

Council Update

Projects:

Maintenance Services Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Facility (*Engineering*): Construction began in July and is approximately 75 percent complete. The contractor, Amtek Construction, has completed nearly all of the pavement areas and main vertical structural components. Delay is anticipated in the installation of the compressed natural gas fueling equipment as a result of fire at the equipment manufacturer's facility in December. The project is estimated to be completed by early March.

Rosecrans Avenue Reconstruction between Gilbert Street and Canyon Drive (*Engineering*): Bid opening was Feb. 7, and the project will go to Council Feb. 21 for awarding. Construction is to begin in April and be completed in June.

Sewer Replacement – Various Locations (*Engineering*): On Jan. 17, Council awarded a \$998,151 contract to EBS General Engineering, Inc., for replacing and upgrading deteriorated sewer mains at the following locations:

- La Mesa Drive, between Valencia Mesa Drive and Crestview Drive
- Oak Avenue, between Magnolia Avenue and Jensen Way
- Woods Avenue, near Orangethorpe Avenue
- Orangethorpe Avenue, 100 feet west of Harbor Boulevard
- Alleys north and south of Amerige Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue and Balcom Avenue
- Amerige Avenue, between Adams Avenue and Woods Avenue

The project will also include residential street reconstruction of La Mesa Drive and Oak Avenue within the limits specified above. Construction is estimated to begin in late April and be completed in late summer.

Building Demolition *(Engineering)*: On Dec. 6, Council awarded the building demolition project for \$104,100 to Interior Demolition. Properties slated for demolition include: 312, 324, 336 W. Valencia Drive and 455 West Avenue. Work is scheduled to begin in early February and be completed in March.

Mural Renovation (*Parks and Recreation*): As part of the renovation of Lemon Park, the restoration of the 1994 "Niños del Mundo" murals was completed in January. The professional restoration included a heavy-duty anti-graffiti coating.

Programs:

New Senior Transportation Program (*Parks and Recreation*): Senior transportation services are expanding with the new Fullerton Senior Transportation Program. The program is offered in partnership with the OCTA and paid for by Project U of Measure M2 funds. The program offers four transportation opportunities to Fullerton residents, who are at least age 60: free weekday trips to and from the senior center, weekly shopping trips, and subsidized 30-day OCTA bus passes and taxi vouchers. Residents must

present valid identification as proof of Fullerton residency and age.

Fullerton Tennis Center (*Parks and Recreation*): The Tennis Center hosted the 67th Annual Fullerton Designated Tennis Tournament Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5. It is a national level junior tournament with 10-18-year-old age groups. This is the largest annual event that the Tennis Center holds and is one of the largest tournaments in the United States, with more than 1,200 participants each year. Past participants include Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Venus and Serena Williams.

Snow Day 2012 (*Parks and Recreation*): A sold-out crowd of more than 800 enjoyed a variety of frozen attractions at the annual Snow Day in Brea Dam Park. Popular features included four sled runs, a snowball target range, a blast zone and a no-throw toddler area. Participants also could partake in the campfire s'mores station, a guided hike, and have their photo taken with a snowman.

Skate Park (*Parks and Recreation*): The Skate Park at Independence Park has been temporarily closed for potential repairs and to address safety concerns. These items include graffiti removal, potential fencing improvements, and resolution of numerous liability and other insurance issues related to activities at the facility. Parks and Recreation staff hosted a community meeting to discuss these issues Feb. 2 at the Fullerton Main Library. With the public's feedback, options for the skate park will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at the Feb. 13 meeting.

Downloadable Books (*Library*): January was a busy month for the new downloadable book service, *Overdrive*, at the Fullerton Public Library. In January alone, we had more than 750 checkouts of audio and e-books. The many phone calls staff received after the holidays indicate that many patrons received readers over the holidays and are eager to learn how to use them. Library staff is available to help patrons access this new service either one-on-one in the library or over the phone.

Distinguished Speaker Series (*Library*): Sandra Tsing Loh regaled more than 150 people with tales from the "Loh Life" when she spoke at the Main Library Jan. 15. The NPR radio personality, performance artist, violinist and physicist spoke and read from her book "Mother on Fire." This event continued the Library's Distinguished Speaker Series, with well-known authors speaking about their work to the Fullerton community. The series concludes May 6 with featured speaker Dean Koontz.

Children's Services (*Library*): The Children's Library now offers "Read with the Dogs," a new program on the second Wednesday of the month. Children are invited to drop in and read to one or more dogs. Books are provided by the Library or young readers may bring their own. The dogs are certified therapy dogs from the Pet Prescription Team. Each dog is accompanied by a handler and each wears a vest signifying that they are certified. The purpose of the program is two-fold: First this program gives young readers a chance to practice reading aloud. The dogs are good listeners who enjoy being read to and are totally non-judgmental. The second purpose is to allow children who are unable to have a dog the opportunity to interact one-on-one with a dog. Each canine is ready and willing to provide canine attention to any child wanting to talk to them. The group provides a variety of dogs, both large and small. In January there were five dog and handler teams with 48 readers and family members attending.

Adult Services (*Library*): Beckman-Coulter donated more than 150 items to the Library, with an estimated value of \$3,700. These additions were mostly business and science books. This donation resulted from networking by Library staff in the Fullerton School District's Science Advocacy Council. There are some great new titles worth checking out.

Business Workshops (*Library*): As interest continues to grow in the programs and other offerings of the Library's Adult Services Division, the SCORE business workshops have reached a new all-time

high for attendance. At January's SCORE Social Media Marketing workshop, more than 120 attendees enjoyed a free event on how to develop customer contacts through new technologies. For the three SCORE business workshops held at the Main Library in January, more than 300 hundred local small business people came to enjoy the topics presented, which included top-flight speakers providing timely information. The workshops continue this month with "Demystifying Financial Statements" and another one on "Social Media Marketing." Not only are the workshops becoming more popular but the one-on-one counseling SCORE offers business people or prospective business people at the Main Library every Monday morning and evening is also enjoying increased activity. People can register for both the workshops and the counseling through the SCORE website at www.score114.org With all these new small business people in the Library comes an even greater opportunity for the Library to share what it can do for those members of the community.

Month in Review:

Fire: In January, the Department had 1,039 requests for service, up slightly from the 1,002 requests in January 2011. Of the 1,039 requests, 746 were for emergency medical aid, 38 were for fires, 11 were hazardous materials incidents, and 65 were service calls. Of the medical aid requests, 490 required advanced life support response and 256 required basic life support response. In addition, the Department responded on 112 automatic aid calls.

Community Development: In January, the Department: conducted 145 plan checks; issued 339 building permits; conducted 1,406 building inspections; visited 627 building sites; received 115 code enforcement complaints; handled 598 active code enforcement cases; conducted 532 code enforcement inspections; and closed 119 Code Enforcement complaints.

Police: In January, the Police Department was dispatched to 3,607 calls for service and initiated 1,942 additional contacts. There were 1,157 criminal reports taken during the month, and 339 persons were arrested for various criminal offenses.