



# Council Briefing

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October 2009

## Administrative Services

- Fiscal Services:
  - New Police alarm permits issued in September totaled 28, bringing the fiscal year total to 92. The total number of active permits as of Sept. 30 was 4,966.
  - Invoices billed in September totaled 533, with a valuation of \$496,077. Invoices billed for fiscal 2009-10 to-date total 1,554, with a valuation of \$1,363,475.
  - General checks and direct deposits in September totaled 624 and 234, respectively, with a valuation of \$4,953,984. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 1,945 and 740, respectively, with a valuation of \$19,071,265.
- Purchasing: In September, the Division processed approximately 184 purchase orders, 104 of which were contract and blanket purchase orders; saved \$1,078 through early payment discounts; and saved \$1,440 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources. Central Services made 93,177 copies in September and processed 10,200 pieces of mail.
- Revenue:
  - In September, 160 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 104 were businesses in Fullerton and 56 were businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$11,086
  - A total of 197 businesses closed in September: 77 in the city and 120 out of the city.
  - Business certificates renewed in September numbered 632, which totaled \$75,647 in business tax collected.

- **Utility Services:** In September, the Division answered 2,718 calls and processed 4,156 cash register transactions totaling \$8,731,847. Of the transactions, 1,186 were by credit cards, 1,297 were checks, 933 were cash, and 154 were direct deposits.
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## Community Development

- **Community Preservation:** In September, the Division had 655 active cases; received 308 complaints (957 year-to-date); resolved 243 complaints (766); conducted 710 inspections (2,318); issued 81 courtesy notices (321), 152 first notices of violations (401), and 24 citations (126); granted 37 extensions (101); received 18 graffiti complaints (42); sent 62 compliance letters (161); arranged for the pick up of 26 large items, such as sofas and appliances (75); and billed \$4,400 in revenue (\$17,660).
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## Engineering

- **Construction Management:**
    - The Lawrence Avenue Storm Drain Improvement, Richman Athletic Field Lighting and Sewer and Storm Drain Lining 2008-09 projects have been completed.
    - The Magnolia Avenue Reconstruction Project is nearly finished. Final paving and traffic striping remain. The contractor is to complete all work this month.
    - Council awarded a \$1,025,155 contract to Imperial Paving Co. for the Orangethorpe Avenue Reconstruction Project from Eadington to Basque avenues and from Euclid Street to Citrus Avenue. Work began in September and includes reconstruction of access ramps, sidewalk/curb/gutter; traffic loops and striping; signal interconnect; manhole and water valve adjustments; and water pollution control. Completion is scheduled for January.
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## Fire

- **Statistics:**
  - The Department responded to 896 requests for service in September, down from the September 2008 total of 972 calls. Of the 896 requests for service, 658 were medical aid calls, 23 were for fires, five were hazardous materials incidents, 98 were automatic aid responses, and 52 were service calls. Of the 658 medical aid

calls, 434 were advanced life support cases and 224 were basic life support. Also in September, the City received 69 automatic aid assists.

- Also in September, the Department cleared 59 weed abatement cases. There is a total of 77 active weed abatement cases out of a total in the system of 263.

- **Suppression:**

- At 3:09 p.m. Sept. 1, Engine 6 was dispatched on a reported power outage problem. After assessment, the incident was turned over to So Cal Edison. The outage left approximately 40 homes without power for 12 hours. No "at risk" residents were identified prior to the crew clearing the scene.
- At 3:10 a.m. Sept. 3, Engine 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1, along with neighboring units, were dispatched to an overturned vehicle with fire on the southbound 57 Freeway at Yorba Linda Boulevard. When units arrived, the vehicle was well involved in fire and adjacent trees were becoming involved, as well. Crews proceeded quickly to extinguish the fires. No patient was located in the vehicle. Crews used a thermal imaging device to scan the surrounding area but no occupant of the vehicle was found at the scene. The CHP is investigating.
- At 6 p.m. Sept. 3, Engine 3 crew returned from the Oak Glen III Fire. The crew had been dispatched at 3:06 a.m. Aug. 30 as part of an Orange County Strike Team. The crew's assignment was residential structure protection. All crew members returned safely.
- At 5:16 p.m. Sept. 4, Engine 4 responded to a report of a vehicle hitting a power pole on Harbor Boulevard at Las Palmas Drive. The crew found a broken power pole and a badly damaged vehicle at the scene, but no driver. The driver had fled but was located by Fullerton Police and was in need of medical care. He was assessed and transported to Western Medical Center. Power was out to approximately 1,800 SCE customers for an extended period of time. One critical care customer in the 2300 block of N. Harbor Blvd was identified and a welfare check was provided but no assistance was needed.
- At 8:39 p.m. Sept. 5, Engine 1 responded on a report of a gunshot victim in the 300 block of W. Valencia Drive. Paramedics escorted the man to UCI Medical Center.
- At 10:33 p.m. Sept. 5, Engines 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1, along with neighboring units, responded to a request for smoke removal at a home in the 2200 block of E. Rosalia Avenue. There had been a previous fire at the residence which the homeowner extinguished with a garden hose. The homeowner was treated for smoke inhalation but refused transportation to an area hospital. Fire damage was confined to the contents of a closet.

