

1000 FRIENDS OF FRESNO

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Meeting the Challenges of the Future with Citizens Involvement

Dear interested citizen:

The 1000 Friends of Fresno continues to be very active in our community. In addition to our continuing projects, we have decided to get very involved with our youth, providing programs and activities that will give knowledge and hope to those that need it.

In order to accomplish these goals we will be needing many volunteers, and funds enough to maintain a small paid staff. Articles in this newsletter address these issues.

Thanks again for you support.

--Bob Dwyer

AN INVITATION

The Downtown Fresno Coalition meets on the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Fresno Arts Council office at 1245 Van Ness Avenue. If you support our goals, as stated below in our mission statement, we invite you to join us. We can be reached at downtownfc@sbcglobal.net

Mission Statement: The Downtown Fresno Coalition is dedicated to promoting responsible revitalization of downtown Fresno while adhering to the two goals which prompted its formation: 1) to preserve and maintain Fulton Mall as originally designed; and (2) to complete the Eaton Plaza Master Plan.

PROGRESS ON EATON PLAZA

-Ray McKnight

On May 21 the Fresno City Council voted unanimously to approve some modifications in the Eaton Plaza Master Plan proposed by city staff and a landscape architecture firm recently retained by the city. City staff representatives and the landscape architect had met earlier with some members of the Downtown Fresno Coalition to explain the reasons for the modifications and enlist their support at the upcoming Council meeting. Those who attended the meeting deemed the modifications as acceptable and consistent with the Eaton Plaza Master Plan. For the most part they are intended to aid in the conservation of water.

The modifications approved by the Council included the following: planting tree species that require less water instead of a proposed grove of redwoods; removing the existing grove of camphor trees near the corner of Fresno and N Streets because they are diseased; adding a building to provide restrooms and a pump house for a proposed fountain at the center of the Plaza.

Five citizens representing the Downtown Fresno Coalition and 1000 Friends of Fresno spoke in support of the proposal, as did former Council Member Brian Calhoun. James Oakes of the DFC deserves special recognition for keeping pressure on the City to move forward with the Eaton Plaza project.

As reported in our Fall 2007 Newsletter, \$1.8 million --perhaps more--have been available for work on Eaton Plaza; considerably more money will have to be found before the Master Plan is completed.

Movies in the Park at Eaton Plaza

(See our enclosed flyer for dates & time)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be working with the Fresno Parks Department and other organizations in an effort to bring various instructional opportunities to the youth of our community. We will literally touch on subjects from Accounting to Zoology. We are already lining up programs with various departments at Fresno State University.

So, if you would be interested in helping out, please give us a call at (559) 291-2261 or e-mail us at friends-of-fresno@juno.com.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We have always operated on a **very** lean budget and will do so in the future. But due to the growing amount of projects we have taken on, it has become necessary to put on a small paid staff. Volunteers will still make up over 95% of our working membership.

We are asking for your financial support (tax-deductible) and we vow that we will get the most out of every dollar.

FULTON MALL EVENTS

On May 13, 2009, a new Farmers Market opened on the Fulton Mall. The Market on the Mall will run Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am – 2pm.

Check it out!!!



MARKET ON THE MALL

Take a stroll down the Fulton Mall and enjoy some of the Valley's finest farm fresh produce and agricultural goods, flowers, plants and other items straight from local growers and producers with the "Market on the Mall" Fulton Mall Farmers Market.

The Market is located on the Fulton Mall at Mariposa near the Clock Tower, and is held every Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM and will run into the fall. The Market's central location and midday time make it convenient for thousands of Downtown workers, jurors, hotel guests, FAX bus riders, and EOC voucher clients.

"The Market on the Mall is a great example of combining resources creatively to serve a range of needs in our community," said Mayor Swearingin. "I am proud to see that our Valley's agricultural heritage is playing a role in the revitalization of downtown Fresno."

THE FRESNO CITY'S WATER METER PROGRAM IS ABOUT TO CHANGE!

(www.fresnowater.org)

By 2013, all customers will be required to have a water meter and will be billed a metered rate. Start conserving water now to prepare for meters, and you'll not only keep your utility bills down, you'll save water as we face a statewide drought.

KEEP YOUR ID SAFE

Free paper shredding service at Various Central Valley community bank locations, May 13, 2009 through June 23, 2009, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Unwanted papers will be shredded on-site, free of charge. Limited to six banker boxes per person/business, up to truck capacity. Additional boxes shredded for \$3 per box. First-come, first-served. Call 559-222-1322 for community bank locations & dates.

