

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 13, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

None.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

Weekly Memo 8/13/15

**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**



ANNA PHAM

School: Bolsa Grande High
Grade: Graduated
Last performed: July 16
Sang: "To Love You More" by Celine Dion



ALEX COBB

School: Pacifica High
Grade: Graduated
Last performed: July 23
Sang: "I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5



JOHANA CASTILLO

School: Santiago High
Grade: Graduated
Last performed: July 30
Sang: "Valerie" by Mark Ronson featuring Amy Winehouse



MARIAH ABATO

School: Pacifica High
Grade: Graduated
Last Sang: Aug. 6
Sang: "Beat It" by Michael Jackson



AMBER TRAN

School: Bolsa Grande High
Grade: Senior
Last Sang: July 23
Sang: "At Last" by Etta James

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO SING (WE SALUTE YOU)

The finals of 'Voice of Garden Grove' competition take place tonight, and the winner takes home cash.

Garden Grove music fans cheer for the contestants during the "Voice of Garden Grove" competition at Eastgate Park on Aug. 6. The finals will take place today.



KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The teenage arias will echo throughout Garden Grove's Eastgate Park this evening.

Four recent high school graduates

FINALS

and one senior will belt out their favorite tunes in the city's version of "American Idol." Whoever rises to the top will be this year's Voice of Garden Grove - an honor that also comes with a cash prize.

When: 5:45 p.m. today
Where: Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.
Cost: Free
More info: 714-741-5280 or ggcf.com

The finalists are Alex Cobb of Pacifica High School, Johana Castillo of Santiago High School, Mariah Abato of Pacifica High School and Anna Pham and wild card Amber Tran, both from Bolsa Grande High School.

"I'm so excited," said Abato, who won last week's preliminary round by performing "Beat It" by Michael Jackson. "I love performing, and I leave my heart out on the stage."

SEE FINALS •



Fans of singer Mariah Abato cheer for her as she sings Michael Jackson's "Beat It" during the last preliminary round of the "Voice of Garden Grove" competition Aug. 6.

PHOTOS: KYUSUNG GONG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FINALS

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This is the fourth year that the Garden Grove Community Foundation staged the "Voice of Garden Grove." It is a five-week competition, beginning with four weeks of preliminary rounds. During the preliminaries, four sets of four high school students take the stage before the weekly Summer Concert in the Park performance.

The four weekly winners, plus one wild-card contestant, move on to compete in the finals, which is sche-

duled before the Motown cover band Stone Soul takes the stage.

The winner gets \$500 to use for school and another \$500 for that student's high school choir program.

"The Garden Grove Community Foundation's focus is on arts and the community," said Stacy Margolin, the city staffer who oversees the foundation's day-to-day operations. "And this is a family-friendly way to allow students to perform and contribute to their schools."

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Pacifica High School student Sabrina Thompson sings a song from "Phantom of the Opera" on Aug. 6 during the "Voice of Garden Grove" competition at Eastgate Park.



La Quinta School student Dianna Nguyen performs in a preliminary round of the "Voice of Garden Grove."



Rancho Alamitos High School student Hillary Tran sings during an Aug. 6 preliminary.

See leak at school? Give Water Wise Hotline a call

Garden Grove Unified launches a service to help the district reach mandated cuts.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Garden Grove Unified School District wants your help to stop its leaks.

The district launched a Water Wise Telephone Hotline that people should call or text if they see leaks, broken sprinkler heads, ruptured water lines and excessive runoff at any of its 72 schools.

Calls of texts to 657-263-5353 will go to the district's maintenance crews, who will make the repairs.

The hotline is part of an overall conservation program to reach a state-mandated 25 percent cut in water use across its nearly 1,000 acres of property by 2016. Other strategies are creating stormwater-capture programs at local high schools, creating drought-tolerant landscaping and installing technologically advanced sprinklers to help reduce the watering of athletic and recreational fields by 33 percent.

