# Council Briefing

June 2008

## **Administrative Services**

#### Fiscal Services

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in May totaled 36, making the fiscal year-to-date total 453. Total number of active permits as of May 31 was 4,696.
- Invoices billed in May totaled 669, with a valuation of \$2,270,921. Invoices billed for fiscal 2007-08 to-date total 7,349, with a valuation of \$10,042,726.
- ➤ Total number of general checks and direct deposits issued in May was 838 and 303, respectively, with a valuation of \$5,832,123. The total number of general checks and direct deposits for fiscal 2007-08 to-date total 8,737 and 2,448, respectively, with a valuation of \$68,530,536.

## Information Technology:

- > The Enterprise Resource Planning software has been installed on the servers. Users will have a single log-on using their network log-on to the system.
- > Staff is setting up a payment server by which transactions can be handled on a single server to protect critical data associated with credit card payments or checks.
- Purchasing: In May, the Division processed 220 requisitions, created 76 purchase orders, and saved \$2,330 through early payment discounts. Central Services made 195,331 copies and processed 13,837 pieces of mail.

#### Revenue:

➤ In May, 224 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 140 were for businesses in Fullerton and 84 were for businesses located out of the city, but which will be conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$17,898.

- > A total of 169 businesses closed in May: 84 in the city and 85 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in May numbered 832, which totaled \$106,826 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In May, the Division answered 2,108 calls, and processed 3,942 cash register transactions totaling \$15,620,994. Of the transactions, 1,133 were by credit cards, 1,192 were by checks, 909 were cash, and 158 were direct deposits.

# **Community Development**

Community Preservation: In May, the Division: received 172 complaints (2,426 year-to-date); resolved 188 complaints (2,102); handled 497 active cases; conducted 1,153 inspections (7,840); issued 148 first notices of violation (1,646), and 37 citations (528); arranged for the pick up of 21 large items, such as abandoned sofas (196); received 19 requests for graffiti removal (162); received 73 Complaint Hotline calls (913); and billed \$3,300 in revenue (\$46,400).

## Planning:

- ➤ Project applications submitted in May totaled 17. They included six minor site plans, one major site plan, two minor development projects, one conditional use permit, one administrative restaurant use permit, one appeal, and two modifications to prior approval.
- Project applications acted upon in May totaled 11 (approvals/denials only; does not include continued items or recommendations from one hearing body to another). The applications included four minor site plans, one minor development project, one conditional use permit, one variance, one appeal, and one modification to prior approval.
- ➤ The draft update to the Housing Element of the General Plan was presented to the General Plan Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission for review in May and a recommendation was made to forward the draft update to the state Department of Housing and Community Development in advance of the June 30 deadline.
- ➤ A \$40,000 grant was received from the County to establish a residential collection service for universal waste and a disposal program for used batteries in conjunction with the Administrative Services Department.

## • Building:

- ➤ Inspection stops in May totaled 1,208 and resulted in 1,426 inspections. The average daily inspection load was 85, and the average daily workload was 11 inspections per inspector.
- Also in May, 246 plans (including 20 ancillary plans) were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 95 were checked same day at the counter. A total of 1,556 visitors came to the permit counter in May, and 679 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$3,638,689.
- The Division issued 15 permits on-line in May.
- ➤ A grading permit was issued for the new nine-unit Habitat for Humanity condo project at 411 W. Valencia Drive.
- ➤ Foundation construction is under way for a new 14-unit condo project at 924 S. Highland Ave. Foundation construction is also in progress for a 15-unit condo project at 2941 N. Brea Blvd.

## Engineering

- Project Development and Design:
  - ➤ The City is soliciting bids for the Basque Yard Air Sparge/Vapor Extraction Remediation System project. The project is mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The proposed remediation system will run 24/7 to extract petroleum vapor and burn it on site to expedite clean-up of the contaminated soil. Bid opening is scheduled for June 11.
  - ➤ The City Council rejected bids for the Sewer Replacement Carhart Area Project April 1. Additional work will be included in the project and it will go out again for bid in June. The scope of the work will include replacement and/or realignment of damaged sewer main lines, manholes, and asphalt paving. Construction, estimated at \$2 million, is scheduled to begin in September.
  - ➤ The Sewer Replacement Project in the Bastanchury-Hughes area requires rerouting damaged 15-inch vitrified clay pipe sewer main line that crosses under the creek bed to Bastanchury, Warburton and Hughes south of the railroad tracks. The project scope includes new manholes, trench pavement, and street reconstruction of both Warburton and Hughes from the railroad right-of-way to Bastanchury. Construction is scheduled to begin in August and be completed in October. Estimated construction cost is \$1.8 million.
- Construction Management:

- ➤ The 2006-07 Sewer Replacement Project in the Glenhaven area was completed at the end of May.
- ➤ The Placentia Avenue Reconstruction Project from Yorba Linda Boulevard to Quartz Lane was completed in April. However, parking and final striping issues require Council direction, and will be brought to the June 17 Council meeting.
- Water Engineering: The Orange County Water District has begun drilling the second of five collection wells adjacent to Union Pacific Park, at the southwest corner of Truslow and Harbor. The first well is being completed at Independence Park. These collection wells pump water from the shallow aquifer (0 to 250 feet) which contains Volatile Organic Compounds. The City production wells pump water from depths of 420 to 1,300 feet. Once complete, the five wells will pump water to a proposed treatment plant located at Orangethorpe and State College. Once treated, the water will be discharged to the nearby spreading ground.

## Fire

Statistics: The Department responded to 867 requests for service in May, up slightly from the 853 calls for the same period last year. Of the 867 calls, 41 were for fires, 683 were for emergency medical aid, seven were hazardous materials calls, and 58 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 80 automatic aid calls in May, and received 82 in return. Of the 683 medical aid calls, 462 required advanced life support and 221 required basic life support.

## Suppression:

- At 10:44 p.m. May 1, Engine 1, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a building fire at In Cahoots in the 1400 block of S. Lemon Street. On arrival, crews found an evacuation in process. An initial investigation determined the fire had occurred in a storage room and was discovered by an employee who used a fire extinguisher on the flames until the sprinkler head activated. A further investigation proved inconclusive as to cause.
- At 5:58 p.m. May 2, Truck 1, Engines 1, 2 and 4, Battalion 2, and the Operations Chief were sent on a fire at the Stater Brothers Market in the 300 block of N. Euclid Street. Light smoke was noted throughout the store and a fire was discovered in a wall electrical outlet. Fire crews shut down all electricity and notified the store manager, as well as Orange County Health due to possible exposure to the food products. The store closed pending arrival of County Health. During the fire response, a 49-year-old woman needed emergency medical aid and was treated by on scene Engine 4 Paramedics and taken to St. Jude Medical Center.

- ➤ At 2:30 p.m. May 2, Engine 2, Fire Battalion 1 and 2, Operations Chief Dominguez, Fullerton Police and Anaheim Hazmat Unit 8 responded to a biological hazard investigation in the 200 block of S. Cedar Avenue. The neighborhood was evacuated. This incident resulted from another hazmat incident occurring at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange. Engine 2 was assigned rapid intervention and emergency decon. The Hazmat crew made two separate sweeps of the area and no hazardous material was found.
- At 4:44 p.m. May 16, Engine 4 was dispatched to brush fire operations along Carbon Canyon. The crew fought the brush fire with units from Brea, Chino Hills, and Los Angeles and Orange counties. Engine 5 was also dispatched later as a support unit.
- At 10:57 a.m. May 20, Truck 1, Engines 1, 2, 4 and 6 and Battalion 1 were detailed to a fire report at the North Justice Center. The courthouse was evacuated. Investigation determined an employee who thought she smelled smoke pulled the fire alarm. No fire was found.
- At 9:02 a.m. May 22, Engine 2 was dispatched on a report of an odor coming from a storm drain basin in front of 1100 Vine St. Additional resources were called and residents were told to remain in their homes. Anaheim HazMat Unit 8 investigated but no abnormal readings were detected and the odor source was not found. The scene was turned over to the Gas Co. for further investigation.
- ➤ At 1:19 p.m. May 22, Engine 3 was dispatched to an apartment in the 3300 block of E. Yorba Linda Boulevard. A large amount of water was pouring from the roof drains due to the severe rain and hail overwhelming the drains and flooding four units. The water damage was most severe in the first-floor apartments, with water coming from light fixtures and walls. The electricity was disconnected and the apartment manager was notified of the needed clean-up action.
- ➤ At 11:46 a.m. May 28, Engine 1 and Battalion 1 were requested to stand by at the North Justice Center while the Orange County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad evaluated a suspicious package delivered to one of the judges. The package's contents were determined to be harmless.
- ➤ At 6:54 p.m. May 29, Engine 1 responded to an auto vs. pedestrian accident in the 400 block of W. Baker Avenue. Two 10-year-old girls riding their bikes had been hit by a vehicle. Both were treated on scene: one was taken to UCI Medical Center for moderate trauma and the other to Anaheim Memorial as a mild status patient.
- ➤ At 10:30 p.m. May 29, Engine 6 was dispatched to a single-vehicle accident with two trapped occupants at W. Rosecrans Avenue and N. Gilbert Street. After arrival, the crew requested additional resources, and Truck 1, Paramedic Engine

