Council Briefing

June 2009

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services

- ➤ Police alarm permits issued in May totaled 50, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total to 429. Total number of active permits as of May 31 was 4,898.
- Invoices billed in May totaled 524, with a valuation of \$836,672. Invoices for the fiscal year-to-date total 8,466, with a valuation of \$21,016,946.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in May totaled 578 and 234, respectively, with a valuation of \$5,572,392. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 7,385 and 2,924, respectively, with a valuation of \$69,420,882.

• Information Technology:

- Staff is in the process of installing and configuring servers and storage devices for virtualization. The concept of virtualization, which started approximately three years ago, refers to moving a computer's operating system and software out of its physical environment. In other words, virtualization enables us to run several servers' operating systems and software on one set of hardware equipment instead of running the software on each individual server. This will save on purchasing hardware for every software application. Virtualization of the servers will also increase efficiency, decrease hardware and utility costs, minimize network monitoring, and provide faster data recovery. We will be going from 15 servers to three. Not all software applications are supported on virtual servers.
- Staff has completed the cleanup of the major malware virus that attacked several City computers. This virus sent thousands of spam messages within a three-day period, which put the City on a number of blacklists for many companies. It took several weeks to get the City completely removed from those lists. The problem

has been corrected and several security measures have been put in place because of this incident.

- ➤ Information Technology is also setting up a computer lab at the Richman Park Community Center. The lab will consist of Internet-ready computers donated to the Parks and Recreation Department to serve the Richman community.
- Purchasing: In May, the Division processed approximately 180 requisitions; created 82 purchase orders; and saved \$3,063.66 through early payment discounts. Central Services made 150,489 copies and processed 16,203 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In May, 136 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 94 were for businesses in Fullerton and 42 were for businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$10,629.
- ➤ A total of 200 businesses closed in May: 86 located in the city and 114 located out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in May numbered 770, which totaled \$82,146 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In May, the Division answered 2,248 calls and processed 4,010 cash register transactions totaling \$13,693,506. Of those transactions, 1,115 were credit cards, 1,253 checks, 896 by cash, and 143 direct deposits.

Community Development

• Community Preservation: In May, staff: received 208 complaints (2,609 year-to-date); resolved 132 complaints (2,199); had 597 active cases (new category; no comparable data); conducted 443 inspections (6,472); issued 21 courtesy notices (462), 137 first notices of violation (1,495), and 17 citations (486); sent 15 compliance letters (84); granted 11 extensions (44); arranged for the pick up of 10 large items, such as sofas (159); received 13 graffiti complaints (233); received 74 Hotline calls (720); and billed \$2,700 in revenue (\$58,690).

Planning Division:

➤ In May, six project applications were submitted, including one minor site plan, one conditional use permit, two modifications to a previously approved project, and two other.

Also in May, three applications were acted upon by the final hearing body, including one minor site plan, one modification to a previously approved project, and one other.

Engineering

Project Development and Design:

- ➤ In May, Council awarded a \$387,502 contract to RJ Noble Co. for the 'Lawrence Avenue Reconstruction Project between Balcom and Commonwealth Ave. The project, projected to begin work later this month. The scope of work includes pavement reconstruction, installation of access ramps, sidewalk, and curb and gutter; installation of a traffic loop, restriping and manhole and water valve adjustment to grade.
- A construction contract in the amount of \$387,502 was awarded in May to Paulus Engineering for the Lawrence Avenue Storm Drain Project from the Balcom Channel to Commonwealth Avenue. The work is estimated to begin in July and will include replacing the storm drain with larger pipe; constructing manholes and catch basins; and reconstructing pavement, access ramps, sidewalk, driveway, curb and gutter on the north side of Commonwealth and Lawrence.
- ➤ LBI was awarded a \$97,890 construction contract in May for the Euclid/Wilshire Storm Drain. The scope of work includes storm drain installation in the alley west of Euclid, south of Wilshire; catch basin and manhole construction; and alley pavement reconstruction. The contractor is projected to begin work in July.