"Having a dedicated

number to call or text will allow our maintenance crews to respond more quickly and make necessary repairs," Jeff Rosell, the district's director of maintenance, operations and transportation, said in a statement. "There is a huge opportunity to save water."

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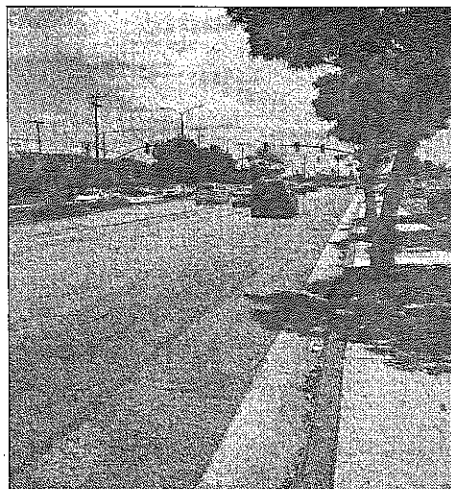
Brookhurst St. to get a completely new look

A multimillion-dollar construction project set to start soon could cause big traffic delays until Thanksgiving.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

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

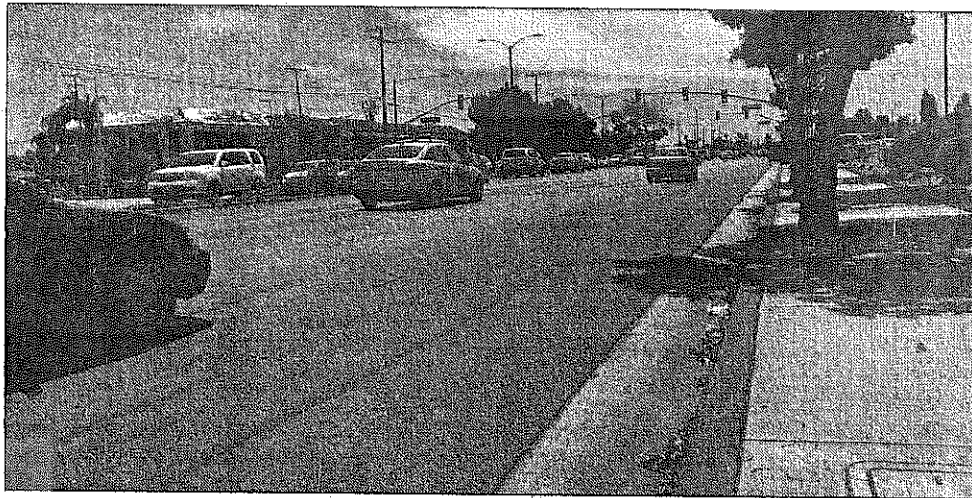
The construction will occur in two phases, first from Trask Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard and then from Hazard to Westminster avenues. The first



This part of Brookhurst Street looking south from Westminster Avenue will undergo a massive reconstruction project.

CHRIS HAIRE,
STAFF

SEE STREET



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phase will begin by the end of the month, Public Works Director Bill Murray said.

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

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

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

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

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

The project also calls for repaved sidewalks, curbs, gutters and wheelchair-accessible ramps, along with the installation of a video detection system and new signs.

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

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

There are typically three

HAWK pedestrian signal

The Brookhurst construction project also calls for the installation of a new pedestrian signal on Harbor Boulevard and Twintree Lane, which is blocks from several public schools and is where a lot of children cross the street.

The signal is called a high-intensity-activated crosswalk, or HAWK.

The signal faces both sides of the street and has three lights arranged as a reverse pyramid - with two red lights on top of one yellow.

The signal will remain blank until a pedestrian hits the walk button. The yellow light will flash and then become solid for several seconds to warn drivers to stop.

The dual red lights will go on and the pedestrians will see the traditional walk symbol allowing them to cross. Then the two lights will alternate and the walkers will get a stop sign with a countdown display. Drivers must treat the alternating lights as a stop sign, meaning they can continue once it is safe.

