Council Briefing

September 2009

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in August totaled 28. New alarm permits issued thus far in fiscal 2009-10 number 68, The total number of active permits as of Aug. 31 was 4,971.
- ➤ Invoices billed in August totaled 512, with a valuation of \$297,553.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in August totaled 586 and 204, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,494,486. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 1,321 and 506, respectively, with a valuation of \$14,117,281.

Information Technology:

- Staff implemented the Datamart database for the Police Department. This database will allow the Crime Analysts to create ad hoc reports for specific types of crimes, crime locations, and reports for all of the divisions in the Department. Staff got the database from Anaheim Police and made minor modifications.
- > Staff assisted in the cut-over of the RMS (Records Management System) to new servers and an upgrade to the RMS software. There were a number of added features to the new software.
- Purchasing: In August, the Division processed approximately 162 purchase orders, 56 of which were contract purchase orders. The Division saved \$3,135.27 through early payment discounts, and \$1,745 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources. Central Services ran 145,346 copies in August and processed 9,092 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In August, 141 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 81 were for businesses in Fullerton and 60 were for businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$9,922.
- A total of 174 businesses closed in August: 80 in the city and 94 out of the city.

- ➤ Business certificates renewed in August numbered 947, which totaled \$127,390 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In August, the Division answered 2,704 calls and processed 3,619 cash register transactions totaling \$11,142,732. Of those transactions, 1,100 were credit cards, 1,088 checks, 613 by cash, and 162 direct deposits.

Community Development

Planning Division:

- Current Planning
 - o In August, four project applications were submitted, including two modifications to prior approvals.
 - Also in August, three applications were acted upon by the final hearing body, including one minor site plan, one conditional use permit, and one modification to a prior approval.

> Advanced Planning -

- A General Plan Update Summit was held with Department Heads to begin discussions on how The Fullerton Plan will reflect the goals, plans and activities of all Departments, as well as function as a city-wide policy document to guide decision making. Additionally, staff and consultants have prepared a draft format for the General Plan, as well as a detailed annotated outline for the document. The development of goals and policies has begun.
- A second Administrative Draft Specific Plan for the Fullerton Transportation Center has been submitted and is being reviewed by staff. Submittal of staff's final comments on this draft is anticipated this week. A Public Review Draft Specific Plan will be prepared based on revisions to the administrative draft.
- An intra-departmental technical working group led by the Planning Division held the second in a series of meetings to develop a City Local Hazard Mitigation Plan under the guidance of AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc. Once completed, the Plan will become part of the General Plan Update and will make the City eligible for pre- and post-disaster grant funding from FEMA.
- Planning and Water Engineering staff continue to participate in stakeholder and technical ordinance drafting committee meetings regarding revisions to local landscape ordinances required by AB 1881 to restrict water usage for irrigation. Staff is drafting revisions to the Fullerton Municipal Code using AB 1881 and state and county model ordinances as a guide. A draft ordinance will go before the Planning Commission and City Council in October.

- Staff has reviewed baseline forecasts for City housing units, population, and employment. These figures will be the basis on which the Center for Demographic Research will build forecasts that will be used as part of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Staff has continued implementing changes to the project review process including Zoning Ordinance revisions adopted by the City Council. Additionally, staff conducted two meetings with stakeholders to gain feedback on revisions to project applications, including required information.
- Community Preservation: In August, the Division had 598 active cases; received 314 complaints (646 year-to-date); resolved 255 complaints (526); conducted 740 inspections (1,555); issued 99 courtesy notices (238), 121 first notices of violations (245), and 27 citations (67); granted 31 extensions (62); received 12 graffiti complaints (24); sent 70 compliance letters (99); arranged for the pick up of 27 large items, such as sofas and appliances (47); and billed \$5,300 in revenue (\$12,800).

