

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 28, 2016**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Scott Stiles, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. WESLEY VILLAGE UPDATE**

Nida Watkin's memo provides a construction update along with a schedule of performance on the Wesley Village project by Jamboree Housing.

**B. KNOTT STREET REHABILITATION FROM GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD TO LAMPSON AVENUE, AND VALLEY VIEW STREET REHABILITATION FROM 22 WB OFF-RAMP TO TIFFANY AVENUE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION**

Bill Murray informs you of anticipated traffic impacts resulting from simultaneous construction of Knott Street Rehabilitation and Valley View Street Rehabilitation.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager



WESLEY VILLAGE UPDATE

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LISA KIM

Community and Economic Development Director

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By: Nida Watkins  
Project Manager

Attachments: Schedule of Performance

## Schedule of Performance

	Task	Milestone	Actual/Rev. Milestone	Comments
<b>A GENERAL</b>				
1	Submittal of Agreement	14 days prior to vote	Complete	
2	Authority Approval of Title	60 days after title receipt	Complete	
3	Insurance	before close	Complete	
4	Developer Signage	45 days after close	Pending	June 30
<b>B PROJECT FINANCING</b>				
1	Submittal of Financing Applications	June 23,2015	Complete	
2	Receipt of Acquisition Funds	Complete	Complete	
3	Approval of Funding Commitment	Complete	Complete	
4	Review of Developers Financing Documents	Complete	Complete	
<b>C GROUND LEASE</b>				
1	Open Escrow	Complete	Complete	
2	Environmental Investigation	Complete	Complete	
3	Remediation Contracts	Complete	Complete	
4	Deposit of Documents into Escrow	1 day prior to close	Complete	
5	Conditions Precedent to Developers Ground Lease of the Site by the Conforming Lease	Prior to Close	Complete	
6	Close of Escrow	Within 5 days of Agency Consent	Complete	

7	Conditions Precedent to Funding of the Additional Authority Loan Amount	latest of (i) completion of Construction of the Project and readiness for Conversion of the Primary Loan, or (ii) December 31, 2016	Pending	Construction completion
<b>CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT</b>				
1	Submittal of Final Budget and Construction Schedule	Prior to Close	Complete	
2	Approval of Construction Costs and Development Schedule	Prior to Close	Complete	
3	Development Plans	Complete	Complete	
4	Approval of Development Plans	Complete	Complete	
5	[reserved]	[reserved]		
6	[reserved]	[reserved]		
7	Management Plan	Prior to Close		
8	Approval of Management Plan	Within 14 days of Receipt from Developer Submittal	Draft submitted	
9	Revision of Management Plan	Within 14 days of receipt of disapproved Management Plan from authority	Comments received	Resubmittal pending
10	Approval of Revised Management Plan	Within 14 days of complete submittal of revised Management Plan from Developer, but not later than closing.	Pending	Pending
11	Progress Reports	Commencing thirty (30) days after start of construction.	Complete	May submitted
12	Commencement of Construction	Within thirty (30) days of Closing and subject to satisfaction of the applicable Conditions Precedent but, no later than November 6, 2015.	Complete	
13	Completion of Construction	On or before the Outside Completion Date (October 15, 2016)	Pending	March 2017

14	Release of Construction liens	Within 14 days of receipt of Developer request and only after Developer's satisfactory completion of the Construction of the Project.		
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KNOTT STREET REHABILITATION FROM GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD TO LAMPSON AVENUE AND VALLEY VIEW STREET REHABILITATION FROM 22 W/B OFF-RAMP TO TIFFANY AVENUE TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

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DISCUSSION

- ❖ Work on Knott Street will be prioritized ahead of Valley View. However, construction on both streets, to a certain extent, will occur simultaneously (i.e. once concrete work has been completed on one street, then concrete work will begin on the next street). The proximity of the projects will minimize the overall cost and construction time.
- ❖ During pavement reconstruction, traffic on either Knott Street or Valley View Street will be limited to one lane in each direction – a severe constriction from the normal three lanes in each direction. Both streets will not be down to one lane simultaneously. At least one of the streets shall have a minimum of two travel lanes open in both directions. All forms of pavement resurfacing or reconstruction including the FDR process necessitate this lane reduction.
  - Staff will work with the contractor to devise a construction phasing plan to minimize the traffic impacts.
- ❖ The pavement reconstruction will take a little bit longer to complete than traditional methods due the curing time required for the cement treated base materials.
- ❖ Pacifica High School on Knott Street starts September 1. These projects will be in full construction mode at that time. With ongoing construction operations, we anticipate that this will frustrate some parents who have not considered the construction project in the transport of their children to school.
- ❖ Advanced notice of the construction project will be delivered to all properties fronting Knott Street and Valley View Street in a letter from the contractor in advance of construction start.
- ❖ Pacifica High School will disseminate the advanced notice to all parents and students via email.
- ❖ Advanced warning of the construction project will be communicated to motorists with electronic changeable message signs on the street in advance of construction start.
- ❖ Weekly construction updates will be posted on multiple Citywide Facebook accounts.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Nick Hsieh at 741-5190 or Mark Uphus at 741-5191.

  
WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.  
Public Works Director

  
By: Mark Uphus, PE  
Senior Civil Engineer



**WEEKLY MEMO 7/28/16**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**



Courtesy photo

The Garden Grove Fire Department is assisting with the Sand Fire in Los Angeles County.

# Firefighters assist in battling Sand Fire

## Garden Grove sends two engine companies to help in L.A. County

The Garden Grove Fire Department has dispatched two engine companies as part of multi-jurisdictional strike teams to the Sand Fire in Los Angeles County.

The first strike team is composed of fire agencies from throughout Orange County.

The second engine is assigned to a California Office of Emer-

gency Services strike team with firefighters from throughout the county. Additional firefighters have been recalled to staff reserve engines to ensure coverage to Garden Grove is uninterrupted.

Extreme fire conditions coupled with drought conditions have caused the fire season to

begin earlier than usual. The Fire Department is part of the State Master Mutual Aid system, and has responded to requests for assistance throughout the state. All fire apparatus and personnel are equipped to respond anywhere for emergencies that include wild fires, earthquakes and other disasters.

# Elks donate to Fire Department



Courtesy photo

The Garden Grove Elks recently presented a Gratitude Grant Check of \$2,500 from the Elks National Foundation to the Garden Grove Fire Department. A recognition dinner for the Firefighters will be held on Aug. 18 and will be open to the public. From left, are firefighter A. Acosta, Elks trustee Jack Whitlam, Elks Exalted Ruler Karen Lewin, Garden Grove Fire Chief Tom Schultz, firefighter G. Noble, Elks lodge secretary Jim Faulkner and firefighter J. Marquez.

# GG police to hold DUI checkpoint on July 30

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Such measures are shown to reduce  
the number of drunk drivers

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on July 30 at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober

driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver.

Over the course of the past three years, officers have investigated 693 DUI collisions which have claimed nine lives and resulted in another 225 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving

reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive.

The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California.

Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### Cancelled meetings

The Garden Grove City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency and the Sanitary District meetings are cancelled for Aug. 23.

The next dates will be on Aug. 9 and Sept. 6.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 714-741-5040.

### Traffic accident

The Garden Grove Police Department was dispatched to a traffic accident that occurred on Euclid Street just north of Garden Grove Boulevard last week.

The calling party reported there had been an injury traffic accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian.

Officers and members of the Garden Grove Fire Department arrived at the accident scene and found the collision had occurred in the No. 3 lane of northbound Euclid Street just north of Garden Grove Boulevard.

