

**HIGHLIGHTS
MAYOR'S BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
8 A.M. – 9 A.M.
FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGIONAL HOSPITAL
SALTZER CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Public Works Director Mark Lewis
City of Fountain Valley**

Featuring

“Smoother Travel Using Green Strategies”

SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE 2011

During the Christmas Season, collection boxes were placed at the fire stations, Senior Center, and City Hall for the collection of toys. Thank you to the community and the many members at the Senior Center who contributed and the Orange County Sanitation District who was a huge supporter this year.

BROOKHURST MEDIANS SPROUT NEW LIFE

The medians on Brookhurst from Garfield to Slater have recently undergone a landscape transformation. Using federal grant funds, the landscaping and irrigation in the medians were recently overhauled to include a new plant palette of more drought tolerant and California native plant and tree species and a more water efficient irrigation system. The project also included a new monument sign welcoming motorists to Fountain Valley. The new sign and landscaping have greatly enhanced the street scene along this stretch of Brookhurst.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS RECEIVE NEW PAVEMENT

Streets in the residential tracts bound by Garfield, Slater, Newland, and Magnolia have recently received a new 1 ½” cap of brand new asphalt paving. Consistent with the City’s recent approach to residential pavement rehab, the new 1 ½” cap not only provides for a nice, new looking street, but it also provides additional strength to the street, which should translate into a longer lasting street. Funding for this project was provided by the City’s Gasoline Tax dollars.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND PLENTY OF DROPS TO DRINK

After several years of careful planning, design, and construction, a brand new water well is now complete. It is located in Nieblas Park within the new residential tract constructed by Far West Industries. This new well is the sixth well in the City and is an essential component to ensuring a safe, reliable supply of drinking water to Fountain Valley residents. Not only is this new well a much needed addition to the City’s water supply, the building that houses the pumping equipment was architecturally designed to be compatible with the new homes in the tract. Also, as part of the well project, the remaining portion of the park landscaping was completed for all to enjoy.

PUT ON YOUR WALKING SHOES - NEW SIDEWALKS PROVIDE MORE WALKING OPPORTUNITIES

Again using federal grant funding, new sidewalks were constructed along Euclid Street and Slater Avenue. The new sidewalks on Euclid connect the sidewalks on Ellis Avenue near the freeway to sidewalks on Euclid Street near Talbert Avenue allowing

pedestrians to now walk along Ellis Avenue and Euclid Street from the west end of Fountain Valley to the north end of Fountain Valley. Also, the lone missing portion sidewalk along the north side of Slater Avenue between Euclid Street and Newhope Street was completed allowing pedestrians to traverse the City along Slater Avenue. Included in the project were landscaping treatments within the sidewalks along Euclid Street providing an aesthetic blending of landscaping themes with the recently renovated commercial buildings along Euclid Street near the freeway.

CRIME STATISTICS

End-of-year statistics show a 6.3 percent drop in Part 1 crime, and an 8.4 percent drop in injury traffic collisions for 2011. Violent crime was down 27 percent.

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

Tacos El Rancho – located at 17945 Magnolia Street. Tacos El Rancho is a small Mexican food restaurant located at Magnolia/Talbert.

TK Cash For Gold – located at 16540 Harbor Boulevard #H. TK Cash for Gold is a precious metals buying service located at Harbor/Lilac.

GFMI Aerospace and Defense Inc. – I located at 17375 Mt Herrmann St. GFMI Aerospace and Defense Inc. is a complete service provider of primarily composite technology-based components and systems.

FINANCIAL REPORTING: 2ND QUARTER SALES TAX INFORMATION

The winning streak for Sales Tax Revenues continues as the 3rd Quarter results show our largest gain in a few years with an increase of 13.76% over the same quarter last year. This result places Fountain Valley in the top five performing cities and comfortably ahead of the County increase of 7.88%. The State also enjoyed another successful quarter with an increase of 9.07% over last year.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY CIVIC CENTER UPDATE

The Fountain Valley Civic Center project, which includes a four story Ayres hotel and 88 residential units at the southeast corner of Brookhurst and Slater has completed the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Planning Commission review to consider the project and final EIR is tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2012.

SECTION 8 UPDATE

The Orange County Housing Authority released its first quarter report for households being assisted by HUD Section 8 rental vouchers. The number of Fountain Valley residents receiving assistance from the program totals 440 households. These include 77 family, 55 disabled and 308 elderly households. There are still around 5,000 applicants on the waiting list countywide.

BRANDYWINE HOMES

Brandywine Homes opened their two model homes to the public on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The Brandywine Homes development is located on the former Fountain Valley Mariners Church site at 18110 Magnolia Street. When completely finished, there will be three (3) different models totaling sixteen (16) homes. In their first weekend of sales, six (6) houses were sold.

STATE SUPREME COURT FINDS ELIMINATION OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL

The City has had a very successful Redevelopment Agency for almost 40 years. The state legislature recently enacted legislation to eliminate redevelopment. The City Redevelopment Agency will forfeit almost \$43million to the state. Redevelopment has been used to development Southpark, Costco, Fry's, the Newhope Extension. We have paved roads, constructed water wells, storm water pumps stations, and created numerous jobs. This will have a major impact on the City's General Funds.

2011 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY – DECEMBER 3, 2011

- There were over 5,000 people in attendance.
- Mayor John Collins and Santa helped light the beautiful tree and set off the spectacular fireworks show, topped up with snow.
- The event included carnival-style games, crafts, letters to Santa, a storybook walk-through, pictures with Santa and more.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - NOVEMBER 12-13, 2011

- Over 1500 athletes, coaches, volunteers and supporters participated.
- Events included soccer, softball, tennis and bowling.

FIT & FABULOUS FASHION SHOW - FEBRUARY 13, 2012

- A fundraiser benefiting the Fountain Valley Senior Center.
- The theme is Black and White with a Touch of Jazz.
- Entertainment will be provided by Julliard trained musician, Ricky Sims

NEXT MAYOR'S BREAKFAST ON
THIRD THURSDAY – February 16, 2012
SUPERVISOR JANET NGUYEN
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital

