

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 29, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. CALPOLY POMONA STUDIO 606 STUDY
Karl Hill informs you of the presentation by Cal Poly Pomona on the study "Re:Imagine Garden Grove: Community in Motion" at the November 5, 2015 Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 pm.
- B. CODE ENFORCEMENT BROCHURE
Nida Watkins provides a Code Enforcement "Who to Contact Brochure" which was created to provide better customer service to our citizens.
- C. HOUSING AUTHORITY PERFORMANCE RATING
Karl Hill reports on the performance rating for the Garden Grove Housing Authority.

• 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 Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: **Cal Poly Pomona Studio
606 Study "Re:Imagine
Garden Grove: Community
in Motion"**

From: Karl Hill
Dept: Community Development
Date: October 29, 2015

In 2013, the City of Garden Grove partnered with landscape architecture master's students from Cal Poly Pomona's award-winning *606 Studio* to conduct an in-depth study of non-motorized mobility and the Downtown. The study, *Re:Imagine Garden Grove: Community in Motion*, was created to support the revitalization of the heart of Garden Grove and provide four project objectives: a Non-Motorized Mobility Network, an Open Space Enhancement Plan, a 2060 Downtown Concept Plan, and a "Gardens and Groves" landscape theme.

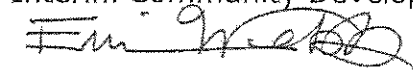
Re:Imagine Garden Grove: Community in Motion has been completed and the final, four hundred and fifty page booklet has been delivered to the City. Dr. Lee-Anne Milburn from Cal Poly Pomona will be introducing the final study at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at the Courtyard Center from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Attached is a digital copy of the study for each of the council members. City Council members and the public are encouraged to attend the meeting. The public will be notified through social media outlets along with a press release to local media.

The document is a significant resource for the consultants, Alta Planning + Design, in their current effort to create a Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan for the City of Garden Grove. The study's Non-Motorized Mobility Network provides detailed analysis of the current state of the City and proposed improvements and recommendations which include: converting the PE ROW to a Class 1 Trail, connecting to the regional network, and converting Garden Grove Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard to multimodal corridors.

The public can view the document online at
<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/internet/pdf/commdev/RE-Imagine.pdf>.


KARL HILL

Interim Community Development Department



By: Erin Webb
Senior Planner

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles From: Nida Watkins
Dept: City Manager Dept: Community Development
Subject: INFORMATION REGARDING THE Date: October 8, 2015
CODE ENFORCEMENT "WHO TO
CONTACT BROCHURE"

OBJECTIVE

To share with the City Council, the "Who to Contact Brochure" prepared by Code Enforcement to provide better and efficient customer service to the citizens of Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Furthering the City's goal to enhance customer service and outreach to the community, the Code Enforcement Division has prepared a brochure with important phone numbers and web addresses regarding who to contact to report neighborhood violations or concerns.

SUMMARY

The "Who to Contact Brochure" is likely to generate fewer misdirected calls, which in turn, will provide more efficient customer service and help to free up staff time.



Nida Watkins
Project Manager
Neighborhood Improvement Division

Attachment: Who to Contact Brochure

POLITICAL SIGNS:

Early display or past display date:

City Clerk (714) 741-5040

PROPERTY LINE:

For information: Public Works –

Engineering (714) 741-5192 or

the 1st floor City Hall.

Broken wall: Building Department

(714) 741-5172

TREES:

Growing onto neighbor's property:

This is a civil matter and is not regulated by the City.

Growing into power lines:

Southern California Edison (800) 655-4555

WATER:

Green pools and insect infestations:

Orange County Vector Control

(714) 971-2421

Waste: Public Works – Water Services

(714) 741-5395

Waste on Garden Grove Unified School District property: Water Wise Hotline (657) 263-5353

CODERELATED PHONE NUMBERS

DEPT / AGENCY PHONE NO.

BUILDING ABATEMENT HOTLINE (714) 741-5172

PERMITS (714) 741-5307

CITY CLERK (714) 741-5040

CODE ENFORCEMENT (714) 741-5358

GRAFFITI –

Hotline (714) 741-5381

Restitution (714) 741-5849

OC ANIMAL SERVICES (714) 935-6848

OC BEEKEEPERS ASSN. (714) 839-2337

OC VECTOR CONTROL (714) 971-2421

POLICE DEPARTMENT –

Vehicles (714) 741-5704

Community (714) 741-5857

PUBLIC WORKS –

Debris (714) 741-5375

Environmental Debris (714) 741-5278

Tree Trimming (714) 741-5384

Water Wastage (714) 741-5395

REPUBLIC SERVICES –

Bulky Item Pickup (714) 238-2444

SHOPPING CART

REMOVAL HOTLINE (714) 741-5053

SOUTHERN CA EDISON (800) 655-4555

City of Garden Grove

Code Enforcement Division

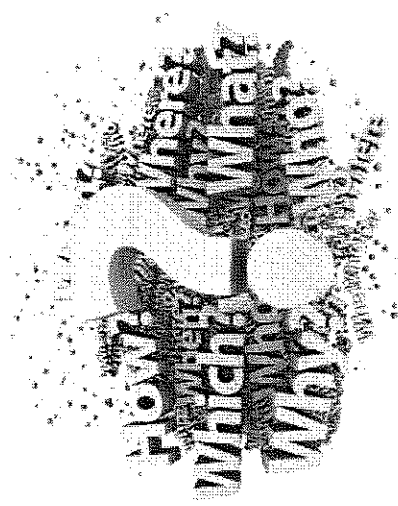
11222 Acacia Parkway

Garden Grove, CA 92840

(714) 741-5358

WHO TO CONTACT

to report neighborhood violations or concerns



City of Garden Grove CODE ENFORCEMENT

Promoting safer, cleaner neighborhoods



WHO TO CONTACT

to report neighborhood violations or concerns

ANIMALS:

Dog barking & dead animals:

OC Animal Care Services
(714) 935-6848, ocpetinfo.com/about/faq

Dead birds: OC Vector Control

(714) 971-2421, ocvcd.org

Wild bees: OC Beekeepers Association

(714) 839-2337, ocbeekeepers.org

DEBRIS ON:

Private property:

Code Enforcement (714) 741-5358

City owned property:

Public Works (714) 741-5375

Removal of Bulky Items:

Republic Services (714) 238-2444

Shopping Cart Removal Hotline:

(714) 741-5053

GRAFFITI:

Graffiti removal on City owned

property:

Graffiti Hotline (714) 741-5381

Graffiti removal on private property:

Code Enforcement (714) 741-5358

In progress: 911

Restitution information:

Youth Services Unit (PD) (714) 741-5849

Payments: Cashier's office, 1st floor of

City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway

HOUSE AND YARD DÉCOR:

Garden Grove Municipal Code does not have ordinances pertaining to yard or house décor.

Peeling paint: Code Enforcement

(714) 741-5358

LANDLORD/TENANT ISSUES:

Fair Housing Foundation

(800) 446-3247

MOBILE HOME PARKS:

Are under the jurisdiction of the Mobile Home Ombudsman's Office at the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Violations and complaints can be filed online at hcd.ca.gov/codes/ol/forms/form419e.pdf

NOISE:

Parties and loud music: Public disturbance issues, call the Police Department (714) 741-5704

PARKING:

Red/blue curb request: Public Works (714) 741-5192

Request to park storage

bin or container on street:

Public Works (714) 741-5192

Inoperable vehicle in driveway:

Code Enforcement (714) 741-5358

Vehicle parked for more than 72 hours

in street: Police Dept. (714) 741-5704

Vehicle for sale in street: According to a federal court decision involving the City of Los Angeles, the City cannot prohibit cars with "for sale" signs that are legally parked on public streets.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION:

Overcrowding: Based on the right to privacy and other constitutional guarantees, and preemption by State Building and Housing regulations, the City does not have authority to restrict the number of occupants in residential units.

People living in the garage:

Code Enforcement (714) 741-5358

Non-Permitted construction:

Permit Center (714) 741-5307, ci.garden-grove.ca.us/commdev/ComplaintInspection

Driveway and second approach

permit: Public Works - Engineering (714) 741-5192

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: HOUSING AUTHORITY
PERFORMANCE RATING

From: Karl Hill
Dept: Community Development
Date: October 19, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To report on the performance rating for the Garden Grove Housing Authority.

BACKGROUND

The SEMAP (Section 8 Management Assessment Program) Certification represents the Housing Authority's performance for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The Certification represents fourteen areas, on which the Housing Authority is rated. The Housing Authority is required to conduct a self-audit of a random sampling of its files for a portion of the fourteen indicators. The other indicators are scored based on the electronic reporting the Housing Authority is required to submit. The results were summarized in a report and submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 13, 2015.

SUMMARY

The Garden Grove Housing Authority received notification from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) that they have confirmed our rating and that we have earned a total of 145 points out of 145 possible points. This gives a score of 100% and designates the Housing Authority as a High Performing Agency.



Karl Hill
Acting Community Development Director



By: Danny Huynh
Housing Authority Manager

Attachment 1: SEMAP Final Score Letter from HUD



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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public Housing
Los Angeles Field Office, Region IX
611 W. 6th Street, Suite 1040
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Matthew Fertal
Executive Director
Housing Authority City of Garden Grove
ATTENTION: Mr. Danny Huynh, Housing Director
11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Unit 101C
Garden Grove, California 92843

Dear Mr. Fertal:

SUBJECT: SEMAP Notification Final Score Letter

Thank you for completing your Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification for the **Housing Authority City of Garden Grove**. We appreciate your time and attention to the SEMAP assessment process. SEMAP enables HUD to better manage the Section 8 tenant-based Program by identifying PHA capabilities and deficiencies related to the administration of the Section 8 Program. As a result, HUD will be able to provide more effective program assistance to PHAs.

