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Projects:

Independence Park Small Pool Re-plaster *(Engineering)*: This short project is complete. The small pool has been retiled, re-plastered, and filled. It should be reopened and available for use by mid-month.

Demolition *(Community Development)*: The demolition of 340 W. Commonwealth Ave. is under way in preparation for the new Community Center, and the demolition of the fire-damaged building at 306 N. Raymond Ave. (Hong Kong Buffet) has commenced.

West Fullerton Neighborhood Analysis (Community Development): As a precursor to the Downtown Core and Corridor Specific Plan (DCCSP) work, Community Development is partnering with Cal State Fullerton's Urban Planning Methods class to develop a current neighborhood-level "Portrait of West Fullerton" and to begin to engage residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the DCCSP Study Area. Under the direction of Dr. Robert Young, principal investigator, the class will review and analyze indicators including elements of basic demography, household socio-economic conditions, and housing unit attributes along approximately two dozen quantitative dimensions called for in California's planning law on housing needs, as well as other standard indicators of neighborhood health and stress. Additionally, in late April/early May, the class will conduct neighborhood workshops to elicit the views of West Fullerton households on neighborhood assets, local concerns, and experiential boundaries based on shared activity patterns. Final work products will include block/group neighborhood profiles, a composite West Fullerton neighborhood profile, neighborhood-scale maps of indicators, an interpretive analysis of the data, and narrative summaries of the neighborhood outreach workshops. Final reports will be available to the City by June 1.

Capital Projects *(Maintenance Services)*: The project to replace the Jail elevator and upgrade the Highland Police annex elevator has been awarded.

Euclid Improvements (*Maintenance Services*): Landscape Division staff anticipates the South Euclid landscape improvements will be completed by mid-March, including irrigation system and plant material installation.

Programs:

Primary-level Book Club (*Library*): The Library collaborated with families for the first primary-level book club. The collaboration came about as the result of a request from a parent of Acacia students wanting to start a club for younger readers. The parent told Library staff the grade level breakdown and single copies were gathered of suggested books. A group of parents reviewed the books and selected the titles to be used during the six-week book club. Multiple copies of the selected books were gathered and held in the Main Library. Acacia Book Club members come to the Library at their convenience and check out the books. This service is available to any

group wishing to have a similar book club.

Arbor Day *(Maintenance Services)*: Trees have been ordered and staff anticipates a large participant turn out for the March 12th event to be held at 9 a.m. at Nicholas Park.

Fishing Derby *(Parks and Recreation)*: The 5th Annual Kid's Fishing Derby will take place at Laguna Lake from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 23.

Fullerton Market *(Parks and Recreation)*: The Market is set to start its 2011 season from 4-8:30 p.m. April 7.

Community Policing (*Police*): The Police Department is continuing its efforts with the Community Policing and Crime Strategy meetings. An outreach program has been started to begin explaining the advances of our community policing philosophy to members of the community. Community meetings are being held in the Garnet area. There was a meeting March 3 for Heritage Walk and Habitat for Humanity residents.

Citizens Academy (*Police*): Thirteen citizens enrolled in a new Citizens Police Academy that began Feb. 9. Classes will be Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks.

Month in Review:

Community Development: In February, the Department issued 392 plan checks and permits; conducted 996 building inspections; received 154 code enforcement complaints; had 673 active code enforcement cases; closed 172 code enforcement complaints; and conducted 736 code enforcement inspections.

Fire: In February, the Department had 893 requests for service – down slightly from the 900 requests received in February 2010. Of the 893 requests, 685 were for emergency medical aid, 18 were for fires, five were hazardous materials incidents, and 35 were service calls. Of the medical aid requests, 465 required advanced life support response and 220 required basic life support response. In addition, the Department responded on 90 automatic aid calls and received 96 in return.

Police: There were 2,795 calls for service & 1,230 criminal reports taken in February.

Police: Detectives discovered that narcotic sales were being made from a residence just north of Ladera Vista Junior High School. Police obtained a search warrant, and because of the proximity to the school, chose President's Day to serve the warrant to minimize the potential danger to children in the area. Police seized seven rifles/shotguns, three handguns, thousands of rounds of ammunition, several high-capacity magazines, two pounds of methamphetamine, and 20 pounds of marijuana. When the search warrant was served, both suspects were at the apartment. They were booked at the Police Department for narcotics sales, weapons law violations, and various other charges relating to narcotics sales and weapons possessions near a school.