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Fullerton eLists: a new way to communicate

Fullerton has added a new tool to its citizen communications toolbox.

Citizens wanting to be notified of news at City Hall can sign up for "Fullerton eLists."

Fullerton eLists is an email software program that notifies citizens when a news item has been posted to the City's website.

Fullerton eLists, which can be accessed through the website, allows citizens to "subscribe" to receive email notifications whenever an item of interest to them is updated on the website.

Categories citizens can subscribe to include City Council and committee/commission agendas and minutes, special events, press releases, employment opportunities, Library activities, and the Parks and Recreation and "Focus on Fullerton" newsletters.

After a citizen subscribes to a category an email notice will be sent when an update in

that category is posted to the website. The notification can also be sent as a text message to a subscriber's cell phone.

If, after awhile, the citizen no longer wishes to receive the notifications, he or she may simply "unsubscribe" to the service.

It should be noted Fullerton eLists is for general information only. It will not be used for emergency notices. That service is already available through the county's "OC Alerts" program, to which the City subscribes.

Fullerton eLists will also not be used for transferring large documents such as the City budget via email as it might overload the citizen's computer. Instead, the messages will link to the documents on the website.

For more information contact the City's Public Information Office at (714) 738-6317.

The City of Fullerton website address is www.cityoffullerton.com.



Fullerton eLists!

City offers housing rehabilitation loans

Does your plumbing leak or your house need a fresh coat of paint? How about other basic safety improvements such as a new roof or repairing faulty wiring or heating to curb high energy costs?

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," but your checkbook balance says it's out of the question, don't give up: The City of Fullerton may be able to lend you a hand.

The City, through its Housing and Community Development Office, offers both deferred and below-market interest rate loans to qualified Fullerton homeowners through its Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Loans are funded through the federal Housing and Urban Development Department's Community Development Block Grant Program, and homeowners must meet the programs' income criteria and guidelines.

"The goal of the program is to assist low- and moderate-income residents who cannot afford to keep up their homes on their own,"

explained Sylvia Chavez, housing programs assistant for the City. "By providing them with a way of taking care of their homes, the City is helping protect their quality of life, as well as their property values."

Below-market rate loans of up to \$65,000 are available for qualified applicants. Loans carry a low interest rate of 6 percent or below, and the maximum repayment period is 15 years.

Homeowners unable to qualify for the below-market rate loans may qualify for a deferred loan, Chavez continued. Deferred loans require no monthly payments and no interest, and are reviewed every 15 years for eligibility. The loans come due upon the sale or transfer of the home.

Senior citizen homeowners (62 or older) who only receive federal or state financial assistance, such as Social Security or disability, can bypass the bank application

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Visit the City's web site: www.cityoffullerton.com

Groundwater replenishment system reclaims water for City

The City's Water Engineering staff is often asked why Fullerton does not have a reclaimed or recycled water program similar to those of other cities and water districts.

The answer is we do participate in one of the most unique reclaimed water systems in the world known as the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) located in Fountain Valley and operated by the Orange County Water District (OCWD), but paid for by the City of Fullerton and the other 17 members of the District.

Every day through the Orange County Sanitation District's treated water discharge pipelines, 70 million gallons of water is further treated to near distilled water standards by the GWRS and used to inject in the sea water barrier and in the North Orange County spreading grounds in Anaheim. This water source makes Fullerton and other northern and central Orange County Cities less reliant on imported water supplies.

The GWRS water that is pumped to the Anaheim spreading grounds slowly percolates down to the Orange County aquifer and is then pumped out by wells throughout



the county. Expansion of the GWRS is planned within the next two years to a capacity of 100 million gallons per day. Although it is not directly consumed, that's about equal to the annual water supply need of Fullerton, Anaheim and Santa Ana combined.

Regional programs such as GWRS are much more cost effective than individual reclaimed plants, although Fullerton has and is always searching for opportunities to use reclaimed/recycled water within our service area.

For more information on GWRS and any other water subject call the City Water Engineering Office at (714) 738-6896.

Water Question of the Month

Where does most of the water used in Fullerton come from?

- a. The Colorado River
- b. Northern California
- c. Groundwater wells
- d. The Pacific Ocean

The answer is c. (60-75 percent)

City, Fullerton Arboretum co-hosting free composting class

The City of Fullerton is teaming with the Fullerton Arboretum to present a free public workshop on home composting Nov. 12 at the Arboretum.