The Housing Authority City of Garden Grove final SEMAP score for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2015 is **100**. The following are your scores on each indicator.

Indicator 1 Selection from Waiting List (24 CFR 982.54(d)(1 and 982.204(a)	15
Indicator 2 Reasonable Rent (24 CFR 982.4, 982.54(d)(15), 982.158(f)(7) and 982.507	20
Indicator 3 Determination of Adjusted Income (24 CFR part 5, subpart F and 24 CFR 982.516)	20
Indicator 4 Utility Allowance Schedule (24 CFR 982.517)	5
Indicator 5 HQS Quality Control (24 CFR 982.405(b))	5
Indicator 6 HQS Enforcement (24 CFR 982.404)	10
Indicator 7 Expanding Housing Opportunities	5
Indicator 8 Payment Standards (24 CFR 982.503)	5
Indicator 9 Timely Annual Reexaminations (24 CFR 5.617)	10
Indicator 10 Correct Tenant Rent Calculations (24 CFR 5.617)	5
Indicator 11 Pre-Contract HQS Inspections (24 CFR 982.305)	5
Indicator 12 Annual HQS Inspections (24 CFR 982.405(a))	10
Indicator 13 Lease Up	20
Indicator 14 Family Self Sufficiency (24 CFR 984.105 and 984.305)	10
Indicator 15 Deconcentration Bonus	NA

Your overall performance rating is **High**. Your PHA has earned a total of **145** points out of **145** possible points.

Thank you for your cooperation with the SEMAP process. If you have any questions, please contact Letitia C. Henderson, Public Housing Revitalization Specialist at (213) 534-2608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcie Chavez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "M" and "C".

Marcie P. Chavez
Director
Office of Public Housing

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NEWSPAPER

ARTICLES

A HAVEN FOR RUSSIAN MUSIC

Van Nguyen runs the VRMA school in Westminster's Little Saigon.

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

When Garden Grove resident Van Nguyen passed her United States citizenship test last week, she said she felt so happy she almost cried.

It was an excitement the 50-year-old Vietnam native said she has rarely felt during any of her other accomplishments – and she has had many:

A pianist by age 5, she played before the Cambodian president at age 8 and graduated from the Hanoi Conservatory by 16.

Seven years after that, Nguyen graduated with a master's degree from the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory – the Harvard of music schools.

Then, after years of living in Russia, she opted to immigrate to the United States in the 1990s to follow her dream of opening a school dedicated to fostering a love of music among children.

"I love this country," Nguyen said. "This is my home. If I hadn't come here, I wouldn't



Van Nguyen

Age: 50

Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam

Residence: Garden Grove

Education: Master's degree, Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory

Nguyen runs the Westminster school with her husband.

“I love this country. This is my home. If I hadn't come here, I wouldn't have been able to do whatever I wanted.”

VAN NGUYEN

have been able to do whatever I wanted.”

And what she wanted most is also one of the accomplishments that physically lights her with pride: She is the founder of Westminster's Virtuosos Russian Music Academy, in the heart of Little Saigon. Since it opened in 1998, the school has brought in several accomplished music teachers – all with master's degrees and doctorates and extensive performance resumes – and has seen its students rack up multiple awards.

The school's emphasis is on Russian composers, hence the name, but also embraces other European greats such as Wagner and Bach.

The school's mission is to bring a love and appreciation of classical music to children and turn them into well-rounded people. Nguyen said she also

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BY THE NUMBERS

536

Number of students currently enrolled, from ages 3 to mid-30s

\$300

Cost for the most expensive package.

85%

Students at VRMA who are Vietnamese American

17

Years VRMA School of Music has been open

8

Number of pianos, plus two keyboards, at VRMA

VRMA: Teacher proving music transcends ethnicity, nationality

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wants the school's students, 85 percent of whom are Vietnamese American, to help disprove the notion that only those of European descent can imitate masters like Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Chopin.

"There's a reputation that if you're not white, you can't play," Nguyen said. "Our philosophy is you can do anything you want, if you want it."

In many ways, Nguyen's career already has proved that.

She started at the Hanoi Conservatory during a particularly difficult time to study music, the end of the Vietnam War.

"When there were bombings in Hanoi," she said. "The entire conservatory would move to the villages. They managed to get pianos there, too, so I could still practice."

In 1980, when officials from the Soviet Union visited to audition the best young musicians Vietnam had, Nguyen was one of three people - and the only woman - chosen to head to Moscow. She was the only one of those three to advance after the initial, rigorous one-year Russian language classes.

"My parents were so strict," Nguyen said. "I did whatever they said. I never thought about it. So it wasn't until 20 years later that I realized what an accomplishment it was to study there. When I graduated, no one congratulated me."

She lived in Moscow with her husband until the mid-1990s. An ethnic Russian, he got in on the business boom of Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika and got rich in communications.

But, the two ultimately decided to take their two sons to America, because



FRANK D'AMATO, FILE PHOTO

The Virtuosos Russian Music Academy Teen and Baby Choir performs during the annual Moon Lantern Festival which was held at the Asian Garden Mall in Westminster in September.

Nguyen said she felt that unless you were an ethnic Russian, you were never truly a Russian citizen.

"America is a dream," she said.

Her husband died in 1998, shortly after VRMA opened.

She began her school in a small facility in Fountain Valley, with a small crop of students. The private school - which not only wants its students to be well-rounded humans, but successful competitors who get into college music programs and maybe even become professionals - eventually grew.

Performances

What: 20th annual Winter Gala Concert Series

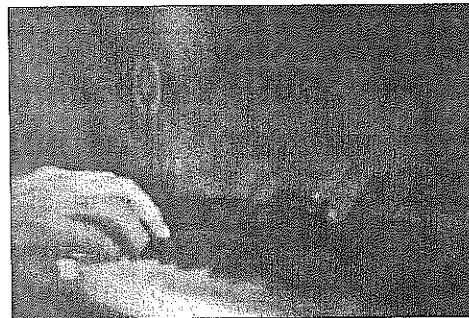
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6

Where: Bleu Restaurant, 14160 Beach Blvd., Westminster

Cost: Free

Several years ago, she found her permanent location on Westminster Boulevard at Magnolia Avenue.

She sat at a black oak piano in the academy Monday morning performing Ludwig van Beethoven's



CINDY YAMANAKA, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Short chipped nails might be the hallmark of a great pianist such as Van Nguyen, founder of VRMA.

"Moonlight Sonata."

Standing in the corner, Randy Cummiford, 55, said the first time he heard her play, "I was blown away. My heart stopped beating."

Cummiford, who mar-

ried Nguyen in 2001, helps manage the academy's business affairs.

"The students become like our family," he said. "We love them like they're our children."

Nguyen said she combines the demanding methods of her former schooling with the American culture of positive reinforcements - designing individual programs based on how each student learns best.

She organizes multiple performances for the students so they get used to being in front of people.

And she teaches musical theory, which gives kids an academic foundation in understanding the classics.

"Money pays the bills, but I teach for the kids," Nguyen said. "My goal is to reach a higher level of music appreciation for our society."

CONTACT THE WRITER:
714-704-3707 or
chaire@ocregister.com



Internet ghost stories of Ware-Stanley

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House deflated

Dear readers: It has come to Brainiac's attention this past week that some of the things you read on the Internet may not be true.

Who knew?!

You may recall that last week we spun a tale that loped like a shaggy dog from our childhood close encounter with the Kentucky werewolves of the woods to the "fact" - because, remember, it was on the Internet - that the Stanley Ranch Museum in Garden Grove is home to a well-known haunted mansion.

According to the fine folks behind Hauntedplaces.org, a former live-in character had on different occasions observed spooks and portraits that bled or smiled, and even woken one day to an apparition who offered the sound advice of "Don't take any bull (pucky)!"

Seemed as legit as many other things we know to be true, such as pro wrestling, Santa Claus and the ability of Congress to govern in the best interests of the people. So imagine our surprise upon receiving an email from **Terry Thomas**, president of the Garden Grove Historical Society, who informed us that our information was bull (pucky),



CHRISTINE COTTER, FILE PHOTO

The Ware-Stanley House, which sits along Euclid Street in Garden Grove, is not haunted says Terry Thomas, president of the Garden Grove Historical Society. Built in 1891, it now is part of the two-acre Stanley Ranch and Historical Museum property.

though he said so in much gentler terms.

"The whole article is without any basis of reality," Thomas wrote. "The volunteers at the museum, some of us for more than 40 years, have never encountered any strange or unusual things on the property or in the many buildings that we have here.

"The quotes of the caretaker you mentioned in the article are completely with-

out fact. That person has now passed away but for sure did not make any such comments."

And here's the nails in our spectral coffin: "What you find on the Internet should be checked and verified as there is much false information that people put there," Thomas continued. "We do not know or have heard of anyone from Hauntedplaces.org that has ever been here.

"Also the comments about the portraits smiling and bleeding are a joke. It is amazing what people will believe as fact that they find on the Internet without any checking or verification."

