



## Inside...

**Hard facts about hard water - pg. 2**

**Keep Fido legal - pg. 3**

**Taking a look back - pg. 3**

**Honoring the 'Thin Blue Line' - pg. 4**

**Museum Center Events - pg. 5**

**Pollution Points - pg. 5**

**Community Calendar - pg. 6**

*"Focus on Fullerton" is a publication of the City of Fullerton, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton, CA 92832.*

## Groundbreaking set for new community center

Groundbreaking ceremonies have been slated for March 1 for the new \$28 million community center in Amerige Park.

The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. at the park, which is located at 340 W. Commonwealth Ave. The ceremony is open to the public.

As proposed, the 45,000-square-foot community center would replace the existing 16,450-square-foot Senior Multi-Service Center and the adjacent Fullerton Boys and Girls Club building, with both agencies incorporated into the new building.

The new center will house a gym, an indoor therapeutic pool, a technology room, community rooms, classrooms, and a large hall that could be used for special occasions such as dances and banquets.

Demolition of the Boys and Girls Club is expected to begin in mid-February, after which work will begin on a parking lot for the new center. Demolition of the Senior Multi-Service Center will begin in June, with construction starting on the community center immediately following that.



Artist rendering offers bird's eye view of new center

During the construction, senior citizen programs and activities will move into the now-vacant school classrooms at St. Mary's Church, which is adjacent to the project site. The Boys and Girls Club will move its programs to Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, and its administrative offices to Nicolas Junior High School.

The new center is expected to open to the public in October 2012.

The primary funding sources for the project are the 2005

Redevelopment Agency bond and a \$190,000 federal grant obtained through the office of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez.

In addition, the Boys and Girls Club is contributing approximately \$1 million to the project.

Further information about the groundbreaking or the community center project may be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (714) 738-6575.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the groundbreaking are asked to notify the department staff prior to March 1.

## City, Arboretum offer composting workshop

The City of Fullerton is teaming with the Fullerton Arboretum to provide free admission for its residents to a public workshop on home composting March 12 at the Arboretum.

The workshop, "Home Composting I," is designed for beginners to composting.

The workshop, will begin at 10 a.m. Fullerton Arboretum is located at 1900 Associated Road, on the campus of California State University, Fullerton.

The workshop will be held outdoors, and participants are advised to dress accordingly.

The 90-minute workshop will offer hands-on demonstrations of various methods of

composting, as well as instructions on what can and cannot be composted, mulching and "grasscycling," potential problems to be on the alert for, and how to make a home composting bin.

The workshop is free to Fullerton residents with proof of residency.

Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Registration for the workshop and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Arboretum at (657) 278-3407.

Persons requiring special accommodations should notify the Arboretum when registering.

# Understanding the hard facts about hard water

As water moves through soil and rock, it dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in a solution. Calcium and magnesium dissolved in water are the most common minerals that make water hard. The higher the concentration of these minerals the harder the water. Hard water is not a health hazard but may interfere with many common household tasks.

## Identifying hard water

You can usually detect hard water by the evidence in your home, including:

- Soap scum on bathtubs, showers, and basins.
- Film left on the body resulting in dry skin and dull, limp hair.
- Decreased sudsing and cleaning capabilities of soaps and detergents, resulting in dingy laundry and reduced life of your washing machine.
- Increased buildup of scale on plumbing fixtures and cooking utensils such as a tea kettle and coffee maker.
- Clogged pipes or appliances resulting in reduced water flow and increased repairs

## Hardness classification

Hardness is measured in grains per gallon of water or milligrams per liter. Grains per gallon (gpg) is a unit of weight for a volume of water, as is milligrams per liter (mg/l). One gpg (1 gpg) is equivalent to 17.1 mg/l. You can evaluate the hardness of your water by referring to the following chart:

Classification	mg/l	grains/gal
Soft	0 - 17.1	0 - 1
Slightly hard	17.1 - 60	1 - 3.5
Moderately hard	60 - 120	3.5 - 7.0
Hard	120 - 180	7.0 - 10.5
Very Hard	180 & over	10.5 & over

Although the measurable level of hardness will fluctuate over the year as sources of water supply are interchanged depending on demand, the City of Fullerton is generally considered to have "very hard water." Fullerton's most recent Water Quality Report indicates that Fullerton water ranges

in hardness from 14 to 25 grains per gallon.

