# Council Briefing

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# Administrative Services

#### Fiscal Services:

- Police alarm permits issued in September totaled 58, making the fiscal year-to-date total 157. Total number of active permits as of Sept. 30 was 4,684.
- Invoices billed in September totaled 87, with a valuation of \$1,658,669. Invoices billed for fiscal 2007-08 to date total 1,708, with a valuation of \$2,647,641.
- ➤ Delinquent notices in September totaled 87, with a valuation of \$452. Delinquent notices issued for fiscal year 2007-08 to date total 220, with a valuation of \$951.
- ➤ Total number of general checks and direct deposits issued in September was 830 and 160, respectively, with a valuation of \$5,216,052. The number of general checks and direct deposits for fiscal 2007-08 to-date total 2,722 and 585, respectively, with a valuation of \$19,067,709.

# • Information Technology:

- > Staff is installing the balance of the 220 new computers as part of the computer replacement program. The old computers will be cleaned and offered to the schools.
- > Staff is testing the software for the new document management and video streaming systems. Both should be up and running by the end of the year.
- Purchasing: In September, the Division processed 183 requisitions; saved \$2,818 through early payment discounts; and made \$6,900 in revenue through Office Depot rebates and miscellaneous lease negotiations. In addition, Central Services made 186,800 copies and processed 14,630 pieces of mail.

#### Revenue:

➤ In September, 128 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 71 were for businesses in Fullerton and 57 were for businesses located out of the city, but

which will be conducting business here. Business tax collected for the new registrants totaled \$9,387.

- ➤ A total of 206 businesses closed in September: 80 in the city and 126 out of the city.
- Business certificates renewed in September numbered 710, which totaled \$95,007 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In September, the Division answered 2,261 customer calls, and processed 3,785 cash register transactions totaling \$8,629,496. Of the transactions, 1,083 were by credit cards, 1,215 checks, 877 were paid in cash, and 129 were by direct deposits.

# **Community Development**

General Plan Update: The extensive outreach effort to gather information from residents continues. The update will evaluate current and future community needs, challenges and opportunities through the outreach program. In September, staff conducted both neighborhood and General Plan Advisory Committee meetings. The GPAC meeting Sept. 10 was the first opportunity for the Committee to discuss common "themes" including the ideas, issues and visions gathered from the outreach program. The GPAC was to meet again early this month to continue review of these community themes and issues. addition, a successful neighborhood meeting was held Sept. 25 in the multi-purpose building of Richman Elementary School. Mayor Pro Tem Quirk attended the meeting, which invited residents to engage in an open dialogue about planning and development concerns in their neighborhoods. The City will continue to gather information from the community. There are plans for 14 more neighborhood meetings to be held throughout the city. Staff has also developed an on-line Visioning Survey intended to allow members of the community on opportunity to provide the same input as the neighborhood meeting participants.

# Building Division:

- ➤ Inspection stops in September totaled 1,708 and resulted in 2,328 individual inspections. Average daily inspection load was 116.4, and the average daily workload was 15 inspections per inspector. In addition, 278 plans (including 40 ancillary plans) were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 93 were checked same day at the counter. There was a total of 1,444 visitors to the permit counter, and 441 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$2,810,288.
- Staff has completed the first review of building plans for the new McDonald's at 155 E. Chapman Ave., and is waiting for revisions.
- ➤ Plans for the new Jacaranda Senior Village condominium project at 1900 Camino Loma Ave have been reviewed and picked up for corrections. Valuation of the project is \$17 million.

- Grading is in progress for the third phase (two-story medical building and food court) of the Providence Center project at 1951 Sunnycrest Drive.
- ➤ Foundation work on the Grace Ministries project, 1645 W. Valencia Drive, is 95 percent complete, while the steel framing is 20 percent complete. Staff continues to work with the engineer to resolve issues due to the first pour.
- ➤ The Olson project at Truslow (SOCO Walk) is completed. To date, the Division has released 15 of 18 buildings for temporary occupancy.
- ➤ All buildings in the University Heights project, 1451 Brea Blvd., are at or near final inspection stage. Construction of units is at 97 percent complete; however, the overall project is at 90 percent.
- Framing is 80 percent complete for the Habitat for Humanity project at 430 W. Valencia Drive. Roof sheathing has been approved. Progress is slow.
- ➤ The Division issued a building permit for six buildings at 1550 Kimberly Ave. Project valuation is \$5,060,632.

