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City receives state gang intervention grant

The City of Fullerton has been awarded a \$369,309 grant to fund a new two-year early intervention program aimed at preventing at-risk youths from joining gangs.

Fullerton was one of only 24 cities throughout the state to receive a grant under the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) program.

Santa Ana was the only other Orange County city to receive a grant under the program.

"We're absolutely delighted to receive this grant," said Mayor F. Richard Jones, M.D. "It will allow us to help prevent youngsters in our community from facing a bleak and possibly violent future in gangs."

Police Chief Michael Sellers echoed the Mayor's sentiments: "Since crime prevention is one of our over-arching goals, this grant will allow us to enhance the City's efforts through community engagement, as well as provide for an expansion of our gang prevention and intervention programs.

"The grant also provides a means for attaining a measured response to the suppression element needed to effectively deal

with gang-related criminal behavior."

Fullerton's program, developed by the Police and Fullerton Parks and Recreation departments, will be a multi-faceted, community-centered approach modeled after "CASASTART," an anti-gang and substance abuse program sponsored by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

The primary objective of the program, Chief Sellers explained, "is to intervene in the lives of 50 youths between 8 and 13 who are exhibiting high-risk behaviors related to gang lifestyle by providing comprehensive social support/case management services."

The area to be targeted by the program will be south of Chapman Avenue, between State College Boulevard and Dale Avenue, with the Richman and Gilbert community centers serving as the operations bases for the program.

Under the program, three case managers will be hired to work with teachers and other school personnel, police officers, social service agencies and residents to develop and (Continued to pg. 2)

Transportation Center parking expansion project update

Demolition is under way for the construction of the three-story parking structure for the Fullerton Transportation Center (FTC), 130 W. Santa Fe Ave. The completed structure is expected to be open to the public by summer 2012.

The new parking structure will include four levels above ground and one level of subterranean parking, and will reach a height of 45 feet. The project also includes a pedestrian bridge over Harbor Boulevard to connect the parking structure to the Transportation Center platform.

Implementation of infrastructure and utilities to support the parking structure plus

enhancements to the roadways surrounding it will be designed to facilitate overall circulation in the area.

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Artist's rendering of new parking structure



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

How much do you know about water? Check out these fun facts

How much do you know about water? Take a look below at some fun facts about water.

Drinking water facts and figures

- · Water is the only substance found on earth in three forms: solid, liquid and gas.
- A person can live more than a month without food, but only about a week, depending on conditions, without water.
- 66 percent of the human body is water; 75 percent of the human brain is water.
- 75 percent of a chicken, 80 percent of a pineapple, and 95 percent of a tomato is water.
- A person must consume 2.5 quarts of water per day from all sources (drinking, eating) to maintain health.
- Water regulates the earth's temperature. It also regulates the temperature of the human body, carries

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coordinate programs and services to address the needs of at-risk children.

Services will include family workshops on topics such as parenting, recognizing the signs of gang/drug involvement, and job search skills; education programs such as afterschool art, science, music, tutoring and homework assistance activities; after-school and summer recreational activities; and mentoring programs.

Further information about the program may be obtained by calling Aaron Orozco, recreation supervisor for the City, at (714) 738-5360; Eloisa Espinoza, community center supervisor, at (714) 738-6575; or the Community Services Bureau of the Police Department at (714) 738-6836.

nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.

Usage

- Industries as well as people need water. It takes, on average, 39,090 gallons of water to manufacture a new car and its four tires.
- 62,600 gallons of water are needed to produce one ton of steel; 1,500 gallons to process one barrel of beer; and 9.3 gallons to process one can of fruit or vegetables.
- On average, 50-70 percent of household water is used outdoors (watering lawns, washing cars).
- The average American uses more than 100 gallons of water per day; the average residence uses over 100,000 gallons during a year.
- Americans drink more than one billion glasses of tap water per day.

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Long Beach Water Department

Survey

Our intention is to provide you, the reader, with relevant, interesting, and useful water articles. Please log onto http:// mygovhelp.com/FULLERTONCA/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=13 and complete the survey to ensure high quality articles in

Questions asked on the survey include: do you regularly read the "Focus on Fullerton;" do you regularly read the "Focus on Fullerton" water article; what water topics would you like addressed in future articles; and how can we improve future water articles?

Volunteer drivers and riders are needed 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday to deliver meals to Fullerton shut-ins. Drivers must show proof of auto insurance. Please call Meals on Wheels at (714) 871-2200 if you can deliver one day a month or be a substitute.