- At 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7, Engine 1, while at St. Jude Medical Center clearing another call, was asked to provide an inter-facility transport to Western Medical Center. A 3-year old Fullerton girl had been mauled by the family pit bull, suffering severe facial injuries. The family brought the child to St. Jude after the attack. Paramedics escorted the child via ambulance, along with a nurse from St. Jude.
- At 11:01 a.m. Sept. 9, Engines 1 and 6 and Truck 1 were dispatched to a garage fire in the 2000 block of W. Maxzim Avenue. The fire was small and quickly contained; however, the fire damaged containers of household hazardous waste such as oils, automotive cleaning fluids, and vehicle batteries, prompting the fire to be changed to a hazmat incident. Cause of the fire appears to have been an electrical malfunction of an air compressor. An Orange County Health Environmental Services Hazmat representative assisted with the clean-up.
- At 7:35 p.m. Sept. 10, Engines 1, 2 and 4, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to Raymond and Valencia avenues on a reported train vs. pedestrian incident. Fire units arrived on scene with Police units. It appeared the victim had stepped in front of the train and was killed.
- At 5:28 a.m. Sept. 11, Engines 2, 4 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 went on a reported traffic accident at Gilbert Street and Castlewood Avenue. Crews found an overturned vehicle with two occupants inside. The occupants were extricated, treated on scene and transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.
- At 7 p.m. Sept. 15, a power pole transformer failed behind Station 1. The blown transformer cut power to the surrounding areas, including Fullerton College, Fullerton High School, surrounding homes and businesses. Truck 1 personnel extricated a female from a stuck elevator. No injuries were suffered.
- At 7:40 a.m. Sept. 26, Engines 1 and 2, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a residential structure fire in the 800 block of W. Baker Avenue, along with Anaheim Engine 2 and Truck 2. The residence was filled with heavy smoke when units arrived, and there was fire in the living room. Fire damage was contained to the living room, with minor structural damage. The cause of the fire was a lit candle that had been left unattended. There were no injuries.
- At 8:46 p.m. Sept. 28, Engines 1, 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue on a report of smoke on the third floor of an apartment complex. Fire personnel located the source of the smoke, which turned out to be food left cooking on the stove. The smoke was removed and the occupants were able to return to their residence.
- At 1:16 p.m. Sept. 28, Engine 1 responded on a report of a cardiac arrest in the parking lot at Fullerton College. Prior to the Paramedics' arrival, two of the college's athletic trainers had initiated CPR and had given the 19-year-old victim

an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator )shock. Paramedics transported the patient to St. Jude Medical Center, and he has since been able to return home.

- At 12:13 p.m. Sept. 29, Engines 2, Truck 1, Battalion 1, Anaheim Engines 2 and 22, NPDES Specialist Miner and the Operations Chief responded to a report of an explosion in an apartment house complex in the 300 block of S. Jensen Avenue. The explosion had been caused by two workers remodeling a unit using acetone and a pipe torch. The resulting flash burned the two workers. They were treated by Paramedics and taken to UCI Medical Center. The City Building Official checked for structure damage, but none was found. All the other occupants were allowed back into their units.
- At 3:44 p.m. Sept. 29, Engines 4 and 5 and Battalion 1 were called out on a report of gunshots in the 2000 block of N. Terraza Place. After being cleared by Fullerton Police, Paramedics made access to Terraza Place and were met by Police Officers carrying a male patient to the street while other Officers check the residence. Paramedics assessed the patient and escorted him to UCI Medical Center. At 3:45 p.m., Engine 2 and Truck 1 responded to a medical call of a gunshot at Harbor Boulevards and Bastanchury Road. Paramedics treated that patient and he was also taken to UCI. Police believe the incidents were related.