#### Housing and Community Development:

- ➤ Three loan/grant projects were completed in September. Projects consisted of one residential deferred loan and two mobile home loans, one paint grant, and three handicap modification grants. Bids were received for two residential loans. One HOME-funded loan project is under construction.
- ➤ The HUD-required Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report was submitted by the end of September, as requested. The report includes the accomplishments for the 2006-07 fiscal year.
- ➤ Four of the 15 Agency-owned buildings on West Avenue were scheduled for demolition Oct. 3. As residents are relocated, the other buildings will be tested for lead and asbestos and, if necessary, the hazardous materials will be abated before demolition.
- ➤ The Division answered 430 calls in August: 117 housing rehabilitation; two temporary shelters; nine senior housing; 43 first-time homebuyers; 23 Section 8 assistance; 96 affordable housing (rental/development); and seven fair housing-related.
- ➤ The Division Inspector conducted 233 inspections. Of that, 161 affordable housing units were inspected, and 72 inspections were conducted for the housing rehabilitation program.
- Community Preservation: In September, the Division: received 394 complaints (869 for the fiscal year to-date); resolved 160 complaints (469); conducted 628 inspections (1,851);

issued 206 first notices of violation (469) and 27 citations (106); abated no vehicles (one); arranged for the pickup of 13 large items, such as sofas (25); received 9 requests for graffiti removal (25); received 98 Hotline calls (301); and billed \$2,200 in revenue (\$11,500).

# Engineering

- Project Development and Design:
  - ➤ Bidding is in progress on the Lemon Street Reconstruction from Orangefair to Freedom avenues. The project includes reconstructing approximately one-half-mile of asphalt pavement. The cost estimate is \$1.5 million, with construction to begin in April. The Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Program is providing \$766,001 toward project funding.
  - Construction is to begin this month on Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Upgrade for fiscal 2006-07, which is projected to take place in various locations citywide, but primarily in Central Fullerton. The project also includes pipe and manhole work, as well as spot repairs. The contract award was \$731,910.
  - ➤ Bidding is in progress on the Sewer Replacement project for the Carhart area for fiscal 2007-08. Sewer replacement will occur on Carhart Avenue, from Malvern Avenue to Valley View Drive; Johnson Place, from Carhart to Stephens Avenue; Stephens, from Johnson to Fern Drive; and Fern, from Carhart to Valley View. The project includes replacing 5,500 linear feet of sewer line. The estimate for construction is \$1.3 million, with work to begin in December.
- Construction Management: Reconstruction of Bastanchury Road, from Malvern to Parks Road, is nearly finished. Minor items remaining include cutting traffic loops, traffic painting, and pulling wire for signal interconnect. The project is to be completed this month.

# Water Engineering:

- ➤ Water piping has been installed and is in service on Golden Avenue, from Malvern to Union Street. Piping has also been installed on Jacaranda, from Malden Avenue west to the cul-de-sac. All new service location are expected to be operational this month.
- Painting and soil compaction testing remain on the Fullerton Municipal Airport Pavement Reconstruction. The RJ Noble Co. began work on the project in March. The work included placing asphalt concrete, grading, constructing a concrete gutter, constructing a water line system, and striping. The contractor has installed 8-inch water pipe, which is currently in service.
- ➤ Southern California is facing significant water supply challenges. The year 2007 is the driest on record. In addition, there are uncertainties in State Water Project operations over the next three years. Deliveries from the Banks pumping plant, which serves two-

thirds of the state, have been curtailed due to Delta Smelt protective actions. How does this impact Fullerton? "Interruptible agricultural users," of which Fullerton has nine, are being asked to reduce their MWD allotment by 30 percent over the 2003-04 base year. Combined, these agricultural accounts use less than 0.1 percent of Fullerton's yearly demand. Fullerton is very fortunate to have its groundwater supply, which has been maintained wisely and efficiently by the Orange County Water District. Long range, if the Delta issues continue and the levels of rainfall stay low in Southern California and along the Colorado River Watershed, Fullerton – as well as everyone else in California – will be impacted. Recently, the Long Beach implemented mandatory water use restrictions for its customers. Fortunately, Fullerton residents do not currently face these restrictions, but a conservation effort now could help in the future. Engineering staff will be working with Maintenance Services to attempt to reduce water consumption at City facilities. The water conservation message will continue in the "Focus on Fullerton." Finally, the Energy Resource Management Committee has formed a sub-committee to study Fullerton's existing Emergency Water Conservation Plan. The goal is to bring the modified plan to Council in early 2008 for approval.

