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Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony set for Nov. 11

Clinton J. Reiss, regimental command sergeant major for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Irwin, will be the guest speaker at Fullerton's 24th Annual Veterans Day observance Nov. 11.

The observance, hosted by Fullerton American Legion Post 142 and the Fullerton Emblem Club 469, will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a parade in Fullerton's historic downtown.

The parade will begin at the Downtown Plaza, on Wilshire Avenue, east of Harbor Boulevard, and end at Hillcrest Park at the intersection of Harbor and Valley View Drive.

Leading off the parade will be a special "fly-over" by planes from Air Combat USA, which is based at Fullerton Airport.

Once at Hillcrest, a ceremony will be held at 11 a.m., at which Reiss will speak. The ceremony will also include the placement of wreaths at the veterans' memorials, as well as the playing of "Taps."

All veterans are welcome to join in the parade, which will feature JROTC units from Fullerton area high schools. The Troy unit will carry flags representing all 50 U.S. states.

Parade participants are asked to arrive at the plaza no earlier than 10 a.m. To march in the parade, veterans must be able to march in regular cadence for approximately three-quarters of a mile.

No banners other than the flags carried by the JROTC units will be allowed in the parade.

The City of Fullerton is assisting with the event.

For more information about the parade and ceremony call the Fullerton American Legion at (714) 871-2412.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the ceremony are asked to contact the Legion prior to Nov. 11.

For safety reasons, pets will not be permitted either in the parade or at the ceremony.



Task Force to study needs of homeless mentally ill

Determining the needs of mentally ill homeless people on the streets of Fullerton is the goal of a new committee appointed by the City Council.

The Task Force on Homelessness and Mental Health Services has been directed by the Council to first, assess services already available to assist the mentally ill homeless, as well as identify additional service needs; and second, develop a plan for facilitating access to these services for those in need.

The Task Force is to report to Council on its findings and recommendations in

six months. That report is tentatively set for March.

The Task Force, chaired by Rusty Kennedy, a Fullerton native and director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission, was formed by Council in response to the incident this past summer when Kelly Thomas, a homeless man diagnosed with violent schizophrenia, was injured when Fullerton Police Officers attempted to detain him. He died from his injuries five days later.

The Task Force meets the first and third Thursdays of the month in the new Conference Center of the Main Library, 353

W. Commonwealth Ave. Meetings are open to the public.

The Task Force's Council-appointed roster includes members of the clergy and representatives of a variety of social service agencies and nonprofit organizations in Fullerton and throughout the county, and three members of the community-at-large.

For more information call the City Manager's Office at (714) 738-6310.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend meetings are asked to notify the City Manager's Office prior to the meeting date.

Understanding the current charges section on a residential water bill

Have you ever wondered why your residential water bill includes charges for services other than water? The City's Water Division wants to help you understand where your money flows. Your water bills consist of four primary charges: the charge for water use, a sanitation charge, a trash collection charge, and a sewer charge.

Water

The water charge covers the cost of providing water to your home. There are two basic components of the water charge. The commodity rate and the customer charge. The commodity rate is the charge for the amount of water you use in a billing period determined by reading your meter. This per 1,000 gallon charge is an inclining three tiered rate: the customer charge is a monthly fixed charge that is based on the size of your meter. Both charges cover the cost of water, operations and maintenance, compliancy with regulatory requirements, capital improvements, and repair, replacement and rehabilitation of water system facilities.

Examining the costs of providing water to your home

Sanitation

Sanitation revenues are used to perform street sweeping, tree trimming, storm drain maintenance and operations, and storm drain capital improvement projects. The City's sanitation charge partially funds the City's National Pollution

Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and pollution spill response and clean-up. The NPDES program is a nationwide component of the Federal Clean Water Act to protect beneficial uses of our creeks, rivers and ocean by preventing pollution from entering the City's storm drain system. Sanitation revenues are calculated based on your actual water usage. This equates to a dollar value of 25 percent of your total water charge.



Trash

The trash charge pays for trash service at your home. We contract with MG Disposal, a division of Taormina Industries, for trash disposal services.

