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Annual July 4 Festival planned

Mark your calendars!

An old-fashioned Independence Day celebration is in store July 4 when the City of Fullerton presents its 21st Annual Community Fireworks Show and Festival.

The festival will be held from 5-9:30 p.m. at the Fullerton Union High School Stadium, located on the southwest corner of Berkeley Avenue and Lemon Street.

Entertainment, games and food booths will mark the event, which will be topped off by an aerial fireworks display set to music by Pyrospectaculars of Rialto at 9 p.m.

Admission is free.

Free parking will be available at the Plummer Parking Structure, at Lemon and Chapman Avenue; the Wilshire Parking Structure, on Wilshire Avenue, just east of Harbor Boulevard; and the North Orange County Municipal Court, 1275 N. Berkeley, west of Harbor.

Parking for the disabled will be available in the school campus lots south of the stadium. Vehicles can only access the lots from the Chapman and Lemon intersection.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the festival are requested to contact the Museum.



Outdoor summer concerts return!

Things will get rocking at the Fullerton Sports Complex July 14 when the Parks and Recreation Department's popular outdoor summer concert series returns!

All concerts will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. While food will be available for purchase, concert-goers can bring a picnic supper, as well as lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

There will also be free arts and crafts for children.

Kicking off the series July 14 will be "The Answer," which performs classic rock.

The Sports Complex is at 560 E. Silver Pine St.

For more information call (714) 738-3333.



'Google Fiber for Fullerton's Future!'

Say farewell to the days when you could hear the internet dial up tones as you signed on to check email and say hello to downloading a full DVD in approximately 10 seconds.

Although the technology is not new, its distribution is. Because of that fact, in March the



City of Fullerton responded to a nationwide Request for Information (RFI) for communities to participate in Google Inc.'s "Google Fiber for Communities" program which will test ultrahigh speed broadband, deliver Internet speeds of 1 gigabit per second, and provide fiber-to-the-home connections at a competitive price.

This experiment in fiber networks seeks to reach up to 500,000 people. Approximately 1,100 cities across the United States applied for the program but only a few will be selected as test (Continued to pg. 2)

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

Improving water quality by harnessing power from the sun

In May 2009, the City of Fullerton Water Division installed a new and innovative water circulation system inside our Hawks Pointe Reservoir as a pilot project.

The new system is solar-powered and designed to improve water quality within water storage reservoirs.

Prior to installing the system, the Hawks Pointe Reservoir experienced periodic declines in chlorine residuals due, in part, to extended periods of hot weather and poor water circulation inside the reservoir. Both conditions cause stratification of water, which results in available chlorine being used due to the increase of common bacteria that prefer warmer conditions.

The poor water circulation also took staff time away from other projects and impacted financial resources.

The new circulation system utilizes a solar panel that is mounted on the

top of the reservoir to provide the power to the mixing system. The mixing system floats on top of the water inside the reservoir and pumps water from the bottom of the tank to the top in a circular motion.

The results of the Hawks Pointe Reservoir pilot project

have shown enhanced water mixing, elimination of temperature stratification, reduction in water age, and improvement in overall water quality. Not only did the water quality improve, but the system saves in resource costs and staff time that would otherwise be spent diagnosing and fixing poor water circulation problems.

With this success at the Hawks Pointe Reservoir, the City Council authorized the installation of additional solar-powered water circulation systems at other reservoirs to help augment water quality.

By early April of this year, the City had completed the installation of five of the new circulation systems, and

additional reservoirs are being evaluated as candidates for the systems.



The 'Solar Bee," a solar-powered water circulation system, at work harnessing the sun at the Hawks Pointe Reservoir

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'Google Fiber for Fullerton's Future!"

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sites for the Google experiment.

Fullerton has been preparing for this opportunity and hopes to be selected as a test site. In 2000 the City undertook policy measures to stay ahead of the technology curve in order to counter the declining manufacturing economic base of the 1990s. At that time, Fullerton was already built out, therefore limiting traditional economic

expansion efforts.

