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Snow in Fullerton's forecast for Jan. 28 at Brea Dam

The forecast will be for snow Jan. 28 when the Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department hosts "Snow Day" at Brea Dam Recreation Area.

Tons of the frosty stuff will be delivered to the dam to enable youngsters to sled, make snow people, and have old-fashioned snowball battles.

The chilly fun will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and the recreation area is at 1700 N. Harbor Blvd., between the YMCA and Golfers' Paradise.

Extra parking and shuttles will be available at the parking structure behind the American Automobile Association building on Harbor.

The event will feature three 75-foot sled runs, as well as a special toddler sled run for children 5 and under.

Snacks including hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows and s'mores will be sold.

Children are advised to wear warm clothes and gloves. Sleds will be provided by the city.

Space is limited to 900 persons, and early registrations are recommended.

Advance registration fee is \$6 per person. Children under 2 admitted free. Admission will be \$9 per person on the 28th.

Registration can be made on line at www.ci.fullerton.ca.us, or by calling Parks and Recreation at (714) 738-6575.

Parents of children requiring special accommodations to participate are asked to notify the department staff at the time of registration.



City's water system focus of January study session

All things water in the City of Fullerton will be the focus of a special City Council study session Jan. 10.

The session, which will be open to the public, will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the new conference center at the Fullerton Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.

David Schickling, water system manager, said the workshop will cover all aspects of the city's water utility, ranging from where Fullerton gets its water supplies to how that water is delivered to residences and businesses in the city.

The session will also examine capital improvement needs for the aging system.

The study session, which was requested by the council, will be a prelude to the reopening of consideration of a water rate study which came to Council this past July.

"The Council took no action on the study then and, instead, directed that further study be done – specifically on the public notification process and the legality of the 'in-lieu

franchise/property tax' transfer of funds from the Water Fund to the General Fund," Schickling explained, noting the in-lieu franchise tax has been in place since 1968.

"The results of this expanded study are nearly complete and will be available for public review beginning with a meeting of the council-appointed Water Rate Study Ad Hoc Committee in February." A date for that public meeting has not yet been set.

Once the committee has reviewed the results of the new study and made recommendations, the matter is tentatively scheduled to come to the Council for consideration in March.

Further information about the study session or the water rate study may be obtained by calling the Office of Water Engineering at City Hall at (714) 738-6845.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the study session are asked to notify the Office of Water Engineering prior to Jan. 10.

Fullerton's Water Utility to implement "Smart Meter" pilot program

The City of Fullerton's Water Utility Division will be implementing a "Smart" Metering" pilot program over the next several months.

A Smart Meter will record water consumption in intervals (hourly, daily, etc.) and communicate it back to the Utility for monitoring and billing purposes. This system utilizes transmitters attached to the meters and collection devices located on street lights, public buildings or reservoirs.

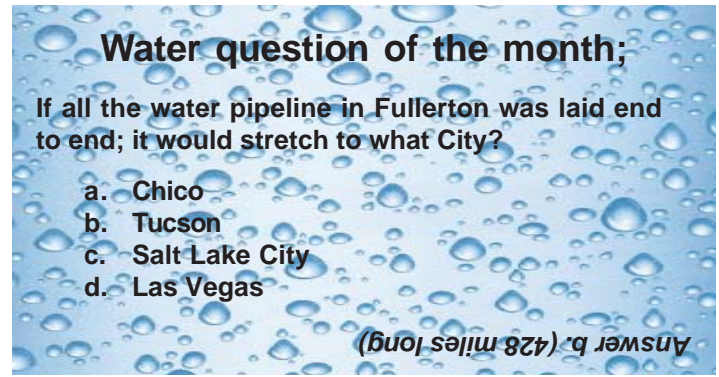
From a customer perspective, this "smart metering system" offers a number of potential benefits. It will help customers better manage their water usage. The Smart Meter system provides a password protected web portal where customers can find up-to-date information on their water consumption and water cost to help in the development of a household water budget.

Another benefit of Smart Meters is their leak detection ability. Customers, along with the Utility, will be alerted to high or unusual water usage via phone, text or email.

In addition to improved customer service, Smart Meters will enable the City to save costs to the Utility through: the reduction in vehicle expenses/emissions in that Water Service Workers will not have to drive to each site to read meters; a

decline in accidents that can happen when workers lift larger meter lids during reads; the ability to do on-demand reads for customer move-in and move-outs; and fewer errors in manual meter reads.