• Construction Management:

- ➤ The Chapman Avenue Reconstruction from Victoria to Acacia avenues was completed last month.
- Five buildings were demolished and hazardous waste material removed in May at the following locations: 407, 443 and 467 West Avenue, and 406 and 424 W. Valencia Drive
- Insituform Technologies, Inc., was awarded a 90-day contract which includes: rehabilitation of existing eight- and 10-inch vitrified clay pipe sewer mains and 18-. 24- and 30-inch corrugated metal pipe storm drain mains using cured-in-place-pipe liner; re-establishing existing sewer lateral connections; removing/replacing damaged sewer facilities; and pre- and post-video inspection of sewer mains. The contractor has installed approximately 50 percent of sewer main liners and approximately 10 percent of storm drain liners throughout various City locations. The project is scheduled to be completed in August.

➤ The contractor completed the Woods Avenue Sewer Replacement from Malvern Avenue to Valley View Drive in May.

Water Engineering:

- Aqua Controls, Inc., has completed installing new remote telemetry units, and site programming is still in progress. The project, part of the Water System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition upgrade, is to be done in July.
- ➤ City staff has completed the replacement of 33 urinals (1.5 gallons per flush) with Zero Flush waterless urinals. The total amount of rebate received to purchase the waterless urinals is \$16,589.54.
- ➤ City staff submitted three rebate applications (\$170,854.28) to install irrigation controllers at various parks, schools and greenbelts within the city. The MWD completed and approved the City's request in September 2008 and rebate funds were received in December 2008. To date, the City's irrigation staff has installed 10 controllers (timer, flow-meter, master-valve, electrical conduits) and expects to have eight additional controllers installed by the end of June.
- ➤ City staff has completed the replacement of 20 inefficient toilets (3.5 gallons per flush) at City Hall with Sloan Dual-Flush high efficiency toilets (1.28 gallons per flush). A rebate application in the amount of \$8,522 was submitted to the MWD Oct. 9, 2008, but has not yet been approved. Staff has reviewed other locations within the City for possible upgrades and determined that no additional locations meet the rebate criteria.
- ➤ City staff submitted a rebate request in the amount of \$162,480 for synthetic turf that will be installed as part of the Lions Field upgrade project. The rebate application was submitted to the MWD Jan. 9, but has not yet been approved.
- ➤ Water Engineering, Landscape, and Parks and Recreation have developed a plan for a demonstration garden to promote the use of water-efficient landscape equipment and drought-tolerant plants. The demonstration garden will be located on the north side of City Hall using two existing planters, and will include informational signs regarding the various aspects of the garden. Fullerton Beautiful has donated \$5,000 to the City to help fund the project, with the remainder being funded by the Landscape Division. Installation began in June.
- ➤ Water Engineering previously made attempts to contact the representatives in charge of facility maintenance at each of the local school districts and colleges regarding the MWD's public sector rebate program for water-saving devices. To date, Fullerton College submitted a rebate request (\$67,500) to MWD to install artificial turf at the new stadium, and Cal State Fullerton submitted a rebate request (\$160,000) to install high-efficiency toilets and urinals.

- Staff has been working with the Fairway Village Community Association for the past six months on participation in the MWD's "Water Savings Performance Program" to help reduce Association water consumption. As part of the review process to determine the Association's eligibility in the program, City staff has conducted several site visits, meetings with Association representatives, and held numerous conversations with MWD staff regarding program requirements. On May 5, the MWD and Association entered into a formal contract in which the Association agrees to make various upgrades to its water system and to reduce water consumption by 15 million gallons (a 50 percent reduction) within a 12-month period. In return, the MWD agrees to pay a one-time rebate of up to \$45,000, assuming the Association achieves the specified reduction. In addition, if the Association achieves its target reduction, its annual water expenses are anticipated to drop nearly 50 percent. City staff is working with other homeowner associations to determine eligibility for the MWD's program.
- ➤ The Conservation and Water Watchdog hotline (714-738-6744) continues to be used by residents and business owners to obtain conservation information, ask questions, request water surveys, and report broken sprinklers or individuals with excessive water use. The hotline averages five calls per week. Each call is investigated, and property owners are contacted if corrective action is required.
- Water Engineering has created a door hanger which provides residents and businesses with important water conservation information. City staff uses the door hanger when wasteful water use is seen, including watering during the day or when raining, excessive water runoff, hosing down driveways or walkways, and broken or misaligned sprinklers. Water Engineering has enlisted the help of City Meter Readers to distribute the hangers during the course of their normal job duties. To date, 95 door hangers have been handed out since the program began in late March. The Water Watchdog Hotline has received numerous positive calls from residents concerning the door hangers.
- ➤ In fiscal 2008-09, residential and commercial customers participated in various water-saving rebate programs. However, rebate funds have been fully allocated for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and no further rebate reservations are available at this time. All applications will be honored with funding from next year's budget beginning July 1. During the next three months, the MWD will work with member agencies to revamp the overall program. No details are available yet except that landscape, commercial, industrial and institutional programs will be emphasized in the future.
- ➤ The following is a summary of the number of water-saving devices installed during fiscal year 2008-09: High-efficiency Toilets 98; High-efficiency Clothes Washers 235; Waterless Urinals 47; Irrigation Smart Timers three; Rotating Nozzles 216; and Synthetic Turf 200 square feet