Sewer

Sewer revenues are also calculated based on your actual water usage and water meter size. A rate per 1,000 gallons is charged to 40 percent of the water consumed and a fixed fee based on your meter size. These charges cover the costs for operation and maintenance, compliance with regulatory agency requirements, capital improvement, and repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the sewer system.

For further information, contact the Office of Water Engineering at Fullerton City Hall at (714) 738-6887

Holiday trash schedules set

MG Disposal, the City's trash contractor, has announced its trash collection schedule for the coming holiday season.

Veterans' Day (Nov. 11): MG does not observe the holiday, and crews will work their normal collection schedules.

Thanksgiving (Nov. 26): MG will observe the holiday, and will not make trash collections Nov. 26. Thursday's collections should be set out on Friday, and Friday's collections should be set out on Saturday.

Since both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays this year, MG will not make trash collections on Monday, Dec. 26, or Monday, Jan. 2. As with the Thanksgiving collection, residential collections will run one day late for the remainder of both weeks.

Citizens wishing to recycle their Christmas trees may either cut the tree up and place it in their yard waste container, or they may place it with their trash on their collection day during the two weeks following Christmas.

For residents who select to place their trees out with their regular trash, the tree stands (both metal and wood), decorations, lights and tinsel must be removed; trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half.

Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Citizens may discard their flocked trees by cutting them up and placing them in their regular trash containers or they can call MG Disposal at (714) 238-2444 to schedule a "bulky item pickup." There is no additional charge for that service.



Your direct line to City Hall

Want to keep up on City Hall news? Subscribe to Fullerton eLists!

Fullerton eLists is an email program that notifies you when a news item has been posted to the City's website.

Just log on to cityoffullerton.com, sign up for eLists, and pick the topics that interest you. Once you do, email notices will be sent when an item is posted on one of the topics.

For more information about Fullerton eLists call the City's Public Information Office at (714) 738-6317.

Community Center holds flu clinic

The Fullerton Community Center will host its annual flu clinic Nov. 14.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the center, which is temporarily housed at St. Mary's Church, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave., during construction of a new center.

The clinic is free to senior citizens 60 years of age and older, as well as to persons with high-risk health conditions.

Persons allergic to eggs or who are running a fever the day of the clinic should not receive the immunizations. Appointments are not necessary for the shots.

The clinic is cosponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Preventive Health Care for the Aging, and the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Further information about the event may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Community Center at (714) 738-6305.

City, universities seek public input on CollegeTown project

Do you have an idea – large or small – that could make the CollegeTown area a great place for campus life and community life to converge? The City of Fullerton, California State University, and Hope International University want to hear from you!

The City of Fullerton, California State University Fullerton, and Hope International University are proud to announce the launch of CollegeTownFullerton.com, an interactive virtual town hall website dedicated to soliciting feedback and ideas from members of the community about the preparation of a Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

CollegeTown is a 7-plus-acre area bordered by Nutwood Avenue, Chapman Avenue, State College Boulevard, and the 57 Freeway. The Specific Plan will outline the long-term planning of the CollegeTown area which may include the future development of university-related facilities, residential (including student/faculty housing), commercial retail, and open space.

CollegeTownFullerton.com allows residents, students, and other interested stakeholders a new way to share ideas, provide feedback, and make recommendations on a broad variety of issues impacting the new CollegeTown mixed-use sub-area.

This new public engagement platform will allow a more diverse audience of participants that might not be able to attend other conventional public discussion forums. Simply jump online from work, home, school or wherever there is access to an internet connection to join in the discussion.

CollegeTownFullerton.com uses new interactive web-based technology to better engage and listen to participants. “We are always looking for ways to better capture input and ideas from citizens. CollegeTownFullerton.com is a great way to interface with those people who would not typically attend a public meeting,” said Charles Kovac, project manager in the Fullerton Redevelopment and Economic Development Department.

“We are looking forward to hearing your ideas!”

Ideas are being sought in the following six topic areas...

- Vision goals prioritization
- Retail, Service and Commercial Land Uses
- Entertainment and Cultural Uses, Events and Activities
- Residential, Office, and University Related Land Uses
- Pedestrian and bicycle access

- Bus service

The City of Fullerton, California State University, Fullerton, and Hope International University partnered with Omaha-based technology firm MindMixer to develop CollegeTownFullerton.com.