Fluoridation is scheduled to begin in late November. The MWD will begin fluoridation at its Weymouth and Diemer treatment plants in late November. Fullerton residents north of Bastanchury and Rosecrans Avenue are the main recipients of MWD water and will, therefore, receive the fluoridated water.

# Fire

- Statistics: The Department responded to 855 requests for service in September. Of those requests, 676 were medical aid calls, 31 were for fires, four were hazmat incidents, and 65 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 87 automatic aid calls and received 77.
- Suppression Notable Activity and Responses:
  - ➤ On Sept. 5, Engines 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to an aircraft standby call at the Airport. On arrival, crews found the aircraft on the grass between the runway and the service road. No fire or fuel leak was noted.
  - ➤ On Sept. 9, Engines 1 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a multi-casualty vehicle accident at East Chapman and Commonwealth avenues. One person had been ejected from the vehicle and died from severe trauma; a second person was transported to UCI with moderate injuries; and a third person was taken to St. Jude Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.
  - On Sept. 11, Engines 1 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded on a rubbish fire at a business in the 500 block of S. State College Boulevard. On arrival, the call was upgraded to a full structural response because of heavy smoke. While investigating, crews found filters on a laser cutting machine had caught fire. The filters were removed,

taken outside, and extinguished. The fire was contained to the machine, with damage only to the filters. Crews forced ventilation through the manufacturing portion of the building. There were no injuries.

- ➤ On Sept. 15, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a backyard grass fire in the 1600 block of W. Gregory Ave. On arrival, crews found the fire was just beginning to spread to the exterior stucco wall of the home. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and checked for fire or smoke extension. No interior damage was reported and no occupants were at the home.
- ➤ The evening of Sept. 15, Engine 3 was sent as part of a strike team to help fight the Butler Fire in the San Bernardino Mountains. The crew returned Sept. 17.
- ➤ Shortly after midnight Sept. 22, Engines 1 and 4 responded to an emergency medical aid call at St. Jude Medical Center for two stabbing victims who had been brought in by private auto from La Habra. Paramedics took over care for both patients for transport to UCI Medical Center.
- ➤ Shortly after 2 a.m. Sept. 24, Truck 1, Engine 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to an industrial accident in the 4200 block of Bonita Place. A 50-year-old woman's hand had become trapped in a machine. She was able to shut off part of the machine, but was not sure what to do next. Crews contacted a mechanic who was familiar with the machine and were able to eventually remove her hand. The patient turned down further Paramedic treatment, signed off a medical release, and went by private auto to St. Jude Medical Center for treatment.
- On Sept. 30, Engines 3 and 5 responded on a medical aid call at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on S. Raymond Ave. A 27-year-old man had jumped off the third story of the hotel, landing on a concrete entryway and suffering massive head/thoracic injuries. He was escorted to UCI Trauma Center.
- ➤ The Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Health Care Agency and UCI are considering St. Jude Medical Center, Fullerton Fire Department, Brea Fire Department and L.A. County Fire/La Habra an ideal collaboration for a focused stroke triage study. This would involve specific Paramedic training on strokes and data collection, with the ultimate goal to assess the efficiency and safety of stroke triage scales for better stroke patient outcomes.

#### Downtown:

- Crews were kept busy throughout September responding on evening and early morning assault calls in the downtown:
  - Sept. 5 Truck 1 treated a pregnant woman who had been assaulted in the 100 block of W. Amerige Ave. She was transported to St. Jude Medical Center.

