

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**March 26, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

**A. LETTER OF OPPOSITION**

A copy of the Mayor's letter of opposition to the Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution is attached for your review.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

None.

**III. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

None.

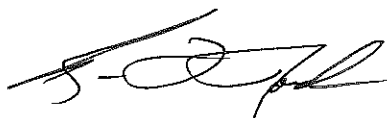
**• OTHER ITEMS**

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information\_

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



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City Manager



## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

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March 17, 2015

The Honorable Adrin Nazarian, Chair  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee on State Administration #4  
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Mayor

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Council Member

**RE: Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution (RN#15 08847)**  
**Notice of Opposition**

Dear Chairman Nazarian:

On behalf of the City of Garden Grove I regret to notify you of our opposition to the Governor's Budget Proposal Affecting Redevelopment Dissolution (RN#15 08847).

Collectively, the changes seek to reverse court decisions, change laws retroactively, undo previous incentives, and limit transparency, accountability and opportunities for local agencies to protect their legal rights; these provisions far overshadow other minor offerings. This proposal is so harmful to the interests of cities that we urge you to reject the entire proposal if they are not removed.

The Department of Finance had a full hand in drafting the laws the Courts are interpreting. If local governments are expected to comply with and respect these laws, then the state should as well and not seek to insert new retroactive provisions in an attempt to avoid Court rulings deemed unfavorable and stifle the ability of local agencies to protect their legal rights.

The City of Garden Grove respectfully urges your opposition to this proposal unless all provisions harmful to cities are removed.

Sincerely,

Bao Nguyen  
Mayor

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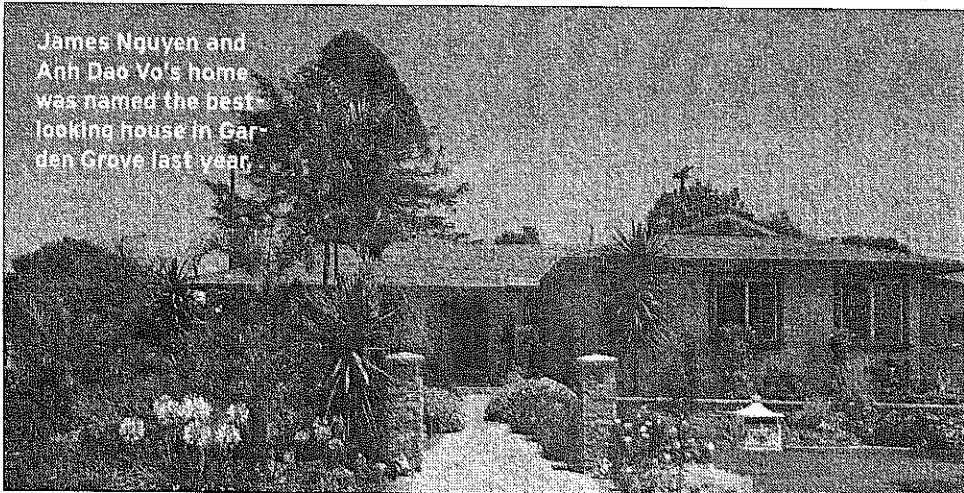
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→ THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER



COURTESY OF CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

## HOUSES THAT MAKE CITY PROUD WILL BE HONORED

Does your home have what it takes to be the pride of Garden Grove?

That's what the city's volunteer judges will determine from now until April 12 — as they peruse Garden Grove and select 23 houses from each of 17 zones in the city; each zone has about 3,000 houses.

The owners of the best-looking houses

will be honored during the 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards in June.

There will also be one Home of the Year award winner from each zone.

So start raking those leaves and straightening those potted plants.



FILE PHOTO

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at the Spring Celebration.

## Celebrating the spring season

Hop your way to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center for its annual Spring Celebration, 10-11:45 a.m. April 1.

There will be refreshments, a performance by the Serenaders and a special visit by the Easter Bunny.

The event is free and open to all seniors. The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is at 11300 Stanford Ave.

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## Run or walk to lend a hand to homeless families

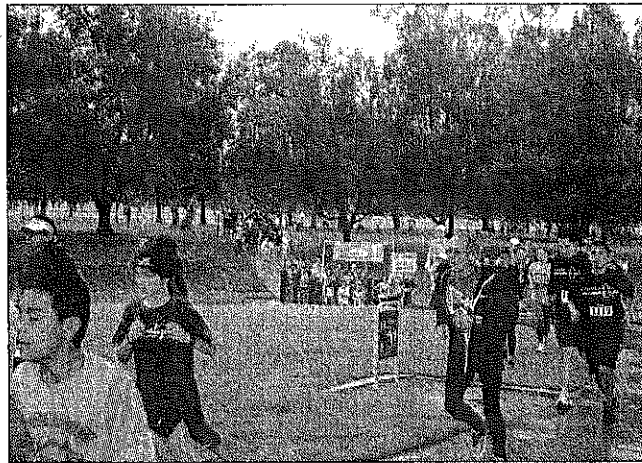
BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

Dust off your sneakers and remember to stretch your quads - the 12th annual Run 4 Homeless Children race, benefiting the Garden Grove nonprofit Thomas House Family Shelter, is Saturday morning at Mile Square Park.

The event - which began as a simple walk-a-thon but over the past three years has added USA Track & Field-certified 10-kilometer, 5-kilometer and 2-kilometer races - is expected to draw more than 1,000 people to the Fountain Valley park.

In 2014, the race raised \$48,000 for Thomas House, which helps parents get jobs and homeless families get off the streets within six to nine months. Thomas House was founded in 1987 and since has helped more than 1,000 families escape homelessness.

"It's an exciting race,"



COURTESY OF THOMAS HOUSE

**Runners take part in the 2014 Run for Homeless Children to benefit the Garden Grove nonprofit Thomas House.**

said Thomas Strand, who has organized the race since 2013 and had the idea to add a 2K option in 2014. "And it's for a good cause."

The participants will travel throughout Mile Square Park and will cross six bridges. The bridges signify the six hurdles facing homeless families: receiving a helping hand, having hope, learning life

skills, getting into homes, having a safe and supportive environment and becoming self-sufficient.

Runners also will run through a tunnel symbolizing Thomas House as the light at the end of the tunnel.

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### Walk-a-thon information

The different races begin near the Forest Shelter on the Euclid Street side of Mile Square Park. You can still register online beforehand or from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at Roadrunner Sports, 1835 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa, Suite A101. You also can register on the day of the race. If you would like to help but can't attend the race, visit [run4homelesschildren.com](http://run4homelesschildren.com).

### If you go

**When:** 8 a.m. Saturday  
**Where:** 16801 Euclid St.  
**Cost:** \$38 for the 10-kilometer race, \$35 for 5-kilometer race and \$28 for the 2-kilometer and the walk-a-thon  
**More info:** John Strand at 714-308-3830

# Last stretch of Garden Grove Blvd.

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*stirs memories*

The end is nigh, and for Brainiac's loafers it feels like the time is right.

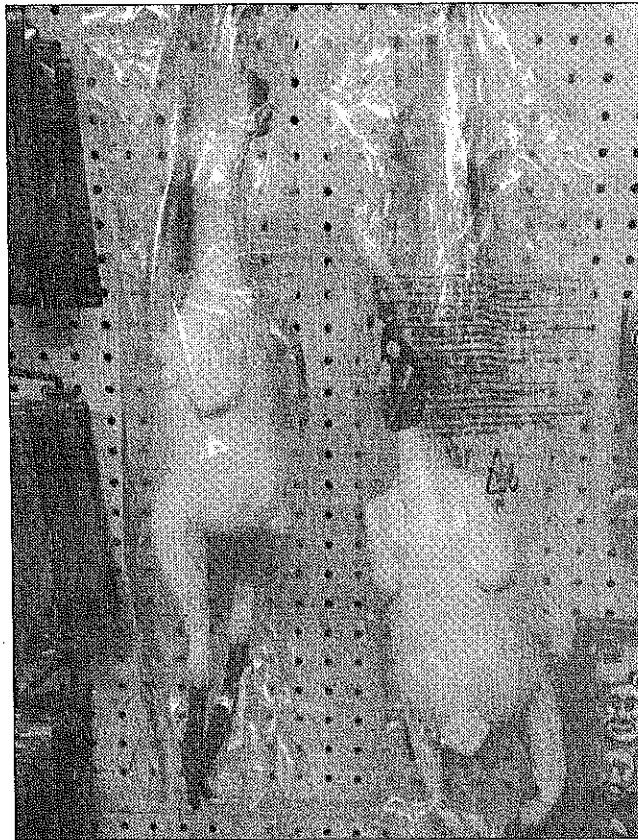
We started walking east on Garden Grove Boulevard across the city about a year and a half ago, and it has been quite a ride. Actually, walk, but you get it. This past week brought us within spitting distance, if we were a really good spitter, of the Santa Ana line.

Brainiac parked his sweet ride outside Sak Donuts, and what better way to dine on doughnuts than a Sak at a time? Walking down the sidewalk, we soon came to U.S. Toy and experienced a flashback to when the Li'l Brainies were, um, little.

U.S. Toy, if you've not been, is an elementary school kid's idea of heaven, a cross among Party City, Michaels arts and crafts and Toys R Us. We used to buy party favors there for the kids' birthdays: tiny, colorful erasers, rubber ducks, silly pencils.

Most of the stuff on the walls of your children's classrooms could have come from there, too. Those posters and educational charts? Yep, all there.

Brainiac couldn't decide between the giant plastic detective's pipe - perfect for chewing on whilst investigating skullduggery around our towns - or a genuine rubber chicken, one



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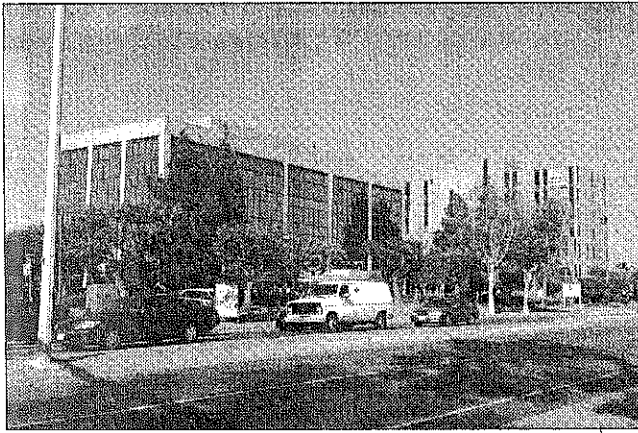
**When you are cruisin' Garden Grove Boulevard and just have to have a rubber chicken, U.S. Toy is your go-to spot. The store is at 12372 Garden Grove Blvd.**

of the classics, so we walked on to contemplate the choice a little longer.

