



Council Briefing

December 2009

Administrative Services

- Fiscal Services:
 - New police alarm permits issued in November totaled 27, bringing the fiscal year total to 144. The total number of active permits as of Nov. 30 was 4,912.
 - Invoices billed in November totaled 533, with a valuation of \$414,919. Invoices billed for fiscal 2009-10 to-date total 2,561, with a valuation of \$2,025,113.
 - General checks and direct deposits in November totaled 427 and 182, respectively, with a valuation of \$4,408,433. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 3,171 and 1,203, respectively, with a valuation of \$31,987,806.
- Information Technology:
 - Staff is exploring options for the City's T-1 Internet lines, and is reviewing the terms and cost of the contract. Staff is looking for cost savings and a faster speed with the City's new T-1.
 - Staff is in the process of switching to new spam filter software. Spammers are becoming more and more sophisticated in how they get spam to our email server. The new software will eliminate the majority of that unwanted email.
- Purchasing: In November, the Division: processed approximately 128 requisitions; created approximately 70 purchase orders; and saved \$1,479 through early payment discounts. Central Services made 121,650 copies and processed 9,595 pieces of mail.
- Revenue:

- In November, 132 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 91 were businesses in Fullerton and 41 were businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$9,694.
 - A total of 190 businesses closed in November: 65 in the city and 125 out of the city.
 - Business certificates renewed in November numbered 786, which totaled \$90,360 in business tax collected.
 - **Utility Services:** In November, the Division answered 2,561 calls and processed 4,400 cash register transactions totaling \$9,663,224. Of the transactions, 1,320 were credit cards, 1,365 were checks, 985 were cash, and 135 were direct deposits.
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Community Development

- **Community Preservation:** In November, the Division had 607 active cases; received 107 complaints (1,325 year-to-date); resolved 114 complaints (1,169); conducted 573 inspections (3,815); issued 31 courtesy notices (491), 63 first notices of violations (574), and 17 citations (173); granted 17 extensions (147); received 16 graffiti complaints (77); sent 13 compliance letters (247); arranged for the pick up of 11 large items, such as sofas and appliances (176); and billed \$4,200 in revenue (\$29,360).
- **Building Division:**
 - Inspection stops in November totaled 816 (down 3.4 percent from November 2008) and resulted in 1,297 inspections. Average daily inspections numbered 76, while the average daily workload was 19 inspections per inspector (including annual inspections of 200 apartment units and preparing reports at 400 W. Orangethorpe Ave.). Additionally, inspectors responded to 21 building and five NPDES complaints and completed 39 ancillary plan checks.
 - Also in November, 182 plans (including 39 ancillary plans) were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 65 plans were checked same day, at the counter. There was a total of 1,420 visitors to the permit counter (a 6.8 percent decrease from November 2008); and 400 permits and plan checks were issued (a 26 percent decrease from November 2008), with a total valuation of \$2,257,500.
 - In November, 22 Green (no fee) Permits were issued.
 - Fullerton Building Division and Southern California Edison cosponsored a “Build It Green Professional Training” event Dec 1-4. This major Green Certification Training Program was held at the City Yard.

- A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the Roscoe's Deli expansion at 118 W. Commonwealth Ave.
 - Staff has completed the recheck of the resubmitted design development plans for the Main Library expansion. A correction list has been sent to the architect.
 - Structural plan review for the new parking structure at 110 E. Santa Fe Ave. has been completed, with corrections.
 - Framing, plumbing, electrical and mechanical are completed on Phase II of the St. Jude Medical Center office building at 2141 N. Harbor Blvd. Interior finish work is in progress at all levels, and the building is at 98 percent completion. Staff is getting ready for the final inspection and possible issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy in January.
 - The Jacaranda Senior Apartment complex, 1900 Camino Loma, is 80 percent complete. Electrical and mechanical inspections are in progress.
 - Inspection of interior framing is in progress at the new food court project at 133 W. Chapman Ave.
 - Grading for Phase I of the Home Depot project, 601 N. Placentia Ave., is complete. Building plans are approved and ready for permit; however Home Depot is waiting to resolve issues with the Water Board and the Railroad
 - A Certificate of Occupancy was issued Nov. 18 for the Grace Ministries' project at 645 W. Valencia Drive and 150 S. Brookhurst Road.
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Engineering

- Project Development and Design:
 - Bidding is under way for the Highland Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue Sewer Improvement Project. Under the project, the existing sewer main on Highland will be upgraded to 15-inch vitrified clay pipe (VCP) between Santa Fe and Commonwealth Avenue, and to 12-inch VCP on Santa Fe between Harbor Boulevard and Highland. Bid opening is scheduled for this month; contract award will be in January; and construction is anticipated to begin in March 2010. The Engineer's estimate for this project is \$460,000.
 - Bid opening for the Sewer Reconstruction Project – Magnolia/Carol Area was held in November; however, Council action on the item has been rescheduled to the Dec. 15 meeting. The scope of work remains the same, and construction is anticipated to begin during the winter of 2010.