- Sept. 8 Truck 1 responded with the Police on a report of an intoxicated person who had fallen in the 200 block of W. Amerige. The call was upgraded to an Advance Life Support.
- Sept. 22 Truck 1 assisted Fullerton PD with a male assault victim in a parking lot in the 100 block of Amerige. The man had suffered head lacerations. The call was upgraded to an Advance Life Support response and Engine 1 Paramedics escorted the patient to St. Jude.
- Sept. 25 Truck 1 assisted Police with an assault victim in the 100 block of W. Wilshire Avenue. The patient had a small laceration on his forehead and needed no further treatment. Also on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Engine 1 was dispatched to a vehicle/pedestrian accident at Harbor and Wilshire. A taxi had driven over the foot of an intoxicated person. In addition, there were two assault victims in the taxi one with a minor eye injury and one with a stab wound to the arm. All three were treated at the scene and taken to the hospital.
- Sept. 27 Engine 4 was dispatched to the 100 block of W. Santa Fe Avenue to treat a stabbing victim. He was transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- Sept. 28 Truck 1 was called to the 100 block of W. Commonwealth behind the Ace Hardware store. A man was found lying between cars in the parking lot. He had been punched in the face and his head had bounced off the pavement. Engine 1 Paramedics treated the victim and transported him to St. Jude Medical Center.
- Sept. 29 Engine 1 was called to the 100 block of E. Wilshire. A 26-year-old man had gotten into a fight in the parking structure. He was treated by Paramedics and transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- Fire Marshal Kunze, along with Police personnel, conducted Downtown night bar crowd checks Sept. 18. At Revolucion and Florentine's, patrons were required to leave and the businesses were closed due to overcrowding. Rockin' Taco was required to lower the number of occupants, and no one else was allowed in for the rest of the evening.
- ➤ On Sept. 22, bar checks revealed most were in compliance with their occupant load. The one that appeared overcrowded was Slidebar. The manager was advised not to let more patrons in and to keep a better count to avoid citation.
- Non-Suppression Notable Activity: Fire Inspector Dawn Revelle hosted a Fire Prevention Booth at the annual Kraft Foods Health and Safety Fair Sept. 13-14. Engine 3 and Truck 1 crews displayed the apparatus at the event. Approximately 400 visitors stopped by and received safety information.

# **Human Resources**

- Liability Program: Seven new claims were opened in September and two were closed.
   No lawsuits were served.
- Workers' Compensation: In August, nine new claims were filed and 15 closed.
- Recruitments: Notable recruitments under way or soon to be under way include Chief Planner, Library Division Manager – Technical Services, Parks Project Manager, Redevelopment Project Manager, Risk Manager, Senior Librarian and Senior Planner.
- Employee Processing: In September, staff processed five regular and five nonregular appointments, four regular promotions, and five regular and five nonregular separations.

# Library

- Town and Gown: Dr. Patty Malone launched the Library's new Town and Gown lecture series with "Interviewing Skills: Winning Your Dream Job." Dr. Malone is a CSUF professor and has extensive experience in coaching students to prepare for interviews. The audience was also introduced to the new JobView Kiosk, as well as Library materials and services that would assist them in finding and winning their dream jobs. This lecture series will continue on the second Tuesday of each month with a guest lecturer from a local university or college.
- Small Business Workshops: On Sept. 13, the Library, along with S.C.O.R.E. and the Chamber of Commerce, presented the first in a series of small business workshops. Guest speaker was John Gibson, a senior technology consultant, who talked on the basics of Internet marketing. Tim Mountain helped host the group and introduced the participants to the services and materials the Library offers dealing with marketing on the web. The workshops will continue though November and include topics such as analyzing financial statements and finding a market niche.
- TMZ: Teens returning to the Library after summer vacation were greeted by the new "Teen Mezzanine" (TMZ), which was created with existing furniture on the upper level. The Young Adult paperbacks and the manga collections were moved to this space, with the rest of the Young Adult collection to follow soon. They now have a space to study, hang out and/or collaborate. Best of all, they no longer need to lean on the walls or find a spot on the floor as they flock to the manga collection.
- On the Move: The Bookmobile has added Commonwealth Elementary School as a destination, making its first visit Sept. 14. More than 120 students and parents visited the Bookmobile and came away with lots of books to share. Dr. Mitch Hovey, the new Fullerton School District Superintendent, was on hand to read a book to students and help them find the books they wanted. The Bookmobile visits Commonwealth at 3 p.m. every Friday.
- It's in the Cards: For "Library Card Sign-up Month," the Children's Services Division sent library card applications to all kindergarten students. With their library cards, students own

the smartest card, which allows them to check out books, DVDs or CDs, and offers access to the Internet. They may also try "TumbleBooks," which can be used from their home computers. Posters promoting the "Got Library Card?" campaign will be available to all 21 elementary and junior high schools.