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Brainiac found these on the Internet, but nonetheless believes them to be true. You may have a party planned, you may be trick



STEVEN GEORGES, FILE PHOTO

Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Garden Grove will be hosting Elvis-themed Halloween activities.

or treating with the kiddies, but there are other things going on this weekend if you're looking for something fun for the season.

"Theatre of Blood," the 1973 **Vincent Price**-starring horror movie, gets a screening outdoors at the Festival Amphitheatre on Main Street in Garden Grove. Tickets are \$10. Call 714-928-3894 for all the info.

At the Azteca Restaurant and Lounge at 12911 Main St. in Garden Grove you've got a few nights to celebrate the holiday. On Friday, Count DracuElvis performs - remember, this is the **Elvis**-obsessed Mexican place - while on Saturday there'll be a ScaryOke contest with karaoke and

costumes on tap.

Most of all, though, be safe this weekend. Watch out for all the kids, whether they're yours or someone else's. Drive carefully. Walk carefully, too.

We'll leave you with this joke that Westminster City Councilwoman **Diana Lee Carey** shared on her Facebook page this week. Q: What disease do vampires fear the most? A: Tooth decay.

Wait, we just read about vampires on the Internet, so does that mean they're -
- stop it, Brainiac, just stop it.

Questions, comments, story ideas: Brainiac@ocregister.com or 714-796-7787

THE → THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER

CITY'S MOSAIC COLLECTION GROWS

Garden Grove has another public mosaic decorating its streets.

This time, Robin Marcario, the woman responsible for the multiple mosaics, had help from a new batch of Black Umbrella stu-

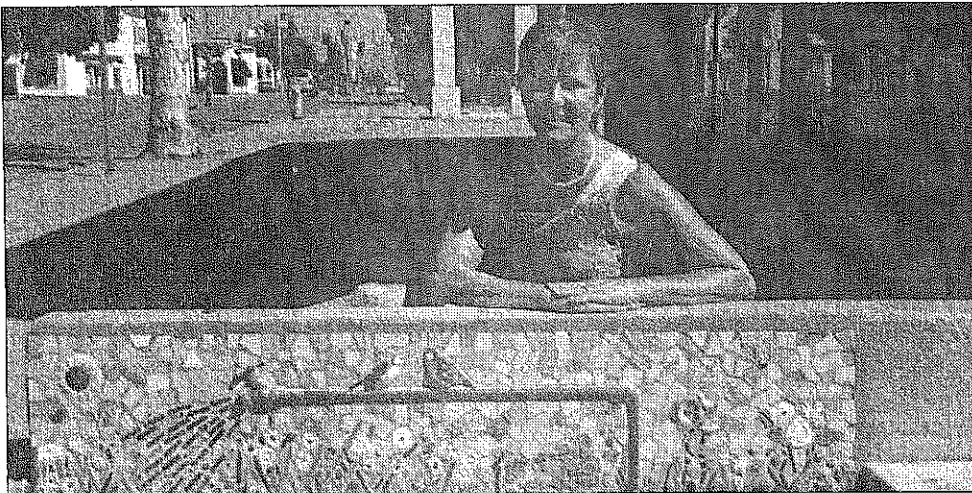
dents.

As part of the classes she teaches there, students get to help her with a public art piece.

The newest is on a wall near B&J Plumbing, 10912 Garden Grove Blvd. The

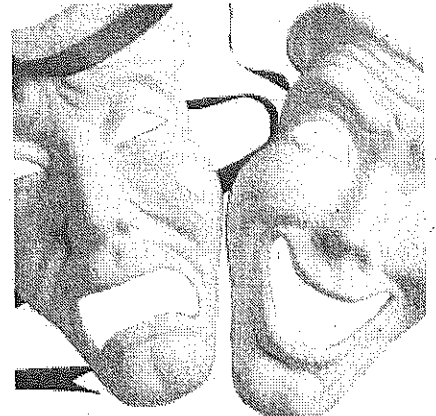
plumbing company also donated plumbing pieces for the mosaic.

The piece is meant to represent the business while also bringing a "permanent garden" to the site, Marcario said.



COURTESY OF ROBIN MARCARIO

Robin Marcario sits behind the new public mosaic she and her students created.



FILE PHOTO

THEATER CRITICS BEWARE!

If you are a theater critic, Friday evening's Outdoor Movie Under the Stars selection might make you a bit uncomfortable.

Just ahead of Halloween, Strawberry Productions is screening the 1973 horror film "Theatre of Blood," starring Vincent Price and Diana Rigg, at the Festival Amphitheater, 12762 Main St., Garden Grove

The critically acclaimed film is about Edward Lionheart (Price), who thinks he is the best Shakespearean actor in the world.

With the help of his daughter, Edwina (Rigg), he murders the film critics who denied him the Critic's Circle Award for best actor.

All the killings are based on Shakespearean murders.

The film begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Information: 714-928-3894 or thestrawberrybowl@gmail.com.

Got a problem? New way to let city know

Do you need Garden Grove employees to take care of a city issue, such as graffiti or potholes?

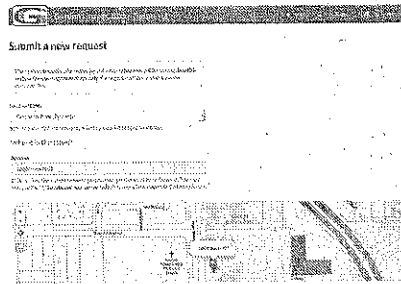
Garden Grove now has Citizen Requests, an online way to ask for city services, including letting officials know if there is an out-of-work traffic signal or water wasting going on.

Go to Citizen Requests under the On-Line Services tab on the city's website, select the service from a pull-down menu.

Use a map to pinpoint where service is needed and include a short description and photo and type in your contact information so the city can talk to you about its progress.

You can also download the Citizen Requests app for your smartphone. Information: 714-741-5225.

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COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
This is what Garden Grove's Citizen Requests page looks like.

More residents asking the city for records

Garden Grove has received an average of 66 public records requests a month over the last six months, according to the city's online public records database.

That is markedly higher than in April, the month the database - which also allows you to submit requests and read other people's requests - debuted.

That month the city had 18 requests.

The Fire Department is the subject of the most requests, at 27.9 percent; the fewest is Information Technology, at 2 percent.

The public is allowed to ask for a number of city documents under the California Public Records Act, with a few exceptions, including personnel files and closed City Council sessions.

Festival accepting grant requests until Jan. 15

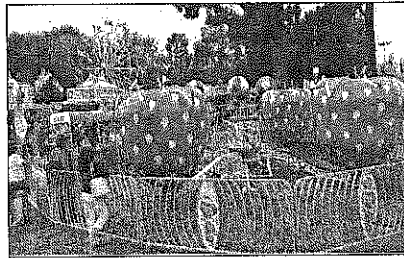
By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

The Strawberry Festival raised \$90,000 in May, which organizers will give to nonprofit groups.

That is \$10,000 less than the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association had to give away after last year's event. That money went to 10 nonprofits and four city groups.

The association recently announced it will accept applications for grants until Jan. 15. The group typically gives higher priority to Garden Grove nonprofits.

"Each year it is our goal to give back to the community by donating to nonprofit organizations that provide services for children, seniors, youth, community and the arts,"



CINDY YAMANAKA, FILE PHOTO

The 2015 Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove raised \$90,000 that will be given to nonprofits.

Steve Sanders, donations committee chairman, said in a statement.

Since the festival began in 1958, the association has given more than \$7 million to various organizations. The 2016 festival will be May 27-30.

Grant requests

Deadline: Postmarked by Jan. 15
Mail to: Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, P.O. Box 2287, Garden Grove, 92842; attention: Donations Committee

Requirements: Put a majority of time and finances toward the betterment of the community; have sound track record of fiscal responsibility or, for new groups, plans to achieve financial soundness; demonstrate stability and consistency in attaining goals and fulfilling its purpose; demonstrate a specific need; and provide services regardless of race, creed, gender or age.

More info:
strawberryfestival.org

Eastgate Park adds exercise-gear muscle

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

West Garden Grove residents have another place to exercise without having to pay for a gym membership.

Eastgate Park is the city's fourth outdoor spot to boast exercise equipment. Workers recently spent a week-and-a-half installing an eight-person workout station that uses levers and pulleys. The city paid for the equipment with a \$52,000 grant.

The equipment is a low-

cost way for residents to stay healthy, said John Montanhez, Garden Grove's recreation manager.

"A lot of parks that are being newly developed or renovated are getting exercise equipment," he said, citing Lake Forest's and Tustin's new sports parks. "The longevity is good, they are inexpensive (for city's to install) and allow a lot of exercise for people who cannot afford gym memberships."

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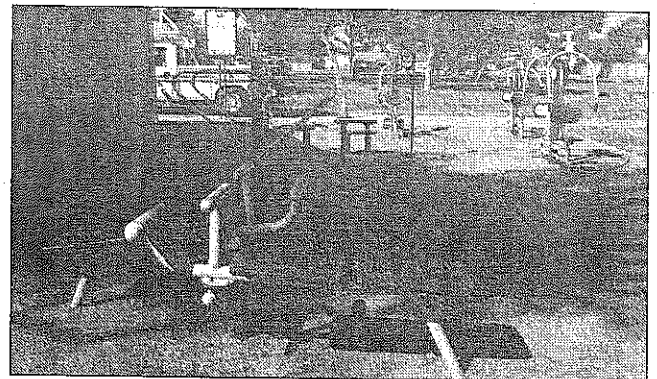
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With the equipment at Eastgate, 12001 St. Mark St., exercisers can, among other things, do plyometrics – or jump training, during which you quickly leap up and down from a platform – parallel dips and lat pull downs. The setup is similar to the equipment installed at Magnolia, Civic Center and Jardin De Los

Ninos parks.

