

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 20, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC MITIGATION, PARK IN-LIEU & DRAINAGE FEE REVIEW PROCESS**
Bill Murray informs you of the next steps required for updating the Traffic Mitigation, Park In-Lieu and Drainage Fees.
- B. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM**
Bill Murray's Memo discusses amending an ordinance to reflect recent changes in State law regarding water conservation.
- C. REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION NO. 6**
Tom Schultz provides information on the Request for Proposal for the replacement of Fire Station No. 6 located at 12111 Chapman Avenue. The RFP asks for conceptual site plans, construction cost estimates, and recommendations on the CEQA environmental review process and a copy of it is available upon request.
- D. NEW STAGE 2 WATER ALERT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2015**
A copy of the postcard sent to all Garden Grove residents regarding a Stage 2 Water Alert is attached for review. Residents are allowed to water on Tuesday's and Saturday's only and were also notified using the emergency notification system on August 13th.

• 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

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC MITIGATION,
PARK IN-LIEU & DRAINAGE FEE REVIEW
PROCESS

From: William E. Murray
Dept.: Public Works
Date: August 19, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform City Council on the next steps required for updating the Traffic Mitigation, Park In-Lieu and Drainage Fees (Impact Fees).

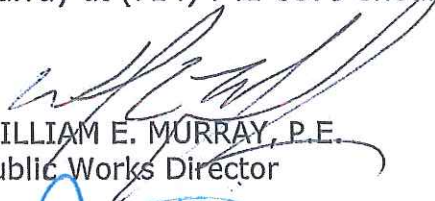
BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On July 28, staff held a study session for City Council to consider updating the Impact Fees. At the meeting, it was noted the current fee schedule was outdated, as some of these fees had not been reviewed in over twenty years. It was then agreed for staff to bring back a plan gradually increasing these fees over a set period of time. Since then, staff consulted with the City Attorney's office to assure the current methodology used for these fees, also known as "nexus" studies, are in compliance with all statutory provisions, and that these fees equitably reflect capital infrastructure needs commensurate with current and future development.

After legal review, it was determined the impact fees are not in total conformance with governing statutes. Additionally, these reports do not comprehensively measure development activity and its impact on city facilities. To address this, staff will hire consultants specializing in preparing impact fee studies. Final reports will consider future growth demand and its impact on city infrastructure. The cost for this study will range from \$25,000 - \$50,000, and the final report will be completed in 8-10 months. The chosen firm will also be responsible for engaging the building industry association before a final report is submitted to City Council.

SUMMARY

There is no impact to the General Fund. Consultant fees will be paid out of the Operational budget from Public Works and Community Services. Please contact William Murray at (714) 741-5379 should you have any questions.


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


By: Ana V. Neal
Sr. Administrative Analyst

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

From: William E. Murray
Dept.: Public Works
Date: August 17, 2015

On July 14, 2015, City Council approved an ordinance amending the Water Conservation Program in Chapter 40 of Title 14 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to reflect recent changes in State law regarding water conservation. The ordinance will take effect on August 14, 2015.

With the approved ordinance, the City is in compliance with the State's mandatory regulations. The amendments to Title 14 include the following:

- Restrict irrigation to Tuesdays and Saturdays for conservation Stage 2 and Stage 3.
- Revise the limits on watering hours to permit watering before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
- Restrict watering during and within 48 hours of rainfall.
- Revise the restriction in Stage 2 on the use of ornamental fountains such that they can use re-circulated water.
- Include a conservation measure such that hotels must provide customers the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily.

Any questions related to the water conservation ordinance should be addressed to Bill Murray at extension 5349.



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



By: Katie Victoria
Administrative Analyst

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: INFORMATION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION NO. 6 LOCATED AT 12111 CHAPMAN AVENUE

From: Tom Schultz
Dept.: Fire Department
Date: August 20, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit information to the City Council regarding a Request for Proposal (RFP) that is being sent to architectural firms requesting the preparation of conceptual site plans, construction cost estimates, and recommendations regarding the CEQA environmental review process to replace Fire Station No. 6, located on the northeast corner of Chapman Ave. and Debbie Ln.

BACKGROUND

At the March 13, 2015, City Council retreat, there was discussion regarding the continued need for a new fire headquarters, previously planned for the east side of Euclid Street, (previous Black Angus Restaurant site.) At the retreat, the City Council concurred with staff's recommendation that plans for a new fire headquarters be abandoned, and that staff concentrate their efforts on relocating and reconstructing Fire Station No. 6.

In an effort to accomplish this task, a sub-committee has been established and is commencing the analytical phase of the project, by exploring various development site options for the replacement station.

DISCUSSION

Attached is the RFP being advertised and posted on "Planet Bid" by the City's purchasing division this week; the RFP requests that respondents demonstrate substantial experience in space planning for fire stations, engineering, cost estimation and environmental review.

The sub-committee identified three (3) possible locations for the replacement of Station No. 6. The sites were chosen based upon the fire department's analysis of several factors, including developed response time standards, consideration of reasonable travel time, the size of the area to be serviced, the resources available, and the level of acceptable risk.

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LOCATED AT 12111 CHAPMAN AVE.
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The proposed relocation sites are:

- 1) Harbor Boulevard* (west side of Harbor Blvd., north of Lampson Ave.)
- 2) A one-acre portion of Westhaven Park, located on the east side of West Street, north of Lampson (would include replacement of park land and/or improved park amenities equivalent to the value of the park space being removed)
- 3) 12111 Chapman Avenue* (NEC Chapman Ave. & Debbie Ln.) existing site of Station No. 6.

*Both sites 1 and 3 require additional land acquisition.

RFP's are due Monday, September 20, 2015, with an anticipated project term of 4 to 6 months. RFP submittals must include:

- Creation of conceptual site plans for all three locations, along with a proposed building footprint appropriate for each development site.
- A planning analysis of the estimated cost to construct the station, considering all site factors, including possible acquisition of additional property.
- Recommendations regarding CEQA review of the project, including cost estimates for environmental review analysis, as it pertains to each site.

SUMMARY

Staff will keep the City Council updated regarding the progress of the RFP and will bring the recommendations for the replacement of Fire Station No. 6 for discussion and consideration as soon as the conceptual plans become available.



TOM SCHULTZ
Fire Chief

Attachment: RFP No. S-1177

Updated Mandatory Water Restrictions are in Effect!

New 2 Days per Week Watering Schedule

Water Conservation is everyone's responsibility.

To learn more about the drought, water conservation, and rebates you can qualify for to help offset the cost of water saving devices and technologies,

visit these websites:

BeWaterWise.com,

SaveOurH2O.org

and

OCWaterSmart.com.

To report water waste, please provide the address and description of the water wasting violation to the Water Services Division at

(714) 741-5395.



Garden Grove
Water Services Division

13802 Newhope Street
Garden Grove, CA 92843

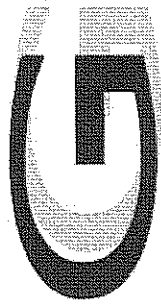
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NEW STAGE 2 WATER ALERT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2015

*The State Water Board has issued an emergency order which
REQUIRES the City of Garden Grove to REDUCE WATER USE by 20%*



Garden Grove Water Services Division

**Updated Emergency
Drought Regulations
Effective August 14, 2015**

The Garden Grove City Council approved updated restrictions in the City's Stage 2 Water Alert, which allows you to water your lawn and landscape only on Tuesdays and Saturdays, before 10 am and after 5 pm, for a maximum of 15 minutes per station.

**Actualización de las Regulaciones
de Emergencia por la Sequía
vigentes el 14 de agosto del 2015**

El consejo municipal de Garden Grove aprobó unas restricciones revisadas del Alerta por el Agua, Etapa 2, que sólo se permite el riego del césped y el jardín los martes y los sábados, antes de las 10 am o después de las 5 pm, por un máximo de 15 minutos en cada lugar.

**Quy Định về Hạn Hấp Khẩn Cấp
Đã Cập Nhật**

Có Hiệu Lực ngày 14 tháng 8 năm 2015
Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove đã phê duyệt các giới hạn được cập nhật trong Cảnh Báo Nước Giai Đoạn 2 của Thành Phố, chỉ cho phép quý vị tưới bãi cỏ và cảnh quan vào thứ Ba và thứ Bảy, trước 10 giờ sáng và sau 5 giờ chiều, trong khoảng thời gian tối đa là 15 phút mỗi điểm tưới.

**비상 업데이트
가름 규정사항**

발효일 2015년 8월 14일
가든 그로브 시의회(Garden Grove City Council)는 시의 제 2단계 물 경보를 발효함에 따라, 귀하의 잔디밭 및 정원애 오직 화요일과 토요일, 오전 10시 이전 과 오후 5시 이후, 구역당 최장 15분간 물을 줄 수 있는 최근 제한 규정을 승인하였습니다.

**Please visit Garden Grove Water on the web to learn all about our Stage 2 Water Alert Restrictions:
www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water**

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GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL STAFF

WHAT CAN YOU BUILD WITH LEGOS?

Time to get your Lego hardhat, Lego hammer and Lego construction plans together and head to the Garden Grove Chapman Library.

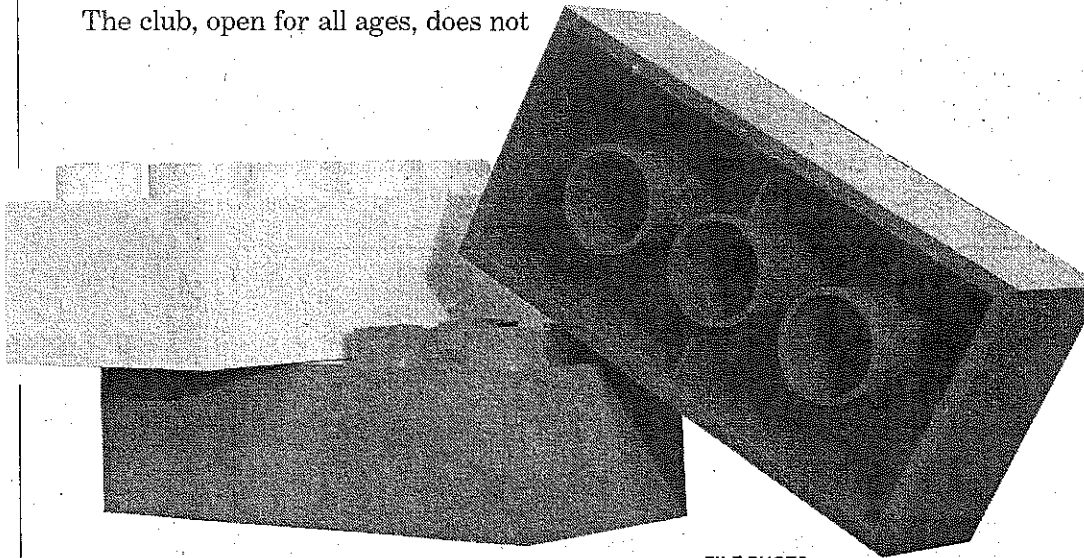
The library, at 9182 Chapman Ave., has a Lego club that meets from 2 to 3 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month.

The club, open for all ages, does not

require registration and provides Lego bricks so kids can create anything they want.

The library will display finished projects after each meeting.

Information: 714-539-2115.



FILE PHOTO

Assistant city manager leaving for Irvine post

A 21-year Garden Grove career is coming to an end.

Susan Emery, the city's community development director, is stepping down Sept. 4 to work for Irvine.

She will lead the Community Development department for the central Orange County city.

Emery began her career with Garden Grove as neighborhood improvement manager, then moved on to redevelopment manager and planning services manager.

She became community development director in 2014 and has been working in that position, and as an assistant city manager, since.

Emery has worked on hotel and tourism projects along Harbor Boulevard, the inaugural Open Streets Event in 2014 and the Re:Imagine Garden Grove campaign.



Emery

- Chris Haire



VOLUNTEER ACTION FOR AGING

Chong Kwang Kim, 80, smiles after his new haircut and eyebrow trim.

Students give some older folks makeovers

Seniors at Anaheim Memorial Manor got the royal treatment recently during a make-over day.

Cosmetology students from Garden Grove's Advance Beauty College volunteered to pamper 25 senior residents with free haircuts, manicures and hand massages.

The event was hosted by Volunteer Action for Aging, which has hosted activities around the region such as senior pizza parties or helping seniors with writing autobiographies or learning how to use cellphones.

Chong Kwang Kim, 80, showed off his new haircut and eyebrow trim after the event. "I feel really good - it makes me feel younger," he said.

- Allison Ong

Garden Grove gets on board with solar-panel law

Garden Grove has joined Stanton in creating a streamlined permitting process for residents wishing to install solar panels on rooftops.

The City Council unanimously approved last week changing the permitting process, which will make it easier and cheaper to install solar panels. The council must vote one more time, likely on Tuesday, before the law can go into effect.

Garden Grove, like Stanton, must create easier standards by Sept. 30 to abide by a new California law.

Stanton approved its new process July 28, but also still needs to take a final vote. The council meeting last week was canceled, and so that vote should also be Tuesday.

- Chris Haire

Immigration resolution proving to be headache for council

The council unanimously rescinded, last week, a resolution that urged Congress to pass immigration reform. The vote was made one meeting after council members came to a compromise to approve the resolution.

Both the July 28 meeting,

when the council approved sending a resolution to the city's Congressional representatives, and the Aug. 10 meeting were marked by hourslong public comment, tense speeches by council members and an ultimate compromise.

Mayor Bao Nguyen brought

the initial resolution forward three weeks ago. But he had to water it down - urging Congress to pass reform and "recognize" that unilateral action by President Obama would "grant immediate relief to families in Garden Grove." The mayor wanted the council to

actively support Obama's executive orders.

But Councilmen Kris Beard and Phat Bui said they didn't realize the phrase about executive orders were going to be included.

- Chris Haire

Open streets organizers announce first details

Garden Grove Journal / Register
Aug. 20, 2015

The Oct. 10 event will re-imagine downtown Garden Grove with a variety of activities.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

A New Orleans-style parade, a dance floor, a beer garden, a pop-up arcade and zero cars are planned for the second annual open streets festival, organizers announced this week.

