



Council Briefing

August 2008

Administrative Services

- Fiscal Services:
 - Police alarm permits issued in July totaled 61. Total number of active permits as of July 31 was 4,756.
 - Invoices billed in June totaled 638, with a valuation of \$971,209.
 - General checks and direct deposits in June totaled 690 and 270, respectively, with a valuation of \$6,511,012.
- Information Technology:
 - Staff continues to work with the Parks and Recreation Department on a major upgrade to its class registration software. Final implementation should be completed within two weeks. On-line credit card payment has been simplified in this version of the software. The City will be PCI compliant for class and all of the other city-wide databases that handle credit card information. PCI is an organization that sets standards for protecting credit card information.
 - Staff assisted in setting up the configuration of the downtown security cameras. Also, testing was done to ensure the network was configured correctly. Some network equipment will be stored in the IT data center, which is in a secure area.
- Purchasing: In July, the Division: processed approximately 175 requisitions; saved \$1,250 through early payment discounts; and saved \$1,600 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases and state/government resources. Central Services made 131,934 copies and processed 11,853 pieces of mail.
- Revenue:

- In July, 212 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 107 were for businesses in Fullerton and 105 were for businesses out of the city, but which will be conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$13,941.
 - A total of 223 businesses closed in July: 99 in the city and 124 out of the city.
 - Business certificates renewed in July numbered 1,081, which totaled \$138,452 in business tax collected.
 - **Utility Services:** In July, the Division answered 2,830 calls and processed 4,369 cash register transactions totaling \$11,345,275. Of those transactions, 1,359 were by credit cards; 1,330 by checks; 976 were cash; and 166 were direct deposits.
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Community Development

- **Planning Division:**
 - In July, nine project applications were submitted, including two minor site plans, three conditional use permits, one appeal, one variance, one administrative restaurant use permit, and one modification to a prior approval.
 - Also in July, nine applications were acted upon by the final hearing body: four minor site plans, one major development project, one conditional use permit, two appeals, and one modification to a prior approval.
- **Building Division:**
 - Inspection stops in July totaled 1,302 (down 24 percent from July 2007), and resulted in 1,703 inspections. Average daily inspections numbered 85, and the average daily workload was 11.4 inspections per inspector.
 - In July, 297 (including 31 ancillary) plans were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 113 plans were checked at the counter the same day. There were a total of 1,645 visitors (down by 7 percent from July 2007) to the permit counter in July, and 554 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$2,420,000.
 - Framing for two of the nine units in the “Habitat for Humanity” project at 411 W. Valencia Drive is in progress.
- **Community Preservation:** In July, staff received 273 complaints and resolved 265; had 582 active cases; conducted 844 inspections; issued 216 first notices of violation and 45 citations; arranged to have 44 large items (sofas, appliances, etc.)

picked up for disposal; received 16 requests for graffiti removal; handled 84 Code Enforcement Hotline calls; and billed \$2,700 in revenue.

Engineering

- Project Development and Design:
 - The contract for the Sewer Replacement-Cannon Lane/Lemon Street Area Project will be awarded this month, with construction beginning in late October or early November. The project consists of replacing sewer mains and manholes on five streets, with a total of approximately 4,000 linear feet of pipe used.
 - Contract for the Basque Yard Remediation Project will be awarded this month.
 - The Request of Qualification for Project Approval and Environmental Document Services on the Raymond Avenue Grade Separation Project was sent to seven select consultants. Responses are due by Aug. 28. Consultant services will include preliminary engineering and environmental clearances with Caltrans.
 - Construction is scheduled to begin in October on the Sewer Lining Project 2007-08, and end in January. The work will include re-lining and/or repairing existing sewer and storm drain facilities at various locations throughout the City. Estimated construction cost is \$1,100,000.
- Construction Management:
 - Work is approximately 50 percent complete on the Curb/Gutter and Sidewalk Reconstruction FY 2007-08 Project. The project, which is scheduled to be completed in September, includes new sidewalk, curb access ramps, and new curb and gutter at various locations.
 - Installation of the Downtown Public Safety Camera System, awarded to Dynalectric for \$502,900, is nearly complete. The contractor has installed conduit, interduct, fiber optic cable, foundations, poles, cabinets, controllers, and security cameras. The cameras have been placed at nine key locations to monitor heavy pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The system work station and server are being tested off-site, and are scheduled to “go live” this month.
 - The contractor has completed approximately 80 percent of the road reconstruction work on the Lemon Street Reconstruction Project. The project, awarded to All American Asphalt, also includes sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveway, and access ramp work on Lemon, between Orangefair Avenue and E. Freedom Avenue. The remaining work is scheduled to be completed this month.

