



Council Briefing

November 2007

Administrative Services

- Fiscal Services:

- Police alarm permits issued in October totaled 31, making the fiscal year-to-date total 199. Total number of active permits as of Oct. 31 was 4,646.
- Invoices billed in October totaled 590, with a valuation of \$1,030,025. Invoices billed for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date total 2,298, with a valuation of \$3,677,966.
- Total number of general checks and direct deposits issued in October was 788 and 186, respectively, with a valuation of \$7,440,304. The number of general checks and direct deposits for fiscal year 2007-08 to-date total 3,510 and 771, respectively, with a valuation of \$26,508,013.

- Information Technology:

- Staff is implementing new backup and recovery software which will allow us to do speedier back-ups, as well as back up the City's email boxes. Currently, it takes from Friday night to Monday morning to do complete backups on all servers. With the new software it will take less than a day to backup the 50-plus servers.
- Staff will be reviewing new software for updating Police MDCs remotely for all software updates and patches. Currently, staff must wait for a unit to be available in order to do this process.
- Staff is looking at setting up a Dell server at Fire Station 6 with VMware on it so we can do daily synchronization between the eight servers in City Hall deemed critical. If City Hall goes down during an emergency, the City will have a very similar but smaller operation set up at Station 6, which will allow the City to function during a crisis situation. Staff will be working with departments to determine which systems to replicate at the EOC.

- **Purchasing:** In October, the Division processed 210 requisitions, and saved \$2,930 through early payment discounts. Central Services made 166,247 copies and processed 10,887 pieces of mail.
 - **Revenue:**
 - In October, 174 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 102 were for businesses in Fullerton and 72 were for businesses located out of the city, but which will be conducting business here. Business tax collected for the new registrants totaled \$12,968.
 - A total of 210 businesses closed in October: 91 in the city and 119 out of the city.
 - Business certificates renewed in October numbered 698, which totaled \$78,614 in business tax collected.
 - **Utility Services:** In October, the Division answered 2,641 customer calls, and processed 3,720 cash register transactions totaling \$11,548,507. Of the transactions, 1,150 were by credit cards, 1,130 checks, 609 were paid in cash, and 167 were by direct deposits.
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Community Development

- **Planning:** The latest plans received for the University Heights project include landscaping and irrigation for the manufactured retaining wall facing Brea and Harbor boulevards, as required in the original approval.
- **Community Preservation:** In October, the Division: received 212 complaints (1,139 for the fiscal year to-date); resolved 239 complaints (732); handled 604 active cases (no comparable figure to-date); conducted 737 inspections (2,702); issued 150 notices of violation (649); issued 118 citations (207); arranged to have 16 large items, such as sofas and appliances, picked up (64); received eight requests for graffiti removal (36); received 90 Hotline calls (391); and billed \$6,050 in revenue (\$17,750).
- **Housing and Community Rehabilitation:**
 - Two residences were tested for lead in October.
 - Five of the 15 Redevelopment Agency-owned buildings on West Avenue have been demolished. An additional seven buildings have been vacated. Only three buildings still have residents. All 15 buildings are to be demolished by year end.

- The HCR Division answered 574 calls in October. The breakdown was as follows: 85 housing rehabilitation calls; seven for temporary shelter; 12 for senior housing; 47 for the first-time homebuyers program; 35 for Section 8 assistance; 159 for other affordable housing matters (rental/development); 24 regarding subordination/payoff; 61 regarding the general program; 25 for fair housing-related matters; and 119 for non-housing issues.
 - Building Division:
 - Inspection stops in October totaled 1,669 and resulted in 2,159 individual inspections. The average daily inspection load was 115.6, and the average daily workload was 14.8 inspections per inspector.
 - Also in October, 282 plans were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 106 were checked same day at the counter. A total of 1,834 visitors came to the permit counter in October, and 710 permits and plan checks were issued. Total valuation of the permits issued was \$7,551,000.
 - Staff has completed the second review of building plans for the new McDonald's at 155 E. Chapman Ave., and is waiting for plans to be resubmitted.
 - Staff has completed the second plan review for the Jacaranda Senior Village condominium project at 1900 Camino Loma Ave., and the plans have been picked up for correction. The project is valued at \$17 million.
 - Staff has issued a grading plan for Phase I of the Home Depot project at 601 S. Placentia Ave. Construction of a second loading dock at the north is in progress.
 - Demolition of the Morehouse building at 1600 W. Commonwealth Ave. is in progress, excluding the front office and north wall.
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Engineering