Building Division:

- Inspection stops in August totaled 766 and resulted in 1,101 inspections. Average daily inspections numbered 60, while the average daily workload was 12.3 inspections per inspector. Additionally, inspectors responded to 18 complaints and completed 35 ancillary plan checks.
- Also in August, 182 plans (including 35 ancillary plans) were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 84 plans were checked same day, at the counter. There was a total of 1,397 visitors to the permit counter (a 6.3 percent decrease from August 2008); and 431 permits and plan checks were issued (a 9.2 percent decrease from August 2008), with a total valuation of \$2,353, 577.
- > Seventeen "green permits" (no fee permits) were issued in August
- > Staff inspected the pile support system for the south retaining wall at Lions Field as part of the renovation project.
- ➤ Construction is 80 percent complete on the new St. Jude Medical Center parking structure. Concrete placements for all eight levels are completed, and crews are working on the stairwells and elevator shafts.
- ➤ 1645 W. Valencia & 150 S. Brookhurst (Grace Ministries) Staff has completed review of as-built architectural plans for the Grace Ministries project. There are several issues with the required fire doors, and staff will continue to provide safety watch for special events. The new target for final inspection is Sept. 30.
- ➤ Inspection is in progress for the new Imperial Spa at 1885 N. Euclid St. Construction is 95 percent complete. There are several revisions from the approved plans. The exterior facade is completed: however, the exterior paint requires Planning approval.

Engineering

Construction Management:

- ➤ All storm drain pipe has been installed in the Lawrence Avenue Storm Drain Improvement: Project, and all concrete improvements have been completed. Asphalt removal and replacement remain to be done. The project is expected to be complete early this month.
- ➤ Of the four lanes included in the Magnolia Avenue Reconstruction Project, two have been completed. Access ramps have been constructed, and miscellaneous sidewalk, curb and gutter work finished. The contractor began the project in July, and is scheduled to complete reconstruction by the end of this month.
- ➤ This Richman Athletic Field Lighting project began Aug. 1, and is nearly finished. New light poles have been installed, while electrical wiring remains. All work is scheduled to be complete this month.

Water Engineering

- ➤ The Division scheduled two free residential landscape classes at the Main Library. The first class was Aug. 29, and reviewed selection and maintenance of California Friendly and Native Plants. The second class is Sept. 12, and will review the selection and installation of water efficient irrigation systems.
- ➤ The Division is working with the Fullerton Arboretum to develop specialized low-water gardening classes for Fullerton residents. These classes are expected to be offered during 2010.
- ➤ The City Manager has mandated a 10 percent water consumption reduction from the average used during calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006. Water Engineering, Parks and Recreation and Maintenance Services have been actively working together to reduce water usage at all City-operated sites. So far, from January through July of this year, the City has used approximately 109 million gallons while the target for the same period is approximately 115 million gallons. Therefore, the City is achieving a 15 percent reduction in water usage.
- ➤ The Water Watchdog Hotline (714) 738-6744) continues to be actively used by both residents and City employees to report water-wasting activities.

Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 860 requests for service in August, an increase over the August 2008 total of 824. Of the 864 calls, 689 were medical aids, 39 were fires, six were hazmat incidents, and 63 were service calls. The Department also responded on 94 automatic aid calls, and received 73. Of the 689 medical aid calls, 453 required advanced life support and 236 were basic life support

• Weed Abatements: Program statistics through August were: 253 in system; 134 active; properties cleared – 29 in June, 50 in July, and 29 in August.

• Suppression:

- ➤ At 10:23 a.m. Aug. 2, Engines 1, 2 and 3, Battalion 1 and Truck 1 and Anaheim Truck 1 responded to a residential structure fire in the 500 block of W. Roberta Avenue. On arrival, crews noted smoke coming from an attic vent. Faulty electrical wiring is suspected to have started the fire, which caused moderate damage to the attic and bedroom areas. No injuries were reported; the home's occupants were able to exit safely.
- At 11:39 a.m. Aug. 2, Engine 3, Battalion 1 and Anaheim Engine 5 were sent to a traffic accident involving two vehicles at Orangethorpe and Placentia avenues. The Paramedics treated one patient, who was taken to UCI Medical Center.
- At 7:25 p.m. Aug. 5, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1, and Battalion 1 were dispatched to the 2000 block of Victoria Drive on a residential fire. The first arriving unit, Engine 5, found a single-story residence well involved in fire. One female occupant of the home had been rescued by a neighbor prior to the Fire crews' arrival, and another occupant was rescued by Fire personnel. A second-alarm response was requested and additional neighboring units were dispatched. One patient was transported to UCI Medical Center with third-degree burns over 40 percent of her body, and the other woman was pronounced dead on scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
- ➤ At 12:19 a.m. Aug. 12, Wildland Engine 330 was called to report to the Fairgrounds Staging Area in Santa Maria for the La Brea Fire in the Los Padres National Forest as part of a Strike Team with L.A. County units and Brea Fire. The crew was assigned to the head of the fire, prepping structures and monitoring the fire as it moved toward their position. The wildland fire crew was released from the incident on Aug. 16 and arrived safely back in Fullerton.
- ➤ At 7:47 a.m. Aug. 23, Engines 4 and 6 responded to the West Coyote Hills Tree Park, in the 2000 block of N. Parks Avenue, to a reported medial aid. The Paramedics treated a male patient who had fallen off his bicycle and had suffered multiple traumas. He was escorted to UCI Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment.
- At 7:54 p.m. Aug. 23, Engine 1, Truck 1, Urban Search and Rescue 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to the 1100 block of N. Lemon Street on a report of a vehicle over the side of the roadway. Truck 1 was first on scene and found the occupants outside the vehicle. The units assisted with removal of the vehicle.
- ➤ At 7:47 a.m. Aug. 26, Engines 1, 2 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of an apartment balcony fire with victims in the 2300 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. On arrival, crews noted heavy smoke coming from an exterior balcony. Engine 2 quickly extinguished the fire. There was no one on the balcony. The fire was determined to have been caused by a discarded cigarette. The balcony sustained heavy damage and the adjacent living room sustained smoke damage.

- At 3:06 a.m. Aug. 30, Engine 3 was deployed with an Orange County Strike Team to the Oak Glen III Fire in San Bernardino County.
- ➤ At 11:12 a.m. Aug. 31, a full response was sent to a natural gas main rupture at the Carhart sewer project. A backhoe had hit the gas main. Approximately 10 residents were evacuated, and students at nearby Fern Drive School were sheltered in place. The Gas Co. accessed the gas main at a remote hole and clamped it off. Two Fire USAR technicians evaluated the trench shoring and backfilled it with dirt to a 3-foot level for safe entry and repair by the Gas Co.
- At 6:21 p.m. Aug. 31, Truck 1 responded to a report of major flooding in the 1000 block of S. Lemon Street. The crew noted water coming from under the street and contacted the Water Division for repair of the broken main.
- Downtown Activities: At 2:07 a.m. Aug. 13, Truck 1 responded to an assault at Pomona and Santa Fe avenues. The Paramedics provided medical aid to the adult male patient, who was then transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- Other Activities: Truck 1 and Engine 1 crews, along with Fire Inspector Dawn Revelle and nine Fire Explorer volunteers, participated in the "National Night Out" event with Fullerton Police Aug. 4.

Human Resources

- Employee Processing: In August, there were no new hires (regular and/or nonregular employees), and no promotions, demotions, resignations or retirements.
- Recruitments: Fire promotional examinations (Captain and Engineer) have tentatively been scheduled for December. Staff will continue to work with the Police to schedule their promotional exams.
- Human Resources Information System: Staff continues to work with IT and the vendor to identify critical reports and remote data sources for transfer to the new system. Staff is working to establish timelines for the transfer of data, as well as for testing the system before going live.
- Liability Program: Seven new claims were filed, nine were closed, and one lawsuit was served in August.
- Workers' Compensation: In August, 15 claims were opened and 11 closed.

Library

• Summer's end: Each summer, the Children's Library ends "Afternoon Live" programming with an end-of-the-summer carnival, held at both libraries. In past years the carnival has

attracted good-sized crowds, but this year a record-setting total of 430 people joined the fun. The events featured games, face painting, and crafts. Teen volunteers staffed the 10 booths set up around the meeting room at the Main Library and around the landscaped grounds behind the Hunt Branch Library.