The investigation found that a 53-year-old female was crossing eastbound across Euclid Street in an area not marked as a crosswalk. The female was struck by a black 2007 Scion two door, driven by a 21-year-old male. The female suffered what appeared to be possible life threatening injuries and was provided medical aid by the Garden Grove Fire Department prior to being taken to UCI Medical center for further medical treatment.

The driver of the Scion remained at the scene and cooperated with traffic investigators. It does not appear at this time that alcohol or drugs were involved with the driver of the Scion. The investigation is ongoing.

Any witnesses that may have seen the accident are asked to call the Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Accident Investigation Unit at 714-741-5704.

# City plans street upgrades on Knott, Valley View

## Traffic on both streets will be reduced to one lane starting in August

Knott Street, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Lampson Avenue, is set to undergo street improvements beginning this week through October. Also, a small segment on Valley View Street, from the 22 Freeway westbound off-ramp to Tiffany Avenue, is tentatively set to undergo improvements from August through December.

Updates and construction dates will be posted weekly on the city's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Motorists are advised that traffic on Knott and Valley View streets will be reduced to one lane to facilitate construction work. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no parking allowed in the construction zone. Access to businesses and residences along the construction area will be maintained at all times.

The improvements at both locations consist of full depth roadway reclamation and cement treatment, full depth asphalt replacement, replacement of curb and gutter, bus pad and handicap ramps, installation of video detection system, traffic signal detectors and installation of irrigation and landscaping.

Valley View Street, from Tiffany Avenue to Chapman Avenue, was reconstructed in 2014. This small

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segment was not included in the 2014 project, due to its location within the Caltrans right-of-way. The segment was later determined to be the city's responsibility per a maintenance agreement with Caltrans.

The Garden Grove City Council awarded the \$2 million project to RJ Noble Company of Orange on June 14. The street rehabilitation project is included in the 2015-16 Capital Improvement Budget and is funded by federal Regional Surface Transportation Program, Measure M2 and local and gas tax funds.

For more information, contact Nick Hsieh in the city's Public Works Department at 714-741-5190 or visit the city's website at [www.garden-grove.org](http://www.garden-grove.org).

# So... who will be the Voice of Garden Grove this year?

Students compete; winner will be announced on Aug. 11

Twenty high school students from Garden Grove Unified School District are competing in a vocal sing-off competition for the opportunity to be named the "Voice of Garden Grove."

The fifth annual competition is modeled after the popular NBC television hit "The Voice" and is hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation.

Students perform as an opening act for the City of Garden Grove's Summer Concert Series held every Thursday through Aug. 4, at Eastgate Park, 12001 St Mark St. in Garden Grove. The winner will be announced at the August concert.

The Voice of Garden Grove contestants are competing for an opportunity to win \$1,000 – half of which is donated to the winner's high school choir.

"We value our partnership with the Garden Grove Community Foundation and we are grateful that the foundation provides such a fun outlet for students to

showcase their vocal talents," said Linda Reed, district Board of Education trustee.

Student contestants who performed July 14 include: Katelyn Lopez, Santiago High School; Christine Le, Garden Grove High School; Jenny Nguyen, Pacifica High School; Alondra Pineda, Santiago High School; and Monica Van, La Quinta High School.

On July 28, the line-up includes: Tu-Anh Do, Bolsa Grande High School; Sherry Hu, La Quinta High School; Lucero Matias, Rancho Alamitos High School; Phuong Nguyen, Los Amigos High School; and Vanessa Pineda, Santiago High School.

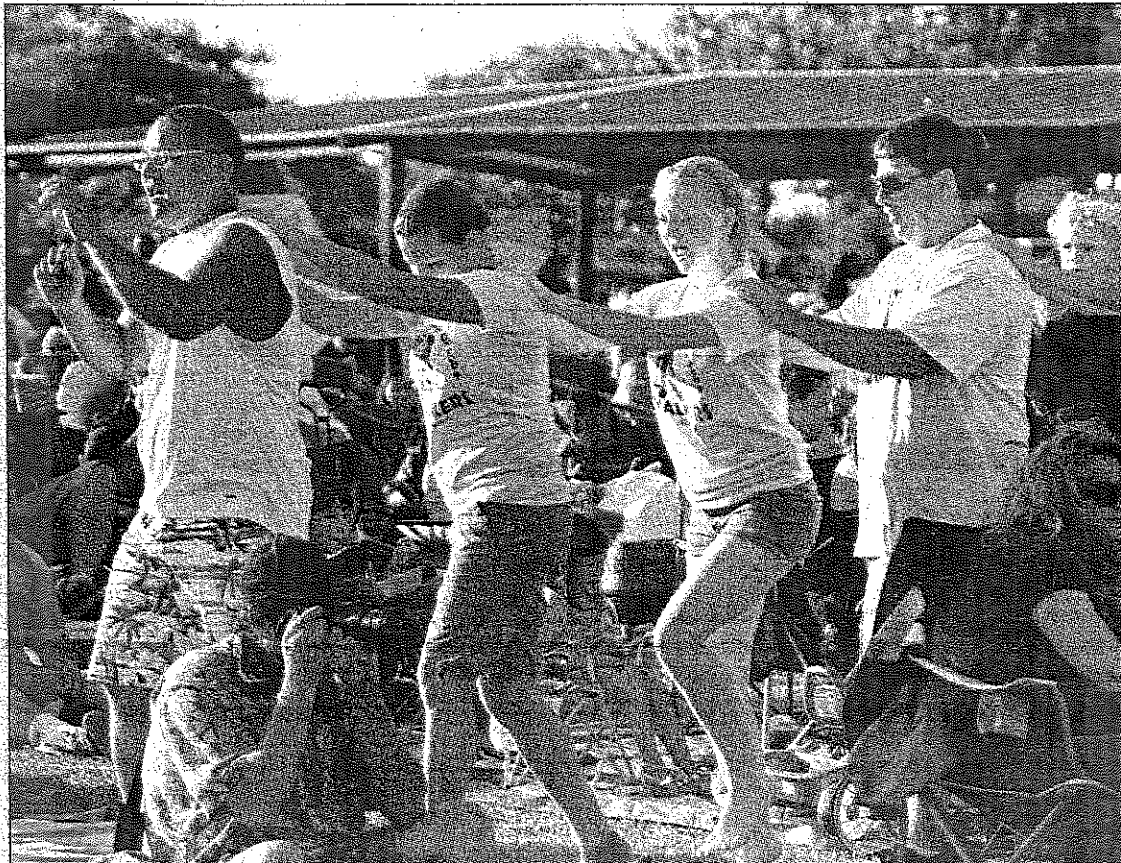
Aug. 4 contestants are Alyssa Leones, Los Amigos High School; Constance Maldonado, Garden Grove High School; Kenia Miranda, Rancho Alamitos High School; Phillip Nguyen, Bolsa Grande High School; and Kayla Renee Wandalt, Pacifica High School.





Courtesy photo  
Santiago High School student Katelyn Lopez will advance to the "Voice of Garden Grove" finals on Aug. 11.

# Cool music on a hot summer night



Photos by Dave Smithson

Relive your favorite contemporary country hits with Gold Rush Country playing at the free Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park on Thursday, July 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Arrive early to watch the fifth annual Voice of Garden Grove, a singing competition for local high school students. Performers from Garden Grove, La Quinta and Santiago high schools will compete for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship award, as well as another \$500 for their school's choir department. Shown, above and below, are past concerts. For more about the Voice of Garden Grove, see Page 6.





# City helps needy families with their babes

Program provides diapers and other necessities for little ones



**Tony on the Town**

By Tony Cheong

Baby, this is one great program.

And its distribution center runs out of -- where else? -- Garden Grove.

But you mommies and daddies in Stanton and Westminster should pay attention because it's a countywide program.

