Council Briefing

April 2008

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in March totaled 37, making the fiscal year-to-date total 377. Total number of active permits as of March 31 was 4,697.
- Invoices billed in March totaled 735, with a valuation of \$757,969. Invoices billed for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date total 5,741, with a valuation of \$7,086,008.
- Total number of general checks and direct deposits issued in March was 710 and 248, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,323,657. The total number of general checks and direct deposits for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date total 7,190 and 1,939, respectively, with a valuation of \$57,719,819.

• Information Technology:

- Staff is reviewing specifications for the hardware for the new ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) and Utility Billing systems. Staff estimates at least 10 servers will be needed to accommodate these systems.
- Staff is also setting up a Microsoft SharePoint website for the ERP and Utility Billing systems. The site will allow the City and software vendors the ability to post documents, use the calendar feature for scheduling, and load software.
- Staff completed the Security Training module for all City employees. The sessions were very well attended by all Departments. This training is a reminder to all employees on how important it is to protect the City's network and data.
- Purchasing: In March, the Division processed approximately 220 requisitions; saved \$2,340 through early payment discounts; and achieved savings of \$6,900 by competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources. Central Services ran 180,475 copies and processed 12,683 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In March, 217 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 154 were for businesses in Fullerton and 63 were for businesses located out of the city, but which will be conducting business here. Business tax collected for the new registrants totaled \$15,381.
- ➤ A total of 151 businesses closed: 58 in the city and 93 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed numbered 773, which totaled \$124,231 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In March, the Division answered 1,921 customer calls, and processed 3,891 cash register transactions totaling \$8,785,224. Of the transactions, 1,067 were by credit cards; 1,220 checks; 930 were paid in cash; and 154 were by direct deposits.

Community Development

- Staffing: The Planning Division has a new Associate Planner Christine Hernandez, who started work here March 10. Christine comes to us from the City of Downey.
- Community Preservation: In March, the Division: received 191 complaints (1,983 to date); resolved 216 complaints (1,696); handled 486 active cases; conducted 658 inspections (5,902); issued 161 first notices of violation (1,317); issued 40 citations (455); arranged to have 12 large items (sofas, appliances, etc.) picked up by MG Disposal (157); received 20 requests for graffiti removal (126); received 75 hotline calls (748); and billed \$4,900 in revenue (\$40,600).

• Building Division:

- ➤ Inspection stops in March totaled 1,201 and resulted in 1,506 inspections. Average daily inspection load was 79, and the average daily workload was 11 inspections per inspector.
- Also in March, 217 (including 23 ancillary plan) plans were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 94 plans were checked the same day, at the counter. There were a total of 1,620 visitors to the permit counter, and 568 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$8,102,000.
- ➤ Plans have been approved for the new McDonald's at 155 E. Chapman.

- > Steel erection and framing for the addition to the St. Juliana Parish Hall at 1318 N. Acacia, is 90 percent complete.
- ➤ Roof steel space frames are being installed on the Grace Ministries project, making it 50 percent complete.
- The Division issued a building permit for a new Washington Mutual Bank at 1101 S. Euclid, part of the new shopping center at Euclid and Orangethorpe.
- > Phase 1 of the YMCA remodel and addition is at 95 percent completion.
- > The second plan check for site grading is in progress on the Morehouse Project, 1600 W. Commonwealth.

Housing and Community Rehabilitation:

- ➤ In March, one mobile home loan, one mobile home grant, and one mobile home loan/grant combo were completed. The Housing Rehabilitation waiting list has been reduced to a one-year wait. There are currently six on-going projects.
- ➤ With the addition of the part-time inspector to assist with the rehab program, affordable housing inspections and interim property management inspections of the Richman Park sites, 196 inspections were completed, as were 90 rehab inspections, and 34 new construction and 77 interim property management inspections.
- ➤ The Community Development Citizens' Committee convened for two meetings to review subrecipient applications and hear oral presentations of Community Development Block Grant funding requests for the 2008-09 year. Following the Consolidated Plan public review period April 3-May 5, the recommendations will be submitted for Council action during a public hearing May 6.
- ➤ The Division answered 420 calls in March. The breakdown was as follows: 117 housing rehabilitation; six temporary shelter; 12 senior housing; 31 first-time home buyers; 32 Section 8 assistance; 61 other affordable housing (rental/development); five subordination/payoff; 10 foreclosure assistance; 37 general program; 28 fair housing related; and 63 non-housing.