The workshop, "Home Composting II," will provide an overview of composting for the beginner, as well as a discussion of advanced techniques for those with some composting experience.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. Fullerton Arboretum

Work under way on Euclid project

Construction began in late August on much-needed improvements to Euclid Street, from Orangethorpe Avenue to the 91 Freeway.

The project will cost approximately \$646,000 and is part of Fullerton's continuing effort to upgrade and improve the City's infrastructure.

The project will reconstruct pavement on Euclid from Orangethorpe to the freeway. In addition, the work includes reconstruction of damaged curb and gutter, median curb, cross gutter and spandrel, and access ramps to comply with current ADA standards.

The construction is expected to be completed within six weeks. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Only one lane will be open in each direction during construction. Signs have been posted on Euclid prior to the start of work. Access to businesses and residences will be open except for short periods when the construction work is immediately adjacent to the property.

The project is being financed with Measure M funds.

Further information about the project may be obtained by calling the City of Fullerton Engineering Department at (714) 738-6845.

is located at 1900 Associated Road, on the campus of California State University, Fullerton.

The 90-minute workshop will be held outdoors, and participants are advised to dress accordingly.

The Fullerton Arboretum has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for its "GreenScapes" activities, including its commitment to providing outstanding composting classes.

The workshop is free to Fullerton residents. In addition, discount vouchers for the purchase of state-of-the-art compost bins will be available for Fullerton residents. Limit one per household.

Registration for the workshop and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Arboretum at (657) 278-3579.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the workshop are asked to notify the Arboretum staff when registering.

More about:

Housing rehabilitation loans

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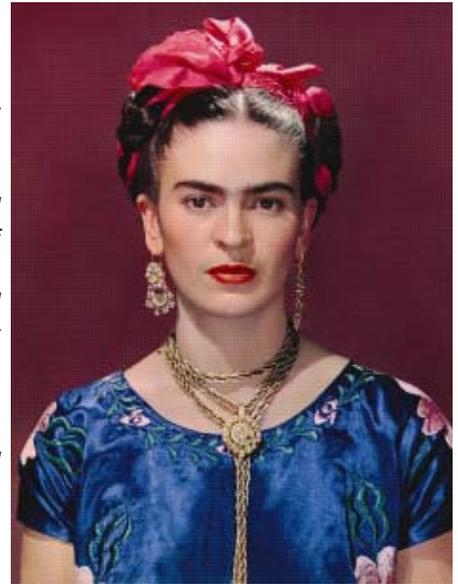
and apply directly for a deferred loan.

Applications and further information about the loan program may be obtained by calling Chavez at (714) 738-6874, or by coming to the Housing and Community Rehabilitation Office on the second floor of City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

Applications and further information are also available under the Community Development Department section of the City website at www.ci.fullerton.ca.us.

Frida Kahlo: Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray

Celebrated Mexican artist Frida Kahlo will be the focus of a unique exhibit opening at the Fullerton Museum Center Sept. 24. The exhibit will feature the work of photographer Nickolas Muray who, in 1931, met Kahlo while on a vacation in Mexico. Muray was an acclaimed artist in his own right, having pioneered color portrait photography. The two started a romance that continued on and off for the next 10 years, although their friendship lasted until the end of their lives. The historical images of Kahlo in the exhibit are from the Muray archives and reveal the work of a master photographer and the passion of an extraordinary love story. The exhibit, which will run through Nov. 20, is courtesy of the collection of the Nickolas Muray Archives and Tour Development by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services, Kansas City, Missouri. An opening reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. on the 24th, and admission is \$10 for the general public and free to Museum members. The reception will include refreshments, entertainment, and a curator's talk. Further information may be obtained by calling the award-winning Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.



A hauntingly good time offered on haunted walking tours

A hauntingly good time is in the offing when the Fullerton Museum Center's popular "Haunted Fullerton Walking Tours" return for their 11th season this month.

Tours will be given Wednesday and Thursday evenings Sept. 14 through Nov. 3, with a special Halloween tour planned Oct. 31. Due to popularity, the tours book up fast, and persons interested in participating are strongly advised to get their registrations in early.

Considered to be one of the most haunted cities in Orange County, Fullerton will serve up a variety of "spirited" locations during the tours.

Locations visited can vary and may include the landmark Plummer Auditorium, where the spirits of Louis E. Plummer and one known only as the "angry woman" are said to watch the shows presented there; the historic California Hotel, now Villa del Sol; and the home of Fullerton's first woman auto dealer.