Thanks to a partnership between the OC Food Bank and

HomeAid Orange County, about 1 million diapers and baby necessities will be distributed over the next few weeks to charitable agencies in groups that operate shelters and serve the needy families with children.

For the past nine years, Ho-

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meAid Orange County has conducted the annual Essential Drive to collect donated diapers and baby necessities.

In past years, HomeAid has struggled to find a space to store all the boxes of diapers and other baby goods.

That problem has been solved,

thanks to Garden Grove, which is storing donations given to the Food Bank, a program of the Community Action Partnership Orange County.

Bottom line: a box of diapers can cost as much as \$40, and for a low income family with babies who go through them like an asthmatic goes through Kleenex, the cost adds up.

It's heartening to know that there are going to be thousands of babies in Garden Grove, Stanton, Westminster and beyond who are more healthy and happy than they would have been without this imaginative program.

It's not going to make Garden Grove a bunch of money. That's not the point.

But I am proud of this city for contributing to this important cause.

And there's more to come. That's exciting. This program is still in diapers.

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Send to [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

**Overachievers**, check this out Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

## Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

## Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

## Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

## Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

## GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

## Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

## School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

## Ready, young Rembrandts?

Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-

step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

## Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

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# Garden Grove Rotary Club helps save teenager's life

Rotarians donated device to GG schools; one was used after student suffered cardiac arrest

By Loreen Berlin

Do you know your Rotary Club?

If you don't, maybe it's time to update you. Especially since the club recently helped save a high school student's life.

More on that later.

The Garden Grove Rotary Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon in the Marriott Hotel at the southwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue.

Speaker for July 20 was Tom Moon, with Pacific Moon Real Estate, addressing current real estate issues and detailing how club members can avoid the myriad of scams threatening the community.

Moon was informative, interesting and entertaining, holding the audience's attention for the length of his talk, with much laughter; his father was a Rotarian before him. Each week, the club invites different professionals to speak.

What is a Rotarian? Do they act or look different? Would you know one if you saw him or her?

Rotarians have a motto and a "Four Way Test."

The Rotary motto is, "Service Above Self" and the Four-way Test is the cornerstone of the group's work.

During each meeting, Rotarians remember and repeat: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotarians are ordinary business

and professional leaders throughout the world who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help to build goodwill and peace in the world.

It's in that vein that the Garden Grove Rotary reported its distribution of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) recently with a very successful outcome, according to member Scott Weimer.

Weimer said that as part of the Rotary's ongoing Public Access to Defibrillators (PAD) program, the club donated and outfitted all of the high schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District with AEDs.

Recently, on the athletic field of Bolsa Grande High School, a 16-year-old student experienced sudden cardiac arrest.

"In speaking with the Garden Grove Fire Station following the emergency call to the high school, we were able to confirm the student had been in full cardiac arrest and that the AED was deployed twice by the coach, along with CPR, helping the student regain a heartbeat and pulse before being taken to the hospital," said Weimer.

"AEDs do save lives."

The student is now back home with a new Implanted Cardioverter Defibrillator and is doing well.

Weimer said studies reveal that each day in the United States, more than a 1,000 citizens experience sudden cardiac arrest, with

more than 50 percent never having heart problems.

"Please keep your skills up and always be ready for the unexpected," he tells other

Rotarians.

The Garden Grove Rotary Club also supports two family centers and has programs that offer more than 20 scholarships to sixth graders and high school students in Garden Grove, along with supporting the Miss Garden Grove Pageant and the RYLA Camp program for challenged teens.

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarian members, with more than 29,000 Rotary clubs in 161 countries. Rotary International's project has been to eradicate polio worldwide. "

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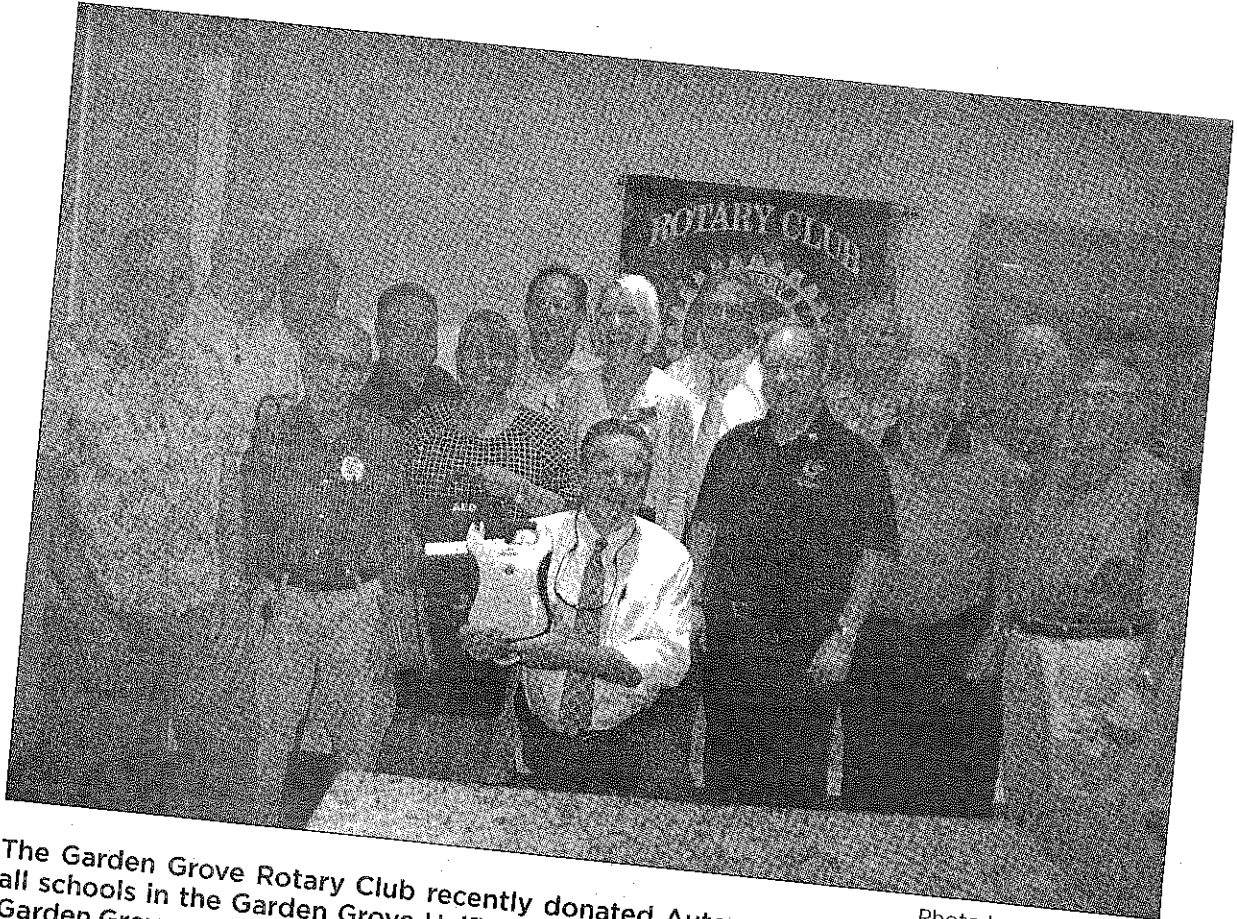


Photo by Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Rotary Club recently donated Automated External Defibrillators to all schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District and also to the Marriot Hotel in Garden Grove, where the club meets weekly. One of the devices ended up helping save a teenage boy's life after he suffered sudden cardiac arrest. Here, club members surround treasurer Scott Weimer, who is holding one of the devices.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Garden Grove City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, to receive and consider all evidence and reports relative to the 2016 Public Health Goal Report for drinking water.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing, or by writing a letter, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above. If you challenge the City Council decision in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council at the time of the meeting.