Engineering

• Construction Management:

- ➤ The Sewer Replacement Project 2006-07 (Glenhaven Area) is approximately 75 percent complete. The work on Valley View still remains, as well as project-wide asphalt repair. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this month.
- ➤ The contractor has finished Phase I of the Placentia Avenue Reconstruction (Yorba Linda to Quartz), which includes removing two feet of existing street and then reconstructing with new asphalt. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

Water Engineering:

- ➤ The family of Orange County Water Agencies (MWDOC, OCWD, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Fullerton, the MWD of Southern California, the County of Orange, the Building Industries Association of Orange County, the Orange County Coastkeepers, the Orange County Business Council, and the Orange County League of Cities) are hosting the Orange County Water Summit on May 2 to begin an ongoing dialogue with community leaders and to accomplish the following goals:
 - o Bring Orange County leaders together at all levels of decision-making.
 - Explain how water works in California, Southern California, and Orange County;
 - Stress the importance of the water supply situation and the regional impact.
 - Provide information and develop discussion on current actions and possible remedies.

The Summit is a collaborative effort to provide information and to develop an ongoing platform to discuss water and water-related issues. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Darcy Burke, MWDOC public affairs director, at 593-5014, or by e-mail at dburke@mwdoc.com.

Fullerton residents will be seeing a 5 to 7 percent water rate increase effective this July. This "pass through" rate increase is related to water supply cost increases from the MWD of Southern California (14.3 percent) and the Orange County Water District (3 percent). The public hearing on the increase is tentatively scheduled for June 17. The average monthly water usage cost for single-family residential (16 billing units/16,000 gallons) will increase by approximately \$2.60 per month. All residents and businesses will receive notification of the hearing in accordance with the law.

Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 962 requests for service in March, which
was up from the 900 requests received in March 2007. Of the 962 service requests,
40 were for fires, 707 were medical aids, 12 were hazmat calls, and 74 were service

calls. In addition, the Department responded on 96 automatic aid requests and received 91 such responses. Of the 707 EMS calls, 492 were Advanced Life Support cases and 215 were Basic Life Support.

Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:

- ➤ On March 3, Engines 1 and 2 and Truck 1 were dispatched to a two-car collision at Richman and Commonwealth avenues. Due to the number of injured, the incident was operated under Multi-Casualty Incident protocol. Four ambulances transported five patients three to Placentia Linda Hospital and two to UCI.
- ➤ On March 8, Engine 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a call of a cyclist down on the bike trail off Parkview Avenue, near Brea Dam. A 9-year-old girl had fallen while riding her bike downhill. The patient was placed on a backboard and transported to St. Jude Medical Center for further care.
- Also on March 8, Truck 1 and Battalion 1, along with Anaheim units and County Engine 62, responded to a multi-casualty traffic accident on the southbound 5 Freeway, just north of Brookhurst Street. A wrong-way motorist under the influence of unknown substances struck several vehicles, injuring five persons. Two persons were trapped in their vehicles and had to be extricated. Of the five patients, two were in critical condition and three sustained minor injuries. All were treated and transported to area hospitals. The accident forced closure of the freeway for more than an hour.
- ➤ On March 12, Engine 2 and Battalion 1 responded to a flammable liquid spill in the flood control channel on Euclid Street, near West and Ash avenues. The City Yard and the Water Division sent representatives to assist in locating the source. The scene was later turned over to the Department's Environmental Compliance Specialist, Grant Miner, who determined the spill originated from the gas station at the corner of Euclid and Orangethorpe Avenue. The business was given an Administrative Order to clean the spill, and the Flood Control District was notified.
- ➤ On March 13, Engines 1 and 3 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of a man struck by a train on Orangethorpe Avenue, west of Raymond Avenue. On arrival, crews found a 52-year-old man had been struck by a northbound Metrolink train, and was pronounced dead on scene.
- On March 20, Engine 5 and Battalion 1 responded to an apparent suicide on the southbound 57 Freeway at Yorba Linda Boulevard. On arrival, Paramedics found a male had jumped from the Yorba Linda overpass onto the freeway, and was struck by several vehicles.
- ➤ On March 23, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 2, Battalion 1, and neighboring units reported to a structure fire in a single-story four-plex in the 3700 block of W. Franklin Avenue. Crews had to breach a fence to gain access to the fire. Fire

damage occurred to three units. Fire damage was also discovered at a neighboring patio-type structure. The Red Cross provided support to nine adults and seven children displaced by the fire.

