

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

The 2021–2029 Housing Game Plan, officially recognized as the 6th Cycle Housing Element is a strategic document that outlines our commitment to providing a diverse range of housing options across affordability levels for our community.

The Housing Element addresses crucial aspects such as the required number of homes, their optimal locations, and strategies to ensure affordability for residents across various income levels. Essentially, it serves as a comprehensive roadmap outlining how Fullerton plans to meet the housing needs of its residents.

To read more about what was discussed at the January, 26th Housing Element meeting, continue reading under the Community and Economic Element updates.

The 2021–2029 Draft Housing Element is available for public review. We invite you to access the document at the following link: https://www.cityoffullerton.com/home/showpublisheddocument/8215/638399774964700000

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UPDATE ON FY24 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

The City of Fullerton currently has \$3.5 million in federal funds pending for the Police Station Historic Remediation and Rehabilitation Project, as well as \$959,752 for the Well 7A Construction Project.

Recently, Federal lawmakers avoided a government shutdown by passing a Continuing Resolution (CR) to extend the previous fiscal year's funding for six more weeks. The CR sets two new funding deadlines for different segments of the federal government. Under the newly passed CR, a first wave of shutdowns would occur on March 1 and a second wave on March 8 if a budget agreement is not reached. Congressional leaders believe the six-week extension will provide enough time to iron out the details of their previously announced topline spending agreement.

Funding negotiations are ongoing and will pick up steam once subcommittee allocations are determined in the coming days. As lawmakers move to finalize FY24 appropriations, the FY25 budget and appropriations process is simultaneously approaching. The President's budget is anticipated to be released in early March to coincide with his State of the Union Address scheduled for March 7, 2024. It is anticipated that Congressional Appropriations committees will begin work on the FY25 process shortly thereafter.

City staff is working diligently with our consultant, Townsend Public Affairs, to track the appropriations process. We will continue to provide updates as more information is received on this matter.

LOW-COST PET VACCINE CLINICS COMING TO FULLERTON

We have partnered with H.E.A.R.T. to provide a mobile low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic starting in April.

H.E.A.R.T. has many years of partnership experience with OC Animal Care and surrounding cities that have enabled them to reach out to thousands of people, helping serve the needs of homeless pet owners and others living in disadvantaged communities, as well as those who simply cannot afford expensive pet care.

We will provide more information about this exciting new service coming to Fullerton as we finalize the details!



CELEBRATING MICHAEL LORENZEN'S BASEBALL NO-HITTER CAREER







At the <u>February 6, 2024</u> City Council meeting, the City of Fullerton proudly honored Michael Lorenzen for his outstanding achievement in the world of baseball. In a historic moment for the sport, Lorenzen, a native of Fullerton, accomplished a remarkable feat by pitching a no-hitter in his illustrious career.

To commemorate this significant milestone, Mayor Nicholas Dunlap presented Lorenzen with the Key to the City of Fullerton. This symbolic gesture is a token of appreciation from the citizens of Fullerton, expressing gratitude for his remarkable contributions to the world of sports and for bringing honor to our community.

Lorezen graciously signed autographs and took pictures with the room full of baseball fans in the council chambers during his visit to City Hall.

Lorenzen's remarkable journey from the fields of Fullerton to the heights of professional baseball serves as a testament to the talent and determination found within our community. His achievements remind us of all of the limitless possibilities that come from hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment to one's dreams.

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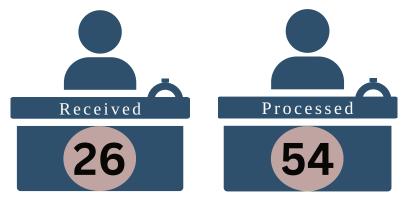


Fullerton Quarterly Operating Statistics

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Comparative Fees Collected and Remitted	\$	244	\$	122	S	122	\$	100
Permit Volume (includes all jurisdictions) Number of Permits Number of Riders		2,382 317		2,117		2,609 799		2,732 872
Total		2,699		2,508		3,408		3,604

CITY CLERK UPDATES

The City Clerk's Office received 26 public records requests and processed 54 public records requests, between January 11th and January 24th, as required under the **California Public Records Act**.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Increase in Business Email Compromise

• We are seeing an increase in **Business Email Compromise** (BEC) attacks. Often, these phishing attacks impersonate messages from someone that you know, like a coworker or department head. The message may contain unusual requests or demands, with the goal of obtaining money or other confidential information about our organization.

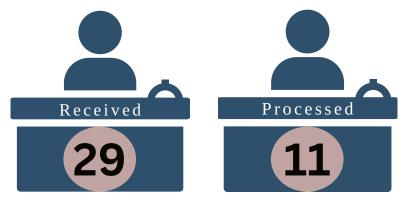
What can you do?

- Look for the External Email banner
- Look at the sender's email address
- If you receive an unexpected request, <u>confirm with the individual directly using a separate</u>, verified means of communication
- Report suspicious emails using the PhishAlert button in Outlook
- Complete your assigned security training in KnowBe4 every month

Thank you for all that you do every day to protect our data and our City!

CITY CLERK UPDATES

The City Clerk's Office received 29 public records requests and processed 11 public records requests, between January 25th and February 7th, as required under the California Public Records Act.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT HELP DESK

In January, the **IT Help Desk** received over 500 requests for assistance. Of those, 40 submitted reviews on the service they received, which averaged **4.8 out of 5 stars**. Here are some of the comments that were submitted:

- "The response to my request was immediate! Thank you."
- "Excellent Customer Service and follow through to ensure the problem was resolved. Overall positive experience."
- "Walked me through process and made sure I understood and the app worked."
- "Very helpful and informative. Great service provided."
- "Quick response to critical issue :)"

We thank our hard-working IT Help Desk staff for providing great service. To request IT help, submit a ticket at: https://www.cityoffullerton.com/helpdesk. When complete, be sure to submit your rating and review to let us know how we did!





NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

BORN PRIMATE CO

Administrative Office Use/Design Curation and Hospitality

FULLERTONWHOLESALE INC

Wholesale-Plastic Bottles

HEALTH CARE TRANSPORT INC

Home Admin Office for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

MING WU

State Certified Massage Therapist @ Four Season

QING BAI LI

State Certified Massage Tech @ Four Season Spa

REEL CREATION LABS

Digital Media Creation

SHUANG YU

State Certified Massage Tech @ Four Season Spa

SKIN PLUS BY JAYNA

Skincare Services

SNC ENGINEERING INC

Steel Detailing Company

BEANLICIOUS ROASTERY

Coffee Roasting Consulting

BRAND NEW MANAGEMENT INC

CIOACA CLEANING

Residential Cleaning Services

WILLIAM E MARCHAM TRUST

Commercial Rentals

CONCRETE ORCHIDS

Online Clothing Brand for Men and Women

DASHFORCE LLC

Non-Emergency Transportation

ELENA'S HOUSE CLEANING SERVICE

Residential Cleaning Services

THE FLAME BROILER INC

Restaurant- Korean-Inspired Fast Food

JJ FAMILY FOREVER INC

Restaurant- Korean Cuisine

KAREN RODRIGUEZ

State Certified Massage Tech @ BodyCentre LLC

KATSA'T BAYONG

Online Sales- Accessory Bags

KG PROJECTS LLC

Environmental Consultant

KJP 1ST INVESTMENTS LLC

Individual Investor

P&F INC

Administrative Office for Trucking Business

RJ WINDOW TINT AND ACCESSORIES

Retail- Car Accessories/Lights/Running Boards

RJ WINDOW TINT AND ACCESSORIES

Window Tinting Services

SUNKYO SEO DDS INC

SWEET SCOOPS HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

Ice Cream Shop

WEST COAST GASKET CO

Machine Shop



NEW BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS

HOMEOWNERS

A+ CARE TRANSPORT LLC

NEMT- Non-Emergency Medical Transport

ABY'S DEEP KITCHEN CLEANING

Mobile Deep Cleaning Services (Kitchen)

BLOSSOM PM AGENCY LLC

Home-Based Marketing Agency

ASSOCIATION

CEDARHILL

HOA for Cedarhill Estates

DB AUTOSTYLE

Auto Body Specialist- Modify External Auto Parts

ESTATES

HUBTRANS LOGISTICS INC

Freight Forwarding- Warehousing & Storage for Goods

APPLEWOOD & ACORN INC

Caterer- BBQ

WEST COAST ELECTRIC & POWER INC

Utility Planning Consulting Services

AESTHETIC ALLY INC

Medical Equipment Lease & Wholesale

ARRIAGA TRUCKING INC

Parking/Storage- Commercial Trucks

BEAUTY FERNANDES

Beauty Salon

F&P WORLD INC

Wholesale Agent for Textile/Clothing

GROOVYBOOTH

Home Office for Photo Booth Rental Service

MD REMEDY LLC

Medical Clinic- Pediatric Growth Hormone
Treatment

J&R ALUMINUM PATIO COVERS INC

Contractor-Specialty

LALACOSMO LLC

General Merchandise Warehouse

MOONDANCE APPAREL INC

Clothing Wholesale and Importing Agent

OASIS VETERINARY CORPORATION

Veterinary Services

ONE ACU LLC

Acupuncture Clinic

PSD SOLUTION

ROHAHN INVESTMENT PROPERTY LLC

Lessor of Commercial Property

ROHAHN KINDRED

Medical Device Wholesale Trade

SIGN LANGUAGE BY ANA MARITZA LLC

ASL Interpreter

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

- The public review and comment period for the revised **Housing Element** ended on <u>January 26, 2024</u>. Staff conducted a noticing effort consisting of emailing interested parties/individuals, posting in the local newspaper, posting on the City website, and conducting social media efforts. Staff will compile all comments provided and incorporate recommendations to the maximum extent possible. To see a recording of the meeting, please follow the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4mpGq5gJ72g
- A fire at the former Zakie Farmer's Market building (southwest corner of Orangethorpe Ave./Pacific Dr.) on <u>Monday,</u>
 <u>January 22</u> has put an unexpected delay into the plans of the Gospel First Korean Baptist Church. The property
 owner was working with staff to redevelop the site and repurpose the existing building. Due to the fire, the property
 owner is required to demolish the building and anticipates completion in the next 2 weeks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fullerton kicked off the year with impactful events, strengthening community efforts and fostering entrepreneurship. A collaborative community meeting on <u>January 18th</u> set the stage for unity and support. Looking ahead, Fullerton encourages businesses to join the "**SBDC Eats - A Recipe for Food Business Success**" series, starting on <u>January 26th</u>. The City, local SBDC resources, CSU Fullerton, and Culinary Lab Cooking School, will participate in this six-week hybrid event guides participants from culinary idea to successful business, addressing concept development, market needs, and more. These initiatives showcase Fullerton's commitment to community engagement and economic growth, emphasizing a supportive environment for both businesses and residents.

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HOUSING

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Assistance for the current year will conclude on <u>February 29th</u>. On <u>January 18th</u>, <u>2024</u>, 19 applications were personally delivered to existing **TBRA** recipients at both Rancho La Paz and Rancho Fullerton. As of now, two applications have been approved for the upcoming program year, and eight applications are presently under review. Inspections for the two approved applicants have been scheduled.

