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Fullerton



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What's going on here?

Who are these people and why are they planting what appears to be a forest of blue poles at Ford Park? For the answer, see page 3 of this issue of 'Focus on Fullerton'

'Shredder Day' set for Oct. 29

Find yourself getting snowed under by a blizzard of personal papers such as old bank and credit card statements, utility bills and the like?

Solution? Box up those papers and bring them to the "Shredder Day" sponsored by Congressman Ed Royce

Saturday, Oct. 29.

The City of Fullerton will host the event, and citizens can bring their boxes to the Fullerton City Hall visitor parking lot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the 29th. The papers will be shredded on the spot courtesy of American Shredding.

Citizens may bring five 10-inch-by-12-inch-by-16-inch boxes filled to the brim with material to be shredded for free. Additional boxes over the five free loads

will be charged \$5 per box.

Fullerton City Hall is located at 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. The visitor lot is to the rear of City Hall and can be accessed from Amerige Avenue.

Further information about "Shredder Day" may be obtained by calling Royce's Office at (714) 744-4130.

Your direct line to City Hall

Want to keep up on City Hall news? Suscribe to Fullerton eLists!

Fullerton eLists is an email program that notifies you when a news item has been posted to the City's website.

Just log on to cityoffullerton.com, sign up for eLists, and pick the topics that interest you. Once you do, email notices will be sent when an item is posted on one of the topics.

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

Visit the City's web site: www.cityof fullerton.com

City water system ensures drinkable water for all

The City of Fullerton's water supply system is designed to ensure that potable water flows to your property under pressure.

There is a risk to public health if there is a cross connection between your water supply and a contaminated

source, such as an irrigation system, pool, water feature or well.

If there is a pressure drop in the water main, a vacuum could be created in the water supply system. Under certain conditions this would create a siphoning a contaminated source backflow assembly



effect and draw liquid from Example of a reduce pressure

back into the drinking water supply.

In order to protect the public drinking water from a contaminated source, the City requires certain property owners or businesses to install a backflow device. Depending on the hazard type and size of service line, a backflow device could look like the examples accompanying this article.

Recently, there has been a rash of backflow device thefts. Residents and businesses can add deterrents such a protective cage around the device. They could also add lighting, landscape or video surveillance to decrease the chance of their device from being stolen.

For more information on backflow prevention and other water

topics call the Water Engineering Office at (714) 738-6896.

Photo top right is an example of a pressure vacuum breaker, while photo bottom left is a backflow device in a protective cage.





Water question of the month

Which is the largest lake in the world (by volume)?

- A) Lake Superior (North America)
- B) Lake Baikal (Asia)
- C) Lake Victoria (Africa)
- D) Lake Titicaca (South America)

Answer: B (23,600 cubic km)

Commonwealth sewer upgrade set

Construction is slated to begin this month on a muchneeded sewer improvement project on Commonwealth Avenue.

The project, which is expected to take approximately eight weeks to complete, is part of Fullerton's continuing effort to upgrade and improve the City's infrastructure.

The project will stretch on Commonwealth from Highland to Richman avenues, and will include installation of a new 15-inch sewer main.

Work will be done from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of at street intersections, where crews will work from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Although traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction in the project area, Commonwealth will remain open and detour routes will be clearly marked.

Access to all businesses and residences within the project area will remain open.

Extra steps will be taken to minimize impact to businesses, residents and motorists; however, noise and vibrations may be experienced in the project area due to the construction activity.

Further information about the project may be obtained by calling the City of Fullerton Engineering Department at (714) 738-6845.

Applicants sought for committee

Applications are being sought from citizens interested in filling one of four "at large" positions on a newly formed Library Ad Hoc Committee, an advisory group to the Fullerton City Council.

Deadline for returning applications is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. Applicants must be Fullerton residents.

The goal of the committee will be to study and advise the Library Board of Trustees and the Council on use of existing Library resources, including the Hunt Branch Library and the Bookmobile, as well as potential revenue-generating ideas.