Further information and copies of the report may be obtained at the Public Works Department, Water Services Division, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, or by calling Cel Pasillas, Water Quality Supervisor, at (714) 741-5276.

/s/KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS IT MAY BE HEARD, TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER DESCRIBED BELOW:

EXTENSION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2869  
IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON MORTUARIES AND  
CREMATORIIUMS

The City Council of the City of Garden Grove will consider the adoption of an urgency interim ordinance extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2869 imposing a moratorium on the approval of permits or land use entitlements for mortuaries and crematoriums. The principal purpose of Urgency Ordinance No. 2869 is to prohibit any new such uses pending a full and complete zoning study leading to appropriate zoning regulations applicable to these uses.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend the City Council Public Hearing, or write a letter, to express opinions or submit evidence for or against the decision as outlined above. If you challenge the decision in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the hearing will be given to the City Council prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the City Council at the time of the meeting. Further information on the above matter may be obtained from the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

/s/KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1195

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide Two (2) New and Unused Trane Air-Cooled Chillers with Scroll Compressors per bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: July 20, 2016  
Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1197

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish all Labor, Material, Tools, Equipment for the Removal and Replacement of Three (3) Fuel Dispensers at the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: July 20, 2016  
Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1194-A

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to: Furnish all Materials, Equipment, Tools and Labor for the Installation of Poured-In-Place Rubber Surfacing and related work at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street, Garden Grove, CA. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: July 27, 2016  
Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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# Mosquitoes in 3 more O.C. cities test positive for West Nile virus

CITY NEWS SERVICE

**SANTA ANA** • Samples of mosquitoes collected in Santa Ana, Costa Mesa and Dana Point tested positive Tuesday for West Nile.

The three cities join a growing list topped by La Habra, which has recorded

15 samples testing positive for the virus, according to Jared Dever of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Two years ago, Santa Ana was "more or less the epicenter of West Nile virus activity," Dever said. This year, the city had not had

any positive samples until Tuesday, he said.

Anaheim has recorded five positive samples, and Orange has had three, Dever said. The other cities that have seen signs of the virus this year are Garden Grove, Irvine, La Palma, Mission Viejo, Seal Beach, Tustin,

Stanton and Yorba Linda.

There have been no reports of the virus being transmitted to people.

Officials say the highest activity of mosquitoes feeding is at dawn and dusk. They recommend repellents such as DEET, picaridin or lemon-oil eucalyptus.

Register  
July 27, 2016

# 2 WOUNDED, 2 SOUGHT IN SHOOTING

By SCOTT SCHWEBKE  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • Police are searching for two men in their 20s or 30s in connection with a double shooting late Friday night.

At 10:06 p.m. Friday, police responded to a shots-fired call at Brookhurst Street and Katella Avenue. Officers found a man and a woman, both in their 30s, with gunshot wounds in a

parking lot in the 9700 block of Katella Avenue.

The woman was shot in the torso, and the man was hit in the arm and the stomach, Garden Grove police Lt. Chris Lawton said Saturday.

The woman was listed in serious condition. The man was in stable condition at an area hospital.

The motive for the shooting was unclear, police said.

The man was standing

outside of a parked car when the shooting occurred. The woman was in the back seat of the car, Lawton said.

Another man and two children were in the area where the shooting occurred and are associated with the victims, but their relationship is not known, he added. They were not injured.

The gunmen fled on foot, Lawton said.

Register  
July 24, 2016

## Funding plan for OC Streetcar climbs \$9 million

By JESSICA KWONG  
STAFF WRITER

**ORANGE** • County transportation officials on Monday approved an increased capital funding plan for the OC Streetcar project ahead of a deadline to secure a federal grant.

With 30 percent of the design completed, the OC Streetcar, with 10 stops in Santa Ana and east Garden Grove, has seen a 3 percent - \$9 million - cost increase, to \$297.9 million.

The increase is owed to elements that will enhance system operations and

maintenance, said Mary Shavaliar, OC Streetcar project manager for the Orange County Transportation Authority. They include additional track on North Ross Street between West Santa Ana Boulevard and West Fourth Street for a shortened route, improving a maintenance facility and adding a "truing" machine, to correct imperfections in wheels that occur over time.

Transportation authority staff plans to submit the revised capital funding plan, which only OCTA board member Todd Spitzer

er opposed, to the Federal Transportation Administration by the Sept. 2 deadline for the next round of New Starts program analysis. In February, President Barack Obama, under New Starts, included \$125 million for the streetcar in his proposed federal budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. OCTA is seeking about \$148.5 million in New Starts money.

"It's a very small adjustment, I think, in the overall project to fit into the requirements of the FTA," Darrell Johnson, OCTA's CEO, said of the revised funding plan.

But Spitzer said he was "beyond frustrated" by the change and referred to the CenterLine light-rail project in central Orange County to John Wayne Airport that failed about a decade ago.

"Rail in general has had a very difficult history in this county," Spitzer said. "To see this kind of change at 30 percent (design completion) when the support of some (OCTA) directors is not that solid is very disconcerting."

OCTA applied for \$40 million from the state cap-and-trade program and expects a decision on the funding in mid-August.

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July 26, 2016



### GARDEN GROVE

**DUI checkpoint:** The Police Department will hold a checkpoint to look for those driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs from 9 p.m. July 30 to 3 a.m. July 31 at an undisclosed location. DUI checkpoints, the department said, are a crucial deterrent against people drinking and driving.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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July 22, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Road work:** Upgrades to Knott Street - from Garden Grove Boulevard to Lampson Avenue - begin today. A small segment of Valley View Street, from the 22 freeway westbound off-ramp to Tiffany Avenue, will also undergo improvements. Traffic will be reduced to one lane. Construction is set to finish in October.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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July 26, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**School drive:** The city's annual Back To School Drive continues until Aug. 25. The drive benefits 500 children from low-income families at the Buena Clinton Youth & Family Resource Center, 12661 Sunswept Ave., and the Magnolia Park Resource Center, 11402 Magnolia St. You can drop off school supplies there or City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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July 23, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Safety night:** The city is participating in National Night Out on Tuesday with a gathering of law enforcement officials and community members from 5 to 8 p.m. at King of Kings Church, 13431 Newhope St. National Night Out is a chance for law enforcement to build a relationship with the community. Information: 714-741-5761.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979

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July 27, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**West Nile:** The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District found a mosquito sample in the city infected with West Nile Virus, city officials said last week. The mosquitoes were collected in traps in a residential neighborhood near Garden Grove Boulevard and Newhope Street. Other cities have also had mosquitoes with West Nile.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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July 25, 2016

### GARDEN GROVE

**Citizenship:** Several nonprofits are co-hosting a Citizenship Community Forum in English, Spanish and Vietnamese from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Community Center, at 11300 Stanford Ave. Those who attend the free forum will get information on the naturalization process.

Chris Haire, 714-796-6979  
chaire@ocregister.com

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July 28, 2016



Iva Purney

Courtesy photos



Deirdre Harp

# Stanton woman sings her way to finals

Stanton's Iva Purney and Garden Grove's Deirdre Harp will compete

Two local residents won spots in the finals for KaraokeFest's Crème de la Tributes and Crème de la Kids contests during qualifying events on July 10 held on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove.

They now will compete at KaraokeFest 2016 presented by Karaoke Scene Magazine at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona on Sept. 17.

Ivy Purney, 9, of Stanton won in both divisions.