- Construction Management:
 - Only one item remains on the Lemon Street Sidewalk and Landscape Improvements – Chapman Avenue to Berkeley Avenue - a 90-day maintenance period, effective until December. Otherwise, the project is complete.
 - Pending minor cleanup, the Bastanchury Road Reconstruction from Malvern Avenue to Parks Road is complete.
 - The Gilbert Reconstruction Project from Castlewood Avenue to the north city limits is complete. The project included roadway excavation, curb and gutter, ramps, manhole adjustment, traffic loops, signing, and striping.

- The Landscaping Improvements at Lemon Underpass are complete.
 - Work is expected to be completed this month on the Upper Acacia Reservoir slope improvements. A 90-day maintenance period will follow.
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Fire

- **Statistics:** The Department responded to 951 requests for service in October, which was up considerably from the October 2006 total of 848. Of the 951 calls, 33 were for fire, 747 were for emergency medical aid, five were for hazardous materials incidents, and 81 were service calls. In addition, the Department responded on 115 automatic aid calls, and received 92.
- **Suppression - Notable Activity and Responses:**
 - Shortly after 8 a.m. Oct. 5, Truck 1 and Engines 1 and 4 responded on a traffic accident in which a car crashed into a tree at W. Valley View Drive and N. Avolencia Avenue. An ambulance crew on scene prior to the Paramedics' arrival and had started giving care to a man who suffered facial lacerations and right upper arm pain. After Paramedics evaluated the patient, he was upgraded to Advance Life Support due to the severity of his injuries, and taken to UCI Medical Center. A second patient was also treated by Paramedics and transported by ambulance to UCI. While the Paramedics treated the victims, Truck 1 provided a protection line due to fuel leaking from the vehicle.
 - On Oct. 5, Truck 1, Engine 2 and Battalion 1 responded, with units from other cities, on a late-night fire in a second-floor apartment in a complex in the 1500 block of S. Pomona Avenue., which claimed the life of the occupant. The fire was confined to the living room of the unit, and the man's body was found sitting in a chair. The fire appeared to have been caused by the occupant falling asleep while smoking a cigarette. The appropriate agencies were notified and an investigation by Fire and Police personnel was conducted.
 - On Oct. 11, Engine 2 and Battalion 1 responded on a hazardous condition call on Carhart and Valley View avenues. On arrival, Fire personnel met with the City Sewer Department crew who directed them to a 4-inch natural gas pipe which was leaking into a sewer pipe. SoCal Gas Co. workers were on scene to find the actual leak in their line. Fire crews stood by until the leak was stopped.
 - Shortly before noon Oct. 14, Engines 3 and 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a multi-vehicle accident at State College Boulevard and Orangethorpe Avenue. Engine 3's crew, the first on scene, found a man lying on his back, two patients trapped in one vehicle, and two young men sitting on the sidewalk. Three ambulances were dispatched and the Edison Co. was called to take care

of a damaged utility pole. A hose line was pulled to protect the two people still trapped in their vehicle while Firefighters extricated them. Paramedics assessed all patients, and they were taken to UCI Medical Center.

- On Oct. 17, Truck 1 and Engines 1 and 3 responded to a motor home fire in the 800 block of E. Walnut Avenue. Crews found a citizen with a garden hose trying to put out the fire. Fire personnel pulled an attack line and extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire appeared to have been electrical in nature.
- On Oct. 18, Truck 1, Engines 1, 2 and 3, and Battalion 1 responded to a warehouse fire in the 500 block of W. Commonwealth Avenue. The 911 call had come from a citizen who had been driving by the business and saw smoke coming from the building's rear. Firefighters cut the roll-up door and were able to quickly extinguish the fire. Cause of the fire was determined to be accidental.
- At about 1 a.m. Oct. 19, Engine 1 was dispatched to the 200 block of E. Truslow Avenue for a dumpster fire. A witness told Firefighters a number of dumpster fires had been set by a man and were extinguished by the witness who followed the suspect. The Police are investigating.
- On Oct. 30, Fire crews responded on an early morning three-car accident at Dorothy Lane and State College Boulevard. Two drivers were extricated from their vehicles, evaluated, treated by Paramedics and transported to an area hospital. The third car had some damage; however, its driver was not injured.
- **Wildland Fire Response:** Fullerton Fire personnel was heavily involved in firefighting efforts during the recent wildfires. The Department's involvement began the morning of Oct. 21, when Engine 6 was dispatched as part of an Orange County Strike Team to the Malibu Canyon Fire. The crew was released and re-routed to the Santiago Canyon Fire at 8 p.m. At 6:21 p.m., Engine 3 was dispatched as part of an Orange County Strike Team to the Santiago Canyon Fire. Fullerton Engines 26 and 23 were placed in service with off-duty Firefighters within hours of the dispatched Strike Teams. At 11:30 a.m. Oct. 22, Engine 26, with four Firefighters, was dispatched to the Santiago Fire on another Strike Team. Engine 36, with four Firefighters, was pressed into service within an hour of Engine 26 being dispatched. At 11 p.m. Engines 6 and 36 crews were exchanged for the mandatory rest period.

At 7:30 a.m. Oct. 23, a crew of four off-duty Firefighters was deployed to the Santiago Fire to provide relief for the Firefighter crew on Engine 3. The on-duty Battalion Chief was deployed to take command of a Strike Team at the Santiago Fire. Engines 3 and 6 continued with the deployment at the Santiago Fire, and Engines 1 and 2 were dispatched to a special Structure Protection Taskforce Group at the fire. At 7 a.m. Oct. 24, Engine 6 was transferred to the Witch Fire in San Diego County. At 4:30 p.m. Engines 1, 2 and 26 were released from the Santiago Fire. On Oct. 26, Engine 3 and Battalion 1 personnel were replaced with relief Firefighters. At 9 p.m. Oct. 28, Engine 3 was released from Santiago duty and

returned to station. Fullerton's Training Officer was assigned as trainee on Task Force 13 and released at 8:30 p.m. On Oct. 29, Engine 6 was released from the Witch fire and returned to station at approximately 11 p.m. On Oct. 30, Fullerton's Training Officer was assigned as Trainee on Task Force 13 and released on Nov. 1.

Additional support was provided by Fire Department employees and volunteers. On Oct. 23, the Department was on standby to activate a shelter for evacuated residents from San Diego County. Also on Oct. 23, the Department activated the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Fifteen volunteers arrived right away and seven additional members arrived after work hours. The volunteers went to the Santiago Canyon Command Post at Irvine Regional Park and worked 12-hour shifts providing logistical support for field and emergency personnel working Base Operations. The Department's Disaster Response Specialist worked as a CERT Incident Commander. The Fullerton CERT team has been commended by local and federal officials for their support efforts.

The Fullerton Battalion Chiefs worked feverishly to back staff so there was no loss of service to the citizens of Fullerton during these wildland firefighting activities.

- **Downtown Business District:**

- On Oct. 6 at 2:31 a.m., Truck 1 and Engine 2 were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Wilshire Avenue to treat a 23-year-old man who had been sprayed with mace. No further treatment was required.
- At 1:57 a.m. Oct. 7, Truck 1 and Engine 1 responded to the 100 block of W. Santa Fe Avenue on a report of an unconscious person. Paramedics assessed the patient, who complained of head pain, and he was taken to UCI Medical Center.
- At 11:34 p.m. Oct. 12, Engine 1 responded to the railroad underpass on S. Harbor Boulevard on a report of an intoxicated 25-year-old man who had fallen asleep on the sidewalk. His family was notified and came to pick him up.
- At 11:14 p.m. Oct. 13, Truck 1 and Engine 1 responded to the 300 block of N. Harbor Boulevard on a report of an intoxicated woman having breathing problems at a restaurant at that location. Paramedics assessed the patient and found her stable.
- At 12:18 a.m. Oct. 14, Truck 1 and Engine 1 responded to the 100 block of N. Harbor Boulevard on a report of an injured woman. On arrival, Paramedics found a 25-year-old female standing on the sidewalk with a friend. The woman had a 2-inch laceration above her left eye due to a fall. Both the patient and her friend were very drunk and uncooperative, and the injured woman declined further assistance. Both individuals were left in the care of Police Officers.

