## Focus on

# Fullerton



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## Paramedic subscription renewals due soon

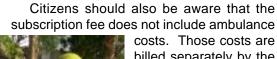
Fullerton residents are reminded that it will soon be time to renew their participation in the

city's annual Paramedic Subscription Program.

For a single nominal fee, every permanent resident of a household can be assured of low-cost paramedic coverage whenever it is needed from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

All fees collected from subscriptions directly support the paramedic program, including maintaining state-of-theart emergency equipment.

Why the subscription fee? While paramedic service is available to all Fullerton citizens regardless of whether they join the subscription program, non-subscribers should be aware they will be charged a per-call fee whenever they call the paramedics.



costs. Those costs are billed separately by the ambulance company.

The fee will show up

The fee will show up on residents' water bills in May and June. To enroll, residents simply include the fee with their water bill payment. If they prefer not to subscribe, they deduct the fee from their bill, and pay the difference.

Further information about the Paramedic Subscription Program may be obtained by

calling the Paramedic Services of the Fullerton Fire Department between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at (714) 738-6341.

A subscription program is also available for businesses, and details may be obtained by calling (714) 738-6341 during office hours.



Fullerton paramedics provide quality emergency care

## Mentors needed for at-risk city youths

Applications are being sought from citizens interested in serving as mentors to at-risk community youths.

The Mentor Program is part of Fullerton CalGrip, a community-based, school-centered program designed to keep high-risk 8-13-year-old youths free of drug and gang involvement through prevention and intervention services.

Aaron Orozco, recreation manager for the City, said the goal of mentors will be to "provide support, guidance, friendship and a positive life experience for youths who may be facing hardships or making poor behavioral choices."

Youths who participate in the program must be nominated by school or law enforcement officials.

Mentors must be 18 years of age or older, and must pass a thorough background investigation. Candidates will be fingerprinted and verified by the Department of Justice.

Once selected, Parks and Recreation staff will work with the mentors to find a match with a student based on common interests or other factors. Mentors will also meet with the assigned case manager to work on ideas designed to assist their youths.

Persons interested in becoming a mentor can contact Vanessa Teran, senior parks and recreation specialist, at (714) 738-5365.

Persons requiring special accommodations to be a mentor are asked to notify Teran when applying.

Fullerton CalGrip is funded through the California Gang Reduction Intervention Program. Community partners include the Fullerton Police and Parks and Recreation departments, the Fullerton Boys and Girls Club, the Fullerton School District, St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton Collaborative, and Community Service Programs Inc.

Visit the City's web site: www.cityoffullerton.com

## City offers Turf Removal Rebate for homeowners, businesses

The City of Fullerton currently has limited funding (rebate) available through June 30 for residential and commercial properties that would like to remove existing turf and replace it with drought-tolerant plants.

#### Program Overview:

Turf grass is one of the most water-intensive plants in your landscape. Its high water and frequent maintenance needs make it a time-consuming, expensive option. If you choose to remove some of your irrigated turf grass to reduce your outdoor water use, you can receive \$1 or more per square foot of removed turf to reward you for doing your part to save water in Southern California!

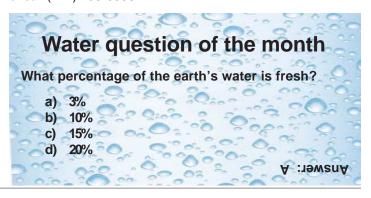
In order to be eligible for a rebate, the converted area must meet minimum requirements, including:

- Converted areas may not include any live turf and must be permeable to air and water. Weed barriers and hardscape must be permeable as well.
- Exposed soil must be covered with a 2-3-inch layer of mulch to prevent erosion.
  - No invasive plants can be used.
- Consider planting a California Friendly® garden using drought-tolerant and native plants that need minimal irrigation once established.

Rebates are available by reservation only. To receive your rebate:

- Qualify through the pre-approval process, which includes an application, copy of your water bill, and submission of four to five photos of the area where turf will be removed.
- After receiving a reservation, you must complete your turf removal project and submit your rebate request within 120 days.
- Upon approval of the request, you will receive a rebate check.
- The turf removal project must not begin until you receive a reservation in order to be eligible for a rebate.