Before long, we came up to Garden Grove Hospital, looming above the boulevard like a beacon of hope and good health. Its presence explains all the other doctors offices and medical buildings in the 'hood, though we could have used

our make-believe detective's pipe to crack one mystery: What goes on inside the Grove Medical Arts building? Do they make sculptures out of bones? Paintings from plasma? We know medicine and we know art, but what in the name of Hippocrates are the medical arts?

Walking on, the older



**Garden Grove Hospital is part of a cluster of health-related offices on Garden Grove Boulevard.**



**When you have to let a kid know he did a good job at something (spelling words, making an effort, brushing his teeth), U.S. Toy likely has the ribbon you need.**

folks have their place on the street. Well, not on the street, but in the side-by-side-by-side senior apartment buildings: The Grove, Harbor Grove and Sun-grove, respectively. We are clearly still in Garden Grove.

And then the critters get their day in the sun. The Orange County Emergency Pet Clinic is the place you never want to go in the middle of the night because it means something bad has happened to your dog or cat or bird. Maybe even your

fish?

On the corner of Haste Street, more bad things happen to even smaller creatures: Orange County Vector Control District, established in 1947, according to the sign out front, and now hiring, according to the banner on the roof. You want to scare yourself into never leaving the house? Go to its website, [ocvcd.org](http://ocvcd.org), and check out the Four Most Wanted: mosquitoes, rats, fire ants and flies. (Don't do as we did and look at this right before lunch.)

The last stretch of the journey takes us under the 22, where a homeless couple are ensconced in a cluster of shopping carts, tents and bicycles. How they stand the noise is one question. How they stand the birdicide that goes on under there is another - we saw at least four small birds dismembered by some larger raptor, perhaps, and it is not a pretty sight.

And that brought us to Fairview, home of the gas station and rental shop that helped out Brainiac when we were out of gas and on the side of the road. A good memory, and almost out of town on this epic stroll of ours.

Got a question, comment or tip? Email [Brainiac@ocregister.com](mailto:Brainiac@ocregister.com) or call 714-796-7787.

## Targeting distracted drivers

Remember, don't text and drive — or eat and drive, or apply makeup and drive.

The Garden Grove Police Department will step up its efforts in educating the public about the dangers of distracted driving throughout April, and will increase its presence on city streets looking specifically for cases of distracted drivers April 1-15.

The department will do so as a

part of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, during which the state's Office of Traffic Safety, the California Highway Patrol, Impact Drivers and more than 200 other law enforcement agencies will take the same approach as Garden Grove.

The department also will stop by schools and give traffic presentations throughout the month.



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**Garden Grove Police Department will increase patrols in April looking for distracted drivers.**

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# Young children get special lesson on proper pet care

BY JENNIFER BECKER  
GUEST WRITER

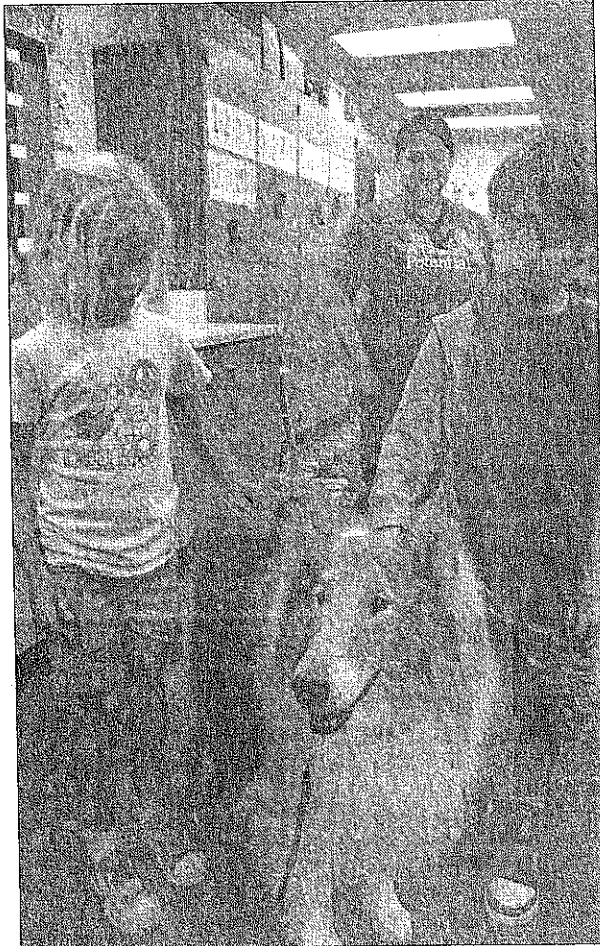
A roomful of eager kindergartners attending the after-school program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove experienced an afternoon filled with canine fun and excitement when OC Animal Care paid a special visit.

Ace Mask, from OC Animal Care, brought the agency's four-legged collie ambassador, Kane, with him as he read "Katy to the Rescue," a children's book about adopting and caring for a dog who was adopted at OC Animal Care. The county program is one of America's Family Pet Expo's community partner animal shelter organizations

"It is important for children to learn the right way to care for, approach and pet a dog, and as part of the program, reading a very special book on the subject also helps reinforce the message," said Kristen Zemke, public education officer. "The Reading with Fido program is designed for presentations to children ranging from preschool to the sixth-grade level, with the purpose of promoting pet adoption and teaching responsible pet ownership."

After the story, kids played a pet care-inspired memory-matching game in which they used their newfound knowledge about caring for a furry friend.

"Grass-roots outreach to groups such as the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove represent the mission of the America's Family Pet Expo," said Doug Poindexter, president of the World Pet Association. "We're proud to serve as an educational and entertainment platform, and most importantly



COURTESY OF JENNIFER BECKER

Kindergartners Julia Blake, 5, and Evan DiPaolo, 6, meet Kane, an OC Animal Care canine ambassador. Kane will be at the America's Family Pet Expo on April 10-12 at the OC Fairgrounds.

## America's Family Pet Expo

**When:** April 10-12

**Where:** OC Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa

**How much:** \$13 general admission, \$11 for seniors, \$8 for children 6-12, free for kids 5 and younger and active-duty or retired military

**More information:** Visit [petexpooc.org](http://petexpooc.org)

a venue where the bond between humans and animals is strengthened."

This community outreach event is part of the lead-up to the 26th annual America's Family Pet Expo coming to the OC Fair & Event Center on April 10-12. The expo features animal

entertainment, pet education, interactive features and hundreds of animals available for adoption.

For more information, visit [PetExpoOC.org](http://PetExpoOC.org).

- Jennifer Becker is a communications consultant working with nonprofit community organizations.



# FRIDAY AFTERNOON CRUISING

Laid-back and leisurely, Garden Grove's car show draws custom auto buffs who line up and linger on Main Street.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY NICK AGRO  
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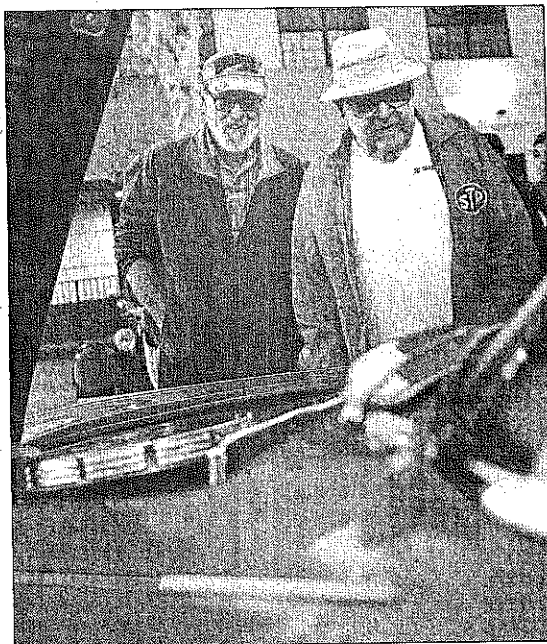
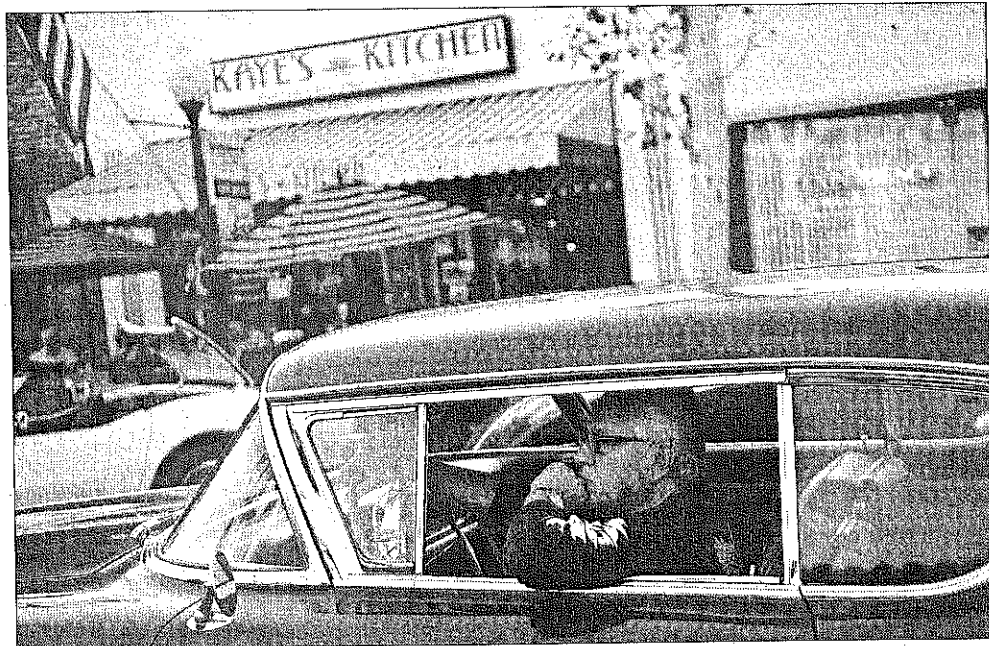
An afternoon on Garden Grove's quaint Historic Main Street is a still life picture of a time gone by.

