# Focus on

# Fullerton



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Play ball!

After months of construction, the renovated Lions Field was opened to the public in August. The new facility features two football fields, four softball fields, and overlays for both rugby and soccer. In addition, there is a new concession stand, a meeting room, two batting cages and two sets of restrooms. State-of-the-art artificial turf covers the playing fields. Related photo pg. 4

## A reminder from the Fullerton Police Department:

The new school year is under way, so please be extra careful when driving. Observe the speed limit when driving near schools and keep an eye out for children walking to and from school or crossing the street.



# 'Euclid Corridor' concerns focus of City task force

A new City task force has been created by City Manager Chris Meyer to address revitalization needs and concerns voiced by local businesses and property owners throughout the Euclid Street "Corridor."

Specifically, the project area consists of Euclid, between Chapman Avenue and the 91 Freeway; Commonwealth Avenue, between Richman and Orange avenues; and Williamson Way, between Richman and Euclid.

Formation of the task force was brought about by numerous complaints from businesses and property owners in the project area about homeless individuals loitering and panhandling near businesses, landscape and maintenance problems on Caltrans property at the freeway on- and off-ramps, graffiti, vandalism of private property, and the general aesthetics of the area, which is a major gateway to the city.

The task force has begun identifying quick and simple actions that could achieve an immediate improvement to the Euclid corridor. The task force is also charged with recommending long-term strategies to address concerns raised by business and property owners. Those strategies will go to the City Council for future consideration.

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Visit the City's web site: www.ci.fullerton.ca.us or www.cityof fullerton.com

# City website offers valuable resource for water information

The City of Fullerton Water System website is a valuable resource designed to help answer your questions and guide you through common procedures. The information available on-line will help you manage, conserve and learn about the City's water supply.

#### MANAGE:

- Guidelines are available online to help you manage new or existing services.
- Developers and contractors will appreciate easy access to the Installation of Water Service guide, the Water Utility Specification, and the Water Rules & Regulations.
- If you have questions regarding your water bill, read the Water Rates Schedule to find out how much you are paying for each unit of water.
- The Water Bill Calculator is a helpful tool to estimate your water, sewer and sanitation fees.
- You may also sign up for on-line payment; it is a free, easy, convenient and secure method for paying your monthly utility bill.

## More about:

## 'Euclid Corridor' task force

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Actions being implemented now include fresh paint, tree trimming, increased Police/homeless outreach, and increased coordination with Caltrans to enable Fullerton staff to enter Caltrans property for supplemental maintenance activities.

In addition, the City's Community Preservation (code enforcement) officers have begun contacting business owners with courtesy notices regarding possible code

violations that may need to be addressed.

The task force's next step will be to continue its assessment of the Euclid Corridor to identify potential opportunities for

improvement of the area. The team will also continue dialogues with business and property owners to find sustainable long-term solutions.

Task force members include representatives of the Community Development Department's Building, Planning, GIS and Community Preservation divisions, and the Engineering, Fire, Maintenance Services, Police, Parks and Recreation, and Redevelopment and Economic Development departments.

Further information about the Euclid Corridor Project may be obtained by calling Nicole Coats, economic development manager, at (714) 738-4102, or by email at NicoleC@ci.fullerton.ca.us.

## CONSERVE:

City of Fullerton residents and businesses are encouraged to conserve water. Visit the conservation section of the website to learn what you can do to conserve water and save money.

- Read the conservation tips.
- Learn how to find a water leak.
- Find out what rebates are available.

Check back often, as the programs change frequently.

### LEARN:

The City of Fullerton has delivered high quality water to the citizens of Fullerton for more than 100 years.

- · Learn about your water supply by
- discovering the main sources of your drinking water in the Annual Water Quality Report and 2010 Public Health Goals.
- Read about the City's Water Capital Improvement Projects currently under construction, as well as those in design stages.
   The projects ensure safe and reliable sources of water for our citizens.

This just gives you a brief idea of what is available on line. Start up your computer and begin exploring the Fullerton Water System website at http://www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/engineering/water\_system\_management\_n\_supply/default.asp.