## Removing hardness

This is a matter of personal choice. Hard water is safe to drink. While the calcium and magnesium minerals are important to good health, they may cause white spots or a white film on your glassware, coffee pots and shower doors, as well as deposits in boilers and water heaters. These spots or deposits are formed when hard water is heated or evaporates. It is best to read the owner's manual for your dishwasher and follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding settings for hard water. Some other tips that may help reduce spotting include using hotter water, varying the brand and type of rinse agent and detergent, and adding white vinegar to the rinse cycle of the dishwasher.

There are several treatment options for hard water, including water softeners (salt or potassium), salt free water softeners (calalytic media), reverse osmosis (ultra fine filtration under pressure), and magnetic water softeners. Treatment will improve the efficiency and life of appliances using hot water. Customers wanting to obtain additional information regarding how each of these treatment options work, cost, and maintenance requirements are encourage to contact local treatment vendors or conduct research online.

## Health concerns associated with softened water

Softening of water with a common water softener does increase the sodium content in the water. Therefore, if you have health concerns about your sodium intake, consult your physician. Although the minerals that make up hard water can provide trace amount of nutritional benefit for good health, the concentration of the minerals present do affect the "taste" of water. Normally, water softeners are connected to the piping feeding the hot water heater to ensure the hot water is the only water softened in the home. This reduces the hardness in your hot water, while enabling you to use un-softened water for cooking, cleaning and drinking.

If you have questions regarding the hardness of your water, call the Water Quality Specialist at (714) 738-6896.



# Want to keep Fido legal? Walk him on a leash

Like to bond with your pet pooch by going on long walks? Good for you!

But if you're thinking of taking Fido for a stroll in a city park or on a city trail, you will find your walk may be shorter than you expected.

The Fullerton Municipal Code states dogs or other domestic animals are confined to park parking lots, on walkways immediately adjacent to the parking areas, and in other areas clearly marked by signs stating "Domestic Animals Permitted in this Area."

In addition, dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a City park or on a trail, and the leash may

not be longer than 10 feet.

Also keep in mind that pet owners are required to pick up after their dogs.

There is one exception to the leash law - Fullerton's Pooch Park, located adjacent to Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque Ave., in West Fullerton.

Pooch Park features off-leash areas for all types and sizes of dogs, from small and timid to active and high-energy large dogs.

For more information about rules pertaining to pets in City parks and trails, call the Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department at 738-6575.



## Exhibit takes a look back in time

Fullerton before paved road, schools, shopping centers, and a Starbuck's on nearly every corner will be the focus of "Before Fullerton: The Prehistory of North Orange County," a new exhibit opening Feb. 12 at the Fullerton Museum Center. The exhibit, researched and mounted by the Museum staff, examines the thousands of years the area now known as Fullerton was inhabited by a dynamic, ever-changing array of plants, animals and people. The exhibit will examine prehistoric animals who roamed the area, the surprisingly diverse ecosystem, and how early human residents made use of the natural resources found around them. Fossils, archeological artifacts, and historic maps and documents will help tell the little-known story of the area. Among the items featured in the exhibit is this vintage gown on loan from the Bowers Museum. The gown belonged to Maria Antonia Josefa Yorba of the pioneering Yorba Family, and was part of the trousseau for her marriage to Anaheim pioneer John Sidney Smythe. The wedding took place at the Mission San Gabriel on April 5, 1856. Further information about the exhibit and the special programs to be offered in conjunction with it may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.



## Citizens invited to a community dialogue

Community Development Director Al Zelinka will conduct a "Community Dialogue" March 22 to which citizens are invited to attend and discuss issues, concerns and hopes they have regarding the city's growth and development.

The dialogue, one in a series of bi-monthly meetings held by Zelinka, will be held from 8-9 a.m. at the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, 444 N. Harbor Blvd.

Zelinka said he began the dialogues as a means of helping his department meet the goals of its mission statement, which is to help residents and businesses "with their efforts to grow within our community in a safe, orderly and healthful manner that respects Fullerton's heritage while sustaining opportunity for present and future generations."

