

MAY 2011

# City Council Update



## Projects:

- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (**Community Development**): Final inspections have been completed on the rehabilitation work at two locations: 831 W. Baker Ave., Fullerton, and 3004 Harding Ave., Costa Mesa.
- Heritage Walk (**Community Development**): All 34 homes have been sold. Housing Division staff met with each homebuyer to review and sign the disclosure documents.
- Santa Fe Parking Structure (**Community Development**): The grading and shoring permit has been issued for the structure.
- State College Grade Separation (**Engineering**): In April, environmental approval in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was obtained from Caltrans. This allows staff to proceed with finalizing design plans, beginning right-of-way acquisition and easements, and soliciting bids for construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2013 and to last approximately 30 months.
- Chapman Area Sewer Replacement and Road Reconstruction (**Engineering**): A \$1,619,310 contract has been awarded to KANA Pipeline to replace sewer lines on side streets off Chapman, west of Basque. Construction is expected to begin late spring or early summer.
- Sewer and Storm Drain Lining, FY 2009-10 (**Engineering**): Sewer mains in various locations city-wide are being cleaned and prepared for a new liner. The work is expected to be completed this month.
- Richman Athletic Field Improvements (**Engineering**): This project includes removing old vegetation, turf, and an irrigation system, and installing two new baseball fields with backstops, concrete walkways, and a new irrigation system. Work began last month, and is expected to be completed in June.
- Police Department Elevator Refurbishment (**Engineering**): Construction began at the end of April, and includes upgrading both the Highland Avenue and jail hydraulic elevators. Outdated elevator equipment will be removed, and new microprocessor controller, safety components, door/car/cab/ fire alarm system/signal devices and fixtures will be installed. The project is expected to be complete this summer.
- Tree Trimming (**Maintenance Services**): Tree trimming operations have been completed for fiscal 2010-11. A total of 14,104 trees were trimmed, which exceeded the department's goal by 1,104 for the fiscal year.
- Going Up (**Maintenance Services**): The capital project to replace the jail elevator is under way.

## *Programs:*

- Action Plan (**Community Development**): A draft of the 2011 Action Plan was provided for a 30-day public comment period. The budget used for the plan assumed a 7.5 percent reduction from the 2010 allocation; however, it was recently reported that the reduction will exceed 16 percent and HOME funds will be reduced more than 11 percent.
- Affordable Apartments (**Community Development**): The Housing Division conducted annual inspections of the Fullerton City Lights SRO, Fullerton Courtyard and Allen Hotel affordable housing apartments. Staff observed approximately 650 items for correction. Follow-up inspections will be conducted in approximately 30 days to confirm that all items have been addressed.
- CERT Academy (**Fire**): Twenty-eight citizens registered for the new CERT Academy in April.
- Business Workshops (**Library**): The Library has embarked on a new series of small business workshops designed to help budding entrepreneurs get started. The workshops are provided through a partnership between the Library and one of its community business partners. In addition to providing practical information for those wanting to start a business, there are helpful tips for those with existing businesses. The program is designed to be a "Business 101" type of class, and is being done as a three-part series. There is no need to sign-up and people can attend one or more of the workshops. The first workshop was April 27, and the remaining two will be held May 19 and June 2. The workshops are free.
- Pre-school Festival (**Library**): On April 29 Children's Services staff attended Fullerton School District's Pre-school Family Festival. The Library's station consisted of a mask-making craft, as well as information about the Library and coming summer activities. Almost 300 masks were made by children and their parents. The predicted attendance was 500 people and judging by the crowds, it was a very successful day.
- Drug Take-back Day (**Police**): On April 30 the Department participated in the "National Drug Take-back Day." The premise behind this campaign was to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our City's homes. Our citizens were afforded the opportunity to turn in accumulated unwanted and unused prescription drugs so that they could be disposed of in a safe manner. Approximately 150 pounds of medications were collected from more than 50 citizens. This was a collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration and our Community Services Bureau and Explorer Scout Post. This campaign was advertised in a number of publications including the Orange County Register and the City website. Many of the participants commented they hope to see this campaign again next year.
- Kids Fishing Derby (**Parks and Recreation**): The 5th Annual Kids Fishing Derby was, once again, a huge success, with more than 800 residents experiencing a great family event. Laguna Lake was stocked with more than 1,000 pounds of fish ranging in size from a half-pound to more than three pounds. The day's events included fishing learning stations, a kids' casting contest and raffle, Japanese Fish Painting, and lunch for all. This year volunteers and donating organizations included: state Department of Fish and Game, Fisherman's Access, numerous City employees, Fullerton Police Association, Fullerton Police Athletic League, Fullerton Rotary Club, Aqua Bio, Z Pizza, Fullerton Community Bank, Pretzel Crisps, Roscoe's Famous Deli, Special T's, Sunny Delight, CSUF students, Izaak Walton League of Fullerton/Orange/Whittier, Teen Alliance-Independence Park, Boy Scout Troop 292, Fullerton Police Explorers, and fishing enthusiasts from Fullerton and the surrounding area.
- "Julius Shulman: Desert Modern" Exhibit Opening (**Parks and Recreation**): The opening reception for the exhibit May 28 will include dinner, live entertainment, a curator's talk and more. The exhibit

focuses on the late Julius Shulman's photography in Palm Springs, where movie stars and celebrities lived and architects integrated the desert landscape into their designs. Shulman was considered the greatest architectural photographer of his time. Approximately 100 color and black-and-white photographs from Shulman's Palm Springs collection will be on display. The exhibit opens to the public May 21 and runs through July 17.

## *Month in Review:*

- **Community Development:** In April, the Department: issued 201 plan checks and permits; issued 329 building permits; conducted 913 building inspections; received 178 code enforcement complaints; handled 705 active code enforcement cases; closed 175 code enforcement complaints; and conducted 637 code enforcement inspections.

- **Fire:** In April, the Department had 823 requests for service – down slightly from the 879 requests received in April 2010. Of the 823 requests, 697 were for emergency medical aid, 21 were for fires, six were hazardous materials incidents, and 48 were service calls. Of the medical aid requests, 475 required advanced life support response and 222 required basic life support response. In addition, the Department responded on 102 automatic aid calls and received 100 in return.

- **Police:** In April, the Department was dispatched to 3,616 calls for service and initiated 2,555 additional contacts. There were 1,190 criminal reports taken and 483 persons arrested for various criminal offenses.

- **Police:** A murder occurred in the north alley of 1100 Williamson Ave. The victim and a friend were in the alley when they were approached by two Hispanic men. An argument ensued and the victim was shot in the head as he tried to flee. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim was 19 and resided in Fullerton. The shooter and his accomplice were taken into custody for the murder within 24 hours. A female suspect was also arrested for being an accessory after the fact.