# Storm drain improvements set

Construction is to begin early this month on a much-needed storm drain installation project on Commonwealth Avenue, between Highland and Malden avenues.

The project is part of the continuing effort to improve the City's infrastructure.

The project will consist of installation of a new storm drain in Commonwealth; construction of new catch basins and manholes; and reconstruction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, access ramps and pavement at the northwest and northeast corners of Commonwealth and Malden.

Westbound traffic on Commonwealth will be reduced to one lane during working hours, with both eastbound lanes to remain open. In addition, the north side of the Commonwealth and Malden intersection may be closed at times due to the construction.

Access to businesses within the project area will remain open. Extra steps will be taken to minimize impact to businesses, residents and motorists; however, noise and vibrations may be experienced in the project area due to the construction activity.

The construction is expected to take approximately seven weeks to complete.

The \$245,975 contract for the project was awarded to Garcia-Juarez Construction Co. of Brea. Funding for the project comes from the City's sewer and drainage funds.

Further information about the project may be obtained by calling the City of Fullerton Engineering Department at (714) 738-6845



# Downtown walking tour offers 'spirited' look at City's history

A ghostly hand selects the dinner music at one downtown eatery, while at another, an unseen prankster enjoys tossing pots and pans around.

At a third restaurant, a ghost has been known to belly up

to the bar and hoist a few alongside his living counterparts. And at a fashionable gift shop, Lillian likes to turn the lights on in the place she once called "home."

These and other restless spirits of Fullerton, considered by many to be one of the most haunted cities in Orange County, will soon move out of the shadows and onto center stage as the Fullerton Museum Center launches its 10th Annual "Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours" this fall.

Tours will be given Wednesdays and Thursdays Sept. 15 through Nov. 4, with a special Halloween tour planned for Oct. 31. Due to popularity, the tours book up fast, and persons interested in participating are strongly advised to get their registrations in early.

Locations to be visited can vary and may include the landmark Plummer Auditorium, where the spirits of Louis E. Plummer and

one known only as the "angry woman" are said to watch the shows presented there; the historic California Hotel, now Villa del Sol; and the home of Fullerton's first woman auto dealer. Even Fullerton's Police Department apparently is not without its own hauntings, and will be one of the locations visited on the tours.



Police Department a stop on walking tour

While a good ghost story appeals to most people, Aimee Aul, Fullerton Museum Center educator and tour coordinator, said the tours' real draw is they give participants a chance to learn a little about Fullerton's colorful history:

"The tours really are a celebration of local legend," Aul said. "We're not making any supernatural claims; we're just sharing stories of another facet of Fullerton's history, particularly that of the downtown."

The tours leave the Museum promptly at 6 p.m., and last approximately two and one-half hours. Aul said "ghost hunters" should be prepared to walk approximately 1.5 miles, and the tours will include climbing stairs. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a sense of humor with them.

The tours are not recommended for kids under the age of 13.

Cost of the tour is \$15 for Museum Center members, and \$18 for the general public. Space is limited and prepaid reservations are required. "Those who don't get their reservations in don't stand a ghost of a chance," quipped Aul.

Reservations and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the tour are asked to notify the museum staff when making reservations.

The Fullerton Museum Center is located at 301 N. Pomona Ave., one block east of Harbor Boulevard, in the downtown.

# City schedules second free 'Shredder Day' for Oct. 9

In response to citizen requests, the City of Fullerton will host a second "Shredder Day" to allow residents to dispose of personal documents and papers.

The date of the new event is Oct. 9.



The City has again contracted with America Shredding to be stationed in the City Hall visitor parking lot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 9 to accept boxes of personal documents to be shredded at no charge to citizens. The documents will be shredded on the spot.

At the first "Shredder Day" May 22, 13,000 pounds of paper were shredded – the equivalent, once the shredded material is recycled into new paper, of saving 65 trees.

Citizens may also bring dead batteries to the October event for disposal. In addition, electronic waste will be collected for recycling.