- Work is expected to be completed by the middle of this month on the Gilbert Park Community Center project. The contract, in the amount of \$39,812 and awarded to Majich Brothers, Inc., included site preparation and water, sewer and electrical service installation. In addition, a subcontractor is installing a 60-foot by 35-foot modular building. The center will serve neighborhoods in West Fullerton.
- The Placentia Avenue Reconstruction Project from Yorba Linda Boulevard to Quartz Lane was completed in July.
- Water Engineering:
 - Staff has submitted two applications for rebate funds to replace 33 existing flush urinals (1.5 gpf) with waterless urinals. The total amount of the rebate requested for the waterless urinals is \$16,589. To date, the MWD has not completed its review and approval process for the applications.
 - Staff has also submitted three rebate applications to install 22 irrigation controllers at various parks, schools and greenbelts within the city. The total amount of the rebate requested is \$170,854. The MWD has approved one application while the other two applications are still pending approval.
 - Staff is evaluating several models of water-saving toilets and plans to submit several rebate applications to replace existing high-consumption toilets throughout the City.
 - Staff has contacted the representatives in charge of facility maintenance from each of the local school districts and colleges regarding MWD's public sector rebate program for water-saving devices. To date, staff has met with CSUF and Fullerton Elementary School District to outline the various water-saving devices available for funding. Both agencies indicated a willingness to evaluate existing facilities to determine areas in which each agency might be able to participate. The Fullerton Joint Unified High School District has expressed interest in learning more about the program but does not want to meet with Water Engineering staff at this time. Fullerton College staff is working on multiple on-site construction projects and will contact Water Engineering at a later date. The High School District and Fullerton College were provided a follow-up letter outlining MWD's program and Water Engineering staff's willingness to meet, if requested.
 - Staff has tentatively scheduled six water conservation workshops for the benefit of residents and business owners. The workshops are offered through MWD's California-friendly Landscape Training Program, and will be held on various Saturdays this month and September at the Main Library. The courses requested include "Landscape Design Basics," "California-friendly and Native Plants," "Landscape Sprinkler Systems," and "Soils, Watering & Fertilizers." Staff has also requested two "mini-classes" that will provide an overview of all four individual courses in one four-hour class.

- Water Engineering has set up a Conservation and Water Watchdog Hotline (714 738-6744) for residents and business owners to call to obtain conservation information, ask questions, request water surveys, and report broken sprinklers or individuals using excess water.
 - During fiscal 2007-08, residential and commercial water customers participated in various water-saving rebate programs available to the public. The following is a summary of the number of water-saving devices installed during this period: ultra-low flow toilets – 23; high-efficiency toilets – 28; high-efficiency washing machines – 332; irrigation Smart Timers – 10; rotating nozzles – 95; and synthetic turf – 5,741 square feet.
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Fire