- Downtown Activities:

- At 2:59 a.m. Sept. 12, Engine 1 and Truck 1 responded on a medical call in the 400 block of N. Harbor Boulevard. On arrival, the crew found a 40-year-old man who had been assaulted. The victim was treated and transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- At 1:13 a.m. Sept. 13, Engine 1 responded on a report of a person down in the parking lot in the 200 block of W. Amerige Avenue. The 25-year-old man was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital.

- Other Activities:

- The September training session for Fullerton, Cedarhill, CSUF and Fullerton School District CERT members was held Sept. 7 at the City Yard. The topic covered was animal care and sheltering issues during disasters.
- Memorial activities on 9/11 activities included Engine 6 participating in the Laguna School flag ceremony, Engine 5 assisting Troy High School in its flag ceremony, and an engine staffed by Fire Department volunteers participating in the county-wide ceremony at the Firefighter Memorial in Santa Ana.

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## Human Resources

- **Recruitments:**
    - Due to the pending retirement of Administrative Services Director Glenn Steinbrink, the recruitment for his replacement will begin this month. This recruitment will be handled by Human Resources staff. The target for appointing the new Director is March.
    - A Firefighter recruitment opened Sept. 25. Due to the multi-phase selection process and anticipated size of the candidate pool, this process will take several months. Staff anticipates completing the recruitment by mid-January.
    - Fire promotional exams (Captain and Engineer) are tentatively set for December
  - **Human Resources Information System:** Staff is working with IT and the vendor toward implementation of the new HRIS system which will work in concert with the new Finance and Payroll system. The expected go-live date is April.
  - **Employee Processing:** In September, staff processed one nonregular new employee, one regular employee promotion and one regular employee separation.
  - **Liability Program:** In September, eight new claims were filed, three were closed, and one lawsuit was served.
  - **Workers' Compensation:** In September, seven new claims were filed and 11 were closed. No new lawsuits were filed.
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## Library

- **Library Card Sign-up Month:** Libraries across the country celebrated September with a "National Library Card Sign-up Month" promotion. Fullerton Public Library got involved by hosting a library card design contest for kids and teens and by partnering with local businesses to give incentives to customers who presented their Fullerton Public Library card. In September alone, the Library issued 1,004 library cards to new patrons and checked out more than 66,000 items!
- **Customer Survey:** The Fullerton Public Library now has a customer service survey available both in the Library and on our website. Patrons can rate us on everything from how we answer the phone to the cleanliness of the restrooms. This survey has been in place for three weeks and has already initiated a few changes.
- **Storytime at the Arboretum:** The Library is partnering with the Fullerton Arboretum to do one preschool storytime each month at the Arboretum through January. The first storytime was presented Sept. 30. The Arboretum has done

presentations for our After-school Club, and “School Night @ the Library,” and will be participating Oct. 17 at the “Fullerton Reads Book Festival.”

- **For Teens:** The Fullerton Public Library’s Young Adult blog, also known as the Teen E-dition, has become a better tool for teens to connect to other teens. The volunteers of the Teen Advisory Group decided that each month all members of TAG would submit reviews, poetry, articles, and other posts to the young adult blog as part of their volunteer work. This gives some of our local teens a way to reach out to the community and share their thoughts with their friends, classmates, and the rest of the world. The blog can be found at [www.fullertonlibrary.org/yablog](http://www.fullertonlibrary.org/yablog).
  - **Family Movie & Game Night @ Hunt Branch:** The Hunt Branch Library continues to host a weekly “Family Movie & Game Night” that is well attended by families looking for a chance to watch a movie, enjoy light refreshments and play family games in air-conditioned comfort. This seasonal program will have its last meeting of the calendar year on Oct. 16.
  - **Business Workshops:** In September several business workshops were presented at the Main Library. On Sept. 2, participants listened to a presentation co-sponsored by SCORE dealing with business proposals. On Sept. 23, attendees heard a talk on home buying. This workshop was another in the Library’s series of Community Business Seminars. The final workshop of the month occurred Sept. 24 and was presented by the Public Law Center of Orange County. Information was provided to attendees about how to form a local small business and the legal aspects involved. More than 100 people attended these three workshops at the Library. The workshops provided another opportunity to partner with the local business community and get the word out about services the Library offers.
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## Maintenance Services