The stations employ a lever-and-pulley system to create resistance using a person's body mass. This makes it safer than other types of equipment, such as free weights, because people can't work out with more weight than they can handle.

"It's low-impact," Montanhez said. "So people won't be intimidated the way they would be at the gym. It's pretty popular among seniors."



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Eastgate Park is the city's fourth park to boast outdoor exercise equipment. There are eight workout stations.

Garden Grove couple whose son died in 2010 fall settle with Staples Center

Register
Oct. 28, 2015

By **BILL HETHERMAN**
CITY NEWS SERVICE

LOS ANGELES • A Garden Grove couple and the owners/operators of Staples Center on Tuesday settled in midtrial a lawsuit alleging that the negligent design of a food and beverage shelf and a tempered-glass barrier contributed to the death of their son, who fell out of a luxury suite to his death in 2010.

The terms of the settlement between Henry Tang and Hoia Mi Nguyen, and L.A. Arena Co. and L.A. Arena Funding, were not divulged. The nearly 3-year-old boy, Lucas Tang, died after a game between the Lakers and the Golden State Warriors on Nov. 21, 2010.

"We're very happy that it's been resolved," said the couple's attorney, Scott Wellman.

Wellman said the terms of the settlement were confidential. He previously said that after the lawsuit was filed, the suites were redesigned without the food and beverage shelves.

Nguyen, 35, said outside the courtroom that she and Tang, 36, feel "relief and closure" with the settlement as well as with steps the arena took to make the suites safer after her son's death.

The boy fell 25 feet from a luxury suite while his mother was taking photos of him with her iPhone after she stood him atop the food and beverage shelf. The suite's glass guardrail was constructed 10 inches above the shelf in front of the lower-level suite seats, but was several inches higher at the bottom of a short stairwell that takes guests between the upper and lower seats. The boy fell over the part that was 10 inches high.

Former state Fire Marshal James McMullen testified Monday that Staples Center was required to meet state Building Code standards at minimum regardless of what is permitted by the city of Los Angeles. He said the glass guardrail should have been constructed 26 inches above the shelf rather than just 10 inches.

McMullen also said that despite being issued a certificate of occupancy by the city before Staples Center opened, there was no guarantee that every facet of the arena was in compliance with the Building Code.

Defense attorney Dana

Fox maintained that Nguyen was inattentive as her son, while standing on the shelf next to the higher

level of the glass at the stairwell, walked to where the level of the glass is lower and tumbled from the suite.

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3 burglary suspects arrested after police pursuit

Garden Grove officers chase vehicle along three freeways.

By **ALMA FAUSTO**
STAFF WRITER

Three people were arrested after police interrupted an apparent burglary of a home Thursday morning in Garden Grove.

Just after 11 a.m. officers responded to a burglary in progress in the 6700 block of Stanford Avenue, according to Capt. Ben Stauff-

er of the Garden Grove Police Department.

A dark-colored car was parked in front of the residence, and three people, who did not live there, were entering the home through the side yard.

When police officers arrived and were setting up the perimeter, the suspects managed to get out of the house drive off. Officers chased the car onto the 22 freeway, and Anaheim's police helicopter joined the pursuit.

The car went north on the 405 freeway from the 22 and transitioned to the 605

freeway, where it stopped off the Katella Avenue exit.

"One subject got out and fled on foot into the residential area and was taken into custody nearby," according to Stauffer.

The other two stayed in the car, where they were arrested.

The identities of the suspects and information about whether any property was stolen from the Garden Grove home was not immediately available.

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GG merchant helps neighbor city

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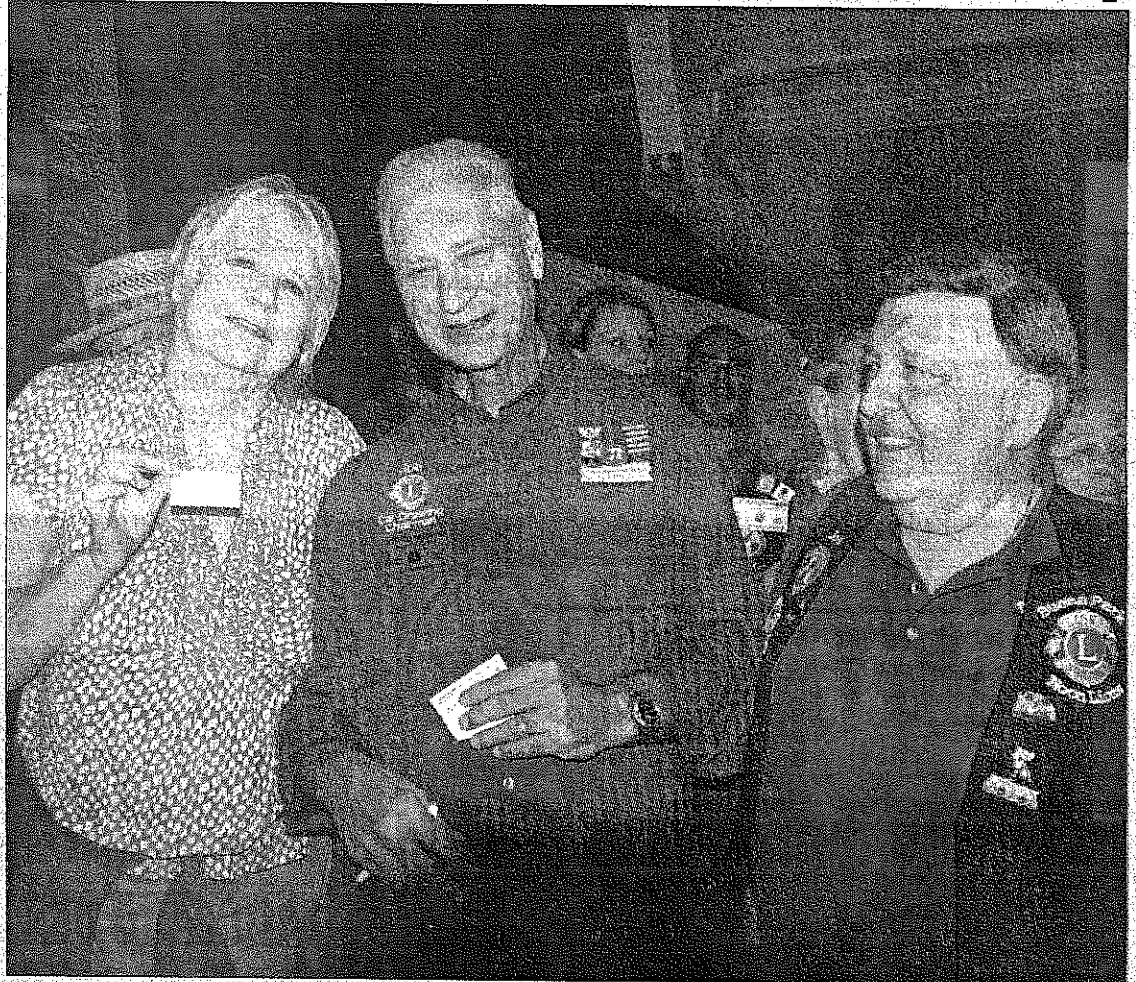


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Joe Dibs, right, owner of Sunshine Check Cashing in Garden Grove, donated a large TV for the Silverado Days event in Buena Park recently. This year the TV was won by Paula MacGill, left. At center is Joe Rodehaver, car drawing chairman of Silverado Days.

Teachers of the Year!

Three educators recently received congratulations from the Garden Grove City Council for being named the 2015 Teachers of the Year by the Garden Grove Unified School District.

Debbie Redenbaugh, a special education teacher at Peters K-3 Elementary School; Ellen Fields McLeod, who works with students with severe disabilities at Hilton D. Bell Intermediate School; and Luz Adrian Alba, an 11th-grade English teacher received the awards.

During the Community Spotlights portion of the meeting, words such as "dedicated," "compassionate," and "passionate" were used to describe the teachers.

The council also congratulated and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the school district.

A spooky time

The Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave., is hosting a Trick or Treat Parade at 4 p.m. today, Oct. 28 for families with children younger than 12.

The free Halloween event will have a spooky story time, crafts and a parade through the library to collect different goodies.

Kids and their parents should dress up in their most frightening frocks.

Call 714-530-0711.

Career opportunities

New sessions begin Nov. 9 for a broad range of adult ROP career and technical education classes hosted by Garden Grove Unified School District.

Registration is ongoing at Lincoln Education Center, 11262 Garden Grove Blvd., for such classes as automotive body paint and repair; smog check inspector training; AutoCAD and more.

Call Lincoln Education Center at 714-663-6497 or visit ropcte.ggusd.us for more information.

Fire-damaged eatery looks to reopen

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Photos by Loreen Berlin

The popular Kaye's Kitchen on Historic Main Street in Garden Grove was recently damaged by fire. Owner Jim Schierberl said the restaurant will reopen in six to eight weeks. Above, workers clear out the interior of the eatery. Schierberl said any materials damaged by fire, smoke or water will have to be thrown out. Below, patrons arrive at Kaye's for breakfast only to find out it's closed.