- **Statistics:** The Department responded to 839 requests for service in July, which was up slightly over the July 2007 total of 815. Of the 839 requests, 29 were for fires, 655 were emergency medical aids, six were hazardous materials incidents, and 68 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 86 automatic aid calls and received 62. Of 655 medical aid calls, 431 were Advanced Life Support and 225 were Basic Life Support.
- **Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:**
 - On July 2 a strike team replacement consisting of Capt. John Stokes, Engineer/Medic Brian Seymour, and Firefighters Scott Vandelinder and Marc Estridge, arrived at the Butte Lightning Complex fire base camp in Northern California. They relieved Capt. Mike Fill's crew which had been on assignment since June 29. In addition, Battalion Chief Rocky McFadden was dispatched as a strike team leader trainee. While some Orange County strike team crews were assigned to wildland firefighting, some provided regular emergency/medical aid service out of Northern California fire stations.
 - At 3:19 a.m. July 3, Engine 2 responded to a dumpster fire in the 3400 block of W. Valencia Drive. While extinguishing the fire, a citizen told the crew an additional fire was burning in the rear alley in the 2500 block of W. Valencia. Both fires were small and contained quickly, but were of suspicious nature.
 - On July 7, while assigned to the Butte Lightning Complex Fire, Engine 3 was directed to a dozer crew working 10 miles off road with hose lines. While engaged in this effort, a crew bus driver needed medical aid, which was provided by Engine 3. The patient was subsequently transported four miles to a location where he could be airlifted out for further treatment.

- At 7:15 p.m. July 10, Engines 1 and 4 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to a small vegetation fire on approximately 1/6th of an acre inside the Brea Dam Recreation Area. The fire was started by an illegal cooking campfire.
- At 1:14 a.m. July 16, Engines 1 and 3, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a fire inside an Edison underground vent pipe at the rear of the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue. Occupants of two restaurants had to be evacuated until smoke removal was completed. Cause of the fire was a discarded cigarette. Edison and Orange County Health were notified.
- At 5:21 a.m. July 18, Engine 1 was called out on a gas leak in the 1100 block of S. Lemon Street. On learning a street-grinding machine had struck a 1-inch line and because of the close proximity of local businesses, a 1st alarm structural response was initiated and the area was closed by Police. Engine crews were tasked with protecting exposures to the west of the leak. The Gas Co. was called and fire crews waited for the arrival of a work crew to clamp the leak.
- At 9:08 p.m. July 18, Engine 1 was dispatched to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident in the 100 block of E. Ash Avenue. Paramedics treated a 12-year-old boy who had been struck by a car. He was taken to UCI Medical Center.
- At 10:27 p.m. July 20, Engine 4 was sent to the 4200 block of Bonita Place, where a 1½-inch water pipe had broken in the void above the ceiling tiles and flooded the 64,000 square foot industrial facility. On the crew's arrival, 85 percent of the building was flooded with water up to ¾-inch deep, and water was running out of the side doors. Battalion 1 was summoned and Truck 1 was dispatched to assist in water removal. The damage was estimated at approximately \$52,000.
- At 2:43 p.m. July 21, Engines 1, 2, 3 and 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a reported structure fire in an apartment complex in the 1400 block of S. Highland Avenue. Crews searched for the seat of the fire, and located it in a small area above the bathroom ceiling in an unoccupied apartment. The fire was confined to one room with minor extension into the attic. The cause of the fire was determined to be a faulty heater vent fan assembly.
- At 7:26 p.m. July 25, Engine 4 was called on a report of a near-drowning in a family pool in the 1700 block of Sunny Knoll Drive. On arrival, the crew found a 4-year-old on the ground in the front yard, with CPR being administered by family members. The child was assessed by Paramedics, treatment initiated, and transported to St. Jude Medical Center, where the patient was stabilized before transfer to Children's Hospital of Orange County.
- The EOC was activated at 11:55 a.m. July 29 due to the 5.4 Chino Hills earthquake. Minor damage was reported, such as fallen ceiling tiles, fallen pictures, a few broken windows, fallen bottles from store shelves, a water heater shaken from the wall and leaking, and cracks in some older buildings. Fire units

did a windshield damage assessment in their individual first-due districts. A total of 10 CERT district leaders and RACES volunteers reported to the EOC and their primary districts. Five of the district leaders are Amateur Radio operators, which became very important for field reports as cell phones were initially inoperative.

- At 12:34 p.m. July 29, Engine 5 responded to a call of a natural gas smell possibly due to the earthquake at CSUF. The building was evacuated, checked and, with no gas smell remaining, was turned over to CSUF Police.

- **Downtown Business District:**

- At 12:42 a.m. July 24, Truck 1 responded to the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Ave. on a medical aid for a man who had been punched in the face while attempting to break up a fight.
- At 12:38 a.m. July 25, Engine 1 was dispatched to the 100 block of W. Wilshire Ave. on a report of an assault. Both the male and female patient were assessed by Paramedics, and both declined transport to the hospital.