For additional information regarding the residential or commercial turf removal programs and applications please visit our website: www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/engineering/water\_system\_management\_n\_supply/conservation\_program or call (714) 738-6896.

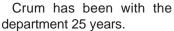


## Two veteran Fullerton police officers promoted to captain

Fullerton Police Lieutenants Lorraine Jones and George Crum have been promoted to the rank of captain by Acting Police Chief Dan Hughes.

Jones, a 26-year veteran of the department, is the first female officer to achieve the rank of captain in the

department's history.



"We're moving forward with putting a management team in place to best meet the needs of the community and the department," Hughes said of the promotions.

"I am very proud to promote George and Lorraine, and believe they will carry out my vision of transparency and accountability in serving this city."

Capt. Lorraine Jones Jones, a Fullerton native,

attended Fullerton College and holds both bachelor and master degrees from California State University, Long Beach. She was recently recognized by Fullerton Mayor Sharon Quirk-Silva at the annual "Celebrating Women in Leadership Conference," and in 2011 by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez as a "Woman Leader in Fullerton."

Jones is also a board member of the Leadership and Ethics Institute (LEI).

Jones will be assigned as commander of the department's Services Division, which oversees such important functions of the department as officer training and hiring, dispatch, records and the jail.

Jones' promotion was effective April 1.

Crum, a Sunny Hills High School alumnus, is a graduate of Fullerton College and California State University, Fullerton, and holds a master degree from California State University, Long Beach.

Crum, an instructor at the Fullerton College Police Academy, also administers an Orange County District Attorney Office's program to train 100 officers to become

Capt. George Crum

drug recognition experts (DRE). He also is a trainer in the program.

Crum will head the department's Patrol Division, which includes the Traffic Bureau.

Crum's promotion was effective March 31.



## Traveling through space

Fancifully titled "Traveling though space," the artwork at left is one of more than 180 examples of Chinese advertising art and objects featured in the Fullerton Museum Center's new exhibit "China Modern: Designing 20th Century Popular Culture," which opens April 14. The exhibit chronicles the country's changing character through a celebration of its graphic art and material culture. The objects in the exhibit demonstrate how both political ideologies and cultural values are transmitted through conventional objects. This is the first exhibition to track graphic art and product design from the Qing Dynasty through the tumult of the 20th century, while also reflecting on the impact art advertising has had on the contemporary experience. "China Modern" was developed by the Pacific Asia Museum of Pasadena, and the tour was organized by International Arts and Artists, Washington, DC. An opening reception for the exhibit will feature entertainment, refreshments, a curator's talk and more. Admission to the reception, which begins at 6 p.m., is \$10 for the general puboic and free to Museum members. For further information, call the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

## 100th anniversary of Titanic sinking focus of Library program

The H.M.S. Titanic.

Just the name conjures up images of wrenching metal, icy ocean waters, and everywhere the screams and cries of men, women and children.

Today, almost a century since the supposedly unsinkable ocean liner sank beneath the dark waters of the North Atlantic

on April 15, 1912, our fascination with the Titanic's story continues unabated.

In observance of the centennial anniversary of the Titanic sinking, the Fullerton Public Library will present a

special program April 9 about the luxury liner. The free program, which will also include a screening of a documentary on the Titanic, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Commonwealth Ave.

Titanic aficionado Michael Green on his friendship with Titanic survivor Edwina Troutt.

Green met Troutt in 1982 when he read an article about her in the "Los Angeles Times." Learning she was a resident, at that time, of Hermosa Beach, he contacted Troutt and a friendship ensued that would last until Troutt's death in 1984 at age 100.

For the library program, Green will share reminiscences of his friendship with Troutt, who was one of the prototypes for the "Rose' character in the blockbuster movie "Titanic." Green will also relate some of the stories Troutt told him

> about surviving that horrible night in the North Atlantic.

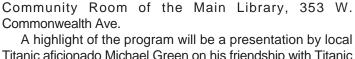
In addition. Green will recount his success in reuniting Troutt with the family of the infant she rescued when the child was pressed into her

arms by its father as Troutt sat in a lifeboat about to be lowered over the side of the dying ship.