Strawberry Festival group seeks donations

Fundraising goal this year is \$90,000

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The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association is accepting requests for grants/donations from non-profit organizations that serve the citizens of Garden Grove.

Letters requesting funds must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 2016 to be considered for donations. A total of \$90,000 will be donated. All letters must be submitted on the non-profit organization's letterhead and include the non-profit identification number, amount of the request and the purpose for funding.

Donations are limited to capital improvements and capital equipment or durable goods. Funds are not given to organizations which award charitable cash grants. Other selection criteria considered include organizations which:

- Put majority of its time and finances toward the betterment of the community;
- Have sound track record of fiscal responsibility, or for new groups, plans to achieve financial soundness;
- Demonstrate stability and consistency in attaining goals and fulfilling its purpose;
- Demonstrate a specific need;
- Provide services regardless of race, creed, gender, or age;

For more festival information, visit www.strawberryfestival.org.

Requests must be mailed to the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, P.O. Box 2287, Garden

Grove, CA 92842; Attention: Donations Committee.

"Each year it is our goal to give back to the community by donating to non-profit organizations that provide services for children, seniors, youth, community and the arts," said Donations Committee Chairman Steve Sanders, "and we strive to do so in a fair and equitable manner to all eligible organizations."

He also noted that priority may be given to Garden Grove-based organizations.

Proceeds of \$100,000 were awarded last year. Recipients included Acacia Adult Day Care Services, Assistance League of Garden Grove, Boys & Girls Club of Garden

Grove, Channel 3, Company-Dance Unlimited, H.O.P.E., Kiwanisland, Summerfest Orange County, Host Lions Club and Thomas House, plus Garden

Grove's Atlantis Park, Community Meeting Center, Historical Society and Police Department.

The Strawberry Festival is an annual non-profit event produced by the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, a dedicated volunteer group which has raised more than \$7 million for various charities since its inception in 1958.

The festival, which will celebrate its 58th anniversary in 2016, is held annually on Memorial Day weekend. It will take place May 27 through May 30.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

* THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 12, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-052-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to construct and operate a new 60' 0" tall wireless telecommunications facility disguised as a pine tree (monopine) along with related ground-mounted equipment. (This is a reinstatement of a previously approved case, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-014-2014.) The site is at 11891 Valley View Street in the C-2 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on November 12, 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 Zoning Administrator 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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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

2004 Water Revenue Bonds Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$10,070,000
Net decrease (principal pay down)	(830,000)
2004 Water Revenue Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2015	\$9,240,000
2010 Water Revenue Bonds Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$14,625,000
Net decrease (principal pay down)	(600,000)
2010 Water Revenue Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2015	\$14,025,000
2006 Sewer Bonds Outstanding July 1, 2014	19,460,000
Net decrease (principal pay down)	(535,000)
2006 Sewer Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2015	\$18,925,000
2002 COP Outstanding July 1, 2014	\$17,830,000
Net decrease (principal pay down)	(620,000)
2002 COP Outstanding June 30, 2015	\$17,210,000
Total Bonded Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2015	\$59,400,000

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS

PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

	Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds	Total
Beginning Net Position, 07/01/14	\$149,468,875	\$75,697,445	\$225,166,320
Change in Accounting Principle-GASB 68	(17,796,969)	(3,147,894)	(20,944,863)
Net Position, beginning of year, as restated	131,671,906	72,549,551	204,221,457
Operating Revenue	75,966,010	50,967,640	126,933,650
Operating Expense	(64,015,736)	(52,342,237)	(116,357,973)
Operating Income (Loss)	11,950,274	(1,374,597)	10,575,677
Non-operating Revenue	722,223	757,447	1,479,670
Non-operating Expense	(1,923,818)	(9,716)	(1,933,534)
Total Non-operating Revenue (Expense)	(1,201,595)	747,731	(453,864)
Income (loss) before Contributions and Transfers	10,748,679	(626,866)	10,121,813
Transfer In	6,715	-	6,715
Transfer Out	-	(4,210,000)	(4,210,000)
Change in Net Position	10,755,394	(4,836,866)	5,918,528
Total Net Position, 06/30/15	\$142,427,300	\$67,712,685	\$210,139,985

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
SUMMARY OF REVENUES
BY MAJOR RESOURCE CATEGORIES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

	General Fund	Special Revenue & Capital Project Funds	Total
Taxes	\$78,498,312	\$3,324,873	\$81,823,185
Licenses and Permits	1,114,661	24,881	1,139,542
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,781,424	847,243	2,628,667
Investment Earnings	1,357,625	187,978	1,545,603
Charges for Services	5,644,004	3,884,538	9,528,542
From Other Agencies	988,938	14,313,403	15,302,341
Other	1,460,476	642,143	2,102,619
Total	\$90,845,440	\$23,225,059	\$114,070,499

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE
FIDUCIARY DEPOSIT TRUST FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
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Trust Funds Cash Balance at July 1, 2014	\$2,531,420
Add: Receipts	3,364,495
Deduct: Disbursements	(2,616,242)
Trust Funds Cash Balance at June 30, 2015	\$3,279,673

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC
City Clerk

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EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM
GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

	General Fund	Special Revenue & Capital Project Funds	Total
Fire	\$21,454,366	\$276,520	\$21,730,906
Police	48,077,743	2,710,897	50,788,640
Traffic Safety	1,144,666	1,976,490	3,121,156
Public Right of Way	5,136,723	8,797,639	13,934,362
Community Buildings	3,407,515	-	3,407,515
Community Services	2,964,734	1,839,800	4,804,534
Economic Development	127,374	1,816,985	1,944,359
Parks and Greenbelts	1,437,861	1,302,546	2,740,407
Community Planning and Development	4,978,028	2,382,896	7,360,924
Municipal Support	7,417,768	182,438	7,600,206
Debt Service	1,962,556	1,173,991	3,136,547
Total	\$98,109,354	\$22,460,202	\$120,569,556

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(UNAUDITED)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	GENERAL FUND	HOME Grant	Public Safety	State Gas Tax	Golf Course	Self Supporting	Developer Fees	Garden Grove Cable	Street Lighting
Fund balances 07/01/14, as restated	\$32,848,471	\$436,836	\$2,618,431	\$2,802,566	\$447,014	\$-	\$7,168,265	\$-	\$20,919
Add:									
Revenues	90,845,440	1,020,681	1,199,271	4,948,846	434,993	784,795	602,922	127,089	1,350,754
Other Financing Sources	7,597,010	-	-	-	-	164,209	-	-	-
Total Additions	98,442,450	1,020,681	1,199,271	4,948,846	434,993	949,004	602,922	127,089	1,350,754
Deduct:									
Expenditures	98,109,354	1,238,423	2,130,478	4,239,938	51,701	949,004	658,276	116,880	1,371,673
Other Financing Uses	170,924	-	-	-	600,000	-	2,000,000	-	-
Total Deduction	98,280,278	1,238,423	2,130,478	4,239,938	651,701	949,004	2,658,276	116,880	1,371,673
Fund balances 06/30/15	\$33,008,643	\$225,094	\$1,687,224	\$3,511,474	\$230,306	\$-	\$5,112,911	\$10,209	\$-
Nonspendable	\$13,374,978	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Restricted	-	225,094	1,687,224	2,802,566	230,306	-	5,112,763	-	1,674
Assigned	3,303,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	16,330,205	-	-	708,908	-	-	148	-	6,535
Fund Balance 06/30/15	\$33,008,643	\$225,094	\$1,687,224	\$3,511,474	\$230,306	\$-	\$5,112,911	\$-	\$10,209

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (continued)

	Park Maintenance	Main Street	Air Quality Improvement	GG Tourism Improvement District	Other Grants and Contributions	Street Rehab	Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset	Housing Authority Asset	Total
Fund balances 07/01/14, as restated	\$155	\$179,513	\$193,311	\$2,294	\$900,152	\$(550,541)	\$5,106,112	\$59,884	\$52,231,382
Add:									
Revenues	706,879	28,058	277,100	2,602,850	4,946,311	3,972,784	127,075	88,651	114,070,499
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,761,219
Total Additions	706,879	28,058	277,100	2,602,850	4,946,311	3,972,784	127,075	88,651	121,831,718
Deduct:									
Expenditures	700,000	14,150	148,101	1,816,985	6,179,861	2,675,334	73,992	95,406	120,569,566
Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	787,009	-	-	-	-	3,557,933
Total Deduction	700,000	14,150	148,101	2,603,994	6,179,861	2,675,334	73,992	95,406	124,127,489
Fund balances 06/30/15	\$7,034	\$193,421	\$322,310	\$1,150	\$(333,398)	\$746,909	\$5,159,195	\$53,129	\$49,935,611
Nonspendable	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$13,374,978
Restricted	155	179,513	193,312	1,150	-	740,734	5,106,112	53,129	16,333,732
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,303,460
Unassigned	6,879	13,908	128,998	-	(333,398)	6,175	53,083	-	16,923,441
Fund Balance 06/30/15	\$7,034	\$193,421	\$322,310	\$1,150	\$(333,398)	\$746,909	\$5,159,195	\$53,129	\$49,935,611

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Community Calendar

Ongoing

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

Grief support

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia.