Expanding Fullerton's economic sector has been a growing priority of the City over the last 10 years. This foresight resulted in the creation of the

Technological Infrastructure Task Force by the City Council to inventory Fullerton's existing technological infrastructure and provide recommendations that would increase technological awareness and infrastructure in the City.

In 2003 the Technology Working Group (TWG) became an official City advisory group tasked with implementing the recommendations of the Technological Infrastructure Task Force. The TWG is designed to assist the City with the development of a Telecommunications Master Plan that incorporates wireless, fiber optic and new hybrid-fiber-coax (HFC) technologies. The TWG's efforts over the last eight years were immensely helpful in the City's response to the Google RFI.

A fiber network investment by Google Inc. in Fullerton

would support existing efforts to attract new technology companies, as well as help expand the City's economic base. Cities chosen as finalists will be contacted for facility investigations, further clarification of application answers and possible interviews. Google's goal is to collect data and share with the global community best practices for delivering high speed internet. Final candidates will be announced by the end of the year. Until then, the TWG is planning to launch "Google Season" to capitalize on the enthusiasm generated for broadband in Fullerton by the Google RFI.

The City of Fullerton would like to thank every person, business and community group that "mapped" their support for Fullerton on the City's website and those who submitted You Tube videos on behalf of the "Google Fiber for Fullerton's Future!" initiative. Special thanks to the Fullerton Joint Union High School District and California State University, Fullerton for being collaborators in raising support. Other institutions and community groups are encouraged to show their support by sending letters or statements of endorsement to Nicole Coats, redevelopment project manager for the City at NicoleC@ci.fullerton.ca.us, or at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA, 92832.

To learn more about "Google Fiber for Fullerton's Future!" log on to the City's website at www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/admin_serv/technology/fullerton_fiber.

To become involved in "Google Fiber for Fullerton's Future," e-mail Roger Burtner, TWG chairman, at rlburtner@gmail.com.

CERT: Citizens on the front line of disaster preparedness

Earthquakes, floods, wild fires, mudslides: They're the stuff of nightmares. They're also the stuff of very real potential disasters that could hit California at any time.

While there is little man can do to prevent natural

disasters from occurring, there is a great deal man can do to improve his chances of surviving, and that can be summed up in one word: prepare.

"As the recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and Mexico have proven so dramatically, man is no match against the raging forces of nature," said Fullerton Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe.

In recognition of the importance of community preparation in the

event of natural disasters, the Fire Department offers a disaster preparedness program which enlists citizens in the City's overall disaster preparedness and recovery program.

Called the "Community Response Volunteer/Community Emergency Response Team" (CRV/CERT), the program trains citizens to organize their neighborhoods so they will be better prepared to respond to emergency situations.

Based on a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, trained CRV/CERT members will be able to provide immediate assistance to disaster victims, as well as organize volunteers to assist emergency responders such as the Fire, Police and Maintenance Services departments.

Chief Knabe explained the program is divided into six districts mirroring the locations of the City's six fire stations.

Volunteers from those areas are trained in basic emergency management so they will be able to organize and assist their neighbors in emergencies.

Under the program, volunteers undergo 24 hours of training in subjects such as disaster preparedness, first aid, fire safety, basic search and rescue methods, and proper use of a fire extinguisher.

Class instructors are Firefighters, Paramedics and specialists in the

areas of disaster preparations and terrorism. "The trainers teach the volunteers how to help their families, help their neighborhoods, help their districts, and, ultimately, help their community in emergencies," Chief Knabe said.

Once the training is complete, CRV/CERT volunteers are expected to commit approximately four hours per month to program coordination and maintenance.

The Fire Department tries to hold two CERT classes a year. Persons interested in joining a class can contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Fullerton Fire Department at (714) 738-6500.