But as the clock strikes 4 each Friday afternoon, vintage engines begin to rumble and the smell of exhaust wafts around glittering, curved car bodies. The scene comes to life.

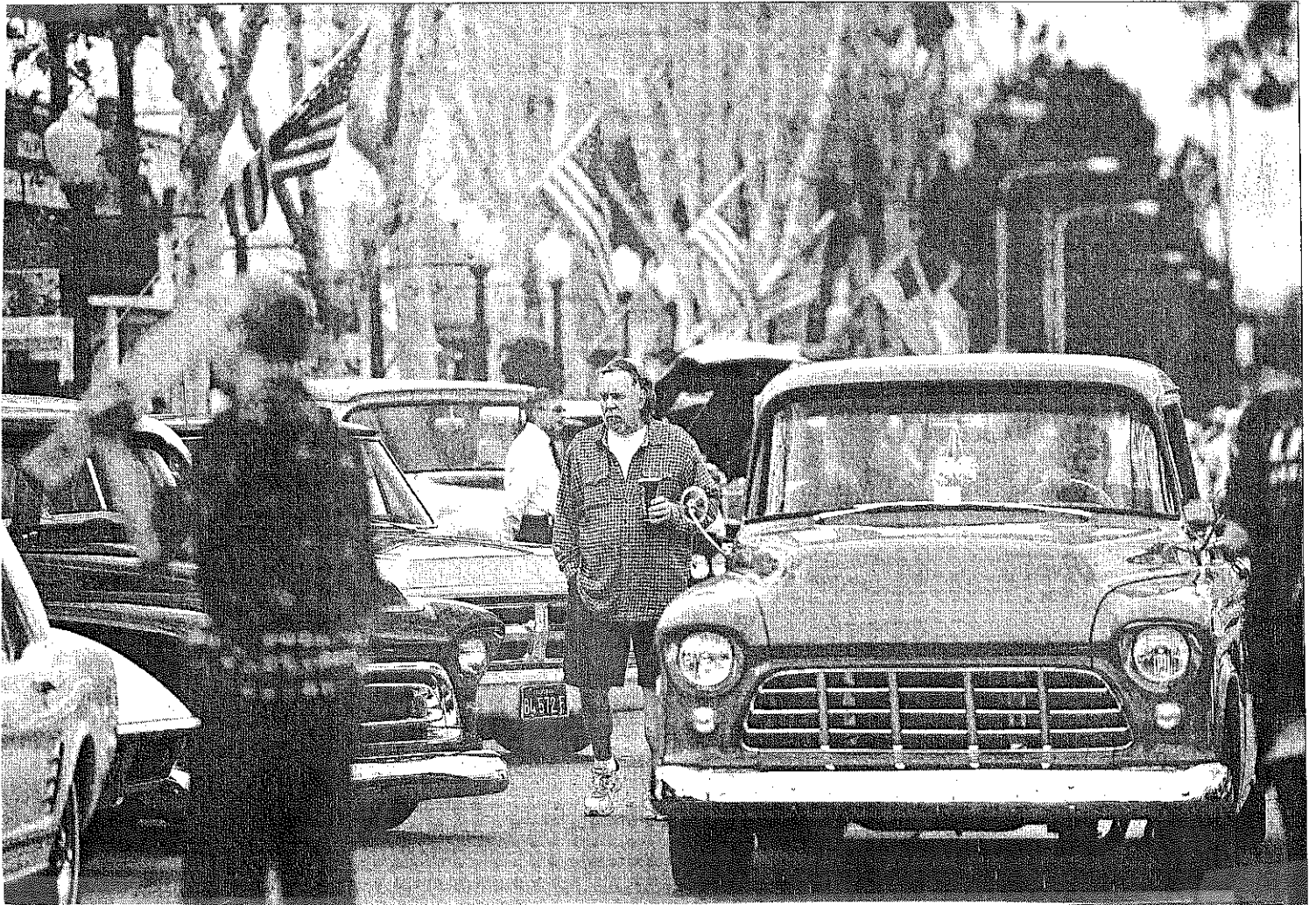
Vehicles from the 1930s to the present day line the road as couples and families stroll around to admire the craftsmanship. The outdoor seating at Kaye's Kitchen, a local diner, is filled as car show enthusiasts enjoy the rib special.

"It's a real calm, peaceful show," said Dave Pinard, who brought from Covina his 1965 Cobra Shelby Mustang, a deep purple muscle car with a pair of silver stripes running from bumper to bumper.

The show has been inviting sleek and shiny cars to the street since 1994, making it the oldest car show in Orange County.



Bill Flippen and Wayne Burns, both of Garden Grove, have been avid Garden Grove Car Show attendees for as long as they can remember.



Car show participants view classic cars parked along Main Street in Garden Grove during the city's car show, which takes place every Friday afternoon.



A CERT worker jots notes during a CPR/First Aid/AED certification class held in Garden Grove. Courtesy photo

## GG residents can get training in CPR, first aid

**Certification class is held; C.E.R.T. training comes next**

The City of Garden Grove held a CPR/First Aid/AED certification class by EMS Safety Services, Inc., on Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North Net Fire Training Center.

The CPR class takes place prior to the C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) four-Saturday training academy, which begins April 11. C.E.R.T. is a volunteer orga-

nization with the Garden Grove Fire Department that provides free community training on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster, as well as lend emergency support to first responders.

CPR students who continue and complete the CERT Training Academy will be refunded the \$25 CPR fee.

C.E.R.T. training topics include disaster preparedness,

medical operations, I.C.S. (Incident Command System), fire safety, light search and rescue, medical operations, terrorism, and disaster psychology. C.E.R.T. participants must be at least 18 years old and live and/or work in Garden Grove.

For more information on the C.E.R.T. program, contact C.E.R.T. Recruitment at 714-741-5600, or download an application at [cert.gardengrovefire.org](http://cert.gardengrovefire.org).

# Sen. Nguyen lobbies for students' rights

## Local rep has introduced a constitutional amendment to keep tuition fees reasonable

In an effort to improve access to education for California students, Senator Nguyen (R-Garden Grove) has introduced a constitutional amendment that prohibits the University of California from increasing tuition fees for undergraduates for a period of five years and limits the admission of out-of-state undergraduate students to 10 percent at each UC campus. The bill is co-authored by Senators Patricia Bates, Jean Fuller, Jeff Stone, and Andy Vidak.

"We need to ensure that the doors of California universities remain open for our children. That is why we need to keep tuition fees stable and require that 90 percent of university slots are

available only to California students," said Senator Nguyen.

This legislation was prompted by University of California President Janet Napolitano's threat to restrict the number of California undergraduate students who can enroll in UC schools if the UC System does not receive more money from the state. Disappointed by President Napolitano's announcement, Senator Nguyen worked diligently to craft a legislative proposal that ensures that California students continue to have access to the UC system.

"As stewards for taxpayers who contribute to the UC system, I am hopeful that my colleagues in the State legislature will support this constitutional amendment for the

benefit of all Californians," said Senator Nguyen. "The education of our children is of utmost importance and we should not allow costs to continue to rise and admission slots for out-of-state students to crowd out Californians."

If approved, this legislation would take effect during the 2017-2018 academic year and would affect the University of California's 10 campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

In order for SCA 4 to take effect, it needs to be approved by both houses of the California State Legislature, as well as California voters in 2016.

# Are you ready to do some eggs-cavating?

City plans Easter event; also, Westminster primes to  
mark 40th anniversary of Fall of Saigon



**Tony on the Town**

**By Tony Cheong**

Tickets are on sale for Garden Grove's annual Eggs-cavation at the Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way, but if you want to attend you better hop along quickly and make your reservations.

Spaces fill up fast.

The Eggs-cavation will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4 and will feature egg hunts, carnival games, a bounce house and a chance to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

About 100 tickets are available.

To purchase tickets, call 714-741-5200 or go to the recreation counter at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Way.

By the way, does anyone know the significance of the egg?

If so, write in and let me know.

I was too young to remember it, but many others remember it ALL too well.

The last American helicopters laboring off the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Vietnam as Saigon

fell and the Vietnam War came to a close.

The pictures of Vietnamese refugees trying to escape by hanging on to the helicopters is etched in the minds of millions of Vietnamese, Americans and others around the world.

Well, the 40-year anniversary of the Fall of Saigon is April 25.

To our local Vietnamese-Americans, and our own American troops who fought side-by-side against the encroachment of the North Vietnamese into South Vietnam, it's a monumental anniversary.

Many if not most of those refugees, by the way, first landed at Camp Pendleton and ended up settling in Westminster and Garden Grove.

Look for more coverage of this historic moment in future editions of this paper.

Stanton held it's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast this week (too late to make it into this issue).

Mayor Al Ethans, who was appointed mayor fairly recently, succeeding Rigoberto Ramirez, is nothing if not a pro. The city is in good hands.

I'm looking forward to his vision for the city and to see his management style.