All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. Ready, young Rembrandts? Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn

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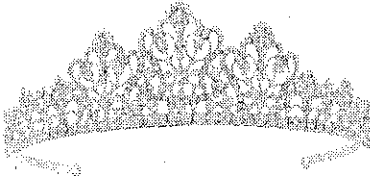
Social gathering: The Auld Lang Syne Club of Garden Grove, the city's oldest social club, is holding its quarterly meeting at 11 a.m. today at the Waterfront Cafe, 12902 Brookhurst St. It welcomes newcomers. Information: 714-974-2017.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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Records requests: Garden Grove has received an average of 65.8 public-record requests a month over the last six months, according to the city's online public-records database. As of Monday morning, there have been 62 requests in October.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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Miss Garden Grove: The Miss Garden Grove 2016 competition is at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the M3 Live Anaheim Event Center, 2232 S. Harbor Blvd. There are 10 Miss Garden Grove and seven Outstanding Teen contestants. Tickets are \$20 at the door. The event center charges \$5 for parking.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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GARDEN GROVE

Woman of the Year: Gabriela Mafi, below, the superintendent for the Garden Grove Unified School District, is the 2015 Orange County Hispanic Woman of the Year for Education. The Santa Ana chapter of the League of Unified Latin American Citizens recently handed out the award as well as others.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707



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Records stats: Since April, 27.9 percent of all public records requests have been directed toward the Fire Department, which is the largest number, according to the city's online database. Second is Community Development, with 21.5 percent of requests. The department with the least number of requests is Information Technology, with 2 percent.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Red lights: The City Council voted 3-1 Tuesday to keep its red-light camera program. The city had been looking into the effectiveness of the program. It pays Redflex Traffic Systems Inc. \$2,900 a month for each of 14 cameras. The council discussed the program in August, but wasn't satisfied with the staff report and asked for more information.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Garden Grove mayor seeks bigger, bolder stage

Bao Nguyen enters Congressional race, and nobody is surprised

By Tony Cheong

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen has finally made official what we all knew was coming: the 35 year old, who has served as mayor for about a year, is running for the Congressional seat for the 46th District.

The seat is open because long-time incumbent Loretta Sanchez is running for U.S. Senate.

Politicians.

They've always got their eyes on a higher prize.

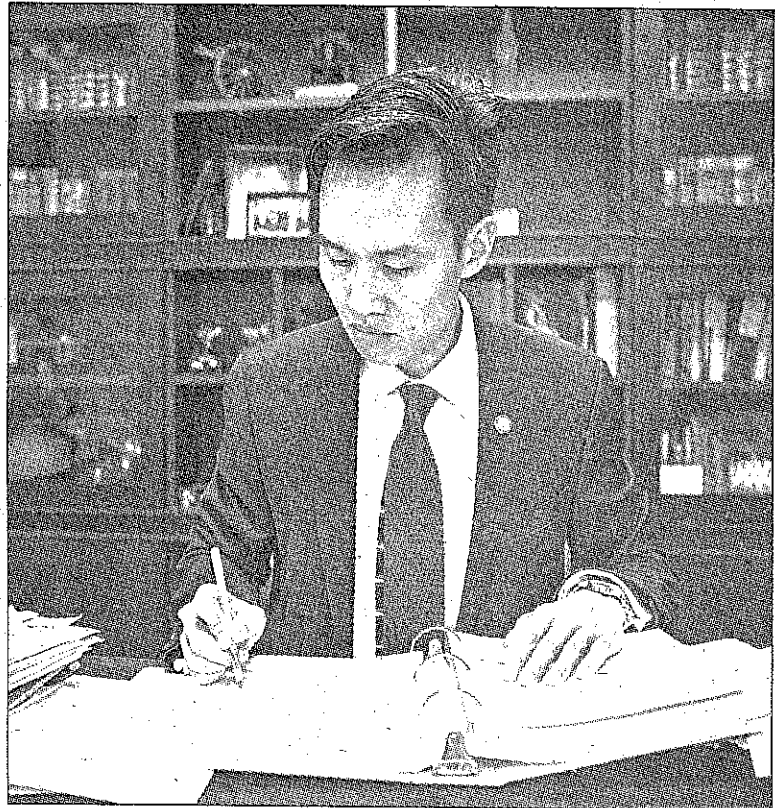
On the positive side, imagine if they both — gasp! — win. We'd have Garden Grovers not just in Congress but in the Senate. And Garden Grove native Bree Morse is Miss California! And the Garden Grove High football team has won two CIF titles in the past four years.

And, who knows? We might be able to finally say, "Steve who?" That would be Garden Grove's most famous son, comedian and actor Steve Martin who, by the by, wants nothing to do with Garden Grove now that he's rich and famous.

If the effervescent Sanchez wins, she'll join 114-year-old Dianne Feinstein as one of two U.S. Senators representing one of the largest and most impactful states in the union (I was kidding; Feinstein isn't 114 years old, it just seems she's been fossilized in that position since the early 1900s).

If Nguyen wins, he would become one of the youngest members of Congress and — maybe, just maybe — go on to even bigger things.

At any rate, Nguyen's announce-



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen is running for Congress.

ment prompts some intriguing scenarios, not least of which is: Who will replace him if he's elected to represent the 46th District, which also covers Anaheim, Santa Ana and Orange?

How about Bree Morse? I mean, you can only hold the Miss California title for so long, but in our system, you can make a career out of politics. Besides, she's gorgeous, smart and talented. Just a thought...

Speaking of thoughts, a couple of devotees had some after reading my last column, in which I listed my five scariest movies to rent during Halloween season.

Bill F. was astonished that I did not include "Poltergeist."

"There's so much going on at once," he said. "You're being attacked from all directions, and you don't even understand who the enemy is."

Lucy S. nominated the little-known "When a Stranger Calls," which she had seen in high school.

She was on a first date and chewed her fingernails until they ached, she said.

Both good calls. "Poltergeist" was too supernatural, too far-fetched, to coax me into true terror, but it was super entertaining, I must say. "When a Stranger Calls" moved slowly but I'll never forget the words the police said to the babysitter: "He's calling from inside the house!"

Chilling.

Even a cell phone wouldn't have done much good, which prompts a thought: When are they going to create a smartphone that zaps bad guys?

Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Email her at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

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Learn about Alzheimer's

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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.

Dance Center hosts social

Time for Tet

The City of Garden Grove seeks proposals from non-profit organizations to serve as producer of the 2016 Tet Festival in Garden Grove.

The Tet Festival is one of the largest community celebrations in Garden Grove that attracts thousands of visitors over the Lunar New Year weekend. The deadline for submission is by 5 p.m. on Oct. 29.

Currently, there is no contract with any organization for the operation of the 2016 Tet Festival.

Proposals will be reviewed and presented to the Garden Grove City Council for approval at a later date.

Interested non-profits should contact Janet Pelayo, community services manager, at 714-741-5215, or by email at janetp@ci.garden-grove.ca.us to obtain more information.

Submissions should be sent to Kim Huy, community services director, at kihuy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Career opportunities

New sessions begin Nov. 9 for a broad range of adult ROP career and technical education classes hosted by Garden Grove Unified School District.

Registration begins Oct. 28 at Lincoln Education Center, 11262 Garden Grove Blvd., for such classes as automotive body, paint, and repair; smog check inspector training; AutoCAD; SolidWorks; digital graphic design; QuickBooks accounting; and custom sewing.

Call Lincoln Education Center at 714-663-6497 or visit rop.cle.ggusd.us for more information.

Chase ends with arrest

A Garden Grove motor officer was monitoring traffic on Knott Street last week.

The officer noticed a Silver Mercedes southbound Knott at a high rate speed. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle but the suspect refused and fled at a high rate of speed and entered the westbound 22 Freeway.

The pursuit continued on the northbound 405 Freeway, then exited onto northbound Seal Beach Boulevard. The suspect collided into the raised concrete divider at the intersection of Lampson Avenue, disabling the vehicle.

Both occupants fled the vehicle and were later apprehended.

The driver was arrested on several felony charges, including felony evading and narcotics violations.

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1180

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 Eighty-Five (85) New and Unused Ergonomic Comfort Design Task Chairs per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: October 14, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1182

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 2016 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited RHD (Right Hand Drive). 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, November 16, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact:

Mary-Joy Coburn (714) 971-2421
mjacoburn@ocvcd.org
Public Affairs Coordinator
Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Maria Stipe (714) 741-5106
Deputy City Manager
City of Garden Grove

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

OCMVCD: INVASIVE MOSQUITOES FOUND IN GARDEN GROVE

Today, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) informed City officials that invasive mosquitoes have been found in Garden Grove. The species (*Aedes aegypti*) is a small, black, mosquito with white stripes, capable of transmitting West Nile virus as well as other diseases. A public health advisory warning of the existence of the invasive mosquitoes, including facts about the species, is being distributed to local residents.

The discovery occurred as a result of a service request to the OCMVCD that Garden Grove residents had experienced bites to their legs from aggressive mosquitoes. A thorough investigation by the OCMVCD was conducted, and the presence of the invasive mosquito was confirmed.

OCMVCD personnel have been deployed to areas of the city to conduct neighborhood inspections of properties for mosquito breeding and standing water in the surrounding area. OCMVCD staff are also informing nearby residents of the discovery of the invasive species and asking them to report additional sightings and mosquito bites.