- ➤ Also on March 23, Engine 5 responded on a motorcycle accident at the 91 and 57 freeways. The motorcyclist died in the accident.
- ➤ On March 24, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 2, Battalion 2, and neighboring units rolled on a fire in an industrial building in the 600 block of N. Gilbert Street. After locating the proper entry point, Fire crews were told by the business owner that the problem was under control; however, noticing that smoke was still coming from the roof, Fire crews investigated further and found workers putting water into two machines used to dry fabric. The machines were vented up through the roof, and it appeared lint in the ducts had ignited and was burning. Crews evacuated all employees and extinguished the fire. The Fire Investigator determined the lint build-up was the primary cause of the fire, and advised the business owner the problem had to be corrected prior to resuming operation.
- On March 29, Engines 2 and 6 responded to the 1200 block of N. Sunny Ridge Drive (Emery Park) on a reported assault. Crews found a 19-year-old male had been stabbed seven times and reportedly beaten with a baseball bat. The patient was treated on scene and escorted to UCI Medical Center.
- Also on March 29, units from Fullerton, Anaheim, and County Fire were dispatched to the westbound 91 Freeway near Magnolia Avenue on a multiple-vehicle accident, with five persons injured. The call was handled as a Multi-Casualty Incident, and the injured were taken to local hospitals.
- ➤ On March 30, Engine 5 and Battalion 1 responded on a report of a suspicious package delivered to a home in the 1600 block of Tyler Avenue. Fullerton Police reported a greeting card containing a suspicious powder had been sent to a resident who has been targeted by an animal rights group. Anaheim's hazmat unit tested the material and determined it was baby powder.
- ➢ On March 31, Engines 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a vehicle vs. hydrant accident in the 400 block of N. Euclid Street. The vehicle had left the scene. The hydrant had been sheared off. The Water Division shut down the water main while Fire crews attempted to divert the water flow away from adjacent apartments. Approximately 10 apartments sustained water damage. Fire Crews assisted with extensive salvage operations. Representatives from the Water and Street divisions and other parties worked well together and did a great job in handling the incident.

Downtown Business District:

- ➤ On March 3, Engine 1 responded to the 300 block of N. Harbor Boulevard on a report of a 53-year-old intoxicated man who had either hit his face on a hard surface or been involved in a fight. He was treated and sent to a hospital.
- ➤ On March 11, Engine 1 responded to the 100 block of Commonwealth Avenue on a report of a woman who had cut a finger as a result of a fight with another woman. Both women were under the influence. The 24-year-old patient was treated by Paramedics and released to the Police.
- On March 17, Engine 1 responded on a report of an intoxicated female in the 100 block of W. Amerige Avenue. The 21-year-old woman was unable to take care of herself, and was treated on scene and sent to a hospital. Less than two hours later, Truck 1 was dispatched to a reported assault at Harbor Boulevard and Commonwealth Avenue. A 25-year-old man was involved in a fight and reportedly injured his knee. He was also treated and sent to a hospital.
- ➤ On March 28, Engine 1 was dispatched to a restaurant in the 200 block of N. Harbor Boulevard on a reported assault. On arrival, Paramedics treated two men for contusions. They were taken to St. Jude Medical Center for further care.

Other Activities:

- Disaster Preparedness Specialist Villicana won the nomination for the Community Service award by the American Legion - Orange County. His nomination will now be submitted for the state award.
- Five Firefighter rookies successfully completed the four-week mini-Fire Academy March 11. They will remain as probationary Firefighters for one year.
- ➤ Specialist Villicana, with the assistance of a number of Fire personnel, held a CERT training class in March. Eighteen citizen volunteers successfully completed the intensive training course. This brings the number of CERT volunteers to 100 citizens trained to assist in a disaster.

Human Resources

- Recruitments: Recruitments currently under way or soon to be under way include Chief Planner, Associate Plan Check Engineer, Fire Engineer, Parks Project Specialist and Utility Services Supervisor. Recently completed recruitments include Battalion Chief and Fire Captain.
- Employee Processing: Staff processed eight regular and seven non-regular appointments, five regular and one non-regular termination and three regular promotions in March.

