Council Briefing

November 2009

Administrative Services

Fiscal Services:

- New Police alarm permits issued in October totaled 25, bringing the fiscal year total to 117. The total number of active permits as of Oct. 31 was 4,959.
- ➤ Invoices billed in October totaled 474, with a valuation of \$246,719. Invoices billed for fiscal 2009-10 to-date total 2,028, with a valuation of \$1,610,194.
- ➤ General checks and direct deposits in October totaled 799 and 281, respectively, with a valuation of \$8,508,108. The number of general checks and direct deposits for the fiscal year-to-date total 2,744 and 1,021, respectively, with a valuation of \$27,579,373.

Information Technology:

- Staff implemented the recommendations of a security assessment done by an outside security firm. The recommendations will help further secure the network and the data for the city.
- > Staff updated the latest version of VERSADEX software on the new GOBOOKS for the Police Department. This version will allow Officers to connect to the new hardware that was recently installed.
- Purchasing: In October, the Division: created approximately 60 purchase orders; saved \$3,738 through early payment discounts and \$5,148 through competitive quotes, cooperative purchases, and state/government resources; and brought in an additional \$15,968 through the sale of surplus vehicles and equipment. In October, Central Services ran 86,689 copies and processed 12,471 pieces of mail.

Revenue:

- ➤ In October, 217 new business registration certificates were issued. Of that total, 138 were businesses in Fullerton and 29 were businesses located out of the city, but conducting business here. Business tax collected totaled \$15,631.
- A total of 151 businesses closed in October: 43 in the city and 108 out of the city.
- ➤ Business certificates renewed in October numbered 740, which totaled \$91,515.54 in business tax collected.
- Utility Services: In September, the Division answered 2,672 calls and processed 3,783 cash register transactions totaling \$8,740,423. Of the transactions, 1,144 were credit cards, 1,189 were checks, 642 were cash, and 145 were direct deposits.

Development Services

Building Division:

- ➤ Inspection stops in October totaled 844, and resulted in 1,203 inspections. The average daily inspection load was 63, and the average number of daily inspections per inspector totaled 14. Additionally, inspectors responded to 23 building and eight NPDES complaints and completed 44 ancillary plan checks.
- ➤ In October, 201 (including 44 ancillary plans) plans were submitted for plan check. Of that total, 73 plans were checked the same day at the counter. There was a total of 1,517 visitors (an 8.9 percent increase from October 2008) to the permit counter, and 505 permits and plan checks (a 17 percent increase from October 2008) with total valuation of \$2,644,092.
- As part of a continuous public outreach effort, staff manned information booths at the Farmers' Market and at the Library's "Fullerton Reads Book Festival" Oct. 17.
- ➤ The Division and Southern California Edison Co. will co-sponsor a "Build It Green Professional Training" event Dec. 1-4. This major Green Certification Training Program will be held at the City Yard.
- Construction of retaining walls at Lions Field is 60 percent complete as part of the field renovation project. Placement of underground utilities and drainage system is under way.
- > Staff has completed the re-check of design development plans for the Main Library expansion project. A correction list has been mailed to the architect, and staff is waiting for submission of the corrected plans.
- ➤ Grace Ministries The building is 98 percent complete, as is the site work. Staff has completed review of the as-built architectural plans, and is planning for final inspection

- next week. There are several issues with the required fire doors. Meanwhile, the City continues to provide a safety watch Friday and Sunday for special events.
- ➤ The addition to Roscoe's Deli, 118 W. Commonwealth Ave. is getting ready for final Building and Health Department inspections.
- ➤ The interior remodel for the new Kohl's at 3204 Yorba Linda Blvd. is in progress. Staff has approved a request for extension of the TCO.
- Community Preservation: In October, the Division had 595 active cases; received 239 complaints (1,217 year-to-date); resolved 246 complaints (1.048); conducted 790 inspections (3,197); issued 133 courtesy notices (459), 107 first notices of violations (510), and 29 citations (156); granted 27 extensions (130); received 22 graffiti complaints (61); sent 73 compliance letters (234); arranged for the pick up of 83 large items, such as sofas and appliances (163); and billed \$6,300 in revenue (\$25,160).