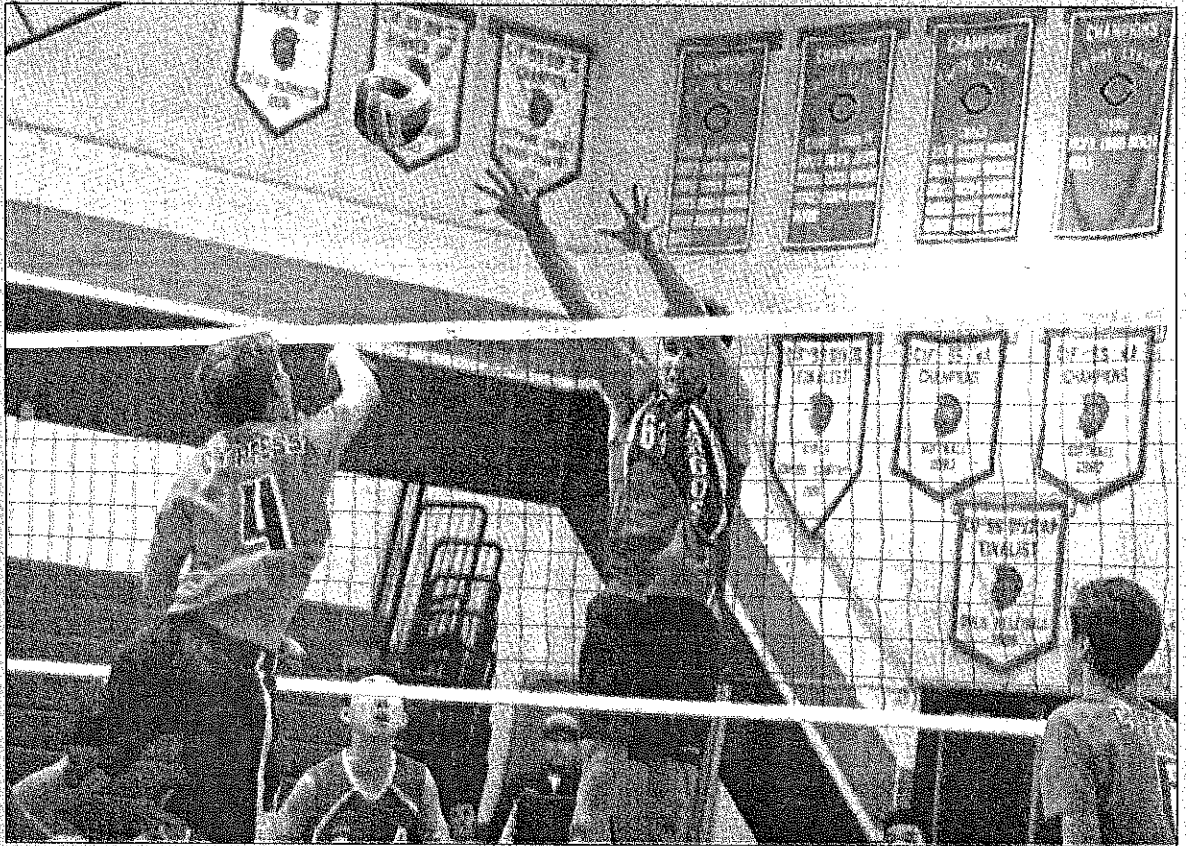
Ramirez did a superb job in his tenure, in this columnist's opinion.

To boot, he's fond of a saying that I, too, have started using at work and, yep, at my house: "What gets measured gets done."

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip? Tony can be reached at [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# GG High dominates feisty foe

Photo by Jesus A. Ruiz  
Garden Grove High's Arturo Alday goes up for a block against Cypress' Andrew Farmer during a match last week. Garden Grove swept all three sets against the Centurions with the set scores: 25-7, 25-11 and 25-19. The three sets saw the Argos overpower in all aspects of the game. Their serving, hitting, digging, and blocking were on another level. Argos' All-CIF player Arturo Alday could not be stopped by the Centurions. His vertical leap and ability to drill the ball almost vertically down on Cypress' half of the court just pitted the Centurions. See story on Page 5.



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**Grand opening:** Black Umbrella, the tattoo shop and art gallery that underwent a controversial nearly yearlong approval process before being greenlighted in December, is scheduled to have its grand opening at 6 p.m. April 11 at 12951 Main St. The front two-thirds of the shop will be a fine art gallery, and in the back, separated by a wall, will be the tattoo area.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**City pride:** Garden Grove is again searching for the nicest homes in the city for the 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards. Volunteer judges will roam the city through April 12 and will choose 23 houses in each of 17 zones, which have about 3,000 homes each. One house will win Home of the Year.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Land dispute:** The city and Mike Abeyta, who runs Joe's Italian Ice at Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Lane, had reached a \$240,000 relocation deal to move the business to make way for a hotel project. Abeyta's lease is expired; the city hadn't needed the property till now. The City Council on Tuesday may consider an eviction process.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**Blue light:** The city's iconic clock tower in Village Green Park, at Euclid and Main streets, will glow blue during the evening of April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, to show Garden Grove's support of Light it Up Blue, an autism-awareness campaign started by Autism Speaks.

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## GARDEN GROVE

**New website:** The city has upgraded its website, the first upgrades to it in several years. The site is meant to be more user friendly and to allow visitors to access more information from the home page. The website had a soft launch Tuesday, so staffers can identify any problems. It is set to be fully operational by April 2.

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## KOREAN WAR HERO HONORED



MICHAEL GOULDING, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tibor Rubin, Medal of Honor recipient and Holocaust survivor, looks up at the bronze bust of himself that Garden Grove unveiled Tuesday afternoon. The Orange County Public Libraries renamed the Garden Grove West Library the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library during the ceremony. Standing with Rubin are his children, Frank and Rosie.

# Drum lines vie to be true

Garden Grove, Santa Ana schools capture early titles Saturday at the third regional competition held at Tustin High School.

# status cymbals

BY BROOKE EDWARDS  
STAGGS  
STAFF WRITER

**TUSTIN** • Roughly 900 students from 36 high schools battled into the night for the title of best drum line during a fierce competition Saturday at Tustin High School.

Eight percussion ensembles from Southern California schools kicked off the event competing in the "novice" division. Arlington High of Riverside took first place, narrowly beating Fallbrook High. Saddleback High of Santa Ana finished third.

Next came the Scholastic B division, with nine schools facing off. Garden Grove High took the title, followed by Valhalla High of El Cajon and John W. North High of Riverside.

The Scholastic A and open divisions continued to compete after the sun went down, with schools from throughout California plus one from Arizona and one from Nevada squaring off in performance sets of about

five minutes each.

Drum lines are judged based on their music, visuals and general effect, with penalties for errors in timing or performance. Six experienced drum line directors weighed in on Saturday's results.

This was the third regional competition held at Tustin High. The American Drum Line Association first awarded Tustin High a chance to host the event in 2013 thanks to its new sports pavilion and consistency in maintaining one of the top drum lines in the region.

Many of the same schools will be back to contend again this Saturday during a competition at Westminster High. Top ensembles will advance to the semifinals April 12 at King High School in Riverside, then face off April 18 at King High for the championships.

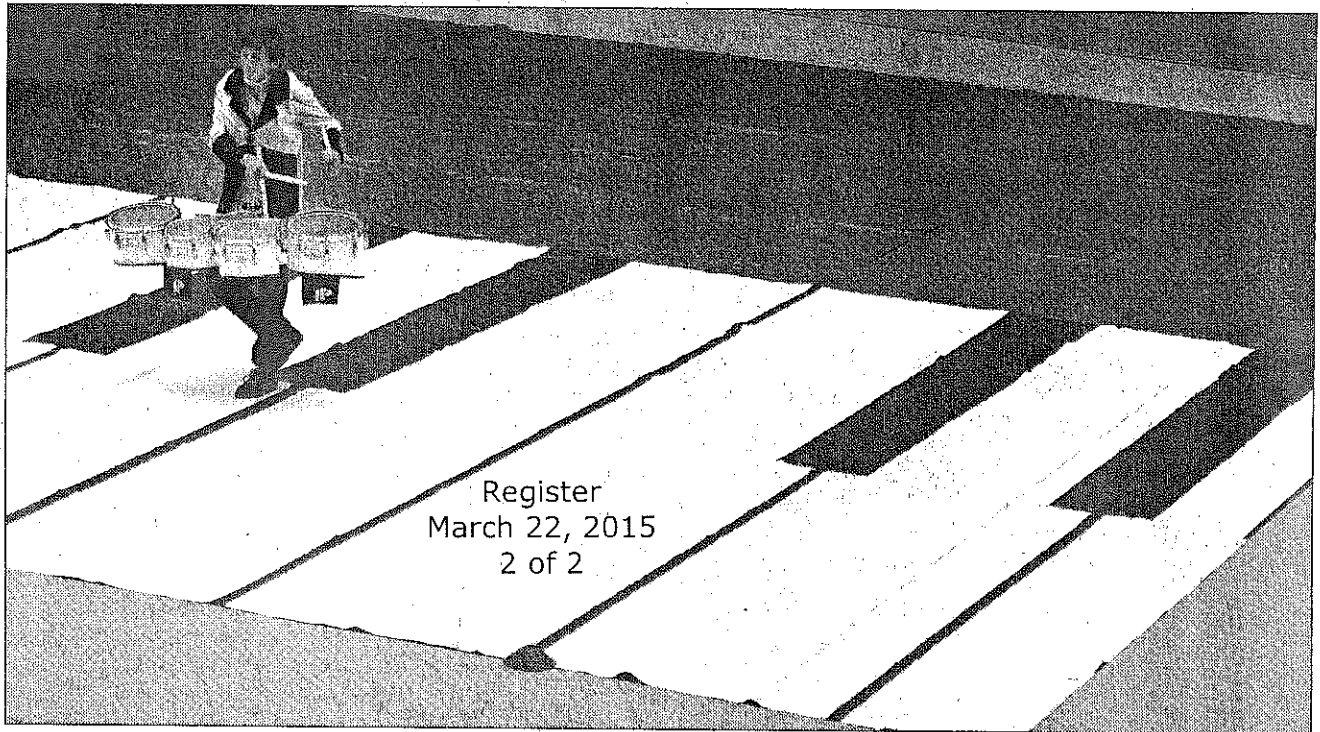
For full results from the Tustin High competition and details on upcoming performances, visit [americandrumline.org](http://americandrumline.org).

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The Redondo Union High School Band performs its routine at the American Drum Line Association Competition on Saturday at Tustin High School.





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PHOTOS: BILL ALKOFER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Valhalla High School Band of El Cajon performs its routine at the American Drum Line Association Competition at Tustin High School on Saturday. The event was judged by six experienced drum line directors.



Drum lines are judged based on their music and visuals. Above, Nate Clark of San Clemente High School plays.



Noelle Duong plays tenor drums for Patrick Henry High School of San Diego at the event at Tustin High School.

# STUDENT CHEFS PREPPED TO WIN

BY ALEJANDRA MOLINA  
STAFF WRITER

Jacob Runfola has trained for this for weeks.

The former wrestler who thrives on adrenaline competes with one mantra in mind.

"The person who has the most motivation and passion is the person to get what he wants," Runfola said.

Runfola and three other Fountain Valley High students - Adam Verdugo, Amanda Capsalis and Abraham Ramos - will compete with more than 100 other students from across California in the Pro-Start Cup - a two-day competition beginning today in Pasadena in which teams demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills.

Teams from four other Orange County high schools are also competing: Westminster High, Pacifica

**"I know we put a lot of emphasis on AP classes and on testing, but I think this kind of experience really gives kids a foundation for moving forward in their lives."**

**ARMIDA GORDON**  
FOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH CULINARY INSTRUCTOR

High in Garden Grove, Newport Harbor in Newport Beach, and Orange County School of the Arts in Santa Ana.

