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Open for business!

After a year of construction on a \$10 million addition, the Fullerton Main Library opened it's doors to the public July 23. Nearly 2,000 people took part in opening day festivities, touring the new additions - and old favorites. In photo top right, visitors view the new, expanded Launer Local History Room, which is a treasure trove of Fullerton memorabilia. In photo bottom right, visitors try their hand at the new express check-out stations.

> Photos courtesy Fullerton Public Library





Action postponed on water rate increase

The Fullerton City Council has postponed action on a proposed water rate increase until a date uncertain.

The decision, taken at the Council's July 19 meeting, delays implementation of a proposed multi-year increase in rates to fund needed capital improvement projects and increasing water supply costs.

Dave Schickling, City water system manager, explained the Council's action was based on a legal challenge received claiming the procedure used for notifying citizens of the proposal was inadequate. The City Attorney requested that the Council delay the vote to allow time to study and analyze the challenge before proceeding with the hearing.

The Council, as part of its action, also asked that the annual transfer of water fund money to the general fund in lieu of a franchise

fee and property taxes be studied to be certain there is a connection between the amount of funds transferred and the support given to the water fund by other City departments.

Schickling said the proposed water rate increase grew out of a study which concluded the City will need to generate an additional 6 percent in revenue annually over the next five years in order to fund necessary capital improvement projects over that same period.

In addition, projected water supply "passthrough" costs for fiscal 2011-12 will require an additional 1.8 percent increase in charges.

Pass-through costs are related to imported water supplies and pumped ground water charges imposed by the MWD and the Orange County Water District, as well as any increase in electrical pumping costs, over which the City has no control.

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

Drought may be over, but conservation still important

A very wet winter broke the multi-year drought that had depleted water supplies across California. In March, Gov. Brown lifted the three-year-old drought declaration but urged Californians to continue efficient water use practices.

In response to the improved conditions, the Fullerton City Council, on May 3, terminated Phase One of the City's Water Supply Shortage Conservation Plan (WSSCP) and returned to standard water use efficiency conditions.

Under Standard Conservation Conditions:

- No water shall be used for decorative fountains or other similar aesthetic structures (unless recycled).
- Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of mobile equipment is only permitted with a handheld water container or a hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
 - Water loss from breaks, leaks or from other plumbing

malfunctions shall be corrected within a reasonable time frame.

• Water runoff from landscaped areas due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers is prohibited.

The City Council urges customers to retain their wise water use habits. The rain and snow of last winter provided us a welcome break from strict conservation measures; however, no one knows what the future holds, so the smart strategy is to continue effective water practices.

A new challenge for Californians is to reduce water usage 20 percent by 2020.

Also be reminded that while drought conditions have ended, environmental pumping restrictions in Northern California remain, reducing the amount of water that can be transferred to Southern California.

If you have any water-related questions please call City of Fullerton Water Division at (714) 738-6845.

Transportation Center plan receives state planning award

The City was notified this week that Fullerton's Transportation Center Specific Plan Project has been selected to receive the "2011 Neighborhood Planning Award" given by the California Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The award will be presented in September at the association's annual conference.

The Transportation Center Specific Plan project is a blueprint for the further development of the 39-acre Transportation Center into an active, mixed-use, transit-oriented community.

Elements of the project, which was developed with considerable citizen involvement, include multi-family housing for various income levels, commercial and office space, and a small hotel.

Jay Eastman, senior planner for the City, said the purpose of the plan "is to create a sustainable transit-oriented neighborhood near the Fullerton Train Station, which currently serves 3,000 passengers daily. The plan includes enhancements to the OCTA bus transfer facility, which will be integrated with the station and a new parking structure."

Community Development Director Al Zelinka added: "Public officials, community members, property and business owners, City staff, investors and others worked hard to create this strategic plan. This award, combined

with others received to date, is an indication that Fullerton is positioning itself for a prosperous future."

The APA California Chapter's award is the fifth major honor the Transportation Center Specific Plan Project has received.

The first came last September when Fullerton was chosen as one of five California cities to receive the "gold" designation for the plan under the state Housing and Community Development Department's "Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program."

The designation came with a grant of \$1.35 million in funds from the state's Innovative Homeownership Program.