- Liability Program: Nine new liability claims were filed in March and seven claims were closed. No new lawsuits were filed.
- Workers' Compensation Program: Seven new workers' compensation claims were filed in February and six claims were closed.
- Staffing: Darryl R. Phillips has been hired as the new Risk Manager. He will start work April 30.

Library

- Read Across America: In March, schools throughout the country celebrated "Read Across America." Fullerton schools hosted readers from all over the city, but when it comes to reading, people always think "Library." Staff received invitations from seven schools and readers were sent to all seven. A total of 10 staff members read to 35 classes, which equals approximately 750 students. The Library staff may not have read across America but we definitely read across Fullerton!
- School Night: In March, Children's Services held the first "School Night @ the Library" for the year. This event focused on a celebration of the arts, with award-winning singer/songwriter Dan Crow performing before a crowd of more than 130. Around the room were a variety of stations, including two craft projects for the children, manned by our teen volunteers. Other stations included tables manned by the Fullerton Museum Center and Barnes & Noble, as well as a book display and table of informational library handouts. Fullerton School District provided a display of student artwork, which was displayed in the Library throughout March.
- Trivia Night: There was no "jeopardy" for the 100-plus persons who attended
 "Trivia Night at Fullerton Public Library" March 20. "Jeopardy" champion Ken
 Jennings hosted a trivia challenge for contestants selected from the audience.
 Attendees had the opportunity to compete to be one of the semi-finalists using trivia
 from Ken's latest book. After the challenge, Ken autographed copies of his book and
 answered questions.
- Gift: The Library received a boon to productivity and community relations recently when E-Vanced Solutions, a library software company, awarded us a free one-year subscription to its "Room Reserve" software. E-Vanced allows us to move our meeting room and auditorium scheduling on-line. Patrons will be able to make reservations at their own convenience, from the privacy of their office or home. Online forms and data entry mean staff will not have to hand copy every application. Overbooking and other human errors can be minimized, while patron and revenue options are maximized. Calendar software lets everyone interact with the

reservations visually, and email communication can foster faster response time. Of course, drop in and phone reservations are still available for those without computers or who prefer that method.

Passports: The Library processed 345 passport applications and took 109 passport photos, making March the busiest month so far in passport services. This translates to revenue of \$9,715 for March. This is more than double for our prior busiest month (January) and surpasses all the revenue we took in for 2007 (October through December).

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ Staff is in the early stages of an audit of the City's Vehicle Replacement Program. The purpose of the audit is to ensure there are sufficient funds to replace City vehicles at the most opportune time, and that we are charging customer departments proper replacement fees.
- ➤ The team's Administrative Intern recently completed an audit of the Street Cleaning Program and found it competitive with the private sector. The report has been submitted to the City Manager for review and comment.
- ➤ This month, the Division will be contacting the City's contractor, AAA Flag & Banner, to install U.S. flags downtown in the weeks before Memorial Day. As has been our practice for the past few years, the contract will include special antitangle devices and extra hours for the contractor to detangle flags and replace damaged ones. The flags will be displayed until the week after Veteran's Day.
- ➤ Implementation of our new management software is going according to schedule. Phase I implementing the service request and cost-accounting modules was completed in early March. Phase II adding GIS capability and specialized modules is taking place this month. In May, the Equipment Division will begin using the software to track fleet maintenance.
- ➤ The Department received 1,007 service requests in March, completing 677 (67.23 percent) in the month. Of the five emergency requests received, four were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 532, or 52.8 percent of the total.
- ➤ In March, the Department's support staff received 1,829 calls, an average of 101 per workday, or 50 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

Facilities:

- ➤ The Graffiti Crews removed 50,675 square feet of graffiti from 401 sites in March, bringing the year-to-date totals to 484,310 square feet removed from 3,352 sites.
- ➤ The Division completed 16 custodial inspections of City facilities in March.
- Work is under way to refinish the Independence Park gymnasium flooring, and replace the front doors and carpeting in the entry and back hallways.
- Equipment: In March, the Division performed six motorcycle inspections, 11 Generator PMs, three BIT inspections, 79 PMs, seven smog tests, six smoke tests and two aerial inspections.
- Sewer: In March, the Division handled: one City sewer overflow; hydrojetted 27.29 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 2,409 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 200 sewer laterals; performed 13 CCTV inspections of laterals; conducted 53 source control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 15,419 linear feet of sewer main; received 92 Lifeline applications and approved 90; answered 31 sewer fee calls; and handled 55 sewer service requests.