Last year, Newport Harbor High School came in third place in the management event, and Fountain Valley had a seventh-place finish out of 27 competing high schools from across the state.

Teams gain points by demonstrating their mastery skills and meal preparation, consisting of starters such as soup or salad; entrees, including protein, vegetable and starch; and desserts.

Judges from the food service industry and universi-

ties will assess the teams' performance. Contestants must prepare three courses in one hour using only two butane burners.

"I've been in other sports. Competition doesn't really scare me anymore," said Verdugo, 17.

Growing up with home-cooked family meals, Verdugo thought it would be a good experience for him to take culinary classes.

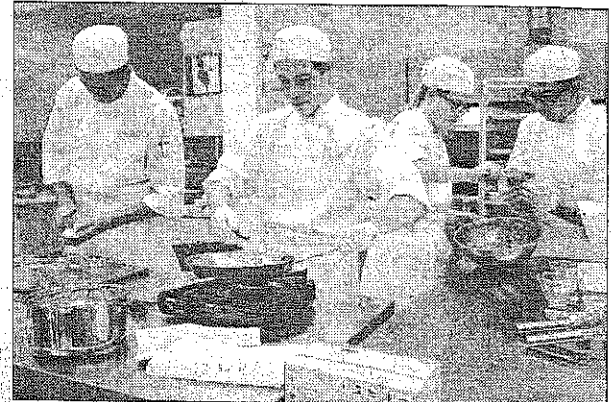
Fountain Valley High School's culinary program, with an enrollment of about 120 students, has steadily seen an increase through the years. The program is made up of foods and nutrition classes and includes advanced classes. The culinary classes at Fountain Valley High go by the Pro-Start program that works to give students a platform for hospitality careers.

In the beginning classes, students learn food safety and sanitation food service. They study the basics of baking and move on to working with protein and learning knife skills. In the more advanced classes, students make marinara sauces and pasta.

Instructor Armida Gordon credits the program's popularity to word of mouth as much as to the hype surrounding television shows like "Top Chef."

"Some students take it very seriously; some students take it because they just love cooking," Gordon said.

Gordon said the program teaches the students how to network, how to interview for a job and how to write a résumé and cover letter.



KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Fountain Valley High School culinary program students practice their three-course meals.**

"They learn a sense of responsibility. They also learn to think on their feet... if something unexpected happens, they have to figure it out," Gordon said.

"How am I going to solve this right now because we have to put the food out?"

Through the class, Runfola has learned the proper way to hold and use a knife. He's also learned how to break down a chicken in parts, among other things.

On top of this new skill

set, Runfola said he's become a better person.

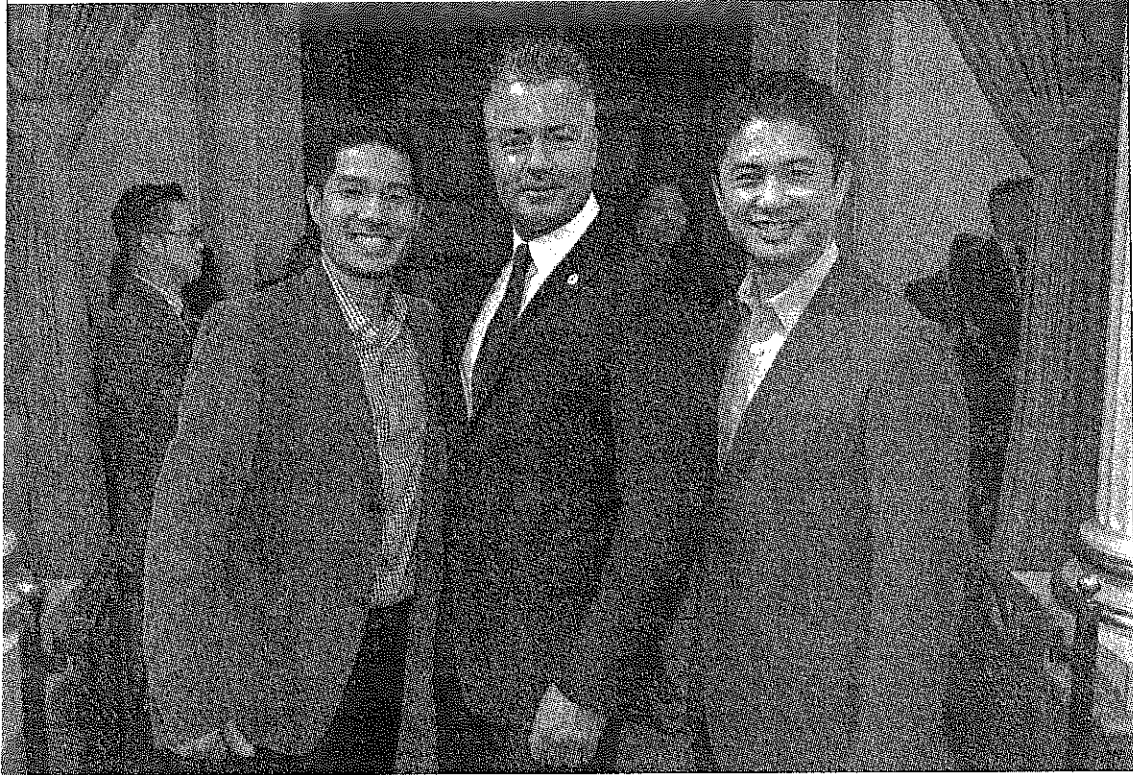
"I'm constantly working with other people. ... It taught me how to be more presentable," he said.

Runfola said his humble upbringing has taught him to work hard to reach his goals. Cooking is his way of moving ahead in life.

"You (have to) strive for what you want," he said.

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Courtesy photo

Garden Grove resident Tam Nguyen, left, and Fountain Valley resident David Truong, right, were honored by Assemblyman Travis Allen, center, recently on the Assembly Floor.

## GG resident recognized for small biz efforts

### Tam Nguyen gets kudos from Assemblyman Travis Allen

Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) recognized Tam Nguyen from Garden Grove and David Truong from Fountain Valley on the Assembly Floor recently.

"It's my privilege to recognize two of my constituents from the 72nd Assembly District, Tam Nguyen and David Truong," said Assemblyman Allen. "As a small business owner myself, I have the utmost respect for Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Truong's hard work and contributions to our local community. My constituency is the reason I am able to serve in Sacramento and it is always an honor to highlight the incredible individuals that work so hard in our area."

Tam Nguyen is the president and co-owner of Advance Beauty College and leads the overall growth

and development strategy with a strong emphasis on marketing, compliance, and community relations. Tam is also involved in the industry as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Cosmetology Schools (AACS).

"As a second generation small business owner in Little Saigon, it was truly an honor and privilege to represent my family business and community," said Nguyen. "I'd like to thank Assemblyman Allen for the opportunity and for being a strong advocate for small business owners."

David Truong, husband and father of three, is the co-owner of Mimi's Jewelry in Fountain Valley. Truong is proud of the fact that Mimi's Jewelers is able to craft its own "one-of-a-kind" jewelry pieces

in-store. Additionally, he is active with fundraisers and public events throughout the City of Fountain Valley.

"As a small business owner, I am very honored to be recognized on the Assembly Floor and it was an honor to represent my family business," said Truong. "Assemblyman Allen has been a strong supporter of our community, and I appreciate him providing me with the opportunity to be introduced to the Legislature today."

Assemblyman Allen represents the 72nd Assembly District that includes the communities of Garden Grove, Westminster, Midway City, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, Rossmore, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Sunset Beach and Huntington Beach.

### Festival proceeds

Proceeds of \$100,000 raised from last year's Garden Grove Strawberry Festival have been recently awarded by the Festival Board of Directors to 15 non-profit organizations for capital improvements and equipment.

Awards range from \$15,500 to \$2,500 each. Three charities received as much as \$10,000 each and three received over \$15,000. The Festival also annually benefits many non-profit groups who set up festival food booths and collectively raise over \$100,000 more for their charities.

This year's recipients are 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 the Police Department.

According to Donations Committee Chair Gerry Newkirk, funding will go to flooring, roof repair, a bus, a filming drone, new sound system, kitchen equipment, furniture and furnishings.

The annual Strawberry Festival — which in 2015 celebrates its 57th year — will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

The non-profit Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, since its inception in 1958, has contributed over \$7 million to deserving charities that apply for funds in December and receive them at the beginning of the following year.

For information, visit [www.strawberryfestival.org](http://www.strawberryfestival.org).

### Pancake breakfast

Do you like pancakes?

Are you a charitable person?

If so, the Garden Grove Host Lions Club might be right for you.

The Lions Club will be holding its 65th annual Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 29 at Kiwanisland Park, 9840 Larson Ave. in Garden Grove.

A menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee will be available for the price of \$6.

Tickets are available at the event. All proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities and community service organizations.

### City of Garden Grove

#### Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1163

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92842 To Provide a Storage Area Network (SAN) for the City of 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, March 25, 2015, at Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, 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 to [sandras@garden-grove.org](mailto:sandras@garden-grove.org). Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015. Proposals received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: Friday, March 13, 2015

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

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

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

## Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age.

The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.

For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

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

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

## 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.

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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.

## A crafty day at library

Kids are invited for a special craft program at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Westminster Public Library, 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Come after school for a fun creative afternoon. For more information, call Anna at 714-893-5057.

## 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.

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## DUI checkpoint

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Friday, March 13, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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

In California, this deadly crime has led to 802 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2012 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. The latest data shows nationally that impaired driving killed nearly 10,000 people.

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

Drugs that may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

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

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

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Successor Agency prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Successor Agency at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, 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 comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

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Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, to receive and consider all evidence and reports as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the proposed issuance by the California Municipal Finance Authority of its revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of the Garden Grove United Methodist Church Project, a 47-unit multifamily rental housing project located at 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, California; and (2) pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The facilities are to be owned by Garden Grove Housing Partners, LP, a California limited partnership and operated by EPMI.

The Bonds and the obligation to pay principal of and interest thereon and any redemption premium with respect thereto do not constitute indebtedness or an obligation of the Authority, the State of California or any political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation, or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them. The Bonds shall be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from certain revenues duly pledged therefor and generally representing amounts paid by the Borrower.