Other awards include the "2011 Compass Blueprint Award for Sustained Leadership" from the Southern California Association of Governments; the "2011 "Best of the Best Vision Award" from the Urban Land Institute (ULI), Orange County/Inland Empire Section; and the "2011 Neighborhood Planning Award" from the Orange County Section of the American Planning Association.

Further information about the plan or the award may be obtained by calling Eastman at (714) 738-6549, or by emailing him at jaye@ci.fullerton.ca.us.

Applicants sought for transit advisory group

Applications are being sought from citizens interested in filling one of two vacancies on the Fullerton Transportation and Circulation Commission.

One vacancy is for an unexpired term that will end Dec. 31, 2012, and the second is for an unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2014.

The Commission provides input to the City Council on matters dealing with public transportation and circulation systems, policies and programs in the city. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Aug. 8.

Applicants must be either Fullerton residents or must work in the city. Commissioners serve on a voluntary basis, and there is no financial remuneration. Some commission and committee members may be required by state law to file conflict of interest disclosure statements.

Applications may be obtained by calling the Fullerton City Clerk's Office at (714) 738-6571, or by visiting the office at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. The application is also on the clerk's page on the City's website at www.cityof fullerton.com, and may be submitted on-line.

Things will go to the dogs at Fullerton Market Aug. 11

If your pooch kisses like there's no tomorrow, eats like per event. he has just gotten off a diet, or bears a striking resemblance to you, the Fullerton Museum Center would like to have a

talk with you.

Dogs of all shapes, sizes and talents are being sought for the Museum's annual "Dog Days of Summer" talent show and competition set for Aug. 11.

The event will be held at the outdoor Fullerton Market, located on Wilshire Avenue. between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue.

Dog contests and entertainment will be from 5-8 p.m.; the Market runs from 4-8:30 p.m.

Prizes will go to the dog who: is the best A cute pooch checks out the kisser; has the loudest bark; is the fastest competition at "Dog Days of eater; does the best pet trick; and most Summer!" resembles its owner.

day of the event. The competitions are limited to 10 dogs

In addition to the competitions, a variety of dog- and pet-related vendors will be selling dog treats, apparel,

> toys and supplies. Other vendors will offer dog-sitting services, pet adoption, and animal shelter information.

Fullerton Market offers farm-fresh produce, flowers, fresh-baked breads, arts and crafts, live entertainment, activities for children, and a beer garden for adults.

Parking for Fullerton Market may be found in any of the free downtown lots, or in the parking structures at Wilshire (enter from Harbor); Lemon Street and Chapman Avenue; and in the Transportation Center on Pomona and Santa Fe Avenue.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in the "Dog Days

Owners may sign their dogs up for the competitions the of Summer" event or the Market are asked to notify the Museum staff at (714) 738-6545 prior to Aug. 11.



'Camp da Vinci' set to go!

The artistic and scientific genius of Leonardo da Vinci is the inspiration for a special summer arts program for kids sponsored this month by the Fullerton Museum Center.

"Camp da Vinci," which will be held Aug. 15-19, will combine art and science as kids study da Vinci's observation techniques and experiments.

The camp, designed for youths in the fourth through eighth grades, will use art and hands-on experiments to explore topics that were favorites of da Vinci's, including flight, architecture, anatomy and physics.

Camp fee is \$220 per student, and includes all materials.

Space is limited and advance prepaid registration is required, and may be done by calling the Museum's Education Office at (714) 738-3136, or on-line at www.fullertoneconnect.com.

Need help?

Need to have your water shut off? Please call the City's Maintenance

> Services Department at (714) 738-6308 if you need to have your water shut off at your meter. There's no charge for the service. Please don't try to do it yourself

because if it is broken in the process, you will be charged for damage to

City property.

Fullerton eLists: a new way to communicate with citizens

Fullerton

eLists!

Fullerton has added a new tool to its citizen communications toolbox.

Citizens wanting to be notified of news at City Hall can sign up for "Fullerton eLists."

Fullerton eLists is an emailing software program that notifies citizens whenever a news item has been

posted to the City's website.

Fullerton eLists, which can be accessed through the City's website, allows citizens to "subscribe" to receive email notifications whenever an item of interest to them is updated on the website.

Categories citizens can subscribe to include City Council and committee/commission agendas and minutes, special events, press releases, election

news, employment opportunities, Library activities, and the Parks and Recreation and Focus on Fullerton newsletters.