- At 1:07 a.m. Oct. 19, Truck 1 was sent to the rear of the alley in the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue to treat a 23-year-old man who was unconscious due to alcohol consumption.
 - At 6:36 p.m. Oct. 28, Engine 1 was dispatched on a medical aid call in the 100 block of Santa Fe Avenue. A man was injured in a fight, and Paramedics splinted his left arm. He was transported to St. Jude Medical Center for observation.
 - **Non-Suppression - Notable Activity:** The Department hosted a pancake breakfast Oct. 13 at Station 1 with the goal of raising funds for the Community Emergency Response Team and the Department's public education program. The event was a great success, with 450 breakfasts served, Station tours given, and safety/equipment staged. The event was hosted by a cadre of volunteers: CERT members, Explorer Scouts, Fire Academy Recruits, Utility workers, Department employees and family members, and Police RSVP volunteers. Displays included the Orange County Red Cross trailer, the CERT trailer, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) trailer, Fire apparatus, and a Fire Prevention booth.
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Human Resources

- **Recruitments:** Recruitments under way or soon to be started include, Library Division Manager – Technical Services, Redevelopment Project Manager, Risk Manager, Senior Librarian and Senior Planner.
 - **Employee Processing:** In October, staff processed six regular and 13 nonregular appointments, three regular and four nonregular promotions, and two regular and three nonregular separations.
 - **Liability Program:** Fourteen claims were filed in October, 14 claims were closed, and two lawsuits were served.
 - **Workers' Compensation Program:** Eleven claims were filed in September, and no lawsuits were served.
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Library

- **Teen Read Week:** The week was a great success! The highlight was an improvisational comedy show Oct. 8 featuring high school students, which drew an audience of 78. While most attendees were teens, older members of the community also came, including drama teachers from both Sunny Hills and Troy high schools. The performers were very talented and everyone had a lot of fun.

- **Playaways:** The Library now offers a new audio book format called “Playaway,” which is the easiest way to listen to audio on the go and is about half the size of a deck of cards. Both the Main and Hunt Branch libraries offer this new format. The collection is starting small, but is expected to grow as demand warrants. For the first few months, the adult “Playaway” titles at the Main Library will be kept in a trough in the Lobby, along with an information sheet explaining how “Playaways” work.
- **Fall Festival:** The Richman School Fall Harvest Festival Oct. 26 had it all, from witches to Spiderman and everything in between, including two children’s librarians. With an estimated attendance of more than 1,000, it was an exciting and busy afternoon. Families stopped by the Library booth and put together fall windsocks, then tried their hands at fishing in the Library Fishing Hole, with Jeanette Contreras handling the rod and reel. Children caught all sorts of prizes from erasers to bookmarks, which entitled them to choose a free book. The booth was particularly popular because it was free, affording the Librarians the opportunity to remind everyone that “our booth, like everything at the Library, is free to everyone.”
- **Town and Gown:** Attendees at the Oct. 9 “Town and Gown” lecture were treated to a program on “Business Ethics” by Gary Hartenburg. A lively discussion followed. The lectures are being recorded as sound files and we plan on making them available as pod casts on the Library website.
- **Book Sale:** The Friends of the Library Oct. 5-7 book sale made more than \$15,000 in profits. The next book sale will be Jan. 26-28.
- **Passports:** The “Passport Office” at the Main Library opened to the public Oct. 1. Hours for walk-in service are 3-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, and noon-4 p.m. Saturday. The Main Library processed 118 passport applications in its first month.

Maintenance Services

- **Administration:**
 - The Department received 1,296 service requests in October, completing 936 (72 percent) in the month. Of the 94 emergency requests received, 64 (68 percent) were completed within one day. The unusually high number of emergency requests was due to the windstorm Oct. 22, which resulted in numerous fallen and damaged trees. The Facilities Division received the most requests - 315, or 24 percent of the total.
 - The audit team is working on the Underground Utility Location Services audit, and hopes to complete it by early 2008. The team sent surveys to eight cities with similar services, and received six completed surveys, which is an excellent rate of return.