Housing Rehabilition

Four grants/emergency roof loans were committed. Currently, two projects are in the bidding phase. In December, we successfully completed a project on W. Baker Ave, totaling \$91,683.20. Please see the following page for 'Before' and 'After' pictures of the project.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The **Community Development Citizens' Committee** (CDCC) held its first meeting on <u>January 23</u>. A Public Hearing was held explaining and updating the committee regarding CDBG, HOME funds, CDBG-CV, and HOME-ARP. The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, and 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) were discussed.

The committee reviewed fifteen non-profit applications requesting public service funds and one fair housing application.

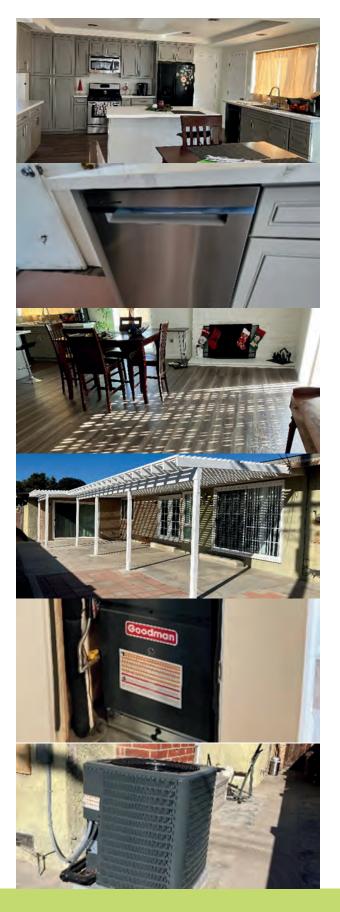
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING CONTINUED

BEFORE



AFTER







CODE ENFORCEMENT

Hoarding and Property Maintenance:

In <u>mid-January 2024</u>, after enforcement on a difficult case involving hoarding conditions by a resident suffering from mental illness, progress was made to a point where the community was able to observe progress. The property was occupied by a resident whose interior hoarding conditions were so extreme, that the resident was sleeping and living in a small space in the rear yard. The vegetation was also neglected and overgrown providing harborage for rodents and vermin. After obtaining an inspection warrant and working with family members, the resident was relocated by her family to safe housing and the cleanup of the interior and exterior of the historic home began.

The property owner was able to sell the property and the new owner is undergoing efforts to restore and improve both the landscaping and the historic dwelling on Cornell Avenue. The case will continue to be monitored while their project gets reviewed and approved by the Planning and Building Divisions.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT STATS

July 1, 2023 - February 6, 2024



Complaints Received



Cases Resolved



Inspections Conducted

Cannabis Enforcement:

Within the last three weeks, Code Enforcement was successful in obtaining two court-ordered abatement warrants to close illegal cannabis dispensaries. Code Enforcement assisted by the Building Division and PD executed these warrants resulting in the closure of two illegal cannabis retail operations:

- On January 16, 2024, Imperial Greens marijuana dispensary located at 4120 North Harbor Boulevard; and
- On January 23, 2024, Happy Seedz marijuana dispensary located at 2142 East Orangethorpe Avenue

Cannabis Enforcement Continued:

Over the last ten months, Our Cannabis Code Enforcement Officer has been successful in building a partnership with the California Department of Cannabis Control (CDCC) and there have been coordinated efforts in the scheduling of abatements and execution of warrants to complement the legal scope of work and limits in jurisdiction for both of agencies. Our department handles the Land Use Violation and seeks court authorization to abate and the CDCC handles confiscation of the product as well as other criminal elements of the illegal businesses. Thereafter, our staff can execute the court-ordered warrant to have Southern CA Edison (SCE) terminate power, and the Building Official redtag the unit to prohibit entry. This process has been successful at ensuring unscrupulous operators cannot legally enter the building without being subject to arrest by Fullerton PD for breaking the red tag.

Between the two retail locations abated in January, the CDCC confiscated approximately **160 pounds of cannabis** and almost **10 pounds of mushroom psilocybin products**.

The team also responded to a call from SCE reporting an illegal marijuana grow house on Muir Trail. The property was subsequently red-tagged by the Building Division for non-entry and responsible parties were immediately issued administrative citations given the imminent hazard of the illegal cannabis grow. Code Enforcement will continue to monitor the residential property until there is full compliance on the Land Use and the unpermitted work violations and cost recovery pursuant to the municipal code is processed and collected. The CDCC seized 669 cannabis plants from the residence.

Below is a summary of the illegal cannabis efforts over the past ten months:

- Code Enforcement has obtained 12 abatement warrants, abated 12 illegal cannabis dispensaries, and one
 illegal cannabis grow;
- The Building Division has applied 12 red Tags; and
- The CDCC has confiscated approximately 750 pounds of cannabis products from illegal dispensaries in the City of Fullerton. They estimate this to have a street value of approximately 37 million dollars.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Real Estate Investors Association of California (RIAOC)

On <u>January 30th</u>, Mayor Dunlap, Director Sunayana Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Jung and over 150 real estate professionals met to discuss real estate opportunities within Fullerton. This event was jointly hosted by the Real Estate Investors Association of California (RIAOC) and provided a platform for brokers and developers to share and network as well as gain insight into Fullerton's unique value for investors.

Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC)

In partnership with the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC), the division has submitted for an \$850,000+ grant to the governors #CaliforniansForAll Youth Service workforce development program.



If awarded, the grant will bring over 50 youth members from OCCC to contribute to public service projects throughout the city. These youth service workers may assist with everything from cleanups to food distribution or partnering with our CDBG-funded nonprofits.



Entrepreneur Week

We want to encourage our small businesses during national **#Entrepreneurweek** which runs <u>February 10–17th</u> to share their journey and how Fullerton is where ideas became reality.

The division has partnered with NORTHSTAR by RevHub and will be showcasing some of Fullerton's very own small business owners and shops and providing resources and events to attend during the week. Additionally, keep an eye out on social media pages as we will be highlighting entrepreneurs throughout the week.