- **Administration:**
  - Maintenance Services received 1,344 service requests in September, completing 1,060 - 78.6 percent - in the month. Of the 28 emergency requests received, 26 have been completed. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests – 740, or 55.5 percent of the total.
  - In September, the Department’s support staff received 1,559 calls - an average of 82 per workday, or 41 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- **Facilities:**

- Graffiti crews removed 64,900 square feet of graffiti from 470 sites in September, bringing the year-to-date totals to 167,650 square feet of graffiti removed from 1,482 sites.
  - Staff completed 56 custodial inspections of City facilities in September.
  - The capital project to rebuild the City Hall elevators is near completion. Engineering is selecting the flooring.
  - The capital project to replace the jail elevator and upgrade the Police Department's Highland building will go out for bid in the next few months.
  - The capital project to re-coat and upgrade the small pool at Independence Park is in the planning stages.
- **Sewer:** In September, the Division: handled one City sewer overflow; hydrojetted 13.31 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 8,253 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 241 sewer laterals; conducted 27 CCTV inspections and 53 Source Control Inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 28,384 linear feet of sewer main; approved one Lifeline and one Large Lot applications; received 24 sewer fee calls; and received 52 sewer service requests.
  - **Equipment:** In September, the Division performed two motorcycle inspections, three safety inspections, one general preventive maintenance inspection, one aerial inspection, 1 BIT inspection, 73 preventive maintenance inspections, and three smog inspections.
  - **Water:**
    - In September, the Division produced 958,093,040 gallons of water. Of that amount, 61.24 percent - 586,726,000 gallons - were pumped from wells and 38.76 percent - 371,367,040 gallons - were purchased from the MWD.
    - Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred in September

SIZE	LOCATION	PIPE TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	YEAR INSTALLED
6"	408 Cannon	PVC	Unknown	Unknown
8"	1003 S Lemon St	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
6"	4141 Franklin Ave	Cast Iron	Age	1950's
4"	2750 Via Seville	Cast Iron	Unknown	Unknown
8"	2100 Rosecrans	Cast Iron	Age	1960's

- **Landscape:**



- Since July 1, West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, has pruned 5,020 trees, removed 100 trees, and planted four trees.
  - The Division received 81 tree-related service requests in September.
  - Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at one location in September
  - The Division responded to eight reports of bee activity in September.
  - Division crews completed the following projects in September:
    - Trail widening enhancement to Hiltcher Park trail crossing on Euclid Street.
    - Repaired stone pilaster at Hillcrest Park.
    - Conditioned softball diamonds at Valencia Park.
    - Re-mulched planter areas at Valencia, Adlena, and Gilbert Parks.
    - Backfilled backstop areas in conjunction with replacement contract at Pacific Drive and Golden Hills School
    - Replaced a dugout bench at Woodcrest Park, backstop wood at Nicolas Park and chain link fencing and a gate at Valencia Park.
  - The Division received 46 landscape-related service requests in September.
  - **Street:** In September, the Division: used 73 tons of asphalt for patching, 68 tons for asphalt paving, and 166 tons for Water Division digouts; made 143 asphalt sidewalk repairs; ground 937 sidewalks; planed 3,720 square feet of asphalt; cleaned 271 drains; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 827 signs; scrubbed 5,179 square feet of sidewalk; cleaned 443,084 linear feet of sidewalk and two roadway spills; swept 3,232 miles of curb; used 78.24 tons for asphalt skin patching; and used 470 gallons of street paint.
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## Parks and Recreation

- **Capital Improvements:**
  - With completion of the Richman Park field lighting project, the field will reopen for public use. The second phase of improvements - grading, turf, walkways, backstops, seating areas, and landscaping - is estimated to be completed by March. At its Oct. 6 meeting, Council approved a staff recommendation to install artificial turf on the field rather than natural turf, as was originally proposed.