- Water Engineering:

- Southern California Edison (SCE) offers several programs that pay customers to reduce electrical demand during grid events and emergencies declared by SCE. The City has agreed to participate in SCE's "Share the Power" program through an approved third-party vendor named EnergyConnect. Under the program, the City agrees to reduce its electrical demand by turning off various wells and booster pumps for a minimum of one hour and a maximum of four hours when SCE declares a power shortage event. In return, the City will be paid a monthly "stand-by" payment based on an agreed upon amount of electrical demand which the City will drop if an event is called by SCE. These monthly payments could potentially provide an additional \$44,550 over a 12-month period for the Water Fund if the City meets its reduction target. If the City is unable to reduce its power demand during an event, the amount of each monthly payment will, thereafter, be adjusted to reflect actual energy reduction achieved by the City. The "no cost, no risk" program can be terminated by the City any time.
- To further convey the water conservation message, the City obtained from the MWD free shower hangers and table cards designed for use in hotels and motels. The hangers urge hotel patrons to conserve water by using towels more than once; the tent-style table cards indicate room linens are laundered every three days for guests staying multiple nights. While only a couple hotels and motels have requested the free conservation materials, feedback from facilities which have used the items has been positive. The Marriott Hotel Operations Manager was asked if the hotel had experienced a reduction in laundered linen resulting from conservation measures. His response was: "Huge! Our linen rooms were empty; now they are full daily. Thanks for your help!".

Fire

- Statistics:

- The Department responded to 914 requests for service in November, which was down from the 1,021 requests received in November 2008. Of the 914 requests, 657 were medical aid calls, 24 were fires, six were hazardous materials incidents, and 67 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 101 automatic aid calls and received 98. Of the 657 medical aid calls, 429 were Advanced Life Support and 228 were Basic Life Support.
- The Department cleared 21 weed abatement cases in November, leaving 52 active. There is a total of 285 weed abatement cases in the system.

- Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:

- At 11:53 p.m. Nov. 1, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a fire in the Science Building at Cal State Fullerton. Fire units found light smoke on the first floor and discovered the fire in a laboratory/classroom and quickly extinguished it. Due to some hazardous materials in the laboratory, a Hazmat team responded to decontaminate Fire personnel. Paramedics checked out the Firefighters and released them, with no injuries reported. Cause of the fire was a malfunctioning mineral oil heating element. Damage to the lab was estimated at \$10,000.
- At 11:20 a.m. Nov. 4, Engine 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a reported train-vs.-pedestrian accident near the 500 block of E. Walnut Avenue. Police Officers, railroad and Fire personnel found the victims – a father and son who had been hit by a fast-moving train and killed.
- At 2 p.m. Nov. 8, Engines 2, 4 and 6 and Battalion 1 responded to the 1500 block of Camino Loma Drive on a vehicle into a residence. There were no injuries. The USAR crews removed the vehicle and secured the structure with shoring and secured the utilities.
- At 10 a.m. Nov. 5, a full structure response was called out on a fire at Commonwealth Lounge in the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue. On arrival, crews found heavy smoke and initiated fire attack. The seat of the fire was behind the bar. One sprinkler head had activated and kept the fire in check; however, the fire caused extensive smoke and water damage. Damage was estimated at approximately \$225,000. A neighboring business also sustained smoke damage. Cause was an electrical problem under the bar.
- At 3:03 a.m. Nov. 5, Engines 1 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of smoke in the area of the 1500 block of E. Valencia Drive. On arrival, Firefighters found heavy smoke and fire was coming from a building at the location. Crews quickly extinguished the fire. The cause and origin of the blaze are under investigation.
- At 3:54 p.m. Nov. 9, Engines 1, 2, 4 and 6 and Truck 1 were sent out on a fully involved garage and attic fire in a two-story home in the 1800 block of Camino Centroloma. The fire was extinguished in 45 minutes. Fire units were able to rescue one pet dog from the residence, but two other dogs died. One Firefighter suffered minor burns. The fire caused approximately \$750,000 damage to the structure and its contents.
- At 12:58 p.m. Nov. 18, Engine 2 was returning from having accompanied a patient to UCI Medical Center when it was flagged down by a motorist who indicated he was having chest pains. The crew directed him into a parking lot in the 3000 block of W. Chapman Avenue in the City of Orange, where the 37-year-old man was assessed, treated and transported via advanced life support to UCI.