- Adult Reading Club: More than 200 people participated in this year's Adult Summer Reading Club. The theme of creativity spurred patrons to read books from many different parts of the Library's collection. Books on creative commuting, cooking, craft making, and many other subjects were included in the items read. This and other activities of the Library help promote the general literacy of the community and make reading a fun and enjoyable pursuit.
- Youth Summer Reading Program: This year's Young Adult Summer Reading Program attracted 30 percent more students than last year, which is a jump of more than 100 young adults! The Library also enjoyed a record number of volunteers for the program, who put in more than 1,000 hours of work.
- Watergate Figure: John Dean spoke at the Main Library Aug. 11 to an almost capacity crowd. Dean is an author, columnist and commentator on contemporary politics. Copies of his newest book, an updated version of "Blind Ambition," were on sale and he kindly stayed after the talk to autograph copies.
- New format: The Library has added a new format to the audiobook collection MP3 discs. These look just like regular CDs, but the digital compression format they use allows them to pack a lot more audio into every disc. A regular audiobook CD holds just over an hour of a story, which means a book takes about 12 CDs. In contrast, an MP3 Disc can hold more than 12.5 hours of audio, so a book can fit on one disc. No more switching discs in the middle of the exciting and interesting bits!

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ The Department's analysis team is staying busy working on three audits simultaneously. The team is working on performance audits of Community Development's Building and Safety Division, plus Maintenance Services' Graffiti Removal and Vehicle Replacement programs.
- The contractor will be out within the next two weeks to untangle and repair the U.S. flags as needed. The flags will stay up until the week after Veterans' Day.
- ➤ The Department received 1,358 service requests in August, completing 1,140 (83.95 percent) in the month. Of the 17 emergency requests received, 14 were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 820 or 60.38 percent of the total.

➤ In August, the Department's support staff received 1,508 calls, an average of 79 per workday, or 40 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

Facilities:

- ➤ Graffiti Crews removed 50,600 square feet of graffiti from 489 sites in August, bringing the year-to-date totals to 102,750 square feet removed from 1,012 sites.
- Staff completed 40 custodial inspections of City facilities in August.
- ➤ City Electricians installed six LED streetlights in the City Hall parking lot to test their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Renovation of the City Hall elevators is nearing completion. Engineering is selecting the flooring.
- ➤ The project to replace the jail elevator and upgrade the Highland building elevator will go out for bid in the next few months. Funds for this project were approved in the fiscal 2009-10 Capital Program.
- ➤ The project to re-coat and upgrade Independence Park's two pools is in the planning stages. Funds were approved in the fiscal 2009-10 Capital Program.
- Sewer: In August, the Division: had no sewer overflows; hydrojetted 12.3 miles of sewer mains; root cut/mechanically treated 33,168 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 196 sewer laterals; conducted 16 CCTV inspections of sewer laterals; conducted 44 Source Control Inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 22,248 linear feet of sewer main; approved four Lifeline and three Large Lot applications; received 25 sewer fee calls; and received 47 sewer service requests.
- Equipment: In August, the Division performed two motorcycle inspections, two safety inspections, one general preventive maintenance inspections, 70 preventive maintenance inspections, one smog inspection, and one smoke test.

Water:

- ➤ In August, the Division produced 1,004,338,480 gallons of water. Of that amount 55.31 percent 555,531,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 44.69 percent 448,807,480 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred in August:

SIZE	LOCATION	ON	PIPE TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	YEAR INSTALLED
6"	513 Lazy Creek		Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
6"	3101 Coronado		Cast Iron	Age	1960's
	2100	Camino		-	
8"	Centroloma		Cast Iron	Age	1960's

6"	Coronado/La Entrada	Cast Iron	Age	1960's	
6"	870 Rancho Circle	Cast Iron	Age	1960's	1

Landscape:

- ➤ Since July 1, West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, has pruned 2,563 trees, removed 100, and planted four.
- West Coast has completed pruning Zone 2, and has completed 75 percent of Zone 3. Zone 2 encompasses the area from Commonwealth Avenue south to the 91 freeway, and Euclid Street west to Brookhurst Road, and Zone 3 runs from Brookhurst Street west to the city limits, and from Commonwealth Avenue to the 91 Freeway.
- ➤ The Tree Division received 78 tree-related service requests in July.
- ➤ Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at 4 locations in August. In addition, crews responded on five reports of bee problems in August.
- Projects completed by Division crews in August included:
 - 16 new Calsense controllers installed at Golden Hills Elementary, Nicholas Junior High, Richman Elementary, Hermosa Drive Elementary, and Beechwood elementary schools, Hillcrest Park, Fullerton Creek Greenbelt, and the Pacific Drive Elementary, Laguna Road Elementary, Parks Junior High School, Fern Drive Elementary, and Ladera Vista Junior High School sport fields. This completes the MWD grant-funded Calsense installations. The program saved the City approximately \$114,000 for the purchase of controllers, master valves and flow meters.
 - Fullerton Beautiful and City staff completed selective pruning on Police Department succulent garden.
 - Upgraded backflow device and retaining wall installed at Commonwealth School to improve irrigation coverage.
 - Historic BBQ pits backfilled for preservation and safety at Hillcrest Park
 - A sinkhole and damaged flood control pipe repaired at the north end of Laguna Lake, with the assistance of the Street Division.
- > The Division received 46 landscape-related service requests in August.
- Streets: From July 1-Aug. 31, the Division: Used 72 tons of asphalt to for patching, 23 tons for street digouts, 94 tons for Water Division digouts, and 537 tons for skin patches; used 4,920 pounds of crack sealer; made 88 asphalt sidewalk repairs; milled 151 linear feet of gutter; ground 551 sidewalks; planed 1,200 square feet of asphalt; cleaned 316 drains, 461,306 linear feet of sidewalk, and two roadway spills; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 776 signs; scrubbed 5,179 square feet of sidewalk; and swept 3,124.5 curb miles.

Parks and Recreation

Capital Improvements:

- ➤ The Lions Field renovation project is under construction. Various phases of work such as grading and excavation, along with forming of support walls, are in progress. Construction Administration staff, in conjunction with other City staff, will continue to oversee the project.
- Construction of the field lighting portion of the Richman Park Improvement Project should be completed by mid-month. The commencement of the remaining site improvements will follow in the next two months. Plans are being reviewed by the State Architect office so they can go out to bid.
- ➤ Construction plans have been approved for the Tennis Center renovation. Engineering and the Parks and Recreation departments are reviewing minor revisions. The plans are estimated to go out to bid in the next four months.
- ➤ Staff is proposing improvements to the northwest side of Laguna Lake using County grant funds. Anticipated improvements will include renovation of the old restroom adjacent to Lakeview Drive, seating/picnicking areas, a small gathering area for outdoor classes, trees, drinking fountain, and an upgraded lake aeration system to improve water quality. The Parks and Recreation, Engineering, and Maintenance departments are coordinating these improvements.
- Staff is proposing that County grant funds be used for improvements at Independence Park. The improvements include hardscape renovation at the entry, landscaping, pool perimeter fencing, and signage. The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments are preparing plans and seeking bids for these improvements.
- Staff is progressing with improvements to the Hillcrest "Red Cross Building" using County grant funds for improved ADA access to restrooms and adjacent spaces.
- ➤ Staff and the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee continue to meet on the Hillcrest Master Plan Project. Staff is coordinating the procurement process for obtaining the services of a landscape architecture/planning firm to develop the proposed master plan.
- ➤ The Parks and Recreation Commission approved a preliminary plan for renovation of Union Pacific Park, with the toxic clean-up pending. The Commission appointed two members to serve on an ad hoc planning committee, and directed staff to recruit area residents to serve on the committee, as well.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

➤ The Center held a kick-off event Aug. 10 to inform citizens about the InSTEP Fall Prevention Program. InSTEP team members told the 22 guests at the event about the components of this comprehensive program and discussed the qualifications for

- participants. InSTEP is conducted in partnership with USC, and is made possible through a grant from the Archstone Foundation.
- ➤ The California Telephone Access Program provides free modified equipment for telephone users with special needs. As part of its services, CTAP held a hearing clinic at the Center Aug. 17, serving 26 individuals. Those who qualified for the special equipment were able to take home their new phones the same day.
- ➤ The Center honored its volunteers Aug. 24 with a party celebrating "Heroes of the West," featuring a country and western theme. The Center's country line dance instructor and class members performed for the 90 volunteers attending the event. The Center has more than 200 volunteers on its active roster.

Garnet Community Center:

- ➤ The Center partnered with Latino Health Access to provide 29 women free mammograms and breast exams. The event took place Aug. 21 and was open to uninsured women 40 and older. The program was funded by a grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- ➤ Latino Health Access continues to impact the Garnet community by offering healthrelated programs. Latino Health Access is in the second week of a 12-week series on Diabetes Prevention and Management. Fifteen participants are learning about the causes, treatments and maintenance of diabetes.
- ➤ A volunteer-led aerobics class takes place Tuesday and Thursday mornings, with 15 women participating. Besides the aerobics, the women share diet ideas and challenge each other to lose weight.
- ➤ The summer recreation program concluded Aug. 8. Nearly 70 children registered for the eight-week program. Even with the lack of outdoor space, children enjoyed many indoor activities and games. At least once a week, sports and outdoor games took place on the field at Topaz School.
- Center teens took part in a new experience of self-expression through the East LA Classic Theater "Language in Play" Program. The six-week program brought together teens from Garnet, Gilbert and Richman neighborhoods to write, direct and star in their own play. The program concluded with a performance at the Museum Center presented to a full house of family and friends.

• Gilbert Community Center:

- ➤ Five teen girls, along with four girls from Garnet Center, participated in a four-week life skills series offered by the Girls Scouts. The series focused on individual finance planning and budgeting.
- ➤ Center teens joined Garnet and Richman Center teens on trips to Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knott's Berry Farm, and visits to each others teen centers.

- ➤ The summer recreation program ended Aug. 8 with a trip to Independence Park to join kids from other parks for an end-of-summer carnival. A total of 132 kids under 12 were registered in the program, with an average of 85 participating on a daily basis.
- ➤ Gilbert Community parents are active in developing plans to pay for special projects and/or events for the community. Yard sales and food sales are among the ideas to raise funds.

Richman Community Center:

- ➤ Richman teens participated in a year-end potluck. Seventeen teens attended the Bolsa Chica bonfire, 23 went to Knott's Berry Farm, and 13 went to Magic Mountain.
- ➤ Teens in the Girl Scouts' life skills educational series ended the four-week session with a party planned with a budget they had been given.

Tiny Tots:

- ➤ The Imagination Station preschool program completed the summer season with 45 students. Twenty-eight diplomas and school supply gifts were given out to the children entering elementary school this fall.
- ➤ Classroom registration is taking place for enrolled students, and new families from the Wait List are being contacted for available openings.

Independence Park:

- ➤ A small group of Raytheon employees has been keeping up with weekly basketball workouts on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Senior Center volleyball team also continues play every Tuesday and Thursday.
- ➤ Racquetball is a favorite after-work stress reliever for annual pass holders. Currently, there are 25 annual racquetball and 21 reservation card holders.
- > The gym is busy with reservations this month. Connelly High School, among others, has started reserving the gym daily from 3:30-9 p.m.

Youth Programs:

- ➤ On Aug. 7, the "Slammin' Summer Kids Carnival" was held at Independence Park. This event was hosted by the Summer Playgrounds programs at Chapman, Garnet, Gilbert, Maple, Richman, and Orangethorpe parks.
- ➤ The last two weeks of Camp Hillcrest were busy while many of the campers prepared for the "First Annual Talent Show." On Aug. 14, the children and the staff showcased a variety of talents. The final day of Camp Hillcrest took place at Knott's Berry Farm. This excursion is a favorite amongst the campers and was highly anticipated and equally well-received.

Tennis Center:

Improvements are being made to the Center. Five courts were resurfaced in August. Both players and staff are very pleased that all 11 courts will are newly resurfaced and all blue!

The Rosary Tennis Team's pre-season began Aug. 17 and runs through the start of school.

The Center hosted two junior tournaments in August: the 4th Annual Fullerton Summer Open, which hosted 165 participants from all over California as well as three from Mexico, and the Anaheim Summer Open.