- **Other Activities:**

- Two Fire Prevention Inspectors worked with the fireworks crew at the July 4 Fireworks Festival, and an additional two Inspectors responded with Police Officers on fireworks complaints. Overall complaints were down from last year, and only a small amount of “illegal” fireworks was confiscated.
 - Disaster Preparedness Specialist Fernando Villicana gave a presentation to approximately 75 persons at the Senior Center July 10 and introduced the CERT program. Also in July, Specialist Villicana held a two-hour continuing education class for CERT Command Post Training.
 - Fire Prevention personnel staffed the Orange County Fire Chiefs’ booth at the Orange County Fair July 18. This year’s message was fire safety in the home, and the booth offered a simulated burned room, interactive fire safety games, smoke alarm displays and photo cut-out props.
 - Twenty-four youths from the Orange County Red Cross youth volunteer program went door-to-door in West Fullerton July 19 to provide homeowners with smoke alarms and/or batteries. Fire Marshal Kunze was on hand for questions and comments. The Department hopes to have the Red Cross youth volunteers back in October to visit another Fullerton area.
 - Capt. Mike Dillon taught a “Watch the Water” Drowning Prevention Class July 26.
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Human Resources

- **City-wide Training:** In conjunction with the City Manager's Office, Human Resources is in the process of selecting a trainer to provide city-wide customer service training. In addition, Human Resources is working with the Police Department to provide harassment prevention training to all Police Officers and Corporals by September. Harassment Prevention training will also be provided to the Maintenance Services Department field personnel in September, with quarterly workshops scheduled thereafter for all nonsupervisory City personnel.
 - **Employee Processing:** In July, staff processed two regular and 13 nonregular new employees, two regular and six nonregular promotions, and one regular and nine nonregular separations.
 - **Liability Program:** Eleven new claims were filed in June and five claims were closed. One lawsuit was served.
 - **Workers' Compensation Program:** Seven new claims were filed in June and 12 were closed. For the 2007-08 fiscal year there were 121 claims filed, of which 46 remain open. This is a 12 percent increase over last year. The total incurred for the same period is \$862,174, which is 6.1 percent increase over last year.
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Library

- **New Hours:** Patrons will soon be able to use the Main Library an hour earlier: Starting Sept. 2, hours will be 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The change results in a net gain of five additional hours of service. Staff hopes to make our services more convenient to those who want to use the Library earlier in the morning. Hunt Branch hours will remain the same.
- **Olympics Display:** To celebrate the Beijing Olympics, the Olympic torch carried through Fullerton during the 1984 Olympics is on display in the Main Library's lobby. The torch was designed to withstand wind and rain, and more than 3,600 runners carried it more than 9,000 miles. In contrast, the Beijing torch will be handed over to 20,000 participants! The display, from the Launer Local History Room, will be up until the end of August, and will move to the Children's Room in September.
- **Passport Program:** The Library Passport Acceptance Office has processed 1,757 passport applications since the program began Oct. 1, 2007. Staff has also taken 445 passport photos since Feb. 1. The gross total in fees for that time period is \$50,745. We are looking forward to the next fiscal year!

- **One Book:** The Library is in the final planning stages for its community-wide “One Book, One Community” reading event featuring the book “Rocket Boys” by Homer Hickam. Special programming will be held throughout October, including book discussions, movies, children’s activities, and a book festival featuring Roy Lee Cooke, one of the original Rocket Boys (played by William Lee Scott in the film “October Sky”). Crafts, programs and activities will be offered for all age groups.
 - **Teen Volunteers:** While it might seem like the last place teenagers would want to spend their summer vacations, the Fullerton Public Library has seen a large number of dedicated teen volunteers helping in the Library’s Summer Reading Program. Not only did nearly 200 teens sign up for the program, but those teens have donated more than 500 hours of their vacation time to help the Library. The inaugural year of the Young Adult Summer Reading Program will culminate in a juried art show and competition, with the entries displayed in the Main Library lobby through Aug. 22.
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Maintenance Services