Engineering

- Project Development and Design:
 - ➢ Bid opening is set for Nov. 17 on the Sewer Reconstruction Project in the Magnolia Avenue/Carol Drive area. The item is expected to be brought to Council for awarding at the Dec. 1 Council session. The scope of work includes re-directing the existing sewer main adjacent to Fullerton Creek to Carol; restoration of the sewer on Carol, west of Magnolia; and sewer reconstruction on Waldo, Kellogg, Turner and Edward avenues between Commonwealth Avenue and Fullerton Creek Channel. Construction is anticipated to begin next winter.
 - ➢ Bid opening is set for Nov. 18 on the Residential Street Reconstruction Project in the Magnolia Avenue/Carol Drive area. The item is expected to be brought to Council for awarding at the Dec. 1 Council session. The project scope includes reconstruction of Carol Drive west of Magnolia, and Waldo, Kellogg, Turner and Edward avenues between Commonwealth Avenue and Fullerton Creek Channel; new handicap accessible ramps at all street corners; new cross gutters; manhole and water valve adjustments; and street striping. Construction is expected to begin next spring.

Construction Management:

- ➤ Work was completed by the end of October on miscellaneous Storm Drain Repair work on-Las Faldas Drive and on Laguna Lake.
- ➤ Work is expected to be completed this month on the Magnolia Avenue Reconstruction and Independence Park Renovation and Safety Improvements.

- ➤ Following Council approval in October, construction has begun in preparation for the volunteer playground/park renovation event Nov. 12 at Olive Park. Improvements will include excavation of the tot lot area, concrete play curb, restoration of the damaged concrete walk, and removal of existing park benches and trash can. A professionally assisted volunteer effort will include installation of the playground area, new park benches and trash receptacle, landscape edging and new plants, two security lighting fixtures, and a new sign. Estimated construction cost is \$30,000.
- ➤ Work is expected to be finished this month on the Carhart Avenue Area Storm Drain Project. The contractor, Garcia Juarez Construction Inc., began work in August. A 24-inch storm drain has been installed on Carhart, north of Malvern Avenue; road reconstruction is complete; and catch basins have been installed at various locations. Completion is scheduled for this month.

Water Engineering:

- ➤ The Water System Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade was completed in July. Aqua Controls Inc. installed new remote telemetry units, antennas, security intrusion devices, site programming, and computer software/hardware at the City Yard. The 12-month warranty period is in effect, during which time the installer will correct any issues that arise and provide emergency support to the system.
- ➤ On Sept. 29, 2008, the City Manager mandated a 10 percent reduction in water consumption from the three-year average of 2004, 2005, and 2006. Since then, Water Engineering, along with the Parks and Recreation and Maintenance Services departments, have been actively working together to reduce water usage at all City-operated sites. As of this September, a 20 percent reduction was achieved, with a savings of approximately 38.6 million gallons. During the first quarter of the current fiscal year, a 10 percent water savings was realized in acre foot usage when compared with the five-year average for the same period.
- ➤ In May 2009, the MWD indicated rebate funds had been fully allocated for the remainder of the fiscal year (June 2009). In September, the MWD restarted its rebate programs which apply to water-saving devices (e.g., artificial turf, sprinkler heads, toilets), and began accepting applications. The residential rebate program works on a "first come, first served" basis, whereas the commercial rebate program requires an applicant to obtain a reservation prior to installing or purchasing any water-saving device.

Fire

Statistics:

➤ The Department responded to 984 requests for service in October, which was down from the 1,021 requests received in October 2008. Of that number, 710 were medical aid calls, 23 were fires, 10 were hazardous materials incidents, and 62 were service calls. In

- addition, the Department responded on 90 automatic aid calls, and received 104. Of the 710 medical aid calls, 472 were Advanced Life Support and 238 were Basic Life Support.
- ➤ The Department cleared 28 weed abatement cases in October, leaving 68 active. There is a total of 276 weed abatement cases in the system.