- 4 and the Battalion Chief arrived. The victims were removed from the vehicles. One patient a 30-year-old man was taken to UCI Medical Center.
- ➤ At 6:03 a.m. May 31, Engine 1 and Truck 1 responded to a fire in the 100 block of S. Yale Avenue. The fire had started in a trash can inside the garage of a two-story, one-unit apartment. The crews quickly extinguished the fire, and damage was limited to the interior and exterior walls.
- At 10:54 a.m. May 31, Engine 2 responded on a medical aid in the 1600 block of W. Valencia Drive. On arrival, the crew found a mother holding her 15-month-old son. She told Paramedics the baby spilled hot water on himself, burning his face, chest and arms, suffering first- and second-degree burns to approximately 20 percent of his body. He was taken to the Burn Unit at UCI Medical Center.

#### Downtown Business District:

- At 2:01 a.m. May 15, Engine 1 responded to a report of an intoxicated person at Harbor Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue. The patient became combative and the Police restrained him. He was evaluated by Paramedics and then arrested.
- At 3:54 a.m. May 17, Truck 1 was dispatched to the 400 block of S. Harbor on an assault. On arrival, Paramedics found a woman in the care of Police Officers. Paramedics assessed the patient, but she denied transport to the hospital.
- At 1:56 a.m. May 26, Paramedics were dispatched on an assault in the 100 block of W. Commonwealth Avenue. The man complained of lower lip pain from being punched. Paramedics evaluated him, but he denied transport to a hospital.

#### Other Activities:

- ➤ The Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team crew and the Training Battalion Chief participated in a technical high-angle rescue/high-angle rope drill at Disneyland May 14 and 15, along with USAR teams from Garden Grove, Costa Mesa, Orange, Anaheim, and the Orange County Fire Authority.
- ➤ The Centennial Open House at Fire Headquarters May 10 was a success, with approximately 1,000 people attending.
- ➤ The Department hosted a dinner May 13 for Cpl. Moses Cardenas of Fullerton and his family. Cpl. Cardenas received the Silver Star, the third highest honor given by the military, for rescuing his sergeant while under fire from insurgents in Iraq. The Corporal was shot twice by the insurgents as he pulled his sergeant to safety. He was honored by the City Council at a meeting following the dinner, as well as by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

- ➤ The Department's Disaster Preparedness Specialist, 14 CERT volunteers, the Engine 1 crew and one Fire Explorer Scout participated at the "FACES of Fullerton" event April 26. The CERT volunteers displayed their van and trailer, handed out disaster preparedness literature, held demonstrations, and conducted CERT trailer tours. As a bonus to the day, 21 citizens signed the interest list for the next CERT class.
- Fullerton Fire and the Orange County Fire Prevention Officers' Public Education Committee hosted a Drowning Prevention Awareness Event at the Janet Evans Swim Complex May 29. Also participating in the event were the Red Cross, Fullerton Parks and Recreation, Fullerton Police and FAST.
- Fire personnel participated in a Health Fair at Morningside May 16 to promote Paramedic Subscriptions.
- ➤ The Headquarters drill tower has been expanded with the addition of a mobile metal training system. The unit was funded through Santa Ana College and will allow us to be in compliance with mandated fire, search and rescue training.

## **Human Resources**

- Employee Picnic: After weeks of planning, the long-awaited Employee Picnic is set for June 10. A committee of 13 City employees, headed by Parks and Recreation and Human Resources staff members, has been working diligently to provide City employees with a well-deserved afternoon of good food and entertainment. Generous donations from the employee groups allowed the committee to purchase a variety of prizes to be given away during the event.
- Recruitments: Recruitments under way or soon to be under way include Planning Manager. Recently completed recruitments include Associate Plan Check Engineer and Utility Services Supervisor.
- Employee Processing: In May, Human Resources processed six regular and seven nonregular new employees, three regular and eight nonregular separations, and two regular employee promotions.
- Liability Program: Eleven new claims were filed in May, six claims were closed, and no lawsuits were filed.
- Workers' Compensation Program: Sixteen new claims were filed in April, six claims were closed, and four were litigated.