While 11 other relatives of the child died in the sinking, its mother, who had become separated from her family in the panic, managed to board another lifeboat and survived. She was later reunited with her child aboard the rescue ship RMS Carpathia.

An exhibit of Titanic-related objects will be on display throughout April in the Main Library's Conference Wing.

For information about the Titanic program call the Fullerton Public Library at (714) 738-6325.





#### Fullerton Market returns!

4-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting April 5 Wilshire, between Harbor and Pomona

Featuring farm-fresh produce, crafts, food booths, live entertainment, rides and activities for kids, and a beer and wine garden for adults

> Free admission Information: (714) 738-6545

## Need help?

Need your water shut off? Please call the Maintenance Services Department at (714) 738-6897 if you need your water

> shut off at the meter. There's no charge for the service. Please don't try to do it yourself because if it breaks in the process, you will be charged for damage to City property.

## A Q&A: Understanding the City's water fund transfer

You might have read in the local newspaper stories regarding the City of Fullerton's transfer of water funds to the general fund; what follows are some frequently asked questions and answers that might help you to understand the issue.

## What is the City's water franchise fee and how was it originally established?

The City's water franchise fee was first adopted in 1968, when the City Council assessed a fee of 2% of the Water Fund revenues. The franchise fee was determined to be a simple way for the City to account for the costs of the General Fund provided in support of water system operations that are not expressly identified in the water utility budget. In 1970, the City Council raised the fee to 10% and it has been at that level ever

since. At the time the fee was adopted, the City Council understood that the fee was a reasonable estimate of the General Fund's costs in providing support of water system operations.

UTILITY SERVICES BILL BIRING Date: 02/13/2012 Billing Date: 0

#### I have heard the City's water franchise fee described as "illegal," is this true?

Cities are entitled to recover all of their costs for utility services through their water service fees, including costs provided by the General Fund in support of the water utility. The City has determined, however, that it is appropriate to identify and quantify rather than estimate the direct charges that should be assessed to the Water Fund for the use of City-owned property and facilities in support of water system operations. The City engaged an independent rate consultant for this purpose.

## What is the Ad Hoc Water Rate Study Committee?

Early in 2011, the City Council

formed and appointed committee members to specifically review water rates and the City's water rate study to provide input and advice to the City Council. Members of the Ad Hoc Water Rate Study Committee are local residents who were appointed by the City Council. The committee makes recommendations to the City Manager, the Water Department, and the City Council, but cannot set policy as that is reserved for the City Council.

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## How much money does the General Fund receive from the water franchise fee?

The City's General Fund received approximately \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2010-11 from the water franchise fee. The study shows that the actual cost of service is approximately \$1.67 million—a difference of approximately \$830,000.

#### What does this mean to me?

A number of factors contribute to the water service fees imposed on an individual rate payer. The water utility invoice shown above is illustrative of an average household's bi-monthly water bill.

- Gallons of Water used in average home 29,000
- Water Bill with 10% fee(\$8.66) \$95.31
- Water bill with fee from "Study" (\$5.78) \$92.43
- Difference in an average bill \$2.88
- Annual difference\* (6 bills)
   \$17.28
  - \*Depending on actual annual water use

#### How will the ratepayers be compensated?

The City is reviewing a number of options for compensating the rate payers for excess charges that may have been charged over the last three years. All of the options have a number of

details and issues that remain to be resolved before a final recommendation can be made to the Ad Hoc Water Study Committee and the City Council. The Ad Hoc Water Rate Study Committee, may choose to recommend one of these four options, or it may recommend an alternative or modified option to the City Council. Options that will be presented to the Ad Hoc Water Rate Study Committee are:

- 1) Rebate Option: Over the course of three years, the current utility water customers would receive a refund for the difference between the 10% rate and the proposed charge outlined in the "Study" for the past 3 years
- 2) Infrastructure Option: The General Fund would transfer \$830,000 per year, for the next three years, to the Water Fund to be used for capital improvements such as replacing aging water pipelines. \$830K is the difference between the 10% and the proposed charge

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3) Asset Exchange Option: The General Fund would give a parcel of land of equivalent value to the Water Fund for future construction of water facilities.