HOUSING

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Out of the 19 seniors currently receiving rental assistance, six have undergone inspections and have signed agreements for ongoing support. One inspection is scheduled, and three additional applications are currently under review.

Housing Rehabilitation

A reroof grant for a 90-year-old resident on W. Brookdale was completed just before the storm hit, with a total cost of \$20,900. Additional reroofs currently active are located on W. Pacific Dr. & E. Elm Ave, and a contract is being finalized for a reroof on W. Valencia. There are currently two projects in the bidding phase set to close on <u>February 24th</u>.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Community Development Citizens' Committee (CDCC) heard presentations from the following agencies: Boys & Girls Club of Fullerton, CARE Housing Services, Community SeniorServ, Hart Communities, Homeless Intervention Services, and Lutheran Social Services.

Monitoring

The 2023–2024 Community Development Grant Program is currently in the third quarter. Monitoring of the non-profit subrecipients started this week.

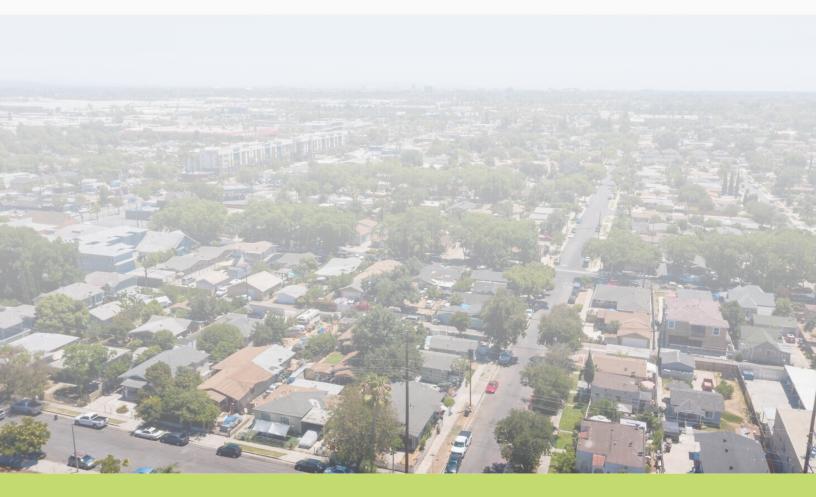
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

TROY HS PREPAREDNESS CLUB

While most students were nestled snug in their beds during winter break, 36 Troy High School Preparedness Club teens were busy learning life skills and involved in a three-day, 20-hour **Community Emergency Response Team** (CERT) training. The students learned the basics of the emergency system, basic first aid, CPR, Stop the Bleed, medical operations, fire methodology, how to use a fire extinguisher, disaster psychology, and teamwork. Most of the students were from the JROTC Program at Troy High School. The program was a joint effort between the Fire Department and JROTC. Students at Troy lead the Preparedness Club and Teen CERT was one opportunity we could bring disaster preparedness to an enthusiastic group of students who will share the information with their family members.

Students were welcomed by Police Chief Radus and Fullerton Fire Chief Loeser, received training by subject matter experts, EMS Manager Rosati, and BC Maturino for medical operations and fire controls, Truck 6 supported fire extinguisher training. They shared truck operations, and current CERT Volunteers donated their time and talents to ensure the entire training brought real life experiences to lectures and hands-on training. We look forward to hosting more Teen CERT Programs, Family Preparedness Workshops, LISTOS, and CERT in the community in 2024.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

FILL-THE-BOOT RECIPIENT

In response to the recent Southern California Storm the Fullerton Fire Department deployed Cal-1313 on a Pre-Positioned strike team. "Pre-pos" allow first responders to preposition equipment and resources where they are needed most. During storms strike teams will monitor rivers, flood channels, canyons and burn scars where flooding, debris flows, and damage is likely to occur. Having resources near venerable areas enable the teams to respond quickly and efficiently.



A strike team is made up of 5 engines and crews led by a strike team leader. Cal-OES 1313 is a Type 3 apparatus or engine. It is designed with four-wheel drive, rugged suspension, and high wheel clearance for steep off-road conditions. OES-1313 deployed on February 1, 2024, and returned on February 7, 2024, and responded with Orange Fire Department, Anaheim Fire and Rescue, Fountain Valley Fire Department, and Laguna Beach Fire Department.



FILL-THE-BOOT RECIPIENT

On <u>Friday, February 2, 2024</u>, the Fullerton Firefighters' Association and the Fullerton Fire Department **presented a BIG check for \$11,000** to the **St. Jude Memorial Foundation/Susan Crosson Cancer Center**. The money was raised in just 3 hours from gracious donations during a Fill-the-Boot event held on <u>Saturday, October 14th</u> at the intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Orangethorpe Ave. in Fullerton. Our Fullerton Firefighters hustled this intersection to fill empty firefighter boots with cash donations in the name of retired FFD Assistant Chief Larry Greene who is currently undergoing cancer treatment at St. Jude and the outpouring of the community was incredible! We are so proud of our partnerships within the community such as St. Jude and to be able to support Chief Greene who served the citizens of the City for over 30 years demonstrates how much we can accomplish when we work together.

Occupational cancer is the #1 cause of Firefighter deaths in the U.S. per the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) so during Pinktober, you may have seen Fullerton Firefighters wearing pink work t-shirts to show the Department's support for cancer awareness.