- A crew from AAA Flag & Banner will be out the week after “Veterans’ Day” to take down the U.S. flags for the season. New flags will be installed next spring.
 - Implementation of the new computerized management and service request tracking system is going very well. Representatives from the software company, Carte-Graph, conducted a week-long needs assessment with managers and employees in early October. The new system is on schedule to be operational by mid-January, and will integrate with the City’s GIS system, providing employees with more detailed service history for City assets and customers.
 - In October, the Department’s support staff received 2,255 calls, an average of 107 per workday, or 54 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- **Facilities:**
 - The Graffiti Crew removed 60,005 square feet of graffiti from 386 sites in October, bringing the year-to-date totals to 234,860 square feet of graffiti removed from 1,459 sites.
 - The Custodial staff completed 24 inspections of City facilities in October.
 - The capital project to replace the flooring in the Red Cross building began the week of Nov. 6.
 - The capital project to replace the Fire Headquarters air-conditioning system is in the design stages and is being handled by the Engineering Department.
- **Equipment:** In October, the Division performed one motorcycle inspection, 14 generator PM inspections, one BIT inspection, 73 PMs, one smoke test, and six smog tests.
- **Sewer:** In October, the Division: handled one City sewer overflow; hydrojetted 24.74 miles of sewer mains; root cut/mechanically treated 21,310 linear feet; mechanically treated 210 sewer laterals; conducted 25 CCTV inspections of laterals; conducted 22 source control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 28,324 linear feet of sewer main; received two Lifeline applications and approved one; received 10 large lot applications and approved nine; and received 28 sewer fee calls and 56 sewer service requests.
- **Landscape:**
 - West Coast Arborists, the City’s contract tree-trimming company, performed the following services from July 1 through Oct. 15: trimmed 2,803 trees; removed 133 trees and stumps; and planted 61 trees.

- Grid pruning crews concentrated efforts in Zone 13 (Harbor Boulevard to Raymond Avenue; Commonwealth Avenue to Dorothy Lane), and weekend pruning in downtown areas continues.
 - Orange County Probation crews continue to work in Gilman Park.
 - The Division received three reports of red imported fire ants in October, one of which was on public property and was treated.
 - The Division received nine calls for beehives or swarms in October, seven of which were on public property and were treated.
 - The Division received and completed 173 service requests in October, completing 138, and leaving 37 for follow-up.
 - **Streets:** In October crews: cleaned 3,420 miles of streets, four roadway spills, 345,082 linear feet of sidewalk, 30,260 linear feet of channel, and 322 drains; used 128 tons of asphalt for patching, 47 tons for digouts, and 107 tons for Water Division digouts; installed, fabricated and cleaned 754 signs; applied 190 gallons of paint; ground 201 sidewalks; performed seven asphalt sidewalk repairs; and milled 137 linear feet of gutter.
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Parks and Recreation

- **Capital Improvements:**
 - Construction drawings are complete for Phase II of the Laguna Lake Project, and the City is now accepting bids for the project. Neighborhood meetings will be held this month. The anticipated project completion date is May.
 - The Richman Park Community Center expansion is in the final design phase. City staff is waiting for completion of the plans and specifications (being done by CSUF architects).
 - Geological studies at Lions Field are complete, as is the final design based on the necessary slope stabilization. An initial review of the revised plan by user groups was very positive. The revised plan will go to the Parks and Recreation Commission in December, and a final plan will be brought to Council for action.
 - The “small dog” area at Fullerton Pooch Park is now open.
 - Staff is finalizing survey work, identifying utility and private property information prior to initiating the design phase for the Valley View/Hiltscher Park Trail

Improvement Project. A user group/neighborhood meeting is planned for late November. This project will complete another key segment in Fullerton's recreation trail system.

- Senior Multi-Service Center:

- The Center's weekly "Food Preparation and Good Nutrition" class provided by the community college district's Adult Education program has been very favorably received. Attendance has been steady in the mid-20s.
- The focus for the October multi-cultural program was Germany, and approximately 50 patrons and guests learned about German-American culture. The event included music, video, displays, and sampling of German dishes.
- Prospect Medical Group sponsored an educational seminar in October that focused on stress management and laughter therapy. Attendance totaled 24.
- The Center has a loyal group of "movie fans" who enjoy Friday afternoon matinees, featuring popcorn, candy (of course), and a variety of current releases. Attendance at the movies usually runs in the mid-20s.

- Garnet Community Center:

- The teens held a fund-raiser so they could go to "Knott's Scary Farm" Oct. 26.
- Teens from the Garnet and Valencia community centers and Independence Park are participating weekly in the "Teen Alliance" youth leadership program.
- The homework assistance and tutoring program has no room to accommodate more participants. The average daily attendance is 60, with a waiting list. Staff is using every inch of space in the Center for the popular program.