Fire

- Statistics: The Department responded to 853 requests for service in May, which
 was slightly lower than the 867 requests received in May 2008. Of the 853 requests,
 730 were for medical aid, 24 were for fires, four were hazardous materials incidents,
 and 40 were service calls. Also in May, the Department responded on 77 automatic
 aid calls and received 70 in return. Of the 730 medical aid calls, 481 were advanced
 life support incidents and 249 were basic life support.
- Suppression/Notable Activity and Responses:
 - At 12:59 p.m. May 5, Engines 1, 3 and 5 were dispatched to a stabbing at Mission and Santa Ysabel avenues. Fullerton Police were in control of the scene when Engine 3 arrived. The patient had multiple stab wounds, one of which was life-threatening, with significant blood loss. The patient was treated on scene and transported to UCI Medical Center with Engine 1 Paramedics accompanying him.
 - On May 5, Engines 2, 4 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to the 2000 block of Winterwood Avenue for a reported vehicle fire threatening a structure. The first arriving unit, Engine 6, found the vehicle on fire but without any structure involvement and extinguished the fire. The other units were cancelled.
 - On May 5, Engine 5 was sent to the 2500 block of Yorba Linda Boulevard on a traffic collision involving two injured Police Officers one Fullerton and one Anaheim. Paramedics assessed the injuries, which turned out to be minor, and the two patients were transported to St. Jude Medical Center for treatment.
 - ➤ Late on May 6, an Orange County strike team was deployed to the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara; however, three hours into the deployment the crews were released. Two days later, the fire had spread and Engine 3 crew was dispatched as part of an Orange County strike team back to the Jesusita Fire. The crew of Capt. Dave Appel, Engineer/Paramedic Sean Nicolini, and Firefighters Rich Zeller and Brandon Bento returned safely May 10.
 - ➤ At 2:33 a.m. May 10, Engines 1, 2, 4 and 6, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 were sent on a single vehicle roll-over at Coyote Hills Drive and Foxwood Avenue. Two of the vehicle occupants had been ejected from the car and were pronounced dead at the scene. One patient was found in the vehicle, and was treated on scene and then transported to UCI Medical Center accompanied by Paramedics.
 - At 2:06 a.m. May 12, Engine 5 was dispatched to a fire inside the passenger compartment of a vehicle at Deerpark Drive and Madison Avenue. The fire was of suspicious origin and is being investigated by the Police.

- At 6:12 p.m. May 13, Engine 5 responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of N. Commonwealth and Nutwood avenues. One of the vehicles had struck a pedestrian on the sidewalk. After Paramedic treatment, the pedestrian was transported to UCI Medical Center for further evaluation.
- At 11:18 p.m. May 16, Engines 3 and 5 responded to the 2500 block of E. Santa Clara Avenue on a reported shooting in which two persons were hit. Paramedics treated a 22-year-old woman with a gunshot wound, and she was transported to UCI Medical Center accompanied by Engine 5 Paramedics. The second victim, a 22-year-old man, had multiple lacerations to the head and was treated by Engine 3 Paramedics and transported to St. Jude Medical Center.
- At 8:46 p.m. May 17, a 4.7 earthquake occurred in the Los Angeles area. All Engines, plus the Truck and the Battalion Chief, conducted windshield surveys of all districts and target hazards in the city. No damage was noted. Engines 1, 3 and 5 and Battalion 1 were also dispatched right after the quake on a report of a gaseous odor in the 1600 block of N. Mountain View Avenue. Crews investigated the area but did not find anything. As a precaution, the gas was shut off and the Gas Co. was notified.
- At 12:43 p.m. May 20, Truck 1 was dispatched to the 100 block of W. Truslow on an assault. The crew found a 76-year-old man who had been stabbed. Paramedics treated the victim on scene and accompanied the ambulance to UCI Medical Center. The Police are investigating the incident.
- At 10:39 p.m., Engine 2 responded on a report of a sheared-off fire hydrant caused by a vehicle accident in the 1100 block of W. Fern Drive. The crew was able to shut off the water supply until the Maintenance Services Department's Water Division unit could make repairs.