This year, the festival, scheduled for Oct. 10, is called Re:Imagine Garden Grove by Day and by Night.

The announcement is a first glance at what the festival will have for residents to enjoy. Like last year's event, there is a planned 1-mile stretch of streets dedicated to re-imagining Garden Grove without cars.

"This year's event will once again showcase the community as

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ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

A stilt walker entertains visitors at Re-Imagine Garden Grove in 2014. The festival on Oct. 10 will cover a 1-mile stretch of streets in downtown Garden Grove.

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a lively, bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly civic center," said Mayor Bao Nguyen. "It's a true celebration of our city's cultural diversity, strengths and future."

In 2014, 10,000 attended the event centered around Historic Main Street, said spokeswoman Ashley Eckenweiler.

The festival is essentially separated into two themes. During the afternoon, from about 3 to 6 p.m., the event will feature workshops, action sports, live music, interactive games and an open house by the Garden Grove fire and police departments.

Historic Main Street, Acacia Parkway between Nelson and Seventh streets, Civic Center Park and the Pacific Electric right-of-way will be the hub.

Once the sun goes down, the event will become a block party, with a Mardi Gras-like parade, live music

and DJs.

Eckenweiler said organizers this year are trying to more actively incorporate Main Street businesses – the lack of which was one of the few complaints during a largely successful inaugural event.

Restaurants will have picnic tables set up to serve food and drinks. Owners of the new Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery, said they will probably get involved as well.

"The majority (of Main Street businesses) is anxious to see this event come back to Main Street," said Scott Weimer, who owns a tax business on Main Street. "I'm excited because it brings people to downtown and it brings the community together."

While the concept and many activities are set, organizers are finalizing some performances, programs and workshops.

The festival will cost about \$212,750, according to Community Services Director Kim Huy, but will not cost the city any money.

If you go

When: 3 to 10 p.m.

Oct. 10

Where: Historic Main Street area, Garden Grove

Cost: Free

More info:

ggopenstreets.com

Organizers are shrinking the event compared with last year's, which had a 2.85-mile route.

The City Council opposed giving the event \$60,000, as it did last year, because Garden Grove faces a \$4 million budget shortfall. Funding comes from grants and sponsorships.

Shrinking the route, Huy said, means the event will not be as "bikeable" this year.

Instead, she said, one of the goals is to make it more walkable. "It will be a great event," she said.

CONTACT THE WRITER:

714-704-3707 or

chaire@ocregister.com

PITCHING IN TO BEAUTIFY CLUBHOUSE

With help from another local organization, Lions Club location gets a new look.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Garden Grove Host Lions Club is usually the one lending a helping hand to other local organizations.

But Saturday, the club received a bit of help of its own.

Members of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, four months after donating \$700 to the Lions, turned out at the organization's clubhouse to help paint the bathrooms and some of the walls in the lobby.

The Lions' clubhouse has been in the same location off Garden Grove Boulevard since the 1970s and is in disrepair. The nonprofit plans to renovate the clubhouse during the next year so it has an easier time renting out the facility for meetings or

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Lions Club

The Garden Grove Host Lions Club has been a nonprofit organization in the city for more than 90 years. It has about 40 members and stages fundraisers, including a pancake breakfast and a hot dog stand at the Strawberry Festival. Proceeds from its fundraisers are donated to other local nonprofits.

The group's clubhouse is at 9860 Larson Ave., connected to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove building.

If you would like to donate to clubhouse maintenance, email Secretary Chuck Lake at chuck-jullelake@aol.com.

If you're interested in becoming a Lion - and Lerma says the club is always looking for new members - email the club's former president, Tom Clarke, at tjc_clarke@yahoo.com.

PHOTO: KEN STEINHARDT,
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER;
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banquets.

The Lions Club hosts several fundraisers throughout the year, but that money is doled out to other organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. That means much of the club's money to support itself comes from the dues of its approximately 40 members.

"They do so much for the community," said Maureen Blackmun, president of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association. "They give to so many organiza-

tions that we wanted to give back to them."

Besides painting the inside of the club, the Lions are also creating a wish list of things they want to finish during the next year, said Ric Lerma, vice president of the Lions Club. Those improvements include granite countertops in the kitchen, creating a patio area and installing speakers.

"We really appreciate the Neighborhood Association helping us out," Lerma said. "There is a lot we want to get done, but we only have the funds for so much."

CONTACT THE WRITER:

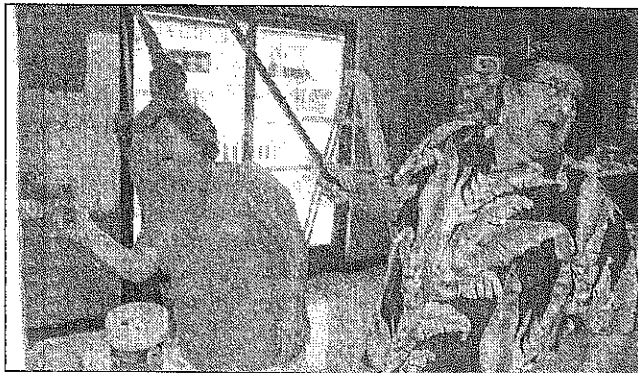
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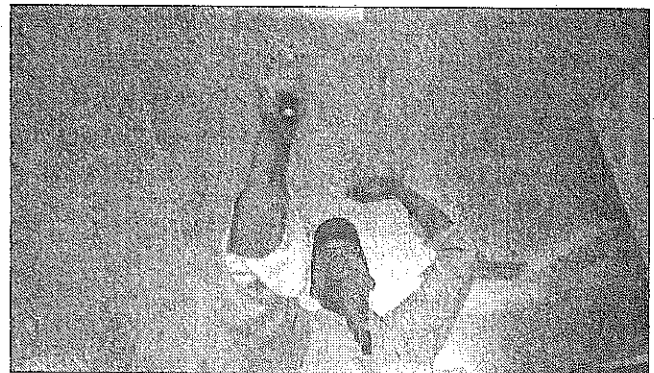
From left are Garden Grove Neighborhood Association President Maureen Blackmun, Lions Club Vice President Ric Lerma, club member Lollie Beauchamp, club Director Eric Gaylord, club Secretary Chuck Lake, GGNA member Adrienne Holm, club Treasurer Dave Stuart and club President Ron Pierce.



PHOTOS: KEN STEINHARDT, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Lerma, right, of Garden Grove gets a laugh as he jumps in to help Blackmun with some painting duties.



Lions Club member Tom Clarke of Irvine listens to music via earphones as he paints the men's room.



Garden Grove Host Lions Club President Ron Pierce of Garden Grove does some painting Saturday at the organization's clubhouse on Larson Avenue. Members of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association also helped the Lions spruce up the clubhouse.

Drive-ins, cigarettes: a free-range childhood

When Brainiac was a young 'un, we got away with things we'd never attempt today. Throwing dirt clods at the freshly white-washed back wall of the motel down the road? Seemed like a fun thing to do with the big sis one afternoon.

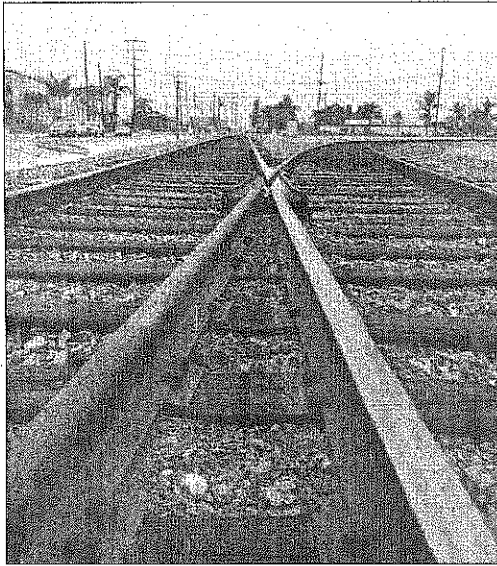
The motel manager - and the parents - disagreed.

Add to that riding our bikes without helmets, kick-starting the Boy Scout bonfire with a 7-Up bottle full of gasoline, sneaking in the open windows of vacant houses. Um, yeah, the statute of limitations has run out on this stuff, hasn't it?

We got to thinking about these exploits of yesteryear after wasting time - by which we mean "working" - in a few Facebook groups where folks who grew up in Westminster, Garden Grove, Midway City and Stanton gather to talk about the days of old around these parts.

A little ways down the group called "You know you're from Westminster when ..." we came across a conversation thread started by **Darren Racine**, which asked folks to name "something you did growing up in Westminster that you can't get away with today."

He continued: "I will name one first. The home-made swing my friends and I made at the ditch on 22 Fwy behind my house ...



FILE PHOTO

Many childhood memories of growing up in the good old days in Westminster involved spending more time on the railroad tracks - riding horses, riding motorbikes, flattening pennies - than parents would allow today.

great times!!!"

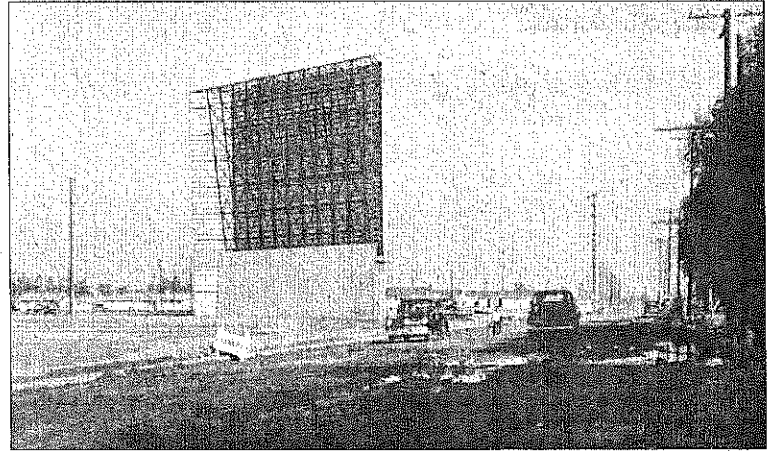
This, dear readers, is music to Brainiac's ears, the mix of storytelling and nostalgia for good times from the past.

Given that more than 120 people chimed in with their own stories, we thought these snapshots into the past might resonate for you, too.

Whether you lived in Westminster or any of our other cities, these are sto-

ries with a bit of universality at the heart, so we thought we would share a few of the best.

For **Michelle Verlingieri**, the long-gone activity was a simple pleasure: "Riding my bike through Hi-way 39 up and down the hills when it was closed during the day." The Highway 39 of her comment is a reference to the drive-in theater that used to be where a Wal-Mart stands today on



FILE PHOTO

A lot of people seem to share fond memories of the Hi-Way 39 Drive-In Theatre, whether it was riding their bikes over the undulating pavement there or sneaking free movies from the rooftops of nearby homes.

Beach Boulevard and Trask Avenue.

Shawn Galferan rode a beast not a bike: "I had a horse at the stables at Trask and Hoover. I used to ride him on the railroad tracks."

Sounds nice, except for the part where the train comes along.

We live in Indian Village, so this one from **Tom Di Mercurio** caught our eye: "Walking from Indian Village all the way to Edwards Cinema West to see a movie and then Thrifty's for ice cream at age 9!"

Yeahhh, Missus Brainy would never go for letting

our young 'uns take that stroll on their own.

"Between being a strawberry field and a shopping zone," wrote **Mike Lindsay**, "what is now Jon's Market-place at Goldenwest and McFadden: It was 'Lord of the Flies' and a kid's Wild West. Someone dug a 15-foot tunnel in the ground that we used to play in, until parents found out and had the city fill it."

Parents! Spoiling kids' run and keeping them alive since forever.

And finally, this bit of laxness from the '60s, as recalled by **Debbie Vaughn**: "Going to Johnny's Market

on Beach Boulevard with a forged note from our dad or mom to buy cigarettes and alcohol. We did it so often that we didn't need to bring any more notes. Those were the days."

To which Verlingieri, the drive-in theater bicyclist added her two cents: "OMG Debbie Vaughn, I tell people about buying my mom's cigs with a note and they never believe me. LOL."

Good times? Crazy-in-hindsight-times? What are your favorite memories of the stuff you did that you'd never let your kids do today? Let us know at the contact info above!



FILE PHOTO

The Gem Theater in Garden Grove is staging its own adaption of "The Secret Garden," seen here in a nearby city's theater staging.

'Garden' takes root in Garden Grove

Mysterious manors, hidden keys and old moors are all part of the enchanting story "The Secret Garden" being staged at The Gem Theater through a musical adaption by Marsha Norman.

The classic children story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, follows 11-year-old orphan Mary Lennox after her neglectful parents pass away. Lennox is sent to live at her uncle's manor where she finds herself bored and alone – until she finds a key to a secret garden.

The show runs through Sept. 13. Guests may purchase tickets online or at the door. Food and drinks are available at the theater before the show and during a brief intermission.

– Brooke E. Seipel

If you go

When: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays until Sept. 13

Where: The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., Garden Grove

Cost: \$25 general admission, \$22 seniors 60 and older, \$15 children 12 and younger

More info: 741-9550 ext. 221 or onemoreproductions.com



Courtesy photo

Mayor Bao Nguyen, shown working at his desk, finds himself in an imbroglio with the Garden Grove Police Association.

Mayor, police union are butting heads

The union reportedly secretly taped Bao Nguyen, and the recording isn't flattering



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Mayor Bao Nguyen, the Gar-

den Grove Police Association and an allegedly secret taping of a conversation between Nguyen and union head Mike Viscomi is making news these days.

And getting ugly.

The alleged secret taping was first reported by the Orange County Weekly.

According to that publication, Nguyen called fellow councilman Phat Bui an expletive for painting him as pro-communist while the two were campaigning against each other.

Nguyen also reportedly said he was going to run for the Congressional seat that will be left open by 47th District representative Loretta Sanchez.

"I'm going national, man," he reportedly said.

And the coup de gras: The union accused the mayor of being drunk during the conversation.

Nguyen has not responded to the reports.