More about:

Transportation Center parking expansion project update

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At this time, the Fullerton Transportation Center offers 467 surface parking spots and 298 spaces in the existing structure at Santa Fe and Pomona avenues, which are regularly filled to capacity. The new structure is expected PULLER TON

to provide 821 additional spaces to accommodate long-term parking needs and 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.

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

and Metrolink trains and OCTA buses as an affordable travel alternative.

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 Program, which will expand passenger rail service between Fullerton and the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station over the next five years.

For more information about the parking structure project please visit the City

of Fullerton website at www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/ eco dev/default.asp or www.cityoffullerton.com/visitors/ downtown_fullerton/transportation_center.asp.

Information about the Fullerton Transportation Center project may also be found by visiting the OCTA website at www.octa.net/pdf/Fullerton MetrolinkFactsheet.pdf.



'Snow Day' returns to Brea Dam Recreation Area Jan. 29



The forecast will be for snow Jan. 29 when the Parks and Recreation Department hosts "Snow Day" at the Brea Dam Recreation Area.

Tons of the frosty stuff will be delivered to enable youngsters to sled, make snow people, and have old-fashioned snowball battles.

The chilly fun will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and the recreation area is located at 1700 N. Harbor Blvd., between the YMCA and Golfers' Paradise.

The event will feature three 75-foot sled runs, as well as a special toddler sled run for children 5 and under. There will also be a Kids' Play Area, crafts and games, a "Blast Zone," and a family campfire.

Refreshments including hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows and s'mores will be available for purchase.

Children are advised to wear warm clothes and gloves. Sleds will be provided by the City.

Space is limited to 900 persons, and early registrations are recommended.

Advance registration fee for the event is \$6 per person for Fullerton residents and \$9 per person for non-residents. Children under 2 years of age will be admitted free. Admission will be \$9 for Fullerton residents and \$10 for non-residents the day of the event.

Registration can be made on line on the City's website at www.ci.fullerton.ca.us, or by calling (714) 738-6575.

Parents of children requiring special accommodations to participate are asked to notify the department when registering.

City ends Friday furlough days

Beginning Jan. 14, Fullerton city government facilities will return to their schedule of being open on alternate Fridays.

The every Friday closures were implemented in May by in response to contracts with the miscellaneous employee bargaining units that included 5 percent pay cuts retroactive to the beginning of the 2009 payroll year.

The City's executive managers' salaries have been cut 5 percent as of July 2009, and the confidential employees' have had their salaries 5 percent since November 2009. The pay cuts will remain in place for all units.

With the end of the Friday closures, City facilities will return to being closed every other Friday as part of the City's efforts to meet AQMD trip reduction requirements.

The first open Friday will be Jan. 14.

The Fullerton Main Library's operating hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The Main Library is offering limited services until completion of the expansion project under way now. The Adult Services Division has moved to the Hunt Branch, and will remain there for the duration of the construction project. Only the Children's Library and passport services will be available at the Main Library until completion of the expansion.

While the Adult Services Division is at the Hunt Branch, branch hours will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; closed Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information call (714) 738-6317.

Used book sale set

Looking for a good book? The Friends of the Fullerton Public Library have hundreds of them, and they will all be on sale at the Main Library Jan. 28-30.

The sale will be held in the Osborne Auditorium of the Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.

The Friends' Used Book Sale will offer a wide variety of authors and literary genres, as well as used CDs, DVDs, video tapes and vinyl records.

Sale hours will be noon.-4 p.m. Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 29, and 1-4 p.m. Jan. 30. From 3:30-4 p.m. Jan. 30, items will be offered at a "2 Bucks a Bag" sale.

A preview sale will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 28 for members of the Friends, and a special pre-sale will be held from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 27, for special needs shoppers.

While the Library auditorium will be open for the sale Jan. 28, the Library itself will be closed and no services will be available.

This will be the first of two book sales planned by the Friends in the first quarter of 2011. On Feb. 26, the Friends will conduct a one-day sale specializing in children's literature.

Proceeds from the sales support Library programs.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Library at (714) 738-6326.

'Citizen Police Academy' focues on police officer's world

From "CSI" to "Law and Order," the public has always had a fascination with the world of the police officer.

But the world depicted on television and in movies differs vastly from the real-life challenges faced by law enforcement every day on America's streets. And too often this difference can lead to misunderstandings between the police and the citizens they serve.