- The Engineering and the Parks and Recreation staffs are moving forward with the construction document phase for the Hiltcher Trail Project. Staff continues to consult with the City Attorney on encroachment issues related to the neighbors immediately to the north and south side of the trail. The neighbors directly to the north have filed a lawsuit against the City for inverse condemnation.
  - The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments are preparing plans and seeking bids for the planned improvements at Independence Park. The Improvements, which include hardscape renovation at the entry, landscaping, pool perimeter fencing, and signage, are estimated to be completed by November 2010.
  - Staff is moving forward with improvements to the Hillcrest “Red Cross Building” using County grant funds for improved ADA access to the existing restrooms and adjacent spaces. The Improvements are expected to be completed by November 2010.
- Senior Multi-Service Center:
    - The annual eight-week financial management educational series, “It’s Your Money,” has had a very positive response, with attendance in September averaging 95 people. The free program, sponsored by several nonprofit agencies, features local pre-screened financial professionals who address different topics each week.
    - The center partnered with Ayuda International Dental Clinics and the USC School of Dentistry to provide an adult dental clinic on Sept. 19. The clinic provided a comprehensive array of dental services to 109 people. Service providers included approximately 70 volunteers and senior year dental students, working under Anaheim dentist and Ayuda partner Dr. Harris Done.
- Garnet and Gilbert Community Centers:
    - “Youth in Action,” a leadership program for teens in grades 7-10, has begun meeting regularly at the Centers. The focus of “Youth in Action” is to promote higher education, volunteer service, and leadership skills. A kick-off event at Fullerton College Sept. 16 drew 45 teens.
    - The first “Fullerton Goes to College” event took place Sept. 19, with 101 students and parents attending.. Eight local colleges offered valuable information on admissions, majors, and financial aid. College professionals and graduate students were on hand to answer questions and share their experiences and the steps they took towards reaching their education and career goals. Keynote speaker was Darin C. Earley, author of “On Track to Greatness.”

- Families from the Gilbert Community Center participated in the Olive Park KABOOM! “Design Day” Sept. 16. Both the children and parents shared their design ideas for the park and agreed to participate on “Build Day” in November.

- Richman Community Center:

- The PACE (Parent & Child Education) ESL classes are almost at full enrollment. Beginning level has 25 students, and the Intermediate/Advanced classes have approximately 26. Fifteen children are supervised by program staff so their parents can attend the classes.
- The “Youth in Action” teen leadership program had its kick-off event Sept. 11, with approximately 43 teens attending from all three community centers to hear three amazing guest speakers - two students and a lawyer. One speaker gave a particularly touching account of the trials and tribulations she faced growing up. Her presentation had a significant impact on many of the teens.
- “Friday Night Live” kicks off this month with teens from the “Teen Scene” program participating. “Friday Night Live” is a County Department of Education-sponsored prevention program consisting of a curriculum set by the teens.
- Olive Crest is providing the Center with a “Family Advocate” who will be available Tuesdays at the Center. This program is designed for families with children up to 18 years of age, and is free. A variety of services are available and families can receive assistance from different agencies.
- Volunteer dance instructor “Lil Rock’s” break dancing classes continue to draw new students every week. Approximately 20 teens are participating in the class, which is offered free of charge, two days per week.

- Youth Programs:

- The Maple After-School Program is working in collaboration with Maple Elementary School on the “Mind, Math and Music” Program two days per week, for approximately 40 students.
- The Maple and Orangethorpe After-School programs have started their intramural football season with Fullerton School District after-school programs. The first game was Sept. 30.
- The programs are continuing their partnership with CSU Fullerton. Cal State interns are implementing and planning fun educational activities and sports programs for our students. In addition, tutors from the “America Reads & Counts Program” are supporting the educational enrichment of our students, as well.

- **Independence Park:** Several Olympic hopefuls began training at the Janet Evans Swim Complex this month. The facility is one of three in the country chosen as a training facility for post-graduate athletes.
- **Tiny Tots:** Tiny Tots Imagination Station fall preschool season began early this year during the last week of August and continued through most of September with 33 students. Twenty-nine children graduated to kindergarten and families from Wait Lists are being contacted. Class enrollment has increased to 41 students for the second fall session, with openings remaining in the final two months before the season ends.
- **Tennis Center:**
  - October is a busy month for team tennis. Rosary High School is in the middle of it season, with matches every Tuesday and Thursday. In addition, the Center hosts a Monday night Sundowners League, which has four teams playing home matches. On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, the Center hosts two ladies' teams whose season began Oct. 1. The Center also has four USTA teams playing matches on weekends.
  - The Juniors program is now back in full swing after the summer break. Approximately 130 students come out each week. The students range from 4-year-olds to high school tournament players.
  - On Oct. 24-and 25, the Center will be one of the sites for the Orange County Designated tournament which will have approximately 1,000 of the best players from around California competing in the 10-18 age brackets.
- **Youth Sports:**
  - The Little League and Softball teams are well into their winter ball season.
  - The Rangers Soccer League has more than 2,000 participants playing in 153 recreation, signature and club teams.
  - Fullerton Pop Warner Football is enjoying a good season despite not having Lions Field. The teams played their first games Sept. 5
- **“Get Outdoors:”**
  - The “Get Outdoors!” program was selected as a grant recipient of the 2009-2010 “Take Me Fishing” program. The \$5,000 grant was provided by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. Fullerton was one of 53 recipients who are asked to build and sustain opportunities to engage young people and their families in programs that foster increased participation in recreational angling and