A Fullerton CERT volunteer assists with traffic control during last autumn's wildfires

City enacts Friday closures

Most Fullerton city government facilities are now closed Fridays as part of the City's effort to close an approximate \$4 million gap in the City's general fund budget.

The decision to close Fridays was made May 4 by the City Council as it voted to accept employee contracts with the Police, Police Dispatcher and Miscellaneous employee bargaining units that include a 5 percent pay reduction, retroactive to Jan. 1.

The City's Executive Managers' salaries have been cut by 5 percent as of last October, and the Confidential employees' unit has had its salaries cut by 5 percent since December.

Employees in safety positions – for example, Police Officers – will not participate in the every Friday closures; instead, safety employees will receive four hours of compensatory time off each pay period.

The Fullerton Main and Hunt Branch libraries will remain on their current hours until the end of the fiscal year. On July 1, both libraries will also be closed every Friday.

City offices have been closed alternate Fridays for several years as part of the City's efforts to meet AQMD trip reduction requirements. With the council's action Tuesday, the offices will be closed every Friday.

The every Friday closure will continue through December. In June 2011, the council will re-examine the city's financial status to determine if the closures need to be reinstated.

Congratulations, Fullerton Museum Center!



Voted "Best Museum" in the 2010 "Myfoxla" competition sponsored by television stations KTTV and KCOP!

New website tool for businesses

The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce has launched a new website that includes several new features designed to better connect the Fullerton business community directly to opportunities provided by local resource agencies.

For further information please visit FullertonChamber.com to view the new comprehensive calendar of local business-related training programs and workshops.

A link to the Chamber's new Entrepreneur and Business Training and Workshop Calendar is also available on the City's website under the heading "local resources for businesses."

Fire Department offers parents help on 'waterproofing' their children

It doesn't take long and it doesn't take much.

In the time it takes you to make a phone call or answer the doorbell, a child can drown - often in a bathtub, and often in as little as one inch of water.

In fact, drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of 5.

In an effort to help protect children from becoming potential drowning statistics, the Fullerton Fire Department is offering its popular "Watch the Water" drowning prevention program in which parents learn how to keep their children safe when around water.

"The stakes are really high when you're talking about drowning prevention," said Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe.

"Drowning is the leading cause of injuries and deaths for children under five in Orange County and throughout California."

Chief Knabe added that the drowning death rate "is only the tip of the iceberg. Many more children are victims of neardrownings, which can result in permanent and severe injuries

> such as brain damage and long-term disabilities."

> The "Watch the Water" classes are offered free to the public. The classes offer information on drowning prevention, as well as advice on measures parents can take to make the areas around their swimming pools safer for children.

> If you would like to host a class or if you are looking for a class in your area, please call the Fire Prevention Division of the Fullerton Fire

Department at (714) 738-6500.

Persons who would require special accommodations to attend the classes should discuss those needs with Fire Department staff when making a reservation.



Firefighters offer easy safety tips for pool time fun

Summer and swimming pools: They just naturally seem to go together.

But a sad fact of this summertime pairing is that pools can pose a very real danger to children if they are left unattended in or near the water. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of injuries and deaths for children under 5 in Orange County and throughout California.

In hopes of keeping this summer free from such tragedies, Fullerton's Firefighters offer the following suggestions:

- NEVER take your eyes off a child when he or she is in or near any body of water, even for a second. Remember: Statistics show children can drown without making any noise or giving other signs of distress.
- Keep toys, tricycles and other children's playthings out of the water and away from the pool or spa.
- Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" just because you enrolled them in swimming or "water-proofing" classes.
- Don't rely on inflatable devices to keep your child afloat. They are NOT substitutes for adult supervision.