Sign up at <http://www.collegetownfullerton.com> and join the discussion!

To learn more about MindMixer, go to www.mindmixer.com.

Further information on the CollegeTown project may be obtained by calling Kovac at Fullerton City Hall at (714) 738-2858.



Tell the City and universities your thoughts on CollegeTown!

‘Winter Market’ set for Dec. 3



The holiday season gets off to a festive start when the City presents “Winter Market” Dec. 3!

The Market, which will be open from noon-5:30 p.m. on Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue, will offer a variety of vendor booths for early Christmas shopping, plus holiday entertainment and food booths.

Even Santa Claus will take time out of his busy schedule to attend the Market and pose for free photos with children from noon-4 p.m.! Admission to the Market is free.

There will also be face painting and a bounce house for children. For grown-ups, the Fullerton Museum Center will have a beer and wine garden for adults needing a little libation after a busy afternoon of shopping.

In addition, Fullerton’s Firefighters will accept new toys for needy children as part of their “Spark of Love” toy drive.

A holiday tree-lighting ceremony in the Downtown Plaza at 5 p.m. will cap the day’s festivities.

Parking may be found in any of the free downtown lots or parking structures.

For more information call the Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Veterans Day salute

America’s servicemen and women will be honored in a special “Veterans’ Day” salute Nov. 10 at the Fullerton Community Center.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a dramatic presentation of World War II-era President Harry S. Truman by impressionist Peter Small.

Following Small’s performances, veterans attending the program will be invited to share their military remembrances, photos and mementos.

Military personnel provided by the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Brea will present the colors for the flag salute prior to lunch.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m.

The Fullerton Community Center is temporarily housed at St. Mary’s Church, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave., during construction of a new community center.

Further information about the program may be obtained by calling the Center at (714) 738-6305. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the “Veterans Day” salute are asked to notify the center staff prior to Nov. 10.

Firefighters caution about unsolicited business ‘inspections’

The Fullerton Fire Department is cautioning business owners to be on the alert for a group of individuals who conduct unsolicited “inspections” of a business’ fire safety systems.

At the conclusion of the “inspection,” the individuals will present the business owner with a document that resembles an inspection report, but is actually a bill.

Fullerton Fire Marshal Julie Kunze said approximately six local businesses have been targeted by the individuals over the past month, adding the group’s activities seem to be picking up pace. She also noted they are hitting surrounding cities, and have targeted businesses in Los Angeles County, as well.

Kunze said while the individuals do not specifically say they are from the Fire Department, they wear dark blue shirts and pants resembling a firefighter’s uniform. They then inform the owner or manager of the business that they are there to conduct an inspection of their business or the fire safety system.

“They walk around the business while marking off items on a clipboard,” Kunze said. “At the conclusion of the ‘inspection,’ they ask the business owner to sign the ‘inspection’ form. By signing, the business owner has agreed to pay a fee for the work, and if they don’t pay immediately, they are turned over to an aggressive collection agency.”

Kunze said fees charged for the alleged ‘inspections’ have ranged from \$100-\$300.



The Fullerton Fire Department does conduct annual inspections of businesses and fire safety systems; however, “the Fire Department does not charge for the service,” Kunze said. “The department never contracts with a private business to conduct the inspections.”

Kunze added when fire personnel conduct an inspection, “They will always be in a Fire Department uniform, wearing a Fullerton Fire Department badge, as well as a department patch on one sleeve, and driving a department vehicle, such as a fire engine or clearly marked fire car.”

Kunze said businesses approached by the phony inspectors should immediately call the Fire Prevention Division of the Fullerton Fire Department at (714) 738-6500. “It would be very helpful if the business owners could provide us with descriptions of the individuals, as well as their vehicles, including the license plate numbers,” she said.

However, she added business owners should never attempt to challenge these people or in any way or put their personal safety in jeopardy. “Business owners do not have to allow these people on their premises,” Kunze said. “They can politely decline the inspection and then call the Fire Department.”

Further information about the Fire Department’s business fire safety inspections may also be obtained by calling the Fire Prevention Division.

Library has free audio book, e-book downloads

If you are a fan of digital readers such as “Nook,” “Kindle” and “iPad,” or you enjoy listening to your books, the Fullerton Public Library is the place for you!