Zelinka said he believes "community involvement in the planning process is absolutely essential to achieving those goals, and I hope the public will take advantage of these meetings to share their ideas, issues and other information."

Further information about the "Community Dialogue" program may be obtained by calling Zelinka at (714) 738-3347, or by email at [alz@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:alz@ci.fullerton.ca.us).

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend a session are asked to call Community Development at (714) 738-6547 prior to the meeting.

## We need your help!

The City needs your help to keep our community clean!

If your property borders an alley, please remember to keep your trees, vegetation and weeds trimmed. Additionally, streetsweepers need a 14-foot height clearance in order to get in and clean gutters thoroughly.

Please keep the vegetation and trees in your front or side yard trimmed, as well, to allow streetsweepers to completely clean your street.

If you have any questions, please call the Fullerton Maintenance Services Department at 738-6897.

## An American in Istanbul focus of lecture

**Istanbul: Just the name conjures up images of the exotic and mysterious: air scented by fragrant spices, the sound of the muezzin calling the faithful to prayer, and tuxedo-clad spies a la James Bond flitting around darkened corners.**

**But the Istanbul of the movies is a far cry from the Istanbul of reality, and it's the real Istanbul that will be the focus of "An American in Istanbul," which will be presented March 8 as part of the Fullerton Public Library's popular "Town and Gown" lecture series.**

**Guest speaker will be Ken Walicki, associate professor of music and director of composition and theory at California State University, Fullerton. Walicki lived in Istanbul two years teaching at Istanbul Technical University.**

**The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Osborne Auditorium of the Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave. Due to construction on an expansion to the Main Library, people attending the lecture should enter through the Children's Library entrance.**

**Walicki, who has traveled extensively in the Middle East, will discuss the differences and similarities between Islamic and Judeo-Christian dominant cultures. His lecture will show that Islamic countries do not constitute one monolithic society, but, rather, are as different from each other as the U.S. is from Finland.**

**In addition, Walicki will discuss what it is like to live, work and travel within Muslim society.**

**Further information about the "Town and Gown" program or any of the presentations may be obtained by calling the Main Library at (714) 773-6326.**

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





Ryan Warner



Mario Magliano



Rosemary Huppert



Fred Casas



Stewart Hamilton

## Fullerton Police honor their fellow officers

Seven members of the Fullerton Police Department were recently honored by the Fullerton Police Officers' Association for exceptional service both to the department and the association.

Officer Ryan Warner was named "Uniform Officer of the Year;" detective Mario Magliano was named "Non-Uniform Officer of the year;" lead dispatcher Rosemary Huppert was named "Dispatcher of the Year;" Sgt. Fred Casas was named "Supervisor of the Year;" and mechanic Gary Gomer was named "Non-Sworn Employee of the Year."

In addition, Officer Stewart Hamilton and Cpl. Karen Lindsey MacDonald were named co-recipients of the FPOA's "President's Award."

Warner started with the department as a cadet in 1998, and was sworn in as a police officer in 2002. Described by his coworkers as "conscientious,

energetic and tenaciously motivated," Warner has earned a reputation of being ready to lend a hand to his fellow officers whenever and wherever there is a need.

Magliano, a 22-year veteran of the force, is a detective in the department's Crimes – Person Unit, where he has amassed an enviable record of success in closing particularly difficult cases such as homicides and armed robbery.

As a dispatcher, Huppert, who has been with the department 25 years, has one of the most difficult and demanding jobs in the department; yet her ability to keep a positive attitude – particularly when helping train new dispatchers – has won her praise from both supervisors and fellow dispatchers alike.

Casas, with 31 years on the department, is often sought by his fellow officers for advice on police matters. Casas' nomination form specifically notes his ability to reach out to officers

and citizens alike, earning their respect and trust.

Lindsey-MacDonald, a 25-year veteran of the department, and Hamilton, 14 years, were presented the President's Award in recognition of their tireless efforts in support of the Fullerton Police Officers' Association and its members.

Gomer (not shown), who has been with the city 36 years, takes care of maintenance of police vehicles – an essential task to help ensure the safety of officers on patrol. Described as "tireless" in his dedication to keeping police vehicles running smoothly, Gomer also wins praise for "a work ethic that can be compared to none."



Karen Lindsey-MacDonald

## Applicants sought for advisory committee

Applications are being accepted from persons interested in filling one vacancy on the Fullerton Parks and Recreation Commission, an advisory group to the Fullerton City Council.

The vacancy is for an unexpired term which will end Dec. 31, 2012. Applicants must be Fullerton residents.

Deadline for returning the applications is 5 p.m. Feb.22

The Parks and Recreation Commission makes recommendations on the planning and development of all park, recreation, human services, and cultural and fine arts programs in the city.

Commission members serve on a voluntary basis, and there is no financial remuneration. Some city commission and committee members may be required by state law to file conflict of interest disclosure statements.

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

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

The application is also available on the City Clerk's page on the City's website at [www.ci.fullerton.ca.us](http://www.ci.fullerton.ca.us), and may be submitted on-line.

Persons requiring special accommodations to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission are asked to notify the City Clerk's Office staff when filing their applications.

### Rebates available!

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

Need to have your water shut off? Please call the City's Maintenance Services Department at (714) 738-6308 if you need to have your water shut off at your meter. There's no charge for the service.



Please don't try to do it yourself because if it is broken in the process, you will be charged for damage to City property.



# Museum Center calendar

## Stroller Brigade

10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, Feb. 16-May 4  
Free admission

This popular program is just for toddlers, preschoolers and their grown ups! Join us in the main gallery for docent-led games, stories, puzzles and crafts.

•••••

## iPod Exhibit Listening Wall

Opening Thursday, Feb. 24  
6-7:30 p.m.

Free admission on the 24th only

Come listen to the 2011 OC Music Award Nominees at the Fullerton Museum Center! There will be 12 iPod Nano's on display inside the Leo Fender gallery, each containing one song and image from the each of the nominated artists for the 2011 OC Music Awards. Video screens will accompany the listening wall, playing local music videos and awards highlights. Open to the public through May 8.

•••••

## Wednesday Art Studio

Session A: Feb. 16-March 9

Session B: March 23-April 20 (no class April 13)

Session C: May 11-June 1  
2-4 p.m.

\$40 general public/\$35 Museum members

Fee includes all materials

Draw, paint, decorate and create! Students will create original art with a wide range of fun art materials including paint, clay, beads, metal and glass. Registration is available by calling the Museum at (714) 738-6545 or by registering online at [www.fullertoneconnect.com](http://www.fullertoneconnect.com)

•••••

## Drop-in tours of the exhibit

First Thursday of every month, starting Feb. 17  
6:30-8 p.m.

\$2 admission

Drop by the Fullerton Museum Center for tours of "Before Fullerton: The Prehistory of North Orange County!" Between 6:30 and 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, the Museum will have docent-led tours to guide you through this educational exhibit. And it's only \$2!

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



# Home mechanic tips to prevent water pollution

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

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

Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution.

### Work site:

- Locate the storm drains on or near your property. Do not allow used oil or any materials to flow into these drains.



- Perform automotive projects under cover and in a controlled area to prevent stormwater runoff.
- Sweep or vacuum your automotive work space regularly.

- Use a damp mop to clean work areas. Never hose down surfaces into the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Pour mop water into a sink or toilet. Never dispose of water in a parking lot, street, gutter or storm drain.

### Prevent leaks and spills:

- Keep absorbent materials such as rags and cat litter handy.
- Empty drip pans into a labeled, seal container
- Wipe up any spills or leaks as they happen - don't let them sit.
- Place large pans under wrecked cars until all fluids are drained.
- Promptly dispose of collected fluids into a hazardous waste drum or deliver them to an oil recycling center.