HUMAN RESOURCES

RECRUITMENT SUMMARY

An **eligibility list** was established for the following positions:

• Public Information Specialist

5 NEW HIRES

Library- 1 Hire

PD- 2 Hires **PW**- 2 Hires

The following recruitments are open and accepting applications:

- Administrative Assistant I/Confidential Filing deadline 2/4
- Air Conditioning Mechanic Continuous until filled
- Deputy Director of Administrative Services Filing deadline 1/25
- Electrician Continuous until filled
- Equipment Operator Filing deadline 2/4
- Police Dispatcher (entry-level)- Continuous until filled
- Police Dispatcher (lateral) Continuous until filled
- Police Officer Trainee Continuous until filled
- Police Records Clerk Filing deadline 2/4

Applications **accepted on a continuous basis** for non-regular positions:

- Community Services Leader Series
- Community Services Specialist Series
- Fire Department Utility Worker I/II
- Library Page
- Police Cadet
- Police Officer Lateral/Academy Trained
- Senior Parks and Recreation Specialist Series

Upcoming recruitments include:

- City Traffic Engineer
- Clerical Assistant III/Customer Service Representative/Sr. Customer Service Representative
- Homeless Outreach Case Manager (Non-regular)
- Manager-Landscape and Trees
- Manger-Streets and Sewer
- Source Control Inspector
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- Homeless Outreach Case Manager (Non-regular)
- Library Technology Assistant
- Manager Facilities
- Manager Landscape and Tree
- Manger Streets and Sewer
- Parks and Recreation Coordinator
- Skilled Maintenance Worker Water
- Source Control Inspector
- Street Supervisor

Save the Date – the Employee Recognition Program will be held on <u>February 22</u> from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Fullerton Community Center. We will be recognizing new hires, promotions and service year milestones.

On <u>February 2</u>7, the City will host an Employee Appreciation Lunch at the Maintenance Yard. Come enjoy a cheeseburger or grilled cheese meal. RSVP by 2/9.



RECENT EVENTS

FPL Patrons De-Stress in Everyone's Favorite Chill Setting—The Library!

On January 13, 2024, Fullerton Public Library hosted Heart Chan Meditation for a Meditate @ the Library workshop. Dr. Tracy Lee and Viki Chao, instructors from Heart Chan Meditation, offered a free, 90-minute workshop for community members to practice breathing and relaxation techniques to de-stress, energize, and purify. 40 community residents attended the program including Fullerton residents, Foundation Board members, and visitors from neighboring cities who heard about the program on social media, Meetup, and at the library. Attendees surveyed reported overall that they "loved" the program and enjoyed the opportunity to slow down and learn some helpful breathing exercises.



Due to the program's success, Meditate @ the Library will return this summer—subscribe to the Library's newsletter at fullertonlibrary.org/newsletter or visit www.fullertonlibrary.org for details!

FPL's Winter Reading Program for Kids is One for the Books

What if you could experience the fun of Summer Reading in the Winter? You can! Every year, FPL offers Winter Reading programs for children, adults, and even teens. This year's Children's Winter Reading Program ran from <u>December 12 to January 13</u>. This year, 250 kids ages 3rd to 8th grade read books and earned prizes including grab bags, craft kits, food coupons, free books, and more. That's an **11%** increase from last year's program! Not only that, but a record **40.4%** of our registrants remained fully engaged with the program from start to finish—that's a lot of reading! Bravo to Fullerton's young readers (and their caregivers)! For adults, this year's **Winter Reading for Grown-Ups** program encourages older readers to submit book review forms at the Main Library and runs through <u>March 19</u>. Enter for a chance to win this year's grand prize: a Kindle Paperwhite e-reader courtesy of the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library!





RECENT EVENTS

Fullerton Public Library Partners with La Vista High School

On <u>January 11</u>, Fullerton Public Library stopped by **La Vista High School** to participate in their first Club Rush of the new year. Teen Services Librarian, Emily Elliott, kept the table stocked with free books courtesy of the Friends of the Library and friendship bracelet kits. Students got to take home a free book of their choice along with flyers, handouts for different library services like free homework help and tutoring through Brainfuse, and free comics and graphic novels through the Libby app.

The fun didn't stop there! On <u>January 17</u>, the Library took a trip back to **LVHS** to demonstrate a STEAM lesson and activity. Emily gave a brief introduction to binary code and had students demonstrate their knowledge by creating their own binary code bracelets and keychains. This month is the start of a semester-long partnership in which the Library will continue to participate in various student life events and classroom STEAM activities.





Check Out the Library's Revamped Parenting Section

Did you know the FPL has a Parenting section?

We've added over fifty new titles on a wide variety of childrearing topics such as potty training, picky eating, and preparations for your newborn! Our parenting picture books are here to help you broach sensitive themes with your littles, while non-fiction resources are available to guide you through the early years of parenthood. Located in the Children's room, check out our newest arrivals!

Fullerton Public Library Gets Crafty for Valentine's Day!

On February 1, 2023 Fullerton Public Library hosted "You Gotta Have HeART" a Valentine's crafting program for teens and adults. Adults and teens 13 and up were encouraged to register online through the library's website to secure their spot and materials to create Valentine's cards. Attendees were greeted by library staff and teen volunteers and encouraged to view the sample cards and various crafting material. Patrons were able to make up to three cards and utilize material such as recycled book pages, scrapbooking paper, ribbon, stickers, markers, and more! Adult Services Librarian Deanna White and Teen Services Librarian Emily Elliott made sample cards that patrons could use as inspiration, but the creativity was flowing as attendees each made their own unique cards—sure to flutter the hearts of their loved ones. A very cozy group of 33 community members attended to enjoy an evening full of crafting.



Patrons surveyed expressed their thanks and appreciation for the organization of the event and for allowing various age groups to come together for a fun event. The event was attended by married couples, parents & teens, college friends, and even a couple on a date! The library was very excited with the turnout and are already planning ideas for the next seasonal crafting event! Special thanks to The Friends of the Fullerton Public Library for sponsoring this program.

Fullerton Public Library Celebrates National Library Lovers' Month!