Other Activities:

- ➤ This summer, the Department is again offering its "Watch the Water" water safety class. Groups interested in scheduling a free class should call the Fire Prevention Division at (714) 738-6500.
- ➤ The Department took part in the annual Rainbow event at Grace Ministries, May 2, with crews demonstrating fire equipment and providing information on family fire safety. More than 500 children plus parents were present.
- ➤ On May 9, the Department participated in the U.S. Coast Guard Fly and Float event at the Airport. All fire apparatus including the USAR truck rotated through the event, and CERT volunteers, along with Fire Prevention staff, manned a fire safety booth.

➤ CERT Cedarhill (a mobile home park in the 2800 block of Rolling Hills Drive) spearheaded an emergency drill May 23 in cooperation with Fullerton CERT, RACES, Engine 5, and Police RSVP volunteers. The park is home to 281 units. Residents had been advised previously to display their "OK" or "HELP" signs in their windows. The "OK" sign was an indication they had left the park (or chose not to participate in the drill). The "HELP" sign was an indication the resident of a particular unit was unable to leave the park on his or her own and needed assistance. Those displaying a "HELP" sign and who had sufficient mobility were assisted to the clubhouse. In the case of a real emergency, a request would have been made for a van or bus to take them to the nearest suitable shelter. Other residents who had displayed a "HELP" sign because of major health problems or handicaps were contacted by a search and rescue team and advised that in a real emergency they would be evacuated directly from their residence via ambulance. During the drill, approximately 80 residents were identified as needing some kind of assistance during an evacuation of the park. This was the first time a full park evacuation had been attempted and it went smoothly, with only minor adjustments.

Human Resources

- Cultural Diversity Training: Four vendors have been interviewed to provide citywide cultural diversity training. A recommendation will be made to the City Manager. Training is anticipated to begin in September.
- Employee Processing: In May, staff processed one regular and one nonregular new employees, three regular promotions, and five regular and two nonregular separations.
- Employee Picnic: The Picnic Committee is finalizing plans for the "Western Roundup" employees picnic June 9 at Amerige Park. Employees will be treated to an afternoon of good company, food and entertainment.
- Liability Program: Five new claims were filed in May, 13 claims were closed, and no lawsuits were served.
- Workers' Compensation Program: Sixteen new claims were filed in May and 14 were closed. One new lawsuit was filed.

Library

 Happy Travelers: The Passport Office at the Main Library continued to be very busy In May. Staff processed 241 applications and took 57 photos. With the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative June 1, staff has seen a demand for passport services increase.

- In the Cards: In May, 762 library cards were issued to new patrons. This brings the total of new library cards issued in this fiscal year to 8,994.
- Guest Speaker: Local author Gustavo Arellano entertained a crowd of more than 100 May 4 at the Main Library. Arellano discussed his new book, "Orange County: A Personal History," which is part personal narrative and part cultural history.
- History Exhibit: In May, the Main Library hosted an exhibit in the lobby commemorating the Hindenburg disaster, which occurred May 6, 1937. The folksy exhibit, put together by local resident Dick Waltz, included a variety of historic photographs and a diorama of the fire that consumed the famous airship. The Hindenburg, which began transatlantic flights in 1936, promised to revolutionize air travel, but its destruction turned out to be the demise and eventual decline of travel by zeppelin airship. Several patrons stopped by the exhibit to read the informative captions and look at the staff-selected Library materials. Another complement to the exhibit was a trough display in the lobby of books and other items on the topic of disasters that have happened around the world.
- Summer Program: With the arrival of May, Children's Services began promoting
 the Summer Reading Club at all the public and most private schools. May 8 was the
 first visit when all the students in kindergarten through eighth grade from
 Annunciation Catholic School visited the Library. By mid-June, when school lets out,
 the Children's Services Staff will have spoken with students from 23 schools about
 the free reading program designed to keep children reading throughout the summer.
- Town and Gown: Dr. Jonathan Markley presented an interesting and informative lecture May 12 on China as part of the Library's Town & Gown lecture series. Dr. Markley dispelled many of the myths that exist relating to the Great Wall of China and shared first-hand information on the buried army of terra cotta soldiers of the Chin Dynasty. The audience at this well-attended program enjoyed his very lively presentation style and had many questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