- A Postcard History: Vintage postcards fill the new book "Fullerton," which is one of the newest additions to Arcadia Publishing's "Postcard History Series." Local authors Kathryn Morris, Debora Richey and Cathy Thomas present a unique collection of postcards showing the area's history. The book is on sale at the Main Library or the Hunt Branch for \$19.99. Copies available at the Library have been signed by all three authors. The book is also available at area bookstores, independent retailers, online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888) 313-2665 or <a href="www.arcadiapublishing.com">www.arcadiapublishing.com</a>. Proceeds benefit the Launer Local History Room and the Fullerton Public Library.
- It's Magic: On Sept. 11, magician John Abrams began the Library's After School Club with lots of laughter and applause. Students and parents were amazed when Abrams made his head grow and then shrink, and a dove fly out of a lunch bag. Students checked out all the magic books displayed during the program. A few parents said they would go to the Hunt on Thursday to see Mr. Abrams again! The Club is open to students from kindergarten and up at the Main Library every Tuesday and the Hunt Branch every Thursday.
- A Good Read: In September, the Hunt Branch successfully launched a book club series entitled "Gather at Hunt....for Good Reading." The first book discussion, "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler, was well-attended. October's discussion of the book "Double Indemnity" by James M. Cain will be led by Librarian Chaunacey Dunklee Oct. 24.
- Anniversary Waltz: The Hunt Branch staff received a birthday card and hearty good wishes from former staff member Anna Lou Fall on occasion of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Branch's dedication. The Branch was dedicated Sept. 12, 1962, and Anna Lou was on the staff at the time. She continued work at the Hunt Branch for many years and has fond memories, which she recently shared with Library staff.

## Maintenance Services

#### • Administration:

- ➤ In September, the Department received 973 service requests, completing 740 (76 percent) in the month. Of the 17 emergency requests received, 7 (41 percent) were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 398, or 41 percent of the total.
- > The audit team has started working on a performance audit of the Water Division's underground utility location operation.

➤ In September, the Department's support staff received 1,350 calls, an average of 79 per workday, or 40 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

#### Facilities:

- ➤ The Graffiti Crew removed 51,640 square feet of graffiti from 329 sites in September, bringing the calendar year-to-date totals to 174,920 square feet removed from 1,060 sites.
- Staff completed 24 custodial inspections of City facilities.
- ➤ The capital project to replace the Museum roofing is near completion.
- > The capital project to replace the Fire Station 1 air-conditioning system is in the design stages and is being handled by the Engineering Department.
- Equipment: In September, the Division performed 64 preventive maintenance inspections, one smoke test, two smog tests and two bit Inspections.
- Sewer: In September, the Division: had no reports of City or private sewer overflows; hydrojetted 19.56 miles of sewer main; performed root cut/mechanical treatment on 7,429 linear feet of main; mechanically treated 162 sewer laterals; conducted CCTV inspections of 29 laterals and 27,680 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 162 sewer laterals; conducted 56 source control inspections; approved two Lifeline applications and three Large Lot applications; and received 24 sewer fee calls and 40 sewer service requests.

#### Landscape:

- ➤ West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, WCA, performed the following services from July 1-Sept. 30: trimmed 1,745 trees, removed 93 trees and stumps, and planted 18 trees.
- ➤ WCA crews completed pruning of the Chinese Elms in the San Juan tract and have begun trimming in Zone 13, which is bordered by Chapman Avenue to the north, Commonwealth Avenue to the south, Harbor Boulevard to the west, and Raymond Avenue to the east.
- > Pruning in the Downtown and the Transportation Center is being done on Saturdays to minimize disruption to traffic.
- > Fifty residential tree sites have been submitted to WCA for immediate planting.
- Division staff began formulating arterial street planting lists to submit to WCA. The sites include those in which trees were removed in conjunction with the 2006-07 sidewalk, curb and gutter reconstruction project.

- ➤ The Division received one report of red imported fire ants in September and treated the site. In addition, the Division received nine calls for beehives or swarms. The hives were located in City trees, light poles, water meters and on the Juanita Cooke Trail.
- > The Division completed 16 landscape-related service requests in September.
- ➤ The Division assumed maintenance responsibility for two new medians in September: at Valencia Drive, between Richman and Highland avenues, and at Lemon Street, between Berkeley and Chapman avenues.
- > Staff coordinated installation of a fence and signage at Brea Dam at the request of Parks and Recreation. The rail and signage were installed to preclude mountain bikers from unsafely entering the picnic area at the base of the slope.
- Street: In September, the Division: cleaned 2,890 miles of streets, 445,727 linear feet of sidewalk, 209 drains and 10 roadway spills; used 98 tons of asphalt for patching, 146 tons for digouts, and 114 tons for Water Division digouts; installed, fabricated and cleaned 525 signs; applied 630 gallons of paint; ground 678 sidewalks; made 47 asphalt sidewalk repairs; and milled 211 linear feet of gutter.

## Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:
  - ➤ Construction on the Adlena, Byerrum, and Valencia parks projects is under way and going well. There are no significant construction issues, and timelines are being met. The completion date is estimated for late January.
  - ➤ Construction drawings are nearing completion for Laguna Lake Phase II. Neighborhood meetings will be held in early November.
  - ➤ The Richman Park Project is complete, and the Community Center expansion and field lighting are proceeding.
  - ➤ The Richman Park lighting project was approved unanimously by the Fullerton School District Board. The current timeline estimates the project would be sent to the state for approval in early fall. Pending state approvals, which take two to four months, construction could begin in late February. Staff will coordinate with the School and field users to schedule a preferred construction period.
  - Staff recently discovered the City owns the flood control channel on the Lions Field project site and, therefore, is looking at alternatives including "boxing" the channel, which would create more usable space for parking, etc. A final plan will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council for approval.

➤ The revisions for the small dog area at Hunt Branch Dog Park are complete. The Park continues to be very popular with residents.

#### Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ The Center, a host site for the yearly state-sponsored Homeowners and Renters Assistance rebate program, assisted 27 individuals in September, bringing the total to 128 persons served this year.
- > September was "National Senior Center Month," and the Center hosted a reception Sept. 13, which featured several displays and refreshment areas, along with live entertainment. Approximately 60 guests attended.
- ➤ The focus for the monthly cultural reception Sept. 20 was Egypt. Approximately 40 persons enjoyed an exhibit, a video, and Egyptian music and refreshments.
- ➤ On Sept. 21, the Center and Community SeniorServ hosted the annual "Western Day" party and luncheon for 142 guests. A western-themed menu was served and live entertainment provided.
- ➤ The annual volunteer recognition and appreciation event was Sept 24. The Center has more than 200 volunteers assisting with programs and services. The theme for the party was "50's Rock 'n Roll," and 78 volunteers attended.

### Maple Center:

- ➤ The Lemon Park spray pool has closed for the summer. Nearly 13,000 people took advantage of the popular water feature this summer.
- After-school program attendance is steady, with 75 students enrolled.
- A third folkloric dance class was added in response to increased interest.
- Richman Community Center: The rededication ceremony for Richman Park Oct. 2 was a success, with more than 300 people attending.

# • Garnet Community Center:

- > Staff is holding a weekly parenting class for Garnet Center parents at the Richman Community Center. The class is part of an intervention activity to assist parents in keeping their kids from gangs and drugs. Parents receive training and materials on discipline, communication and how to understand teen behavior.
- > Teens active in the Teen Center are participating in rock climbing activities weekly for eight weeks. The activity helps them to develop self-confidence, and also gives staff tools to keep teens involved in positive activities.

## Youth Programs:

- ➤ The Richman Community Center's PACE program has started up for the school year. Staff organizes and implements infant/toddler enrichment activities in collaboration with the Fullerton School District Early Childhood Center and the North Orange County Community College District. Families receive free childcare for infants, preschool enrichment for 3-5-year-olds, and English Language Development classes.
- ➤ The Orangethorpe and Maple After-School programs, which have also begun the new school year, serve up to 250 children daily, providing snacks, homework assistance, arts and educational enrichment, outdoor recreational activities, and character development.
- ➤ The Topaz Elementary School after-school program has contracted with the Department's "Playgrounds on the Go" mobile recreation program to serve approximately 100 children daily.
- Independence Park/Teen Programs: The "Teen Scene" After-school Program offers
  many recreational opportunities for teens to get active or "just hang out" with friends in a
  safe, supervised environment. Teens are given many options to choose from daily, including
  organized sports, games and special events.

#### Tennis Center:

- ➤ Many different tennis leagues and programs resumed activities at the Center in September, with 110 youths participating each week.
- ➤ The Monday night Sundowners League, an Orange County women's intermediate league, and the Rosary High School girls team have begun their regular seasons.
- > The Beckman Coulter league begins on Tuesday and Thursday nights and holds tennis matches for its employees.
- > Eleven U.S. Tennis Association weekend teams begin their seasons this month.