"Many citizens of Fullerton are long-time Library users who are passionate about the Main and Hunt Branch libraries," said Maureen Gebelein, Library director. "We know our community has some great ideas for making the Library's future even better. This committee will provide direction for library stewardship for generations of library users to come."

In addition to the four "at large" positions, which will represent the citizens of Fullerton, committee membership will include five members of the Board of Trustees, plus one representative each of the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library, the Fullerton Public Library Foundation, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City Manager's Office.

The study is expected to take nine months to complete, at which time the committee will make its recommendations to the Trustees and the Council.

Applications and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton City Clerk's Office at (714) 738-6571, or by visiting the office on the first floor of Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

Completed applications must be returned to the City Clerk's Office.

The application is also available on the clerk's page on the City's website at www.ci.fullerton.ca.us, and may be submitted on-line.



This one is for the kids

When all the parts were put together, the grove of blue poles on Pg. 1 turned into fun new playground equipment at Ford Park. The equipment, valued at \$40,000, was obtained by the City through a grant from the nonprofit organization "KABOOM!," which is dedicated to ensuring a safe, fun place to play within walking distance of every child. More than 200 people, including residents and City of Fullerton employees, volunteered a Saturday last month to install the equipment. Ford Park marks the third KABOOM! grant the City has received. Previous installations were done at Truslow and Olive parks. In addition, the Kiwanis and Fullerton Boys and Girls clubs received a KABOOM! playground for Kiwanis Park

Photos courtesy Fullerton Parks and Recreation

Local history focus of 'One Book, One Community' program

A man's story of growing up as a person of Mexican heritage in Orange County will be the focus of the Fullerton Public Library's 5th Annual "Fullerton Reads" program in October.

The story is that of Gustavo Arellano, managing editor of the "Orange County Weekly" and author of the newspaper column "Ask a Mexican," and is told in his book "Orange County: A Personal History."

Library Director Maureen Gebelein explained the theme of this year's "Fullerton Reads" program will be "all history is local," and added "Gustavo's book is a perfect starting point as we celebrate and study how we got to where we are right now." The "Fullerton Reads" campaign, formerly know as "One Book, One Community," campaign was developed by the American Library Association as a means of fostering civic unity through reading.

The program goal, said Gebelein, is to "provide opportunities for people of all ages, cultures and ethnic backgrounds to come together to explore issues important to us all."

Gebelein said the Library will present a variety of programs and discussions for both adults and children during the monthlong "Fullerton Reads" observance.

For more information about "Fullerton Reads" or the activities planned call the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6326.

Calling all ghosties and goulies: 'Okto-BOO-fest' is coming!

Calling all ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night: You'll feel right at home at Fullerton Market Thursday, Oct. 27.

The Market will host its annual "Okto-BOO-fest" on the 27th, featuring Halloween-themed activities, games and special events for all ages.

Located in the heart of Fullerton's historic downtown, Fullerton Market offers farm-fresh produce, flowers, fresh-baked breads, arts and crafts, and activities for children, including face painting, caricature art, balloon art, a bounce house, and the "trackless train."

Even the "Great Pumpkin" may put in an appearance at "Okto-BOO-fest" courtesy of J. Yribarren Farms, a new vendor to the Market, who

will be offering a variety of pumpkins for sale to shoppers looking for the perfect candidate for a Halloween Jack-o-lantern.

Market hours are 4-8:30 p.m. and the "Okto-BOO-fest" festivities will begin at 5 p.m.

"Okto-BOO-fest," which will close out the market's 2011 season, will feature costume parades at 5 and 6:45 p.m. for children, with trick-or-treat bags given to the first 500 children

who participate. In addition, there will be special carnival games, trick-or-treating at vendor booths, and free arts and crafts activities presented by the Fullerton Museum Center.