- **Administration:**
 - The Department received 1,276 service requests in July, completing 851 (67 percent) in the month. Of the six emergency requests, four were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests - 529, or 41.5 percent of the total.
 - In July, the Department’s support staff received 2,019 calls, an average of 101 per workday, or 50 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- **Facilities Division:**
 - Graffiti crews removed 63,390 square feet of graffiti from 509 sites in July.
 - Staff completed 18 custodial inspections of City facilities in July.
 - The division has undertaken a project with the Engineering Department to conserve water by using waterless urinals and low-flush toilets in City facilities. City Hall has seven waterless urinals. Staff is accepting bids for 14 more units at the Police Department, Main Library and Senior Center.
- **Equipment Division:** In July, the Division performed three motorcycle inspections, four BIT inspections, 92 PMs, two smog tests and one smoke test.
- **Sewer Division:** In July, the Division: hydrojetted 31.8 miles of mains; root cut/mechanically treated 18,023 linear feet of main; mechanically treated 223 sewer

laterals; conducted 36 lateral CCTV inspections; conducted 45 Source Control Inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 29,910 linear feet of main; approved one Lifeline and two large lot applications; and received 39 service requests.

- **Landscape Division**

- West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, performed the following services from July 1, 2007, through July 31, 2008: pruned 3,048 trees and removed 81.
- Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at four locations in July, and the Division received six calls for beehives.
- Orange County Probation crews completed slope weed abatement at the 57 Freeway and Bastanchury Road. The crews have been assigned to Ashburn Terrace and the Lost Trail area for weed abatement.
- Staff completed weed clearance and general clean up of the Rosecrans Greenbelt Trail.
- Staff re-opened the soccer fields at Bastanchury Park and Fullerton Sports Complex for play. The baseball fields will now be closed for rest and fertilization.
- Crews worked to clear dead brush from the Berkeley slope prior to the Fourth of July celebration at Fullerton High School. The abandoned irrigation system was reenergized for periodic watering needs.
- Additional concrete planter borders were poured at the Police Station. Staff will continue to work with Fullerton Beautiful to add succulent cuttings in that area.
- The Division received 49 landscape-related service requests in July.

- **Water Division:** In July, the Division produced 1,095,243,120 gallons of water. Of that amount 66.46 percent - 727,848,000 gallons - were pumped from wells and 33.54 percent - 367,395,120 gallons - were purchased from the MWD.

- **Street Division:** In July, Division crews: used 71 tons of asphalt for paving, 89 tons for patching, 15 tons for digouts, and 341 tons for Water Division digouts; ground 523 sidewalks; made 63 asphalt sidewalk repairs; milled 182 linear feet of gutter; cleaned 250 linear feet of channel, 336 drains, 309,355 square feet of sidewalk, 3,347 curb miles of street, and two roadway spills; cleaned, made and replaced 1,100 street signs; and used 430 gallons of street paint.

Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:

- The contractor for the Richman Park Community Center project is scheduled to complete the site work by the middle of this month. The pre-fabricated building is scheduled to arrive on site at the end August. All work, including electrical, water, sewer, telephone and hardscape, should be completed by Sept. 30.
- The pre-fabricated building for the new Gilbert Park Neighborhood Center was delivered to the site earlier this month. Site work and utility hook-ups are being installed, and all work is to be completed by the end of this month.
- Staff continues to research and gather information regarding concerns voiced by neighbors about potentially unstable ground and flooding of the area for the proposed Gilman Park tot lot. A letter was mailed to area residents updating them and informing them that, upon completion of this data inquiry, the Department will coordinate a follow-up neighborhood meeting.
- The adjacent property owners continue to review legal documents regarding the Hiltcher Trail Project. Upon completion of this documentation process, staff and the landscape architect will schedule a neighborhood meeting to introduce the project and address questions.