But the union has. It put out a press release taking to task the reporter who broke the story. First, the union attacked the reporter, calling him "biased and factually inaccurate" (it should be noted that Scott Moxley is a well-respected, award-winning reporter). Then the press release stated that "Sergeant Viscomi did not surreptitiously record

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Mayor Nguyen in the hopes of advancing a political agenda to politically assassinate Mayor Nguyen.”

Following is an excerpt from the union press release that details how the mayor and Viscomi came to meet on that June 19 day, and frankly, it's odd, to say the least:

On June 18, 2015 at approximately 9:29 p.m., Mayor Nguyen telephoned the GGPD to initiate a call for service regarding a “drunk” subject who was disturbing the peace. Mayor Nguyen requested a telephone call fol-

low-up.

Several police officers investigated Mayor Nguyen's call for service but were unable to locate the “drunk” subject. Sergeant Viscomi, who was on-duty and working patrol, called Mayor Nguyen to advise him that officers were unable to locate the “drunk” subject.

On June 19, 2015, at approximately 1:18 a.m. (less than 4 hours later) Sergeant Viscomi received a telephone call from an unknown number. It turned out to be Mayor Nguyen, who asked Sergeant Viscomi to meet at a location on Shackelford Lane, which Sergeant Viscomi did not know at the time was Mayor Nguyen's did not know the reason for the requested meeting.

At approximately 1:27 a.m. Sergeant Viscomi arrived and activated his in-car video system per GGPD policy. He was greeted by Mayor Nguyen, who appeared intoxicated.

Following the communication with Mayor Nguyen, Sergeant Viscomi followed department protocol and notified the on-duty Watch Commander of his contact with Mayor Nguyen and the existence of the recorded communication. That notice was forwarded through the chain-of-command.

One thing you have to know about this situation: Mayor Nguyen unseated longtime City Councilman and Mayor Bruce

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Broadwater in the 2014 election.

Nguyen couldn't be more different than Broadwater.

As mayor, Broadwater and the union were tight. Broadwater was an old-school, brusque, tight-lipped Army veteran who was monomaniacally focused on bringing business and money to the city. First elected to the council in 1992, he is generally credited with playing a key part in the expansion of the Harbor Resort area. He also fought, successfully, to keep city libraries open during Orange County's bankruptcy in 1994.

Nguyen's relationship with the union has been chilly. Nguyen is young, articulate, congenial and

interested in not just fiscal issues but social ones. Case in point: He spearheaded the effort to have city staff lower flags at City Hall to half-staff after the horrific and racist shootings in Charleston, S.C. that left nine African-American churchgoers dead.

Nguyen's resume, like Broadwater's, is impressive. It's notable that he went from being born in a refugee camp to becoming the first Vietnamese-American mayor of a U.S. city with a population of 100,000 or more.

The union has explained itself, or at least tried to. It's up to citizens to judge the veracity of that explanation.

It's your turn, mayor. Email me.

Special Report: 2015 Prep Sports Preview



Photo by Dave Smithson

Welcome to Part I of this paper's Prep Sports Preview. Part II will publish next week. In this week's edition, we focus on Friday Night Lights, better known as football. You'll find out everything you need to know about Garden Grove League teams. Here, Rancho Alamitos High quarterback Nick Brown (12) finds out the hard way that it's not a good idea to mess with the Garden Grove High defense during Garden Grove High's 70-24 win over Rancho Alamitos at Bolsa Grande High last season. For our 2015 preview, see Pages 8 and 12.

Police chief meets with state rep

Discussion is about the most important issues regarding public safety

Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) hosted a roundtable for local police chiefs (including Garden Grove Chief Todd Elgin) and law enforcement to discuss the most important public safety issues facing the 72nd Assembly District and all of California.

"Our local law enforcement is critical to keeping our neighborhoods and families safe. Our police officers put their lives on the line every day so that we can remain safe and they deserve the utmost respect from our communities and elected officials," said Allen, who represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities. "It was an honor to sit down with our local police chiefs from the 72nd District to discuss the

see CHIEF,

Firefighters help save drowning boy

Fire chief stresses awareness, says many such incidents are avoidable

Fire Department personnel responded to the 10400 block of Garden Grove Boulevard last week for a reported near-drowning.

Firefighter/paramedics arrived on scene, and found a 3-year-old boy who had been pulled out of the water. It was reported that an adult who was watching the child had looked away for several moments to look at his phone.

CPR was initiated prior to firefighter arrival. Assessment by Fire Department personnel found the child to be breathing.

The child was transported to Children's Hospital of Orange County for further evaluation.

"Many of the near-drowning and drowning incidents that we respond to are avoidable if preventive measures are in place, and exercised," said Fire Chief Tom Schultz.

The Garden Grove Fire Department offers free water watcher tags that designate a responsible person to watch the water and the area around it when people are around. These tags can be picked up at all Garden Grove fire stations.

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Courtesy photo

Assemblyman Travis Allen, sixth from left, met with police chiefs from Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities to discuss public safety. Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin is at far left; Westminster Police Chief Kevin Baker is seventh from left.

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key issues affecting their departments, cities and the safety of our families throughout California.”

The roundtable was attended by local police chiefs and representatives from Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Los Alamitos and Huntington Beach. The discussion covered a range of issues such as AB 109, the “Prison Realignment of 2011”,

and Proposition 47, which reduced penalties on nonviolent crimes. They also discussed the future of marijuana policies and the importance of local control to address the challenges surrounding massage parlors in Orange County.

“There are a multitude of criminal and social issues converging in our local communities, so it’s unusual to have a State elected official who really wanted to hear what’s happening at the ‘street’ level. Fighting crime and improving the quality of life in our

communities takes leadership from everyone; so, I’m glad to see Assemblyman Allen willing to roll up his sleeves and partner with law enforcement on battling some of these issues,” said Westminster Police Chief Kevin Baker.

“I appreciate that Assemblyman Allen hosted what was a very meaningful dialogue with the law enforcement leaders in his district about important issues. It’s clear that he is genuinely committed to public safety in Orange County,” said Todd Mattern, Los Alamitos police chief.

Officers catch suspect after long chase

Man drives through John Wayne Airport, ends up at Angel Stadium

On Aug. 16, Garden Grove police officers were dispatched to a call of a vehicle burglary in progress.

The suspect fled in a vehicle prior to an officer’s arrival. However, a witness was able to provide a vehicle description and direction of travel.

Officers observed a vehicle matching the description given

as it was driving away from the area and followed it onto the east-bound 22 Freeway. While other officers confirmed a vehicle

burglary had in fact occurred, the officers following the suspect vehicle attempted a vehicle stop. The vehicle failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated.

The suspect travelled through

various cities in Orange County, including driving through John Wayne Airport. The suspect vehicle eventually came to a voluntary stop in the parking lot of Angels Stadium.

A high risk stop was conducted and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Community

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.

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. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

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.

Schools plan

Academic success.

Personal skills.

Lifelong success.

That's the barometer Garden Grove Unified School District laid out for student success in its recently released strategic plan.

Academic success includes critical thinking and problem solving, English and scholarly habits, which includes goal setting, note taking and time management.

Personal skills include teaching students to respect themselves and others despite differences in socio-economic status. Lifelong success involves readying students for college and then monitoring them after they leave the school district.

Heat wave

The current heat wave has folks racing to pools, the ocean and other water spots in order to cool off.

With no end in sight for Southern California's hot weather, the Garden Grove Fire Department wants residents to remember the "ABC's" of water safety.

A is for active adult supervision.

B is for barriers, such as installing proper fencing.

C is for classes, s kids learn to swim properly.

For its drowning prevention campaign, with money received from an Emblem Club of Garden Grove donation, the department is giving out tags and fliers with information about staying attentive to children in the water. Residents can pick them up for free at any fire station or city facility.

Affordable housing

Time for a facelift.

Two affordable housing apartment complexes near Newhope Street in Garden Grove will soon undergo a \$7 million remodel thanks to bond money from the California Municipal Finance Authority.

The complexes, with 41 units at 11681, 11682, 11701, 11702 and 11762 Stuart Drive, will include a computer lab, a community space with a kitchen and media area, a barbecue pit and a laundry room. Interior upgrades will include central air, a dishwasher and vinyl flooring for each unit.

Families whose annual income falls at or below 60 percent of the median income of the surrounding area will be eligible to rent there. Garden Grove's median income is \$59,648, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey.

Garden Grove locals groove to the tunes

at summer concert



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Courtesy photos
Garden Grove held its last free summer concert last week at Eastgate Park. The theme: Groove to Motown classics. Locals listened to "Dancing In The Street," "Papa Was A Rolling Stone," "Reach Out, I'll Be There," "Superstition," "The Tracks Of My Tears" and many, many others. Many in the crowd — who can resist Motown classics? — couldn't help but stand up and show off their dance moves. The singers were stellar. At far left, Mariah Abato from Pacifica High School belts out a classic. Left, Johana Castillo nails every note in her song. Other singers were Alex Cobb from Pacifica High School; and Anna Pham and Amber Tran from Bolsa Grande High School.

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1175

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 and Equipment for On-Call Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Slurry Seal (RAP) at Various Locations for the City of Garden Grove. 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 26, 2015, at City of Garden Grove Public Works Executive Conference Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Direct any questions regarding this bid process can be directed to Sandra Segawa in writing via email to: 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, September 14, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 12, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M.
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Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1177

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Provide Preliminary Site Plan and Environmental Work for a Replacement Fire Station in Garden Grove. Those interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at Garden Grove City Hall, Third Floor Training Room located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Questions can be directed to Sandy Segawa in writing at sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 19, 2015

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1178

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 One New and Unused 2015 Godwin Dri-Prime CD225 Portable Trailer Mounted Pump per the technical 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, September 21, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 19, 2015

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1175

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 and Equipment for On-Call Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Slurry Seal (RAP) at Various Locations for the City of Garden Grove. 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., Thursday, August 27, 2015, at City of Garden Grove Public Works Executive Conference Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Direct any questions regarding this bid process can be directed to Sandra Segawa in writing via email to: 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, September 14, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 12, 2015

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
2014-15 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)**

The City of Garden Grove, Community Development Department, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared its Draft FY 2014-15 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report describes and assesses the housing, economic, and community development activities undertaken by the City over the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

On September 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., the Garden Grove Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, California, to consider the FY 2014-15 CAPER.

On September 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will also hold a Public Hearing in the Courtyard Center to consider the FY 2014-15 CAPER.

The Draft CAPER will be available for public review and comment from September 4, 2015, through September 22, 2015, during regular business hours at the Community Development Department, located in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California 92840. All comments received during the comment period and Public Hearings will be included and responded to in the Final CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD by September 28, 2015.

To review, ask questions, or submit comments about the CAPER, please visit or contact: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager, via telephone to (714)-741-5139, email to allisonj@ci.garden-grove.ca.us or mail to the City of Garden Grove, Attention: Allison Mills, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California 92840.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 8/13/15
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ORDINANCE NO. 2860

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
ADDING CHAPTER 18.56 TO TITLE 18 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED, STREAMLINED PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems, as required by State Law.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the ___ day of _____.

ATTEST:
MAYOR

CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE }

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on August 11, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (4) BUI,
JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1)
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COURTYARD CENTER, 12732 MAIN STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

* THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

VARIANCE NO. V-011-2015

A request for variance approval to deviate from the required number of parking spaces, municipal code section 9.18.140.030 (parking spaces required), and to reduce the required percentage of landscaping for surface parking lots, municipal code section 9.18.140.070.b.1.a (surface parking lot landscaping), to allow the operation of a new 14,300 square foot restaurant/eating establishment, East Seafood Buffet. The site is at 11102 Garden Grove Boulevard in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities and Section 15332 – In-fill Development Projects.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 3, 2015. If you challenge the application 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 Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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National Guardsmen from Fullerton called up to fight wildfires

Members from
the infantry
company
deployed over the
weekend.

FULLERTON • Seventy-five guardsmen with a National Guard infantry company in Fullerton have been mobilized to assist in fighting wildfires throughout the state.



**SCOTT
SCHWEBKE**
STAFF
WRITER

The guardsmen were called into service over the weekend

and will receive training for at least next three days at Camp Roberts near Paso Robles, California National Guard spokesman Capt. Will Martin said.

They will receive instruction from Cal Fire personnel in techniques used to construct fire breaks, which is a gap in vegetation that serves as a barrier that slows or stops the progress of a wildfire, Martin said.

"A lot of what we do is on the front lines of the fire to make sure it can't spread," Martin said Monday. "It's a lot of blue collar dirty work."

Following training, the guardsmen will be assigned to wildfires burning throughout California, particularly in the northern half of the state, Martin said. It hasn't been determined when they will be released from service.

More than 700 of the California National Guard's 22,000 guardsmen and a number of aircraft are assigned to the wildfires, he added.

California National Guardsmen regularly deploy when there is a high level of wildfire activity, Martin said. About 300 guardsmen were mobilized in 2014.

In addition to the guardsmen from Fullerton, as of Monday morning there were more than 75 Orange County Fire Authority personnel and about 40 other firefighters from the Anaheim, Orange, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Newport Beach and Laguna Beach fire departments battling the wildfires, OCFA Capt. Steve Hurdle said.

Nine major wildfires are burning in California, he said.

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Five arrested in fraud, identity theft ring

BY ALMA FAUSTO
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Five people from Orange County were arrested Thursday in connection with a fraud and identity theft ring authorities believe is operating throughout the state.

Orange County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Nhan Hoang Pham, 29, of Fountain Valley; Lam Thanh Bui, 30, of Garden Grove; Chieu Bach



Thilauan



Pham

Nguyen, 29, of Santa Ana; and Keeta Thilauan, 25, of Santa Ana for multiple thefts and burglaries in the past months in north Orange County, according to the Orange County Sheriff's

Department.

A fifth suspect, according to inmate records for the Orange County Jail, is listed under two names, Duynam Minh Dao and Duynam Hoang Dao. She is 23, of Fountain Valley.

On Thursday morning, the SWAT Team, probation officers and sheriff's investigators served search warrants and did parole and probation checks in Santa Ana and Westminster, said Lt. Jeff Hallock of the sheriff's department.

"During the searches, four semiautomatic handguns, approximately ½ pound of methamphetamine, 8 Las Vegas style video poker machines, a box of Target gift cards and several thousand dollars were recovered," Hallock said in a statement.