Citizens may bring five 10-inch-by-12-inch-by-16 inch boxes filled to the brim with paper to be shredded for free. Additional boxes over the five free loads will be charged \$5 per box.

Electronic items that will be accepted for recycling are

CD, VCR and DVD players, computer monitors and CPUs, desktop copiers, computer keyboards, fax machines; stereos, and microwave ovens.

"Green boxes" will be set up to collect old batteries (sorry, no car batteries) and small electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, power tools, calculators, cameras, etc.) for disposal, also free of charge.

At the May 22 event, 13 boxes of batteries were collected. Fullerton City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. The visitor lot is to the rear of City Hall and can be accessed from Amerige Avenue.

Further information may be obtained by calling the City Public Information Office at (714) 738-6317.

Persons needing special accommodations to participate in the event are asked to call the Public Information Office prior to Oct. 9.

## Rebates available!

The MWD offers rebates to Fullerton water customers who install new water-saving devices, including smart irrigation timers, rotating nozzles, and synthetic turf. For more information about rebates please visit www.bewaterwise.com.



## Taking the field!

Members of several youth sports teams happily take the field at the grand opening of the renovated Lions Field Sports Complex. A key component of the restoration the stabilization of the Hillcrest Park north slope, which is the south slope of the sports field. The slope was graded and the soil compacted to prevent slippage. Once that work was completed, the slope was planted with new trees. Funding for the approximately \$13 million revitalization was secured in a 2005 redevelopment bond, as well as from a 1998 Park Improvement Bond and park dwelling taxes.

# Friends of the Library used bookstore fund-raiser for Library

Good news for book lovers: The Friends of the Fullerton Public Library have opened a used bookstore, and all proceeds go toward supporting Library programs and activities.

The store, which is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, is located in the green building — at 401 W. Commonwealth Ave., on the northwest corner of Commonwealth and Short Street, directly across Short from the Main Library.

The book store offers used books covering a wide variety of authors and literary genres, as well as used CDs, DVDs, video tapes and vinyl records.

Library Director Maureen Gebelein said the idea for a bookstore for the Friends, one of the Library's two major support groups, developed as planning began on the expansion to the Main Library under construction now.

"Many public libraries have bookstores, especially in

Orange County, so we are just 'joining the club," she said.

"There will be space for a used book store in the renovated Library, and the Friends will operate it. Until the expansion

is complete, the store will remain in the Commonwealth building. "

She added the Friends are paying the rent for the store.

Gebelein said the expansion is expected to be completed by July 2011, at which time the Friends can move into their new space in the Main Library.

Further information about the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library bookstore or the Main Library expansion project may be obtained by calling

the library at (714) 738-6326.

Current information on books in stock at the store may also be found on the Friends' blog at fullertonfriends.blogspot.com.

## Public works focus of 'Conversation'

An update on City capital improvement projects will be the focus of the Oct. 28 session of "Conversation with your City," a special program series presented by Councilwoman Sharon Quirk-Silva.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.

Guest speakers will be City Engineering Director Don Hoppe and Maintenance Services Director Bob Savage. They will give a presentation on the duties of their departments, and then provide an update on various public works projects.

A question-and-answer session will follow their presentation.

No registration is necessary to participate in the "Conversation;" citizens are welcome to drop by and join in.

Speakers scheduled for future programs include Redevelopment and Economic Development Director Rob zur Schmiede.

Further information may be obtained by calling the City Council Office at Fullerton City Hall at (714) 738-6311.

## Temporary closure for Children's Room

The Children's Room of the Fullerton Main Library will be closed from approximately Sept. 7-21 as it undergoes a facelift as part of the Main Library expansion project.

Library Director Maureen Gebelein said the Children's Room will be painted and receive new carpeting, as well as some other infrastructure work that is part of the expansion.

"The Children's Room staff will work at a desk on the main floor of the Library to help children and families who come in during that time," Gebelein said. "We will also relocate some of our high-interest children's books to the main floor so there will be some items available for children to check out."

Gebelein noted the Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque Ave., will continue to offer full service for children during the renovation of the Children's Room. Hunt Branch hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays and noon-8 p.m. Thursdays.