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OCMVCD: Invasive Mosquitoes Found In Garden Grove
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According to the OCMVCD, to date, four human infections of the West Nile virus have been reported in Garden Grove. Anaheim, with seven cases, has the most number of West Nile infections reported in Orange County.

More information regarding West Nile virus can be found at the OCMVCD website at <http://www.ocvcd.org/WNVThreatGauge.php> and through the OC Health Care Agency's website: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/epi/disease/wn>.

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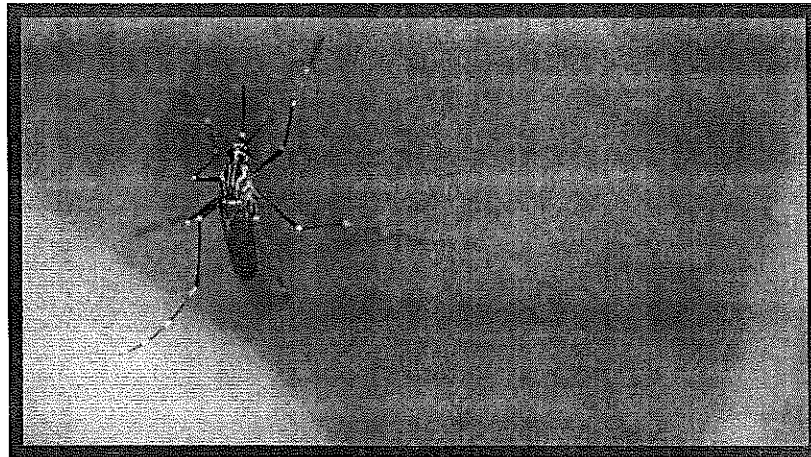
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

Invasive mosquitoes have been collected near this area.

Actual size




1/4 Inch



CALL (714) 971-2421 TO REPORT THESE SMALL BLACK AND WHITE MOSQUITOES

Facts about Invasive Mosquitoes (Invasive Aedes):

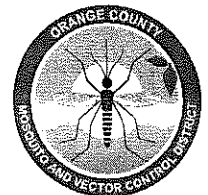
- Small, black mosquito with white stripes
- Bites people and animals during the day
- Thrives indoors and outdoors
- Can transmit dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and West Nile virus
- Can transmit dog heartworm
- Lays eggs in small artificial containers (potted plants, bird baths, cans, discarded tires)
- Lays eggs in natural containers that hold water (tree holes, bromeliads, lucky bamboo)
- Eggs can survive out of water for periods of a year or more
- You can help by eliminating containers that can collect water in your yard

Help us stop the spread of Invasive mosquitoes in Orange County!

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

13001 Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92843

714.971.2421 • ocvcd.org





CONTACT:
Sgt. John Reynolds (714) 741-5814
Youth Services Unit, Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

MEDIA ALERT

**BUILDING TO BE RENAMED FOR FORMER
GARDEN GROVE POLICE SERGEANT**

On Thursday, October 29, 2015, the Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) will pay posthumous tribute to Sergeant Bruce Beauchamp for his 30 years of dedicated service to the community. Beauchamp's tireless efforts assisting the youth of Garden Grove will be memorialized with the official renaming of the GGPD's Juvenile Justice Center and an unveiling of a bronze plaque in honor of his legacy of service to the community. The dedication will be held at the Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, at 11:00 a.m.

Beauchamp dedicated his life, first as a police officer, then in retirement to serving the community. He was an advocate for improving services to Garden Grove's youth population and his decade's long volunteer involvement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove contributed to their recognition as a model organization.

The Juvenile Justice Center is a collaborative program between the City and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, which opened in 1998 to provide services to at-risk youth and their families. More than 90% of youths serviced at the center experience successful outcomes.

Building to be Renamed for Former Garden Grove Police Sergeant
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Beauchamp's volunteerism benefitted to a variety of local service clubs including: Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove; Lions Club of Garden Grove; the Garden Grove Historical Society; and the Elks Lodge #1952.

Among his accolades, in 1985, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce named Beauchamp "Man of the Year" in honor of his active support within the community and his mannerism that inspired affection, respect, and admiration.

Following his retirement, after 30 years with the GGPd, Beauchamp remained closely connected to the department. In 2009, he was selected to wear the Police Department's original uniform for the "Call to Duty" annual Police Memorial for the Fallen Five, where he revealed the first public viewing of the 22 Freeway sign, "Garden Grove Police Officers Memorial Highway." Beauchamp was the only Garden Grove officer to have personally known and worked with each of the Fallen Five.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Tom Schultz
Fire Chief

Captain Thanh Nguyen, PIO
(714) 741-5628
thanhn@garden-grove.org

October 27, 2015

Garden Grove Fire Department Chaplain Program

The Garden Grove Fire Department responds to over 12,000 calls for assistance each year. Of the thousands of calls, many leave family and friends in the wake of devastation and uncertainty when they lose a family member or everything they owned. Unfortunately, many of the incidents take a toll on members of the community and first responders. Because of this, the Fire Department has recognized the need to take care of the mental well-being of everybody involved as equally important as the day-to-day service it provides. This has prompted the introduction of the Chaplain Program in the Fire Department.

The Chaplain Program was started with the intent to provide a means of counseling and spiritual help in difficult times and whenever needed. Pastor Fernando Villicana is the Department's new chaplain, and he provides his voluntary service on a 24/7 basis. His experience is unique and brings on a much-needed service to the community. Villicana's background involves 17 years of firefighter experience with the Los Angeles Fire Department, 25 years as a pastor and extensive training in counseling. He is currently the lead pastor of Firehouse Church in Brea.

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Chaplain Program

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“Fernando has provided his service to countless families during times of crisis, and we’re fortunate to have him in our organization,” said fire chief, Tom Schultz.

When asked how he sees his role with the Fire Department, he says he’s here to support in any capacity. According to Villicana, “I’m here to listen more than to talk, this helps in the healing process.” His and the Fire Department’s goal of the program is to provide support through counseling and spiritual help to anyone needing it. Since the program’s recent inception, he has already been called out for multiple incidents where grief-stricken family members have found comfort in his support. Anyone with questions regarding the Chaplain Program can contact the Fire Department at (714) 741-5600 during normal business hours.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Mark Ladney (714) 741-5382
Public Works Department

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

CITY HALL CLOSED ON VETERANS DAY

In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. No street sweeping services will be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. Trash pick-up is still scheduled for that day.

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

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Lori Ochoa (714) 741-5253
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Friday, October 23, 2015

**FREE FLU SHOTS, HEALTH SCREENINGS
AT H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER**

Staying healthy during flu season is getting easier at Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center. Free flu shots along with free health screenings and health care information are being offered on Thursday, November 5, at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center - Activity Room 1, 2, and 3, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is required to receive a flu shot. Flu vaccines will be provided based on availability.

For more information and to register, call (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253
Coordinator, H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Friday, October 23, 2015

FREE HALLOWSCREAM PARTY AT H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER

Garden Grove seniors are invited to attend a free special Halloween themed event on Wednesday, October 28. The event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes in the categories of scariest, most original, and best overall. Live entertainment will be provided by the "Scare" enaders.

For more information call (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: John Montanez (714) 741-5214
Community Services Department

Thursday, October 22, 2015

NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT EASTGATE PARK

On Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council will officiate a ribbon cutting for the newly-installed fitness equipment at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street.

The outdoor gym equipment employs the body's mass for resistance regardless of the user's fitness level. The fitness equipment is made up of various equipment such as combo bars, plyometric, also known as "jump training," in which muscles exert maximum force in short intervals of time, parallel dip station, and lat pull-down.

Funding for the \$52,000 cost of the fitness equipment was provided by the Orange County Partnerships to Improve Community Health with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 29, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Planning Commission agenda for the November 5, 2015 meeting.
3. Minutes from the October 23, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated October 23, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 29, 2015 – November 11, 2015

Thursday	October 29	11:00 a.m.	Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center Dedication, 11301 Acacia Parkway In front of Center, RSVP X5901
		11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Annual Coaches Halloween Lunch, Chili Cook-Off, Food Drive, Theme: Comic Con Garden Grove Courtyard Center
Thursday- Sunday	October 29- November 1		One More Productions presents "Little Shop of Horrors", Gem Theater
Friday	October 30		City Hall Closed
		8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents Cinema Under the Stars, "Theatre of Blood" Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	November 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Thursday	November 5	1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Free Flu Shots, H. Louis Lake Senior Center Registration Required: X5253
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Saturday	November 7	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Services Center
		7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	57 th Annual Miss Garden Grove Pageant and 13 th Annual Miss Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen Pageant, M3 Live, 2232 S. Harbor
		8:00 p.m.	Great Reunions Concert Series presents "Queen Nation" (Queen Tribute) Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session/Study Session, Courtyard Center Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	November 11		City Hall Closed



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

COURTYARD CENTER
12732 MAIN STREET

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 P.M. COURTYARD CENTER

ROLL CALL: CHAIR O'NEILL, VICE CHAIR KANZLER
COMMISSIONERS MAI, MARGOLIN, PAK, PAREDES, ZAMORA

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 Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. 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 all or a majority of the Planning Commissioners 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 Courtyard Center 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 Planning Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 1, 2015
- C. STUDY SESSION
 - C.1. REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA (CAL POLY) 606 MOBILITY STUDY
- D. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
 - D.1. MINOR MODIFICATION SITE PLAN NO. SP-230-99
MINOR MODIFICATION CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.
CUP-442-99

APPLICANT: AQUAZOOM CAR WASHES, INC.