# Library

- Transportation Day: Despite an occasional drizzle, the Library's first "Transportation Day" drew approximately 1,000 people. The event, held in the Main Library parking lot May 24, had everything from pony rides to movies. Every mode of transportation was represented, including bicycles, airplanes, trains, boats and automobiles. Free food was provided by Pat & Oscar's Restaurant and the Friends of the Library. Twenty-eight volunteers assisted with everything from making snow cones to helping children build and sail boats in rain gutters. The event ended with a showing of "Snow Buddies" in the Osborne Auditorium.
- Library Software Upgrade: On May 14, the Library upgraded its Integrated Library Systems software, Horizon, to version 7.4.1. as part of regular upgrades provided by the vendor. Horizon software controls and coordinates most library services, from the online catalog, material acquisition and database cataloging to the full-range of public circulation functions, including patron self-service check-out machines. Horizon 7.4.1 is the latest and most stable version of software from the SirsiDynix Corp., designed to improve job efficiency and enhance the patron experience. This upgrade allows the Library to accomplish goals that had previously been "worked around." Many bugs have been fixed, and staff now has more control over the appearance and functionality of the interface.
- Science Celebration: Nearly 180 people attended the Library's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Science Celebration last month. "Science on the Go" made a well-received presentation on the Desert Biome. Hands-on activities were presented by the Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton Museum Center, Fullerton School District, the Southern California College of Optometry, and Library teen volunteers. Science Fair projects from Beechwood, Nicolas and Woodcrest schools were on display for the event, and some remained on display in the Children's Library through May.
- The Greening of FPL: The Library is notorious for reusing everything from cereal boxes to egg cartons for its Summer Reading Program craft projects. Now the Main and Hunt Branch libraries are going green by saving on electrical and gas usage. The Library will reduce energy costs significantly by adjusting the HVAC systems in its buildings to run only during those times when they are occupied by staff and patrons. The Library is also adjusting the temperatures in its buildings by one degree, and will be shutting off the HVAC systems in meeting rooms when they are not being used. The HVAC system in the meeting rooms at the Main Library operates separately from the rest of the building. By providing an override button, the staff can turn the system on when needed and off when not. A third or more of the energy used in that part of the building could potentially be saved. The Library would like to thank the Maintenance Services Department for making this happen.
- Teen Advisory Board: The group met May 9, with several students attending, and discussed the Library expansion and what items would be useful in the new Teen Room.

- Independent Films @ the Library: On May 2, a dedicated group of movie watchers gathered for the most recent installment in the Library's Independent film series. The feature film, "Noise," a thriller from Australia, boasted many twists and turns, with sound and lighting telling the noir-like story. The short film "Motorcycle," from Thailand, explored the emotion surrounding the untimely death of a family member and how the victim's relatives in a small rural village work to bring the loved one's body home for proper burial. The films were followed by brief discussion and door prizes. A significant benefit of the film series is the films shown become part of the Library's collection and can be checked out by patrons.
- Teen Comedy Night: On May 5, the Main Library hosted a comedy show featuring local teen talent. A very enthusiastic M.C. opened the event with several jokes of his own and got the crowd ready to enjoy an evening of laughs and light refreshments. The Library is hosting the comedy nights once a month and the audience has been steadily growing. Both participants and spectators expressed how much they appreciated the Library's participation in the effort.

## **Maintenance Services**

#### Administration:

- ➤ The Department received 1,169 service requests in May, completing 839 (72 percent) in the month. Of the seven emergency requests received, five were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 492, or 42.1 percent of the total.
- ➤ In May, the Department's support staff received 1,794 calls, an average of 99 per workday, or 50 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.