- At 2:53 a.m. Nov. 20, Engines 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a report of the odor of smoke coming from an apartment in the 2600 block of Associated Road. No one answered the door and Fire personnel had to make forcible entry into the apartment. The odor was due to food left unattended on the stove. The resident had fallen asleep and was unaware the food was burning.
 - At 2:33 a.m. Nov. 23, a full structure response was sent to the 1400 block of W. Amerige Avenue for a residential fire. Crews determined the fire was in a two-car detached garage and had burned through the garage door. They extinguished the fire within minutes. No injuries were reported. Cause is under investigation.
 - At 4:46 p.m. Nov. 29, Engine 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched on a reported hanging at a residence in the 800 block of N. El Dorado Drive. Police Officers had been performing CPR prior to the Paramedics' arrival. The patient – a 4-year-old boy - was in cardiac arrest. Paramedics assumed patient care and transported the child to St. Jude Medical Center. The child had apparently placed a jump rope around his neck and accidentally strangled himself on a slide in the backyard of the family residence. The cause of the incident is under investigation by the Police.
 - At 5:31 a.m. Nov. 30, Engine 2 responded to the 100 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue on a reported suicide attempt. On arrival, Paramedics discovered a 55-year-old man lying on the front lawn with a self-inflicted knife wound to his neck. The cut had not damaged any major arteries or veins and the patient was transported to the hospital.
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Human Resources

- Recruitments:
 - Recruitment for Administrative Services Director continues. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 9, and staff anticipates making an appointment by March.
 - The Firefighter recruitment continues. A total of 681 candidates took the written test, with the top 138 invited to the oral interviews scheduled to conclude on December 9, 2009. Staff anticipates completing the recruitment by mid-January.
 - Staff recently completed recruitment for Police Captain and are preparing to begin recruitments for Police Lieutenant and Sergeant.
 - Recruitments for Fire Captain and Fire Engineer are under way, and will be completed by Dec. 22.

- **Human Resources Information System:** Staff continues to meet with the vendor and with Information Technology in preparation for implementation of the new HRIS system, which will work in concert with the new Finance and Payroll system. The expected go-live date has been revised to July 2010.
 - **Employee Processing:** In November, staff processed one nonregular new employee, three regular employee promotions and three regular employee separations.
 - **Liability Program:** In November, six claims were filed, six claims were closed, and one lawsuit was served.
 - **Workers' Compensation Program:** In November, seven new claims filed and nine were closed. Two new lawsuits were filed.
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Library

- **We Keep Growing:** In November, the Fullerton Public Library issued 799 new library cards, bringing the Library's total number of patrons to 82,627.
 - **Small Business Workshops:** In November the Library hosted two small business workshops. The Nov. 4 workshop dealt with social networking. This workshop was attended by 110 local business people interested in learning more on how to promote their business using social networking tools. On Nov. 18 more than 50 business people gathered to learn more about how to market their businesses. Useful general marketing information was given and many good questions were asked by the audience. Library staff attended both workshops to promote materials, databases and services that can assist the local small business community.
 - **Celebrating Our Grandfather's Clock:** A birthday party for a clock is a very unusual event, but this is an unusual clock! It was originally purchased for the Library by the Woman's Club of Fullerton in 1909, at a cost of \$90. The money was raised from bake sales, ice cream socials and concerts. The clock has been housed in the Children's Library for most of its 100 years. Over the century it has needed a few repairs - just an occasional check-up, as well as weekly winding with a special key - but most of the time it is accurate. Teen volunteers were on hand to paint clock faces on the youngsters, as well as assist the little ones with crafts. The National Charity League provided cupcakes for all in attendance.
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Maintenance Services