After a citizen subscribes to a category (or categories), an email notification will be sent whenever an update in that category is posted to the website. The notification can also be sent as a text message to a subscriber's cell phone.

If, after awhile, the citizen no longer wishes to receive the notification, he or she may simply "unsubscribe" to the service.

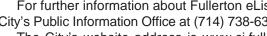
It should be noted that Fullerton eLists is for general

information only. It will not be used for notification of emergencies. That service is already available through the county-wide "OC Alerts" program, to which the City subscribes.

Fullerton eLists will also not be used for transferring large documents such as the City budget via email as such documents could overload the citizen's computer. Rather, the email messages will always link the citizen to the document on the City's website.

For further information about Fullerton eLists contact the City's Public Information Office at (714) 738-6317.

The City's website address is www.ci.fullerton.ca.us or www.cityoffullerton.com.



Professor's experience lost in Nepal focus of program

What started out as a fun hike through the beautiful Himalayas of Nepal took an unexpected and potentially dangerous turn for Cal State Fullerton professor Dr. Kristine Dennehey when she became separated from her group.

Fortunately for Dennehey, a Nepalese family found her and gave her food and shelter. The following day, she was led by her hosts on a half-day hike to reunite with her friends.

Dennehey, associate professor of history at the university, will share her experiences from that 2005 trip at the Fullerton Main Library Aug. 23 when she presents "Trekking in the Himalayas: Getting Lost and Found in Nepal."

In her program, part of the Library's popular "Town and Gown" series, Dennehey will also offer a brief history of the political situation in Nepal and tie it to her observations during her 2005 trip.

Dennehey's presentation had originally been set for July 12, but was postponed to avoid a possible conflict with a Fullerton City Council meeting that night.

At CSUF, Dennehey teachers classes in modern historiography, as well as Japanese, Korean, Asian and

modern world history. Her current research focuses on the environmental history of colonial Korea, and she has written numerous articles for scholarly publications.

The "Town and Gown" series is co-sponsored by California State University, Fullerton.

Further information about the "Town and Gown" program may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6326.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the Aug. 23 meeting are asked to notify the Library staff prior to the meeting.

New solar energy system to be installed for Main Library

Just when you think you've seen the last of the construction crews around the Main Library, they're back!

With completion of a \$10 million expansion to the Main Library, construction is set to begin this week on a photovoltaic system that will capture solar power to help cut energy costs for the Library.

The installation is being funded through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The photovoltaic (solar) panels will be installed in the Library parking lot on top of a support structure.

The system has the capacity to generate approximately 84,300 kilowatt hours annually, which would equate to approximately 11 percent of the Library's total yearly energy

usage. In today's dollars, the savings would range between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually.

The project will also include installation of a small touch screen educational display in the Library lobby which will provide information about the photovoltaic system,

including the amount of power being generated.

Contractor on the project is AAA Solar Electric Inc. of Anaheim. The federal grant will provide \$596,100 toward the estimated project cost of \$676,100. The City will pick up the balance of the cost.

Installation of the system is expected to be completed in October.

For more information about the photovoltaic system call the Fullerton Engineering Department at (714) 738-6845, or the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6326.

Fullerton Firefighters offer drowning prevention tips for pools

Summer and swimming pools: They just naturally seem to go together.

But a sad fact of this summertime pairing is that pools can pose a very real danger to children if they are left unattended in or near the water. In fact, drowning is the leading cause of injuries and deaths for children under 5 in Orange County and throughout California.

In hopes of keeping this summer free from such tragedies, Fullerton's Firefighters offer the following suggestions:

- NEVER take your eyes off a child when he or she is in or near any body of water, even for a second. Remember: Statistics show children can drown without making any noise or other signs of distress.
- Keep toys, tricycles and other children's playthings out of the water and away from the pool or spa.
- Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" just because you enrolled them in swimming or "water-proofing" classes.
- Don't rely on inflatable devices to keep your child afloat. They are NOT substitutes for adult supervision.

- Make sure your pool or spa has a fence, wall or safety cover which can guard against unsupervised access. Also, make sure the safety cover is always closed when the pool or spa is not in use.
- Make sure doors leading to the pool or spa area are self-closing AND self-latching. NEVER leave them propped open. Better yet, equip all such doors with exit alarms. Gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches should be out of reach of children, and kept in proper working order.
- Always drain standing (surface) water from the pool cover. Remember: even a few inches of water can be hazardous, especially to young children.
- Learn how to administer life-saving techniques to children, including cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Install a phone or keep a cordless phone in the pool or spa area.