## Building and Facilities:

- ➤ Crews removed 55,530 square feet of graffiti from 374 sites in May, bringing the year-to-date totals to 593,320 square feet of graffiti removed from 4,143 sites.
- > Staff completed 19 custodial inspections of City facilities in May.
- ➤ The division has undertaken the project of reviewing all City building electrical bills and is working with all departments to reduce electricity usage and conserve energy. Currently Basque Yard, the Main and Hunt Branch libraries, City Hall and the Museum have reduced their energy usage.
- The Division has also undertaken a project with the Engineering Department to conserve water by using waterless urinals in our facilities and water-efficient low-

- flush equipment on all toilets. City Hall now has seven waterless urinals, and the Police Department, Main Library and Senior Center are next for installation.
- ➤ The capital project to replace the Headquarters Fire Station air-conditioning system is in its final stages of completion.
- Equipment: In May, the Division performed two motorcycle inspections, eight generator PMs, two BIT inspections, 76 PMs, seven smog tests and two smoke tests.
- Sewer: In May, the Division: hydrojetted 32.44 miles of sewer mains; root cut or mechanically treated 565 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 228 sewer laterals; conducted 17 CCTV inspections of laterals; conducted 52 source control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 22,353 linear feet of sewer main; approved 24 Lifeline and one Large Lot applications; and received 19 sewer fee calls and 30 sewer service requests.

#### • Landscape:

- West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree trimming company, has performed the following services from July 1, 2007, through May 31: pruned 11,693 trees; removed 490 trees; and planted 542 trees.
- Crews have completed pruning in Zone 17 (Dorothy Lane to Bastanchury Road, Raymond Avenue to St. College Boulevard), and are working in Zone 9 (Bastanchury north to the City limits, Euclid Street to Harbor Boulevard).
- > Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at three locations in May, and the Division received 17 calls for beehives.
- Staff completed installation of California native plant material and a waterefficient irrigation system at the Laguna Lake entrance.
- ➤ Staff completed planting in the new succulent garden in front of the Police Department. The project was a joint effort between Fullerton Beautiful, which donated plant material, and Fullerton Arboretum, which donated the small identification plaques.
- ➤ The Weed Abatement Program is under way. Apple Tractor, our contractor, has completed dicing all major open areas, with hand work to follow.
- > Staff completed installation of plant material and irrigation at the City border with La Mirada. The area was damaged during reconstruction of a large drain line.

- > Staff continues to work its way through the trail system performing annual weed abatement, trimming low-hanging branches, distributing wood chips, and performing general repairs.
- The Division received 20 landscape-related service requests in May.
- Water: In May, the Division produced 951,504,320 gallons of water. Of that amount 66.64 percent - 634,098,000 gallons - was pumped from wells and 33.36 percent -317,406,320 gallons - was purchased from the Metropolitan Water District.
- Street: In May, the Division: applied 9,550 pounds of crack sealer; used 57 tons of asphalt for patching, 16 tons for digouts, and 31 tons for Water Division digouts; ground 321 sidewalks; made 20 asphalt sidewalk repairs; cleaned, made and replaced 625 street signs; cleaned 292 drains, 282,565 sq. feet of sidewalk, one roadway spill and 2,283 curb miles of street; and used 550 gallons of street paint.

## Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:
  - ➤ Lions Field Staff continues to work directly with youth league representatives and the design team and the final designs are being prepared.
  - ➤ Richman Community Center The pre-fabricated building design is complete, and the state Department of Housing has approved plans and specifications for the unit. The City is nearly complete on plan approvals, and is obtaining bids for necessary site work. Staff estimates the building will be installed in September.
  - ➢ Gilman Park Conceptual plans for the addition of a tot lot at the southwest end of the park were presented at a neighborhood/community meeting May 7. While some attendees were pleased with the options on the plans, others had concerns. Some of these concerns were expressed at the May 20 Council meeting during Public Comment. Staff will coordinate a follow-up meeting with residents in the surrounding area to discuss these and any other concerns.
  - ➢ Brea Dam Facility Renovations An inventory of necessary improvements was taken. Maintenance Services has started clean-up and repairs. New roofing has been installed and the buildings will also receive a new coat of paint. An architect has been contracted to draw plans for the improvements of new doors and updated ADA-accessible ramps.
  - ➤ Tennis Center Renovation Construction plans are in plan check. Once that is complete, the renovation can go out to bid for construction. Construction is expected to begin this fall

➤ Golfer's Paradise - Additional netting will be installed at the southeast edge of the driving range. The driving range was receiving numerous complaints about stray balls hitting University Heights homes. A golf netting company was contracted through University Heights to install the additional netting necessary to mitigate the problem. The installation is expected to be completed early this month.

#### Senior Multi-Service Center:

- On May 5, 98 guests enjoyed the nutrition and dining program's "Cinco de Mayo" celebration, with a south-of-the-border menu and live entertainment.
- ➤ On May 12, Florence Epstein, a child of Holocaust survivors, spoke on the heroes of the Holocaust and on the value of tolerance, goodwill and understanding. Twelve persons attended the program.
- More than 100 seniors registered for the "Champions for Health" health fair May 16, which included the partnership of 17 different health providers and agencies.
- ➤ The California Telephone Access Program provides adaptive telephone equipment and related services at no cost to users who have difficulty using a standard telephone due to temporary or permanent physical or cognitive problems. On May 23, CTAP conducted a special hearing clinic to assess special needs and provide adaptive equipment. Thirty-two persons were served, 19 hearing tests were given, and 16 pieces of equipment were distributed to qualified applicants. CTAP also provides monthly visits to the Senior Center.

## • Richman Community Center:

- ➤ Valencia Youth in Action (VYinA) participated for the second time with the Community Services Program (CSP) Lee Law Project. This project empowers youth to educate and encourage merchants to follow the laws regarding tobacco and alcohol sales to minors. Two groups of five students, under the supervision of CSP and Richman Staff, went to neighborhood liquor stores and handed out packets of information and asked for their help in protecting our youth. CSP awarded the students with certificates and gift cards to El Pollo Loco.
- > VYinA's Hip Hop dance group, Happy Feet, performed at the YMCA Re-Opening.
- ➤ Approximately 30 persons got "down and dirty" at the "I ♥ Richman Park and Community Center Clean-up." Participants cleaned windows, chairs and tables, and picked up trash in the park and adjacent neighborhood.
- > Staff conducted the first of several etiquette classes with the Youth Empowerment Force. Youths learned table manners and how to set a basic table. A dinner at the end of the course will test the YEF kids' knowledge.

## Garnet Community Center:

- ➤ The Center, in collaboration with various local service groups, hosted a "Community Health Fair" May 31. The fair offered free health screenings and resources, as well as arts and crafts and a mini-soccer tournament for children.
- ➤ The Gems Apartment Owners group held its regular meeting May 10. Parks and Recreation Director Felz provided an overview of the Department's mission for the Garnet area and offered continued support of the Garnet community.
- Center Coordinator Burciaga held a staff training session focusing on traditional and non-traditional methods of youth gang prevention/intervention.
- Tiny Tots: Summer registration continued for all 12 preschool sessions, and many classes are reaching maximum enrollment.

## Independence Park/Teen Programs:

- ➤ The collaboration with the Nicolas, Ladera Vista, and Maple After-School programs continues to be a success. Each day teens are picked up by the "Teen Scene" staff and brought to Independence Park for organized activities.
- ➤ On May 28, Independence Park hosted the "Teen Jam Summer Fest" for teens in various after-school programs. The event included incoming seventh-graders from the Boys and Girls Club, Fullerton School District, the YMCA, and City's After-School Programs. Activities included swimming and a dance.

#### • Tennis Center:

- May was a busier-than-usual month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Charity Tournament was held May 16, and despite near-100 degree temperatures, was a success. A junior satellite tournament May 24-26 and a Club mixed doubles tournament on the 26, both sponsored by the North Orange County Tennis Club, went smoothly despite intermittent showers.
- ➤ The Monday Night Women's Leagues finished their season, but the USTA mixed leagues began their season. Currently, five USTA weekend teams play at the Center, and another four teams play during the week.

## • Youth Sports:

- ➤ The spring season is coming to an end. Several teams are preparing for all-star games and summer tournaments, including:
  - Rangers Summer Classic Tournament July 19 and 21 and July 26 and 27

- Little League City Tournament May 31-June 13
- Paul Abbott Baseball Camp July 14–17, July 21–24, and Aug. 11-14
- o District 56 Tournament June 28-July 11 at the Fullerton Sports Complex
- Registration for the fall/winter season is under way for the Fullerton Rangers, Fullerton Pop Warner Football and Winter Ball. Field requests have been submitted and leagues will receive their practice permits by the end of July.

#### Outdoor Recreation:

- ➤ The Family Spring Campout was a great success, with 15 Fullerton families participating in the first campout of the year at Brea Dam. Participants were treated to dinner, s'mores, hot chocolate and scary stories around the campfire. Early risers awakened to pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, bacon, eggs, fruit, milk and orange juice. The campout ended with a scavenger hunt. The next campout is scheduled for July.
- The first summer sessions of hiking classes started with a bang as another evening of hiking was added to the weekly schedule. Participant numbers continue to grow with each session. Summer weather and the fitness bug are also bringing residents out to enjoy Fullerton's wonderful recreational facilities.