The festivities will include a pumpkin carving and decorating contest, with families and individuals invited to bring their carved and/or decorated pumpkin to be voted on by the Market

crowd. The winning carver/decorator will receive a gift certificate to a local store.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be by the popular Bubba and the Big Bad Blues.

"Bubba" is Christopher LeClerc, a Fullerton native, who formed his blues band in 1990. His credits include performances with such stars as Ike Turner, Joe Sample and Nat Dove.

The band will perform from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adults at "Okto-BOO-fest" will be able to visit the wine and beer garden, which will offer German beer and peanuts.

The market is located on Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue. Parking may be found in any of the free downtown lots or parking structures.

For more information call the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Firefighters offer hints for a happy - and safe - Halloween

If the aisles full of bags of candy cropping up in grocery stores of late haven't caught your attention, here's a reminder: Halloween is just around the corner!

As youngsters excitedly choose their trick-or-treat costumes, Fullerton's firefighters are reminding parents to be extra vigilant to keep the holiday safe for their children.

And the first way parents can keep their children safe, said Fire Marshal Julie Kunze, is to supervise their youngsters' choice of costumes.

Parents should avoid flimsy materials and yards of sheeting when making costumes. "Ghost costumes made from bed sheets pose a very real danger to children," Kunze said. "In addition to posing a trip hazard or potentially blocking a child's vision, a sheet could brush against a burning candle and catch fire, seriously injuring the child."

Paper bag masks and costumes made of paper should also be avoided. When purchasing a costume, Kunze said to be sure it and any masks, wigs or beards that come with it are marked "fire-resistant" or have some similar language. Costumes should be a light color so motorists can see them at night, and placing strips of reflectorized tape on the costume is an added safety measure.

Care should also be taken with Halloween decorations. "Autumn decorations like leaves and dry cornstalks can be very hazardous," Kunze said. "Keep lighted bulbs, open fires and smoking devices at a safe distance from any seasonal displays."

Other helpful Halloween hints offered by the fire marshal include:

Never let children trick-or-treat by themselves. Have them travel with friends, and make sure an adult accompanies the group. Also, instruct children to cross at crosswalks or intersections, and never in the middle of the street.

Give children flashlights or light sticks to carry when trick-or-treating.

Never use lighted candles for decorations or jack-olanterns. Use a flashlight outdoors and a lightbulb

Instruct trick-or-treaters not to eat any treat until their parent or guardian can examine it to make sure it has not been tampered with and is safe. Discard candy

that appears to have been re-wrapped, as well as fruit and other goods with small holes or punctures.

Kunze also has one last haunting piece of advice - this one for motorists: "Please be careful when driving on Halloween night. Remember, there will be a lot of children on the streets in the evening and they may not be as careful as they should."

Kunze said according to the federal government, children 5-14 years of age are four times more likely to get hit by vehicles on Halloween than any other time of the year, and falls are the leading cause of injuries to children on Halloween.

"That's why we urge parents to accompany their children, to carefully plan their route, to make sure the children cross streets in marked crosswalks, and to always carry a cell phone with them in case of emergencies," Kunze said.

Further tips for Halloween and year-round fire safety may be obtained by calling the Fire Prevention Division of the Fullerton Fire Department at (714) 738-6500.

Community Emergency Response Team training class set

A new session of the Fullerton Fire Department's "Community Response Volunteer/Community Emergency Response Team" (CRV/CERT) program is set for this month.

The session, which will consist of three eight-hour classes, will be held from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29, at the City of Fullerton Maintenance Yard, 1580 E. Commonwealth Ave.

Participants are to bring a sack lunch each session.

The CRV/CERT Program is designed to train citizens to organize their neighborhoods to be prepared to respond to emergencies.

Based on a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, CRV/CERT members are trained to provide immediate assistance to disaster victims, as well as organize volunteers to assist the Fire, Police and Maintenance Services departments in emergencies.