Maintenance Services

Administration

➤ Maintenance Services received 1,693 service requests, completing 1,214 (71.7 percent) in the month. Of the seven emergency requests received, four were completed within one day. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests, 1062 or 62.7 percent of the total.

- ➤ In May, the Department's support staff received 1,494 calls an average of 84 per workday, or 42 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- ➤ In keeping with a tradition started after 9-11, U.S. flags were posted on streetlight poles in the downtown and along Harbor Boulevard the week before Memorial Day. The flags will be displayed until the week after Veterans' Day. The contract with the flag company includes services to make two inspection trips to replace damaged flags and fix tangled ones.

Facilities

- ➤ Graffiti Crews removed 50,440 square feet of graffiti from 555 sites in May, bringing the year-to-date totals to 613,730 square feet removed from 4,815 sites.
- > Staff completed 33 custodial inspections of City facilities in May. All custodial requests and concerns should be directed to Rick Stock.
- Six waterless urinals were installed at Basque Yard, two at the Airport, one at the Tennis Center and one at the Muckenthaler Cultural Center. Funding was provided by an MWD Rebate Program.
- ➤ The City Hall Elevator Renovation is under way. One elevator has been renovated and the second is under construction. Once the renovations are complete, new flooring will be installed.
- > Spray Pools were serviced at Adlena, Valencia and Lemon parks in preparation for the summer opening.
- ➤ Staff is working with Parks and Recreation., Engineering and FAST to schedule the large and small pools to be re-plastered and the drains upgraded to meet the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act.
- Sewer: In May, the Division: hydrojetted 10.63 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 29,317 linear feet of main; mechanically treated 210 sewer laterals; conducted 25 CCTV inspections of laterals; conducted 39 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 23,681 linear feet sewer mains; received five Lifeline applications and approved four; approved five large lot applications; and received 15 sewer service calls and 45 sewer service requests
- Equipment: In May, the Equipment Division performed two motorcycle inspections, seven General PM inspections, four safety inspection, one BIT inspection, 65 PMs, two smoke tests and six smog inspections.

• Landscape:

- ➤ In May, West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, pruned 13,516 trees, removed 566 trees, and planted 511 trees.
- ➤ The Division received 35 tree-related service requests in May.
- The Division received and responded to 17 reports of bee activity in May.
- Crews completed the following projects in May:
 - Installed a new Cal Sense Controller at White Park.
 - Completed the annual weed abatement contract. Additional clearance will be required.
 - Re-landscaped the Brea Boulevard median north of Rolling Hills Drive.
 - Poured concrete ramps in place at Hunt Branch Library to allow access for tree and lighting maintenance.
 - Helped two volunteer groups to complete community service projects at Gilman Park and the slope area at the end of Coyote Hills Drive.
 - Assisted a Biola College student in completing a community service project on Juanita Cooke Trail.

Water:

- ➤ In May, the Division produced 921,272,000 gallons of water. Of that amount, 53.23 percent 490,424,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 46.77 percent 430,848,000 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred in May:

		PIPE		YEAR
SIZE	LOCATION	TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	INSTALLED
6"	1430 W Flower	Cast Iron	Age	Unknown
8"	156 Marion Blvd	Cast Iron	Age	Unknown
	Euclid @ Valencia			
12"	Dr	Cast Iron	Age	1950s

• Street: In May, the Division: used 50.64 tons of asphalt for patching, 96.8 tons for digouts, and 90 tons for Water Division digouts; applied 8011 pounds of crack sealer; made 309 asphalt sidewalk repairs; ground 411 sidewalks; performed 170 square feet of asphalt planning; maintained, cleaned and fabricated 719 signs; cleaned 333 drains, 342,890 linear feet of sidewalk, and three roadway spills; swept 2,658 curb miles; and used 135 gallons of street paint.

