

City Manager's Bi-Weekly Update to the City Council

Community Development

John M. Nachbar, City Manager

- BIT Culver City Creative, LLC c/o IDS Real Estate Group The Building Safety Division issued a Building Permit on May 24th, for a new 9 tiered level parking structure, accommodating 990 stalls, at 5701 Hannum Avenue.
- Cold & Thirsty A final building inspection was completed on May 18th, for a 700 square foot buildout of an existing retail space at 12460 Washington Boulevard.

Fire Department

 Hotel Emergency Evacuation Training – During the week of May 16th, Four Points Sheraton Hotel staff participated in an Emergency Evacuation Training. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Christine Parra facilitated the training. which concluded with staff evacuating the hotel to pre-designated meeting places. Future hotel training will include fire safety and safe use of a fire extinguisher







Water First – On May 22nd, Culver City residents picked up their 55 gallon emergency water barrels that they ordered through our Water First program. 90 barrels were ordered, which equates to 90 Culver City households being more prepared to withstand a disaster! The overwhelming response to this great program has prompted staff to make it available again. Plans are underway to do another Water First event this September! Stay tuned for more information. We also want to give a special thanks Culver City residents Dr. Ira Diamond and Carol Diamond for spearheading this great program; to Stephanie Benjamin for volunteering to help distribute drums; to John Pelico for creating a wonderful flyer; and to our Community Service Officer Fabian Mauricio for helping us as well.











Pictured above: Christine Parra, Fabian Mauricio, Ira Diamond

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

- <u>Culver City Just4Kids and Teen Camp</u> Summer Camp is just around the corner beginning on June 13th! We have 10 fun-filled weeks planned with games, activities, challenges and excursions. June 23rd is the popular Olympics Day. Special activities include jumpers, obstacle courses, soccer, basketball and many more fun games and competitions.
- Teen Center It's been another successful year at the Culver City Teen Center. 281 members participated in the Fall Semester and 272 in the Spring Semester. Our last day for this school year is Friday, June 10th. There will be an ice cream social starting at 12:00 pm and running until we run out of ice cream! Participants this year enjoyed varied activities including "Minute to Win It" challenges, Frisbee Golf, Air Polo, multiple cooking projects, field trips to UCLA, UCLA Bruin Corps tutoring, board game tournaments and so many more fun, popular activities.



- Youth Mentoring Program This year, we're happy to welcome 14 young people ages 14 19, who will be employed in various departments throughout the City of Culver City. The Human Resources Department, Senior and Social Services, and the Recreation Division will help mentor the students who will receive on-the-job training along with mentoring services from select staff. We look forward to creating a creative, innovative work force as these young people prepare for their future.
- <u>Culver City Afterschool Recreation Program (CCARP)</u> CCARP begins each year with a recycling contest for all students participating in the after school programs. The recycling program is an educational program that is geared towards teaching the students the value of recycling to reduce carbon dioxide and greenhouse gasses and the amount of trash that goes to landfills, in addition to earning money by collecting bottles and cans. The program encourages the students to work together to create a greener environment and helps make Culver City a greener city. The recycling collection stations are part of a recycling program and a collaborative effort with CCARP and Culver City Public Works Department Environment Programs and Operations Division. Each year, the class with the most recyclables wins a pizza party and each student receives a certificate for their efforts. This year Lindberg-CCARP won the pizza party with 1,529 recyclables collected, barely topping Linwood Howe-CCARP, with an impressive 1,257 recyclables.



 <u>CarFit at the Culver City Senior Center</u> – The Culver City Senior Center and Social Services Division will host a CarFit event on Saturday, July 23rd from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm at the Culver City Senior Center. CarFit is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal



vehicles "fit" them. At a CarFit event, a team of trained technicians and/or health professionals work with each participant to ensure they "fit" their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. A CarFit check takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. This event is open to all drivers ages 55 and older, but appointments must be made for the event. Please call 310-253-6700 to make a reservation. The event is co-sponsored by the Association of American Retired Persons (AARP), American Automobile Association (AAA), American Occupational Therapy Associations (AOTO) and the Culver City Senior Citizens Association (CCSCA).



Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Represented at Culver City EXPO

<u>Station Celebration!</u> – The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department was happy to assist at the Culver City EXPO Station Celebration on Saturday, May 21st.

The event also featured the Culver City Strummers Ukulele group, which is based at the Culver City Senior Center. The Strummers had a ukulele flash mob



at the party, playing songs such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and the original tune, "Riding the Expo Line!"





 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – World Elder Abuse Day is on Wednesday, June 15th. Elder abuse can occur anywhere: in your home, in nursing homes, or

other institutions. It affects seniors across all socioeconomic groups, cultures and races. Talk with family members, friends, and professionals that you can trust. Unscrupulous people target seniors and will abuse or take advantage of them. Making a report in instances of abuse or neglect is the right thing to do and it's easy. Who do I call? —



In cases of immediate danger, call 911. Another excellent resource is The Aging and Adult Services Call Center Hotline at 877-477-3646. Please help us spread the word and protect the seniors in our communities.

Police Department

South Bay Commanders Meeting - On May 31st, Captain Ron lizuka attended the South Bay Commanders meeting hosted by the Hawthorne Police Department. These meetings are held to help promote a regional approach to identifying and addressing crime trends and current issues facing law enforcement. The area's commanders represent the following Police Departments: Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Inglewood, Gardena, Palos Verdes, LA County Sheriffs and the California Highway Patrol.



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Public Works Department

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Transportation Department

<u>Linwood Howe Field Trip</u> – On Wednesday, June 1st, Culver CityBus partnered with CCUSD to provide transportation for the Green Seat field trip to the Ballona Wetlands. 22 Students were provided with Culver CityBus bags and TAP cards and rode Line 4 to and from the Ballona Wetlands for their tour.





Expo Community Station Party – As mentioned above, on Saturday, May 21st, Culver CityBus in partnership with Metro, the City hosted a community celebration at the Culver City Expo Station to mark the grand opening of the Expo Line from Culver City to Santa Monica. This event, with a reported 30,000 visitors, was free and open to the public. Participants enjoyed a day of food, music and activities from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Culver City Expo Station where they were



encouraged to Explore Culver City and all got a taste of what it is like to live, work, and play in Culver City.