- **Administration Division:**

- The Department received 1,315 service requests in November, completing 865 (83.9 percent) in the month. Ten emergency requests were received, and seven have been completed. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests - 830 or 57.5 percent of the total.
 - In November, the Department's support staff received 1,622 calls, an average of 95 per work day, or 48 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
 - The Audit Team is continuing its work on audits of the Community Development Department's Building and Safety Division and Maintenance Services' Vehicle Replacement program.
- **Facilities Division:**
 - Graffiti Crews removed 56,625 square feet of graffiti from 435 sites in November, bringing the year-to-date totals to 281,225 square feet of graffiti removed from 2,366 sites.
 - Staff completed 48 custodial inspections of City facilities.
 - The project to replace the Jail elevator and upgrade the Highland Avenue Police building elevator will go out for bid in the next few months.
 - The project to re-coat and upgrade the small pool at Independence Park is on hold.
 - **Sewer Division:** In November, the Division: hydrojetted 13.68 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 38,250 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 192 sewer laterals; conducted 17 CCTV inspections of laterals and 53 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 26,314 linear feet of sewer main; approved five Lifeline applications and received one Large Lot application; received 22 sewer fee calls; and received 42 sewer service requests. Also in November, there were no public or private sewer overflows reported.
 - **Equipment Division:** In November, the Division performed five general preventive maintenance inspections, three BIT inspections, 76 preventive maintenance inspections, and one smog inspection.
 - **Water Division:**
 - In November, the Division produced 720,580,560 gallons of water. Of that amount, 57.83 percent - 416,728,000 gallons - were pumped from wells and 42.17 percent - 303,852,560 gallons - were purchased from the MWD.
 - Following are the water main line breaks that occurred in November:

SIZE	LOCATION	PIPE TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	YEAR INSTALLED
6"	2910 Birch Pl	Cast Iron	Unknown	1960's
6"	2706 Sheridan	Cast Iron	Unknown	1960's
6"	2942 Maple Ave	Cast Iron	Age	1950's
8"	3331 Lakeview	Cast Iron	Age	1940's

- Landscape Division:

- West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, has performed the following services since July 1: pruned 8,347 trees, removed 379, and planted 96.
- The Division received 50 tree-related and 24 landscape-related service requests in November.
- The Division responded on four reports of bee activity in November.
- Division crews completed the following projects in November:
 - Richman Park – Sidewalk entrance poured at the Castro Building.
 - Harbor Underpass median replanted.
 - Irrigation backflow testing completed at several locations.
 - Tot lot renovation and inspections completed.
 - Winters Field - pre-renovation herbicide applications completed.
 - Emery Park / Hiltcher Trail signage replaced.
 - Horse Alley - 80 cubic yards of soil imported and graded.
 - Six water main breaks repaired at various locations.

Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:

- The second phase of Richman Park Field Improvements - grading, turf, walkways, backstops, seating areas, and landscaping - is estimated to be completed by July. Staff, per Council direction, continues to explore the feasibility of installing artificial turf in place of natural turf.
- Construction plans are being resubmitted by the architect to various agencies for approval of the Tennis Center pavilion renovation. Plans are estimated to go out to bid in the next four months.

- The hardscape improvements to Independence Park funded, in part, by County grants have been completed. Staff will continue to coordinate with Maintenance Services for various in-house repairs and improvements.
 - County grant-funded ADA access improvements to the interior restrooms and adjacent spaces at the Hillcrest Park “Red Cross Building” have been completed.
 - Staff and Hillcrest Park Master Plan Committee’s recommendation for hiring Mia Lehrer and Associates as the Landscape Architect and lead consultant for this project was approved by Council Dec. 1.
- Senior Multi-Service Center:
 - The annual Flu Clinic and Holiday Mini-Craft Fair was Nov. 3. Limited access to flu vaccine resulted in lower numbers, with 182 individuals receiving the vaccine. Sponsor was the County Health Care Agency.
 - The Center held its first Veterans Day program Nov. 10. The celebration was attended by 92 guests who enjoyed a photo gallery and display, plus reminiscing, refreshments and music. More than 50 guests listened to a performance by impressionist Peter Small as WWII-era President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Fullerton Union High School Junior ROTC also provided a color guard to present the Colors and lead the guests in the flag salute and the National Anthem.
 - The annual Thanksgiving Day luncheon Nov. 20 was attended by 176 guests. The Community SeniorServ-sponsored lunch menu featured a traditional turkey meal, and guests enjoyed dancing to a live band.
 - CareMore Medical Group sponsored a health lecture Nov. 23, focusing on concerns regarding the H1N1 flu. Fifteen persons attended.
- Garnet Community Center:
 - Latino Health Access has concluded a 12-week diabetes class. The 23 participants learned how to control diabetes, proper nutrition, exercise, and the use of monitoring equipment. A doctor from Anaheim Memorial answered health questions and did some home visits with families.
 - The GEMS Apartment Owners held its quarterly meeting Nov. 7. The owners met several of the Garnet area teens who attend the Center’s teen programs. During this meeting, the teens shared the impact involvement at the Garnet Center has made in their lives. Impressed by what they heard, the apartment owners donated \$250 towards the purchase of incentives for the teens.
- Gilbert Community Center:

- The Gilbert Community Center hosted the November meeting of the “Village Youth Partnership.” The Gilbert area parents provided feedback to the group about how programs at the Center were helping their children, and Center staff provided an update of programs and services.
- Center parents and teens were involved in the KaBOOM! build day at Olive Park Nov.12. The teens who participated had a positive experience and the event provided them the opportunity for civic involvement.
- **Orangethorpe and Maple After-school Programs:**
 - Maple After-school Program’s collaboration in Maple Elementary School’s “Mind, Math and Music” Program has been a continued success. Maple Elementary has provided keyboard lessons to specific program participants. Approximately 15 second-graders and seven sixth-graders are participating in the lessons.
 - The Big Brother/Big Sisters of Orange County began mentoring programs in November. More than 50 school-age participants are involved in the program on a weekly basis, increasing the total from last month by 10.
 - Maple and Orangethorpe After-school programs are participating in the Fullerton School District fall football season. Practices and games are occurring on a weekly basis, and Orangethorpe is close to making the semi-finals this season!
 - Staff is continuing the collaboration with Cal State Fullerton. Tutors from the America Reads and Counts Program are supporting the educational enrichment of participants in both after-school programs.
 - Approximately five volunteers are also actively supporting program participants during program hours. This additional support provides staff with the much-needed assistance in providing a quality program.
 - The “Get Outdoors!” Program has “caught” the Maple After-school Program in a new Fishing Clinic program. Yvonne Pedersen, the department’s outdoors recreation coordinator, conducts three sessions for more than 40 kids weekly.
 - The programs held monthly Parent Activity Committee meetings in November. Approximately 10 parents and community members are assisting with holiday programs at each center.
 - “Playgrounds on the Go!” party rentals are continuing with great success! In October, rentals occurred every weekend, sometimes on both days.
 - Camp Hillcrest opened its doors to welcome campers for the first fall season session Nov. 23. Participants enjoyed crafts, outdoor games, and field trips to “Scooter’s Jungle” and the California Science Center.

- Independence Park:
 - Several Olympic hopefuls continue training at our Janet Evans Swim Complex this month. The facility is one of three in the country chosen as training facilities for post-graduate athletes.
 - In November, 17 NJB coaches used the basketball court for practice.
 - FAST hosted the “Kevin Perry Memorial” swim meet Nov. 13-15, which brought hundreds of competitors from across California to the facility.

- Richman Community:
 - The Center, Teen Scene and YMCA Youth Achievers program, hosted a community Halloween party Oct. 30. Approximately 100 people attended
 - The Parent Activity Committee met twice in November to begin planning a holiday party set for Dec. 23. Parents will serve food and beverages, and there will be crafts and entertainment. The new “Motion!” teen dance club began work on a samba piece to be performed at the party.
 - Sixteen “Playgrounds on the Go” participants continue to practice flag football. Playgrounds have played against various after-school programs. Richman was successful in winning its game against Orangethorpe 20-7.
 - There are 31 students enrolled in the beginning PACE (ESL) class. Instructor Shin Song will be promoting seven students into the intermediate/advanced class. There are 11 beginning students on the waiting list. PACE parents also participated in a series of six workshops for parents that included such topics as child safety in the home, nutrition, low-cost health insurance, and family planning.
 - Richman “Youth In Action” participants joined teens from the other Community Centers and participated in the 7th Annual Noche de Altares, a traditional Dia de los Muertos celebration in Santa Ana.
 - Approximately 50 teens participated in the launch of the “IMIN” teen activities at Independence Park Oct. 14. All the teens were high school students from the three different community centers. The teens enjoyed pizza, a break dancing performance, a Wii boxing challenge, and crafts. The main focus of the event was signing up for the various clubs offered, including photography, art, homework assistance, dance and cooking.
 - Teens began healthy cooking classes with Tina Caton, coordinator of St. Jude Medical Center’s Healthy Lifestyles program.