While a good ghost story appeals to most people, Aimee Aul, Fullerton Museum Center educator and tour coordinator, said the tours' real draw is they give participants a chance to learn a little about Fullerton's colorful history:

"The tours really are a celebration of local legend," Aul

said. "We're not making any supernatural claims; we're just sharing stories of another facet of Fullerton's history, particularly that of the downtown."

The tours leave the Museum promptly at 6 p.m., and last approximately two and one-half hours. Aul said "ghost hunters" should be prepared to walk approximately 1.5 miles, and the tours include climbing stairs. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a sense of humor along.

The tour is not recommended for children under 13.

Tour cost is \$15 for Museum members, and \$18 for the general public. Space is limited and prepaid reservations are required. "Those who don't get their reservations in early don't stand a ghost of a chance," quipped Aul.

Reservations and further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum

Center at (714) 738-6545. Persons requiring special accommodations to participate in the tours are asked to notify the Museum staff when making reservations.

The Museum Center is located at 301 N. Pomona Ave., one block east of Harbor Boulevard, in downtown Fullerton.



The landmark Plummer Auditorium, home of the "angry woman" phantom

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.



Need help?

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.

Distinguished author Villaseñor to lead off new Library speaker series

Renowned Mexican-American author Victor Villaseñor will be the guest speaker Sept. 18, when the Fullerton Public Library launches its new "Distinguished Speaker Series" featuring best-selling authors.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., adjacent to Fullerton City Hall.

The program, which falls during "Hispanic Heritage Month" (Sept. 15-Oct. 15), is sponsored by the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library and is also supported by Poets & Writers, Inc., through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

Admission is free.

Villaseñor, whose autobiographical work "Rain of Gold" was listed on the "New York Times" best seller list, was born to Mexican immigrants in the barrio of Carlsbad, California, and raised on a ranch four miles north in Oceanside.

His first published novel was "Macho!," which the "Los Angeles Times" compared to the best of John Steinbeck. This work eventually led to publication of the national bestseller "Rain of Gold." Reprinted in seven languages and used in thousands of school systems across the nation,

"Rain of Gold" tells the story of Villaseñor's family from war-torn Mexico during the Revolution of 1910 to the present day.

Villaseñor's body of work includes a number of nonfiction books used in schools throughout the country; the trilogy "Wild Steps of Heaven," "Rain of Gold," and "Thirteen Senses;" "Jury: The People vs. Juan Corona;" and "Walking Stars," a collection of short stories written especially to inspire youth.

Villaseñor's "Burro Genius," a national best seller and Pulitzer Prize finalist, is the first book of a second trilogy. The second book, "Crazy Loco Love" was also nominated for a Pulitzer. The third book, "Beyond Rain of Gold," was released this spring.

He has also written numerous children's books which have become popular fixtures in classrooms across the nation.

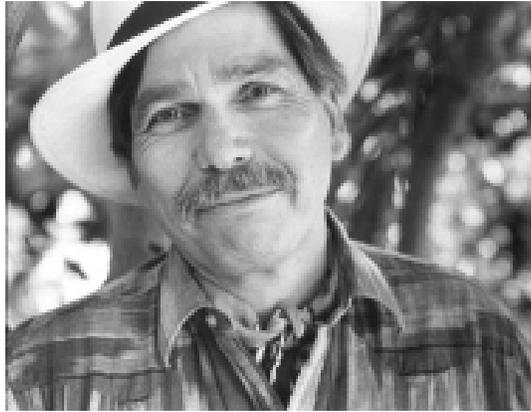
Villaseñor, who continues to live on the ranch where he was raised, wrote the screenplay for "The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez," starring Edward James Olmos, and is collaborating with HBO on a mini-series based on several of his books, including "Rain of Gold" and "Burro Genius."

The Fullerton Main Library is located at 353 W. Commonwealth Ave., adjacent to Fullerton City Hall.

Others lined up for the Distinguished Speaker Series are award-winning author and National Public Radio personality Sandra Tsing Loh on Jan. 15, and New York Times bestselling author Dean Koontz on May. 6.

Further information about the Villaseñor appearance or the "Distinguished Speaker Series" may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6327.

Persons needing special accommodations to attend the program should notify Library staff prior to Sept. 18.



Victor Villaseñor

15th ANNUAL INNER COASTAL & WATERSHED CLEAN-UP DAY
Fullerton Creek Channel Sites



What? A day for you and your family to make a difference and help clean Fullerton Creek

When? Saturday, September 17, 2011
Registration 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Begin cleaning at site 9 a.m.
Barbecue at Elk's Lodge 11 a.m.