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY FROM OUR MEMBERS:

"Please—No cars up & down the Fulton Mall. Bring it back to life as it was originally intended. Thank you for all your caring & hard work."

"Tax payers should NOT subsidize any developers, and certainly subsidizing those out of town is especially egregious."

"We are sickened by the way the developers & city planners are (and have) running this city. Please keep Fresno like it use to be: a sensible plan for developing (how about all the empty land in the city proper?) & a decent place to live. Improve transportation. Keep up your good work!"

"Fresno needs and deserves a City Council that respects the history of the community and works to preserve the few remaining historic buildings existing."

"Continue to support the under represented groups. Create part-time volunteer work for youth to gain practical experience."

"Same old needs - Better care for our planted medians throughout Fresno. More lofts for downtown. Make Bank of Italy owners clean it up and rehab it- a sin to let it go to ruin. Do not allow mall to become parking –too valuable. Need to get more businesses so we can shop there again."

STEERING COMMITTEE

Rick Case <i>Business Owner</i> <i>Food Processing Equipment</i>	Tou Long Lo <i>Hmong Community</i> <i>Leader</i>
Robert Dwyer <i>Certified Public</i> <i>Accountant</i>	Donald Anderson Laneeasha Senegal <i>Community Outreach</i>
Robert Dyer, AIA <i>Retired Principal</i> <i>Planner, City of Fresno</i>	Ray McKnight <i>Retired Educator</i>
Nyeland Newel/Dianna Stansell <i>Website Coordinators</i>	Dianna K. Stansell <i>Administrator</i>

HUNGRY, Let's eat.

Fulton Mall and the surrounding downtown area have many dining places from which to choose.

(The following list is from Downtown Association of Fresno web site).

American Cuisine / Variety

Café 1055 at the Holiday Inn Downtown - 1055 Van Ness - 233-6650
Club One Restaurant - 1033 Van Ness - 497-3000
Cosmopolitan Tavern - 1546 Fresno St. - 266-8662
Denny's - 141 N. Abby - 485-2320
Downtown Club - 2120 Kern Street - 233-2142
Hero's Sports Lounge and Pizza - 820 Van Ness - 233-8866
The International Cafe at the Raddison - 2233 Ventura Street - 268-1000
International House of Pancakes (IHOP) - 3020 Tulare - 486-8642
Joe's Steakhouse & Grill - 831 Van Ness Ave - 486-3536
Parsley Garden Cafe - 1237 Fulton Mall - 485-8995

Asian Cuisine

Central Fish Company - 1535 Kern - 237-2049
China Express - 931 Fulton Mall - 268-4241
Club One Restaurant - 1033 Van Ness - 497-3000
Fuji Cafe - 1521 Kern Street - 233-9378
Kogetsu-Do Japanese Pastries - 237-2670
Luau - 1663 Fulton Street - 237-4722
Lum's Chop Suey - 609 Divisadero - 268-7919
Kikku Japanese Fast Food - 2336 Tulare - 233-8890
Oriental Express - 2405 Capitol St (Galleria) - 268-0036
Paris Cafe - 927 F Street - 233-8024
Sushi Hana - 2321 Kern Street - 486-4085
Tokyo Garden - 1711 Fulton (Calaveras) - 268-3596

Basque Cuisine

Basque Hotel - 1102 "F" St. - 233-2286
Shepherd's Inn - 935 Santa Fe - 266-2228

BBQ & Soul Food

Myles Family Kitchen - 952 F St - 443-1640
Our Family BBQ - 3146 Ventura Street - 486-5454
Ribs & Tips - 575 E Divisadero St - 225-7427
Salaam Seafoods - 841 F St - 233-1662
Smokehouse - 1231 Van Ness Ave - 237-1188
Smokey's Grill - 1342 Tulare - 257-1700

Cafes

Allegra's Catering Company & Sandwich Shop - 931 F Street - 276-8873
Bakery Express - 938 Fulton Mall - 268-8156
City Hall Cafe - 2600 Fresno Street - 497-1605
Fresno's Newsroom Café - 901 L Street - 497-1340
Golden Donut - 2013 Mariposa Mall - 237-9567
Greyhound Food Service - 1043 Broadway - 442-4847
Ho Ho Kafe - 926 F Street - 233-0030
Kern Coffee Shop - 2134 Kern - 268-3636
Packing Shed - 2119 Merced - 264-0164
Patterson Building Cafe - 950 Fulton Mall # 103 - 579-1038
Robek's Juice - 2311 Kern Street - 268-4319
Rose Cafe - 1234 Fulton Mall - 495-0910
Starbucks - 2325 Kern (Crescent Bldg) - 499-0593

Starbucks - 1100 U St - 264-7490
Teazer World Tea Market at the Galleria - 2405 Capitol Street #104 - 237-7037
The Yogurt Barn - 2019 Mariposa Mall - 268-1672
Wimpy's Place - 1115 Fulton Mall - 268-8614

Fast Food

Burger King - 1233 Fresno St. - 459-0688
Carl's Jr. - 217 N. Abby - 268-0069
Coney Island Restaurant - 1906 Tulare - 233-2322
Downtown Express - 915 N Street - 233-8300
McDonald's - Divisadero & Abby - 268-4962
Kentucky Fried Chicken - 1110 "C" St. - 485-1620
Pizza Hut - 1227 Fresno St. - 237-7575
Quizno's Subs - 2343 Kern (Crescent Bldg) - 233-3079
Rally's Hamburgers - 1345 Fresno St. - 264-2262
Subway Sandwiches & Salads - 2011 Fresno St. - 445-0739
Subway Sandwiches - 2425 Merced - 233-0600
Subway Sandwiches - 855 M St # 120 - 442-1440
Tommy's Hamburgers - 944 Fulton Mall (Patterson Bldg) - 237-6776
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers - 1140 "C" St. - 486-2802

Italian Cuisine

DiCicco's - 144 N. Blackstone - 237-5540
Goodfellas at the Galleria - 2405 Capitol #107 - 263-9700
Milano - 1243 Fulton Mall - 497-5066

Mediterranean / Armenian Cuisine

Fulton Kebab/City Kebab - 1230 Fulton Mall - 499-0919
George's Shish Kebab - 2405 Capitol (Galleria) - 264-9433
Kebab Express - 2139 Kern Street - 499-0888
Mediterranean Grill & Cafe - 1031 "U" St. - 441-7050
Yeraz Armenian Restaurant (Armenian Community Center) - 2348 Ventura Street - 442-9219

Mexican Cuisine

Al Rico's Tacos - 2950 E. Ventura - 441-8131
Cuca's - 907 F Street - 442-9161
Diners / Taqueria Guadalajara - 1139 Fulton Mall - 266-6825
El Rancho - 1515 Tulare - 498-8236
El Taco H - 877 Fulton Mall
El Torito Mexican Grill - 2840 Tulare St - 485-1171
Fajita Fiesta - 1850 Van Ness Ave - 498-6015
Gordo - 860 Fulton Mall - 579-1108
Julia's Mexican Restaurant - 2160 H Street - 233-3437
La Cocina de Mama - 2015 Mariposa Mall - 442-4454
La Elegante Taqueria - 1423 Kern - 497-5844
La Torta Mexican Food - 2518 Ventura - 457-0870
Lety's Authentic Mexican Food - 915 Van Ness Ave - 456-8690
Lily's Cafe - 2326 Tulare Street - 498-6261
Lily's Cafe - 1152 Broadway Plaza - 497-5459
Los Panchos - 1000 Fulton Mall - 497-9999
Mezcal - 1310 Van Ness Ave - 264-6015
Panaderia Vista Hermosa - 1333 Kern - 445-4165
Paraiso Cafe - 909 Van Ness Ave - 266-3324
Ramon's Taco Shop - 619 E. Divisadero - 485-5876
Robertito's Taco Shop - 2623 Tuolumne - 237-1034
Salsa's Mexicatessen - 2405 Capitol (Galleria) - 264-3333
Super Taqueria Mexico - 1435 Fresno St. - 237-2770
Toledito's Mexican Restaurant - 1704 Van Ness - 498-6507
Wimpy's Place - 1115 Fulton Mall - 268-8614

JULY ACTIVITIES/ENTERTAINMENT

Fresno Grizzlies Schedule:

Saturday July 4th vs. Las Vegas 7:05 PM
Sunday July 5th vs. Las Vegas 7:05 PM
Monday July 6th vs. Las Vegas 7:05 PM
Tuesday July 7th vs. Las Vegas 7:05 PM
Wednesday July 8th vs. Sacramento 7:05 PM
Thursday July 9th vs. Sacramento 7:05 PM
Friday July 10th vs. Sacramento 7:05 PM
Saturday July 11th vs. Sacramento 7:05 PM
Sunday July 12th vs. Sacramento 12:05 PM
Friday July 24th vs. Reno 7:05 PM
Saturday July 25th vs. Reno 7:05 PM
Sunday July 26th vs. Reno 6:05 PM
Monday July 27th vs. Reno 7:05 PM
Tuesday July 28th vs. Colorado Springs 7:05 PM
Wednesday July 29th vs. Colorado Springs 7:05 PM
Thursday July 30th vs. Colorado Springs 7:05 PM
Friday July 31st vs. Colorado Springs 7:05 PM
Cost Varies- Call Ticket Office at (559) 320-TIXS

Movies in the Park at Eaton Plaza

(Fresno & "N" near the Water Tower)
Every Friday Beginning June 5th through September 25th.
Movies start at dusk (Approx. 7:30 8:15 pm)

Movie and Parking are Free

July 2009

*3rd --Iron Man (4th of July Celebration) PG-12: 126 min.
10th—Madagascar: Escape to Africa PG: 89 min
17th- The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
PG-13: 112 min
24th-Star Wars: The Clone Wars PG: 98 min
31st-Journey to the Center of the Earth PG: 92 min

August 2009

7th -Igor PG:87 min
*14th-Speed Racer (Back to School Night) PG:144 min
*21st -The Longshots (Fresno State Night) PG:94 min
28th- Beverly Hills Chihuahua PG:91 min

September 2009

4th-Bedtime Stories PG:99min
11th-Bolt PG:96
18th-The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG:144 min
*25th-Incredible Hulk (Closing Night) PG-13:144 min

***All themed nights will include a band performance
& special activities beginning at 6:00 pm**

Fresno Job Fairs:

Date: July 22, 2009 Time:10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Facility: DeVry Campus 7575 N. Fresno St.
Fresno, CA 93720

The Circus Is Coming To Town !!!!!

Ringling Brothers Circus
Selland Arena
July 1, 2009 through July 5, 2009
Cost \$12.00

FIESTAS PATRIAS (on the Mall)

September 11-13 2009 (F-S-S) 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Celebrate Fiestas Patrias (Mexican Independence Day) downtown, with this family oriented festival on the Fulton Mall, with live music, authentic food and more.

Food Drink Music Dancers



FREE MOVIES for your kids - all summer long!
From Regal Entertainment:

Selected G & PG movies start at 10AM each Tuesday and Wednesday during the festival. First-come, first-served seating is limited to theatre capacity. The Free Family Film Festival is safe, lots of fun and a great way for kids to spend a weekday morning in the summer.

Manchester Stadium 16

06/30/2009-07/02/2009 Kit Kittredge: American Girl (G)
Star Wars: Clone Wars (PG)
07/07/2009-07/09/2009 Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
Journey To The Center Of The Earth (PG)
07/14/2009-07/16/2009 Charlotte's Web (G)
Igor (PG)
07/21/2009-07/23/2009 Pirates Who Don't Do Anything:
Veggie Tale Movie (G)
Bee Movie (PG)
07/28/2009-07/30/2009 Horton Hears A Who (G)
Surf's Up (PG)
08/04/2009-08/06/2009 Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G)
Inkheart (PG)
08/11/2009-08/13/2009 Space Chimps (G)
Hotel For Dogs (PG)

Fresno Stadium 22 & IMAX

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Kung Fu Panda (PG)
08/11/2009-08/13/2009 The Tale Of Despereaux (G)
Hotel For Dogs (PG)



YES,

I want to help improve our quality of life in Fresno County.
Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution:

- \$10 \$50 \$200 \$1000
- \$25 \$100 \$500 Other

Name: _____

Phone: (Day) _____

Address: _____

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(Fax) _____

City/State/Zip _____

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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THOUGHTS AND IDEAS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY:

HELPING US INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP, HELPS OUR COMMUNITY.

Please list two (2) people (friends, relatives, business associates) whom we may send information to about 1000 Friends of Fresno.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

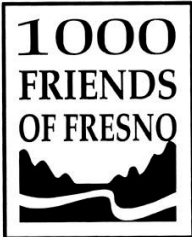
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Newsletter will be published Quarterly. We would appreciate help with copying, folding and stapling. Call or e-mail if you would like to help.

We are accepting articles for publication. Please e-mail or mail your articles to us.

- Dianna K. Stansell, Administrator



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**Summertime is
Fun Time in the
San Joaquin Valley**