Landscape:

- ➤ West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, performed the following services from July 1, 2007, through March 15, 2008: trimmed 8,701 trees; removed 283 trees and stumps; and planted 486 trees.
- ➤ Arbor Day was held at Gilbert Park March 15. Members of Boy Scout Troop 292, Cub Scout Pack 1294, Fullerton Beautiful, Sunny Hills High School Ecology Club, and several Fullerton residents planted 23 trees.
- Staff received 48 landscape-related service requests in March, including 13 for bee hives and one for fire ants.
- Crews installed the newly painted El Camino Real Bell in Museum Plaza Park.
- > Division staff continued to perform weed abatement throughout the trail system.
- Water: In March, the Division produced 755,016,240 gallons of water. Of that amount 70.81 percent - 534,633,000 gallons - were pumped from wells and 29.19 percent -220,383,240 gallons - were purchased from the MWD.
- Street: In March, the Division: cleaned 2,329 miles of streets, 281,747 linear feet of sidewalk, 245 drains and four roadway spills; applied 2,850 pounds of crack sealer; used 73 tons of asphalt for patching, 132 tons for digouts, and 80 tons for Water Division digouts; performed 260 square feet of asphalt planning; installed,

fabricated and cleaned 884 signs; applied 190 gallons of paint; ground 286 sidewalks; made 26 asphalt sidewalk repairs; and milled 115 linear feet of gutter.

Parks and Recreation

Administration:

- ➤ The Adlena, Byerrum and Valencia parks have been completed, and were officially opened April 1.
- ➤ There have been some additional delays in the final design and contract terms (between CSUF and its contractor, Modtech) on the Richman Park Community Center project. The pre-fab building is nearing design completion, and construction will begin after the state Department of Housing approves the plans and specifications for the unit. Pending these approvals, City staff and contractors are prepared to perform all City responsibilities. Staff is estimating that, without any further delays, the building will be installed in September.
- ➤ The Gilbert Park Neighborhood Center pre-fab building is expected to be installed this month. Once installed, site work is scheduled for May. Programs are on-track to begin in summer.
- ➤ In late February, a significant amount of copper wire was stolen from the Sports Complex and Bastanchury Park. Staff coordinated emergency repairs, which were completed in early March. Additional security measures have been put in place, and no new thefts have occurred.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ The annual income tax preparation assistance program has had a very busy season. Additional appointment days have been set to accommodate the increased demand, as well as to provide service to those who wish to file for the economic stimulus rebate. Approximately 160 individuals were served in March.
- ➤ A cholesterol class was conducted March 3, with presentations both in English and Spanish. A total of 27 persons attended. On March 7, cholesterol tests were given to 18 persons who had attended the class. The program was sponsored by Preventive Health Care for Adults.
- The monthly cultural celebration March 19 spotlighted Israel and Jewish culture. Approximately 60 guests attended the event, which included music and food sampling. City employees helped provide a variety of cultural artifacts, which enriched the program.

A free stroke screening clinic was held March 20, with 27 persons tested. The event was sponsored by Seaborn Insurance and Citizens Choice Health Plan.

Richman Community Center:

- ➤ Thirty children attended the "St. Patrick's Day Family Fun Day" sponsored by Sunny Hills Girl Scouts. Children enjoyed making pots of gold, games, listening to Irish music, and hunting for chocolate coins in the park.
- ➤ In March, the Women's Transitional Living Center offered the following services through the Center: Four legal referrals for divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support, and/or legal and immigration issues. Services also included two referrals made for community resources, such as food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing. In addition, 28 clients attended Personal Empowerment Program classes, for a total of 34 clients served.
- ➤ Playgrounds on the Go sponsored a "Kids' Fair" in March. Approximately 300 participants enjoyed bounce houses, face painting, basketball hoops, volleyball, a Youth in Action bake sale, YMCA snow cone sale, and karaoke. The focus was to encourage neighborhood kids to participate in Richman programs.
- ➤ Twelve Youth in Action members attended the Teen Summit sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Orange County at Cal State Fullerton.