February is National Library Lovers' Month and we're celebrating all things library! Whether you enjoy flipping through the pages of a thrilling mystery, listening to an e-book with your children, or exploring our exciting programs, libraries are vibrant spaces of discovery and community for all. Join the celebration! Visit our Circulation desk to ask for your free I Fullerton Public Library bumper sticker and show us where your library love takes you! Tag us on social media and share a favorite library love moment: #fullertonlibrarylove #libraryloversmonth.





PARKS AND RECREATION

FCC PROGRAMS

Tax Assistance Program – Every Thursday from <u>February 1st to April 4th</u> the volunteer income tax assistance program will be available. Time slots are between 12:30 – 3:00pm by appointment only. Please call (714)738–6575 or visit the FCC front desk to make your appointment.

Discover Fullerton on Foot – Learn about Historic Fullerton High School on <u>Saturday, February 17th</u>, 8:30 – 10:30am in a guided walk about the facility.

Grocery Distribution Update – Now the first, second, and third Thursday of every month the Fullerton Community Center will host our grocery distribution in partnership with Second Food Bank.









ATHLETICS, PARKS, & TRAILS

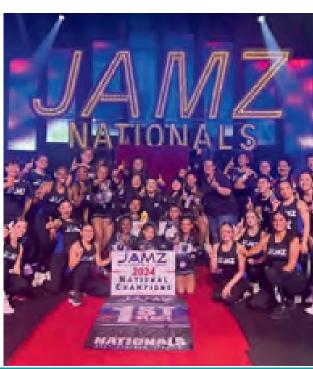
Fullerton Bears Cheer

All 6 performances received podium placement with **two teams earning national championship titles.** With over 600 performances for all divisions, the Fullerton Bears Cheer league made history with 2 First place titles, 3 Second place titles, and 1 Third place title. Congratulations Bears Cheer!









SPECIAL EVENTS

The **2024 Fullerton Wedding Show** is scheduled for <u>Sunday, February 25, 2024</u>. For more details, please visit our website at <u>www.cityoffullerton.com/cityevents</u>. Your participation in this event is highly valued, and we look forward to the prospect of showcasing your offerings at this prestigious occasion.



Wednesday Certified Farmers' Market

The Farmers' Market is back! The Fullerton Farmers' Market is every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and features local vendors that sell fresh fruits and produce.







CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



- Architect has submitted revised plans.
- Public works is currently reviewing.
- Next step would be planning a check and then going out to bid for construction





- Project includes renovation of restroom and landscaping improvements
- Staff is currently working with Kaboom to potentially build a new playground





PARKS AND RECREATION

ATHLETICS, PARKS, & TRAILS

Baseball & Softball Season is here!

East Fullerton Little League, Fullerton Hills Softball, Golden Hill
Little League, & West Fullerton Little League
have wrapped up tryouts and are now ready to play!
Their spring seasons start later February and wrap up in late June.









FULLERTON COMMUNITY CENTER
PRIVATE RENTALS

American Red Cross Building - Hillcrest Park



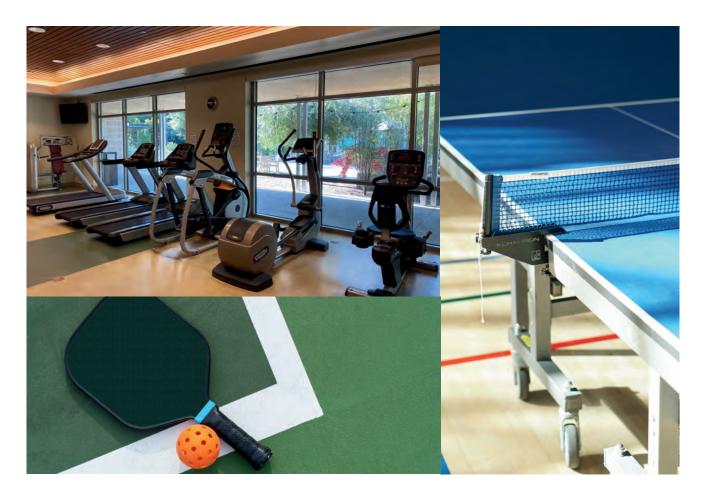
A total of 12 park rentals, 10 building rentals, & 2 pavilion rentals were reserved for February. Private rentals for February included baby showers, conferences, birthday parties, quinces, and business meetings. Visit our website if you would like to see all rental options in Fullerton.

Chapman Activity Building - Chapman Park

Our Chapman Activity Building will be reopening in early March! If you are looking for a private event space, then our Chapman Activity Building is perfect for you. Call the Fullerton Community Center for more details (714) 738-6575.



FULLERTON COMMUNITY CENTER FITNESS



Fitness at the Fullerton Community Center

As of February 1, 2024, kids aged 12 and older are welcome to participate in our Fitness Room, Gymnasium during Open Basketball hours, Table Tennis and Pickleball programs. It is mandatory for an adult to be always present with their child during these fitness activities. This will ensure a safe and supervised environment for everyone while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle from a young age.



SPECIAL EVENTS



SPANISH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

On <u>January 17th</u>, FPD held night three of the its Spanish Citizens' Academy. Attendees received presentations on our Communications Center (Dispatch) by Supervisor Cesar Navarro, as well as our Forensic Unit (CSI - Crime Scene Investigation), by CSI Supervisor Letty Hernandez.









NOW HIRING

The Fullerton Police Department is hiring for the following positions:

- Lateral/Academy Trained Police Officer
- Police Officer Trainee
- Lateral Police Dispatchers
- Police Dispatcher
- Police Records Clerk







Fullerton PD extends a well-deserved congratulations to our newest employees, Police Services Representatives Dawn Scruggs and Nicholas Dildine.

We are excited to welcome them to the FPD family, and we wish them nothing but the best as they begin their journey of serving our community with pride, respect, and dignity.





JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023

contacts

The Fullerton Police
Department made
26,453
self-initiated contacts in
2023



calls for service

The Fullerton Police
Department responded
to 44,149 calls for
service in 2023.



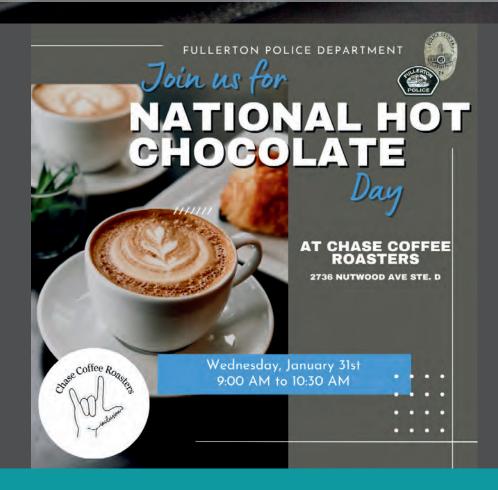
911 calls

The Fullerton Police Department received 46,657 emergency 911 calls in 2023.

total calls

The Fullerton Police Department received 137,308 phone calls in 2023.





SPANISH CITIZENS' ACADEMY

On January 24th, FPD held its fourth night of our Spanish Citizens' Academy. Night four also included their graduation. Attendees received presentations from our Narcotics



Sergeant, as well as our Police Services Representative with our Traffic Department. At the night's end, attendees received their certificate of completion from PSR Valadez Cruz and Captain Arana. Felicidades a nuestras graduadas!

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT







Fullerton PD Motor Officers recently participated in a joint operation with La Habra PD and Placentia PD's traffic unit. They conducted enforcement for those violating traffic laws, which included primary collision factors. Various violators were stopped for speeding, running red lights, and distracted driving violations, to name a few.

Officers focused on intersections with high-collision frequency. In all, 75 drivers were cited for various violations in the Fullerton and La Habra areas.

The Fullerton Police Department wants to remind drivers to slow down, wear their seat belts, and pay attention. The single most significant factor in collisions is speed. In 2021, speeding killed 12,330 people across the nation. We all know the frustrations of modern life and juggling a busy schedule, but speed limits are set to protect all road users.

PAST EVENTS

Fullerton PD was honored to take part in the **Annual Orange County Black History Parade & Unity Festival** held in Anaheim on February 3rd. Legendary Radio Host Big Boy was honored and served as the parade Grand Marshall. We hope all the attendees had a great time watching the parade, listening to live music, and visiting the vendors.







We had a great time on <u>January 31st</u> at **Chase Coffee Roasters** for National Hot Chocolate Day. Thanks to everyone, including the CSU Fullerton Police Department, who joined us for cocoa, and thank you to Chase Coffee Roasters for hosting this event.







REMINDER

<u>February 6th</u> was Safer Internet Day. It's not too late to start a conversation that highlights the good, and the not so good and dangerous aspects of technology use. We strongly urge all parents and guardians to start the conversation about technology safety.

Visit <u>www.icactaskforce.org/internetsafety</u> for resources to help inform and protect your family

S.M.A.R.T.

PARENTING TIPS FOR ONLINE SAFETY

Set-up: Devices/Accounts/Passwords

Onitor: Online Use/Connections

Approve: Apps/Games

Restrict: Content/Permissions

alk: #StartTheConversation/Teach

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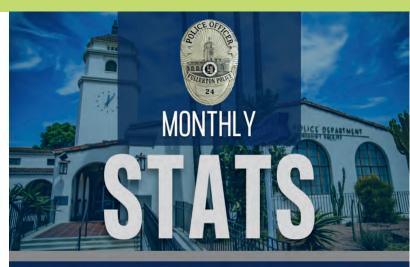
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risky behavior sexting

generative ai privacy

To access more Internet safety resources, please scan the QR code here:





JANUARY 2024

total calls

The Fullerton Police Department received 13,679 phone calls for the Month of January.



911 calls

The Fullerton Police Department received 3,468 emergency 911 calls for the Month of January.

contacts

The Fullerton Police Department made 2,411 self-initiated contacts for the Month of January.



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calls for service

The Fullerton Police Department responded to 3,1791 calls for service for the month of January.

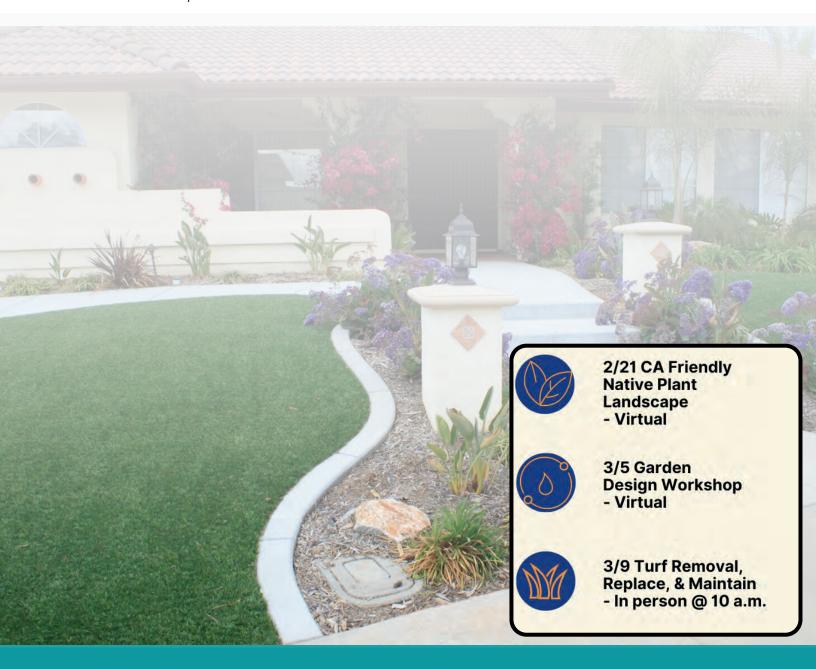
FULLERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

The water department is partnering with Green Gardens Group to present a series of free workshops tailored for City of Fullerton residents. Explore the world of landscaping and turf replacement through our engaging sessions, available both virtually and in person. As spring approaches, these workshops offer invaluable insights to revitalize your lawn and provide something unique.

