



At Left: Friends of the Library co-chair Doris Van Natta and members of Boy Scout Troop #1201 get set for the spring used book sale at the library. The library continues to celebrate its 100th year serving Fullerton.

Two Public Service Groups Join Forces

by Warren Bowen

"Came the Boy Scouts to the rescue," goes a line from an old campfire song. And when the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library held their spring used book sale recently, scouts from Troop #1201 were on hand to help.

The three times a year book sale is a lot of concentrated work for members of the Friends. They meet weekly to gather, examine, categorize and box the donated books to prepare for three days of displaying, cashiering and assisting the public with choices. The money (about \$40,000 a year) is made available to the library for various needs not met in the City budget.

A handful of stalwart men help by bringing books up to the sales area, but during the sale itself the Boy Scouts rendered invaluable service by replenishing stock, keeping order in the storeroom, handling boxes and the like.

Assistant Scoutmaster Glenn Georgieff reports that many of the boys are working on their Reading Merit Badge, so the volunteer effort fits neatly into those requirements. Sale co-chairs Jo Menely and Doris van Natta were delighted to have the boys render this kind of community service.

Troop 1201 is the oldest in Fullerton dating back to 1918! Old time local residents will recall its longtime adult leader, C.R. Allen, who met with both cub scouts and the older troop members in the old gym on Malden Ave., a couple blocks from the sponsoring 1st Presbyterian Church. Nowadays the troop numbers about sixty boys. One of their special interests is canoeing along with the typical backpacking and community service projects, notes Georgieff, who is also a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

The sales attract book lovers from all over the area. "I wouldn't miss it," a resident of Trabuco Canyon told me. English language learners find both adult and children's literature to help them with language skills. Readers of all ages stand in a long line waiting for the doors to open. It's a grand affair.

The next sale is scheduled for September. Those who wish to donate books to the Friends may do so by dropping them off at the Main Library on W. Amerige next door to City Hall. The Boy Scouts will likely be on hand, and along with the Friends group offering an example of the community service for which Fullerton is famous.

(This is the first in a series of articles which will highlight service groups in Fullerton.)

Corporate Executive Service Proposal at Fullerton Airport

Land developer and pilot, Mr. Frank Sator's proposal to construct a 61,785 square foot, 7 hanger commercial facility for corporate aircraft will be considered at the June 20, 2006 City Council session.

The plan includes a two-story operations office, two parking areas with a total of 15 spaces, an aircraft ramp, and landscaping. The proposed 30-year lease, with 2 five-year options, will bring the city \$3,707 monthly in fees (\$44,485.20 annually).

Six Families to be Relocated as City Makes Way for New Road

Six families renting apartments in two four-plexes will be relocated by the City to make way for a new road between Valencia and West. The project, being funded by Section 108 Community Development Block Grant funds, is part of a larger improvement in the Richman Park area and is deemed necessary to provide easy access for safety vehicles to reach sites within the area.

The six families fall in the very low to moderate income level. Two families have 6 children each, one family with 4 children, one with two children, one with one child and one with no children. The four-plexes each have two bedrooms and rent for \$1,000 to \$1,100 each. Part of the relocation will require that an adequate

number of bedrooms be provided in the replacement housing.

Adequate comparable replacement housing is available to meet the needs of the displaced families but a combination of factors including the income levels of the tenants and higher cost of replacement dwellings will create the need for Last Resort Housing assistance.

A displaced person is entitled to Last Resort Housing assistance when the need exceeds the \$5,250 HUD assistance over a 60 month period. The total estimate of relocation payments to the families is \$292,000. A contingency fund of 10% brings the total to \$321,000. The estimate does not include relocation administrative services or provisions for any other services necessary for implementation.

The relocation plan was prepared by Overland, Pacific & Cutler retained by the City. According to the report 18 units, with 36 bedrooms were removed from the city's bank of affordable housing for non-elderly households of very low and low income from July 2004 through June 2005.

The issue is scheduled to be heard at the June 20, 2006 Council meeting.

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