• Garnet Community Center

- > Staff participated in the forum "Legislative Perspectives on Gang Violence Prevention" sponsored by 69th District Assemblyman Jose Solorio.
- > Staff participated in the GEMS Apartment Owners' meeting and updated members on activities at the Center, and on positive changes in the community.
- ➤ Eight teens from the Teen Center participated in a photo exhibit at the Museum Center, where they presented their work to family and friends.
- > Approximately 35 children attended the special spring break program, which included arts and crafts, games and science activities.
- An in-service training was conducted by Center staff for the staff of the Richman Community Center on "Working with Youth At Risk" and the influence of gangs on children and youth. Participants were also provided with information on how to plan activities, and how to report observations during their activities.

• Tiny Tots:

- Fifty preschoolers welcomed a new season with fun and educational activities, such as songs, games and crafts.
- > Families with children reaching elementary school age were supplied with kindergarten registration information provided by the Fullerton School District.
- Many families were also able to participate in activities made possible through the School Readiness Center's 4th Annual Health and Safety Fair at Independence Park. Free vision and dental screenings were available, along with immunizations, community resource information and interactive activities.

Independence Park/Teen Programs:

- ➤ Teen Scene staff hosted the "Spring Fever" After-school Program Dance March 6 for teens ages 12-15. The event included a DJ, "Rock Band" Video Game tournament, dancing, and "sumo" wrestling.
- ➤ The Park hosted a Health and Safety Fair March 15, sponsored in collaboration with the Fullerton School District Early Childhood Center. Approximately 500 persons participated throughout the day. Several Teen Alliance volunteers helped during the Fair by setting up booths and passing out brochures.

• Youth Programs:

- ➤ The Maple and Orangethorpe After-school Programs began their intramural soccer tournament, playing Wednesdays against teams from Commonwealth, Raymond, Richman, Woodcrest, Pacific Drive and Valencia Park schools.
- Fund-raising for the "Global Youth Service Day" event scheduled April 19 has begun at both the Maple and Orangethorpe After-school Programs. Students are raising money for this year's theme of "making a difference" to the homeless of our community. Along with raising money, the programs are also collecting toiletries, with the proceeds to be donated to local shelters and families.
- Orangethorpe's "Youth Alliance" team, consisting of fifth-graders, went to a homeless shelter March 3, where they were able to help serve meals.
- ➤ The third-graders in Maple and Orangethorpe After-school Programs took a field trip to the Discovery Science Center March 12, while the fourth- and sixth-graders at Maple and Orangethorpe After-school Programs saw an animal magic show March 19.
- Tennis Center: March saw unusually nice weather, making for a good month at the Center. In addition to regular walk-on play, eight USTA adult teams played at the Center during the month. Included in those eight teams is a new "mixed" team of

men and women 3.5 (intermediate) players. The Servite High School boys' team is finishing up its season, which will run through the middle of April. A group of employees from Beckman-Coulter are forming their own league Monday nights, using as many as five courts. They expect to begin play April 14.

Youth Sports:

- Opening ceremonies for Little League and Softball got off to a great start the last weekend in February and the first two weekends in March. Fullerton Rangers Spring soccer is also well under way, with approximately 750 children.
- ➤ Fullerton Youth Rugby hosted more than 700 high school-aged participants in an international rugby tournament March 22-23. Players traveled from as far as Ontario and British Columbia in Canada, Australia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona and Northern and Southern California. The tournament took place at Ladera Vista Junior High and Commonwealth Elementary School.

Outdoor Recreation:

- ➤ The "Get Outdoors" hiking classes were introduced to the new pedestrian portion of the Nora Kuttner trail. Participants expressed gratitude to the City for creating a safer trail, as well as offering them a great view of the Robert E. Ward Preserve. Classes continue to grow as spring fever hits the southland and daylight savings commences.
- ➤ The phones are ringing off the hook for the Second Annual "Kids Fishing Derby" at Laguna Lake April 12. Another sellout should take place as only 100 of 600 spots were left as of the third week of March. This year, volunteers are expected from both the Police and Fire departments, Teen Alliance (Independence Park), Sunny Hills Key Club, and the Izaak Walton League of Fullerton.
- ➤ The Women's Trout Fishing class was offered for the first time in March. Participants learned tackle basics, bait selection, knot tying and casting.

