medical Center, where he was admitted for observation.

The other driver was taken to Anaheim Medical Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and was released the same evening. Sgt. Halverson was released from UCI July 13.

- Early in the morning of July 15, Officers were dispatched to the Mobil Gas station at 2601 E. Yorba Linda Blvd regarding a robbery. An unarmed suspect wearing a bandana over his mouth demanded cash from the register. The suspect was last seen running away on foot. No suspect vehicle was seen and no suspects located.
- ➤ On July 19, a woman had her car keys and vehicle taken while visiting a friend. She knew the suspect. Her Lo-Jack was activated and Anaheim Police located the vehicle and the suspect and arrested him. Officer Billy Phu took custody of the suspect and recovered the vehicle.
- ➤ On July 21, a little boy who almost drowned last summer turned 4. Officer Andrew Coyle and Cpl. John Ema, who saved the boy's life by performing CPR, went to his home to wish him a happy birthday and brought him a Fullerton Police Department blanket. The mother told Capt. Bastreri that her son will never forget what the Police Department means to him, and neither will his family. She said he sleeps with that blanket every night. Helping our citizens: This is a big part of what being a Police Officer means!