Youth Sports:

- As always, the Rangers are bursting at the seams, with well over 2,000 participants in 153 recreation, signature and club teams.
- Fullerton Pop Warner Football began its season Aug, 1 with a little over 300 participants! The opening ceremony/carnival took place Aug. 21 at Fullerton High School. Pop Warner will play all its games at Sunny Hills High School due to the Lions Field renovation project, and are anticipating an exciting season.
- > The Little League and Softball teams kicked off their winter ball season Sept. 1.
- > Fullerton Youth Rugby's season officially begins in December.

Get Outdoors!:

- ➤ "Family Twilight Fishing," a new program this summer, had great success as nearly 30 participants enjoyed a short fishing and casting seminar and great fishing for blue gill. The evening ended with hotdogs and marshmallows on the campfire. Many of the participants expressed an interest in attending the fall Fishing Campout at Laguna Lake this month.
- ➤ With the success of the inaugural "Laguna Lake Outdoor Science Program" last school year, staff is working with the Fullerton School District to refine this program for fourth-graders. Additionally, staff is assessing the feasibility of offering programs for other grade levels. The program's emphasis lies in incorporating California State Standards into the field trips while exposing students to the many outdoor learning opportunities here in Fullerton.

Cultural and Events:

➤ The Education department was in full swing in August with its most ambitious summer programming to date. "Summer Music and Art Intensive," a new program, provided group and private lessons in guitar and flute, as well as art projects and special percussion workshops offered by the All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation.

- ➤ "Saturdays with Shakespeare," a new collaboration with Hunger Artists Theater Company, taught Shakespeare to middle school students and treated them to a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" at the group's Fullerton theater.
- "Summer Art Camp: The Art of Nature," the Museum's annual summer camp, was filled to capacity, with 20 students. This unique art and science program took students on nature walks and introduced them to animals from around the world through guest presenters.
- ➢ In addition to the August camps, Museum staff took seven teens enrolled in July's "Idea Place for Teens" on a field trip to the Orange County Museum of Art Aug. 14. There, they viewed the county's collection of contemporary and 20th century art. All in all, youth summer programs at the Museum were very successful and greatly expanded over previous years. The Museum staff was assisted by docents and volunteers from the National Charity League.
- ➤ The Summer Concert Series at the Sports Complex was very popular this year. An estimated 900-1,200 people attended each concert, necessitating a new parking plan mid-season with the First Evangelical Free Church allowing use of its parking structure for additional parking. Parks and Recreation staff drove three shuttle vans back and forth between the structure and the Sports Complex. The Department also partnered with local restaurants, inviting a new restaurant to serve food each week. The community responded positively to all of the additions, so there are plans to expand on these changes for next year's season.
- ➤ The annual "Dog Days of Summer" was celebrated Aug. 13 at the Downtown Market. Year after year, this event proves to be popular, drawing hundreds of dogs and their owners who enjoyed contests, agility demonstrations and more than 15 pet-related vendors.

Police

Patrol:

- ➤ On Aug. 12, Echo Unit Officers Anthony Diaz and Jim Bolden made a vehicle stop in the area of 200 E. Orangethorpe Ave. The driver of the vehicle had been drinking and, as the Officers got ready to start the field sobriety test, the suspect fled and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect was ultimately captured near the AMC movie theaters.
- ➤ On Aug. 14, Cpl. Jay Cicinelli and Officer Perry Thayer responded to a family disturbance, which resulted in the arrest of a subject for assault on a Police Officer. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- ➤ On Aug. 16, Fullerton College campus security called in regards to someone breaking into vending machines. Officers arrived and searched the area but did not locate anyone. After the officers cleared, Officer Bryan Bybee was in the quad completing his report when he noticed a man acting in suspicious manner walk past him. When Officer

Bybee tried to talk to the man, he ran off and Officer Bybee gave chase, but the suspect eluded capture.

- While on patrol Aug. 18, Officer Richard Gibson saw a man get out of a vehicle backed into a parking stall at the 7-11 store at Brookhurst Street and Valencia Drive and start tapping on the store window. Gibson then saw a second man quickly exit the store and enter the parked vehicle. When the two men drove off in the vehicle, Gibson contacted the clerk who said he thought the subject who was inside the store was going to steal something. Gibson left the store and started a search for the car, finding it parked in a handicap slot at the Rite-Aid at Brookhurst Orangethorpe Avenue. Gibson contacted the two subjects and a search of their vehicle revealed a loaded .357 magnum handgun. Both subjects were arrested. Gang investigators arrived and handled the follow-up investigation. Nice work by Officer Gibson.
- ➤ Cpl. Ben Lira ran records checks on 1,334 plates one morning using the automatic plate reader. He located two unoccupied stolen vehicles in the first hour. Great use of resources and two vehicles were returned to their owners.
- ➤ The Traffic Division held a DUI checkpoint on a recent Friday evening at Harbor Boulevard and Orangethorpe Avenue. The checkpoint resulted in six arrests for DUI and six citations issued for unlicensed drivers. Not to be outdone, nightshift officers were busy, as well, making 19 overall arrests, including 10 for DUI.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- Transportation Center Parking Structure: The Downtown Business Association (DBA) and the City hosted a community workshop Aug. 19 at Cherch Restaurant, at which the DBA presented the architectural design for the parking structure. The Request for Proposals for a design-build contractor will be released in October or November. Tentative construction start date is summer 2010, with construction expected to last 18-24 months.
- Fox Theater Block Development: A study session is scheduled at 5 p.m. Oct. 20 at the
 Police Department Mural Room for the mixed-use development site. Redevelopment and
 Economic Development staff continues to work with ARTECO Partners/Genton Barth Real
 Estate, The Fullerton Historic Theater Foundation, Cynthia Peck of Angelo & Vinci's
 restaurant, and the public to master plan the approximately two-acre "Fox Block" site.
- Biz Con 2009: Economic Development staff hosted an informational booth at the Orange County President's Council's 6th Annual "Biz Con" Sept. 2 at the Sheraton Anaheim Hotel. The conference and expo provided networking opportunities for businesses, connection with government agencies, and information to better understand the multi-cultural market. The President's Council is a multi-cultural diversity business alliance participated in by more than 20 organizations, including the Orange County chapters of the Asian Business Association, National Latina Business Women Association, Black Chamber of Commerce, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Korean Chamber of Commerce, and Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce.

- Business Opportunity Day: The Economic Development staff is hosting an informational booth Sept. 17 at the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County "Business Opportunity Day" at the Fullerton Marriott. The conference will focus on "green" business – preserving ecosystems, utilizing natural resources, and clean technology.
- West Harbor Alley Improvements: Two design workshops were held in July at the Senior Center, with roughly a dozen citizens attending. Postcard invitations were mailed to approximately 1,000 addresses in the Downtown C-3 zone, and an ad was placed in the "Fullerton Tribune." The landscape architect consultant is using community input gathered at those meetings to create conceptual design alternatives that will be submitted to the Redevelopment Design Review Committee in the fall. The preferred design will then be presented to the City Council in November or December. If approved, construction could begin in February.
- Department Website Statistics: The Department pages on the City website provide information and updates about various projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing, and economic development activities. In August, the pages had 1,797 hits.
- Unemployment Rates: Current unemployment rates provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board are as follows: U.S. – 9.7 percent; California – 12.1 percent; Orange County – 9.5% percent; and Fullerton – 10.6 percent.
- Annual Downtown Event Funding Requests: Proposals have been solicited, with a submittal deadline of Sept. 15. The RFP is available on the City's website, and has been advertised in the "Fullerton Tribune." Staff will compile applicant proposals to present to the Council/Redevelopment Agency for approval in October.
- Economic Development Action Team: Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business or expand their existing business in Fullerton. The following meetings took place in August:
 - ➤ Address: 3240 Yorba Linda Blvd industry: Restaurant and fast food services; employees 22; 3,500 square feet.
 - Address: 601-621 Burning Tree Road industry: leading producer of high-speed, high-power permanent magnet motors and generators that provide efficient and effective compression, pumping and generation solutions for the oil and gas industries; employees 29; 50,518 square feet.