The pilot project will begin in the spring and run for approximately six months. It will involve approximately 50 single family residential homes in Fullerton. This will allow the Utility to evaluate the Smart Metering and make recommendations to the City Council on future implementation.



Water question of the month;

If all the water pipeline in Fullerton was laid end to end; it would stretch to what City?

- a. **Chico**
- b. **Tucson**
- c. **Salt Lake City**
- d. **Las Vegas**

Answer b. (428 miles long)

Keeping city parks and playgrounds clean needs everyone's help

Whether it's a soccer or softball game, taking a leisurely stroll or nature hike, or a family picnic, the City of Fullerton offers more than 650 acres of beautiful parkland, open space and amenities for the community to enjoy.

City maintenance crews work diligently to keep our parks looking beautiful, and visitors can help this effort by obeying the rules and keeping our parks clean. All City parks open at 7 a.m. and close at sunset, with the exception of parks with lighted sports fields.

Rules and regulations are posted at each park site: All garbage, bottles and cans should be disposed of in their appropriate trash or recycling containers; dogs and cats are allowed as long as they are on a leash; no motor vehicles allowed on grass or trails; and alcohol, narcotics, and firearms and other explosives are strictly prohibited. Pet owners should remember to pick up after their pets, and disposal bags are available for their convenience.

You can also help keep our parks clean and safe by reporting routine maintenance issues. If you see a light out,

property damage, or landscaping issues, please call the Fullerton Maintenance Services Department at (714) 738-6897. If you find graffiti on any public property, please call the City's Graffiti Hotline at (714) 738-3108.



Each year there are several acts of vandalism that cost the City thousands of tax-funded dollars in repairs. These irresponsible actions often result in the temporary closure of a facility, which impacts other users.

Report suspicious behavior in our parks, such as vandalism, graffiti, drug activity or unauthorized vehicles on the grass. If you see an act of vandalism in progress, call the Police Department at (714) 738-6517. You can help make a difference!

For further park information, please contact the Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department at 738-6575.

Open office hours set at City Hall

Mayor Sharon Quirk has announced she will institute open office hours from 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays at City Hall starting in January for citizens who wish to meet with her.

The office hours will replace the "Time to Catch Up" public outreach programs held from 4-5 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Steamers Café.

Any citizen wishing to come to open office hours can either just drop by the City Council Office at Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., or call the office at (714) 738-6311 to make an appointment.

Appointments will be limited to 15 minutes each.

Persons needing special accommodations to attend a meetings should call the staff prior to coming to City Hall.

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 breaks in the process, you will be charged for damage to City property.

Capt. Dan Hughes named acting Fullerton police chief

Capt. Dan Hughes, commander of the Fullerton Police Department's patrol division, has been appointed acting police chief by City Manager Joe Felz.

The appointment will become effective Jan. 3.

He will replace Acting Chief Kevin Hamilton, who will resume his duties as captain in charge of the department's detective division. He will also assist Hughes in the transition to the acting chief's duties.

Felz explained the decision to appoint Hughes was prompted by Hamilton's plans to retire soon, after 34 years with the Police Department. Hamilton, named acting chief in August, originally planned to retire this past summer, but put those plans on hold when Chief Michael Sellers was placed on extended medical leave by his doctor.

"Capt. Hamilton has done an outstanding job in assuming the acting police chief position at a very difficult time for the department and the city," Felz said. "His efforts have been very much appreciated not only by the City Council and myself, but by the community as a whole."

Hughes, a 28-year veteran of the department, is a "hometown boy," having been born and raised in Fullerton. He joined Fullerton Police as a cadet in 1983, and became an officer in 1985. He was promoted to sergeant in 1996, lieutenant in 2006, and to patrol division captain in 2010.

Hughes holds an associate of science degree in criminal justice from Fullerton College, and both a bachelor of science degree in occupational studies and a master of science degree in emergency services administration from California State University, Long Beach.

Hughes is also a graduate of the Supervisory Leadership

Institute and the International Association of Chiefs of Police leadership course "Leadership in Police Organizations." In April, Hughes is scheduled to graduate Command College, which is an 18-month leadership and futures-oriented course designed for management in law enforcement.