- Make sure your pool or spa has a fence, wall or safety cover which can guard against unsupervised access. Also, make sure the safety cover is always closed when the pool or spa is not in use.
- Make sure doors leading to the pool or spa area are selfclosing AND self-latching. NEVER leave them propped open. Better yet, equip all such doors with exit alarms. Gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches should be out of the reach of children, and kept in proper working order.
- Always drain standing water from the pool cover. Remember: even a few inches of water can be hazardous. especially to young children.
- Learn how to administer life-saving techniques to children, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Install a phone or keep a cordless phone in the pool or spa area.

Further pool safety tips may be obtained by calling the Fire Prevention Division of the Fullerton Fire Department at (714) 738-6500.

City maintains secure bicycle parking for train commuters

The City of Fullerton offers secure bicycle parking to support is returned to the City after use. alternative methods of commuting for work and leisure activities.

The lockers are conveniently located at the Fullerton Train Station and provide protection from inclement weather, theft and vandalism. Each locker stores one bike, with room for bicycle gear such as lights, locks and panniers.

To encourage low-polluting, cost-effective and healthy ways to travel; the City of Fullerton only requires an \$80 key deposit that is 100 percent refundable when the key

Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If none are available at the time of your request please ask to have your name placed on the

waiting list. You will be contacted by City when a bike locker becomes staff available.

For more information on the bike locker program and bike locker availability please call the Fullerton Redevelopment and Economic Development Department at (714) 738-6877.



Museum Center calendar

Stroller Brigade

10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, through July 7 FREE Admission

Check out this popular program for preschoolers, toddlers, and their grown-ups! Docents will be in the gallery for books, games, puzzles and crafts related to the exhibit "Technicolor Dreaming: Posters from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum."

The Idea Place for Teens - Summer Art Studio

Monday through Friday, June 28-July 2 \$105 per student/\$90 for Museum members Are you a teen who wants to make original art on your own terms? Students entering grades 7-12 who are interested in art are invited to work on their own projects with materials and guidance provided by FMC. Participants can also schedule additional studio time free for the remainder of the summer.

Technicolor Dreaming Family Day

noon-4 p.m. July 11

Free with regular Museum admission
Don't miss the last day to see "Technicolor Dreaming:
Psychedelic Posters from the Rock and Roll Hall of
Fame and Museum" exhibit and "DreamGlow:
Paintings by Adam Slater." You will enjoy drop-in
tours, create poster art, learn hand lettering,
participate in scavenger hunts for prizes and more!

Music Camp

10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 19-23 For students in grades 5-9

\$140 general/\$130 Museum members Use your summer vacation to learn an instrument or sharpen your skills. This class will provide class and private instruction in guitar or flute, along with sessions in music history, theory, and appreciation.

"Kegged, Casked, Bottled or Canned: 10,000 Years of Beer"

Exhibit Opening Reception 6-9 p.m. July 30

\$10 general/free for Museum members
Join us for the opening of an exhibit that tells the
story of beer with advertising material, tap handles,
metal signs, prints, beer steins, and historic fixtures
from the brewing history. The opening will include
dinner, drinks, curator's talk, and more.

Call 714-738-6545 for more information



Gardening tips to prevent water pollution

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Fullerton and all of Orange County. Before jumping into spring gardening be careful! Many common fertilizers, pesticides and other lawn care chemicals left on yards or driveways can be blown or washed into storm drains that flow to the ocean. Over-watering lawns can also send materials into storm drains.

Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways. You would never pour gardening products into the ocean, so don't let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution:

General landscaping tips

- Protect stockpiles of landscaping material like mulch and gravel from wind and rain by storing them under tarps.
- Prevent erosion of slopes by planting fast-growing, dense ground covering plants. These will shield and bind the soil.
- Plant native vegetation to reduce the amount of water, fertilizers, and pesticide applied to the landscape.
- Never apply pesticides or fertilizers if rain is predicted within 48 hours.