#### Outdoor Recreation:

- Saturday morning trail hikes have been added, with 21 people registering.
- ➤ More than 40 persons attended a recent "Get Outdoors" campfire, which included a hike into the Brea Dam recreational area. Due to fire warnings, in place of a wood fire, charcoal was used to toast marshmallows.
- ➤ New classes include "Mommy and Me" nature hikes at Laguna Lake and training hikes for the more serious hiker. Coming soon is the first "Haunted Family Campout" Oct. 13 and 14, which is already close to selling out.

- Staff led its first excursion to the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area in Los Angeles for a hike and a great view of Los Angeles and Westwood. Afterwards, hikers went to the world-famous Pink's Hot Dogs to mingle with the stars.
- Classes: Fall registration started strong, with more than 1,200 residents already signed up for classes and programs.

#### Cultural and Events:

- Attendance was strong in early September as many visitors came to view "Strings of Paradise: The Ukulele and Steel Guitar," which closed Sept. 9.
- ➤ The Museum Center's new exhibit, "J.C. Leyendecker: America's 'Other' Illustrator," opened Sept. 21 after the Main Gallery was renovated to accept more than 50 original works of art. "The Los Angeles Times" featured an article about the exhibition. The exhibit, which shows where fine art and commercial art intersect, demonstrates the variety of exhibitions hosted by the Museum. The exhibit opening was very successful, with almost 200 people attending.
- ➤ Due to the popularity of the Leyendecker exhibit, a special session of the "Stroller Brigade" will be held Wednesdays, through Nov. 14. In a departure from previous "Stroller Brigade" sessions, staff will focus on teaching youngsters about illustrators and the art of illustration through story books and different activities.
- Fullerton Market, which ends Oct. 18, continues to attract many residents. The Museum's Beer and Wine Garden is also very popular.
- ➤ The popular "Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours" began Sept. 12, marking the seventh year of this very popular event. The tour includes visits to popular Downtown spots such as Plummer Auditorium, Villa Del Sol and Café Hidalgo. The Fox Theatre is also on the tour and has contributed to tours being sold out.
- ➤ This month, the Museum debuts its newest music education program, "Guitar Gateways," a 12-week program of acoustic guitar lessons, guided practice and mini courses in music theory, music history, and music appreciation for students in grades 6-8. Museum Educator Aimee Aul and guitar instructor Eric Ray are leading the classes. An acoustic guitar is being provided for each student for the duration of the program. Eleven students have enrolled in this first semester.
- ➤ The "Ohana Day" festivities Sept. 8 drew many families for Hawaiian-themed arts and crafts, as well as hula lessons. The event was the last of several planned for the "Strings of Paradise" exhibit.

# **Police**

#### Patrol:

- Officers received information regarding a vehicle wanted on burglary and possible robbery charges. Corporal J.D. DeCaprio spotted a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle while on patrol. As he neared the car, the driver ran through a red light and collided with passing cars. Three cars were damaged. One of the three cars was occupied by Reserve Officer Mike Lyman, who got out after the crash and assisted Corporal DeCaprio in arresting the two men in the suspect car. Detectives are working to determine the extent of the suspects' crimes. They are believed responsible for at least four robberies and multiple burglaries, including the strongarm robbery of an 82-year-old Fullerton woman who was accosted on her way to church.
- Officer James Boline received a tip regarding a recent rash of auto burglaries and staked out the designated area, during which he found three young girls in a parking lot. On checking, he found them in possession of burglary tools and loot. All three were charged.
- ➤ Officer Donald Blume stopped a car for an equipment violation. In the subsequent investigation, he determined the driver was unlicensed, and found narcotics and 10 counterfeit \$20 bills in the car. The driver was arrested.
- ➤ Detectives are investigating two incidents in which a man entered unlocked apartments. In one of the incidents, he fondled a female adult who was sleeping on a couch. The best crime prevention measure is to keep doors locked.
- ➤ The Department conducted a DUI checkpoint in late September. Vehicles passing through the checkpoint totaled 940, and five DUI arrests were made.
- ➤ Also in late September, the Traffic Bureau conducted a saturation patrol in the downtown. The patrol resulted in four DUI arrests. Echo Team Officers made an additional DUI arrest that evening.