



Projects:

SOCO West Parking Structure (**Redevelopment and Economic Development**): Construction of the 810-space public parking structure at 150 W. Santa Fe Ave. commenced in mid-March. Tentative construction completion date is summer 2012.

Fox Theatre Restoration/Renovation (**Redevelopment and Economic Development**): Restoration and renovation of the Fox Theatre complex is under way. Lundgren Management was awarded the contract to provide construction management services. Tentative completion dates: Firestone Building - September; Fox Theatre (seismic) – October; and Tea Room Building – November.

Programs:

Arbor Day 2011 (**Maintenance Services**): The event was held March 12, and the turnout was outstanding, with approximately 75 residents volunteering their time to plant 20 24-inch box trees at Nicolas Park as part of the Euclid Corridor Enhancement Project.

Tree City (**Maintenance Services**): Fullerton has received its 30-year membership to “Tree City USA.” This is the first year the City has received the “Growth Award” from Tree City USA for our cohesive and productive urban forestry efforts.

Science School Night @ the Library (**Library**): More than 250 people attended the April 29 event. Five community partners manned stations with hands-on activities for children. Those partners were Fullerton School District, Fullerton College, Southern California College of Optometry, Fullerton Museum Center and the Fullerton Arboretum. Students from three schools (Richman, Woodcrest, and Hermosa Drive) displayed science projects. “Mad Science of North Orange County” gave a presentation to start the program.

Earthquake Program (**Library**): The recent earthquake in Japan was the topic of a timely lecture at the Main Library March 30. The audience heard from Dr. David Bowman, Dr. Greg Childers and Dr. Binod Tiwari, all from Cal State Fullerton, on various aspects of the earthquake.

Open Airways (**Fire**): Firefighters are giving the Open Airways program to Fullerton’s elementary school children. The program, sponsored by the American Lung Association, educates and empowers children with asthma through a fun and interactive approach to self-management. Children learn how to detect the warning signs of asthma, avoid the “triggers ‘ that can cause asthmatic episodes, and how to make decisions about their health.

CERT (**Fire**): Twenty-eight citizens registered for the CERT (Citizens

Emergency Response Team) Academy training that began April 2.

Community Meeting (**Police**): On March 3, the Department hosted a community meeting for residents from Habitat for Humanity.

Community Policing (**Police**): On March 9, the Police Department hosted its monthly Community Policing and Crime Strategy meeting. Special recognition was given to two residents from the Habitat for Humanity neighborhood for their efforts to help make safer neighborhoods in Fullerton.

NUFF Presentation (**Police**): Capt. Dan Hughes gave an overview of our Community Policing and Crime Strategy philosophy and the new I-Watch program to members of Neighborhood United for Fullerton on March 21.

Month in Review:

Unemployment Rates (**Redevelopment and Economic Development**): Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: United States – 8.9 percent; California – 12.2 percent; Orange County – 9.2 percent; and Fullerton – 9.9 percent. This data was provided by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board.

Website Statistics (**Redevelopment and Economic Development**): In March, the Department's section on the City website had 1,655 hits.

Police: In March, Officers responded to 3,406 calls for service and initiated 3,072 additional contacts. A total of 1,145 criminal reports were taken, and 574 persons were arrested for various criminal offenses.

Fire: In March, the Department had 1,019 requests for service – up significantly from the 890 requests received in March 2010. Of the 1,019 requests, 763 were for emergency medical aid, 29 were for fires, nine were hazardous materials incidents, and 56 were service calls. Of the medical aid requests, 523 required advanced life support response and 240 required basic life support response. In addition, the Department responded on 101 automatic aid calls and received 116 in return.

Community Development: In March, the Department: issued 356 plan checks and permits; conducted 932 building inspections; received 229 code enforcement complaints; handled 733 active code enforcement cases; closed 186 code enforcement complaints; and conducted 838 code enforcement inspections.