Fire Chief Wolfgang Knabe said subjects taught in the training classes include disaster preparedness, basic first aid, fire safety, basic search and rescue methods, and proper use of a fire extinguisher. Instructors are firefighters, paramedics and specialists in the areas of disaster preparations and terrorism.

Upon successful completion of the class, participants

will receive a certificate.

Class size is limited to 50 persons, and pre-registration is required. Knabe added upon completion of the class, volunteers will undergo background checks by the Fullerton Police Department.

Persons interested in the CRV/CERT training can either contact the CRV program manager at (714) 773-1316 or email CRV@fullertonfire.org.

Registration may also be accomplished by logging onto the Fullerton website at www.cityoffullerton.com and going to the Fire Department section, or by coming to Fire Department Headquarters, 312 E. Commonwealth Ave., anytime between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Persons requiring special accommodations for the classes are asked to notify the Fire Department staff when registering.

Rebates available!

The MWD offers rebates to Fullerton water customers who install new water-saving devices, including smart irrigation timers, rotating nozzles, and synthetic turf. For more information about rebates please visit www.bewaterwise.com.



Museum Center calendar

"Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray"

Open to the public through Nov. 20 In May 1931 photographer Nickolas Muray (1892–1965) traveled to Mexico on vacation where he met artist Frida Kahlo, a woman he would never forget. The two started a romance that continued on and off for the next 10 years and a friendship that lasted until the end of their lives. The Hungarian-born Muray was an acclaimed artist in his own right, having pioneered color portrait photography. Photos of Kahlo from the Muray archives reveal the work of a master photographer and the passion of an extraordinary love story. Courtesy of Nickolas Muray Archives and Tour Development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Missouri.

Wednesday Art Studio

2-4 p.m. Nov. 2-30 (no class Nov. 23) \$40 per student/\$35 for Museum members For grades 1-6

Draw, paint, decorate and create! Students will create original art with a wide range of fun materials including paint, clay, beads, metal and glass. Fee includes all materials.

Guitar Gateways at Beechwood School

3-5 p.m. Nov. 1-Dec. 13 (no class Nov. 22)
For grades 5-9; \$120 per student
In partnership with All the Arts for all the Kids
Foundation, the Museum is offering this special guitar
class. Students will learn chords, note reading, and
music history, with an emphasis on rock, folk and
blues. Fender acoustic guitars are available to use
in class and at home.

Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours

Wednesday and Thursday evenings, through Nov. 3 Special Halloween tour Monday, Oct. 31 6-8:30 p.m.

> \$18 general/\$15 Museum members (Halloween Tour \$25/\$20)

Check out Downtown Fullerton, Orange County's most haunted city. Find out who is swinging on the chandeliers at Plummer Auditorium. Who is Lillian and why does she leave the light on? Tours not recommended for children 13 and under.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



Winterizing your pool?

Make sure pool clean-up doesn't pollute!

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and oceans are important to Fullerton and all of Orange County. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you're not careful.

Swimming pools and spas are common in Orange County

and Fullerton, but they must be maintained properly to guarantee that chemicals aren't allowed to enter the street, where they can flow into the storm drains and then into the waterways. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways and ocean.

You would never dump pool chemicals into the ocean, so don't let it enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.



Acceptable and preferred method of disposal

When you cannot dispose of pool water in the sanitary sewer, the release of dechlorinated swimming pool water is allowed if all of these tips are followed:

- The residual chlorine does not exceed 0.1 mg/l (parts per million).
- The pH is between 6.5 and 8.5.
- The water is free of any unusual coloration, dirt or algae.
- There is no discharge of filter media.
- There is no discharge of acid cleaning wastes.

How to know if you're following the standards

You can find out how much chlorine is in your water by using a pool testing kit. Excess chlorine can be removed by discontinuing the use of chlorine for a few days prior to discharge or by purchasing dechlorinating chemicals from a local pool supply company. Always make sure to follow the instructions that come with any products you use.