### Cleaning spills:

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

### Vehicle fluid management:

- Vehicle fluids are hazardous waste and must be stored and disposed of in accordance with all local, state and federal laws.
- Designate an area to drain vehicle fluids away from storm and sanitary drains.
- When possible, drain vehicle fluids indoors or in covered areas, and only one floors made of a nonporous material like concrete.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

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

For more information, call (714) 834-6752 or visit [www.oilandfills.com](http://www.oilandfills.com)

# C A L L E N D A R

- *On-going – Fullerton Certified Farmers Market*, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive, east of Euclid Street; (714) 871-5304.
- *On-going – Soroptimist International of Fullerton*, 12:15 p.m., first and third Mondays of month, Anaheim Park Hotel, 222 W. Houston Ave.; new members welcome; (714) 577-4547.
- *On-going – Women’s Club of Fullerton*, 6:30 p.m. third Wednesday of month, Aviation Facilities Inc., 4119 W. Commonwealth Ave.; (818) 419-4688 or [www.womenscluboffullerton.org](http://www.womenscluboffullerton.org).
- *On-going – Fullerton Garden Club*, 9 a.m.-noon, second Tuesday of month, Pavilion Room, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on CSUF campus; (714) 526-6713.
- *On-going – Newcomers Club*, luncheon meetings the fourth Thursday of each month; open to women who are new to area or long-time residents; (714) 992-2356.
- *On-going – Lunch with the League*, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., fourth Thursday of the month in September, October, and January through April, Sizzler Restaurant, 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.; sponsor League of Women Voters of North Orange County; (714) 254-7440.
- *On-going – Bingo Night*, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary’s Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsored by St. Mary’s Church; (714) 525-2500.
- *On-going – Fullerton Sunrise Rotary Breakfast Meetings*, 7:15-8:30 a.m., Thursdays, Meridian Sports Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive; new members welcome; (714) 743-8670.
- *On-going – Fullerton Men’s Golf Club*, 6 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, Fullerton Municipal Golf Course, 2700 N. Harbor Blvd.; (714) 578-9201.
- *Through Feb. 24 – Paper Cuts*, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Fullerton College Campus Art Gallery, 321 E. Chapman Ave.; (714) 992-7131.
- *Feb. 5 – Cal State Fullerton Homecoming 2011*, 3 p.m. tailgate party, 6:05 p.m. basketball game, Titan Gym, 800 N. State College Blvd., on the CSUF campus; tickets (657) 278-4487 or [www.fullerton.edu/homecoming](http://www.fullerton.edu/homecoming).
- *Feb. 6 – Fullerton Public Library Foundation Luncheon*, 11:30 a.m., Los Coyotes Country Club, 8888 Los Coyotes Drive, Buena Park; guest speaker will be writer T. Jefferson Parker; tickets (714) 488-5964 or (714) 738-8211.
- *Feb. 10-14 – “Singing Valentines,”* delivered by the Orange Empire Barbershop Chorus; proceeds go to programs promoting music in schools; (714) 879-9628.
- *Feb. 11 – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Fantasy*, 6-10 p.m., Los Coyotes Country Club, 8888 Los Coyotes Drive, Buena Park; sponsor YWCA of North Orange County; highlight will be the naming of the 2011 Man and Woman of the Year; tickets (714) 871-4488.
- *Feb. 12 – Southern California Native American Basketry Workshop*, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; (657) 278-3407.
- *Feb. 26 – Used Books Sale*, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sale will focus on children’s literature, educational resources and adult fiction; sponsored by Friends of the Fullerton Public Library as a fund-raiser for the Library; (714) 738-6380.
- *Feb. 26 – Jog-a-Thon to End Polio Now*, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Fullerton Union High School Stadium, 201 E. Chapman Ave.; sponsors Rotary Club of Fullerton and Fullerton Union High School District; fund-raiser for Rotary International’s “End Polio Now” campaign and for High School District’s Student Clubs; (714) 526-5588.
- *Feb. 27 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Ball*, 5-10 p.m., Embassy Suites Hotel, 900 E. Birch St., Brea; sponsor Friends of Jazz; proceeds will go toward providing music programs and scholarships in schools; tickets (714) 879-6342.
- *March 5 – Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Fullerton*, 9 a.m., meet at Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave.; sponsored by Fullerton Heritage; tickets and information (714) 740-3051 or [tours@fullertonheritage.org](mailto:tours@fullertonheritage.org).
- *March 18-20 – Monster Tomato and Pepper Sale*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; (657) 278-3407.

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