Suppression:

- At 11:28 a.m. Oct. 10, Engine 3 responded on a report of a vehicle fire off the 91 Freeway at State College Boulevard. On arrival, crews found a semi-truck trailer with a smoldering brake at the rear axle. The crew extinguished the fire. Several horses had been removed from the trailer prior to Engine 3's arrival.
- At 5:13 p.m. Oct. 11, Engines 1, 2 and 6, USAR 1 and Anaheim Truck 2 were dispatched to a report of a vehicle into a building in the 800 block of W. Orangethorpe Avenue. While en route, Dispatch notified the crews the incident was non-injury and to cancel all additional units. Engine 2 continued in and, on inspection, requested USAR 1 to respond and evaluate the structure. It was determined the building was unstable, and USAR 1 shored up the front wall.
- At 10:07 a.m. Oct. 15, Engine 5, Truck 1 and Battalion 1, with neighboring units, responded to a residential structure fire in an upstairs bathroom. On arrival, the fire was already out but there was smoke throughout the residence. Orange Country Truck 34 cleared the smoke. There was only minor damage to the bathroom wall and it appears the fire had been caused by a burning candle.
- At 7:19 p.m. Oct. 20, Engine 2 was called to a double stabbing involving two youths in the 1300 block of Peckham Avenue. Both were taken to area hospitals.
- ➤ At 9:54 p.m. Oct. 20, Engine 1, Truck 1 and Battalion 1 responded to a traffic accident involving an overturned car with a person trapped inside. Truck 1 crew extricated the trapped woman and Paramedics escorted her to the hospital.
- At 2:14 a.m. Oct. 23, Engines 2 and 6 were dispatched to the 2600 block of Monterey Place on a car over an embankment. Crews secured the vehicle and helped the occupant out of the vehicle. The occupant refused medical treatment. Engine 6 remained on scene until the vehicle was removed from the ditch.
- At 3 p.m. Oct. 27, Engine 2 responded on a report of a dumpster fire in the 2600 block of W. Porter Avenue. Nearby residents had attempted to extinguish the fire with garden hoses but were unable to do so. Engine 2 crew extinguished the fire. A cause for the fire could not be determined.

Downtown Activities:

- ➤ At 10:27 p.m. Oct. 16, Engine 1, Truck 1 and the Police were dispatched on a report of an assault in the downtown. A 24-year-old male had been involved in a fight. Paramedics treated the patient and escorted him to St. Jude.
- At 2:09 a.m. Oct. 22, Truck 1 was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Commonwealth Avenue and, on arrival, found two males on the ground as a result of fighting. After assessment, the Truck crew requested Paramedic Unit 1 to respond, and both patients were transported to St. Jude Medical Center.

Other Activities:

- ➤ City employees participated in an emergency preparedness drill Oct. 15. Training Battalion Chief Rick Riley provided guidance throughout the exercise. Also present were CERT and RACES members who, along with local hospitals and businesses, participated in the "Great California Shakeout." RACES members tested a partial activation of a backup communication system.
- ➤ Restoration of the 1962 Crown Fire Engine is nearing completion under the leadership of Capt. Ben Garrett, Tim Hartinger and many talented coworkers. Assisting in the restoration was Fullerton High School Body Shop manager Brian McMann and his volunteers. The engine served the City for 30 years (1962 1992) and when restoration is complete, it will be displayed at various events.
- ➤ CERT Instructor Fernando Villicana, along with CERT leaders, provided training to approximately 55 teachers and staff from the Fullerton School District. The sessions consisted of the three consecutive eight-hour classes necessary to become certified as a Community Emergency Response Team member.
- ➤ The Department hosted a fund-raising Pancake Breakfast/Open House Oct. 10 in recognition of "Fire Prevention Month." All materials for the breakfast were donated, and more than 400 meals were served. Volunteers from Fire, Police, CERT, Police RSVP, MG Disposal, and the Police and Fire Explorers donated their time to cook, serve, give tours, provide child fingerprinting services, and staff booths. On duty personnel conducted a live fire rescue demonstration. Money raised will support CERT and public education programs.

Human Resources

Recruitments:

➤ The recruitment for Administrative Services Director is under way. Applications will be accepted until Dec. 9, with an appointment anticipated by March.