Parks and Recreation

Capital Improvements:

- ➤ The Lions Field renovation is under construction. Various phases of work such as demolition, grading and excavation begin in the next couple of weeks and will continue into next month.
- ➤ Pre-construction on the Richman Park Field Lighting and Site Improvements Project took place last week. Construction is to begin next month, with completion expected in November.
- ➤ In response to the concerns of neighbors of Gilman Park, staff completed a review of hydrology and geo-technical data regarding the proposed tot lot. Based on the conclusions drawn from this data, the Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending postponing construction of the tot lot, but continuing with a master plan of the entire park that will thoroughly address all concerns and issues. The master plan project start date is still to be determined.
- ➤ Trail improvement conceptual plans that address access, safety, staging areas, drainage and landscape for Hiltscher Trail have been completed. Community meetings were conducted to get input on the proposed improvements. Staff continues to consult with the City Attorney on encroachment issues related to neighbors immediately to the north and south side of the trail. The neighbors directly to the north have filed a lawsuit against the City for inverse condemnation. The City Attorney is researching the claim for possible dismissal.
- ➤ Repairs and upgrades to the Brea Dam facility to meet fire and ADA requirements have been completed. Improvements such as exterior paint and roofing have been finished, and improvements to the irrigation, landscaping, and signs are under way. Design for the storm drain improvement between the two buildings has also been completed, and a contractor has been chosen.
- Construction plans have been approved for the Tennis Center renovation.
- Staff is proposing improvements to the northwest side of Laguna Lake using Supervisorial 4th District discretionary funds. Anticipated improvements include possible demolition of the old restroom adjacent to Lakeview Drive, seating/picnicking areas, a small gathering area for outdoor classes, trees, drinking fountain, and an upgraded lake aeration system to improve water quality. The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments will collaborate on preparing plans for these improvements.

- Staff is proposing that Supervisorial 4th District discretionary funds be used for improvements at Independence Park. The improvements include renovation of the entry, landscaping, pool perimeter fencing, and signage. The Parks and Recreation and Engineering departments are preparing plans for the improvements, and staff is seeking bids for work related to the project.
- > Staff will propose improvements to the Hillcrest Recreation Center or the "Red Cross Building" using 4th District discretionary funds for improved ADA access to the existing restrooms and adjacent spaces.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

- Approximately 30 citizens attended the May 4 ballot measures review presented by the League of Women Voters in preparation for the May 19 special election.
- > The center hosted an informal reception in honor of "Cinco de Mayo" by providing refreshments, video and music. More than 70 guests attended.
- ➤ On May 11, the Center celebrated "Older Americans Month" with a reception which included music, refreshments and a display of information related to contributions by Older Americans, as well as information about Senior Center programs. Nearly 60 guests attended.
- ➤ The Center's eight-week "It's Your Estate" educational program concluded May 20. The workshops were coordinated by Professional Fiduciary Services and featured various speakers each week. The attendance was high for the series, with an average weekly attendance of 60.

• Garnet Community Center:

- Garnet area residents initiated a weekly neighborhood clean-up. Every Friday, parents and children gather to pick up trash along the streets and alleys. The Center provides gloves and trash bags.
- A caregiver support group, facilitated by Olive Crest, meets every third Thursday. The group offers support for people caring for children of family members.
- North Orange County Alcoholics Anonymous will offer educational workshops on alcohol abuse and addiction the third Friday of every month through summer.
- > Mayor Pro Tem Pam Keller led a group of Garnet teens in a discussion on community issues such as safety.

• Gilbert Community Center:

- Fit-n-Fun Fridays, a new youth fitness activity, uses sports and other organized team challenges in an effort to promote fitness and physical activity.
- ➤ The Gilbert Community Planning Committee meets every Wednesday to discuss community needs and prospective projects. The group is an active contributor in the planning for the Community Health Fair June 27.
- Center staff is working closely with the Police Liaison Officer and families from Parkin Gardens apartments regarding family interventions and truancy issues.