They also found fraudu-

lently obtained credit cards, card readers, identity theft profiles, card blanks, computers, data storage devices and several cellphones. The five suspects are believed to be working with a larger identity theft ring throughout California.



Nguyen



Bui



Dao

Authorities believe there are hundreds of potential victims and are trying to identify them through financial information they found in their searches.

Pham, Bui, Nguyen, Dao and

Thilauan were arrested on suspicion of burglary, possession of methamphetamine for sale, felony possession of a firearm, theft, identity theft, forgery, possession of stolen property, conspiracy and illegal gaming.

Inmate records show Pham, Bui, and Nguyen are being held at Central Men's Jail while Dao and Thilauan are at Central Women's Jail. They are being held on \$20,000-\$50,000 bail and are expected to be in court Monday.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to call the Orange County Sheriff's Department at 714-647-7000. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 855-TIP-OCCS or at occrimestoppers.org.

Brookhurst to get a completely new look

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Drivers may want to look for alternate routes to avoid Brookhurst Street for the next few months as the major thoroughfare in Garden Grove is set to undergo a \$2.6 million renovation.

The construction will occur in two phases, first from Trask Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard and then from Hazard to Westminster avenues. The first phase will begin by the end of the month, Public Works Director Bill Murray said.

"Brookhurst gets so much traffic," Murray said. "It's horrible. We have to repair everything."

The Brookhurst construction is a "full-depth reclamation," according to a city staff report.

It will, essentially, be a new street, Murray said.

"This proposed street reconstruction project," the staff report says, "will significantly improve ride, safety and appearance of this arterial street and reduce maintenance."

After tearing up the street, workers will lay a foundation of recycled materials and concrete, topped by an overlay of asphalt.

The project also calls for repaved sidewalks, curbs, gutters and wheelchair-ac-

cessible ramps, along with the installation of a video detection system and new signs.

Construction is expected to wrap up by Thanksgiving, Murray said.

Though it may slow traffic and hurt some businesses along Brookhurst, the work is needed, he said.

There are typically three stages of street maintenance: laying a top-coat "slurry seal" applied about every five years, resurfacing - replacing all the asphalt but not the foundation - every 15 years and then the "full-depth reclamation" that can last for decades.

The last resurfacing along Brookhurst was completed 10 years ago.

"It's like painting on rust," Murray said, referring to resurfacing when the foundation is worn out. "You can try, but what will it look like in a week? Once it's done, there will be 20 years of uninterrupted service."

The City Council unanimously approved awarding a contract to R.J. Noble Co. last week for more than \$2.6 million, funded from a variety of federal, state and local grants and taxes, including Measure M2 funds. The project will not be paid through the city's general fund, which is in a \$4 million deficit.

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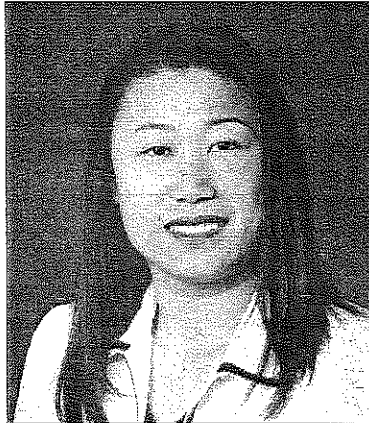
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Governor signs local rep's voting bill

State Sen. Janet Nguyen is proud to announce that her bill, SB 366, was signed into law last week by Gov. Jerry Brown. The law will expand the pool of qualified and certified translators who can translate ballot and voting materials. SB 366 is Sen. Nguyen's first law as a state senator.

"As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, I am proud that SB366 has been signed into law as it will make it easier for residents to practice their most fundamental rights at the voting booth," said Nguyen, who represents Westminster, Garden Grove and other cities.

Currently, elections officials were only allowed to use translators from a local Superior Court



File photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen

or translators who were certified by a single association of colleges and universities. Through the passing of SB 366, translators

certified by other accrediting agencies will be added to the list of qualified translators. This in turn, will provide election officials with quality, cost-effective translator services that will also save taxpayer dollars.

"Given the language diversity of our voting population, it is important to have the flexibility and options necessary to provide translated elections documents to our residents. I am pleased that the State Legislature and Governor Brown have supported this much-needed legislation," said Nguyen.

SB 366 was supported by the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials and will go into effect January 2016.

Police: man dies at hands of his brother

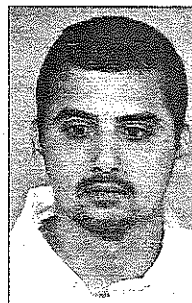
Verbal fight ends with one dead of stabbing wounds

On Aug. 3, the Garden Grove Police Department received a call about a family fight in which a step-son stabbed his brother.

Officers arrived to find Donte Barcalo had been stabbed in the chest and side.

Officers rendered First Aid until the paramedics arrived. According to the sibling's mother, who was at home at the time, a verbal argument escalated into the stabbing where the step-brother, Andres Serrat, stabbed Donte Barcalo.

Serrat immediately fled the scene but officers found him a few



Courtesy photo

Andres Serrat

blocks away. The knife that was used was left at the scene and recovered.

Barcalo was transported to UCIMC where he went into surgery but later died from his injuries.

Serrat was booked into Orange County Jail on a homicide charge.

GG's National Night Out

combats crime

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Police, McGruff the Crime Dog on hand to collaborate with residents

By Loreen Berlin

Many cities throughout Orange County held their annual "National Night Out" recently and amongst those was the City of Garden Grove, holding its fifth such event.

The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association Community Policing Team 2015 sponsored the event on Historical Main Street last week.

The idea of the event is to raise awareness about Neighborhood Watch and to prevent crime, while building a safer and stronger community.

"Anytime we leave our station, it's an opportunity for us to connect with the community," said Garden Grove Fire Department Public Information Officer Thanh Nguyen. "We want people to know we are here for them 24/7 and so events like tonight are a great opportunity to connect with everyone."

Nguyen said that just by their department being out at the National Night Out shows that they care.

"We are here for more than just responding to emergency calls," he said.

Children and adults alike had the opportunity to pet the police horse, "Spirit," and were told that the horses are trained to tolerate stimulus such as balloons, pop-up tents, gunfire, fireworks, and other things they wouldn't normally experience.

Spirit is privately owned by Sgt. Jim Holder.

"A horse is a flight animal; it's OK if they startle, but we don't want them running away, which is their normal response," he said. "We work the Strawberry Festival and other events, such as the recent U.S. Open of Surfing at Huntington Beach, but we don't do regular patrol, just special events such as the Dodgers' games and festivals in resort areas where there is high traffic."

Holder explained to children that horses can live to be 25 years old and that Spirit is 12 years old. "I got him when he was a year old

and that's when I began training him to be a police horse," Holder said.

Darrell Blackman, whose wife is the president of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, was on hand cooking free hot dogs for those in attendance; the hot dogs were all donated by the 7-11 on Nelson Street in Garden Grove.

"I'm here every year," smiled Blackman.

Garden Grove resident Tram Tran and her daughter Ivy Trinh, 6, saw the event was taking place, as Ivy left her dance lesson on Historic Main Street and stopped by.

"I think this is good," said Tran. "It's our first time, we just stopped by when we were leaving Ivy's lesson; we didn't know about it before then."

Resident Erin Dettmer said she saw the event on City Hall's Facebook page and that she and her granddaughter Avalon Bartels, 6, were enjoying themselves and looking forward to meeting the police and doing community activities.

There was a "Kids Zone" where children could make an owl hand puppet on a brown paper bag and glow-in-the-dark bracelets were handed out by the Garden Grove Girl's League and the La Quinta Boys League, along with other activities such as Jenga, which involves trying to remove a block of wood without the rest of the pile toppling over.

Emerson Klopfenstein, 3, from Garden Grove was with his grandmother, who said she is a long-time native of Garden Grove.

"My mother was born in Garden Grove in 1924; I was born here in 1954 and my grandson was born here," said Marla Beihl. "We are a generational family living close to each other and love it."

"This is really good this year. We couldn't ask for more. It's the best ever," said Scott Weimer, an Historic Main Street business owner who's active in the community.



Garden Grove police and residents got together to talk safety and how to combat crime at last week's National Night Out event.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Fire Department was on hand last week at National Night Out. Firefighters even let children explore their fire engines.



Members of the Boys' League participate in National Night Out.

Garden Grove to consider raises for council members

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • The City Council likely will consider early next year whether to give future councils a raise.

Councilman Chris Phan, who will be up for re-election in 2016, broached the subject of raising City Council incomes by \$300 a month and got support from Councilmen Phat Bui and Steve Jones.

"We are here at midnight," Phan said at last week's council meeting. "I don't think it's unreasonable."

Garden Grove mayors make \$600 a month and council members get \$486.50, according to a city staff report. The last time council paychecks were boosted was in 1976.

In 1976, \$600 had the same buying power as \$2,516.39 today, and \$400 a month then would be \$2,038.49 in 2015, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In a survey of the 12 cities closest to Garden Grove, two-thirds pay mayors and council members more than Garden Grove, the staff report said. Anaheim pays the most, with both its mayor and council members getting \$1,500 a month. One city, Orange, got rid of council salaries during the recession and has not restored them.

"Our city has a pattern of not increasing certain things for a long time," Bui said. "That presents a problem because when we need to adjust, there is a huge gap."

Pay comparison

Garden Grove: mayor, \$600; council member, \$486.50
Anaheim: mayor, \$1,500; council member, \$1,500
Buena Park: mayor, \$1,141; council member, \$1,141
Orange: mayor, \$0; council member, \$0
Santa Ana: mayor, \$200; council member, \$125
Westminster: mayor, \$955.50; council, \$850.50

Source: City of Garden Grove
(All numbers are per month)

Only Mayor Bao Nguyen pushed back against the idea of raises, saying he is "not comfortable voting on this anytime soon. ... I don't think people who run for office do it for the money."

The council asked the city's staff to bring back a resolution for raises in February or March for consideration.

A council vote to increase the members' pay, though, would not affect the current members until each one wins re-election. If a new person joined the council, that member would get the increased amount.

Jones also floated the idea of getting an automobile allowance the way Santa Ana council members do, and that could be considered at the same time as the raises. Unlike council pay raises, an automobile allowance would go into effect immediately.

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District attorney clears officer in 2014 shooting

BY LOUIS CASIANO JR.
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A Garden Grove police officer who shot a man early last year was justified in his actions, the Orange County District Attorney's Office said in a report released Thursday.

Bac Nguyen was shot four times after charging at an officer with a knife in the home he lived in with his parents, the report says.

On Jan. 4, 2014, Garden Grove police officers John Raney and Josh Olivo were dispatched to a home in the 9600 block of Teal Avenue. Nguyen's father called the police around 7 a.m. saying his son had a knife to his

own throat and that he was suffering from "mental issues."

The officers went inside the home and found Nguyen in a hallway holding a 12-inch knife. Upon seeing Nguyen holding the knife to his throat, Olivo drew his gun and told him to put it down or he would shoot.

The report says Nguyen shouted at Olivo to shoot, lowered the knife and stepped toward the officers with the blade pointed at them.

Olivo fired, and Nguyen was struck twice in the lower torso. He was taken to UCI Medical Center where he underwent surgery for four gunshot wounds.

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Immigration reform: The City Council may rescind its resolution, passed last week, that urged the United States Congress to pass immigration reform. Councilman Kris Beard asked for the proposal to rescind last week's resolution to be on Tuesday's agenda.

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GARDEN GROVE

Lunch prices: For the seventh straight year, the Garden Grove Unified School District's meal prices remain unchanged. Elementary school lunches are \$1.50, intermediate lunches are \$2, and high school lunches are \$2.50. Reduced-price lunches for all students cost 40 cents. Breakfast costs \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and 30 cents, respectively.

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Singing winner: Amber Tran, above, who graduated from Bolsa Grande High School this year, is the 2015 Voice of Garden Grove. Tran last week sang "At Last" - made famous by Etta James - beating out runner up Mariah Abato of Pacifica High School and three other contestants. She received a \$500 cash prize and Bolsa's choir program also received \$500.

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Solar panels: Garden Grove created a streamlined permitting process for residents wishing to install solar panels on rooftops. The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved changing the permitting process, making it easier and cheaper to install the panels. The council must vote one more time before the law goes into effect.

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Show time: The city's last free event of the summer is a screening of the Disney film "Big Hero 6" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Village Green Park, at 12732 Main St. Entertainment will include carnival games and a bounce house as well as food trucks. The film begins at 7:45 p.m. Info: 714-741-5200.

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DUI checkpoint: The Police Department will hold a checkpoint to screen for those driving under the influence or without a valid license from 8 p.m. Aug. 28 to 1 a.m. Aug. 29 at an undisclosed location. The department periodically conducts checkpoints to deter people from driving drunk.

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Open Streets: A New Orleans-style parade, a dance floor, a beer garden and a pop-up arcade are among the activities planned for the second annual Open Streets festival, organizers announced Monday. This year's festival is called Re:Imagine Garden Grove by Day and by Night and will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Main Street area.

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2015 VOICE OF GARDEN GROVE AND WINNER OF \$500 ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, August 13, at Garden Grove's final summer concert, the winner of this year's Voice of Garden Grove was chosen among five local high school students. The Voice of Garden Grove and the \$500 cash prize winner was Amber Tran from Bolsa Grande High School. Tran sang "At Last" by Etta James. A donation of \$500 went to Bolsa Grande's Choir Department.

Among the remaining contestants, Mariah Abato from Pacifica High School was announced runner-up and received a \$250 cash prize. Abato performed "Walk on Water" by Britt Nicole. Pacifica High School's Choir Department also received a \$250 donation, accepted by Pacifica's choir teacher, David Joseph.

The students were scored on a 100-point scale by five judges, including Garden Grove Community Foundation Vice President and Planning Commissioner Andrew Kanzler.

The program was sponsored by the Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF). GGCF supports education and the arts in the community, and the Voice of Garden Grove program is one way they can provide performance and scholarship opportunities to local high school students.

For more information, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or visit www.ggcf.com. To view photos of this year's singing competition, visit GGCF's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GGCF.1998>.