Further pool safety tips may be obtained by calling the Fire Prevention Division of the Fullerton Fire Department at (714) 738-6500.



Museum Center calendar

"Julius Shulman: Desert Modern" Open through Sept. 4

No photographer captured the evolution of modern architecture in a more comprehensive way than the late Julius Shulman. The collection contains approximately 100 color and black and white photos featuring buildings by architects such as Richard Neutra, John Lautner, A. Quincy Jones and Albert Frey. The exhibit was organized by the Palm Springs Art Museum and curated by Michael Stern.

Stroller Brigade

10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, through Aug. 31 Free!

Calling all preschoolers, toddlers and their grownups. Come down to the Museum Center for docent-led stories, puzzles and crafts in the main gallery.

Summer Art Camp: The Art of Nature

9 a.m.-noon Aug. 22-26 For grades 1-6

\$105 general/\$90 for Museum members In this half-day program, young artists will create original artwork in a variety of media. The earth, sea and stars will be our inspiration! We will be exploring the plants and insects in our urban surroundings, learning about dinosaurs, and inviting live animals into our studio.

Julius Shulman Family Day noon-4 p.m. Sept. 4

Free with regular Museum admission Check out the closing day of the "Julius Shulman: Desert Modern" exhibit. Admission includes drop-in tours of the exhibit, hands-on crafts, 1950s dress up, scavenger hunts for prizes and more. Don't miss out.

Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours Wednesdays and Thursdays Sept. 14-Nov. 3 6-8:30 p.m.

\$18 general/ \$15 for Museum members
Take a guided tour through Fullerton: Orange
County's Most Haunted City. Find out where ghosts
have been sighted, and learn the real life stories
behind the hauntings. Call the Museum Center for
more information.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



Home mechanic tips to prevent water pollution

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and ocean are important to Fullerton and all of Orange County. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful. For example, oil poured or drained onto driveways, sidewalks or streets, it can be washed into the storm drain. Not properly disposing of used oil is illegal and can lead to fines.

Help prevent water pollution by taking your used oil and oil filters to a used oil collection center. Most major automotive maintenance centers will accept up to five gallons of used motor oil at no cost. For a list of locations, please visit www.cleanup.org.

Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

Work Site

- Locate the storm drains on or near your property. Do not allow used oil or any materials to flow into these drains.
- Perform repairs in a controlled area to prevent stormwater runoff.
- · Sweep or vacuum your automotive workspace regularly
- Use a damp mop to clean work areas. Never hose down surfaces into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Pour mop water into a sink or toilet. Never dispose of water in a parking lot, street, gutter or storm drain.

Prevent leaks and Spills

- Keep absorbent materials i.e., rags, cat litter in the work area.
- Empty drip pans into labeled, sealed containers.
- Wipe up any spills or repair leaks as they happen.
- Place large pans under wrecked cars until all fluids have drained.
- Dispose of collected fluids into a hazardous waste drum or deliver them to an oil recycling center. Oil recycling sites can be found at http://www.ochealthinfo.com/regulatory/usedoil.htm.

Cleaning Spills

- Clean up spills immediately by using absorbent material such as rags, cat litter or sand. If the material spilled is hazardous, dispose of the rag, litter or sand in the same manner as hazardous waste. If the spill is non-hazardous, dispose of it in the trash.
- Immediately report spills that have entered the street, gutter or storm drain to the County's 24-Hour Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline at 1-877-89-SPILL (1-877-897-7455) or visit www.ocwatersheds.com to fill out an incident report.

Vehicle Fluid Management

- Vehicle fluids are hazardous waste and must be stored and disposed of in keeping with all local, state and federal laws.
- Pick an area to drain fluids away from storm, sanitary drains.
- When possible, drain vehicle fluids indoors or within covered areas, and only over floors that are constructed of a nonporous material such as concrete. Asphalt and dirt floors absorb spilled or leaked fluids, making the cleanup extremely difficult.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers

- Anaheim: 1071 N. Blue Gum St.
- Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols St.
- Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
- San Juan Capistrano: 32250 La Pata Ave.

- On-GOING FULLERTON CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, east of Euclid Street; (714) 871-5304.
- ON-GOING HERITAGE HOUSE TOURS at Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; 2-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; (657) 278-3579.
- On-GOING FULLERTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 142, second Tuesday of month, Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.; no-host dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.; (714) 871-2412 or www.fullertonpost142.com.
- ON-GOING BINGO NIGHT, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsored by St. Mary's Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-GOING FULLERTON MEN'S GOLF CLUB, 6 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, Fullerton Municipal Golf Course, 2700 N. Harbor Blvd.; (714) 578-9201.
- On-GOING BINGO AT RANCHO FULLERTON SOCIAL CLUB, from 5-8 p.m. Mondays, in the Rancho Fullerton clubhouse, 1201 W. Valencia Drive; (714) 680-0566.
- Through Aug. 21 "Las Vegas Live A Salute to Sin City Songs and Showgirls," 6:30 p.m., Fullerton Civic Light Opera Skyroom, 218 W. Commonwealth Ave.; outdoor dinner theater featuring the music of famous Las Vegas entertainers from Elvis to Streisand; benefit for Fullerton Civic Light Opera; tickets (714) 526-3832.
- Aug. 6 2011 Tomato Tasting and Sizzlin' Summer Salsa Contest, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; sponsor Fullerton Arboretum; (657) 278-3407.
- Aug. 10 Outdoor Concert Series 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine St., off Bastanchury Boulevard and west of Brea Boulevard; featured entertainers the band "Yard Sale; free admission; patrons should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating; food available for purchase; sponsor Fullerton Parks and Recreation; (714) 738-6575.
- Aug. 13 "Harmony under the Stars," 7:30 p.m., Pearson Park Amphitheatre, 401 N. Lemon St., Anaheim; annual concert presented by the Orange Empire Barbershop Chorus; proceeds benefit "Youth in Harmony" program; tickets (714) 871-7675

- Aug. 17 Outdoor Concert Series 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fullerton Sports Complex, 560 E. Silver Pine St., off Bastanchury Boulevard and west of Brea Boulevard; featured entertainers the band "The Lucky Stars;" free admission; patrons should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating; food will be available for purchase; sponsor Fullerton Parks and Recreation; (714) 738-6575.
- Aug. 19 − 38TH Annual Kids Auction Gala, 5-10 p.m., Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201 W. Malvern Ave.; proceeds to benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of Fullerton; sponsor Fullerton Community Bank; event will feature silent and live auctions, dinner and entertainment; (714) 400-8764 or jdow@boysgirlsfullerton.com.
- Aug. 20 Orange County Ragtime Society Meeting, 1-4:30 p.m., Rutabegorz Restaurant, 211 N. Pomona Ave.; meetings feature performances of ragtime and ragtime-related music; (714) 836-1104.
- AUG. 27 "VINTAGE 57 WINE- AND FOOD-TASTING EXPERIENCE," 6 p.m., Golleher Alumni House, 800 N. State College Blvd., on the CSUF campus; event will feature international cuisine, wines, music, dancing, and a silent auction; sponsor Cal State Fullerton Alumni Association; proceeds go to the Association's student scholarship program; tickets (714) 278-2586.
- Aug. 27 Volunteer Orientation, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; volunteers needed for a variety of Arboretum activities; information (657) 278-4798.
- SEPT. 1 DICK DALE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW, 7:30 p.m., Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave., on the FUHS campus; fund-raiser to benefit the Fullerton College Foundation's scholarship program and the Muckenthaler Cultural Center arts education programs; tickets (714) 525-5651.
- SEPT. 8-9 AUDITIONS FOR FULLERTON CHILDREN'S REPERTORY THEATER, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Fullerton Union High School Little Theater, 201 E. Chapman Ave., behind Plummer Auditorium; open to children in 5th-8th grades; Applicants should come prepared to sing a song and learn a dance; (714) 671-1084.
- SEPT. 10-11 SALVIA SPECTACULAR PLANT SALE, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; featuring large selection of native and tropical Salvias; (657) 278-4001.
- SEPT. 17 ORANGE COUNTY RAGTIME SOCIETY MEETING, 1-4:30 p.m., Steamers Jazz Club, 138 W. Commonwealth Ave.; meetings feature performances of ragtime and ragtime-related music; (714) 836-1104.

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