She performed the song Tomorrow from the musical "Annie" in the kids contest, which is for ages 17 years and younger, and then sang Part of Your World as Ariel from the "The Little Mermaid" in the tributes division which is for music impersonations of celebrities or famous characters.

Deirdre Harp of Garden Grove qualified for the finals in the Crème de la Tributes after performing as Stevie Nicks singing

Just Like the White Winged Dove.

At the Los Angeles County Fair, they will vie for cash awards, trophies and other prizes.

The qualifying rounds continue for three more Sundays in July: July 24 and 31 and are held in conjunction with the Local Harvest Farmers Market which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Signups for the Crème de la Kids is from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with singing starting at 11 a.m.

Tributes can register from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and their contest starts at 1 p.m. Five finalists from each division are selected each date to vie at the finals. There is a \$5 registration fee, but it is free to attend and watch the performances.

More information may be obtained at [www.karaokescene.com](http://www.karaokescene.com) or by calling 714-826-2212.

The contests are being presented by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association.

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July 22, 2016

City of Garden Grove

Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1198

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842 To Provide Consultant Services for the Acquisition of an Enterprise Resource Planning Software System. Consultants interested in submitting a proposal for this project have the option to attend a NON-MANDATORY, but highly recommended, pre-proposal meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m., local time, on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website by registering as a vendor. Questions can be directed in writing to Sandy Segawa at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 4:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, August 22, 2016. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: July 22, 2016

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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### Concert series

Care to go back in time? Relive your favorite contemporary country hits with Gold Rush Country playing at the free Summer Concert Series at Eastgate Park on Thursday, July 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Arrive early to watch the fifth annual The Voice of Garden Grove, a singing competition for local high school students. Performers from Garden Grove, La Quinta, Pacifica and Santiago high schools will compete for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship award, as well as another \$500 for their school's choir department.

Also, don't forget to download the "Garden Grove" mobile app to receive a notification detailing a special promotion that ties in with this Thursday's concert.

### Under the stars...

The community is invited to an evening under the stars with free activities and a movie on Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Village Green Park at the corner of Main and Euclid.

The featured movie, Minions, begins at 8 p.m.

Entertainment for the family begins at 6:30 p.m., including bounce houses, carnival games and more.

The first 300 children will receive free minion glow sticks.

The city will be live streaming the event through the city's Facebook page.

For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts or alcohol is permitted.

For more information on the free Movies in the Park, call the Community Services Department at 714-741-5200 or visit [www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com).

For photos of the event visit Garden Grove City Hall on Facebook or Instagram the following day.

## GG mayor gets Hispanic support in congressional bid

After a decent finish in California's primary election on June 7, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen has picked up steam, gaining a coveted endorsement from Lyo Figueroa, President of the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association.

Figueroa joins a long list of other prominent Latinos in law in their support for Mayor Nguyen's bid for Congress (46th District), including Sergio C. Garcia, California's first undocumented immigrant lawyer, Eric Dominguez, a leading immigration lawyer and president-elect of the bar association, and past president of the bar association Diana Lopez.

Figueroa offered the following words on Bao:

"Mayor Bao is a true friend to the Latino community. Bao knows our community like nobody else and he's the only immigrant in this race. He has been on the ground organizing and protesting with us for fairer wages and against deportations. During his time on

the school board, he empowered our children by implementing groundbreaking bilingual programs in Spanish and Vietnamese. In Congress, he will be our champion for comprehensive and compassionate immigration reform, without undue obstacles like having to pay a fine."

Nguyen, who was brought to the United States as a baby when his parents escaped Vietnam, had the following response:

"I am humbled and grateful for Lyo's support. Latinos contribute so much to our country. They are our lawyers, doctors, entrepreneurs, artists, social workers and public servants. We need policies in Washington that empower Latinos instead of tearing families apart. In Congress, I will fight for immigration policies that ensure families stay together, and give Latinos the tools they need to succeed."

Nguyen also picked up endorsements from former presidents of the bar association Jose Gonzalez

and Mayte Santacruz. Gonzalez expressed strong support for Nguyen:

As advocates for the Latino community, we know that just because you have a Hispanic surname doesn't mean you're always working in the best interest of the Latino community. We know Bao, who has always stood firm with us on immigration, education, and fairer wages."

Santacruz voiced her support for Bao as well:

"As an immigrant himself, Bao truly understands the many challenges that Hispanic immigrant families have to overcome on a daily basis. He is one of us, and I am proud to endorse him."

After serving as a local community organizer, and then on Garden Grove's school board, Bao Nguyen was elected mayor of Garden Grove in 2014. Upon his swearing-in, he became the first directly-elected Vietnamese American Democratic mayor in the United States.

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit [www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331).

Chamber holds Friday meetings The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

### Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-

892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

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## CALENDAR:

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### Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

### Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

### GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Call 714-892-7267.

### City Hall to be shuttered

The Westminster City Hall, at 8200 Westminster Blvd., will be closed on alternating Fridays.

### Join preschool storytime hour

Join the Westminster Public Library for stories, songs, and crafts at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday with your preschool-aged child. The Westminster Library is at 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Contact the children's librarian, Anna, with questions at 714-893-5057.



Courtesy photo

Bree Morse

# Miss California visits Navy ship

Garden Grove native receives commemorative ship's coin

Garden Grove's Bree Morse, outgoing Miss California, recently was special guest of the Navy ship USS Essex (LHD-2) for presentation of performance awards to four crewmembers onboard the San Diego based amphibious assault ship.

Morse received a commemorative ship's coin from Commanding Officer, Captain Brian J. Quin, U. S. Navy. The popular pageant winner was also treated to a tour of the huge ship, guided

by Essex's Senior Chief Petty Officer Denise Murray and Newport Beach Navy Leaguer Board Officers Chris Chocek and Mark Miller.

Morse presented the special Navy League awards and checks to CS1 Latoya Farrish, HM2 Scott Musolf, AO3 PurnelNkwocha and ABHAN Tyrese Jamison and spent much time talking with many other crew members, posing with them in photos, and signing autographs.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CONTACT: Timothy Throne (714) 741-5789  
CalHOME Program Administrator

Matt Callahan (562) 391-6453  
Civic Center Home Loans & Realty, Inc.

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

### **OPENINGS FOR FIRST-TIME GARDEN GROVE HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY**

Openings are available for the first-time Garden Grove homebuyer workshop. The workshop will take place on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Street.

The workshop will introduce potential Garden Grove homeowners to the basic steps of home buying, including how to qualify for a home mortgage, as well as information on financial assistance programs offered through the City.

The City currently offers a State of California Proposition 1C-funded CalHome loan. The loan is designed to assist qualified low- and very low-income families with covering the difference between a qualifying mortgage amount, and the actual price of a single-family mobile home. The CalHome loan is a 30-year deferred payment loan requiring no monthly payments, not exceeding \$60,000, and accruing three-percent simple annual interest for the life of the loan.

The next workshop dates are scheduled on August 13, September 24, and December 3.

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Openings for First-Time Garden Grove Homebuyer Workshop this Saturday  
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To sign up for the workshop, or to obtain more information on the City's First-Time Homebuyer programs, go to [www.homeingardengrove.org](http://www.homeingardengrove.org) or call Matt Callahan at (562) 391-6453. Information is also available by calling the City of Garden Grove Community Development Department at (714) 741-5789 or visiting the Neighborhood Improvement website at <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commdev/neighborhoodimprovement>.

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CONTACT: Kim Huy (714) 741-5200

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

## **GOLD RUSH COUNTRY COMES TO GARDEN GROVE**

Giddy-up to Garden Grove's 2016 free Summer Concert Series, hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation. Gold Rush Country makes their debut by playing contemporary country music on Thursday, July 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event takes place at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street.