Cultural and Events:

- The "Gold Fever" exhibit closed with a successful "Gold Rush Family Day" March 2. More than 280 people enjoyed the Museum exhibit, hands-on artifacts, panning for "gold" (actually iron pyrite, "fool's gold"), candle dipping, and two performances by the Dunaj International Dance Co. of "The Miner's Sunday" with live music. Museum docents and education staff assisted at the event.
- The six-week "Project Safe" art classes started at Sunny Hills High School. Museum education staff is working with Opportunity School students on a self-portrait project to be displayed at La Sierra High School later this year.

➤ Guitar Gateways is halfway through the spring semester, with 21 students enrolled, including two scholarship recipients. "Youth Arts Month" concerts started March 20, with performances by the Parks Junior High Orchestra and World Percussion Ensemble and the Ladera Vista Junior High Jazz Band. The March 27 concert featured ensembles from Beechwood and Fisler schools.

Police

Patrol Division:

- ➤ Officer Tim Haid and Cpl. Matt Wilkerson, conducting a domestic violence investigation, arrested the male suspect, who was also a parolee. Officer Haid searched the man's bedroom and located two replica pistols and soft body armor. The man was arrested with a parole hold.
- Officer Tim Haid spotted an illegally parked vehicle containing three men. On investigation, he determined the men were gang members. During a search of the vehicle, Officer Haid found a loaded .357-magnum handgun on which the serial number had been removed. The ammunition had "CK" etched on each of the casings. In gang vernacular, "CK" equates to "cop killer." He also found three bindles of narcotics. Officer Haid arrested all three, one of whom was an 18th Street Gang member from Los Angeles who was visiting our downtown.
- Officers Joe Zuniga and Alan Valdiserri, working as a two-person unit, located a vehicle in Hillcrest Park that had been reported stolen in Anaheim. The man and woman in the car FTT gang members were arrested.
- ➢ Officer Jon Radus, while working the east side of town, located a vehicle that appeared to have been stolen. After contacting the two occupants of the vehicle, Officer Radus learned that they were both on active parole. The suspects possessed porcelain chips, flashlights and gloves, and were arrested for possession of burglary tools.
- ➤ Officer Perry Thayer was dispatched to Pacific Drive Elementary School in reference to the lights being off at the school. Investigation revealed unknown suspects had broken into the school and shut off the electricity at the electric panels. Officer Thayer contacted several transients in a nearby cul de sac, who were standing next to a red truck. Rubber gloves were found inside the truck, and it is believed the transients were probably responsible for the school incident. A record check revealed one of the subjects was an "armed and dangerous" parolee-at-large. He was arrested and transported to Chino Prison.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- Fox Block RFP: In October, the Fullerton Redevelopment Agency, together with the Fullerton Historic Theatre Foundation, jointly solicited proposals from qualified developers for a high-quality, mixed-use development for a portion of downtown Fullerton designated as the Fox Block. The Block is bounded by Ellis Place to the north, Harbor Boulevard to the west, Pomona Avenue to the east, and Chapman Avenue to the south. The Agency and Foundation encouraged development which complements restoration of the Fox Theatre and builds upon private and public sector efforts to revitalize Downtown Fullerton. The RFP submittal due date was Feb. 21. Five developers submitted proposals; however; only four developers were invited to an oral interview April 2. The fifth proposal was non-responsive.
- Affordable Housing: The Agency will close escrow on properties located at 424 W. Valencia Drive and 524 S. and 530 S. Ford Ave. by mid-month.
- Downtown Public Art: Collaboration with the Public Art Committee on an RFP for the Fender and Capri Shoes murals is in progress. The City recently executed an encroachment agreement with the owners of Capri Shoes to permit painting of a mural.
- CSUF Mid-year Economic Forecast: The Agency is hosting a table at the April 29 event featuring Dr. Anil Puri. The event will be held at the Irvine Hyatt.
- Interactive Downtown Website: Staff is reviewing examples from Downtown Long Beach's parking/transportation/destination website with the IT Division.
- EDAT: Mark Fernandez' company, National Signal, plans to relocate from Santa Fe Springs to 2440 Artesia Ave. by the end of this month.