In an effort to give citizens a clear picture of the day-to-day world of the police officer, the Fullerton Police Department is gearing up to host its eighth "Citizen Police Academy" starting Feb. 9.

The 10-week course "will expose participants to the many faces of police work in their community," explained Police Chief Michael Sellers. "Participants will gain an overall

knowledge of the Police Department, how it's organized and how it serves the community, and they will learn about the men and women behind the badge."

Sellers emphasized the course is not meant to train people to become police officers; rather, "it is intended to open communication between the community and the Department."

The classes, which will be held from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the department, will be taught by personnel from all areas of the agency, including patrol officers, detectives, dispatchers, and managers.

A graduation ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the training.

Participants must be at least 21 years old, and must live, work or attend school in Fullerton.

Participants must complete an application, which may be obtained at the Fullerton Police Department, 237 W. Commonwealth Ave.

Participants may be interviewed by department personnel, and a background check will be conducted. Applicants may not have any outstanding warrants, pending criminal cases or felony convictions.

Applications and further information may be obtained by calling the Community Services Department at the Police Department at (714) 738-6836.

Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the academy are asked to notify the department staff at the time of registration.



Protect our parks!

Whether it's a soccer or softball game, a leisurely stroll or nature hike, or a family picnic, the City of Fullerton offers more than 650 acres of beautiful parkland, open space and amenities for the community to enjoy.

City maintenance crews work diligently to keep our parks looking beautiful, and visitors can help this effort by obeying the rules and keeping our parks clean.

Rules and regulations are posted at each park site: All garbage, bottles and cans should be disposed of in their appropriate trash or recycling containers; dogs and cats are allowed as long as they are on a leash; no motor vehicles allowed on grass or trails; and alcohol, narcotics, and firearms and other explosives are strictly prohibited. Pet owners should remember to pick up after their pets, and disposal bags are available for their convenience.

You can also help keep our parks clean and safe by reporting routine maintenance issues to the Maintenance Services Department at (714) 738-6897.

Author T. Jefferson Parker to speak

When supporters of the Fullerton Public Library gather for lunch at the Los Coyotes Country Club Feb. 6, it will be more than just another fund-raising event on the Fullerton social calendar. The event will reaffirm the community's commitment to the Library and its continued growth.

To mark the occasion, the Fullerton Public Library Foundation has invited noted author T. Jefferson Parker to talk about his adventures reporting and writing about life, death and crime in sunny California.

Parker, who has lived all of his life in Los Angeles and Orange County, deftly captures the people, places and politics of the area.

Parker's first novel, "Laguna Heat," published in 1985, was an instant success and was made into an HBO movie. Now, with 17 award-winning novels in print, he is consistently a "New York Times" bestseller.

Parker's latest book, "The Border Lords," and his two previous books, "Iron River" and "The Renegades," focus on the smuggling of guns from the U.S. to Mexico to feed the drug cartel wars.

According to Joan Mears, co-chairwoman of the Foundation event, proceeds from the luncheon will be earmarked for furnishings for the expansion under way at the Main Library. She noted the new wing is being funded with \$10 million in City redevelopment funds, which can only be spent on capital improvements, and not furnishings.



Photo by Rebecca Lawson

T. Jefferson Parker

That restriction, plus cuts in the Library's operating budget, leaves the task of furnishing the addition to the Foundation.

"With the support of citizens and businesses in Fullerton we're sure we can raise the \$300,000 needed to get the job done," Mears said.

The Los Coyotes Country Club is located at 8888 Los Coyotes Drive, Buena Park. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Donation is \$65 per person. For reservations, contact Mears at joanmears@gmail.com or (714) 738-8211.



Museum Center calendar

"Solid Design: Leo Fender's Telecaster"

Leo Fender Gallery

Open through fall 2011

"Solid Design: Leo Fender's Telecaster" showcases the Telecaster, the first commercially successful solid body electric guitar, an instrument that changed music history. Numerous examples from the early years are on display. There is a noticeable celebrity component in the images and presentation, including Telecasters once owned by celebrities. The exhibit points to players such as George Harrison, Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty, Roy Buchanan, James Burton, Don Rich and Mike Bloomfield. These musicians - "Tele" players all - created some of the most potent music imaginable.