- Firefighter recruitment is under way. Of the 857 applications received, 810 were invited to a written exam. The top scorers will be called back to participate in oral interviews. Staff anticipates completing the recruitment by mid-January.
- > A promotional recruitment for Police Captain is in progress, and recruitments for Fire Captain and Fire Engineer have tentatively been scheduled for December.
- Human Resources Information System: Staff continues to meet with the vendor on a bi-weekly basis and with Information Technology on a weekly basis in preparation for implementation of the new HRIS system, which will work in concert with the new Finance and Payroll system. The expected go-live date is April 2010.
- Employee Processing: In October, staff processed four nonregular new employees, one nonregular employee promotion, and one regular employee separation.
- Liability Program: Six new claims were filed in October, 10 were closed and no lawsuits were served.
- Workers' Compensation Program: In October, 14 new claims were filed and nine were closed. One new lawsuit was received.

Library

- Circulation Grows: Fullerton Public Library circulated a total of 88,651 items in October. a 7 percent increase over October 2008. The Library has 81,982 registered borrowers.
- "Fullerton Reads:" In October, the Library presented 28 different programs relating to the "Fullerton Reads" book "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle," as well as an all-day book festival. The combined total attendance exceeded 1,700.
- School Night: On Oct. 6 the Library held its annual "School Night @ the Library Science Celebration." The event, part of the month-long "Fullerton Reads" program, featured an ecomagic show designed to encourage children to reduce, reuse and recycle. The audience then visited stations set up around the auditorium that were operated by community partners from the Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton College, Fullerton Museum Center, and the Fullerton School District Lead Science Teachers. The Library also had stations featuring a recycling craft and alternative energy activity. This event had an attendance of 257.
- Cool Treat: More than 110 people had a hot time creating a cool treat Oct. 22. The
 Library, partnering with Fullerton High School's Future Farmers of America, taught the teens
 to make their own ice cream. The group shook, rattled and rolled the ice salt, sugar and
 cream to make their own "eat local" treat.

- Food Films: In October, the Main Library showed a series of four food-related films, as well as the regularly scheduled Independent film. Approximately 200 people attended.
- Business Help: The one-on-one business counseling that takes place at the Main Library Monday mornings remains very popular. In October, more than a dozen business or prospective business people received useful information on how to start or grown their business. Trained counselors from SCORE worked with members of the local community to help answer business questions.
- School Visit: The entire fifth grade from Maple Elementary School visited the Library to learn about resources available to students. In preparation for their state reports, the children were introduced to the electronic resources available both in the Library and on-line. Each student was given a tip sheet with brief instructions on using the Library's website, as well as other suggested websites. The students also were given a tour as well as a short talk on how to do research with printed sources.

Maintenance Services

Administration:

- ➤ In October, the Department received 1,221 service requests, of which 1,025 (83.9 percent) were completed within the month. Of the 21 emergency requests received, 19 have been completed. The Building and Facilities Division received the most requests 702, or 57.5 percent of the total.
- ➤ In October, The Department's support staff received 1,521 calls, an average of 80 per workday, or 40 for each of our two primary customer service personnel.
- ➤ The Department's analysis team recently completed its audit of Maintenance Services' Graffiti Removal program. The audit report is being reviewed by the Maintenance Services Director and will be sent to the City Manager soon. The team is also continuing its work on audits of Community Development's Building and Safety Division and Maintenance Services' Vehicle Replacement Program.
- The contractor will be out the week after Veterans' Day to remove the U.S. flags from City light poles. The flags will be replaced with new ones the week before Memorial Day.

Facilities Division:

- ➤ Graffiti crews removed 56,950 square feet of graffiti from 449 sites in October, bringing the year-to-date totals to 224,600 square feet removed from 1,931 sites.
- Staff completed 54 custodial inspections of City facilities in October.

- ➤ The project to replace the jail elevator and upgrade the Police Department's Highland building elevator will go out for bid in the next few months.
- The project to upgrade Independence Park's small pool is in the planning stages.
- Sewer Division: In October, the Division: hydrojetted 2.90 miles of sewer main; root cut/mechanically treated 1,524 linear feet of sewer main; mechanically treated 216 sewer laterals; conducted 18 CCTV inspections of laterals and 62 Source Control inspections; conducted CCTV inspections of 19,117 linear feet of sewer main; approved one Lifeline and one Large Lot applications; received 31 sewer fee calls; and received 49 sewer service requests. Also in October, there were no public or private sewer overflows reported.
- Equipment Division: In October, the Division performed five motorcycle inspections, one safety inspection, 25 general preventive maintenance (PM) inspections, seven BIT inspections, 63 PMs, four smog inspections, and three smoke tests.