Where? Meet at Buena Park Elk's Lodge
7212 Melrose St. Buena Park

Who? You -- Volunteers, community groups, residents, families

Sponsors:



- Buena Park
- Fullerton
- La Palma
- Orange County Flood Control District
- Orange County Stormwater Program



For more information, please visit: www.ocwatersheds.com

- Wear appropriate clothes including rubber boots or hiking boots (no sandals or open-toed shoes).
- Bring gardening or work gloves if you have them.
- Remember your sunscreen and a hat!
- Groups of 10 or more, please call (714) 965-0671 to pre-register.

PROJECT Pollution PREVENTION

Remember, the Ocean begins at your front door!

Come join your neighbors in helping to keep our community beautiful!

Bulky item to pick up? Call MG!

Got a bulky item such as a sofa or water heater you would like to get rid of? MG Disposal, the City's trash contactor, can help!

Residents can have such items hauled away at no charge through MG's "Special Item Pickup Program." Just call MG's Customer Service Center at (714) 238-2444 to schedule collection of the item free of charge providing the item's weight does not exceed 125 pounds.

Residents should note that a nominal fee will be charged by MG for collection of any appliance that contains Freon - i.e., a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner. The California Clean Air Act prohibits trash companies using regular trash trucks to collect items containing Freon. The nominal fee is to cover MG's cost of safely disposing of the Freon.



Museum Center calendar

Family Day: Desert Modern noon-4 p.m. Sept. 4

Free with regular Museum admission
Closing day of the "Julius Shulman: Desert Modern" exhibit. The day will include drop-in tours of the exhibit, hands on crafts, scavenger hunts for prizes and more. The exhibit tour was organized by Curatorial Assistance of Pasadena, and the Palm Springs Art Museum, and curated by Michael Stern.

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Wednesday Art Studio Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.

Session A: Sept. 21-Oct. 12

Session B: Nov. 2-30 (no class Nov. 23)

\$40 per student/\$35 for Museum members

For grades 1-6

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. Fee includes all materials.

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Guitar Gateways at Beechwood School

Tuesdays, 3-5 p.m.

Session A: Sept. 20-Oct. 25

Session B: Nov. 1-Dec. 13 (no class Nov. 22)

\$120 per student; for grades 5-9

The Museum is offering this special guitar class in partnership with the All the Arts for all the Kids Foundation. Students will learn chords, note reading, and music history with an emphasis on rock, folk and blues. Fender acoustic guitars are available to use in class and at home.

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Fullerton Market

Thursdays at the Downtown Plaza

Open through Oct. 27

4- 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy fresh produce, hand-crafted vendor items, food vendors, kids' activities, a beer and wine garden, live entertainment from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and more! Save the date for the annual Halloween event "OktoBOOfest" on Oct. 27!

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Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



Pollution solution

Several residential activities can result in water pollution. Among these activities are car washing and hosing off driveways and sidewalks. Both activities can waste water and result in excess runoff.

The water conservation methods described below can prevent considerable amounts of run-off and conserve water. By taking your car to a commercial car wash or by sweeping driveways and sidewalks, you can further prevent the transport of pollutants to our waterways. Here are some of the common pollutants for which you can be part of the solution:

Pesticides and Fertilizer

•**POLLUTION:** The pesticides designed to be toxic to pests can have an equally lethal impact on our marine life. The fertilizer that promotes plant growth in lawns and gardens can also create nuisance algae blooms, which remove oxygen from water, clogging waterways when it decomposes.

•**SOLUTION:** Never use pesticides or fertilizer within 48 hours of an anticipated rainstorm. Use only as much as is directed on the label and keep it off driveways and sidewalks.

Dirt and Sediment

•**POLLUTION:** Dirt or sediment can impede the flow of the stormwater and negatively impact stream habitat as it travels through waterways and deposits downstream. Pollutants can attach to sediment, which can then be transported through our waterways.

•**SOLUTION:** Protect dirt stockpiles by covering them with tarps or secure plastic sheets to prevent wind or rain from allowing dirt or sediment to enter the storm drain system.

Metals

•**POLLUTION:** Metals and other toxins present in car wash water can harm important plankton, which form the base of the aquatic food chain.

•**SOLUTION:** Take your car to a commercial car wash where the wash water is captured and treated at a local wastewater treatment plant.

Pet Waste

•**POLLUTION:** Pet waste carries bacteria through our watersheds and eventually will be washed out to the ocean. This can pose a health risk to swimmers and surfers.

•**SOLUTION:** Pick up after your pets!