- Tiny Tots:

- The preschoolers at Independence Park have enjoyed learning about the seasons and the changes autumn brings. They also learned about taking care of their teeth and were able to see dental x-rays of healthy and unhealthy teeth and gums. They had fun making "chatter teeth" for their art project.
- Approximately 50 children participated in the Halloween costume "Boo-fests."

- Youth Programs:

- On Oct. 18, the Orangethorpe After-School Program celebrated the 8th Annual "Lights on After School," the only nationwide rally for after-school programs. More than 1 million students, parents, teachers, policy-makers, and business and

community leaders participated in more than 7,500 events around the nation and at U.S. military bases around the world. The Department's event featured student performances, carnival games, and outdoor activities.

- All Fullerton after-school program students and staff were affected by the recent wildfires, forcing program activities to be low-impact and conducted indoors. County Superintendent of Schools William M. Habermehl conducted a conference call with 15 Orange County unified and high school district superintendents regarding the situation, and decided all indoor and outdoor athletics, and extra-curricular activities were to be cancelled countywide through Oct. 28 due to poor air quality and concern for the health and welfare of students.

- Independence Park/Teen Programs:

- The "Teen Action Alliance" was recently formed with a diverse group of teens from Independence Park and the Richman and Garnet community centers. The group meets weekly to develop personal and community leadership needs, and participate in a variety of action projects to give back to their community.
- The "Teen Scene" visited the Whittier "Rocktoberfest" Oct. 19. The event, sponsored by the Southern California Teen Coalition, featured more than 800 teens from 15 Southern California cities, and offered a dance, organized activities, contests, and various social outlets in a fun, safe environment.
- Independence Park hosted a dog vaccine clinic Oct. 3 sponsored by Orange County Animal Care in response to the recent outbreak of parvovirus cases.
- Independence Park hosted the "Howl-a-ween" event Oct. 28, sponsored by the Soroptimists International of Fullerton. This event featured activities for dog lovers, including an agility showcase and costume parade.

- Tennis Center:

- The Tennis Center was host to a great deal of activity in October. In addition to the regular season at Rosary High School and the regular Juniors program, nine USTA teams use the Center for their home matches. The Juniors program averaged 108 kids per week for the month. On Oct. 20-21, the Center was rented out as one of 11 sites for the Orange County Juniors Tournament.
- Due to the poor air quality from the recent fires, the Center was shut down completely for three days the week of Oct. 21. The Juniors and Rosary High School's tennis programs were closed the entire week.
- The light poles on courts 1, 6 and 7 were removed due to deterioration, and will be replaced.

- The first week of November saw the Rosary High School regular season come to an end. The Center hosted the Orange League High School Girls' Individuals Tournament Nov. 1 and 2. Ten USTA teams will also host 18 matches at the Center this month. The Beckman group will finish its 10- week season Nov. 20.
- Youth Sports:
 - The Fullerton Rangers Youth Soccer is bursting at the seams, more than 2,200 participants, consisting of 166 teams in recreation, signature and club teams.
 - Pop Warner Football is having a good season with a couple teams undefeated.
 - The Little League and softball teams are approximately half way into their winter season. All leagues lost a week of practice and games due to the smoke and particulates in the air as a result of the wildfires.
 - Most City fields, including school fields, are at full capacity.
- Outdoor Recreation:
 - The first "Haunted Family Campout" at Brea Dam sold out, with more than 15 families registered. However, rain forced the event to be postponed for one week. Nine families enjoyed a haunting evening, with two haunted hikes for different age groups, mummy wrapping, ghostly songs, and "kitty litter" cake.
 - October's new "Hiking Excursions" class featured a four-mile hike at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Preserve and lunch at Smokin' Mo's Barbeque in Huntington Beach. Unfortunately, the November excursion to Modjeska Canyon has been cancelled due to the fire situation.
 - All the hiking classes continue to grow as the Outdoor Recreation programs attract participants from neighboring cities. The fishing classes will benefit from recent fish stockings, which include trout and catfish. Although Laguna Lake only received 200 pounds of trout, it officially gets the trout season under way.
 - The "Summer Kids' Fishing Club" was also a hit as a first-year program, with participants enjoying six weeks of fishing at Laguna Lake. Participants had an opportunity to learn fishing skills and even got a taste of fly fishing. They were also introduced to a new "secret" fishing spot in Fullerton and their fishing skills were challenged on the last day of class. "Mommy/Daddy and Me" fishing classes were also offered as a first-time fishing experience for children 3-5.
- Classes: Fall registration for classes and activities continues to be strong, with nearly 1,700 residents signing up for both classroom and on-line classes.
- Cultural and Events:

- The Museum exhibit, “J.C. Leyendecker: America’s ‘Other’ Illustrator,” has been tremendously popular with the community, especially within the local art circles. College students, professors, and art lovers in and around Fullerton have been frequent visitors, and art professors at the local colleges have been recommending the exhibit as a “must-see” to students and colleagues. The community is very pleased to have such an exhibit available and has expressed the desire for similar exhibits in the future.
- The “You Won’t Part With Yours Either” exhibit in the Fender Gallery continues to attract a diverse audience from guitar and music fans to students and families.
- The 7th Annual “Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours” ends the season Nov. 8. The program has, once again, proven very popular, with all tours sold out by Oct. 9. The tour includes visits to popular Downtown Fullerton spots such as The Fox Theatre, Plummer Auditorium, Villa Del Sol, and Café Hidalgo.
- Sixteen kids were enrolled in the first session of the 2007–08 “Wednesday Art Studio.” The second session began Nov. 7, with several repeat students who really enjoyed it the first time around.
- The Museum’s newest music education program, “Guitar Gateways,” debuted in October, with 11 students in the first semester. The 12-week program offers acoustic guitar lessons, guided practice, and mini courses in music theory, history and appreciation for students in sixth to eighth grades. A unique feature is that an acoustic guitar is provided for each student for the duration of the program. Total cost is \$130, and participants must become Museum members.
- The Public Art Committee and Museum staff are working to complete several projects this year. They are currently working on two possible murals. A total of 12 artists submitted packets for both proposals, and the Committee will meet early next month to move forward with the projects.
- October marked the final month of the 2007 Fullerton Market season. The Market attracted large crowds throughout its run, and the Museum’s Beer and Wine Garden was very popular.
- The Market’s “Okto-BOO-fest” Oct. 18 celebrated both Halloween and Oktoberfest in conjunction with the last Market of the season. Approximately 500 kids participated in the costume parade, and special Halloween arts and crafts were also provided. Bubba and the Big Bad Blues provided music, and a magician entertained the families before the band started. There were lines at the booths all night long, and the Market was full throughout the evening.
- October was also a busy month of planning for “Winter Fest” Dec. 1 and “First Night Fullerton” Dec. 31. Vendor applications have gone out to hundreds of

people for both events. Staff is gradually getting sponsors for “First Night,” and \$1,200 in donations has been received to-date. Part of the entertainment for “First Night” has already been booked, with a few things left to finalize. Overall planning for both events is off to a good start.

Police

- Patrol:

- The Department is noticing more women are becoming involved in crime. This was evidenced recently when Officer Cary Tong responded on a report of a vehicle burglary in progress, and found the suspects were females – two juveniles and one adult.
- The Department responded on a report of a person with mental illness who had not been taking his medication. On arrival at the person’s home, Officers were contacted by the person’s brother, who told them the person had a knife. After repeated commands to drop the knife – all of which the suspect refused - Sgt. Andrew Goodrich used both a Taser and .40-mm sponge round to knock the subject to the ground, thus causing him to drop the knife. The subject was taken into custody and held on a 72-hour commitment for observation.
- Officer Alan Valdiserri, working into the early hours of the morning recently, spotted a gang member spray-painting a wall. The youth ran to a waiting vehicle and attempted to flee; however, the Officer was able to stop it. The vehicle’s occupants – one adult and two juveniles – were arrested for felony vandalism.
- Auto burglaries continue to be a problem in East Fullerton. Case in point: 4 a.m. one recent morning, an alert citizen called Police to report three suspects breaking into cars in the area of Placentia and Garnet Avenues. The citizen gave a thorough report of the direction the suspects’ fled, and Officer Sonny Siliceo was successful in locating them. Three adults were arrested and a large amount of stolen property was recovered.
- CVS pharmacies have been victims of several burglaries throughout Orange County. Fullerton Officers were recently dispatched to the CVS Pharmacy on North Harbor Boulevard regarding three burglary suspects that were in the store. Prior to the Officers’ arrival, the suspects realized store employees were watching them and fled. Officer Eric Song successfully located one of the suspects. Detectives are following up, and it is hoped this case will provide a major break in the CVS burglary problem.