4) Pass Through Option: The General Fund would pay the cost of the Metropolitan Water District's, Orange County Water District's and the City's electrical provider's passthrough rate increases until the \$2.5 million was used - approximately 2-3 years.

#### Who will decide which option to choose?

The Water Rate Ad Hoc Committee will meet and make recommendations on the Transfer Study and the compensation to the City Council ,who will ultimately decide the matter.

#### Does the public have any say?

Yes, members of the public may speak at Ad Hoc Water Rate Study Committee and City Council meetings when the item is agenized. They may also write letters to the City Council.





## Museum Center calendar

#### **Spring into Music Camp**

10 a.m.-noon April 9-13 For students in grades 4-9

Learn enough chords to play hundreds of songs! This one week beginner's class will include guitar instruction, music games, visits to the Leo Fender Gallery, classes on the history of the guitar, and more. All materials are provided, including the guitar.

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## Guitar Gateways at Beechwood School April 17-May 22 \$120 per Student

In partnership with All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation, the Fullerton Museum Center is offering this popular guitar class. Students will learn chords, note reading and music history, with an emphasis on rock, folk and blues. Fender acoustic guitars are available to use in class and at home. Students do not need to attend Beechwood School to participate.

#### **Stroller Brigade**

10 a.m.-noon April 18–June 27

Calling all toddlers, preschoolers and their grownups! Come on down to the Museum Center for docent-led games, puzzles, activities and crafts in the Main Gallery.

Wednesday Art Studio

2-4 p.m. April 25-May 16 \$40 per student/\$35 for Museum members For students in grades 1-6

Draw, paint, decorate and create! Students will create original art with a wide range of fun art materials including paint, clay, beads, metal and glass. Class fills quickly. Pre-registration is required. Fee includes all materials.

### Shanghai Jazz

7 p.m. May 18

Free with regular Museum admission
Join bassist, composer and educator Cory Combs for
a look at one of the most vibrant eras of music history.
Combs, Director of Jazz Education at SFJazz, will
speak on the origins of jazz in Asia with special
emphasis on the burgeoning international music
scene in Shanghai in the 20s and 30s.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



# Painting tips to prevent water pollution

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

Paint can cause significant damage to our environment. Whether you hire a contractor or do it yourself, it is important to follow these simple tips when purchasing, using, cleaning, storing and disposing of paint. Following these easy tips will help prevent water pollution.

#### **PURCHASING PAINT**

- Measure the room or object to be painted, then buy only the amount needed.
- Whenever possible, use water-based paint since it usually does not require hazardous solvents such as thinner for cleanup.

#### PAINTING

- Use only one brush or roller per color to reduce the amount of water needed for cleaning.
- Place open paint containers or trays on a stable surface and in a position that is unlikely to spill.
- Always use a tarp under the area or object being painted to collect paint drips and contain spills.

#### CLEANING

- Never clean brushes or rinse paint containers in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- For oil-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible. Clean brushes with thinner. To reuse thinner, pour it through a fine filter (e.g. nylon, metal gauze or filter paper) to remove solids such as leftover traces of paint.
- For water-based products, use as much of the paint on the brushes as possible, then rinse in the sink.
- Collect all paint chips and dust. Chips and dust from marine paints or paints containing lead, mercury or tributyl are hazardous waste. Sweep up and dispose of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (HHWCC).

#### STORING PAINT

- Store paint in a dry location away from the elements.
- Store leftover water-based paint, oil-based paint and solvents separately in original or clearly marked containers.
- Place the lid on firmly and store the paint can upside down to prevent air from entering. This will keep the paint usable longer. Oil-based paint is usable for up to 15 years. Water-based paint remains usable for up to 10 years.