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**"Re:Imagine Garden Grove Downtown Open Streets" Festival
Returns to Celebrate Community and Culture on 10/10/15**

*2nd Year Festival Highlights a Re-Envisioned Downtown Garden Grove
"By Day and By Night"*

[Garden Grove, Cali.] - The City of Garden Grove is pleased to announce "Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night " on Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The second year event invites residents and visitors to experience a car-free, re-envisioned downtown environment celebrating the community, diverse cultures, and a healthy lifestyle. The City has once again partnered with Los Angeles-based Community Arts Resources (CARS), the producers of L.A.'s famed CicLAVia open streets event, to produce the second annual festival.

In 2014, the inaugural "Re:Imagine Garden Grove – A Downtown Open Streets Event" showcased downtown Garden Grove like never before with nearly 10,000 pedestrians and bicyclists enjoying three miles of car-free streets activated with food, art, music, dance, workshops, action sports, games, and more. The 2015 festival will bring similar programming to one mile of car-free city streets in a block party atmosphere that will highlight the dynamic community during the day and into the night.

The eastbound side of Acacia Parkway, between Nelson and 7th Streets, will be "open streets" for non-motorized active transportation. Bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading, running and walking will all be welcome along the south side of the Acacia Parkway median.

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Historic Main Street, Acacia Parkway, Civic Center Park, and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Bike/Pedestrian Path will serve as the hub of "Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day." From 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the car-free streets will host hands-on workshops, action sports demonstrations, strolling performers, kids' zones, live music, interactive games, and an Open House for the Garden Grove Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments. Historic Main Street restaurants will open out onto the streets with picnic tables for outdoor dining. Local favorite food trucks and street carts will be on-hand for additional culinary options.

As the sun begins to set around 6:00 p.m., a New Orleans Second Line inspired parade will lead event-goers from the eastern and western edges of the event towards Historic Main Street, where Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Night will take place, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., between Acacia Parkway and Garden Grove Boulevard. Live music, DJ's and a mid-street dance floor will set the tone for the evening's downtown block party under the stars. Amidst the entertainment, event-goers can take part in light-inspired workshops, interactive games, photo booths, and a pop-up arcade. The restaurants, bars, and businesses will spill out onto the streets and offer outdoor picnic tables and a beer garden.

"We are excited to welcome back the annual Re:Imagine Garden Grove festival for a second year," says Mayor Bao Nguyen. "This year's event will once again showcase the community as a lively, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly civic center. It's a true celebration of our city's cultural diversity, strengths, and future," he added.

"Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night" will introduce the new Garden Grove Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan developed in partnership with Alta Planning + Design and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). As part of the Open Streets event, Alta will host fun, interactive planning workshops

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along the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way and on Historic Main Street for attendees to provide their input on walking and biking conditions throughout Garden Grove. In addition, Alta will construct temporary pedestrian crossing improvements – pop-up installations that the public can test out in a safe and car-free environment.

During the week of September 14, the Alta team will also be conducting bicycle and pedestrian counts throughout Garden Grove with local volunteers using the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation program methods. The public can volunteer to participate by contacting Amanda Berman at Community Arts Resources: amanda@carsla.net or [213-201-6844](tel:213-201-6844).

On Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, 12701 Main Street, City staff and Community Arts Resources will host a community meeting for all Garden Grove residents and stakeholders. CARS will present information regarding the event layout, programming and business engagement opportunities, among other event details.

For more information, and to get involved, please visit <http://www.ggopenstreets.com>.

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ABOUT GARDEN GROVE

The City of Garden Grove, CA, located just one mile from the Disneyland Resort, home to the Grove Resort District, complements Southern California's most popular tourist zone. Several brand-name hotels, restaurants, and the arrival of the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California in early 2016, highlight the resort area. As the fifth largest city in Orange County, Garden Grove boasts many of the most recognized cultural and spiritual centers, including Little Saigon, the Korean Business District, and the Christ Cathedral (formerly the Crystal Cathedral). Some of the most affordable new housing developments in Southern California, the third largest

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school district in the county with one of the highest college graduation rates in the state, and a strong, business-friendly atmosphere make Garden Grove an ideal place for new and current residents, businesses, and visitors.

ABOUT COMMUNITY ARTS RESOURCES (CARS)

Community Arts Resources (CARS) is a diverse collective of creatively minded planners and producers engaged in the changing dynamics of the urban environment. Based in Los Angeles, CARS partners with neighborhoods, nonprofits, foundations, cities, cultural institutions, developers and designers to create public programs and events that highlight the unique character and untapped potential of a particular place. With more than a quarter of a century of experience in activating the urban realm, CARS creates unique experiences where arts, culture, community and civic life collide. CARS founders Katie Bergin and Aaron Paley and their dedicated staff have created, produced and promoted some of Los Angeles' most innovative cultural programs and events in public space, including: CicLAvia, Chinatown Summer Nights, the Santa Monica Festival, Pop-Up Broadway, GLOW and the Getty Museum Family Festivals. For more info:www.carsla.net.

ABOUT ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN

Alta Planning + Design is North America's leading multi-modal transportation firm that specializes in the planning, design, and implementation of bicycle, pedestrian, greenway, park, and trail corridors and systems. Alta's mission is to create active communities where bicycling and walking are safe, healthy, fun, and normal daily activities. Alta's team of planners, designers, and engineers work to help communities identify needs, build support, prioritize improvements, and implement a wide range of projects. Alta is committed to transforming communities with one trip, one step, one street, park, trail, and intersection at a time.

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WESTMINSTER, California (NV) - Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove vừa quyết định sẽ bỏ ra \$2.6 triệu để tu sửa đường Brookhurst, đoạn từ đường Hazard đến đường Garden Grove, một trong những đoạn đường có lưu lượng giao thông cao nhất vùng Little Saigon.

Brookhurst là một con đường huyết mạch của thành phố Garden Grove nên hội đồng thành phố đã nhanh chóng đồng ý phải tu sửa giữa lúc ngân sách chung thành phố đang bị thâm thủng \$4 triệu theo báo OC Register.

*Đoạn đường Brookhurst cần sửa chữa. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)*

Trả lời phỏng vấn nhật báo Người Việt, Thị Trưởng Báo Nguyễn nói: "Bất cứ ai lái xe trên đường Brookhurst khu Little Saigon đều phải biết nó rất cần phải được sửa chữa."

Ông nói thêm: "Ngân khoản \$2.6 triệu cho công trình này được trích ra từ nhiều nguồn tiền, từ tài trợ của liên bang, tiểu bang, địa phương, đến thuế xăng dầu, và ngay cả 'Measure M.'"

"Chúng tôi không hề đụng đến ngân quỹ tổng quát của thành phố," ông Báo nhấn mạnh.

Ông Bill Murray, giám đốc Sở Công Chánh Garden Grove, nói: "Trong công trình xây dựng này, đường Brookhurst sẽ được chia thành hai giai phần để sửa, một phần từ đường Hazard đến đường Westminster. Phần kia từ đường Garden Grove đến đường Trask. Dĩ nhiên những chỗ xi măng vỡ cũng sẽ được thay lại."

"Cả hai phần này sẽ được khởi công đồng thời," ông Murray nói thêm. "Việc xây dựng sẽ được khởi công vào cuối tháng này."

Ông khẳng định: "Quý vị sẽ có một con đường thật mới."

Theo báo OC Register, sau khi đập phá mặt đường, người ta sẽ đặt một nền móng gồm vật liệu từ phế phẩm và xi măng rồi mới phủ nhựa đường trộn đá xanh lên trên.

Công trình này bao gồm cả sửa chữa lề đường, rãnh thoát nước và lối đi cho xe lăn, và cũng sẽ lắp đặt hệ thống cảm ứng video và bảng đường mới, vẫn theo OC Register.

Ông Bill Murray tin rằng công trình sẽ hoàn tất vào Lễ Tạ ơn năm nay.

Ông Murray nghĩ việc kết xe tất yếu sẽ xảy ra và sẽ gây ảnh hưởng cho các cửa tiệm và nhà hàng dọc trên đường Brookhurst, nhưng đây là điều không thể tránh được."

Ông Báo Nguyễn cho hay: "Lần cuối cùng đường Brookhurst được thay mặt đường đá hơn 10 năm rồi."

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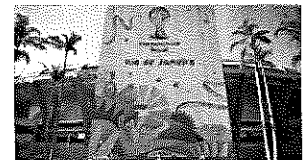
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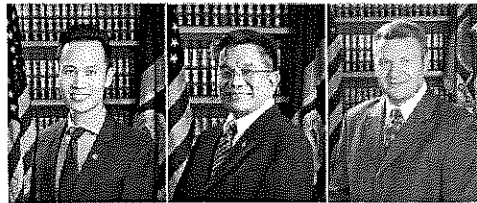
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Ông Bảo Nguyễn nói 'sau lưng' hai đồng viên

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Đoạn thu âm vừa được công bố hôm Thứ Tư cho thấy Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn trong lúc nói chuyện với chủ tịch Nghiệp Đoàn Cảnh Sát Garden Grove đã dùng những từ ngữ khiếm nhã khi nói về những đồng viên trong hội đồng thành phố, cụ thể là hai nghị viên Phát Bùi và Steve Jones, theo một bản tin của Orange County Register (OCR).



Từ trái, Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn, Nghị Viên Phát Bùi, và Nghị Viên Steve Jones. (Hình: Garden Grove City)

Theo tờ OC Register và OC Weekly, ông Bảo Nguyễn không biết cuộc nói chuyện bị thu âm. Trung Sĩ Mike Viscomi, cảnh sát viên và cũng là chủ tịch Nghiệp Đoàn Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, nói chuyện với ông Bảo, và nói thêm, quy định của sở cảnh sát là phải luôn thu âm tất cả những đối thoại trong lúc làm nhiệm vụ. Tờ OC Weekly nói ông Viscomi cố tình bị mất thu âm cuộc nói chuyện mang tính cá nhân.

Trong cuộc bầu cử hồi năm 2014, Nghiệp Đoàn Cảnh Sát Garden Grove ủng hộ Thị Trưởng Bruce Broadwaters, người bị thua ông Bảo đúng 15 phiếu.

Tờ OC Register thuật lại, vào tối 18 Tháng Sáu, khoảng 9 giờ 30 tối, ông Bảo gọi điện thoại báo cảnh sát về một vụ mất trật tự nơi công cộng trên đường Garden Grove, gần tư gia của ông.

Cảnh sát viên Viscomi đến nơi, và nói rằng không phát hiện được ai gây mất trật tự.

Sau đó, ông Bảo gọi cho ông Viscomi và mời đến nhà. Ông Viscomi đến.

Theo tờ OC Register, Cảnh Sát Trưởng Todd Elgin có lúc nói là ông Viscomi đến nhà ông Bảo mà "không biết vì lý do gì," có lúc nói ông Viscomi tin rằng ông Bảo sẽ tiếp tục nói về vụ mất trật tự công cộng.

Vẫn theo OC Register, lúc ông Viscomi đến tư gia ông Bảo là khoảng 1 giờ 26 phút sáng, ông Viscomi mở máy thu âm ngay khi đến nơi, "theo đúng thủ tục," Cảnh Sát Trưởng Elgin nói.

Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn nói cảnh sát viên tắt máy xe cảnh sát vào bên trong nhà, nhưng ông Viscomi từ chối, đưa ra lý do là quy định sở cảnh sát.

Sau đó, họ trò chuyện về một số vấn đề khác nhau từ chính trị đến gia đình, theo OC Register.

OC Weekly nói ông Viscomi không hề cho ông Bảo biết về thủ tục thu âm, trong khi hai người bàn về nhiều đề tài khác nhau, từ các kỳ nghỉ, nuôi dạy con cái, chuyến thăm Garden Grove của Đức Đạt Lai Lạt Ma, chính trị, những trò đùa ở trường học, chuyện đại học, những cuộc thi đấu thể thao của sở cảnh sát...

Ông Viscomi còn đưa hình hai đứa con của mình cho ông Bảo coi và nói sẽ dự định dẫn chúng đi xem phim của Disney, theo OC Weekly. Và ông Bảo còn khen hai đứa con của ông chủ tịch nghiệp đoàn là "rất dễ thương."

Tờ OC Register viết, ông Bảo nói về việc ông dự định tranh cử, thể vào chỗ dân biểu Loretta

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Đồng thời, theo OC Register, ông Bảo dùng từ khiếm nhã khi nhắc đến Nghị Viên Phát Bùi và nói Nghị Viên Steve Jones cũng giống vậy.

Theo tờ OC Weekly, ông Bảo nói ông Phát Bùi là "fucking dick." Khi nói về phe ủng hộ ông Phát Bùi đã lên án ông Bảo là "thần Cộng" khi không cùng họ ký nghị quyết lên tiếng chống thành phố Riverside kết nghĩa với thành phố Cần Thơ.

Tờ OC Weekly cũng tố cáo cảnh sát Viscomi cố tình thu âm lên Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn để "ám sát đối thủ bằng chính trị."

Theo OC Register, sở cảnh sát và thành phố đang thương lượng hợp đồng lao động mới.

Trong cuộc đua vào chức thị trưởng cuối năm 2014, ông Bảo nhấn mạnh việc điều hành thành phố phải được công khai và minh bạch. Ông Bảo được nghiệp đoàn cứu hỏa Garden Grove chính thức ủng hộ.

California là một tiểu bang có luật khắt khe về việc thu âm lên, chỉ có cảnh sát, công tố viên, hoặc điều tra viên, là được miễn trừ. Tuy vậy, theo OC Weekly, trong một vụ xét xử 21 năm trước đây của Tòa Kháng Án Số 9, tòa liên bang đã quyết định rằng, nếu mục đích không phải là để phát hiện tội phạm, thì người thi hành công vụ không được lên thu âm những cuộc đối thoại cá nhân của họ.

Vẫn chưa rõ ai là người lên tiếng cho biết có một cuộc đối thoại giữa đêm của Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và cảnh sát viên Viscomi, chỉ biết một số cư dân Garden Grove đòi thành phố công bố đoạn thu âm.

Trong cuộc họp kín tối Thứ Ba, 11 Tháng Tám, ba nghị viên của Hội Đồng Thành Phố, ông Phát Bùi, ông Chirs Phan, và ông Steve Jones, nhất loạt bỏ phiếu đồng ý.