Water Division:

- ➤ In October, the Division produced 794,510,200 gallons of water. Of that amount 55.64 percent 442,090,000 gallons were pumped from wells and 44.36 percent 352,420,200 gallons were purchased from the MWD.
- > Following is the list of water main line breaks that occurred during October:

		PIPE		YEAR
SIZE	LOCATION	TYPE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	INSTALLED
6"	2255 Skyline Dr	Cast Iron	Equipment Failure	1960's
			Construction	
6"	1433 Rolling Hills	Cast Iron	Activities	Unknown
6"	1901 Skyline Dr	Cast Iron	Equipment Failure	1960's
8"	1726 Rosslynn	Cast Iron	Age	1950's

Landscape Division:

- West Coast Arborists, the City's contract tree-trimming company, has performed the following services since July 1: pruned 6,561 trees, removed 344, and planted 96.
- > The Division received 74 tree-related and 38 landscape-related service requests in October.
- ➤ Red Imported Fire Ants were reported at several locations in October. Additional staff was scheduled to assist in the effort to combat a rather large and rapid infestation which occurred after our first significant rain. Staff has reported control measures are working very positively.

- ➤ The Division responded to nine reports of bee activity in October.
- In October, activities for crews included:
 - o Crews completed repairs on fencing, repainted poles and cleared brush from the Panorama Trail.
 - o Installed a new drainage system for the Red Cross Building drinking fountain at Hillcrest Park.
 - o Aerated and fertilized fields at Bastanchury, Grissom and Richman parks and the Fullerton Sports Complex .
 - o Reconditioned the vandalized overview sign at Mountain View Park.
- Street Division: In October, the Division: used 69 tons of asphalt for patching, 15 tons for street digouts, and 55 tons for Water Division digouts: made 24 asphalt sidewalk repairs; ground 231 sidewalks; cleaned 16,990 linear feet of channel and 333 drains; maintained, fabricated and cleaned 834 signs; steam-cleaned 200,404 square feet of sidewalk; cleaned 333,707 linear feet of sidewalk and two roadway spills; swept 3,369 curb miles; applied 64.46 tons of asphalt skin patch; and applied 460 gallons of street paint

Parks and Recreation

- Capital Improvements:
 - Construction for the field lighting portion of Richman Park Field Lighting and Site Improvements Project was completed in October, and the field is back to full use. The second phase grading, turf, walkways, backstops, seating areas, and landscaping is estimated to be completed by July. Staff, per Council direction, is exploring the feasibility of installing artificial turf in place of natural turf.
 - Construction plans are being resubmitted by the architect to various agencies for approval of the Tennis Center Pavilion renovation. Plans are estimated to go out to bid in the next four months.
 - Improvements to the northwest side of Laguna Lake using County grant funds were completed in October. Improvements included renovation of the old restroom adjacent to Lakeview Drive, seating/picnicking areas, a gathering area for outdoor classes, a drinking fountain, and an upgraded aeration system to improve lake water quality.
 - > County grant funds are being used for improvements at Independence Park. The improvements, which are expected to be completed this month, include hardscape

renovation at the entry and to various buildings on the site. Staff will coordinate with Maintenance Services to landscape the improved areas.

- ➤ County grant funds are being used for improvements to the Hillcrest Park "Red Cross Building." The improvements, expected to be completed this month, will provide improved ADA access to the existing restrooms and adjacent spaces.
- ➤ Staff and the Hillcrest Park Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee continue to meet on the Master Plan Project. Staff and the Hillcrest Park Master Planning Committee, interviewed five "short-listed" landscape architecture firms and selected one to recommend to Council for approval. Staff is reviewing the architect's proposal and will move toward formalizing an agreement pending Council approval.
- ➤ The Parks and Recreation Commission has approved a preliminary plan to initiate renovation of the UP Park, with the toxic clean-up pending. The Commission appointed two members to serve on an ad hoc planning committee, and directed staff to recruit area residents to also serve on the committee.