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of the Bonds or on the nature and location of the facilities proposed to be financed or refinanced may attend the Public Hearing or, prior to the time of the Public Hearing, submit written comments. Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to, City Clerk, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California 92840.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2854

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.28 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO TEMPORARY FIREWORK STAND PERMITS

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance amends certain Sections of Chapter 5.28 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to temporary fireworks stand permits to allow more time to process applications, require additional information be provided in conjunction with permit applications, delete obsolete references, update indemnification and insurance requirements, and eliminate the current prohibition of stands along Katella Avenue from Dale Street to Euclid Street.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 10th day of March 2015.

ATTEST: BAO NGUYEN  
MAYOR

KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC  
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 February 24, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 5 )  
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE

and was passed on March 10, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 5 )  
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 0 )  
NONE

KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC

CITY CLERK

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ORDINANCE NO. 2855

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY AND RETAIL SALE BY PET STORES OF DOGS AND CATS OBTAINED FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance adds Section 6.04.080 to the Garden Grove Municipal Code prohibiting pet stores from displaying, selling, delivering, offering for sale, bartering, or auctioning dogs or cats in the city of Garden Grove, except dogs and/or cats obtained from a public animal control facility or shelter or a duly authorized nonprofit humane society or animal rescue organization, or cats donated by a local resident for no charge. This Ordinance gives existing pet stores one year to come into compliance with the new regulations.

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 March 10, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 4 )  
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 1 )  
NGUYEN  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE

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Thursday, March 26, 2015

## **LIBRARY RE-NAMING, BUST DEDICATION DRAWS RUBIN ADMIRERS**

The opportunity to see a true American war hero and witness the official unveiling and dedication of a commissioned bronze bust, and library re-named in his honor, drew a crowd of admirers to the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library, Tuesday. The Garden Grove resident was awarded the nation's most prestigious military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2005, for his heroic actions during the Korean War. The library is located at 11962 Bailey Street.

"Tibor Rubin is a hero among heroes; an inspirational, dedicated, and valiant survivor of war; and a venerated son of Garden Grove. As a community, we are humbled to honor him with the renaming of a library that holds a very special place in his heart. His name, and his likeness cast in a bronze bust, are a lasting homage to the commitment, sacrifice, and love for Garden Grove and America that he placed at the highest level, and for which we will always be in his debt," says Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen, who spoke at the event.

While attendees of the event ranged from young to old, civilian to military, all came to share the unique privilege of venerating Garden Grove's hometown hero at the library, where as a young father, he would often take his children.

Last August, the United States Post Office unveiled a Forever Stamps Prestige Folio depicting the 13 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, including Rubin, at a special recognition ceremony held in Garden Grove.

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WEROC Program Manager

Thursday, March 26, 2015

## **GARDEN GROVE RESIDENTS TO GET EMERGENCY ALERT TEST CALL**

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m., all Garden Grove residents will receive a call to test the County's regional mass notification system known as AlertOC. This is the sixth regional test of the system since its launch in 2008 covering Garden Grove and 31 other participating cities, including the County's unincorporated areas.

The exercise on April 7 is designed to replicate a large scale, multi-jurisdictional emergency requiring thousands of residents and businesses to be called simultaneously across Orange County's entire region. The phone message will be delivered in conjunction with a reminder that California is still in a serious drought and all residents need to use water wisely.

All residents and those who work in Orange County are encouraged to register to receive notifications for the area in which they live or work to ensure that they are informed during an emergency. To date, AlertOC has been used within local jurisdictions for both system tests and actual notifications.

For more information or to register yourself and your family, visit [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com). For more information on ways to save water during this ongoing drought, please visit [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

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## LỊCH SINH HOẠT CỘNG ĐỒNG



**Thứ Bảy, ngày 4 tháng 4, 2015** - Chương trình "Eggs-Cavation" dành cho các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh sẽ được tổ chức vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 4 tháng 4, 2015 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa tại trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng gọi về Ban Liên lạc cộng đồng ở số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

**Thứ Năm, 14 tháng 5, 2015** - Lễ tưởng niệm tử sĩ hàng năm, tổ chức lần thứ 28, tưởng nhớ đến sự hy sinh của Trung Sĩ Myron L. Trapp, cảnh sát viên Andy Reese, cảnh sát viên Donald F. Reed, cảnh sát viên Michael Rainford và cảnh sát chỉ huy Howard Dallies. Lễ tưởng niệm được tổ chức lúc 5:00 giờ chiều trước Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11301 Acadia Parkway, Garden Grove.



**Strawberry Festival** - Lễ hội Strawberry Festival hàng năm của Thành phố Garden Grove được tung búng tổ chức tại Village Green Park, bắt đầu vào ngày Thứ Sáu, 22 tháng 5 tới Thứ Hai, 25 tháng 5, 2015, địa chỉ là 12732 Main Street, góc đường Euclid và Main.

**Thứ Hai, 25 tháng 5, 2015** - Ngày lễ Memorial Day, Thành phố đóng cửa và phục vụ quét đường cũng sẽ dời lại ngày khác.

**Thứ Hai, ngày 1 tháng 6, 2015** - Chương trình Garden Grove Pride Awards, vinh danh những ngôi nhà đẹp được tổ chức hàng năm sẽ được diễn ra vào lúc 6:00 p.m., tại phòng Community Meeting Center (CMC), địa chỉ là 11300 Stanford Avenue, CA 92840.

Để theo dõi những thông tin cập nhật bằng tiếng Việt, xin lên trang nhà tại địa chỉ:

<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/Vietnamese>

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## Đội Phản Ứng Cứu Khẩn Cấp Cộng Đồng

Đội CERT Thành phố Garden Grove là một tổ chức phi vụ lợi, được sáng lập với mục đích huấn luyện cho cư dân để chuẩn bị ứng phó, khả năng tự vệ nếu có biến cố thiên tai xảy ra.

Thiệt hại do thiên tai - động đất, lũ lụt, khủng bố, vv - có thể ảnh hưởng đến tất cả các yếu tố của xã hội và chính phủ. Các thiết hại này hạn chế và ảnh hưởng nghiêm trọng đến nguồn lực của Thành phố, Sở cứu hỏa, cảnh sát, bệnh viện, công trình công cộng, thông tin liên lạc và giao thông.

Trong giai đoạn đầu sau mỗi vụ thiên tai, mỗi gia đình, cá nhân và hàng xóm có thể dựa vào tài nguyên có sẵn như thực phẩm, nước, viện trợ để giúp chính mình.

Chương trình CERT đào tạo bao gồm:

- ▶ Chuẩn bị ở nhà và nơi làm việc
- ▶ Chuẩn bị sẵn sàng trong cộng đồng
- ▶ Bảo vệ và chữa lửa an toàn ở nhà và nơi làm việc
- ▶ Xử lý vật liệu nguy hiểm
- ▶ Cấp cứu điều trị các bệnh đe dọa cuộc sống
- ▶ Tổ chức các hoạt động tìm kiếm giải cứu
- ▶ Hỗ trợ tâm lý
- ▶ Thông tin vô tuyến
- ▶ Điều khiển đám đông giao thông
- ▶ Mô phỏng thiên tai



Những ai 18 tuổi trở lên đang ở hoặc làm việc trong Thành Phố Garden Grove có thể tham gia và đào tạo miễn phí.

Để biết thêm thông tin, tham khảo chương trình CERT trên trang web của Thành phố Garden Grove tại địa chỉ <http://cert.gardengrovefire.org>



## TUYÊN DƯƠNG CÁC SINH VIÊN ĐẠI HỌC TẠI THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE

Cư dân tại Garden Grove đang học tại đại học, hoặc sẽ ra trường trong mùa học 2015 sắp tới có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để ghi danh nhận những biểu dương từ Thành phố.

Các sinh viên undergraduate, post-graduate, hoặc sẽ ra trường mùa Spring/Summer 2015 và là cư dân sống trong Garden Grove có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để tham gia lễ ghi nhận thành tích học tập của mình vào ngày Thứ Ba, 28 tháng Tư, 2015, vào lúc 6:30 chiều. Ông Thị Trưởng cùng những Nghị viên Thành phố sẽ tham dự để vinh danh cho các sinh viên vào lúc 5:30 chiều. Các sinh viên cũng sẽ được tham gia bốc thăm để trúng thưởng 1 máy Apple IPAD air 2 và những gift card khác của Target.

Các sinh viên cần cung cấp tên, địa chỉ, số phone, email, trường đang học, bằng cấp học ngành nào trước ngày Thứ Tư, 1 tháng 4, 2015 tại Ban Liên lạc cộng đồng, số phone là (714) 741-5280 hoặc email [veronica@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:veronica@ci.garden-grove.ca.us)





# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

**Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông**  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Ana Pulido, (714) 741-5280  
Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng

Thứ Tư, 25/3/2015

### CHƯƠNG TRÌNH 'GARDEN GROVE PRIDE' ĐỂ CHỌN RA NGÔI NHÀ ĐẸP TRONG THÀNH PHỐ

Các giám khảo thiện nguyện trong chương trình 'Garden Grove Pride' được tổ chức năm thứ 42 sẽ bắt đầu công việc tìm kiếm những căn nhà đẹp trong Thành phố để trao tặng giải thưởng 'Home of the Year' năm nay.

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## Garden Grove Tìm Nhà Đẹp Để Chọn Home of The Year


26/03/2015 00:00:00

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## Sẽ Mừng Lễ Phục Sinh Tại Atlantis Play Center

13/03/2015 00:00:00


GARDEN GROVE -- Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức chương trình để các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh. Chương trình "Eggs-Cavation" sẽ được tổ chức vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 4 tháng 4, 2015 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa. Địa chỉ của Atlantis Play Center là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.

Chương trình bao gồm những tiết mục như vẽ màu nước, sơn mặt, xỏ số, và đương nhiên không thể thiếu trò chơi tìm kiếm quả trứng vàng. Các em sẽ được chia ra thành từng nhóm để vui chơi.

Giá vé để tham gia là \$2 cho người lớn, \$7 cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 10 tuổi. Vé sẽ được bắt đầu bán vào ngày Thứ Hai, 16 tháng 3, tại Recreation Center, thuộc lầu một của Tòa thị chính Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway. Chỉ nhận tiền mặt hoặc thẻ tín dụng (credit card).