Ngay trước cuộc bỏ phiếu này, khi nhật báo Người Việt hỏi Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn về đoạn thu âm, ông nói: "Người dân bầu cho tôi để công khai và trung thực, và tôi đã luôn giữ lời hứa đó. Trong đoạn thu âm cuộc trao đổi riêng tư này, tôi đã dùng vài lời khó nghe mà tôi lẽ ra không nên dùng. Nhưng thành phố có nhiều vấn đề quan trọng khác để giải quyết, và tôi sẽ không bị chệch phối trong công việc mà tôi đã được bầu để làm."

Nghị Viên Phát Bùi nghĩ khác. Ông nói: "Kết quả thế nào thì cá nhân từng người có thể tự đánh giá. Ngoài ra, tôi cũng không hài lòng với việc ông Bảo gọi một cảnh sát đang làm nhiệm vụ để đến nhà nói chuyện lúc 1 giờ sáng. Thành phố đã không có đủ cảnh sát cho những việc khác." (T.A.)

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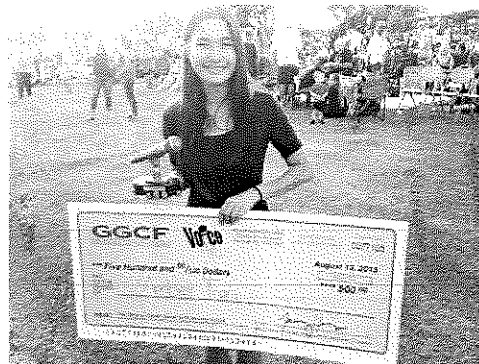
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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV)- Amber Trần, nữ sinh gốc Việt, tham gia vòng chung kết giải "Giọng Hát Garden Grove" 2015 với bốn thí sinh khác lớn hơn, vừa giành được danh hiệu này với chiến thắng hôm Thứ Năm, 13 Tháng Tám.



Amber Trần, học sinh trường Bolsa Grande High School.
(Hình: Thiên An/Người Việt)

Đây là năm thứ tư Garden Grove tổ chức cuộc thi 'Giọng Hát Garden Grove.' Tuy Garden Grove là thành phố có đông người Việt nhất Orange County, nhưng sự kiện này gắn liền với chuỗi nhạc hội ngoài trời 'Summer Concert Series' thu hút hầu hết các sắc dân khác.

Các học sinh trung học muốn tham gia, đầu tiên, phải vượt qua vòng sơ tuyển. Sau đó, các thí sinh được chia thành bốn nhóm, sẽ thi đấu tại chương trình nhạc hội mỗi Thứ Năm. Sau bốn tuần, chương trình có được bốn người thắng giải để vào chung kết.

Năm nay, bốn người thắng được tám vé vào chung kết là bốn học sinh trung học vừa ra trường: Alex Cobb của Pacifica High School, Johana Castillo của Santiago High School, Mariah Abato của Pacifica High School, và Anna Phạm của Bolsa Grande High School. Riêng Amber Trần, học sinh sắp vào lớp 12 của Bolsa Grande High School, giành được tám vé đặc biệt của ban tổ chức cho vòng chung kết.

Và Amber bất ngờ thắng được giải cao nhất, Giọng Hát Garden Grove 2015.

"Mình rất bất ngờ, mình vẫn không thể tin được mình đã chiến thắng. Mình tập hát cứng nhiều, cứ hát liên tục thôi, chứ cũng không có cách thức cụ thể. Có lẽ việc luyện tập đã đem lại kết quả," Amber không giấu được sự vui mừng khi trả lời Nhật Báo Người Việt.

"Người đầu tiên mình muốn chia sẻ tin vui này là ba mình. Mình sẽ nói là 'Ba ơi con thắng rồi.' Mình có thể thể tưởng tượng được khuôn mặt ông khi nhìn ngờ vực và nói 'Phải không đó?' Amber cười.

Theo lời cô, ba là người chờ cô đi khi cần tập hát hay tham gia nhiều sinh hoạt khác. "Ba luôn ủng hộ mình," Amber nói.

Chiến thắng danh hiệu Giọng Hát Garden Grove, ngoài việc nhận được chiếc cúp biểu tượng và \$500, Amber cũng giúp ban hợp xướng của trường mình có được phần thưởng \$500 của ban tổ chức.

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Register. "Cuộc thi này là một cách nhẹ nhàng để các học sinh vừa biểu diễn, vừa giúp cho trường mình."



Công viên Eastgate Park chật kín với hàng trăm người tham dự, những chiếc xe bán thức ăn, và những ban nhạc sôi động. (Hình: Thiên An/Người Việt)

Amber cho biết thích ca hát từ nhỏ, nhất là nhạc Jazz và nhạc đờn. Điều này thể hiện qua những bản nhạc khó, đầy chiều sâu mà cô chọn, hoàn toàn khác với sự nhí nhảnh rất trẻ trung của cô gái xinh đẹp này.

Ngoài việc học tập, Amber cũng thích sinh hoạt với các bạn trong nhà thờ. Amber tình nguyện tại nhiều nhà thờ khác nhau, nhưng thường xuyên nhất là nhà thờ Westminster.

"Ca hát chỉ là sở thích. Mình không có ý định theo nghề này, trừ phi không còn cách nào khác." Amber cười, hồn nhiên nói. Amber cho biết sẽ tìm hiểu và theo đuổi một ngành học nào đó khi vào đại học.

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GARDEN GROVE -- Một bản tin tuần trước cho biết ông Omar Sandoval được bổ nhiệm chức vụ Luật sư Thành phố. Hôm Thứ Hai 17-8-2015, Thành phố cho biết chỉ là tạm thời, chuu phải chính thức.



Omar Sandoval.

Thông báo cho biết vào ngày thứ Ba, 14 tháng Bảy, Hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove đã ủy nhiệm ông Omar Sandoval tạm đảm nhận chức vụ Luật sư Thành phố. Ông Sandoval, đã từng là phụ tá Luật sư từ công ty Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, bắt đầu vai trò Luật Sư Thành Phố tạm thời với Garden Grove vào Thứ Bảy, 1 Tháng Tám, 2015.

Ông Sandoval đã nhận được bằng cử nhân tại Pomona College, Claremont, và bằng Juris Doctor của mình tại UCLA School of Law. Ông từng là Luật Sư Thành Phố của các Thành phố như Hawaiian Gardens, Chino, Coachella, Indio và Paramount, San Juan Capistrano, và làm cố vấn với Rossmoor/Los Alamitos Area Sewer District, và Khu

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Thursday, August 20, 2015

COURTYARD CENTER HOSTS FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Community Meeting Center's temporary closure, Garden Grove City Council, Housing Authority, Successor Agency, and the Sanitary District meetings will all take place at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, beginning Tuesday, August 25, 2015, until further notice.

The City Council and Successor Agency meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Closed sessions, when scheduled, start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., which includes Oral Communications. The Housing Authority and Sanitary District meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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

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CITY HALL CLOSED ON LABOR DAY

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015. Trash pick-up and street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Trash pick-up and streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

August 20, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the August 27th Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated August 14 and 19, 2015

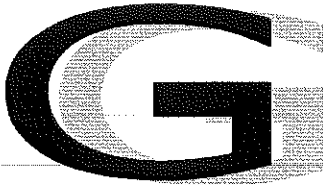


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 20, 2015 – August 30, 2015

Thursday	August 20	6:30 p.m.	Summer Movies in the Park, "Big Hero 6" Village Green Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center 12732 Main Street
Thursday- Saturday	August 20-22	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "As You Like It", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	August 20-23		One More Productions presents "The Secret Garden", Gem Theater
Friday	August 21		City Hall Closed
		6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Hawaiian Luau Dinner/Dance H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Sunday	August 23	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Walt Whitman Sings", Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	August 25	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	August 26	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
		6:00 p.m.	"Re:Imagine Garden Grove by Day & Night" Community Forum, Courtyard Center
Thursday	August 27		Casual Day – Hawaiian Shirt Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday- Saturday	August 27-29	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "As You Like It", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	August 27-30		One More Productions presents "The Secret Garden", Gem Theater
Sunday	August 30	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Walt Whitman Sings", Festival Amphitheater



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AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

August 27, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-042-2015

APPLICANT: Orlando D. Cosme
LOCATION: 10682 Stanford Avenue

REQUEST: To operate a 1,600 square foot indoor archery range located at 10682 Stanford Avenue. The site is in the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-045-2015

APPLICANT: Yung Taek Choi
LOCATION: 13061 Galway Street

REQUEST: To establish a second hand store use in conjunction with a 4,948 square foot retail carpet store. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

c. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-337-11 REV. 2015

APPLICANT: Fabian Gallego
LOCATION: 5244 Lampson Avenue

REQUEST: To modify the Conditions of Approval, approved under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-337-11, for an existing 2,060 square foot restaurant, A Bite of Jersey, to allow live entertainment in the form of a solo performer with non-amplified sound. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

d. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-046-2015

APPLICANT: Tho T. Nguyen
LOCATION: 10284 Westminster Avenue

REQUEST: To allow a change of ownership of an existing restaurant, Tu Do Restaurant, that currently operates with an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

Aug. 14, 2015
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The League and Cities Gear up for Legislature's Return on Aug. 17
*Cities Encouraged to Remain Vigilant for Gut-and-Amends,
Contact Legislators, Engage on Top Bills*

When legislators are back in the Capitol on Monday, they will have just four weeks — until Sept. 11 — to complete their work for the first year of the two-year 2015-16 legislative session. The League this week has been preparing for the end of session with the Fix Our Roads Coalition press briefing on transportation funding on Monday followed by Tuesday's two-hour webinar with member cities on priority bills. Cities will be called upon in these final weeks to help the League advocate on a range of issues including transportation, medical marijuana, drones, redevelopment, economic development, Cap-and-Trade revenues, affordable housing funding, waste disposal, water and elections. *For more, see Page 2.*



Major Bills Still in Play as Legislature's Deadline Looms

The Legislature reconvenes on Monday with 26 days left to act on proposed legislation. Bills it does not act upon by Sept. 11 will become two-year bills and can be revisited next year. The following is a list of bills on which the League continues to advocate. Cities should continue submitting letters regarding bills in which they have an interest. *For more, see Page 4.*



**California City Solutions: Innovative Community
Involvement Plans Future of Mill Valley**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The Mill Valley 2040 General Plan Update was submitted in 2014 for the Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement award category. *For more, see Page 10.**

Be Engaged, Take Action

The last weeks of the session are typically extremely busy and chaotic in the Capitol. The League's legislative staff will be lobbying on dozens of priority bills as well as any gut-and-amended bills that emerge. Cities should expect frequent updates from the League on legislative developments. The League's grassroots regional public affairs managers will be in constant contact with city staff and *CA Cities Advocate* will publish multiple times a week to keep cities apprised of breaking developments from Sacramento.

Action alerts will be sent via the League's grassroots public affairs managers as well as on the League's new advocacy app. This new mobile tool enables city officials to rapidly respond to action alerts from their mobile device. This app will be especially important on the final days of session when the Legislature works late into the night. To learn more about this new tool and sign up for the app, contact your grassroots regional public affairs manager.

Once the session wraps up on Sept. 11, the League will issue sign/veto requests on legislation that makes it to the Governor's desk. He has until Oct. 11 to take action on bills.

League staff has prepared a list of major legislation that the organization is advocating on in these weeks. Cities are encouraged to review this list of bills and contact their legislators immediately. This list is available on the League's website.

To access bill text, League position letters and sample letters, please go to www.cacities.org/billsearch and plug the bill number into the search function.

Below are a few of the biggest issues the League is working on for the end of session. Information on other important bills is contained in both the major bill list as well as the slides from the End of Session Webinar on Aug. 11.

Transportation Funding

With transportation infrastructure funding being one of two special sessions called by Gov. Jerry Brown, a broad coalition launched on Monday with a press briefing to talk with reporters about priorities for transportation funding. To date, 22 bills and one constitutional amendment have been introduced in the special on transportation funding session. Nine bills, including SBX11 (Beall), are scheduled to be heard in the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

The Fix Our Roads Coalition believes seven priorities are crucial to fund and maintain California's state and local transportation system. As part of this coalition, the League is advocating for a \$6 billion annual funding package, split 50-50 between the state and locals. The full principles and additional information are available at www.FixCARoads.com.

The League is urging city officials to call their legislators in support of this proposal and email Assistant Legislative Director Jennifer Whiting lists of shovel-ready projects. Cities are also encouraged to pass a resolution in support of the coalition proposal. A sample proposal is available on the League's website.

Medical Marijuana

The League is conditioning its continued support of AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey), a bill to regulate medical marijuana businesses, on removing a provision challenging local control. Despite many other provisions protecting local control, the critical issue now is whether a provision remains in the bill that in effect states that Prop. 215 trumps local ordinances. The League is now heavily involved in negotiating its removal.

AB 266 requires dual licensing, under which marijuana businesses must have both a state-issued license, and a local license or permit, in order to comply with the law. Cities are encouraged to contact their legislators to ask that they ensure that the League is satisfied with the bill's local

control provisions, *before supporting AB 266*. Locals must stress how crucial it is that the local control provisions remain strong in the bill during end-of-session negotiations.

Redevelopment Dissolution

AB 113 (Committee on Budget), the budget trailer bill that would reverse current redevelopment dissolution statute, remains pending in the Senate. This League-opposed bill attempts to reverse court decisions and existing incentives offered to cities in AB 1484 of 2012 as encouragement to expeditiously resolve issues and obtain a Department of Finance "finding of completion." Now that many agencies have made the concessions necessary to obtain these findings, it is simply wrong to move the goalposts and change the rules.

A six-member Assembly Democrat Working Group has been established to take a more deliberate look at the measure. Nearly 100 cities and the League oppose AB 113 and the League encourages city officials to keep urging legislators to reject this Department of Finance proposal and let them know that cities have been harmed enough through the dissolution process.