boating. These programs will serve to augment public awareness and appreciation of the need for protecting, conserving, and restoring the nation's aquatic resources.

- The Laguna Lake Outdoor Science program is off to a great start, with seven fourth-grade classes reserving dates for the school year to date. Staff will be making a presentation early this month to elementary school principals to provide additional programming for fourth-grade students in Fullerton.
  - Hiking classes continue to be the mainstay of "Get Outdoors," with a program for everyone, including "Doggy and Me" hikes. Residents are amazed at the number of trails that exist in the city, expressing a new-found passion for walking in a safe and beautiful setting. "Family Twilight Fishing" continues to have good attendance as families look for a fun, low-cost alternative for Friday entertainment close to home.
  - Cultural and Events:
    - During September, the education staff and docents continued market-related programs started over the summer and transitioned into the school year. Thursday night craft booths and drop-in tours of the Museum's current exhibit have been very popular. The "100 Worst Album Covers" has proven to be the best-attended exhibit for Thursday night tours to date. School tours this month include visits from Troy High School and Unity Care Group foster children.
    - The after-school programs – "Wednesday Art Studio" and "Guitar Gateways" – began in September, with enrollment slightly down from last year.
    - The ever popular "Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours" started their 10th season at the Fullerton Museum Center, with one staff member and five volunteers leading guided tours of Fullerton's "spirited" downtown for groups of up to 20 amateur "ghost hunters." This year the tours have returned to including the Police Station after a two-year absence and have had good reviews. Several of the October tours are already sold out and staff is planning extra tours to accommodate everyone who wants to join the fun.
    - Lastly, the Museum participated, for its fifth year, in the "Festival of Children" at South Coast Plaza Sept. 26, with a hands-on art table serving approximately 300 children. This popular event helps the Museum reach central and south Orange County families in a face-to-face, fun public setting.
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## Police

- Patrol:

- Echo units took advantage of the 24/7 system Chris Overtoom and Tamara Otley put together for the Department. This system lists local parolees, warrants, and other persons of interest. On Sept. 17, four arrests were made for outstanding warrants, and numerous other contacts were made. Good job in putting together a useful system, and to Corporals Sammy Contino and Anthony Diaz and Officers Kenneth Edgar and James Bolden for putting the system to good use.
- Officer Jonathan Miller saw a subject on an off-road motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on Bastanchury Road from Harbor Boulevard. Officer Miller caught up to the motorcycle between Highland Avenue and Euclid Street. Officer Miller attempted to conduct a traffic stop and the subject fled to the intersection of Bastanchury and Malvern Avenue, where he crashed in the intersection, sustaining minor injuries. No other vehicles were involved in the collision. The pursuit traveled less than two miles and lasted one minute. The subject was taken to UCI Medical Center as a precaution.
- Officers responded to a report that the intersection of Lemon Street and Commonwealth Avenue was flooded with water. On arrival, Officers found a 15-20 foot geyser of water gushing in the middle of the intersection as a result of a break in a water main. The Fire and Maintenance Services departments responded to shut the water supply off. Due to concerns about a possible sinkhole situation occurring, the intersection was closed in all four directions while repairs were made.
- Officer Jim Boline conducted a car stop at Raymond and Romneya avenues after following a vehicle eastbound on the 91 Freeway. The driver was found to have a small amount of methamphetamine in his wallet. A subsequent search of the vehicle by Officer Boline's K-9 partner "Blitz" located .35 grams of methamphetamine hidden inside the boot of the stick shift.
- A number of witnesses reported seeing a possible DUI driver heading north on Harbor Boulevard from Commonwealth Avenue. The witnesses reported the driver was running red lights and hitting curbs. The witnesses reported the driver had crashed with another car at the intersection of Valencia Mesa Drive and continued north until he crashed into a power pole in the area of Las Palmas Drive, severing it and causing a power outage. The driver then fled on foot but was found a short distance away and was arrested.
- Anaheim Police located a Fullerton stolen vehicle in the area of Raymond and Commonwealth avenues. Officer Claudia Zavala responded to recover the car, but took the initiative to hide her patrol car and do some surveillance of the stolen vehicle. Pretty soon, the car drove off and Officer Zavala made a felony car stop. The two persons inside the car were taken into custody without incident. Officer Zavala is to be commended for her proactive approach to the recovery and her performance during the felony car stop.