As a service to patrons, the Library now offers free downloads of audio books and e-books. All you need to have is a valid library card, which is also free.

“As the Library evolves, our staff is always exploring new ways to offer services,” said Andrea Taylor, technical services division manager for the Fullerton Public Library. “We have found that e-readership has increased greatly and we have received many inquiries about this service in the past few years.

“In response to this interest – and thanks to the support of the Fullerton Public Library Foundation – we are now able to offer this service.”

This new service, powered by OverDrive, can be accessed through the library’s website at <http://fullerton.lib.overdrive.com>. Users just browse the Library’s website, “check out” an e-book or audio book with a valid library card, and download it to their computers or mobile devices. Some of audio titles can also be burned to CDs.

Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, so there are no late fees!

A “download station” has been provided in the Main Library for patrons to immediately begin downloading their audio book choices to their devices.

Taylor added WiFi can be used to download e-books.

Further information about the new audio book and e-book service may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Public Library at (714) 738-6326.

The Main Library is located at 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Free compost class

The City of Fullerton is teaming with the Fullerton Arboretum to present a free public workshop on home composting Nov. 12 at the Arboretum.

The workshop, “Home Composting II,” will provide an overview of composting for the beginner, as well as a discussion of advanced techniques for those with some composting experience.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. Fullerton Arboretum is located at 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus.

The 90-minute workshop will be held outdoors, and participants are advised to dress accordingly.

The workshop is free to Fullerton residents. Discount vouchers for the purchase of state-of-the-art compost bins will be available for Fullerton residents. Limit one per household.

Workshop registration and further information may be obtained by calling the Arboretum at (714) 278-3579.



Museum Center calendar

“Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray”

Open through Nov. 20

In May 1931 renowned photographer Nickolas Muray (1892–1965) traveled to Mexico on vacation where he met Frida Kahlo, a woman he would never forget. The two started a romance that continued on and off for the next 10 years and a friendship that lasted until the end of their lives. These historical images of Kahlo from the collection of the Nickolas Muray Archives reveal the work of a master photographer and the passion of an extraordinary love story. Courtesy of the Nickolas Muray Archives and Tour Development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Mo.

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“Solid Design: Leo Fender’s Telecaster”

Open through June 3, 2012

The exhibit 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 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.

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Stroller Brigade

10 a.m.- noon Wednesdays, through Nov. 16

Free

Calling all toddlers, preschoolers, and their grownups! Come to the Fullerton Museum Center and enjoy stories, puzzles and crafts in the main gallery.

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“Day of the Dead” at the FMC

6-10 p.m. Nov. 4

\$2 materials fee

Celebrate the Day of the Dead with traditional art, music and dance from Mexico. Make a *calavera*, try your hand at Mexican metalworking and join students from Fullerton Union High School in dances honoring our ancestors and the continuity of life.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



What are the hazards of used oil?

Used oil can contain such contaminants as lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, chromium, arsenic, chlorides, cadmium, and chlorinated compounds. Oil poured down drains or onto the ground can work its way into our ground and surface waters and cause serious pollution.

One gallon of used oil can foul a million gallons of drinking water. Federal reports indicate used motor oil accounts for more than 40 percent of the total oil pollution in our nation.

CAN USED OIL BE RECYCLED?

Yes, used oil is very recyclable, and can be re-refined or processed into fuel oil. Unfortunately, not enough is being recycled: In 1998, 140 million gallons of lubricating oil were sold in California. Approximately 40 percent - 56 million gallons - leaked out of engines or was burned. Of the remaining 84 million gallons, only 64 million were recycled, leaving approximately 20 million gallons unaccounted for and possibly disposed of improperly.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can participate in oil recycling by following these tips:

- Drain your used oil into a clean container.
- Don't mix other materials, including water, with used oil.
- Take used oil to a household hazardous waste collection facility or a used oil collection site. To find a collection center near you, call 1-800-CLEANUP or go on line at www.1800cleanup.org. Below are centers in Fullerton:



AutoZone #2898
146 N. Raymond Ave
Fullerton, CA 92831
(714) 870-9772

AutoZone #5522
1801 West Orangethorpe Ave
Fullerton, CA 92833
(714) 870-8286

AutoZone #5523
102 N Euclid
Fullerton, CA 92832
(714) 870-8286

Big O Tires #587
1010 W. Common Wealth
Fullerton, CA 92833
(714) 870-4699

EZ Lube #17
4002 N Harbor Blvd
Fullerton, CA 92835
(714) 619-1546

Firestone Store #27EH
1933 N Placentia Ave

Fullerton, CA 92831
(714) 993-7100

Fox Service Center
1018 W Orangethorpe
Fullerton, CA 92833
(714) 879-1430

FJC Automotive Technology
321 E Chapman Ave
Fullerton, CA 92832
(714) 992-7275

Kragen Auto Parts #0731
2978 Yorba Linda
Fullerton, CA 92831
(714) 996-4780

Kragen Auto Parts #4133
904 W. Orangethorpe Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92832
(714) 526-3570

Pep Boys #642
1530 S Harbor Blvd
Fullerton, CA 92832
(714) 870-0700

CALENDAR

- 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 FBS 4-H Club, 7 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Fullerton Elks Lodge, 1451 Brea Blvd.; (714) 994-0843.
- 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 – Fullerton Garden Club, 9 a.m.-noon, second Tuesday of month, Pavilion Room, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on The CSUF campus; (714) 526-6713.
- 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 – 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 – 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; (714) 994-0843.
- On-going – Bingo Night, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsor St. Mary's Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-going – Bingo at Rancho Fullerton Social Club, 5-8 p.m. Mondays, Rancho Fullerton clubhouse, 1201 W. Valencia Drive.; information (714) 680-0566.
- On-going – Ebell Club of Fullerton, 313 Laguna Road; fund-raiser for Maple Elementary School; tickets (714) 526-3498.
- On-going – Through Nov. 8 - "Transformacion: Dreams of Oaxaca," 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fullerton College Fine Arts Gallery, 321 E. Chapman Ave.; exhibit highlighting contemporary art from the Mexican state of Oaxaca; (714) 732-5701.
- Nov. 5 - Leon Owens Foundation Bingo Night, 5:30 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 7 p.m. bingo, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1500 Raymond Ave.; proceeds go to the Foundation to provide scholarships for students; (714) 687-5520 or LeonOwensFoundation.org.
- Nov. 5 - Fund-raising Rummage Sale, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Fullerton Community Nursery School, 2050 Youth Way; proceeds from the event will benefit the school; (714) 525-1251.
- Nov. 5 - Food Truck Frenzy, 5:30-9 p.m., Sunny Hills High School parking lot, 1801 Warburton Way; featuring 15-plus food trucks, as well as live entertainment, games and more; benefit for the high school's aquatics program; sponsor Sunny Hills High School Booster Club; (714) 526-4839.
- Nov. 6 – Alternative Gift Faire, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Downtown Plaza. Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue; featuring 20 nonprofit organizations offering gifts for purchase, with sales going to a favorite charity; lunch and refreshments available for purchase; sponsors are the First Christian Church of Fullerton and First United Methodist Church of Fullerton; (714) 526-3082.
- Nov. 10 - Fullerton Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fullerton City Hall Council Chamber, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.; the meeting will feature a presentation on emergency preparedness; (714) 738-6836
- Nov 13 - Fullerton Beautiful Annual Meeting, 2 p.m., Red Cross Building, Lemon Street and E. Valley View Drive, in Hillcrest Park; the program will be "Capturing Your Garden in Photos," featuring guest speaker Steve Kaye; (714) 871-4156.
- Nov. 15 – Fullerton City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Fullerton City Hall Council Chamber, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.; agenda – (714) 738-6351.
- Dec. 2-3 – "Christmas Cabaret Dinner Shows," La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra; event will feature dinner and a serenade of Christmas music; there will also be a 12:30 p.m. performance Dec. 3; the sponsor is the Orange Empire Chorus; tickets (714) 871-7675.
- Dec. 4 – Aviv Quartet in Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; concert is free; the sponsor is Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 526-5310 or www.fullertonfriendsofmusic.com.
- DEC. 6 – FULLERTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 5:30 p.m., Fullerton City Hall Council Chamber, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.; agenda information – (714) 738-6351.

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 (714) 738-6758. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.