Bills in Appropriations Committee

At this point during the session, the appropriations committee in each house is busy reviewing legislation. Aug. 28 is the deadline for the fiscal committees to complete their work before the final two weeks of the session when the Legislature can only hold floor sessions.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has a full agenda on Monday, Aug. 17 when it convenes at 10 a.m. The League will be advocating on the following bills:

- **HOT AB 2 (Alejo) Community revitalization authority.** *League Position: Support.*
- **AB 22 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 88 (Gomez) Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*
- **AB 254 (Hernandez) Election dates.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*
- **AB 259 (Dababneh) Personal information: privacy.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT AB 266 (Bonta) Medical cannabis.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 388 (Chang) Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 744 (Chau) Planning and zoning: density bonuses.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1157 (Nazarian) Property taxation: certified aircraft assessment.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1222 (Bloom) Tow trucks.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1236 (Chiu) Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*
- **AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer) Voting rights: preclearance.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 1347 (Chiu) Public contracts: claims.** *League position: Oppose.*

The Assembly Appropriations Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 8 a.m. The League will be advocating on the following bills:

- **HOT ACA 4 (Frazier) Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.** *League position: Support.*
- **SB 3 (Leno) Minimum wage: adjustment.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT SB 25 (Roth) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT SB 239 (Hertzberg) Local services: contracts: fire protection services.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **SB 272 (Hertzberg) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.** *League position: Oppose Unless Amended.*

- **SB 331 (Mendoza) Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations.** *League position: Oppose.*
 - **SB 533 (Pan) Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements.** *League position: Support.*
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Support

HOT AB 2 (Alejo): Community revitalization authority.

This bill authorizes the creation of a new entity at the local level called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority that would provide a redevelopment option for the most disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 22 (Rodriguez): Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.

This measure will direct the state Office of Emergency Services to establish a program to reimburse local fire departments for costs incurred in sending firefighters to training courses identified by the Curriculum Development Advisory Committee and OES, using funds received from grants or the OES General Fund.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

HOT AB 35 (Chiu): Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.

This bill would increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 74 (Calderon): Care facilities: regulatory visits.

This bill would make community care facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, child day care centers and family day care centers subject to an annual unannounced visit by the Department of Social Services. The department would be required to visit no less than 30 percent of facilities by July 1, 2016, 40 percent by July 1, 2017 and all facilities annually after July 1, 2018.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 90 (Chau): Federal Housing Trust Fund.

This bill would designate the state Department of Housing and Community Development as the entity responsible for administering funds received through the Federal Housing Trust Fund. The bill requires the department to collaborate with the California Housing Finance Agency in developing an allocation process meeting geographic distribution and other criteria and establishes a stakeholder process to inform these discussions.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 169 (Maienschein): Local government: public records: Internet.

Under this bill, a local agency, except a school district, which maintains an Internet resources including websites, web pages or web portals described or titled "open data" would be required to post public records in a format that can be retrieved, downloaded, indexed and searched by commonly used Internet search applications.

Location: Senate third reading.

AB 216 (Garcia, Cristina) Product sales to minors: vapor products.

This bill would prohibit the sale of any device intended to deliver a nonnicotine product in a vapor state, to be directly inhaled by the user, to a person under 18 years of age, or to a person under 21 years of age if SB 151 of the 2015-16 Regular Session is enacted and takes effect. The bill would exempt from its prohibition the sale of a drug or medical device that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Location: Senate third reading.

AB 313 (Atkins): Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.

This measure contains some clarifications to last year's SB 628 (Beall) requested by city attorneys to facilitate its implementation. These clarifications include requiring the public financing authority, rather than the legislative body as the entity required to prepare the plan, and that any private dwelling units proposed to be removed or destroyed within a district that receives district financing shall be subject to the law's housing replacement requirements.

Location: Senate consent calendar.

AB 388 (Chang): Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports.

This bill would require the state Department of Housing and Community Development to report specified performance data as part of an annual evaluation performed by the department, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, on the expenditure of \$600 million in bonds, authorized by Proposition 41, for a variety of housing options including assisting homeless veterans.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 428 (Nazarian): Income taxes: credit: seismic retrofits.

AB 428 would authorize up to a 30 percent state income tax credit for the seismic rehabilitation of existing properties.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 448 (Brown): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Restores funding stability to cities that annex inhabited territory, and re-establishes a foundation that supports sustainable and compact growth policies.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 702 (Maienschein): CalWORKS: temporary shelter assistance.

This bill removes the requirement that all 16 days of eligibility for homeless assistance under CalWORKS must be used consecutively, thereby enabling an individual to obtain such assistance when needed.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 870 (Cooley): Homelessness: rapid rehousing.

This bill would provide \$1 million to establish a pilot program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to award grants to four counties that operate rapid rehousing programs

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 988 (Stone, Mark): Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.

AB 988 would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish an Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program. This would increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor recreation and educational experiences by awarding grants to public or nonprofit organizations.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1056 (Atkins): Second Chance Program.

This bill would require the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer a grant program aimed at reducing recidivism. It focuses on assisting ex-offenders secure housing and mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 1146 (Jones): Skateboard parks.

AB 1146 would expand existing liability protections at public skateboard parks to include the use of all wheeled recreational devices.

Location: Governor's desk.

AB 1157 (Nazarian): Property taxation: certificated aircraft assessment.

This bill would extend the sunset date on the current program used by county assessors for assessing property tax on certificated aircraft.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1222 (Bloom): Tow trucks.

AB 1222 would add additional requirements on tow truck operators with the intention of addressing unscrupulous tow truck businesses.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1223 (O'Donnell): Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation.

AB 1223 would require the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop a methodology for determining an acceptable amount of time for EMS crews to offload their patients at emergency departments. It would also require local EMS authorities to adopt this methodology and begin keeping track of wait times. It would also give EMS crews the ability to deliver their patients to alternative treatment locations when emergency departments cannot receive them.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1228 (Gipson): Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.

This bill would request that community college and state universities provide assistance to students who are homeless youth.

Location: Senate third reading.

AB 1262 (Wood): Telecommunications: universal service: California Advanced Services Fund.

This bill would transfer \$5 million to the Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account.

Location: Senate third reading.

HOT AB 1335 (Atkins): Building Homes and Jobs Act.

AB 1335 would generate up to \$700 million per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transactions. This fee would not apply to home sales.

Location: Assembly third reading.

HOT ACA 4 (Frazier): Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.

This bill would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects from 2/3rds approval to 55 percent approval.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

HOT SB 25 (Roth): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

This bill would restore funding stability to four recently incorporated cities, Eastvale, Wildomar, Menifee and Jurupa Valley, which have experienced severe financial hardships since 2011, when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee revenues. SB 25 resolves this problem with a statutory formula that provides cities that incorporated between 2004 and 2013 with shares of property tax to offset the amount of vehicle license fee revenue they would have received. In future years, the amount would be adjusted according to the same rules applied to other cities.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 140 (Leno): Electronic cigarettes.

This bill defines "smoking" and broadens the definition of "tobacco product" to include electronic cigarettes. It would extend current restrictions and prohibitions against the use of tobacco products to electronic cigarettes.

Location: This measure is now a part of the special session as SBX2 5 (Leno) / ABX2 6 (Cooper). SBX2 5 is in the special session's Public Health and Developmental Services Committee.

SB 168 (Gaines) Unmanned aircraft systems: first responder immunity.

SB 168 would provide local agency first responders, excluding sheriffs' departments, with immunity for any damage to an unmanned aircraft system, if that system was interfering with emergency ambulance services, firefighting operations, or search and rescue operations.

Location: This bill is not yet in print as amendments are pending.

HOT SB 175 (Huff): Peace officers: body-worn cameras.

SB 175 will require each police agency, if it elects to require its officers to wear body cameras, to develop a policy relating to the use of the cameras, and to distribute a copy of that policy to the officers required to wear them.

Location: Assembly third reading.

HOT SB 321 (Beall): Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments.

This bill would infuse more stability into the variable gas tax rate set by the Board of Equalization by taking into account fuel prices of the previous four years in addition to the estimated fuel price of the current year.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 485 (Hernandez): County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.

SB 485 would authorize the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County to manage stormwater and dry weather urban runoff. This legislation would help reduce compliance costs by allowing the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County to use its civil engineering and water quality expertise to assist cities in Los Angeles County in an efficient and effective manner with the Los Angeles Region municipal separate storm sewer systems permit.

Location: Assembly second reading.

SB 493 (Cannella): Elections in cities: by or from districts.

This bill would allow a city to switch to a by-district election system using the ordinance process.

Location: Assembly second reading.

SB 533 (Pan): Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements.

SB 533 would amend existing law to remove several exceptions which enable sales tax rebate agreements that result in shifts of local Bradley-Burns sales taxes. The bill would require notification of affected agencies prior to enacting future agreements that would result in reduced sales tax allocations to the affected agencies.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 658 (Hill): Automated external defibrillators.

This bill would expand immunity provisions pertaining to automated external defibrillators by amending existing law to make it conform to technological advances in the use of these devices.

Location: Assembly third reading.

HOT SBX1 1 (Beall): Transportation funding. (previously SB 16)

SBX1 1 would create a funding program with a focus on the preservation and maintenance of the existing local streets and roads system and state highway system. The bill would raise an estimated \$4.3 billion to \$4.6 billion annually. Allocations would include 12 cents of diesel tax increase to go to trade corridors, 5% off the top to incentivize local measures in counties that do not currently have a local measure and the remainder split evenly between the SHOPP (highway maintenance) and local streets and roads. Revenues would be raised from the following sources: 12 cent increase in excise tax on fuel, 22 cent increase in excise tax of diesel, \$35 VRF increase for all vehicles, \$100 VRF increase for electric vehicles, payback of outstanding loans over a three-year period and \$35 road access fee.

Location: Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee.

SBX1 11 (Berryhill)

SBX1 11 would exempt roadway improvements within the existing rights of way from CEQA if certain conditions are met.

Location: Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee.

SBX1 14 (Cannella)

This bill would remove the sunset date on existing law that allows CalTrans and regional transportation agencies to use public-private partnerships. The authorization is currently set to expire January 1, 2017.

Location: Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee.

Support If Amended

AB 464 (Mullin): Transactions and use taxes: maximum combined rate.

This measure would increase the authorized cap on the local transaction and use tax from 2% to 3% percent.

Location: Governor's desk.

HOT SB 643 (McGuire): Medical marijuana.

This bill would establish a system for licensing and regulation of medical marijuana dispensing facilities, cultivation sites, transporters and manufacturers, including requiring a background check of license applicants.

Location: Assembly second reading.

Oppose

HOT AB 36 (Campos): Local government: federal surplus property.

This bill would prohibit a local agency from receiving surplus military equipment without a vote at a public meeting and declares this a matter of statewide concern. The League of Cities opposes this measure as an unjustified incursion upon municipal sovereignty. Under current law, local agencies are fully within their constitutional police power in deciding whether to acquire military equipment from the Department of Defense and under what circumstances.

Location: Senate third reading.

AB 56 (Quirk): Unmanned aircraft systems.

This bill specifies requirements for the use of drones by law enforcement agencies, including adoption of local policies governing that use. It would: prohibit surveillance of activities covered by the First Amendment, and surveillance of private property without a warrant or the owner's consent, with narrow exceptions; codify cause of action against local agencies for violations; impose rules regarding surveillance that contradict the Plain View Doctrine governing observation by helicopters; and impose requirements on destruction of data with narrow exceptions for training purposes and academic research.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

HOT AB 57 (Quirk): Telecommunications: wireless telecommunication facilities.

This bill would deem approved any application for colocation or siting of new wireless facilities if a jurisdiction does not approve or disapprove the application within the timelines required by the Federal Communications Commission.

Location: Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

AB 259 (Dababneh): Personal information: privacy.

AB 259 would require a public agency that is the source of a data breach to provide at least 12 months of appropriate identity theft protection and mitigation services at no cost to the consumer if the breach exposed, or may have exposed a person's name in combination with a social security number or driver's license number.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 272 (Lackey): California Fair Employment and Housing Act: reserve peace officers.

This bill would make a person deputized or appointed as a reserve deputy sheriff or a reserve city police officer an employee of the appointing authority under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

Location: Senate third reading.

AB 305 (Gonzalez): Workers' compensation: permanent disability apportionment.

This bill would prohibit apportionment of permanent disability from being based on pregnancy, menopause, or osteoporosis causally related to menopause if the condition is contemporaneous with the claimed physical injury. AB 305 would also require that the impairment ratings for breast cancer be no less than those for prostate cancer.

Location: Senate Appropriations suspense file.

AB 718 (Chu): Local government: powers.

This bill would prohibit local agencies from enforcing laws and ordinances, or otherwise subject to civil or criminal penalties, the act of people sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle.

Location: Senate third reading.

HOT AB 744 (Chau): Planning and zoning: density bonuses.

As drafted, this measure would reduce local parking requirements that can be imposed on senior housing, special needs housing and housing within one-half mile of a major transit stop. The bill does not appropriately recognize local parking realities or community preferences.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1301 (Jones-Sawyer): Voting rights: preclearance.

AB 1301 creates a statewide pre-clearance system requiring that all changes to an election system within a qualifying jurisdiction obtain approval by the Secretary of State before implementation. The bill is nearly identical to 2014's AB 280, which many local governments and agencies opposed. It makes slight changes to address incidents within 30 days of an election, but it remains a sweeping and costly mandate that does little to identify areas with a legitimate problem.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 3 (Leno): Minimum wage: adjustment.

This bill would increase the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, and on and after July 1, 2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. The bill would require, commencing January 1, 2019, an annual automatic adjustment calculated using the California Consumer Price Index.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

HOT SB 239 (Hertzberg): Local services: contracts: fire protection services.

SB 239 places agreements between public agencies to provide fire protection services under the purview of local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs). This bill requires the contracting local agency to receive written permission from the recognized employee organization to extend fire services outside its service area. Flexibility for local agencies to contract for services is necessary to ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness and maximize resources to meet the needs of the public. LAFCOs are not, and should not be, tasked with making the day-to-day financial decisions for local agencies. It is also unclear if, under the bill, local agencies would have recourse to protest the employee organization's disapproval of a contract.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 331 (Mendoza): Public contracts: local agencies: negotiations.