Arrive early, at 6:00 p.m., to watch the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "The Voice of Garden Grove," a singing competition for local high school students. Performers from the Garden Grove Unified School District will compete for a spot in the finals, on August 11, for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship award and another \$500 towards their school's choir program. Performing this week are students from Bolsa Grande, La Quinta, Rancho Alamitos, Los Amigos, and Santiago High School.

Don't forget to download the 'Garden Grove' mobile app to receive a notification detailing a special promotion that ties-in with this Thursday's concert. Those who participate will receive a unique giveaway during the concert at the Garden Grove Community Foundation booth, while quantities last.

Various vendors will be selling food, beverages, and dessert. Food trucks at this week's concert include Buqqa Burger, Buqqa Mediterranean, SOHO Taco, and Dogzilla.

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Gold Rush Country Comes to Garden Grove  
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For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts, or alcohol is permitted in the park.

The 2016 free Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Garden Grove Community Foundation, City of Garden Grove, AT&T, and GKN Aerospace.

A complete listing of the remaining concerts follows:

July 28, Gold Rush Country (Contemporary Country)  
August 4, The Suffragettes (Top 40 Hits)  
August 11, The Answer (Classic Rock)

For more information about the free Summer Concert Series, visit [www.ggcf.com](http://www.ggcf.com) or call (714) 741-5200.

For photos and live footage of the event, visit Garden Grove City Hall on Facebook or Instagram the day of.

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Contact: Elaine Ma'ae, (714) 741-5291

Thursday, July 21, 2016

## **FREE TICKETS FOR UPCOMING THEATRE PERFORMANCES**

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF), a committed supporter of arts in the community, is giving away free tickets to summer performances by the Shakespeare/Summerfest Orange County theater company. All performances are held at the Garden Grove Festival Amphitheatre, at 12762 Main Street. The tickets are now available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last, with a maximum of two tickets per household.

The remaining plays and performances are *Sonnets, Songs & Sorry Will's Been Dead for 400 Years, Pirates of Penzance*, and a special tribute performance by Los Angeles' famous Orchestre Surreal on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. The ticket vouchers are valid for any upcoming performance.

*Sonnets, Songs & Sorry Will's Been Dead for 400 Years* runs on Sundays from July 10-August 7; *Pirates of Penzance* runs from August 18-28; and the season finale on September 11. Show times are Thursday through Saturday, at 8:00 p.m.

The GGCF is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the image and quality of life in Garden Grove through free or low-cost programs and services that enrich the community.

To obtain a free voucher, send an email to [foundations@garden-grove.org](mailto:foundations@garden-grove.org). For more information on performances, visit [www.shakespeareoc.org](http://www.shakespeareoc.org).

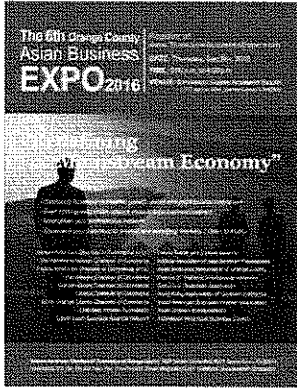
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**WEEKLY MEMO 7/28/16**

**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Published by Wm Aling on 11/11/14

It's not too late to sign up! Promote and showcase your business to diverse and emerging markets in Orange County, and network with business owners to strengthen your own. For more information, visit [www.TheAsianBusinessExpo.com](http://www.TheAsianBusinessExpo.com). #GardenGrove



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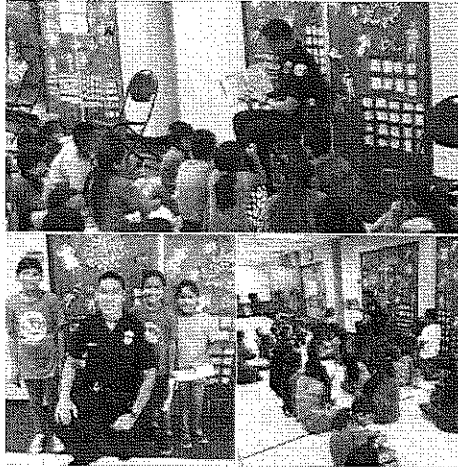
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**Garden Grove City Hall** added 3 new photos.  
Published by Nancy Hernandez on 7/28/14

Every summer the Buena Clinton facility offer a month long reading program for children! The ages range from 1-year-old to 10-years-old. With a different theme each week, a guest volunteer comes in and reads to the 40 children who participate. The readers are usually volunteers from the Teen Camp Program, but this past week Garden Grove Police Department Officer David Chang volunteered his time to read to the

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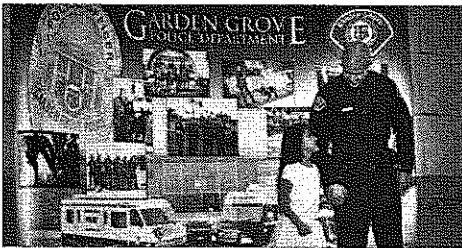
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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Published by Nancy Hernandez on 7/28/14

Congratulations and welcome to the five new lateral officers sworn in to the Garden Grove Police Department! #GardenGrove

**Behind the Badge 00**  
July 28 at 7:22am

Police departments especially love adding seasoned cops to their force, since they come with maturity and experience and require less hands-on training before being sent out on their own to patrol the streets.



**Garden Grove PD swears in five new officers who transferred from other agencies**

With competition for fresh recruits fierce, police departments especially love adding seasoned cops to their force, since they come with maturity and experience and...

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**GARDEN GROVE CITY HALL**  
Published by Nancy Hernandez on 7/28 at 10:16pm

The Citizenship Community Forum is this Thursday, July 28, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the #GardenGrove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

This event is hosted by the Catholic Charities of Orange County, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, World Relief Garden Grove/Southern California, Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development, and Access California Services. For more information, please contact Jenny Rodriguez at (714) 347-9640.

**Citizenship Community Forum**

July 28 - Thursday  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Meeting Room Community Center,  
11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92647

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**Information available in U.S.**

**Citizenship with USCIS**

- How to apply for citizenship
- What to expect during the process
- What to do if you are not eligible
- What to do if you are not a U.S. citizen

**Forma comunitaria de Ciudadania**

- Como aplicar para la ciudadanía
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- Que hacer si no es elegible
- Que hacer si no es ciudadano de los Estados Unidos

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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Published by Nancy Mendocino on July 26 at 3:23pm

#GardenGrove City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency, and the Sanitary District meetings are cancelled this week!

### City Council Meetings Cancelled on July 26 and August 23 | City of Garden Grove

The Garden Grove City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency, and the Sanitary District meetings are cancelled for July 26 and August 23. The next dates will be on August 9 and September 5.

City of Garden Grove

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**Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Published by Nancy Mendocino on July 26 at 3:23pm

Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove hosted a building dedication honoring Pat Halberstadt!

Her career in youth development began with the Girls Club of Garden Grove in 1974, when she became the third Executive Director of the Club. Under her leadership, the Girls Club of Garden Grove began to grow with two locations, a membership of 500, and serving an average of 250 youth. The Boys Club of Garden Grove was facing major challenges in 1996, so Pat Halberstadt and the Board... See More



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Lisa Alvarez We use to go to the Girls Club in the 80s. Linking - Reply - Message July 26 at 4:28pm

Sharon Sunda Thank you, Pat Halberstadt, for the positive impact you have had on Garden Grove and the City of Garden Grove. You will be missed!

**Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Published by Nancy Mendocino on July 26 at 3:23pm

Thank you to our Garden Grove Fire Department for dispatching Grove Engine 5 to the #SandFire as part of a multi-jurisdictional strike team

They are joining four other engine companies and a battalion chief for the assignment. A reserve engine is going in service to ensure fire and rescue coverage is uninterrupted to Garden Grove. GGFDD has two line paramedics at the incident. #GardenGrove



Garden Grove Fire Department  
 July 24 at 10:43pm

GARDEN GROVE ASSISTANCE

Grove Engines 5 and 6 have been dispatched to the #SandFire as part of multi-jurisdictional strike teams. They will be joining...

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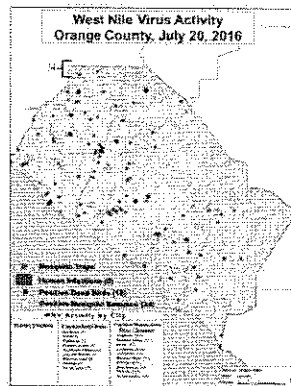
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Dani Cree, Jeff Wyszack and 73 others

**Garden Grove City Hall**  
 July 24 at 3:08pm

Community Alert

Mosquito samples infected with the West Nile virus have been found in #GardenGrove. The mosquitoes were collected from residential neighborhoods near Garden Grove Boulevard and Newhope Street. We strongly encourage the community to take extra steps to protect themselves from mosquitoes, especially from dawn to dusk when they are most active.



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**The 6th Orange County Asian Business EXPO 2016**

Register at: [www.TheAsianBusinessExpo.com](http://www.TheAsianBusinessExpo.com)

DATE: Thursday, Sep 8th, 2016  
 TIME: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 VENUE: Embassy Suites Anaheim South, 11771 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92647

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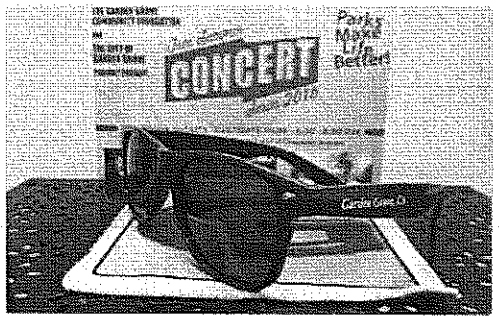
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**KNOTT STREET TO UNDERGO STREET IMPROVEMENTS TUESDAY, JULY 26**  
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 Wear your 80's or 90's band shirt to the free summer concert tonight and receive an exclusive gift @ the GCF booth.



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**GGFD PIO** @GardenGroveFire and 2nd GE5 responding with multi-jurisdictional #strike team XOR1421A #SandFire.



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 Tomorrow's #GardenGrove City Council meeting is cancelled. [ci.garden-grove.ca.us/citymanager/ci](http://ci.garden-grove.ca.us/citymanager/ci).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**July 28, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation for the August 4, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated July 22, 2016.

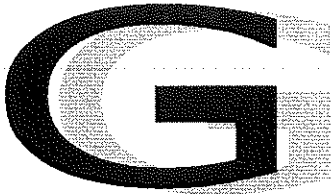




## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 28, 2016 – August 5, 2016

			Filing period for the 2016 Election of Mayor and Council Members for District #s 2, 3, 5, & 6 (July 18 – August 12)
Thursday	July 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – Gold Rush Country (Contemporary Country), Eastgate Park
Saturday	July 30	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
		8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	First-Time Home Buyer and Home Improvements Programs Workshop, H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		10:00 a.m.	Multi-Agency Homeless Outreach Event Coordinated by Police Departments 12645 Beach Blvd., Stanton
Sunday	July 31	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents, "Sonnets, Songs and Sorry Will's Been Dead 400 Years!" Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	August 2	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	OCEA Hot Dog Wagon (Employees) Civic Center Park between Senior Center and Credit Union
		5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	Police Department's National Night Out Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. King of Kings Church, 13431 Newhope Street 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 4	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – The Suffragettes (Top 40 Hits), Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	August 5		City Hall Closed



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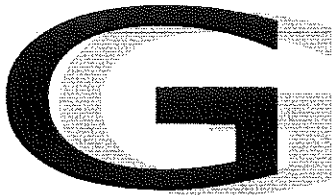
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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**AUGUST 4, 2016**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: July 28, 2016

JOHN O'NEILL  
CHAIR



**GARDEN GROVE**

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

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has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE  
SECRETARY



July 22, 2016  
Issue #59

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**U.S. Communities Holding Summit on Aug. 4 in Bakersfield to Educate Local Government Agency Officials on Program's Cost-Saving Benefits**  
*Additional Summits to be held in Long Beach and Napa/Sonoma*

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is hosting a free regional event on Aug. 4 at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools in Bakersfield to help public agencies learn how to save time and money through the U.S. Communities program. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Homeless Encampment Clean-Up Grant Applications Available**

Grant applications are now available for CalRecycle's Solid Waste Site Cleanup Program — funding that has been used successfully by cities to assist with the cleanup homeless encampments. Upcoming deadlines to apply for Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grants are Aug. 2, Nov. 2 and Feb. 2. *For more, see Page 2.*



**California City Solutions: Hemet Develops Strategic Goals Based on Community Feedback**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Hemet's customer engagement and strategic management plan was submitted in 2015 for the Internal Administration award category. For more, see Page 3.*

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During this four-hour event you will be able to network, ask questions and share feedback:

- Learn when to use cooperative contracts;
- Connect with other local agencies currently using cooperative purchasing and find out what is working for their organization;
- Learn about the online e-commerce marketplace;
- Meet your local U.S. Communities program manager; and
- Connect with U.S. Communities suppliers to learn about and receive their lowest overall government pricing for these products and services:
  - Facilities
  - Office and school solutions
  - Technology
  - Parks and recreation
  - Specialty

This educational event will be of special interest to:

- Assistant city managers;
- Public safety officials;
- Parks and recreation officials;
- Public works directors;
- Facilities managers;
- Fleet managers; and
- Procurement officers.

#### Event Details

Thursday, Aug. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, 1300 17th Street, Room 1B in Bakersfield.

Register online. Lunch will be provided.

#### Future Summits

U.S. Communities will be holding summits in Southern and Northern California:

- Late September: Long Beach. Information coming soon.
- Late October: Napa/Sonoma. Information coming soon.

#### About U.S. Communities

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

Learn more about U.S. Communities at [www.uscommunities.org/lcc](http://www.uscommunities.org/lcc).

For more information about the summits, please contact [Rob Fiorilli](#) from U.S. Communities at (925) 588-5054 or [Norman Copping](#) from the League of California Cities at (916) 658-8277.

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Through the Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant program, CalRecycle allocates up \$1 million per year to public entities, with a maximum of \$500,000 per grant. Matching funds are not required. Additional information is available on the [CalRecycle website](#).

Among recent recipients of the Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grants were the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma, which used the funding as part of their larger efforts to address homelessness. Much of the CalRecycle funding was used to clean up encampments generating trash and waste that ended up in the creeks and other waterways in those communities.

In prioritizing sites to receive available funding, CalRecycle considers the following:

- Degree of risk to public health and safety and the environment;
- Ability of the owner to clean up the site without monetary assistance;
- CalRecycle's ability to adequately remediate the site with available funds;
- Amount of contributions of money and/or in-kind services from governments or responsible parties; and
- Ability to obtain site access.

Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grants are one of four portions of CalRecycle's Solid Waste Site Cleanup Program.

Created in 1994, the Solid Waste Site Cleanup Program aims to address the cleanup of solid waste disposal sites for which the responsible party cannot be identified or is unable or unwilling to pay for timely cleanup needed to protect public health, public safety or the environment.