#### Cultural and Events:

- ➤ School tours have been winding down but other programs have been very busy. The Museum produced a mural through "Project Safe," a drug and gang prevention collaborative involving the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, the Police Department, the Boys and Girls Club, the Museum, and other community-based organizations. Six local high school students assisted in production of the mural. The unveiling of this newest piece in the City's public art collection will be at 6 p.m. June 16 at the mural site, the southwest corner of State College Boulevard and Commonwealth Avenue.
- Another public art piece produced by the Museum will be completed by the end of this week. Katherine England's mosaic depiction of a Fiesta Red Stratocaster is going up on a wall at the site of Leo Fender's original radio repair shop behind the 100 block of S. Harbor Boulevard. An unveiling is set for 6 p.m. July 10.
- Programming for TEPP, the high school district's tobacco education and prevention program, was also completed this month. Museum staff went into La Vista High School for four sessions of artistic "ad busting," targeting tobacco advertisers. Twenty students participated and their finished art work will be displayed at La Sierra High School and the High School District offices.

- ➤ The Museum participated in "Imagination Celebration," a county-wide celebration of the arts, with a "Delta Blues Family Day" May 18. This event featured a performance by the International House of Blues Foundation Moving Blues Schoolhouse Band.
- As our last event of the school year, the Museum hosted the Fullerton School District's GATE parent organization's "Family Night" May 27 with a Delta Bluesthemed evening of tours and activities. Attendance was approximately 200.

## **Police**

#### Patrol:

- Officers Eric Song and Jonathan Miller were checking for narcotic activity on Iris Court, and approached a group of people standing in front of an apartment. The Officers recognized two of the people from prior contacts and knew they were on parole. Because of the individuals' parolee status, the Officers were able to gain consent to search the apartment. On entering the apartment, the Officers observed a narcotics transaction taking place. On seeing the Officers, one of the participants in the transaction tried to jump out a window, but was caught and detained. Two people were arrested via this investigation.
- Officer Ed Lemoine responded to a radio call regarding a husband who had been making suicidal threats. Officer Lemoine contacted the man's wife, who reported she and her husband were having marital problems and he had called saying he was heading to the beach to kill himself. The husband was an off-duty Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy. Officer Lemoine attempted to contact the husband via his cell phone, but was unable to do so. The wife told Officer Lemoine that her husband was going to overdose on pills. Detective Mario Magliano contacted the phone company and had the husband's cell phone "pinged," which revealed he was in the Huntington Beach area. Huntington Beach Police located the husband in his vehicle at the beach. He had been drinking, but the Officers determined he was not suicidal. The LASO Office Watch Commander was informed of the situation.
- Officers Roger Tonon, Richie Herrera and Steve Rodriguez responded to a report of an attempted suicide. A female had locked herself inside a garage with a vehicle engine running. When the Officers arrived, the garage door was locked and the engine inside the garage was running. The Officers were told the woman had been in the garage 5-10 minutes. Officer Tonon, unable to find tools to make entry, used the push bumper of the police vehicle against the garage door which allowed him and Officer Richie Herrera a handhold at the bottom of the door. The Officers pulled the door outward and were able to enter the garage and pull the woman from the vehicle. The woman was combative and attempted to kick Officer Herrera. She was

# Redevelopment & Economic Development

- Affordable Housing: The Agency conveyed the 413 W. Valencia Drive property to Habitat for Humanity for construction of four units consisting of three low-income and one very low-income units. Habitat planned to begin grading operations on this Phase 2 site May 27, and start construction soon thereafter.
- Merged Redevelopment Area Amendment: On May 14, the Planning Commission made a finding that the proposed Redevelopment Area Amendment is in conformance with the City General Plan. On May 29, the Agency sent all property owners, business owners, and residential tenants within the Merged Project Area a notice of a joint public hearing July 1. A community meeting on the proposed Amendment will be held at 7 p.m. June 12 at the Senior Center.
- Tranquil Tea Lounge: The Agency approved a \$50,000 tenant improvement loan for Tranquil Tea Lounge at 112 W. Wilshire Ave. The owners are finalizing paperwork associated with the loan and have begun construction.
- Amerige Court: Planning Commission consideration of the revised design was postponed to June 25.
- Fox Block RFP: Two of the four developers interviewed April 2 will be scheduled to make a presentation to the City Council in July.
- Transportation Center: Staff, JMI and Johnson Fain are working on the Specific Plan. The Specific Plan framework was approved by Council June 25.
- Parking Structure: Staff is reviewing conceptual designs for the structure as submitted by Transtech Engineers. To date, CALTRANS has allocated \$1 million for design and \$7.5 million for the acquisition of right-of-way.
- Library Expansion and Remodel: The City has solicited proposals for selection of a program manager at risk for the expansion and remodel of the Main Library. The due date for the RFPs was May 29.
- Civic Center Study: A space needs analysis, concept plan and cost estimate have been completed for the Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club. Staff intends to take this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to City Council this month. Staff will request approval of the basic concept plan and authorization to proceed with procuring a design consultant to prepare preliminary plans for the project.

