

A Publication for the homeowners and residents of Amerige Heights



AMERIGE HEIGHTS



Seasons Greetings

Financial News

- The annual budget mailing was recently mailed to the membership noting an increase to assessments. The Board would like to reiterate that the increase was necessary due to increased expenses, continuing delinquencies, and increased maintenance needs. The Board will continue to review contracts and monitor services to determine the best service and maintenance for the community.
- Upon review of cost savings, the Board has approved transition to annual coupon books instead of mailing monthly statements. Please note effective January 1, 2009 you will no longer receive monthly statements but will receive a coupon booklet with a coupon for each month of the new fiscal year. This change results in a savings of approximately \$11,000 annually.
- Action also offers another option for you to consider, setting up automatic debit to pay your assessment bill. ACH (Automatic Clearing House)
 - What is ACH? ACH is an automatic payment service by which to pay your monthly association assessments.
 - How does it work? Each month, your assessment payment is automatically deducted from your checking account and is credited to your Association account.
 - It's safe... It's easy...it's convenient...and best of all it's FREE!
 - No longer will you have to write out a check, spend an extra 42 cents on postage and worry about your payment getting delayed or lost in the mail. And no more late charges!
 - If you have any questions about the ACH automatic payment service, please call our Member Accounts Department at 949-450-0202 or 800-400-2284.

Community Town Hall Meeting

Amerige Heights Community Association will have a Town Hall Meeting for the membership during the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Monday, January 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Fisler School in the Media Center. Homeowner's are encouraged to attend. The focus of the Town Hall Meeting will be community safety. Representatives from the Board of Directors, City of Fullerton, Fullerton Police Department, Sunny Hills High School, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and Patrol One are being scheduled to answer questions and provide assistance and guidance to the Association and homeowners. Please mark your calendars.

Trash Bins and Bags

Many homeowners continue to report concerns over use of trash bags instead of trash bins. Trash bags are more easily accessed by rodents and animals (rats, opossums, raccoons, dogs, etc.) and trash is frequently strewn throughout the alley ways. Use of trash bins is strongly encouraged. If you are using trash bags please make sure they are securely closed prior to placing out for pick up and be sure to not place trash out too early. If you decide to switch to trash bins please be sure to contact MG Disposal for size restrictions. (714) 238-3300.

Keeping our Community Safe and Clean

The Board of Director's is actively working with the City, Sunny Hills High School, and Fullerton Police Department to address ongoing concerns of vandalism and graffiti. The Association spends approximately \$15,000 annually for periodic patrols of the community by Patrol One Services. The Board considers homeowner feedback and reviews patrol logs on a routine basis. Additional patrol hours will increase assessments. Please take an active interest in the community by working with the Association and City to report crimes. Coordinating or joining a Neighborhood Watch program on your street is a great way to reduce crime and keep assessments down. Contact the City Neighborhood Watch Representative at 714-738-6836, or write:

FNWA
P.O. Box 2393
Fullerton, CA 92838



Action's Community Care Center

Our current Customer Service Department has been enhanced with additional Service Specialists who are cross-trained to assist homeowners with a variety of requests and inquiries.

Our Community Care Center will be your primary point of contact every time you contact Action Property Management. Gone are the days of voicemail messages to your assigned customer service representative. Now, any one from our team of specialists can assist you with your questions or requests. Even if you choose to leave a message, your message will be documented and routed to our Community Care team by a live receptionist.

Hours of coverage for Community Care to 7am to 7pm Monday through Friday to better serve you.

We hope that you will find this service beneficial. We are continually striving to offer the highest quality service and ensure that living in your community is an enjoyable experience.

Here is our contact information:

Telephone: 800 400-2284

Email:

communitycare@actionlife.com



Downtown Fullerton Annual Winter Festival

December 6th from Noon - 6pm

A day of nostalgic shopping, dining & entertainment!

- There will be:
- Bounce houses
 - Face painting
 - Food booths
 - Snow!!!
 - Holiday entertainment, live bands, caroling
 - "Spark of Love" Toy Donation Drop-Off Site. Bring unwrapped toy for a girl or boy!
 - Special offers will be available at shops throughout the Downtown.
 - Tree lighting ceremony at 5:00pm
 - Craft booths
 - Classic cars
 - Photos with Santa

This free event is sponsored by the Fullerton Downtown Business Association in association with the City of Fullerton, the Fullerton Chamber of Commerce, and local business owners.



First Night

"First Night" is the city's annual New Year's Eve party, offering family-oriented, alcohol-free activities at numerous locations in the streets, sidewalks and buildings in Fullerton's historic downtown.

The "First Night" program began in Boston in 1976, as a cap to the nation's bicentennial. The event's goal is to broaden public appreciation of the visual and performing arts while offering an alternative to the traditional New Year's Eve celebrations which focus on alcohol and drinking.

There are now several hundred "First Night" cities throughout the United States and Canada. Fullerton was the first California city to offer the event, and is the only Orange County community to present a "First Night" celebration this year.

"First Night" events will include a variety of band performances, entertainers, art exhibits, a hot air balloon ride, and children's rides and activities. A 10-minute fireworks finale will cap the celebration at midnight.

While admission to all the "First Night" activities is free, a nominal fee is charged for the children's rides.

A variety of food booths will be selling items throughout the evening, and most downtown restaurants will be open and are within walking distance of the "First Night" festivities.

"First Night Fullerton" is produced by the Fullerton Parks and Recreation Department. Further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Museum Center at (714) 738-6545.

Personal fireworks are prohibited in the City of Fullerton.





City of Fullerton FAQ

Question: What phone number do I call for the Fullerton Police?

Answer: If you have an emergency (crime in progress or when somebody is injured), immediately call 911. This will connect you with one of our dispatchers. Our regular business line is (714) 738-6800. To reach the Desk Officer, to make a report or to obtain general information, call 738-6716. Our automated telephone directory is available at 738-6715.

Question: How do I get an overnight parking permit?

Answer: The City does not issue overnight parking permits. Residents can petition the City to have their streets removed from the overnight parking prohibition. Further information may be obtained by calling the Fullerton Traffic Engineering Office at (714) 738-6845.

Question: How do I get a permit and how much will it cost?

Answer: If a permit is required, it must be obtained by either a licensed contractor or by the property owner. Costs vary depending on the type and scope of work to be done. For more information please call (714) 738-6541 or 5302.

Question: How do I get a bicycle license?

Answer: Bicycle licenses are not required in the City of Fullerton. Bike owners can register their bikes with a web-based program called the National Bike Registry. The service, which police departments can access for free, allows owners and police departments nationwide to register, locate and recover lost or stolen bicycles using the serial number stamped on the bikes' frames. Bike owners are charged \$10 to enter their bikes on the registry, and the registration remains valid for 10 years. The web address for the National Bike Registry is www.nationalbikeregistry.com. For further information, contact the Fullerton Police Department Traffic Bureau at 738-5313.

Question: Do you have any crime prevention programs?

Answer: Yes, we have several. We soon hope to have information on all of them detailed here. Programs include Neighborhood Watch, security inspection, vacation home checks and speakers on a variety of topics. In the meantime please call our Community Services Bureau at (714) 738-6835.

Question: How can I find out where my property line is located?

Answer: If you are not sure where your property line is, or if you and your neighbor are in disagreement about the location of a common property line, you may need to hire a land surveyor. It is unlawful for anyone to do land surveying or offer to do land surveying unless he or she is currently licensed as a land surveyor in the State of California. The City of Fullerton does not offer land surveying services to the public. If you want to research documents related to your property lines, you can visit the Engineering Department at City Hall or contact the County of Orange Geomatics/Land Information Center for maps and documents related to property lines. The State of California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors also maintains a helpful website should you find you need a surveyor.

City Events

Holiday Toy Express

Coming to Fullerton Station Saturday, December 20 at 8:30 pm
• BRING A TOY!
• And Enjoy
• More than 50,000 lights
• Meet Santa and his Friends
• Free Show
Firefighters' Spark of Love Toy Drive
For more locations or information call (800)371-5465 or visit www.metroinktrains.com.
Event cannot take place in rain. In the event of rain please call (800)371-5465 to find out if your date has been rescheduled.

Fullerton Certified Farmers Market

When: Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m
Where: Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Drive
The Farmers Market offers fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, honey, fish, flowers, plants, nuts and bread.
Operated by the nonprofit Fullerton Certified Farmers Market Board, the market was first located at the old Ford School property (now Ford Park) at the intersection of Wilshire and Richman avenues. As the market grew in size and popularity, it was moved to Woodcrest Park at Richman and Orangethorpe Avenue. To accommodate the market's current growth both in terms of goods offered and customers it was moved to its current location at Independence Park in February 2007.

The market, believed to be the oldest farmers' market in Orange County, is renowned for the freshness of its produce and its wide variety of fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers - many of which cannot be found at local supermarkets. The vendors/farmers make the trek weekly to Fullerton from as far away as Brawley to the south and Fresno to the north, and many have established friendships with their long-time customers.

Further information about Fullerton Certified Farmers' Market may be obtained by calling (714) 871-5304 between 8 a.m. - 2 p. m. Wednesdays.

Garage Sales

Garage Sales are a great way of cleaning house while making a little extra money for your family. However, the Fullerton Municipal Code has established a few specific regulations for garage sales to ensure that they do not pose any problems or inconveniences for your neighbors. Following are those regulations:

How often can I hold a garage sale at my home?

The Fullerton Municipal Code permits residents to have one sale every six months, and no sale may last longer than three consecutive days. Sale items may not be displayed or sold in the public right-of-way, such as on a sidewalk, and no sales or displays of items may take place after sundown.

What kind of things can I sell?

Just about anything around your house that you no longer have room or use for. Just remember that anything you sell must have been owned or used by you or someone in your household. Commercial merchandise may not be brought in and sold in addition to or in place of your own items.

Can I post signs to advertise my garage sale?

Sure. But keep in mind that the City's Municipal Code allows no more than three signs per sale, and each sign may be no larger than 2 square feet in area. Other sign requirements are:

- Signs may be posted on other people's property, but only with their written permission.
- Signs may not be posted in the public right-of-way or on public property. This includes telephone poles, power poles, street lights, street signs, city trees, or on sidewalks, in crosswalks or on curbs. Signs illegally posted will be removed by the City, and the persons responsible for posting them may be assessed the costs of the cleanup and removal.
- Signs may be displayed during daylight hours only.
- Signs must be removed at the conclusion of the sale.

If you have further questions about garage sales, please call (714) 738-6553 or visit the Code Enforcement Division of the Development Services Department at Fullerton City Hall. Our Code Enforcement Officers would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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