Doing your part

By complying with these guidelines, you will make a significant contribution toward keeping pollutants out of Orange County's creeks, streams, rivers, bays and the ocean. This helps to protect organisms that are sensitive to pool chemicals, and helps to maintain the health of our environment.

- 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 FULLERTON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of month, Fullerton Police Department, 237 W. Commonwealth Ave.; meetings open to public; (714) 738-6836.
- ON-GOING MOMS CLUB OF WEST FULLERTON for stay-at-home moms west of Harbor Boulevard; offering park days, field trips and special events; (714) 526-7634 or susanbrett2@aol.com.
- ON-GOING MOMS CLUB OF EAST FULLERTON; for stay-at-home moms east of Harbor Boulevard; 10 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday; offering park days, field trips and special events; (714) 420-8287 or momsclubfullertoneast@gmail.com.
- On-GOING FULLERTON COLLABORATIVE, 1:30 p.m., second Tuesday of month, Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque Ave.; no meetings in July; (714) 447-2884.
- ON-GOING IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA, Fullerton Chapter, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month, Izaak Walton Cabin at Hillcrest Park, 1155 N. Lemon St.; (714) 526-7393 or (714) 871-1829.
- 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.; open to all veterans; (714) 871-2412 or www.fullertonpost142.com.
- ON-GOING FULLERTON GARDEN CLUB, 9 a.m.noon, second Tuesday of month, Pavilion Room, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; (714) 526-6713.
- ON-GOING LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month in September, October, and January-April, Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.; sponsor League of Women Voters of North Orange County; (714) 254-7440.
- 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 BINGO AT RANCHO FULLERTON SOCIAL CLUB, from 5-8 p.m. Mondays, in the Rancho Fullerton clubhouse, 1201 W. Valencia Drive.; (714) 680-0566.

- Oct. 5-Nov. 8 "Transformacion: Dreams of Oaxaca," 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fullerton College Fine Arts Gallery, 321 E. Chapman Ave.; exhibit highlighting contemporary art from the Mexican state of Oaxaca; (714) 732-5701.
- Oct. 7 Golden Hill Elementary Science Camp Fund-Raiser, 5-9 p.m., Golden Hill Elementary School, 732 Barris Drive; event will feature a "Food Truck Roundup" on the school playground; entertainment will also be provided; proceeds go toward supporting the school's annual 6th Grade Science Camp; (714) 447-7715
- Oct. 8-9 California Native and Fall Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; pre-sale will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 7 for members of the Friends of the Arboretum; (657) 278-4001.
- Oct. 15 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.
- Oct. 22 Damas de Caridad Fall Festival and Luncheon, Richard Nixon Presidential Library, 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda; 10 a.m.-noon silent auction, noon-2 p.m. luncheon; proceeds to benefit St. Jude Medical Center; information Janny Meyer (714) 871-6807 or Sandee Johnson (714) 298-0493.
- Oct. 26 Open House: Placentia Avenue and Kraemer Boulevard Bridge Projects, 6-7:30 p.m., Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Drive, Placentia; sponsor OCTA; (714) 560-5374.
- Oct. 29 Artists' Pin Auction, 6 p.m., Downtown Plaza, Wilshire Avenue, between Harbor Boulevard and Pomona Avenue; sponsor All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation; proceeds benefit art programs in elementary schools; tickets www.allthearts.org; (714) 447-7484.
- Oct. 30 Spirati in Concert, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; concert is free; sponsor Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 526-5310 or www,fullertonfriendsofmusic.com.
- Oct. 30 Trunk-or-Treat, 5 p.m., Seekers Chapel, 1521 E. Orangethorpe Ave.; will feature games, stories, crafts and dinner; (714) 909-910-3483
- Nov. 5 Leon Owens Foundation Bingo Night, 5:30 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 7 p.m. bingo, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1500 Raymond Ave.; proceeds go to the Foundation to provide scholarships for students; (714) 687-5520 or LeonOwensFoundation.org

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 (714) 738-6758. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.