- High Speed Rail: On May 14, City staff, along with Council Member Don Bankhead, attended the first meeting in Southern California of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors at Anaheim City Hall. The Authority is responsible for planning, constructing and operating the high-speed train system serving California's major metropolitan areas. Fullerton has been an active participant in the area's passenger rail improvement efforts for many years. To date, the City, Caltrans and OCTA have jointly invested several million dollars in the Fullerton Transportation Center, including construction of a parking structure of up to 1,000 public spaces, to ensure our Center remains a vital economic and cultural hub for the region. Fullerton currently has the busiest rail station in the Los Angeles and San Diego corridor. Fullerton is also the third busiest station in the category of "passenger boarding" in the Metrolink system, and the third busiest on the Pacific Surfliner (Amtrak) system. Invited to comment by the Board, Council Member Bankhead expressed the City's support of High-Speed Rail, noting that in 2007, the City supported the appropriation of the Authority's budget request of \$103 million for the next fiscal year. Council Member Bankhead requested the Board include an alternative in its evaluation for an additional high-speed train station at the Transportation Center as a "stop-skip" (schedule whereby some trains stop in Fullerton while others continue through the station). Council Member Bankhead further explained Fullerton provides a station location which accommodates multimodal regional connections consistent with station location criteria. Also, a stop in Fullerton would best serve the region and boost the local economy.
- EDAT: The Economic Development Action Team, established in 1993 to provide high-level customer service to businesses considering expansions or relocations in Fullerton, meets every other Tuesday. Recent EDAT meeting topics included:
  - ➤ Elson-Alexandre a family-owned and operated film and photography studio located in Buena Park that is looking to lease The Elephant Packing House at 201 W. Truslow Ave.
  - ➤ Great Harvest/Peet's Coffee an independently owned and operated specialty bakery, interested in opening up on Harbor Boulevard in Downtown Fullerton.
- Downtown Map: An update has been completed of the Downtown Kiosk Maps by Mike Ritto's All Media Advertising. The kiosk maps were created several years ago by All Media. Mike has a mental rolodex of local resources and has a prime office location, above Table Ten restaurant at 124 W. Commonwealth Ave., which makes it easy for him to keep up with the latest Downtown news. This was a valuable tool during the revision process. The kiosks can be found in the City Hall Lobby, the entrance to the Main Library, Transportation Center Railroad Platforms, Wilshire Parking Structure, Downtown Plaza and the Villa Del Sol.
- SBA Business Day and Expo: The Department has joined forces with the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Ana Regional Network Small Business

Development Center and the Santa Ana District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration to host the "SBA Business Day and Expo" June 21 focused on the business start-up phase. Prospective, new and existing business owners who attend will have an opportunity to learn about the tremendous number of resources available to assist them in their endeavors. The event will begin with a welcome from Mayor Sharon Quirk followed by Adalberto Quijada, director of the Santa Ana office of the Small Business Administration. There will be panels on topics ranging from beginner tips such as how to contact resource providers to how to obtain financing for a new business. In addition, there will be numerous resource booths and vendor exhibits. The Expo is free, however pre-registration is appreciated and may be made by contacting the Chamber at 871-3100. The event will take place at Cal State Fullerton in the Atrium Court of the Titan Student Union Building

Space Available Listings: Monthly space available reports of industrial, office, retail and shopping center properties in Fullerton will soon be made available at the Redevelopment and Economic Development, Business Registration and Planning counters. Space available totals for May (source: CoStar) were: industrial, 726,855 square feet; office, 362,842 square feet, and retail, 248,085 square feet.