Senior Multi-Service Center:

- ➤ Trained volunteers are co-teaching a six-week "Healthy Living" class, focusing on principles to aid those with chronic health conditions. The program is sponsored by the AmeriCorps volunteer service organization.
- ➤ The annual eight-week financial management educational series, "It's Your Money," ended Oct. 22. Attendance was consistently strong throughout the series. The free program, sponsored by several nonprofit agencies, featured local financial professionals who addressed different topics each week.
- Fifteen individuals attended a "Healthy Holiday Cooking" class Oct. 22. The workshop was sponsored by Talbert Medical Group.
- Pharmacist Bill Liu, of the Orange County Health Care Agency and Older Adult Program staff, provided medication evaluations and counseling, by limited appointments, Oct. 26. The clinic was arranged by Lori Funke, site nurse for the county Preventive Health Care for Adults program.

Garnet and Gilbert Community Centers:

- Fifty teens from the Centers participated in a field trip to Knott's Scary Farm Oct. 9 and the "Rocktober Festival" at Santa Monica Pier Oct. 16.
- ➤ On Oct. 14 the Centers' Teen Scene programs hosted, along with the Richman Teen Scene, the "IMIN Kickoff Event" at Independence Park. IMIN is a social networking website which provides opportunities for teens to participate in clubs and share interests, projects and opinions on a variety of themes.

- Twenty-two staff members and volunteers received certification as helmet fitters. They will fit and distribute 300 bicycle and other wheeled sport helmets to children at the Garnet, Gilbert, Maple, Orangethorpe and Richman centers. The helmets are provided through a grant from the Orange County Health Care Agency Injury Prevention Program.
- "Combating Childhood Obesity" was the theme of a training session provided by St. Jude Medical Center to staff from both centers. Staff will utilize the training to implement wellness programs as part of the service learning activities for the KaBOOM! project at Olive Park, and for the "Fun 'n Fit Friday" fitness activities at both Centers.

Orangethorpe and Maple After-School:

- Maple's After-School Program, in collaboration in Maple Elementary School's "Mind, Math and Music" Program, has provided keyboard lessons to specific program participants. More than second-graders and seven sixth-graders are participating in the lessons.
- ➤ The Big Brother/Big Sisters of Orange County began mentoring programs in October. Currently more than 40 school-aged participants are involved in the program on a weekly basis.
- The two programs are participating in the Fullerton School District fall football season. Orangethorpe is close to making the semi-finals for the season!
- ➤ The programs' collaboration continues with California State University, Fullerton. Student tutors are supporting the educational enrichment of participants.
- Maple and Orangethorpe After-School programs held their first Parent Activity Committee meeting this month. Maple had five community members and parents attend Oct 26 and Orangethorpe had 10 in attendance Oct 27.
- ➤ "Playgrounds on the Go!" rentals continue to be high. In October, rentals occurred every weekend, sometimes both on Saturday and Sunday.

• Independence Park:

- ➤ A small group of Raytheon employees have been keeping up with weekly basketball workouts. The senior volleyball activity also continues to provide health and wellness for a consistent group from our Senior Center.
- > Several Olympic hopefuls continued training at the Janet Evans Swim Complex this month. The facility is one of three in the country chosen as training facilities for post-graduate athletes.

Richman Community Center:

- ➤ The Center, Teen Scene and YMCA Youth Achievers programs hosted a Halloween party Oct. 30. There were approximately 100 people in attendance.
- > Staff began work on a Bicycle Safety mini-grant program. Promotion began with ESL classes and the Parent Activity Committee. Safety brochures will be made available at the Center.
- ➤ The Parent Activity Committee met twice in October. Parents were informed as to how they could get involved in the Center as volunteers.
- ➤ Sixteen "Playgrounds on the Go" participants continue to practice flag football. They were successful in winning their game against Orangethorpe 20–7.
- ➤ Thirty-seven teens went to Knott's "Scary Farm" Oct. 9 and 25 Richman teens rocked out at the Southern California Teen Coalition's "Rocktober" event Oct. 16 at the Santa Monica Pier.
- ➤ There are 31 students enrolled in the Center's beginning ESL class. Instructor Shin Song will be promoting seven students into the intermediate/advanced class. There are eleven beginning students on the waiting list.
- "Youth In Action" participants built an altar to display at Fullerton College's annual "Dia de Los Muertos" event. This cultural event was an opportunity to bring the leaders of each community center together.

• Tiny Tots:

- ➤ The renovation taking place at Independence Park added fun educational experiences for 41 preschoolers.
- > Emergency drills and safety rules were practiced in all three classes.
- > The end of October was celebrated with three "Boo-Fests."

Tennis Center:

- ➤ In October, the Center had nearly 7,000 people play at the facility. The Rosary High School girls team is in the middle of its regular season, as well as numerous USTA adult teams. The Center was one of the host sites for the Yamasaki Junior Designated Tournament held the last two weekends of October. There were 1,100 entrants ages 10-18 competing from all over Southern California.
- ➤ In addition to the USTA adult teams, both the "Sundowners" and "Hill and Canyon" women's leagues began their schedules. .

➤ The Juniors program had 114 youths taking classes in October, with a new "Futures" class beginning for 5-7-year-olds.

"Get Outdoors:"

- ➤ "Get Outdoors!" conducted the first three of several scheduled outdoor science programs at Laguna Lake. Sunset Lane Elementary fourth graders enjoyed a great day of learning, with discussions of the aquatic ecosystem, fish biology and a tour of the lake. Additionally, the students learned how to cast a fishing rod, enjoyed a scavenger hunt and experienced the art of Gyotaku – Japanese fish painting. Parent volunteers guided the students through the day.
- ➣ "Get Outdoors!" is also working in conjunction with the Family and Senior Services Division to provide more fishing opportunities. The recent National Parks and Recreation Association "Take Me Fishing" grant will provide programs for both the Senior Center and various after-school facilities staffed by the City.

Cultural and Events:

- ➤ The Thursday Market season wrapped up Oct. 29 with "OktoBOOfest," which provided free games and trick-or-treat bags to approximately 300 children, plus costume parades, a pumpkin contest, rides, and a costume contest for adults.
- ➤ The 45th Annual "A Night in Fullerton" event took place Oct. 10. The event had 10 participating sites throughout Downtown Fullerton and 16 vendors in the Downtown Plaza. Attendance was slightly lower and there were fewer participating organizations from previous years. Staff is scheduled to have a wrap up meeting to discuss the overall plan for the event for the coming year.
- > During October the Museum continued the "Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours." Two additional tours were added due to the popularity of the program.
- ➤ The "100 Worst Album Covers" exhibit closed with a "Family Day" Oct. 18. The event drew 130 guests. Arts and crafts and a scavenger hunt were offered for children.

Police

Patrol:

Corporal Jay Cicinelli and Officers Darryl Bermender and Frank Nguyen were investigating a traffic collision on the 91 Freeway. One of the parties, who was drunk, interfered with the Officers several times by being belligerent and confrontational with the officers. The individual was placed under arrest.

- Officer Jonathan Miller made a car stop for a tinted window and turn signal violation in the area of the 91 Freeway at Raymond Avenue. He contacted the driver and found her to be displaying symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance. He requested K9 Officer Boline and his partner, Blitz. Blitz alerted to the presence of a controlled substance in the car and a subsequent search found 16.7 grams of individually packaged cocaine. All the packaging was labeled with prices ready to sell and "pay owe" sheets were found in the car, as well. Great investigation by both Officers and Blitz.
- ➤ Detectives Hugo Garcia and Jonathan Radus of the Gang Unit were patrolling an area where gang members have been known to hang out. They saw six subjects in a group and, on contacting them, discovered two had loaded firearms in their possession. The two, who were gang members, were arrested. Good work by the Gang Unit to get a couple of guns and gangsters off the streets.
- ➤ Police in October investigated a three-car collision which occurred when the driver of one of the cars had a mechanical breakdown and called a friend for help. The friend arrived to assist and stopped behind the first car. As they stood between the two cars, a third driver apparently did not see the cars stopped in the road and crashed into them pinning the two subjects between the cars. Both subjects were taken to UCI Medical Center. Injuries were not life-threatening.
- A disagreement between acquaintances turned violent when one subject picked up an empty 32-ounce glass bottle and hit the other on the head. The suspect fled but later returned as Officers were speaking with the victim. The victim pointed out the suspect to Officers who arrested him for the assault. The victim sustained cuts to his head and was treated at St. Jude Medical Center.
- Corporal Michael Bova was in the area of Yorba Linda Boulevard and the 57 Freeway when he saw two men in dark clothing walking in the area. When he tried to contact the subjects both fled on foot. The men were later located in the bushes along the 57 Freeway. A replica gun was found near one subject, which he admitted to discarding while running away. Both were arrested.