Three other types of funding are available:

- **CalRecycle-Managed Cleanup:** CalRecycle is authorized to spend funds directly to investigate and/or remediate sites where the responsible party (public and in some cases private) is unwilling or willing but does not have the necessary resources or expertise to implement the cleanup in a timely manner.
- **Legacy Disposal Site Abatement Grant:** Public entities may receive financial assistance in the form of reimbursement grants up to \$750,000 to assist with remediating old solid waste disposal sites and protecting public health and safety and the environment.
- **Loans to Local Governments:** Loans up to \$1,000,000 per site are available to local governments that demonstrate that site remediation is needed to protect public health and safety and the environment and that the local government has the ability to repay the loan.

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Hemet's General Fund revenues dropped by 29 percent during the recession, which prompted service reductions as well as a 31 percent reduction in staffing. Despite those expenditure cuts, Hemet continues to operate with a structural budget deficit. In 2013, city leaders concluded that closing the deficit would require either further service reductions, taxpayer approval of additional revenues, or both. However, when input from the city's customers was most needed many departments had no customer feedback mechanism and the public had little data to evaluate their value of their services. This need prompted the city to launch what has become a successful effort to bring residents into the city's planning process.

The city decided to implement a two-pronged strategy in February 2014 to engage the community in evaluating city services and inform them of the how their tax dollars are being put to use. The city manager first directed all city departments to regularly solicit point-of-service customer feedback using a customer survey designed by the city's executive team. The survey can be completed as a hard copy or electronically, after the city services are rendered. The completed customer surveys are summarized quarterly, reviewed by the entire executive team, and posted on the city's website.

The second strategy focuses on a Strategic Management Program in which every city department established a mission statement, goals, measurable objectives, performance indicators, and performance targets. Performance data is reported quarterly, showing every performance objective and whether the city is meeting its performance targets or falling short. This

performance data is reviewed by the entire executive team and is also posted on the city's website.

Just 37 individuals responded to the survey initially, which was much less than staff had hoped would be submitted. However, as departments placed greater emphasis on requesting feedback and increased its response rate, the volume greatly increased. In the 13 months after customer surveying was implemented, 1,509 surveys were completed with 91 percent of the residents rating the quality of services as a "4" or "5" on a five-point scale, where "1" means poor and "5" means excellent. The customer ratings and additional comments have been very helpful to the city in identifying where it meets customer expectations and where it can improve.

The quarterly reporting of how the city is performing in relation to its performance targets has set a high standard for accountability and transparency. It has also given the city's executive team a performance dashboard it had not previously had to evaluate its service performance and identify where intervention is needed to improve outcomes. The performance objectives and targets also enhance the annual budget process by quantifying what the community can expect in terms of the services it provides for the resources invested in them.

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### **CalPERS Invites Nominations for its Spotlight on Excellence Award**

The 2016 CalPERS' Educational Forum is coming up in October and the nomination period is now open for the Spotlight on Excellence award. This honor recognizes an outstanding public agency, a specific program, or an individual employee who has:

- Exhibited the spirit of what it means to be of service to the public;
- Served as a model other agencies or employees can follow; and
- Had success in building up their community.

Nominations will be reviewed and the winner will be honored with an award on Oct. 24 at the Riverside Convention Center. The winner will also be featured in the CalPERS Employer News newsletter and social media. Neither the recipient nor the nominators necessarily have to be paid registrants at the Educational Forum.

Nominations may be [submitted online](#).

Questions can be directed to [David Teykaerts](#).

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### **CalPERS Names Marcie Frost as New Chief Executive Officer**

The [California Public Employees' Retirement System](#) (CalPERS) Board of Administration announced last week that it has named Marcie Frost as the pension fund's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Frost, 51, is a 16-year veteran of the pension industry, having most recently served as the executive director of the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems (DRS). She will start her new role with CalPERS on Oct. 3, replacing Anne Stausboll who retired at the end of June. Doug Hoffner will serve in the interim.

As CEO, Frost will oversee the system's operations, which include 2,870 employees, a budget of more than \$1.7 billion, and programs spanning retirement benefits administration, health care delivery, investments, finance and risk management, actuarial services, supplemental retirement programs, legislative affairs, stakeholder relations, and numerous support functions.

Frost's career spans executive level positions in public pension administration, human resources and information technology. She joined DRS in 2000 and held leadership roles in human resources, information services, and operations. She was deputy director for the retirement systems for four years before being appointed executive director in 2013. She also serves as an ex officio member of the Washington State Investment Board.



She began her public service career as a Benefits Administrator with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries managing compensation and benefit programs for public employees across 26 locations. Frost is a native Washingtonian and is pursuing dual bachelors and master's degree in public administration from Evergreen State College.

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### **Funding Opportunity: NLC's CHAMPS Grant Helps Cities Fund After School and Summer Lunch Programs**

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) and the League of California Cities® are working with National League of Cities (NLC) to provide support to cities interested in strengthening efforts to ensure youth stay healthy, engaged and on a positive developmental path.

NLC's Cities Combating Hunger through After School and Summer Meal Programs (CHAMPS) is a grant opportunity for cities to ensure low-income youth continue to have access to healthy food when school is out.

City agencies in California are eligible to apply for \$5,000-\$40,000 grants and technical assistance to enhance their efforts to combat childhood hunger when school is out through [USDA summer and after school meal programs](#). These grant funds can be used to support activities (through December 2017) such as: youth employment, promotional activities, operational needs and other supports that increase access to out-of-school-time meal programs.

[Apply online.](#)

If you have questions contact NLC's [Jamie Nash](#) or ILG's [Patrice Chamberlain](#).

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### **Economic Development, Public Safety Top Issues for Nation's Mayors, According to National League of Cities Report**

*Economic Development Remains Most Critical Issue for Third Consecutive Year*

For the third consecutive year, economic development remained the top issue for the nation's mayors, according to a comprehensive analysis of mayoral state of the city speeches released today by the [National League of Cities \(NLC\)](#). In the [2016 State of the Cities](#) report, which examines state of the city speeches in 100 cities representing a diverse cross section of population sizes and geographic regions, public safety replaced infrastructure as the second most-discussed issue. The state of the city speech is a mayor's opportunity to reflect on their city's recent accomplishments, address current challenges and present a roadmap for the future.

As the biggest issue on mayors' agendas, economic development was mentioned in 75 percent of mayoral speeches. Following closely behind is public safety and city budgets at 70 percent and 52 percent, respectively. The full list of top issues for 2014, 2015 and 2016 are available in the [report](#).

This year's State of the Cities report reveals the following trends:

- Mayors continue to focus on improving their local economies and encouraging entrepreneurship;
  - Mayors are seeing improved revenue and are being judicious about how to spend it;
  - Mayors are cautiously optimistic about the future and are leading in the development of sustainable communities where people want to live;
  - Mayors are concerned about the uptick in the murder rate even though overall crime rates are historically low;
  - Mayors are concerned about the increasing opioid epidemic; and
  - Mayors are helping their cities see the value of using technology and data to drive decisions and make their city governments more efficient and effective.
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## Submit Your Application for What Cities Work

What Works Cities (WWC) invites cities to apply to be part of a national Bloomberg Philanthropies initiative to help American cities better use data and evidence to drive decision-making and improve residents' lives. WWC will be working with 100 cities with populations between 100,000 and 1 million people who are committed to improving the way they use data in governance and service delivery.

Bloomberg Philanthropies has assembled an unparalleled group of leading practitioners to help cities focus on their goals and their citizens including the Behavioral Insights Team, the Center for Government Excellence at Johns Hopkins University, the Government Performance Lab at the Harvard Kennedy School, Results for America, and the Sunlight Foundation.

Applications must be submitted online by Aug. 1.

Any questions can be directed by email to [info@whatworkscities.org](mailto:info@whatworkscities.org).

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