- Services offered in November included five legal referrals for one or all of the following services: divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support and legal clinic participants. There were also three referrals made for food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing.
- Six families were seen and treated by CHOC's Breathmobile. CHOC anticipates more patient referrals from the St. Jude Neighborhood Clinic, the Richman Community Center and Richman School.
- **Tiny Tots:** Forty-five preschoolers shared family experiences and things they were thankful for in November. Festive "Thanksgiving Finger Feasts" were enjoyed in all three classes and new friendships were formed with the five new families able to enroll in preschool for the final fall sessions. Classroom registration is taking place this month at Independence Park for the 12 new winter-spring sessions.
- **Tennis Center:**
 - The Center had an unusually busy November, with usage of the Center up nearly 12 percent from November 2008. The Center hosted 32 different league matches for the month, as well as its regular weekly programs. One activity that has seen a lot of participation is the ladies doubles program on Monday nights. Another new program is men's intermediate doubles on Sunday mornings.
 - Many of the leagues will go on break in the middle of this month, with the last official league match scheduled for Dec. 16. The Beckman league will also be ending its successful season Dec. 7. This is an after-work program for employees of the Beckman group. Servite High School has added a tennis class students can use to get physical education credit by participating in programs at the Center three times per week, with Servite tennis coaches running the class.
- **Youth Sports:**
 - Many of the youth leagues conclude their seasons this month, with the exception of Rugby whose season just began. Fullerton Hills Softball, Fullerton ASA, East Fullerton Little League, West Fullerton Little League and Pony have all submitted permits for spring. Pop Warner also closed its season until August. Soccer, Baseball and softball will start their spring season in February.
 - The Sports Field User Group will meet Jan. 20 for field allocations.
 - Several fields have recently been closed for annual maintenance to de-thatch and reseed in preparation for the spring season.
- **"Get Outdoors:"**

- “Get Outdoors!” conducted the first three of several outdoor science programs at Laguna Lake in November. Sunset Lane Elementary School fourth-graders enjoyed a great day of learning, with discussions of the aquatic ecosystem, fish biology and a tour of the lake. Additionally, the students learned how to cast a fishing rod, went on a scavenger hunt, and experienced the art of Gyotaku – Japanese fish painting. Parent volunteers guided the students through the day while learning more about their local outdoor resources.
 - “Get Outdoors!” is working in conjunction with the Family and Senior Services Division to provide more fishing opportunities. The recent National Parks and Recreation Association “Take Me Fishing” grant will provide programs for both the Senior Center as well as various after-school facilities staffed by the City.
- Cultural and Events:
 - In November, the Museum finished up its very popular “Haunted Fullerton Walking” tours, with two extra tours to accommodate the overflow for this seasonal event.
 - School tours are in full swing with the opening of the Museum’s current exhibit “Cine-Saurus: Dinosaurs in the Movies.” Students from Acacia, Richman and Commonwealth schools have participated in docent tours, along with a hands-on art activity. For the art activity, students are making clay dinosaurs using polymer modeling compounds favored by professional model makers featured in the exhibit. This is an opportunity to work with materials not usually available to schools so we are especially pleased to be offering this particular activity.
 - November saw the return of the “Stroller Brigade,” our docent-led program for preschoolers and toddlers, which is offered free with regular Museum admission Wednesday mornings. This program, featuring dinosaur-themed stories, songs and crafts, has been very well attended. “Stroller Brigade” runs through April 4.
 - The Museum’s after-school programs “Wednesday Studio” and “Guitar Gateways” are in full swing and are at their midway point for the semester. The semester will end with a guitar recital Dec. 15.
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Police

- Patrol:
 - On Nov. 10, Officers received a call of a possible burglary in progress at Sunny Hills High School. Officer Eric Bridges arrived and found a group of suspects, who fled on foot on his arrival. After a short chase and search, four suspects were detained and their parents notified. After being interviewed by Officer Bridges, the identities of the other dozen or so suspects were also obtained.

Good response and search efforts by Officers Jeremy Viscusi and James Boline. School officials were notified.