- At approximately 3 a.m., Cpl. Jose Torres saw a subject attempt to pry the walk-up window at Taco Bell at Commonwealth and Pomona avenues. By the time Cpl. Torres could turn around, the subject had walked away. Corporal Torres located the subject and detained him. Officers determined the window was broken and open, and the suspect was charged with burglary. Great observation and follow-through by Cpl. Torres.
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## Redevelopment and Economic Development

- **Operation Career Launch:** Economic Development staff will participate as exhibitors at the Fullerton College “Operation Career Launch” Oct. 22 on the college campus. The seminar and career fair will address America’s current lack in career technical education graduates; the vital role technical fields play in the U.S. workforce; and strategies to encourage a stronger future for technical education.
- **Biz Con 2009:** Economic Development staff hosted an informational booth at the Orange County President’s Council’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Biz Con” Sept. 2 at the Sheraton Anaheim Hotel. The conference and expo offered networking opportunities for businesses, connection with government agencies, and information to better understand the multi-cultural diversity market.
- **Business Opportunity Day:** Economic Development staff hosted an informational booth Sept. 17 at the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County’s “Business Opportunity Day” at the Fullerton Marriott. The conference focused on “green” business – preserving ecosystems, using natural resources, and clean technology.
- **California Downtown Association Annual Conference:** Staff attended the Association’s annual conference in Ventura Sept. 24. Focus of the conference was “Charting A Course Through Turbulent Times,” and City staff representatives from the Economic Development, Community Development and Police departments participated in a panel presentation on maintaining a balanced downtown.
- **High Speed Rail at Union Station:** Staff attended an event at Los Angeles Union Station Oct. 2 to support California’s application for \$4.8 billion in federal stimulus funding for a high-speed train system under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- **California High Speed Rail Authority:** Staff traveled to Sacramento to attend the Sept. 23 meeting of the Authority’s Board of Director’s meeting to support funding of the Los Angeles-Anaheim Section under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and to request that the Fullerton Station “option” be referenced in the application submitted by the Authority.

- **West Harbor Alley Improvement Project:** Two design workshops were held in July at the Senior Center, with roughly a dozen community members attending. Postcard invitations were mailed to approximately 1,000 addresses in the Downtown C-3 zone and an ad was placed in the “Fullerton News Tribune.” The landscape architect consultant is using input gathered at those meetings to create conceptual design alternatives that will be submitted to the Redevelopment Design Review Committee this fall. The preferred design will be presented to the Council in November or December. If approved, construction could begin in the spring 2010.
- **Department Website Statistics:** The Department’s pages on the City’s website provide information and updates about various projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing and economic development activities. In September, the pages received 1,787 hits.
- **Unemployment Rates:** Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: United States – 9.6 percent; California – 12.2 percent; Orange County – 9.6 percent; and Fullerton – 10.8 percent. The Unemployment Data provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board.
- **Annual Downtown Event Funding:** Nine proposals totaling \$71,300 were submitted for consideration for funding for downtown events. The Redevelopment Agency is scheduled to review funding requests Oct. 20 and allocate the \$40,000 budgeted for events.
- **Economic Development Action Team:** Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business in Fullerton or expand their existing business. The following meetings took place in September:
  - Address: 1601 E. Orangethorpe Ave. - industry: Steel manufacturing; Jobs - 5-10; 60,000 square feet.
  - Address: 4100 N. Bonita Place – industry: trophy manufacturing; jobs – 13; 3,342 square feet.
  - Address: 1424 S. Raymond Ave. - industry: high-end electric appliance distribution; jobs - 150-200; 200,000 square feet.