• Richman Community Center:

- ➤ St. Jude Medical Center and the Richman Center collaborated in hosting the "Healthy Moms Healthy Families Health Fair" in May. Approximately 200 people participated in the free health fair, which offered free mammograms for women 40 and over, clinical breast exams, breast self-exam education, blood pressure tests, blood glucose screenings, children's dental screening, and nutrition and physical activity workshops. A total of 26 women had mammograms.
- After months of anticipation, the Richman Teen Scene is now open. Thirty teens are enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 18. Youth in Action teens have been meeting regularly to plan a dance, car wash and other activities. The computer lab is also open.
- Tiny Tots: To date, 18 new families from the Preschool Wait List have been able to join currently enrolled preschoolers for the 12 summer sessions.

• Independence Park:

- ➤ All four racquetball courts are consistently full from 5-9 p.m.
- A small group of Raytheon employees are keeping up their weekly basketball workouts Mondays and Wednesdays. Senior volleyball continues with a group of seniors from the Senior Multi-Service Center Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Summer Playgrounds: Preparations are being made for the free Summer Playgrounds program at five parks from noon-4 p.m. weekdays. Registration for the Hillcrest Day Camp and Summer Playgrounds is increasing.

• After-School Programs:

➤ The continued support of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County every Monday and Wednesday is going well, with many kids being mentored. Arrangements are being made to continue the program into next year.

- ➤ Early registration for the fall/spring 2009-10 After-School Program at the Maple and Orangethorpe centers is continuing with much success.
- ➤ The Maple and Orangethorpe After-School programs began their five-game competitive basketball series May 22, with Orangethorpe winning the first game.
- ➤ The Orangethorpe After-School Program presented an Open House May 21. Students brought their families to explore their various projects, participate in fun activities, and watch a short slide show.
- ➤ The collaboration between the After-School Program and Cal State Fullerton is continuing. CSUF interns are implementing and planning fun educational activities and sports programs for our various groups at both sites.

Tennis Center:

- ➤ With near perfect weather, May has been a successful month. The Servite High boys' team hosted its league tournament May 7-8. Eight schools participated.
- On May 15, the Center hosted the 5th Annual NAMI Charity Tournament, benefiting the mentally challenged. There were 150 participants - the most ever for this event.
- ➤ The Center was also the site for the 31st Annual NOCTC Junior Satellite over Memorial Day weekend. This year the Satellite had 138 players ages 10-16. This is an entry level tournament in which the NOCTC partners with the City.

"Get Outdoors:"

- "Strolling the Trails" hikes continue to gain popularity. Residents who are just starting a walking program or have not exercised in some time have the opportunity to enjoy our trails at a leisurely pace. The other hiking classes continue to attract residents who have never seen our trails and are looking for a low-impact form of exercise.
- "Get Outdoors" offered its first survival hike for a group of fifth grade students from Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chen's Montessori School. Students learned the 10 essentials for hiking or camping and "Leave No Trace" principals. After hiking the Brea Dam Recreational Area, the students gathered at the park to learn more about survival techniques including ways to start a campfire and how to use a compass. After feasting on hot dogs and backpacking food, many of the students said "This was one of the best field trips we have ever been on!"

Cultural and Events:

- ➤ Education events in May centered around tours of the "Forever Fullerton: Julius Shulman" exhibit and special activities. School tours in May totaled 105 visitors, with students from Troy High School, Fullerton College, and Whaley Middle School in Compton participating. The Museum also hosted a women's group that especially enjoyed the scenes from the 1950s.
- "Forever Fullerton" also provided the inspiration for the annual GATE Family Night, co-hosted by the Museum and the Fullerton School District GATE Parents' Organization. Approximately 140 visitors attended, enjoying docent tours of the gallery and a hands-on art workshop based on the art of mid-century Fullerton artist Florence Arnold.
- After-school programming finished the school year with the final session of Wednesday Studio and the Guitar Gateways Spring Concert May 5. Approximately 50 people attended, marking the culmination of the Museum's second full year of music education programming. Another guitar-related activity was the Servite High School Guitar Ensemble Concert at the Museum May 15.
- > The Museum was the proud host of the "Congressional Art Contest Show and Reception" May 12. More than 50 works of original art by high school students in Representative Ed Royce's district were displayed in the Museum auditorium. A steady stream of students and parents were in attendance.
- ➤ Off-site, grant-funded Museum education programming is drawing to an end for the academic year. "Project Safe" art classes at La Habra and Fullerton high schools ended in May. Forty-five students participated, and a display of their art will be held at the new La Sierra High School library this fall.