Redevelopment and Economic Development

• West Avenue – Olson Company: The Olson Company's proposed affordable housing project has been approved by the Redevelopment Design Review Committee and will be considered by the Planning Commission this month. Council review is set for mid-December. The 34-unit affordable housing development is proposed for along the south side of the 400 block of West Avenue, and will consist of three- and four-bedroom detached single-family units featuring a traditional Mediterranean design. The homes will be sold to moderate income buyers. If approvals are received as scheduled, groundbreaking will occur in January.

- Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity is completing the final two units of Phase 2 along the 400 block of W. Valencia Drive. Completion is anticipated in early January 2010. This will bring the total number of Habitat homes to six. Three units are reserved for very-low-income households, while the other three are reserved for low-income households. A third and final phase will be built adjacent to Phase 2. Construction of the five remaining homes will begin in May and will be reserved for very-low-income households.
- Fox Block Development: An Agency study session on the proposed development was held Oct. 20. The study session included a PowerPoint presentation of a conceptual design, which prompted lively discussion. The images shown during the study session were primarily to elicit reaction to the mix of land uses proposed for the development. The Fox Block Planning Team intends to incorporate comments from the Agency and the public and revise the architectural design. Follow-up community workshops will be held in early 2010.
- Transportation Center Parking Structure Expansion: On Oct. 20, the Agency gave final approval to a new parking structure for the Transportation Center. The structure will provide approximately 820 parking spaces to serve Amtrak and Metrolink patrons. The total project cost is approximately \$41 million and is funded primarily through State transportation funds. Construction is anticipated to commence in the second quarter of 2010 and will take approximately 18-24 months.
- Fullerton College Operation Career Launch: The Economic Development staff was
 an exhibitor at Fullerton College's "Operation Career Launch" Oct. 22. The seminar and
 career fair addressed: America's lack of career technical education graduates; the vital role
 technical fields play in the U.S. workforce; and strategies to encourage a stronger future for
 technical education. More than 40 professionals were on hand to discuss opportunities in
 dozens of fields, including: architecture, administration of justice, computer graphic design,
 and automotive technology.
- West Harbor Alley Improvement Project: On Oct. 22, the Redevelopment Design Review Committee (RDRC) reviewed the existing conditions and status of the project. This review was in preparation for a second RDRC meeting at which the proposed design will be discussed. If all goes well, the preferred design will be presented to Council in December. If approved, construction could begin in 2010.
- Website Statistics: Department pages on the City website provide information about various projects and programs related to redevelopment, affordable housing and economic development. In October, the Department's pages had 1,542 hits.
- Unemployment Rates: Current unemployment rates on the national and local levels are as follows: United States – 9.5 percent; California – 12 percent; Orange County – 9.4 percent; and Fullerton – 10.5% percent. This data was compiled by the Orange County Workforce Investment Board.

- Annual Downtown Event Funding: A key component of the Agency's revitalization efforts in the Downtown includes sponsorship of special events and activities designed to bring people into the area. To help accomplish this, the Agency assists a variety of non-profit community organizations with production and advertising costs for their downtown events. The Agency released its Request for Proposals in August for downtown event funding. Although only \$40,000 was budgeted, nine proposals requesting a total of \$80,300 were submitted. The Council/ Agency allocated the \$40,000 budgeted Oct. 20.
- Economic Development Action Team: Meetings take place on a continual basis for those looking to do business in Fullerton or expand their existing business. The following meetings took place in October:
 - Address: 700 S. Raymond Ave. industry: food manufacturing; jobs 50; 50,000 square feet.
 - ➤ Address: 204 N. Harbor Blvd. industry: restaurant; jobs 25; 2,500-5,000 square feet.
 - Address: 1424 S. Raymond Ave. industry: high-end electric appliance distribution; jobs: 150-200; 200,000 square feet.