# Museum Center calendar

## **Stroller Brigade**

10am-noon Wednesdays, through Oct. 6 Free admission

The Museum's popular weekday morning program for preschoolers is starting up again with a new theme. "Stories in Song" will introduce toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-ups to musical instruments, notes, and songs. Kids will have a chance to play musical instruments, including handbells, drums, and a real Fender Stratocaster guitar. The program takes place in the Fender Gallery. No reservations necessary, although groups of 10 or more are asked to call the Museum Education Office at (714) 738-3136 to give us a heads up.

# Bottle Cap Treasures: Art Workshop for Adults

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14 \$12 general/\$8 Museum members

Turn old beer bottle caps into fun magnets and jewelry. We will be using resin epoxy, collage materials, hot glue, beads and other fun art supplies. Bring your own bottle caps or use some of ours for no additional charge.

## **Guitar Gateways**

For grades 5-9 4-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays Session A: Sept. 21-Oct. 26 Session B: Nov. 2-Dec. 7

\$90 general/\$65 for Museum members It's time to rock out! Learn chords, note reading, and music history with an emphasis on rock, folk and blues. Acoustic Fender guitars are available for students to use in class and at home. Call the FMC or visit www.fullertoneconnect.com to register.

## Wednesday Art Studio

For grades 1-6 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays Session A: Sept. 22-Oct. 13 Session B: Oct. 27-Nov. 17

\$40 general/\$35 Museum members

Draw, paint, decorate and create! Students will create original art with a wide range of fun art materials, including paint, beads, metal and glass. Call the FMC or visit www.fullertoneconnect to register.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



# The pollution solution

Several residential activities can result in water pollution. Among these are car washing and hosing off driveways and sidewalks. Both activities can waste water and result in excess runoff.

Water conservation methods described below can prevent considerable amounts of runoff and conserve water. By taking

your car to a commercial car wash and by sweeping driveways and sidewalks, you can further prevent the transport of pollutants to Orange County waterways.

Here are some of the common pollutants for which you can be part of the solution:



### Pesticides and fertilizer

- Pollution: The same pesticides that are designed to be toxic to pests can have an equally lethal impact on our marine life. The fertilizer that promotes plant growth in lawns and gardens can also create algae blooms which remove oxygen from the water and clog waterways when it decomposes.
- Solution: Never use pesticides or fertilizer within 48 hours of an anticipated rainstorm. Use only as much as is directed on the label and keep it off driveways and sidewalks.

#### Dirt and sediment

- Pollution: Dirt or sediment can impede the flow of storm water and negatively impact stream habitat as it travels through waterways and deposits downstream. Pollutants can attach to sediment, which can then be transported through our waterways.
- Solution: Protect dirt stockpiles by covering them with tarps or secure plastic sheets to prevent wind or rain from allowing dirt or sediment to enter the storm drain system.

## Metals

- Pollution: Metals and other toxins present in car wash water can harm important plankton, which forms the base of the aquatic food chain.
- Solution: Take your car to a commercial car wash where the wash water is captured and treated at a local wastewater treatment plant.

#### Pet waste

- Pollution: Pet waste carries bacteria through our watersheds and eventually will be washed out to the ocean. This can pose a health risk to swimmers and surfers.
- Solution: Pick up after your pets!

## Trash and debris

- Pollution: Trash and debris can enter waterways by wind, littering and careless maintenance of trash receptacles. Street sweeping collects some of this trash; however, much of what isn't captured ends up in our storm drains and flows untreated to the ocean.
- Solution: Don't litter, and make sure trash containers are properly covered. It is far more expensive to clean up the litter and trash that ends up in our waterways than it is to prevent it in the first place.