"Hungry Planet: What the World Eats"
Open through Jan. 16

Based on the book by Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio, "Hungry Planet: What the World Eats" documents 12 families from 12 countries. The exhibit provides a thought-provoking analysis of worldwide food consumption, examining what we as global citizens share - or lack. A Program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of the Mid-America Arts Alliance and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Stroller Brigade

Through Jan. 12 and Feb. 16 - May 4 10 a.m.- noon Free

Calling all toddlers, preschoolers and their adults! Join us in the Museum gallery for docent-led games, activities, and songs inspired by the exhibits.

"Hungry Planet Family Day" noon-4 p.m. Jan. 16

Free with regular Museum admission
Today is the last day to see the exhibit "Hungry
Planet: What the World Eats." Test your limits with
unusual tasty treats from Joe's, enjoy international
arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt for prizes, and
drop-in tours. Please bring a canned food item to
donate to Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services
and help the hungry in our own community.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



Pet care tips to prevent water pollution

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

For example, pet waste and pet care products can be washed into the storm drains that flow to the ocean. Unlike



water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways. You would never put pet waste or pet care products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains.

Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution:

Washing your pets

Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to marine life and the environment. If possible, bathe your pets indoors using less-toxic shampoos or have your pet professionally groomed. Follow instructions on the product containers and clean up spills. If you bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another absorbent/permeable surface to keep the washwater from running into the street, gutter or storm drain.

Flea control

Consider using oral or topical flea control products. If you use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars, make sure to dispose of any unused products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. The closest Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at 1071 North Blue Gum Street, Anaheim. For additional locations, call (714) 834-6752.

Why you should pick up after your pet

It's the law! The City of Fullerton has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet. Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains. This waste flows directly into our waterways and the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life and the environment. As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them.

Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking care of them and the environment. Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet.

- 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 Fullerton Neighborhood Watch Association, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, Fullerton Police Department, 237 W. Commonwealth Ave.; (714) 738-6836.
- On-going Women's Club of Fullerton, 6:30 p.m. third Wednesday of the month, check www.womenscluboffullerton.org for location; (818) 419-4688.
- On-going Fullerton FBS 4-H Club meetings, 7 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Fullerton Elks Lodge, 1451 Brea Blvd.; new members age 5-19 welcome with parent; (714) 994-0843.
- On-going Fullerton Barbershop Chorus meetings, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Eastside Christian Church, 2505 Yorba Linda Blvd. (near State College Boulevard); new members welcome; (714) 871-7675.
- 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 each month, Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave., Room A; (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 Ebell Club of Fullerton, 11 a.m., first Friday of the month, September through June; Ebell Clubhouse, 313 Laguna Road; new members welcome; (714) 526-2414.
- On-going Lunch with the League, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month in September, October, and January through April, Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.; sponsor League of Women Voters of North Orange County; (714) 254-7440.
- On-going Fullerton Feeders, Breeders and Seeders 4-H Club, 7 p.m. third Tuesdays of the month, Knights of Columbus Lodge, 8410 Kass Drive,

Buena Park; open to youths 5-19; (714) 994-0843.

- On-going Bingo Night, 7 p.m. third Saturday of the month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsored by St. Mary's Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-going Paper and Aluminum Salvage Drive, 9 a.m.-noon, first Saturday of month, Chapman at Raymond (near Walgreens Drug Store), Chapman at Euclid (near SaVon Drugs) and Laguna Road at Valencia Mesa Drive; sponsor Chapel on Wheels; (714) 525-5035.
- On-going Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Breakfast Meetings, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Thursdays, Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive; new members welcome; (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.; featuring Saturday morning tee times, tournaments, team play; (714) 578-9201.
- Jan. 7, 10 and 14 Fullerton Pony Baseball 2011 Spring Registration, 5-8 p.m., Winters Field, Amerige Park, 300 W. Commonwealth Ave.; open to boys and girls 3-14; players must bring birth certificate and current utility bill to registration; (714) 773-4215 or www.fullertonpony.com.
- Jan. 8 Fullerton Pony Baseball 2011 Spring Registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Winters Field, Amerige Park, 300 W. Commonwealth Ave.; (714) 773-4215 or www.fullertonpony.com.
- Jan. 9 Bravura Trio in Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; free admission; sponsored by the Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 525-5836.
- Jan. 29 Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Fullerton, 9 a.m., meet at Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; sponsored by Fullerton Heritage; tickets and information (714) 740-3051 or tours@fullertonheritage.org.
- Jan. 30 A Trio for Today in Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; free admission; sponsored by the Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 525-5836.
- Feb. 10-14 "Singing Valentines," delivered by the Orange Empire Barbershop Chorus; proceeds go to programs promoting music in schools; (714) 879-9628.

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.