Hughes serves on the board of directors of the Fullerton Boy's and Girl's Club, and is a member of the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Fullerton Steering Committee, as well as the Fullerton Downtown Business Association and the Fullerton Downtown Working Group.

Hughes said he is looking forward to his new role, adding he takes great pride in the department. "I firmly believe the men and women of the Fullerton Police Department are some of the best law enforcement officers in Southern California," he added.

Hughes said his initial steps as acting chief will be to continue "working on improving community trust and confidence in their Police Department." One idea to this end that he wishes to explore is the possible formation of a community advisory committee to the chief of police.

He added he will also be working closely with his staff on completion of a review and update of department policies, procedures, and practices "to ensure our officers are making the proper ethical decisions and performing effectively, and that our supervisors are engaging more with our officers and the community in the field."

Hughes and his wife, Kimberly, reside in Yorba Linda. They have three children – Christina, Austin and Grant. He is a member of the Yorba Linda Friends Church and is active in youth sports.



Capt. Dan Hughes

Fullerton offers housing rehabilitation loans for homeowners

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

The loans are funded through the federal Housing and Urban Development Department's Community Development Block Grant Program, and qualifying homeowners must meet the program's 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 years of age or older) who only receive federal or state financial assistance, such as Social Security or disability, are allowed to bypass the bank application and apply directly for a deferred loan.

Applications and further information about the loan programs 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 Fullerton 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.

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.

Police Department implements changes in operations, procedures

Actions taken by the Fullerton Police Department regarding departmental operations and procedures were the subject of a report to the Fullerton City Council by Acting Police Chief Kevin Hamilton.

In the report, presented at the Dec. 20 council meeting, Hamilton outlined steps taken thus far by the Police Department in the wake of the Kelly Thomas case.

The case occurred July 5 when Thomas, a homeless man who had been diagnosed with schizophrenia, had an altercation with officers who had detained him for questioning. Thomas was critically injured during that struggle and died five days later.

Hamilton said among the first steps taken was to "implement formal training for all our personnel on dealing with the homeless and the mentally ill they may encounter in the course of their duties." Courses included crisis intervention training, and critical issue training on use of force, use of Tasers, and use of digital audio recorders (DARs).

The department has also obtained the services of CSP Victim Assistance Programs in Orange County to provide services to crime victims and those impacted by crime.

Policy changes enacted have included implementation of a new citizen complaint procedure, as well as a strengthening of the language in the department policy manual on the use and random audits of DARs.

Another step taken has been to work with the Los Angeles County Office of Independent Review (OIR) (www.laoir.com) which is conducting a review of police department policies and procedures. The results of the OIR's review are tentatively slated to be presented to the council in February by Michael Gennaco, chief attorney for the OIR.

The department is also conducting its own internal affairs investigation of the Thomas case, and is assisting the FBI in investigation into possible civil rights violations in the case.

In addition, the Police Department is serving as liaison to the Task Force on the Homeless Mentally Ill formed by the City Council and City Manager Joe Felz in response to the

Thomas case to assess services already available to assist the mentally ill homeless, as well as identify additional service needs.

The Task Force will also develop a plan for facilitating access to the services.

"The Task Force has been coming together every other week to hear the stories of family members whose children suffered mental illness, shelter providers who go out every day to provide a roof over the heads of families in Fullerton, churches and synagogues that feed the hungry, and homeless individuals who are or were on the streets," said Rusty Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations

Commission and Task Force chairman.

"By January we will have heard from county mental health professionals, the regional commission seeking to end homelessness by 2020, and private mental health practitioners to finish our education about what exists, as well as hear ideas about what a perfect system would look like," Kennedy said.

"We will then start to narrow down the ideas to a few things Fullerton could do now especially to help the mentally ill homeless."

Kennedy said the Task Force hopes to have its recommendations to the City Council in March.

A full copy of Acting Chief Hamilton's report is on the Police Department Update section of City's website at www.cityoffullerton.com.



Classic Hollywood comes to the Library for 'Thursday Matinees'

Classic Hollywood will come to the Fullerton Public Library starting in January when the Library presents its new "Thursday Matinees" film series.

Beginning Jan. 5, the Library will screen classic films at 1 p.m. Thursdays in the Osborne Auditorium of the Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.