- On-going Fullerton Certified Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, east of Euclid Street; (714) 871-5304.
- On-going Ebell Club of Fullerton, 11 a.m., first Friday of the month, September through June; Ebell Clubhouse, 313 Laguna Road; (714) 526-2414.
- On-going Bingo Night, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsor St. Mary's Catholic Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-going Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Breakfast Meetings, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Thursdays, Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive; (714) 743-8670.
- On-going Fullerton Men's Golf Club, 6 p.m., first Wednesday of month, Fullerton Municipal Golf Course, 2700 N. Harbor Blvd.; featuring Saturday morning tee times, tournaments; (714) 578-9201.
- Through Oct. 10 "Kegged, Casked, Bottled or Canned: 10,000 Years of Beer," Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; exhibit uses advertising material, tap handles, metal signs, prints, beer steins, and fixtures from the home brewing industry to tell the history of beer; Museum hours and information (714) 738-6545.
- Sept. 11-12 Salvia Spectacular, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; event will feature more than 125 salvia species and varieties for sale; (657) 278-3407.
- Sept. 12 "Beauty for a Cause" Benefit Cuta-Thon, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Salon Lujon & Day Spa, 216 N. Harbor Blvd.; sponsor Low Vision Council, an extension of the Southern California College of Optometry Foundation for the Preservation of Sight; proceeds will benefit the Council; (714) 738-1882.
- Sept. 16 Beginning Square Dancing Classes, 7-9 p.m., Yorba Middle School, 5350 Fairmont Blvd., Yorba Linda; sponsor Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club of Fullerton; (714) 773-0933.
- Sept. 18 "Fabulous Forties" Fund-raising Gala, 5:30 p.m., Fullerton Marriott, 701 E. Nutwood Ave., on the CSUF campus; sponsor Museum of Teaching and Learning; proceeds to benefit the Museum; tickets (317) 496-0686.
- Sept. 18 Crab Feast and Auction Under the Stars, 6-10 p.m., North Orange County Family

- YMCA, 2000 Youth Way; evening will feature all-you-caneat dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment; proceeds to benefit the YMCA; tickets (714) 879-9622.
- Sept. 19 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FIES Dinner and Auction, 4:30 p.m., Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante, 550 N. Harbor Blvd.; proceeds to benefit Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service's work to overcome hunger and homelessness in Fullerton; tickets (714) 680-3691.
- Sept. 20-Oct. 4 Beginning Square Dancing Lessons, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 221 N. Waverly St. Orange; sponsor Fullerton-based Ichabod Squares Dance Club; (714) 879-7014.
- Sept. 24 Candidates Night, 5:30 p.m., Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 E. Bastanchury Road; sponsor Fullerton Republican Women Federated; (714) 879-1732.
- Sept. 24-26 St. Juliana Fall Festival, St. Juliana Church, 1316 N. Acacia Ave.; 5-10 pm. Sept. 24, 3-10 p.m. Sept. 25 and 3-8 p.m. Sept. 26; featuring food, concerts and games; free admission; (714) 879-1965.
- Sept. 25 League of Women Voters of North Orange County Kickoff Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Alta Vista Country Club, 777 Alta Vista St., Placentia; guest speaker Timothy Naftali, director of the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum; (714) 254-7440.
- Oct. 2 Fullerton Car Show, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue; featuring 200 hot rods and custom cars, plus food booths, entertainment and activities for kids; proceeds to benefit Fullerton Boys and Girls Club, Fullerton Police Explorers and Women's Transitional Living Center; (714) 239-9875.
- Oct. 2 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Maple School Fundraiser Dance, 7 p.m.-midnight, Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave.; proceeds to benefit Maple Elementary School; tickets (714) 526-3498.
- Oct. 9-10 California Native and Fall Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; (657) 278-4010.
- Oct. 15-31 "Jane Eyre," Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave.; presented by the Fullerton Civic Light Opera; tickets (714) 879-1732.
- Oct. 23 Damas de Caridad 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival and Luncheon, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Nixon Library, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda; proceeds to benefit St. Jude Medical Center's Children's Dental Clinic; reservations (714) 992-4484.

Send Calendar items to Public Information Office, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., 92832. Mark them "Attention: Focus on Fullerton." Items may also be emailed to SylviaP@ci.fullerton.ca.us or faxed to 738-6758. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.