Join us for the in-person **Turf Removal, Replacement, and Maintenance** class scheduled for <u>March 9th</u> at the public works yard. Don't miss the virtual sessions on <u>February 21st</u> for California friendly native landscape class and on <u>March 5th</u> for a landscape design class. To sign up for these free workshops simply visit <u>www.cityoffullerton.com/conservation</u>. Hurry, as these classes have limited availability. Secure your spot today to embark on a journey towards a greener and more vibrant home landscape!



PUBLIC WORKS

WATER SERVICE LEAKS AND REPAIRS

1321 Brea Blvd 2" Service leak

Date reported: 11-02-2023 Status: Scheduled

825 White Water Dr 1" Service Leak

Date reported: 12-11-2023 Status: Replaced

556 Sycamore Ave 1" Service Leak

Date reported: 12-19-2023 Status: Replaced

1655 Camden Pl 1" Service Leak

Date reported: 1-13-2024 Status: Replaced

1758 Berkshire Dr 1" Service Leak

Date reported: 1-12-2024 Status: Repaired

636 Colonial Cir 1" Service Leak

Date reported: 1-16-2024 Status: Replaced

n Leaks/Breaks

1725 E Rolling Hills Dr 6" Water Main Break

Date reported: 12–23–2023 Status: Repaired

836 Cienega Dr 6" Water Main Break

Date reported: 01-02-2024 Status: Repaired

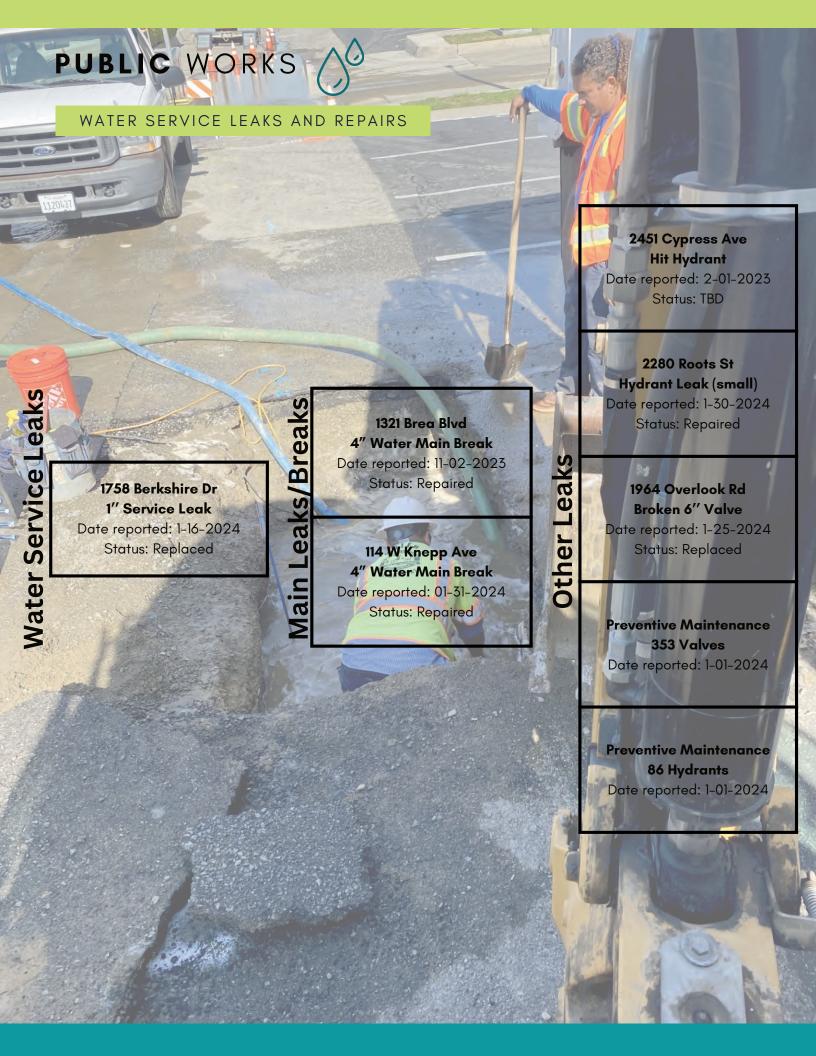
Other Leaks

1534 Sunny Crest Dr Leaking Hydrant

Date reported: 1-14-2024 Status: Repaired

900 Burning Tree Leaking Hydrant

Date reported: 1-18-2024 Status: Repaired



CITY HALL DIRECTORY

ADMIN SERVICES	714-738-6549	FIRE DEPARTMENT	714-738-6500
AIRPORT	714-738-6323	HOUSING	714-738-6544
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	714-738-6531	HUMAN RESOURCES	714-738-6361
CITY ATTORNEY	714-446-1400	LIBRARY	714-738-6388
CITY CLERK	714-738-6350	MUSEUM	714-738-3338
CITY COUNCIL	714-738-6311	PARKS AND REC	714-738-6575
CITY MANAGER	714-738-6310	POLICE	714-738-6800
CODE ENFORCEMENT	714-738-6553	PUBLIC INFORMATION	714-738-6317
COMMUNITY DEVEL.	714-738-6541	PUBLIC WORKS-MS	714-738-6897
COMMUNITY CENTER	714-738-6575	PUBLIC WORKS-ENG	714-738-6845



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