- Senior Multi-Service Center:

- The Center assisted 65 persons in July through its annual Homeowners and Renters Assistance program. The program provides trained volunteers to assist with completion of claim forms to request rebates from the state. This service is provided twice-monthly in July, August and September.
- “Celebrating America’s Natives,” this month’s cultural event, was held July 9, with 68 guests in attendance. Samplings of Navajo fry bread and a Navajo beef and chili stew accompanied programming which included music and a video featuring the history of Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery member Sacagawea.
- The disaster preparedness training program was extended for an additional session in July. As part of the program, each of the 83 attendees received a free basic individual preparedness kit. Funding for the kits was provided by the Orange County Office on Aging through the California Department of Aging.
- A total of 45 persons attended “Seniors Day” at the Orange County Fair 17. They saw the Center’s Hawaiian and Middle Eastern dance class members perform for the fair’s visitors!

- Richman Community Center:

- Twelve members of the “Youth in Action” and “Youth Empowerment” programs took a field trip to Hillcrest Park July 24. The youths participated in a scavenger hunt with the goal of building better communications through teamwork.
- The Family Outreach Program offered various services to domestic violence victims in July. There were four legal referrals for one or all of the following services: divorce, child custody, visitation, legal separation, child support, legal clinic, and immigration clinic. Services also included two referrals for the following resources: food, utilities, rental payment assistance and clothing. An additional 73 clients attended the Personal Empowerment Program classes.
- The St. Jude Neighborhood Health Clinic is sponsoring a class for mothers of newborns every other Friday.
- Garnet Community Center:
 - Youth activities remain the focus during the summer months. Teens traveled to local attractions such as Olvera Street, Corona del Mar and Raging Waters. In order to have some open activity space, the teens got together to clean out the vacant lot behind the Center.
 - Garnet staff and concerned residents have been meeting with and forwarding information to the Police Department from residents concerned with drug dealing and use in the neighborhood. Staff also assisted domestic violence victims with counseling services, and finding shelter.
- Tiny Tots: July was an especially full month for 51 preschoolers who learned about various new painting techniques, shapes, and building sand castles. “Super Silly Day” allowed the children to come in costumes. The month ended with plenty of adventure for all three classes experiencing daytime camping fun, complete with tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, binoculars and s’mores.
- Independence Park/Teen Programs:
 - All four indoor racquetball courts are consistently full from 5-9 p.m. daily.
 - Teens get free break dancing lessons every Wednesday from professional b-boy and Fullerton resident Eddie “Lil Rock” Baraggan. Eddie has been featured in numerous music videos and recently with the music group “Black Eyed Peas.”
 - Independence Park hosted the “Stay Fresh” break dancing competition July 19. This event included both amateur and professional break dancers from across the state. Local “b-boy” Eddie “Lil Rock” Barragan and his crew won the competition in the finals, facing off against the LA Breakers dance crew.

- More than 70 teens registered for the “Teen Scene” program, with an average daily attendance of 50.
 - In July, teens went on an overnight camping trip to YMCA Camp Surf in San Diego. They learned how to surf, body board, and rock climb, and participated in a variety of arts and craft activities.
 - On July 10, several teens attended the Civic Engagement Workshop held by Mayor Sharon Quirk and Council Member Pam Keller.
- Youth Programs:
 - On July 11, the “Summer Playgrounds” program participated in the “Fullerton Idol Talent Show.” Each park had kids and staff participants who performed 1980s era songs. Judges unanimously named the Orangethorpe team the champions.
 - On July 18, all the summer parks programs gathered together for a “Mega Sports Challenge” at Gilbert Park. More than 350 children competed in physical challenges in support of a healthy lifestyle.
- Tennis Center: July was the busiest month ever at the Tennis Center in terms of number of people who have come and played. A total of 98 participants, mostly from Orange County, played in the Center’s 3rd Annual Fullerton Summer Satellite junior tournament for beginning players. The Center also played host to seven different USTA matches. Rosary’s tennis teams finished practice the second week of July and will resume practice again at the end of August. On Aug. 4, the Center hosted the 3rd Annual Fullerton Open, with 136 participants.
- Youth Sports: The Fullerton Sports Complex was, once again, the setting for the Little League Championship games for 10-11-year-olds. Congratulations to Golden Hill Little League for winning the District 56 Little League Championship.
- Outdoor Recreation:
 - Everything from hiking classes to fishing classes was a success in July. The monthly hiking excursion to Laguna Beach brought 16 residents. Morning trail hikes offered six classes each week.
 - Family campfires continue to grow every week. Forty people enjoyed the July campout, which included dinner, songs, camp stories and breakfast.
 - The Kids Fishing Club was the success of the summer, with enrollment going from six last year to 22 this year. With the last class, the junior fishermen

enjoyed casting contests, a quiz, a mini fishing derby and a campfire featuring the ever popular hotdog and s'mores combo.