January's offerings will be dedicated to Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor, and will feature films in which she starred. The schedule for the month is "National Velvet" on Jan. 5, "Giant" on Jan. 12, the original "Father of the Bride" on Jan. 19, and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" on Jan. 26.

Appropriately, February's screen

offerings will be a salute to the genre of screwball romantic comedies. Leading off the month will be Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn in "Bringing up Baby" on Feb. 2. Also in the lineup will be Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert in the classic "It Happened One Night" on Feb. 9; William Powell and Carol Lombard in "My Man Godfrey" on Feb. 16; and Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell in "His Girl Friday" on Feb. 23.

March, the month of St. Patrick, will be a tribute to the Irish. Starting off the month will be the quintessential Irish film "The Quiet Man," starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara on March 1. Other films to be screened

in March are "Darby O'Gill and the Little People" on March 8; Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald in "Going My Way" on March 15; "My Left Foot" on March 22; and "Michael Collins" on March 29.

The matinees are free to the public, and movie-goers are welcome to bring light snacks and covered beverages to enjoy while watching the films.

Further information about the Thursday Matinees program may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Main Library at (714) 738-6326.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend a matinee are asked to notify the Library staff prior to the movie they plan to see.





Museum Center calendar

“Citrus: California’s Golden Dream” Runs through March 25

This exhibit tells the story of the second California Gold Rush, the quest for oranges, grapefruits, and lemons, the fruits that dominated the state’s economy from the 1880s through the 1950s. “Citrus: California’s Golden Dream” features a fascinating array of fruit labels, historical books, maps, postcards, packing crates, and memorabilia.



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Stroller Brigade

Wednesdays, through March 21
10 a.m.-noon
Free admission

Toddlers, preschoolers and their grownups are invited to our main gallery on Wednesdays for docent-led games, crafts, puzzles and stories. Don’t miss out!

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“Solid Design: Leo Fender’s Telecaster”
Runs through June 3

“Solid Design: Leo Fender’s Telecaster” showcases the Telecaster, the first commercially successful solid-body electric guitar, an instrument that changed music history. Numerous examples from the early years are on display. There is a noticeable celebrity component in the images and presentation, including Telecasters once owned by celebrities. The exhibit points to players such as George Harrison, Bruce Springsteen, Tom Petty, Roy Buchanan, James Burton, Don Rich, and Mike Bloomfield. These musicians - Tele players all - created some of the most potent music imaginable.

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Wednesday Art Studio

Session A: Jan. 25-Feb. 15
Session B: Feb. 29-March 21
Session C: April 25-May 16
All session are from 2-4 p.m.
For grades 1-6

\$40 for general public / \$35 for Museum members
Draw, paint, decorate and create! Students will create original art with a wide range of fun art materials including paint, beads, metal and glass. Fee includes all materials.

Call (714) 738-6545 for more information



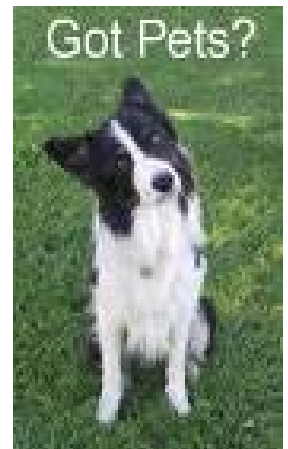
Pet care tips to prevent water pollution

Clean beaches and healthy creeks, rivers, bays and oceans are important to Orange County and Fullerton residents and businesses. However, many common activities can lead to water pollution if you’re not careful.

Pet waste and pet care products can be washed into the storm drains that flow to the ocean. Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our waterways. You would never put pet waste or pet care products into the ocean, so don’t let them enter the storm drains. Follow these easy tips to help prevent water pollution:

Washing Your Pets

Even biodegradable soaps and shampoos can be harmful to marine life and the environment. If possible, bathe your pets indoors using less-toxic shampoos or have your pet professionally groomed. Follow instructions on the products and clean up spills. If you bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another absorbent/permeable surface to keep the washwater from running into the street, gutter or storm drain.



Flea Control

Consider using oral or topical flea control products. If you use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars, make sure to dispose of any unused products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. The closest Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center is located at 1071 North Blue Gum Street, Anaheim, CA 92806. For additional locations, call (714) 834-6752.