LOCATION: EAST SIDE OF BEACH BOULEVARD, SOUTH OF
GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AT 8034 GARDEN
GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: Minor Modification approval to Site Plan No.
SP-230-99 and Conditional Use Permit No.
CUP-442-99 to allow the installation of a 2,180
square foot fabric canopy on a new vacuum system
and teller pay area for an existing automatic car
wash. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA
Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of
Small Structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Minor Modifications to
SP-230-99 and CUP-442-99, subject to the recommended
conditions of approval.

- E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- F. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- G. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Pak
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Mai, Pak, Zamora

Commissioner Mai joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and Commissioner Zamora joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice Chair Kanzler.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (4) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (3) Mai, Pak, Zamora

STUDY SESSION – REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):
Ricia Hager, Esq., from the City's Attorney's office, presented an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff then discussed and received input on the subject.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin asked for staff to update the Commission on projects that had come before them, specifically, the new fast food tenants at the Promenade Shopping Center, the Inge Realty sign, the East Seafood Buffet, and the large sign for Next Level Sports center. Staff responded that regarding the East Seafood Buffet, Del Taco appealed the Planning Commission's Decision to the City Council; that the three-to-four Promenade Shopping Center

tenants were in plan check; that there was no movement on the Inge Realty sign; and that Next Level Sports center was reconsidering their sign due to cost requirements and may do something different.

Chair O'Neill asked staff to explain the Harbor Boulevard monument sign process. Staff responded that all of the signs could not be done at the same time and that two years was the original timeline to begin; that if a business wanted a sign, they would receive the criteria and go ahead, and if the City provided the sign, the City would set aside the funds. Staff added that the Hyatt Hotel sign was complete and the Great Wolf sign was in progress.

Commissioner Mai asked for an update on the Brookhurst Triangle. Staff stated that the developer's financing was in order, the loan documents would be signed shortly, the construction documents were in Building Services waiting to be issued, and that once the development fees were paid, permits would be issued. Construction could start with the ground breaking in three to four weeks. Staff added that issues with the boundaries on the tract map had been satisfied for the map to be recorded. After the site preparation is finished, the first phase of the project should be completed approximately 18 months after breaking ground. Staff also added that Kia would be relocated, as yet to an unknown location.

Staff also mentioned that Site "C" would break ground in three to four months and that recently, Great Wolf used the site for staging.

Commissioner Margolin asked for an update on the Galleria. Staff stated that a letter was sent from the City Attorney's office to all parties involved to obtain a timeline for the refined the conceptual plans, the three-party agreement between Hoag, Cathay, and the prospective developer, and the submittal of the revised entitlements for the new configuration. Then, if the timeline dates were not met, a 'Notice and Order' would be sent to have the structure demolished.

Commissioner Paredes mentioned that a resident said that Diane Street had no street lights, and that this was a public safety issue. Staff responded that there may be proximity restrictions for the lights and there may be enough coverage, however, the matter would be looked into.

Commissioner Paredes also mentioned that he had noticed more graffiti between Costco and Magnolia Street. Staff responded that a staff member that would be contacted regarding the issue.

Staff then addressed Commissioner Zamora's previous concern regarding the trees near McDonald's on Garden Grove Boulevard, responding that the City's arborist had scheduled the removal and replacement of a dying tree. Staff added that the trees on Main Street would be treated and were watered and maintained on a regular basis.

Commissioner Mai asked if the landlord in the Dalat retail center, where his dental office was located, could make the tenants pay for the fence between the landlord's property and the corner Property. Staff responded that the delineating fence was a

civil issue and that there has been no movement on the corner property.

Commissioner Zamora mentioned that the street sign names, on the south east corner of Stanford Avenue and Nelson Street, were faded and wanted to know if they could be replaced. Staff responded that Public Works staff member, Mark Ladney, would be contacted.

Chair O'Neill asked for the City's policy on banners, especially those that appear on chain link fences. Staff stated that the City allowed temporary signs for events with a valid permit for a certain number of days, however, Code Enforcement does try to monitor the non-permitted banners.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff announced that the next Planning Commission meeting, on Thursday, October 15, 2015, would be cancelled and that the November 5th meeting would begin at 6:30 p.m. for a Study Session on the Cal Poly 606 Mobility Study, followed by one public hearing item.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:42 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Kanzler	Second:	Zamora
Ayes:	(7)	Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(0)	None	

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-048-2015

Applicant: Salinee Kamoljaratsopha
Location: 12910 Harbor Boulevard
Date: October 23, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 2,450 square foot restaurant, FASAI Thai Cuisine, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Salinee Kamoljaratsopha (applicant), Kara Wolff (Property Manager)

The Zoning Administrator stated that the Conditional Use Permit would be granted upon the completion of the repair work and that regular property maintenance must be done in accordance to the conditions of approval. In regard to the Alcoholic Beverage Control License, staff reviewed Condition Nos. 9, 10, 14, 16, 19 and 24. If the applicant decides to extend the hours of operation, she must first be a good operator, then come back for the request.

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1726-15.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-050-2015

Applicant: Thanh Ly
Location: 13135 Brookhurst Street
Date: October 23, 2015

Request: To operate an existing 2,200 square foot restaurant, Happy Days Restaurant, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the GGMU-1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Frederick Llano, Jr. and Sonia Llano (Property Owners). One letter of opposition was submitted by the owners.

With the applicant absent and with unresolved matters between the applicant and owner regarding the conditions of approval and maintenance issues, which also may cause the owners to withdraw their letter of authorization, the Zoning Administrator decided to continue the item off-calendar, and to re-notice the item when all parties were available. The Zoning Administrator also suggested that City staff may be able to facilitate a

Zoning Administrator Minutes

meeting of understanding prior to the public hearing, especially to resolve any health and safety issues.

Action: The item was moved off-calendar to a date uncertain until both parties come to an agreement. The item will require re-noticing.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-051-2015

Applicant: Keith Montoya
Location: 10680 Katella Avenue
Date: October 23, 2015

Request: To operate a new 1,000 square foot tattoo parlor, Black Ink Gallery, at 10680 Katella Avenue. The establishment will have two general areas: a retail sales area, barber area, and art gallery area located in the front; and, a tattoo station area located in the rear. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): None. One letter of opposition was submitted anonymously.

Action: With the applicant absent, the Zoning Administrator moved the item to the next regular Zoning Administrator Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2015. The item will not require re-noticing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

Initial Transportation Conference Committee Hearings Held *City and County Needs Spotlighted*

The first two hearings of the Conference Committee of the First Extraordinary Session (Transportation) were held on Friday, Oct. 16 in Sacramento and Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Ontario. *For more, see Page 2.*



2015 Legislative Briefing Webinar to be Held Nov. 17 *Register by Nov. 16*

Please join League lobbyists for the annual Legislative Briefing webinar, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



Informational Hearing on Homelessness in California Convened

The Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing on Oct. 22 convened an informational hearing Thursday in Los Angeles on California's growing homeless population. Sen. Jim Beall (D-San José) chaired the committee with Sen. Carol Liu (D-La Canada Flintridge), who is not a committee member, participating in the hearing. *For more, see Page 2.*

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California Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly kicked off the hearings by presenting the transportation funding framework proposed last month. The Legislative Analyst's Office also presented an overview of all the proposals presented thus far in the special session. The conferees then heard from a variety of stakeholder groups including the League, California Alliance for Jobs, Orange County Business Association.

Transportation needs of cities and counties received a significant chunk of time during the second hearing in Ontario. Ontario City Council Member Alan Wapner opened the hearing by welcoming the legislative panel to Ontario and talking about the status of transportation projects in the city and surrounding region. League President and city of Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Dennis Michael represented the League and led a panel of local government representatives that included County of Riverside Supervisor John Benoit, city of Hemet Mayor Linda Krupa, and city of Lakewood Public Works Director Lisa Rapp.

While each panelist focused on the needs in their community, the overall message was united. There is a great need for additional investment in transportation maintenance and preservation, and without immediate action the problem will continue to worsen. Recognizing that many legislators are focused on reforms and streamlining in addition to funding, Ms. Rapp focused her remarks on what city and county public works are doing already to use every dollar wisely.

Now that the hearings have wrapped up, conference committee members will resume negotiations among themselves. Cities should continue to contact their legislators to stress the importance of immediate action to provide additional funding.

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During this year's Legislative Briefing, League lobbyists will discuss developments from the first year of the 2015-16 Legislative Session. Participants will hear the latest on medical marijuana regulation, transportation, economic development, land use, water, employee relations bills, and several other important legislative developments affecting the state and local governments.

The registration cost for League members and partners is \$25. For non-members, the cost is \$125 per city. Register online by noon on Monday, Nov. 16. Two connections per city will be allowed.

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact Megan Dunn. For all other questions, please contact Meg Desmond.

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Thursday's hearing focused on a range of topics related to identifying proven solutions to address homelessness. Representatives from local, state and the federal government testified along with housing advocates and former homeless people. The hearing discussed the growing problem of homelessness in California especially with Los Angeles' infamous skid row highlighted. Committee members and other participants examined models to address chronic homelessness, as well as some possible solutions.

Given the tenor of the hearing, it appears that homelessness will be at the forefront when the Legislature convenes for the second half its 2015-16 Legislative Session. Sen. Beall and Sen. Liu will likely engage in legislative efforts to address the problem.