Police

Patrol:

- ➤ Officers responded to Lemon Park regarding a report of a man down inside the men's bathroom. Officer Bolden arrived and found citizens performing CPR on the victim. Officer Bolden assisted with the CPR until Paramedics arrived. The man was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Jude Medical. The Coroner concluded the cause of death was most likely some type of drug overdose.
- ➤ Officer Phu tried to make a car stop for vehicle code violations, but lost the car in a residential tract in Placentia. Officer Phu found the car, still occupied by two people, parked in a residence driveway in the area of Chapman and Melody in Placentia. Further investigation found both occupants of the car were parolees at large and were taken into custody. Good proactive work by Officer Phu.

- Two men were involved in an argument at a local park. The suspect returned to the park the following day, walked up to the victim and, without saying a word, stabbed him once in the stomach and then fled on foot. The victim was taken to UCI Medical Center where he was treated and released. Detectives responded to assist, but were unable to locate the suspect.
- ➤ Officers Gharah and Valdiserri spotted two FTT juvenile gang members vandalizing the front window of a store. The suspects were using a device to etch the glass. Both were taken into custody without incident.
- ➤ A 17-year-old youth was sitting on a bus bench when he was approached by approximately five men. A fight ensued and two of the suspects began punching the youth, knocking him to the ground where he struck the back of his head and was rendered unconscious. One of the suspects was taken into custody. The victim was taken to St. Jude Medical and released shortly thereafter. Detective Cicciarelli handled the investigation due to the ties to La Vista High School.
- ➤ Corporal DuFresne responded to Fern Drive, east of Stevens Street, regarding a hit-and-run of a fire hydrant. As luck would have it, both Fern and Stevens were being re-graded and the streets were dirt and gravel. Water from the broken hydrant washed away a significant amount of the dirt and gravel. Unit 340, the Maintenance Services night emergency crew, was notified and responded. Barricades were set up to control vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area. City and private crews were on scene repairing pipe and asphalt. Businesses in the area were affected by the lack of customer traffic and a lack of water.
- A group of approximately 30 volunteers from First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton descended upon the Police Department as part of their "Graceworks Day." The group waxed and detailed 25 Police cars. This was part of a larger outreach for the church in which nearly 2,000 congregation members fanned out to work on projects throughout North Orange County. This is the third year they have worked on Police vehicles, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.
- ➤ Corporal Diaz conducted a bike stop in the parking structure at 110 E. Wilshire Ave. where there have been several auto burglaries lately. Diaz immediately noticed the barrel of a gun protruding from underneath the suspect's jacket. The suspect was held at gun point until Corporal Contino and Officer Valdiserri arrived. The suspect was found to be in possession of a modified automatic BB gun replica and a homemade fixed blade knife. He was arrested without incident. Good job by the Echo Unit.
- Anaheim Detectives working a carjacking investigation asked for assistance as they followed a stolen vehicle north on the 57 freeway. The vehicle exited at Yorba Linda Boulevard as Fullerton Officer Ramos arrived on scene. As he was westbound on Yorba Linda, Officer Ramos was involved in a collision with a marked Anaheim unit. Both Officers were transported to St. Jude Medical Center

with minor injuries. The suspect in the stolen car continued to the area of Bastanchury and Excelsa, where he abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Fullerton Officers, along with Anaheim, Placentia and CSUF, established a large perimeter and searched for hours, but were unable to locate the suspect. At 7:30 p.m., a resident called the Police regarding a stranger walking down the street from the area of Craig Park. On arrival, Officer Tonon located a suspicious car parked on the street. As he talked to the driver of the car, he noticed a man hiding on the backseat floorboard. When the man got out of the car, Tonon discovered he had a Taser dart in his body. Coincidentally, the subject who had successfully eluded Officers earlier in the day had also been hit with a Taser dart. Anaheim Officers responded to the scene and positively identified our subject as the same suspect who had eluded them earlier that day. Apparently, the suspect had remained hidden in foliage between houses for more than seven hours before calling a buddy to pick him up.

➤ Gang Detectives Radus and Garcia conducted a probation search at a 17-yearold gang member's home. During the search, a sawed-off M1 rifle and ammunition were located in the garage. The gang member was booked and transferred to Juvenile Hall. Excellent arrest by the Gang Unit, taking a rifle and gang member off the street.