#### **A**LTERNATIVES TO DISPOSAL

• Take extra paint to an exchange program such as the "Stop & Swap" that allows you to drop off or pick up partially used home care products free of charge. "Stop & Swap" programs are available at most HHWCCs.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center 1071 N. Blue Gum St., Anaheim; call (714) 834-6752

- 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.
- April 7 Family Easter Celebration, 10 a.m.noon, First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton, 838 N. Euclid St.; event will offer crafts, storytelling, a bounce house and the annual Easter egg hunt for children; free; (714) 526-7701.
- April 12 Exhibit Opening Reception, Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.; exhibit features the work of photographer Don Normark; sponsored by The James Irvine Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts; (714) 738-6595.
- April 14-15 Green Scene Plant and Garden Show, 10 a.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; event is the largest outdoor plant sale in the region; sponsor Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum; proceeds go toward Arboretum programs; (657) 278-4762.
- April 15 Newstead Trio in Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; concert is free; sponsor Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 526-5310 or www.fullertonfriendsofmusic.com.
- April 15 "Ragfest" Ragtime Music Celebration, noon–8 p.m., Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.; event will feature several dance bands, including The Albany Nightboat Ragtimers and Brad Kay and Those Syncopating Songbirds; sponsored by The Rotary Club of Fullerton and The Jane Deming Endowment; (714) 738-6595.
- April 19 "An Evening with Buck Catlin," 7:30 p.m., Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.; a former Mayor and World War II Navy veteran, Mr. Catlin will speak about his career in public service, education, and as a submarine commander during World War II; (714) 738-6595.
- April 21 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Faces of Fullerton, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue; event will feature free inter-generational interactive events, plus free food and free entertainment; sponsor the Fullerton Collaborative; (714) 336-6910.
- April 21 Leon Owens Foundation Bingo Night, 5:30 p.m., Crown Plaza Hotel, 1500 S.
   Raymond St.; event will feature hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 and bingo at 7; proceeds will go towards college

- scholarships for graduating high school seniors and all levels of college students; guests must be 18 to participate; (714) 687-5520 or leonowensfoundation.org.
- April 21 "Hope Fest," noon-2:30 p.m., Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, just east of Euclid Street; the family event will feature a food truck, shaved ice, games, activities and prizes; sponsored by Boys Hope Girls Hope; (951) 486-1627.
- April 21-22 Spring Fair and Art Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, 29322 Modjeska Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon; sponsor California State University, Fullerton; featuring arts, crafts, live music, animals, guided hikes, barbecue; www.tuckerwildlife.org.
- April 28 Troy Warrior Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Troy High School, 2200 Dorothy Lane; event will feature a pancake eating contest, silent auction and prizes; in addition, E-waste (old TVs, computers, monitors, fax machines, printers, copiers, etc.) will be collected; proceeds to benefit Troy football; (714) 626-4400.
- April 28 "Truth, Justice and the American Way...Super Heroes Save the Day!," 2 and 7 p.m., Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave., on the FUHS campus; 54<sup>th</sup> annual show of the Orange Empire Chorus; proceeds benefit "Youth in Harmony" musical scholarship program; tickets (714) 871-7675.
- April 29 Nouveau Chamber Ballet presents "Hansel and Gretel," 7 p.m., Fullerton College Theatre, 321 E. Chapman Ave.; an original ballet; Lois Ellyn, artistic director, and music by the Fullerton College Symphony; (714) 992-7150.
- May 12 "Hollywood in Fullerton," 6-11 p.m., Fox Fullerton Theatre, 501 N. Harbor Blvd.; event will feature a show on the Fox stage, a 1980s dance party, silent/ auction and appetizers; proceeds go toward the restoration of the historic Fox Fullerton Theatre; (714) 607-0884.
- May 18-19 Troy High School Football Camps, 4-7 p.m. May 18 and 8 a.m.-noon May 19, Troy High School, 2200 Dorothy Lane; for kids 5-12 years of age; fee is \$50 per child; register on-line at <a href="https://www.TroyFootballCamps.com">www.TroyFootballCamps.com</a>; proceeds to support Troy High School football program; (714) 626-4400.
- May 19 Taste of the Town, 5-9 p.m., Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue, adjacent to the Fullerton Museum Center; event will feature tastings from more than 25 local restaurants, plus entertainment and prizes; sponsored by the Fullerton Assistance League; proceeds go toward Assistance League charities; (714) 526-5124.

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.