Garden and lawn maintenance

- Minimize grass areas which require high maintenance.
- Compost your yard trimmings. Compost is a valuable soil conditioner which gradually releases nutrients.
- Do not rake or blow leaves or clippings into the street or storm drain. Instead, dispose of green waste by composting, in the yard waste bin, or by hauling it to a permitted landfill.
- Use slow-release fertilizers to minimize leaching, and use organic fertilizers. Read labels and use only as directed.
- Do not over-apply pesticides or fertilizers. Apply to spots as needed, rather than blanketing an entire area.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals in a dry covered area to prevent exposure that may result in the deterioration of containers and packaging.
- Rinse empty pesticide containers and re-use rinse water as you would use the product. Do not dump rinse water down storm drains. Put empty containers in the trash.
- If fertilizer is spilled, sweep it up before irrigating. If the spill is liquid, use absorbent material such as cat litter, and then sweep it up and dispose of it in the trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim (Near the 57 and 91 freeways)

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 Women's Club of Fullerton, 6:30 p.m. third Wednesday of month, check www.womenscluboffullerton.org for location; (818) 419-4688.
- On-going Happy HandyCappers Stroke Club and Limited Exercise Class, 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave.; (714) 633-5017.
- 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. Room A; (714) 680-4258.
- On-going Heritage House Tours at Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; 2-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; (657) 278-3579.
- On-going Ebell Club of Fullerton, 11 a.m., first Friday of the month, September through June; Ebell Clubhouse, 313 Laguna Road; (714) 526-2414.
- 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.; sponsored by 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 month, Fullerton Municipal Golf Course, 2700 N. Harbor Blvd.; featuring Saturday morning tee times, tournaments, team play; (714) 578-9201.
- June 21 Leon Owens Foundation 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., Alta Vista Golf Course, 777 E. Alta Vista Drive, Placentia; sponsor Leon Owens Foundation; event will also feature an awards dinner and silent auction; proceeds go toward scholarships for high school and college

- students. (714) 687-5520 or leonowensfoundation.org.
- June 23 Hart Community Homes Golf Outing, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monarch Beach Golf Links, 50 Monarch Beach Resort, Dana Point; proceeds to benefit Hart Community Homes Foster Youth Program; (714) 526-2729 or hartcommunityhomes.org.
- June 24 "Conversation with your City," a special program presented by City Councilwoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, 7:30 p.m., Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; guest speaker Parks and Recreation Director Joe Felz; (714) 738-6311.
- July 10 Mardi Gras, 7-11 p.m., Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue; sponsor Women's Transitional Living Center; featuring live entertainment, dancing, silent auction, food and beverages, and crowning of Mardi Gras King and Queen; proceeds go toward supporting the work of the WTLC; (714) 992-1939, ext. 101.
- July 14 Summer Outdoor Concert Series, 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 admission; concert-goers are welcome to bring a picnic supper and blankets for seating; food available for purchase; sponsor Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department; (714) 738-6575.
- July 16 20th Annual Warrior Classic Golf Tournament, 1 p.m., Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 E. Bastanchury Road; sponsor Troy High School Booster Club; proceeds to go to the Troy High School Football Program; lunch and dinner included with tournament fees; (714) 609-4514 or GoTroyHigh@aol.com.
- July 16-Aug. 1 "Ring of Fire," Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave.; presented by the Fullerton Civic Light Opera; tickets (714) 879-1732.
- Aug. 12 Dog Days of Summer, Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenues; featuring wacky and fun competitions for dogs and their people, plus pet-related information booths; free admission; event is offered in conjunction with Fullerton Market; dog competitions and entertainment 5-8 p.m., market hours 4-8:30 p.m.; sponsor Fullerton Museum Center; (714) 738-6545.
- Aug. 26 "Conversation with your City," a special program presented by City Councilwoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, 7:30 p.m., Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; guest speaker Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe; (714) 738-6311.

Send Calendar items to: Public Information Office, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., 92832. Mark them "Attention: Focus on Fullerton." Items may be faxed to 738-6758. Items may also be submitted on-line at www.ci.fullerton.ca.us. Please give at least three months' notice. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.