- Cultural and Events:

- Museum staff and docents presented craft booths at the Fullerton Market and the Wednesday evening Summer Concerts in July. Participation for both activities has been up from last year, with an average of 24 visitors at the Market craft booth and close to 200 kids visiting the craft booth at this season's first concert.
- A new piece of public art was dedicated on July 10: Katherine England's "Red Strat" mosaic in the alley behind 107 S. Harbor Boulevard. This historic site marks where Leo Fender tinkered in a tin shed behind his radio repair shop and came up with the revolutionary designs that later became the Telecaster and Stratocaster guitars. This is the third public art piece finished this year. A "Call for Artists" was sent out for the two public art projects coming due at the end of August: the Lemon Street overpass and the Capri Shoes wall.
- Museum staff installed the newest exhibit, "Rubber Sole, Canvas Upper: The Art of the Sport Shoe," with a successful preview reception held July 19.
- Planning and recruitment was conducted for two August programs, "Stroller Brigade" and Summer Art Camp.
- July was especially busy for special events in the city. The annual 4th of July Festival was a hit, with an estimated 8,000 people in attendance at the stadium. Overall, it was a very successful and incident-free event.
- July also kicked off the 2008 Summer Concerts in the Park. The attendance is higher than in past years with an estimated 800 people coming each week compared to 600 in the past.
- Revenue targets for Fullerton Market are being met. The official announcement has been made that the Market will go through late November and staff is gearing up for both a longer season and the "Dog Days" event this month.

Police

- Patrol:

- Officer Sonny Siliceo observed two occupants of a parked vehicle acting in a suspicious manner. He approached the vehicle and observed one of the occupants attempting to hide a syringe. Officer Siliceo detained both subjects and recovered the syringe. The suspects, both wanted parolees, were arrested.

- Officer Perry Thayer stopped two bicyclists, one of whom was on probation, with search and seizure terms. With this information Officer Thayer was able to arrest the suspect for cultivation of marijuana and possession of Oxy pills.
- The downtown foot beat unit, known as “Echo,” was trained by retired Cpl. Gary Mancini in conducting ABC decoy operations. Ten locations were investigated using a 19-year-old decoy to attempt to purchase alcohol. Each location asked for identification and no violations occurred. This is great news and it appears our alcohol-distributing locations are complying with the law.
- Officers David Macshane and Jim Bolden responded to a call regarding two subjects looking into parked vehicles. The Officers located both suspects. Stolen property was found and the suspects were arrested for burglary.
- Officer Paul Irish, patrolling the City employees’ parking lot at midnight, noticed two men next to a parked car. As he approached, the two attempted to flee on bicycles. The suspects separated and Officer Irish was able to detain one of the two, who proved to be a juvenile. The juvenile was in possession of coins taken from an unlocked vehicle. The juvenile was detained and released to his mother. Last October, the same juvenile was detained by this Department for robbery.
- Officer Perry Thayer stopped a car for a traffic violation. As he approached the vehicle, the driver drove off. Officer Thayer gave chase. The suspect vehicle entered the westbound 91 freeway and continued at a high rate of speed. As Officer Thayer entered the freeway, he was involved in a non-injury collision with a vehicle not involved in the pursuit. Neither Officer Perry nor any member of the other vehicle was injured. However, Officer Thayer’s police unit suffered major damage. A short time later Buena Park Police Department stopped a vehicle on Beach Boulevard. that matched the pursuit vehicle. Officer Thayer responded to the scene and identified the driver. The vehicle was stolen out of Santa Ana.