Để biết thêm chi tiết hoặc gọi mua vé trước, vui lòng liên lạc ở số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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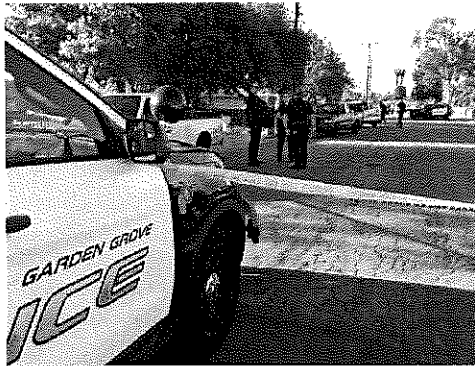
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## Garden Grove: Thiếu niên 14 tuổi bị bắn trên đường đi học về

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Một thiếu niên 14 tuổi bị bắn trong lúc đi bộ về nhà sau giờ tan học vào khoảng 4 giờ 30 chiều Thứ Ba, 24 Tháng Ba, trên đường Lucille, đoạn giữa Garden Grove và Stanford, chỉ cách nhà vài căn.



Cảnh sát phong tỏa hiện trường, đường Lucille đoạn giữa Garden Grove và Stanford. (Hình: Thiên An/Người Việt)

Đồng đảo cảnh sát viên Garden Grove lập tức có mặt tại hiện trường, phong tỏa các phía đường xung quanh.

Trả lời phỏng vấn của nhật báo Người Việt, cảnh sát viên Jeff Nightengale, đại diện Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove, cho biết: "Một thiếu niên 14 tuổi đang trên đường đi học gần về đến nhà, thì một chiếc xe chở ba nghi can nổ súng ba phát đạn về phía nạn nhân, có hai phát trúng nạn nhân, ở phần ngực bụng. Sau khi bị bắn, nạn nhân trượt trên mặt đường về hướng ngược lại. Cảnh sát nhận được cuộc gọi 911 đầu tiên từ một người thấy nạn nhân bị bắn. Chiếc xe tẩu thoát. Một người trong gia đình nạn nhân lái xe rượt theo xe nghi can nhưng mất dấu. Nạn nhân được đưa đi cấp cứu tại bệnh viện UC Irvine trong tình trạng tỉnh táo, và được đưa ngay vào phòng cấp cứu để giải phẫu, cơ hội sống sót cao. Cả nạn nhân và ba nghi can đều là thiếu niên, gốc Hispanic, mặc trang phục màu nhạt. Cảnh sát đang tìm bắt những người này. Chiếc xe mà nghi can dùng có màu trắng hoặc xám, hiệu Honda Accord. Cảnh sát đang tiếp tục điều tra xem có liên quan đến băng đảng hay không." (T.A.)

**Toyota bao giờ cũng hợp thời trang.**

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Kim Huy (714) 741-5280  
Community Services Director

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

## **WIN AN APPLE IPAD AIR AT THE GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES RECEPTION**

Garden Grove graduates attending the City's College Graduates Reception on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 will have an opportunity to win an Apple iPad Air, sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum. The deadline to RSVP for the free event is by April 8, 2015, to the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

The City of Garden Grove is recognizing residents who are Spring or Fall 2015 undergraduates or post-graduates from any college, university, or higher learning institution for their academic accomplishment. The special recognition will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Graduates who attend the reception will also have a chance to win a \$100 gift card from Target.

For more information, please email [veronicaa@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:veronicaa@ci.garden-grove.ca.us), or visit the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us). To see photos from last year's event, visit the City's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Contact: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280  
Supervisor, Office of Community Relations

Thursday, March 19, 2015

### **GARDEN GROVE PRIDE JUDGING UNDERWAY**

The judges are out and about! Through April 12, Garden Grove Pride volunteers will be perusing the city's neighborhoods in search of the nicest-looking homes. The volunteers will use their best judgment to choose just 23 homes in each of the city's 17 zones, including their top selection, the Home of the Year. Each zone contains approximately 3,000 homes.

Garden Grove Pride is a home beautification program honoring residents who take pride in their community by maintaining and enhancing their properties. Judges use their discretion in assessing general criteria such as maintenance, yard cleanliness, landscape design, and overall appearance.

The winning homeowners and judges will be honored at the 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards Reception on Monday, June 1, 2015, hosted by Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council. The 17 Home of the Year winners, along with the Best Water-Wise Home, are also eligible to participate in an on-line voting contest for the title of Garden Grove's "Best Home and Garden."

For more information about Garden Grove Pride, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
**NEWS**

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

CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253  
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, March 19, 2015

**SPRING CELEBRATION AT GARDEN GROVE SENIOR CENTER**

Spring is upon us! Garden Grove seniors are invited to the fun-filled Spring Celebration that includes refreshments, dancing, and a special visit by the Easter Bunny. The event will take place at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Lunch will also be available for a suggested donation of \$3.50 per person. "The Serenaders" will provide live music.

For additional information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (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 NEWS

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Community Services Department

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Thursday, March 19, 2015

### **GARDEN GROVE IS GOING BLUE**

On Thursday, April 2, 2015, the City of Garden Grove will join communities around the world to show support for an autism awareness campaign called "Light it up Blue" (LIUB). The campaign was launched by Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism science and advocacy organization as part of World Autism Awareness Day.

LIUB began in 2010 and today, over 8,400 landmarks on seven continents are bathed in blue lighting one day a year to show support for this cause. Even the International Space Station has participated. This year, it's Garden Grove's turn.

The iconic clock tower at Village Green Park will be cast in a blue glow on the evening of April 2, courtesy of the Public Works Department. Also on that day, City of Garden Grove employees are invited to wear a commemorative LIUB wristband and participate in a \$2 special casual dress day. Proceeds from the blue-themed casual dress day will be donated to OC Autism, a non-profit organization based in Garden Grove. OC Autism is dedicated to providing education and resources in the diagnosis, treatment and management for individuals with autism and their families.

The community is invited to join City employees in front of City Hall at 11:00 a.m. on April 2, for a group photo under a special Autism Speaks balloon arch. City Hall is located at 11222 Acacia Parkway in Garden Grove. Wearing blue is encouraged.

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Garden Grove is Going Blue  
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For more information about Autism Speaks and OC Autism, visit <http://www.autismspeaks.org> and <http://www.ocaugism.com>. For more information about the City's LIUB efforts, call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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To view photos of the event, please visit the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>.

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**March 26, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Planning Commission Agenda for the April 2, 2015 meeting.
3. Cities Advocates dated March 20,2015.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 26, 2015 – April 19, 2015

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Thursday	March 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Tuesday	March 31	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	All-Employee "Town Hall" Lunch Meeting Community Meeting Center, AB Room
Thursday	April 2		Light It Up Blue – Autism Awareness Day Casual Day (Wear Blue) 11:00 a.m. Employee Photo Op in front of City Hall 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	April 3		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 4	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Eggs-Cavation, Atlantis Play Center
Wednesday	April 8	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 9-12		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Saturday	April 11	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	April 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 16		Casual Day – Garden Grove Spirit Day (Blue or GG Shirts) 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 16-19		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Friday	April 17		City Hall Closed



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 2, 2015

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER

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 City Council Chamber 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.

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- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 5, 2015
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-032-2015

APPLICANT: VERIZON WIRELESS

LOCATION: EAST SIDE OF BROOKHURST STREET, SOUTH OF  
CHAPMAN AVENUE AT 12042 BROOKHURST STREET

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow for the  
construction and operation of a 50'-0" tall stealth wireless



telecommunication facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine), along with related ground-mounted equipment and site improvements. The site is in the BCSP - BCC (Brookhurst/ Chapman Specific Plan - Brookhurst Chapman Commercial) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-032-2015, subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

C.2. NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AMENDMENT NO. A-013-2015

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

LOCATION: CC-1 (CIVIC CENTER MIXED USE 1) AND AR (ADAPTIVE REUSE) ZONES

REQUEST: A request for Planning Commission recommendation to City Council to amend Chapter 18 (Mixed Use Regulations), Chapter 4 (Definitions), and Chapter 32 (Procedures and Hearings) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code. The proposed amendment includes adding additional uses to the Land Use chart for the CC-1 (Civic Center Mixed Use 1) and the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zones that are not currently permitted in these zones (Section 9.18.020); adding definitions for new uses in Chapter 4 (Section 9.04.060); adding additional standards for the conversion of single-family homes to commercial uses ministerially along with additional standards for parking location, outside eating areas, and non-vehicular and vehicular vending, event space, and additional compatibility standards in the CC-1 zone (Sections 9.18.090.030, 9.18.090.040, 9.18.070.010, 9.18.070.020, and 9.18.110.020); and revising Section 9.32.030D.3(2)(a)(d) of Chapter 32 exempting single-family home conversions to any other use in the CC-1 zone from the requirement to submit a Site Plan application. The City of Garden Grove has determined that a Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to CEQA.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of a Negative Declaration and approval of Amendment No. A-013-2015 to City Council.

D. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

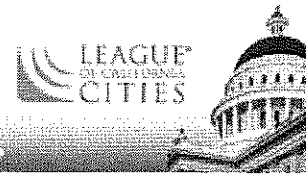
D.2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT

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## City of Bell – Lessons Learned

Writing in *The Sacramento Bee*, Joe Matthews of Zócalo Public Square commends the city of Bell's remarkable transformation and examines how state restrictions on local government can lead to municipal corruption. Matthews says local government needs the ability to raise taxes and revenues, which motivate citizens to pay attention to how their local government operates. "So to truly reform local governance, Californians must first recognize a paradox: Preventing local officials from behaving like those in Bell requires giving more discretion and freedom to local officials." For the full piece, please see "We need to learn the right lessons from Bell to prevent corruption." *The Sacramento Bee*, March 18, 2015.



## WATER: What Cities Need to Know about the Governor's Emergency Drought Relief Package

Gov. Jerry Brown and Legislative leaders on Thursday announced a \$1 billion emergency drought relief spending package that will accelerate the release of much need funding. Of particular note to cities, the package includes \$267 million for water recycling and drinking water quality projects and programs; \$19.9 million for emergency drinking water; and \$24 million for local food assistance programs. *For more, see Page 2.*



## California City Solutions: Cathedral City's Waste Curbed with Myriad of Recycling Choices

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*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. Cathedral City's Waste Management Program was submitted in 2014 for the Planning and Environmental Quality award category.*

One small action can make a difference in the world — this is the message that Cathedral City's Environmental Conservation Division (ECD) tries to exemplify with its environmental quality efforts. The city's goal is to divert more than 50 percent waste from local landfills through its Waste Management Program. The multi-faceted initiative comprises Refuse and Recycling, Stop Identity Theft shredding events, the Sharps Disposal by Mail System and several youth-focused recycling and conservation projects. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The emergency drought relief package also includes \$660 million in Proposition 1E funds to assist with essential flood control projects, primarily in the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley.