This bill would specify procedures for the negotiation and approval of certain contracts valued at \$250,000 or more for goods or services by cities, counties, cities and counties, or special districts that have adopted a civic openness in negotiations ordinance, or COIN ordinance. It would local governments to disclose information relating to the contract and contract negotiations on its website. The bill would also prohibit a final determination by the governing body regarding approval of any contract until the matter has been heard at a minimum of two public meetings.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 379 (Jackson): Land use: general plan: safety element.

This bill would require that cities address climate-resiliency strategies in the safety element of their General Plans, when next they revisit their housing elements on or after January 1, 2017. Under SB 379, the update would need to include goals, policies, and objectives based upon an assessment of the risks that climate change poses to the jurisdiction.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Oppose Unless Amended

AB 88 (Gomez): Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances.

This bill would exempt from sales and use taxes until 2021 the gross receipts from energy or water efficient refrigerators and washing machines purchased by a public utility for low-income participants in energy or water efficiency programs.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

HOT AB 113 (Committee on Budget): Local government.

This bill contains the Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution, which would reverse and constrict previous incentives and due process offered to cities. These include efforts to narrow the definition of "loans" to be repaid and reduce interest rates. Other provisions further insulate Department of Finance decisions from review via an exemption from the Administrative Procedures Act and limiting local agencies' ability to pay for attorneys in court.

Location: Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

AB 254 (Hernandez, Roger): Election dates.

This bill would eliminate established election dates in March and April.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

AB 1236 (Chiu, Low): Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.

This bill requires cities and counties to streamline and expedite the permitting and inspection process for electric vehicle charging stations.

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 272 (Hertzberg): The California Public Records Act: inventory.

SB 272 would require local agencies to create a publicly available catalog of enterprise systems on the agency's website. The bill would also require the disclosure of a system's vendor, a statement of its purpose and a general description of categories, modules or layers of data.

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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For the first time in more than two decades, the city of Mill Valley adopted a new comprehensive General Plan in October 2013, providing a vision and blueprint of ideas and goals. Establishing public trust was a critical part of the MV2040 General Plan update to ensure that the city's decision makers to feel comfortable with newly updated goals, policies and programs. Community participation was also essential to the ultimate success of MV2040.

The city's last comprehensive General Plan update was in 1989, with the Housing Element adopted in 2003. Because of the time gap, the city had residents lacking knowledge of the purpose of a General Plan or how it could be used to develop a collective vision for the community to guide future planning. Mill Valley leaders committed to creating a process that was available to a wider variety of residents and decided to implement a process that took into account the fact that a significant percentage of city residents are comfortable accessing information digitally and perhaps less interested in the traditional method of community meetings. The city wanted to include the adoption and certification of the Housing Element as part of the MV2040 General Plan process.

Transparency in the General Plan update process was a key goal and important when including the community for determining goals and policy decisions related to land use, transportation and housing.

A General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) and three General Plan Working Groups (Community Vitality, Natural Environment, and Land Use and Mobility) were established to take part in an 18-month, multi-phase community-based effort to update the General Plan. The phases were:

- **Phase I: Community Values.** The working groups were first tasked with updating community values and identifying common themes through the course of initial discussions related to existing conditions, trends and thinking about the future of Mill Valley.
- **Phase II: Goals, Policies and Programs.** The working groups then transitioned to developing goals, policies and programs for GPAC's review.
- **Phase III: Draft General Plan.** GPAC reviewed the existing conditions and working group goals, policies and programs that were then folded into a Draft General Plan document.

Comprised of more than 40 residents, the committees held over 50 community meetings between April 2012 and May 2013. The city used its website capabilities to distribute meeting materials and allow the review of documents. Meetings and hearings were webcast live and the video shown on the local government access channel.

A virtual meeting space was established and attracted participants who may not have otherwise attended a traditional meeting. More than 235 residents registered and 160 comments were posted on the site.

From its inception, the goal of the General Plan Update was to keep the process manageable with a two-year timeframe, a budget of \$450,000 and use existing staff resources, and to keep the final document simple and community-inspired.

The update process was conducted in-house with planning staff as the primary facilitators. The city's goal was to build community trust in the effectiveness of the planning process and in planning staff's ability to process local interests by listening and reflecting community thoughts into General Plan goals, policies and programs.

A Speaker Series of speakers including John King (*San Francisco Chronicle*), Peter Calthorpe (urban planner) and Ed Everett (civic engagement) kicked off the project to talk about big picture ideas. A short two-part workbook was also developed to deliver facts and trends to watch related to land use and economy, mobility, and health and safety.

The city conducted an old-fashioned walking tour to raise community awareness about housing density. Seeing well-designed multi-family developments that had been in Mill Valley for years, built at 20 to 30 units to the acre, helped show residents that the city could provide the housing needed and still keep the small town character.

The Housing Element also took a different approach in addressing regional housing need allocation numbers. Instead of selecting sites, a capacity analysis was conducted for the city. Through Geographical Information Systems (GIS) software, the city was able to identify all parcels that met specific criteria, rather than pin pointing or highlighting specific large or vacant parcels in the city. This approach helped communicate and illustrate that potential change and development could occur throughout the community within the existing, allowable land use, zoning and development guidelines.

The MV2040 General Plan was completed in 22 months, from city council authorization to adoption. Its creation relied on in-house staff with specialized consultant assistance, came in under budget, and brought together a variety of individual interests and stakeholder. It establishes a broad-based community vision to grow and nurture the arts and culture, civic engagement, a local serving economy and the natural environment. It is also a call to action for complete streets, health and welfare, sustainability, emergency preparedness and resilience, and housing opportunities for the local workforce, aging population and influx of young families with children.

MV2040 creates annual and five-year General Plan reviews to be tied to the Mill Valley City Council's annual goal-setting and budget process. Most of the MV2040 General Plan maps are GIS-based and will also be available online to allow community members to identify items such as trails and paths, natural environment and hazards at a parcel-specific or city-wide perspective.

Learn How to Build Financial Strength and Sustainability with Sessions at League's Annual Conference

Attending the League of California Cities® Annual Conference & Expo can be one of the wisest investments your city makes. What you learn will directly benefit your constituents. Take a peek at a few of the sessions we are offering this year:

- **Economic Development Project Funding in 2015 — “Sustainability” Replaces Redevelopment** — Hear how cities can install new financing mechanisms and provide financial assistance for projects in a post-RDA world. With an improving economy and

recent legislative changes in California, cities have new tools, mandates, and funding sources to promote sustainable economic development and infrastructure projects. Identify new tools, their ability to use/attract private investment, expedite project approvals, create sustainable public-private partnerships and projects transforming communities, and install needed local/regional infrastructure

- **Summer at City Hall: Winning Formula for Students and Staff** — Learn how the city of Sacramento, in partnership with its four school districts and various community agencies, has taken a proactive role in developing tomorrow's engaged citizens and future public sector workforce. Through its 7-week Summer at City Hall program including class time, field trips and city department internships, 100 high school students gain civic knowledge, local government interest, and develop an advocacy platform to improve their neighborhoods. Learn how to replicate this program which not only engages students, but positively impacts the city and the employees working with the students.
- **Cap-and-Trade: What Cities Need to Know** — The 2014-15 State Budget included the first real appropriations of Cap-and-Trade Auction Revenues. Hear from some of the state agencies and departments on how your city can access this expanding funding source.

Also, in case you missed it, two sessions relating to municipal finance were recently added to the program:

- **How Cities are Building Financial Strength with the Municipal Financial Health Diagnostic** — How can you keep your city from financial disaster? Grappling effectively with financial distress before it becomes a crisis first requires a shared understanding of the financial condition of your city. Most financial crises can be managed without court or outside agency intervention if leaders, staff and key interests have the courage, competence, and collaboration to recognize and agree upon the city's financial condition and implement the necessary changes. The first step is properly evaluating financial condition. The League's California Municipal Financial Health Diagnostic can be an invaluable tool to identifying strengths and uncovering areas that need improvement. Come hear the stories of cities that are on a path toward better financial health through the Municipal Financial Health Diagnostic.
- **A Quick Understanding of Your City Financial Statements for Non-Finance People** —The session will cover how a non-finance person can quickly grasp the key parts of their audited financial statements. Your 150 page audited document doesn't have to be a mystery. Items in the session include understanding the key buckets of cash in various city funds, key features of the balance sheet, key parts of the revenue/expense recaps, cash flow statements and significant note disclosures. So bring a highlighter pen and a copy of your financial statements and end up with a usable understanding of your city's money.

Register now to attend these sessions and more.

Revising Sign Ordinances after Reed v. Town of Gilbert Webinar on Aug. 19

In Reed v. Town of Gilbert the Supreme Court ruled that Gilbert's sign code violates the First Amendment.

Many, if not most, communities must now revise their sign codes. Most sign codes apply different rules to different categories of signs based on content, which the Supreme Court now generally prohibits. Discuss the practical implications of this case for local governments with John M. Baker, Greene Espel in a free 75 minute webinar on Aug. 19 from 10-11:15 a.m.

Continuing Legal Education is not offered for this webinar.

Register online. You will receive a confirmation email containing details on how to join the webinar once you complete registration.

For questions about this webinar, contact [Lisa Soronen](#), executive director, State and Local Legal Center, at (202) 434-4845.

NLC to Host Regional Resilience Leadership Workshop in Southern California

The Sustainable Cities Institute at the National League of Cities (NLC), in partnership with Esri, is hosting a [Resilience Leadership Workshop](#) on Sept. 21-22 in Redlands for municipalities in Southern California. This workshop will focus on the connection between resilient infrastructure, civic data, and effective community engagement. The primary goal is to help bring the latest tools and planning practices into the mainstream to the benefit of communities of any size. Going beyond climate-related disasters, the workshop will demonstrate how local leaders can use these tools to improve the environmental, economic, and social vitality of their communities.

Sessions will alternate between presentations of innovative new tools and break-out time to connect directly with expert speakers and discuss how to replicate best practices in their own communities. NLC will contact attendees as they register, and the final agenda will be responsive to the specific goals and challenges they identify. Just by signing up, you're already taking the first step to making this a valuable event for your community.

The Resilience Leadership Workshop will be attended by 'City Teams.' Instead of catering to individuals, each participating municipality will be required to have at least two attendees who are either elected officials or full-time city staff. In addition to these two representatives, City Teams may also include other city departments, utilities, civic groups, military installations, and other non-municipal organizations that are critical partners in local resilience. This City Team format is a deliberate effort to engage multidisciplinary stakeholders and help communities make stronger connections.

Workshop Details

Location: Esri Headquarters, Building Q, 380 New York St, Redlands, CA 92373

The workshop is being provided for City Teams free of charge. To confirm your attendance, a credit card must be provided for a \$250 holding deposit. The deposit will be fully refunded as long as two members of the City Team attend and participate. All attendees will be provided with breakfast and lunch during the dates of the convening, and are invited to a welcome reception evening of Monday, Sept. 21.

Apply and register [online](#) by Aug. 31.

For questions regarding the workshop, please contact [Cooper Martin](#) at (202) 626-3127.

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League Members to Consider Four Resolutions during Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 2

Resolutions and Analysis Now Posted on League Website

League members have an opportunity to directly weigh in and shape League policy through the annual conference resolution process. This year, voting delegates will take action on four resolutions on a wide range of issues. The annual business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference's closing general session on Friday, Oct. 2 in San Jose.

For more, see Page 2.



WEBINAR: Employee Relations Webinar Will Discuss Pending Legislation

The League of California Cities® Personnel and Employee Relations Department is hosting the next installment in its webinar series on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. League staff will discuss bills moving through the legislative process. On Sept. 11, the curtain will come down on the session, so please take advantage of what may well be your final opportunity to ask questions and share your perspective on proposed legislation relevant to human resources professionals.

For more, see Page 2.



State Traffic Amnesty Program Could Help Cities Recover Portion of Unpaid Traffic Ticket Fines

Program Begins Oct. 1, Runs 18 Months

Local agencies could collect additional amounts of unpaid traffic and non-traffic fines under an amnesty program approved recently as part of the state budget. *For more, see Page 2.*

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If your city has not yet designated a voting delegate for this year's Annual Conference, cities should plan to do so prior to attending the conference. Forms should be submitted to League staff Kayla Gibson via fax at (916) 658-8240 or email. Forms can be found on the League website.

League staff has prepared an analysis for each of the four resolutions, which is included in the official 2015 Resolution Packet.

Additional information about the League resolution process can be found at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

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Please register for this webinar no later than Aug. 21. Cost to participate is free for League members and partners; \$100 for non-members. For registration questions, please contact Megan Dunn.

Questions on personnel-related policy matters can be directed to Legislative Representative Alicia Lewis.

For more information about the Personnel and Employee Relations Department, contact Meghan McKelvey, department and member services manager, or see the department page on the League's website.

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The Judicial Council is scheduled to consider proposed guidelines for the statewide traffic amnesty program passed in the FY 2015-16 state budget act during its meeting Aug. 20-21. These guidelines will give implementation direction for the 18-month program that begins Oct. 1. People with unpaid traffic and non-traffic infraction outstanding tickets will be eligible to pay their fines at significantly reduced rates. Local agencies will recover proportional amounts from funds collected.

The state's prior traffic fine amnesty program was in effect for the first six months of 2012 and generated \$14 million through the resolution of more than 42,000 cases. Participants under that program were required to pay 50 percent of the amount owed.

The new program, which is set to run Oct. 1, 2015-March 31, 2017, is expected to produce significantly higher revenues, upwards of \$150 million, because of the longer timeframe as well as changes in the incentives offered.

The amnesty rate of 50 percent will be standard, however, low-income individuals on public assistance can be eligible to pay only 20 percent to eliminate their traffic and non-traffic infraction debt. Participants will also be able to close out their debt through either a lump sum payment or a series of payments. One additional incentive offered under the new guidelines, allows participants to get their driver's license back upon entering the repayment program (as opposed to upon completion of the payments).

The Judicial Council has produced a video about the amnesty program. Additional information is on the Judicial Council's website at www.courts.ca.gov/trafficannesty.htm.

Since cities will receive a portion of any amounts collected, those cities with significant outstanding uncollected debt may see benefit in sharing information about the program with their residents.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

August 20, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the August 27th Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated August 14 and 19, 2015