Why You Should Pick Up After Your Pet

It’s the law! The City of Fullerton has an ordinance requiring you to pick up after your pet. Besides being a nuisance, pet waste can lead to water pollution, even if you live inland. During rainfall, pet waste left outdoors can wash into storm drains. This waste flows directly into our waterways and the ocean where it can harm human health, marine life and the environment. As it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water. This decomposition can contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them.

Have fun with your pets, but please be a responsible pet owner by taking care of them and the environment. Take a bag with you on walks to pick up after your pet. Dispose of the waste in the trash or in a toilet.

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 – FULLERTON COLLABORATIVE**, 1:30 p.m., second Tuesday of month, Hunt Branch Library, 201 S. Basque Ave.; no meetings in July; (714) 447-2884.
- **ON-GOING – WOMEN'S CLUB OF FULLERTON**, 6:30 p.m. third Wednesday of month, Aviation Facilities Inc., 4119 W. Commonwealth Ave. (at Fullerton Municipal Airport); (818) 419-4688 or www.womenscluboffullerton.org.
- **ON-GOING – FULLERTON FBS 4-H CLUB MEETINGS**, 7 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Fullerton Elks Lodge, 1451 Brea Blvd.; (714) 994-0843.
- **ON-GOING – IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA**, Fullerton Chapter, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday of month, Izaak Walton Cabin at Hillcrest Park, 1155 N. Lemon St.; (714) 526-7393 or (714) 871-1829.
- **ON-GOING – FULLERTON BARBERSHOP CHORUS MEETINGS**, 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Fullerton Union High School Music Room, 201 E. Chapman Ave.; (714) 871-7675.
- **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 – 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 – 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 – FULLERTON FEEDERS, BREEDERS AND SEEDERS 4-H CLUB**, 7 p.m. third Tuesdays of month, Knights of Columbus Lodge, 8410 Kass Drive, Buena Park; open to youths 5-19; (714) 994-0843.
- **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.
- **ON-GOING – EBELL CLUB OF FULLERTON**, 313 Laguna Road; fund-raiser for Maple Elementary School; tickets and information (714) 526-3498.
- **JAN. 1-6 AND 9-13 – FULLERTON PONY BASEBALL REGISTRATION**, 5-8 p.m., Duane Winters Field, Amerige Park, 320 W. Commonwealth Ave.; registration for 2012 spring season for boys and girls 3-14; parents should bring child's birth certificate and a current utility bill to register; for further information, visit www.fullertonpony.com; (714) 773-4215.
- **JAN. 7 – FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Russell Parks Junior High School, 1710 Rosecrans Ave.; computer monitors, cell phones ink cartridges, laptops, cables and wires and mp3 players will be accepted; sponsor Fullerton Junior All American; (714) 470-0026.
- **JAN. 27 – "LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE,"** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Meridian Club, 1535 Deerpark Drive; sponsor League of Women Voters of North Orange County; guest speaker will be Marilyn Lees, government and advocacy director of the Orange Coast League; reservations (714) 254-7440 or lunchwithleague@lwnvoc.org.
- **JAN. 29 – CHAMBER MUSIC PALISADES IN CONCERT**, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; concert is free; sponsor Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 526-5310 or www.fullertonfriendsofmusic.com.
- **FEB. 4 – CAL STATE FULLERTON HOMECOMING**, starts at 4 p.m. with the Titan Tailgate Party, Titan Gym, Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd.; event will feature Varsity Band, Spirit Squad and Dance Team performances, special activities for kids, and campus tours; meal available for pre-registered guests; (657) 278-2586 or www.fullerton.edu/homecoming.
- **FEB. 10-14 – "SINGING VALENTINES,"** 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; presented by the Orange Empire Chorus; package includes two songs sung in barbershop harmony, a card and a single rose; proceeds benefit "Youth in Harmony" musical scholarship program; reservations (714) 871-7675.
- **FEB. 26 – ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET with Clarinetist Gary Gray in Concert**, 3:30 p.m., Sunny Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 1801 Warburton Way; free; sponsor Fullerton Friends of Music; (714) 526-5310 or www.fullertonfriendsofmusic.com.

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 (714) 738-6758. Nonprofit groups only. The items will also be placed on the City's cable channel and the City's web site.