- On Nov. 11, a northbound semi-tractor and trailer combination ran off the road on Brookhurst Road, between the 91 Freeway and Roberta Avenue. The vehicle knocked down two utility poles, causing several homes and the traffic control signals at the intersection of Brookhurst and Roberta to lose power. Brookhurst was closed between Roberta and the freeway until Southern California Edison crews could restore power. Cause of the collision is under investigation.
- A Loss Prevention officer at Home Depot noticed a couple of men behaving suspiciously enter the business and split up inside the store. He watched one subject make a purchase using a credit card which the clerk reported looked suspicious. Loss Prevention confirmed the credit card to be fraudulent, and detained the second suspect as he finished a purchase using another fraudulent card. Officer Gabriela Soto and Corporal Anthony Ciccirelli were able to locate the first suspect. The Officers learned this was the third Home Depot the suspects had hit. More than 20 fraudulent credit cards and fraudulent California identification cards were found in the suspects' possession.
- On Nov. 14, a group of approximately 15 volunteers from Eastside Christian Church, headed by retired Fullerton Police Lt. Doug Cave, came to the Police Department to prepare a very nice barbecue lunch for our personnel. This was part of a "service day" at the church in which nearly 2,000 volunteers spread out across North Orange County on a variety of projects. The lunch was very well received and we appreciate Eastside Christian Church doing this for us.
- On Nov. 14, Officer Bryan Bybee made a car stop for a traffic violation. On searching the car's interior, he found 11 fraudulent Social Security, Green and Resident Alien cards. Corporal Daniel Solorio made contact by phone with a subject who admitted he bought the fraudulent documents from the person detained by Officer Bybee. Once arrested, the suspect admitted to dealing in fraudulent documents. Good teamwork by Officer Bybee and Corporal Solorio.
- Officers Kenny Edgar and Jim Bolden were working a two-man Echo car on Nov. 24. While responding to a call for assistance behind Florentine's Downtown Grill, they contacted a group of intoxicated subjects. Restaurant security asked for help in getting the subjects to leave. One of the subjects attempted to push past Officer Bolden and the Officer's uniform. The suspect was taken into custody.
- On Nov. 29, two young children were playing in the backyard of their residence and had rigged a rope around a steering wheel on the play set. The younger boy was sliding down the slide and somehow the rope became entangled around his neck. This strangled the child, who was neither breathing nor responsive when Paramedics arrived. The child was transported to St. Jude Medical Center and, later, to CHOC. The child is not expected to survive.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

- **SB 375 Regional Workshop:** The Southern California Association of Governments hosted a workshop at the Ontario Convention Center Nov. 18. Council Member Quirk-Silva moderated the panel, “Conversation with Local and Regional Leadership.” Senior staff from the Community Development and Redevelopment and Economic Development departments collaborated to present a booth display of past, present and future Downtown projects.
- **West Harbor Alley Improvement Project:** The project is the second phase of the water main upgrade, which is located in the public alley between Wilshire and Amerige avenues, parallel and west of Harbor Boulevard. Community design workshops were held July 27 and 30 at the Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, with roughly a dozen community members in attendance. Postcard invitations were mailed to approximately 1,000 addresses in the Downtown C-3 Zone, and an advertisement was placed in the “Fullerton News Tribune.” Community input from these workshops was given to the landscape architect consultant who, in turn, created design alternatives that were submitted to the Redevelopment Design Review Committee. In October, the RDRC was presented an overview of the project and reviewed existing conditions. On Nov. 12, the Committee unanimously approved proposed design concepts for the West Harbor Alley Improvement Project. The preferred design is tentatively set to go to the City Council in January. If approved, construction could begin in the first quarter of 2010.
- **Website Statistics:** The Department’s pages on the City website provide information and updates about various projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing and economic development activities. In November, the pages had 1,346 hits. .
- **Unemployment Rates:** Unemployment rates are as follows: United States – 9.5 percent; California – 12.3 percent; Orange County – 9.5 percent; and Fullerton – 10.8 percent This data was provided by the County Workforce Investment Board.
- **Economic Development Action Team:** Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business in Fullerton or expand their existing business. The following meetings took place in November:
 - Address: 123 E. Orangefair Mall; retail sales; jobs – 110; 38,000 square feet.
 - Address: 701 S. Sally Place; industry – machinery; jobs – 50; 203,029 square feet.