The Legislature is planning to vote on the emergency drought relief package next week before they depart for spring recess.

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More than 2,000 years ago, the Cahuilla Indians inhabited what is Cathedral City today. The Agua Caliente Band of the tribe has held 28 percent of the land since 1876. Incorporating in 1981, the city's rugged natural terrain and warm climate attracted residents and its convenient location to Interstate 10 became a draw for relocating businesses. As its population grew, so did the effects of the multiplying manufacturing businesses, only adding to environmental problems that had been plaguing the Coachella Valley for decades.

The city formed the ECD to find solutions to local environmental problems with the diversion of waste from local landfills a top priority. For many years, landfills overflowed with refuse and toxic materials, which released greenhouse gas emissions and compromised air quality. The ECD wanted to develop an ambitious program that would reduce the quantity of debris being dumped into landfills and help improve air quality.

Creating awareness that conservation improves quality of life and engaging residents proved to be one of the most difficult challenges. The city found it hard to educate residents and encourage the entire community to work with the city to reduce its carbon footprint. By adding new waste management programs annually, Cathedral City's environmental conservation and public works manager hopes to inspire residents to make one minor change each day to help improve the environment.

The Waste Management Program developed a number of successful initiatives for residents, including:

- **Refuse and Recycling Program** offers several methods of recycling to residents. A curbside refuse and recycling system, utilizes colored bins to help residents separate trash from green waste and recyclables. The Electronics and Tire Recycling Program, offered every Tuesday, allows residents to drop off old computers, TV's, microwaves and other items for disposal and recycling. Additionally, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open every Saturday for disposal of hazardous materials such as antifreeze, used batteries, motor oil and latex paint.
- **Stop Identity Theft** promotes events and educational materials about shredding documents to prevent identity theft. On a monthly basis from October through May, a shredding truck is available at a local parking lot for residents to use. Large containers are supplied and designated for confidential paper documents at all senior housing communities in the city, as the city's research shows that 10 percent of identity theft victims are over the age of 60. A shredding truck visits senior communities on a bi-weekly basis and documents are shredded onsite and recycled for future use.
- **Sharps Disposal by Mail** is the nation's first city-run free and convenient mail-back system allowing legal self-injectors a safe way to dispose of needles, lancets and syringes. With the cooperation of local pharmacies, legal self-injectors receive a box to place used needles and ship them to a facility that will responsibly dispose of the materials.

- **Student Creative Recycling Art Program (S.C.R.A.P.) Gallery** teaches students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 about environmental issues by making art from discarded materials, discovering creative ways to conserve resources and recycle.

The city worked with ECD to create a Refuse and Recycling Guide of the city's distinctive waste management programs. Available in English and Spanish, the guide allows families and individuals to choose programs that fit best into their daily routines. ECD also annually publishes an Environmental Calendar with information and dates about environmental events for participation.

Quantitative figures resulting from these waste management programs have shown that even the smallest change in a daily routine can have a significant impact. The curbside recycling program alone has seen a 75 percent increase, while some 350 businesses donated recycled paints, scraps and materials to art projects diverting more than 750,000 tons of trash from reaching the municipal waste stream.

ECD's Stop Identity Theft shredding has not only cut down on the amount of weight in local landfills, it raised awareness on taking steps to prevent becoming a victim of identity theft. More than 32,000 pounds of shredded paper have been recycled to date. Shredded paper from the monthly Stop Identity Theft event and senior communities is sold to recycling facilities that recycle the paper to be used for dry-wall, benches and innovative products, as well as more traditional recycled paper products. Onsite shredding services are available as several other Coachella Valley cities are now hosting shredding events.

The Sharps Disposal by Mail program allowed for the safe and proper disposal of approximately 450,000 needles. A TakeAway program was added, using a similar model to properly dispose of prescription medications that are outdated or ready to be discarded, keeping potentially harmful and toxic waste from landfills.

Studying at the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery inspired local youth to work with principals and teachers to craft a school recycling program and community garden. Bins and signs are provided by ECD for recycling, while students manage the program. Learning how to tend to the school and community gardens teaches students to reduce consumption of processed and packaged foods, thereby decreasing the amount of paper, plastic containers and wrappers reaching trash bins and landfills.

Effective partnerships are essential to the success of Cathedral City's waste management plan. ECD partners with Burrtec Recycling & Services and Cintas shredding to insure that waste materials are repurposed in a quick and economical manner. Cathedral City works with the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery on waste diversion rules and the state's Air Resources Board on air quality management, whose support during the past seven years has made it possible for ECD to implement diverse environmental projects. The Environmental Conservation and Public Works Department collaborates with the city council, as well as other departments, and community members to create a diverse and highly effective waste management program.

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## **Loan Applications Due Soon for Veterans' Housing Program**

Applications are due April 20 for \$75 million in Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program loans. These will mark the first installment of about \$545 million in Proposition 41 funding set to be lent out over 15 years.

Loans up to \$10 million per project will go toward developing affordable multifamily rental housing containing permanent supportive housing, transitional housing or affordable housing units for veterans and their families. Supportive or transitional housing is restricted to households experiencing homelessness.

The Department of Housing and Community Development released a [notice of funding availability](#) on Feb. 20, following the completion of [program guidelines](#) on Feb. 18.

## Eligibility

Borrowers can include local public entities, as well as individuals, joint ventures, partnerships, limited partnerships, trusts, corporations, limited liability companies, tribal governments, or a combination of those, on a for-, limited- or nonprofit basis.

Among other requirements, projects must:

- Involve the acquisition or construction or rehabilitation of an affordable rental housing development or transitional housing or the conversion of an existing structure to suit those purposes; and
- Restrict at least 45 percent of assisted units to extremely low-income veterans, with rent not exceeding 30 percent of 30 percent of area median income.

For supportive or transitional housing, projects must use a lead service provider with experience that includes comprehensive case management: individualized assistance with mental health, substance abuse, employment, health, housing retention and similar services, and which adheres to housing-first property management and tenant selection.

Housing first programs provide immediate access to chronically homeless individuals and families or vulnerable homeless individuals and families, then supportive services with the goal of moving individuals and families into long-term, stable housing.

Scoring criteria for the loans includes development team experience, supportive housing units, services plan, leveraging of development funding, leveraging of rental or operating subsidies, readiness to proceed and confirmation of local need.

The program seeks to split the funding between eligible programs by region, with not less than:

- 31 percent (about \$23.5 million) to projects within Los Angeles County;
- 14 percent (about \$10.5 million) for projects located within Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz or Sonoma counties;
- 8 percent (about \$6 million) for projects within Orange, Riverside or San Bernardino counties;
- 7 percent (about \$5.25 million) for projects within San Diego County; and
- 16 percent (about \$12 million) for projects in other counties.

## Program history

In 2008, voters approved Prop. 12. It authorized \$900 million in general obligation bonds to help veterans purchase single-family homes, farms and mobile homes.

The onset of the recession and the state's housing downturn are blamed for the demand falling short of what was projected, despite California's largest-in-the-union 1.8 million population of veterans. In 2013, AB 639 (Pérez) restructured the 2008 bond act, authorizing \$600 million to fund multifamily housing for veterans. In 2014, voters backed the change, approving Prop. 41 with better than 65 percent of the vote.

Under Prop. 41, about \$50 million in general tax revenues will be allocated annually for 15 years. Nearly 15,000 veterans experience homelessness in California on a given night — 26 percent of the nation's homeless veterans, according the Department of Housing and Community Development. Of the state's low-income veteran households in rental homes, 79 percent spend more than half of their incomes on housing.

HCD has posted more information [online](#). Questions can be directed to VHHP staff at (916) 263-2771.

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## Upcoming Legislative Hearings of Interest March 24-April 22

The League's lobbying team continues to review the flood of bills introduced before the Feb. 27 deadline, determining which of them may be of significant interest to cities. As the Legislature begins to assign legislation to policy committees, it is also holding a number of oversight and informational hearings on policy areas of interest to cities. In the coming weeks, the League will issue its first Priority Bills list.

Here are a number of upcoming hearings of interest:

### March 24

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, State Capitol, Room 447, 1:30 p.m.
  - Hearing will cover a number of items including the Public Employees' Retirement System

### March 25

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447, 9 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover a number of items including Department of Transportation, High-Speed Rail Authority and the California Transportation Commission
- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Public Safety**, State Capitol, Room 437, 1:30 p.m.
  - Hearing will cover 2014 Drought Funding
- **Joint Hearing, Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments and Assembly Elections and Redistricting**, State Capitol, Room 3191, 1:30 p.m.
  - Oversight Hearing: Statewide Voter Turnout

### March 26

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 112, 9:30 a.m.
  - Oversight Hearing: Cap-and-Trade including the Strategic Growth Council and Oversight on High-Speed Rail Authority
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, State Capitol, Room 113, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover Oversight on Proposition 47
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover State Finance, including Oversight on the Debt and Financial Management Overview, the State Treasurer, California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority, the Department of Finance, Oversight on Tax Compliance Programs and more

### April 7

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, State Capitol, Room 447, 1:30 p.m.
  - Hearing will cover Department of Housing and Community Development and Commission on State Mandates

### April 8

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 126, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover Climate Change

**April 9**

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover items related to Local Government and Economic Development, including Redevelopment Agencies Dissolution Status and Issues, the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and the Commission on State Mandates
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary**, State Capitol, Room 113, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover Public Employees' Retirement System

**April 14**

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration**, State Capitol, Room 447, 1:30 p.m.
  - Hearing will cover the State Controller's Office and Secretary of State

**April 15**

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Resources and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 447, 9 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover items related to the Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission and the Office of Planning and Research
- **Senate Environmental Quality Committee**, State Capitol, Room 3191, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings

**April 16**

- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation**, State Capitol, Room 112, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover the LAO's Overview of the Transportation Budget, the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation
- **Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government**, Room 2040, 9:30 a.m.
  - Hearing will cover a number of items related to the State Controller and a Financial Information System for California

**April 22**

- **Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.5 on Public Safety**, State Capitol, Room 437, 1:30 p.m.
    - Hearing will cover the Prop. 47 workload
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