Trash and Debris

•**POLLUTION:** Trash and debris can enter waterways by wind, littering and careless maintenance of trash receptacles. Street sweeping collects some of this trash; however, much of what isn't captured ends up in our storm drain system where it flows untreated out to the ocean.

•**SOLUTION:** Don't litter, and make sure trash containers are properly covered. It is far more expensive to clean up litter and trash that ends up in waterways than it is to prevent it.



C A 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 – MOMS Club of West Fullerton for stay-at-home moms west of Harbor Boulevard; offering park days, field trips and special events; (714) 526-7634 or susanbrett2@aol.com.
- On-going – MOMS Club of East Fullerton; for moms east of Harbor Boulevard; 10 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday; offering park days, field trips and special events; (714) 420-8287 or momsclubfullertoneast@gmail.com.
- On-going – Fullerton Barbershop Chorus meetings, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Eastside Christian Church, 2505 Yorba Linda Blvd. (near State College Boulevard); (714) 871-7675.
- On-going – Fullerton Garden Club, 9 a.m.-noon, second Tuesday of month, Pavilion Room, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; (714) 526-6713.
- On-going – Ebell Club of Fullerton, 11 a.m., first Friday of the month, September through June; Ebell Clubhouse, 313 Laguna Road; new members welcome; (714) 526-2414.
- On-going – Bingo Night, 7 p.m. third Saturday of month, St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 400 W. Commonwealth Ave.; sponsor St. Mary's Church; (714) 525-2500.
- On-going – Kiwanis Club of Fullerton, 12:10-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wyndham Hotel, 222 W. Houston Ave.; new members welcome; (714) 255-0925.
- On-going – Bingo at Rancho Fullerton Social Club, from 5-8 p.m. Mondays, in the Rancho Fullerton clubhouse, 1201 W. Valencia Drive.; (714) 680-0566.
- On-going – Fullerton Radio Club, 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Fullerton Senior Multi-Service Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave., Room A; (714) 680-4258.
- Sept. 8-9 – Auditions for Fullerton Children's Repertory Theater, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Fullerton Union High School Little Theater, 201 E. Chapman Ave.; open to children in 5th-8th grades; applicants should be prepared to sing a song and learn a dance; (714) 671-1084.
- Sept. 10-11 – Salvia Spectacular Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; featuring large selection of native and tropical Salvias; (657) 278-4001.
- Sept. 17 – Orange County Ragtime Society Meeting, 1-4:30 p.m., Steamers Jazz Club, 138 W. Commonwealth Ave.; featuring performances of ragtime and ragtime-related music; (714) 836-1104.
- Sept. 17 – 2011 Crab Feast and Auction Under the Stars, 6-10 p.m., North Orange County Family YMCA, 2000 Youth Way; sponsor North Orange County Family YMCA; event will feature all-you-can-eat crab dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing and entertainment; tickets (714) 879-9622.
- Sept. 18 - Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service Inc.'s Annual Fund-raising Dinner, 4:30 p.m., Angelo's and Vinci's Ristorante, 550 N. Harbor Blvd.; festivities will include a live auction; reservations: (714) 529-4885
- Sept. 18 - Orange County Yiddish Festival, 12:30 p.m.- 5 p.m., Temple Beth Tikvah Learning Center, 1600 N. Acacia Ave.; event will feature lectures on such topics as Yiddish in American humor, media and literature; open to the public; (714) 871-3535.
- Sept. 19 – Crittenton Community for Kids Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction, 10:30 a.m., Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 Mountain View Ave., Yorba Linda; event will include golf, barbecue lunch, dinner, silent auction, prizes and awards; proceeds go to the Crittenton Services for Kids; registration (714) 680-8218.
- Sept. 23-25 – St. Juliana Fall Festival, St. Juliana Church, 1316 N. Acacia Ave.; 5-11 p.m. Sept. 23, 3-11 p.m. Sept. 24, 3-8 p.m. Sept. 25; free admission, food booths and free concerts; (714) 879-1965.
- Sept. 24 - Fullerton Uncorked Wine Tasting, 5-8:30 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; sponsor Fullerton South Rotary; fund-raiser features wine and food; must be 21 or older to attend; (714) 318-3911.
- Oct. 1 – Maple Alumni Reunion Dance, 7 p.m.-midnight, Ebell Club of Fullerton, 313 Laguna Road; fund-raiser for Maple Elementary School; tickets (714) 526-3498.
- Oct. 8-9 – California Native and Fall Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, on the CSUF campus; pre-sale 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for members of Friends of the Arboretum; (657) 278-4001.

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 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.