The HAWK system leads to a "statistically significant reduction in pedestrian crashes," according to a 2009 study by the Federal Highway Administration.

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

The last resurfacing along Brookhurst was completed 10 years ago.

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

The City Council unani-

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

"It's going to cause major gridlock," Mayor Bao Nguyen said. "But it's necessary, and it will be better afterward."

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Mexican restaurant ends 42-year mission: 'Sell tacos'

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NORTH ORANGE COUNTY

THE BUSINESS BEAT BY JOANNA CLAY

RESTAURANTS • RETAIL • SMALL BUSINESS



Get your last bit of spicy salsa or carnitas because **Casa de Soto** in **Garden Grove** is closing this month after 42 years.

A step into Casa de Soto takes you back decades – there's the brown Naugahyde booths, checkered tablecloths and murals painted on the walls. There's also the staff – some have worked there 35 years – who have watched patrons win the playoffs, graduate high school and get married.

"We don't change. Our food doesn't change. Our people don't change," Owner **Carol de Soto** said. "I think that's part of our success: It's like a second home to them."

The restaurant is known for its affordable, homestyle Mexican food: tamales, enchiladas and chile relleno.

The restaurant has a sign about the closure inside, but the message has really spread on social media, with locals sharing stories about the restaurant that's been an institution in North County for generations.

"It's been humbling," manager **Luis de Soto** said. "Hearing all the stories ... they appreciate we kept going." Luis is the son of Carol and founder Tony de Soto. Tony died in 1998.

Chloe Black, 15, has been going to the restaurant as long as she can remember.

"They have like the best Mexican food ever – except for my grandmother's cooking," she said, noting she'll miss the mild salsa and the albondigas soup.

Her father, Danny Black,

said the restaurant has been like a second home.

"We've had my son's graduation there, we celebrated birthday parties there," the Garden Grove resident said.

Casa de Soto was Carol and Tony's third restaurant.

The couple met like one of those scenes in a movie. Two guys were on the side of the road, looking for a ride from the naval base.

Carol and her mom drove by and offered Tony and his friend, both in the Spanish navy, a ride and over to the house over a slice of cake.

Six weeks later, Carol and Tony were married.

One of Tony's first jobs in the U.S. was at a Mexican restaurant, where he worked his way from dishwasher to cook to handling the books.

He later was a head chef for executives at Douglas Aircraft Co.

Since the de Soto's opened the restaurant in 1973, the focus has always

been good food and good prices, Carol said.

But over the years, they heard complaints over the lack of televisions, happy hour or free Wi-Fi.

Luis' response about the restaurant's old-school ways usually is: "Have a taco." It's in line with the restaurant's two-word mission statement on its website: "Sell tacos."

"We don't do what everybody else does," he said.

But in about a week, it won't sell tacos. If you want to stop by, Carol says call first.

EL TORITO CLOSES IN FULLERTON

The **El Torito** in **Fullerton** closed July 26. The restaurant's lease was ending and the landlord plans to redevelop the building, said Jared Dougherty, spokesman for owners Real Mex.

All the employees kept jobs with the company, transferring to other El Torito locations, he said.

Send your north Orange County business tips and news to bizbeat@ocregister.com.



JOANNA CLAY, STAFF

Owner **Carol de Soto** and her son, **Luis**, will be closing their family restaurant **Casa de Soto** in **Garden Grove**.

District lays out strategy

Academic success. Personal skills. Lifelong success.

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

Academic success includes critical-thinking and problem-solving, English and scholarly habits, which includes goal setting, note taking and time management. Personal skills include teaching students to respect themselves and others despite differences in socio-economic status. Lifelong success involves readying students for college and then monitoring them after they leave the school district.

- Chris Haire



KEVIN LARA, FILE PHOTO

Public safety officials encourage adults to be vigilant in the pool.

Remember ABCs of swimming

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

- A is for active adult supervision;
- B is for barriers, such as installing proper fencing;
- C is for classes, so kids learn to swim properly.

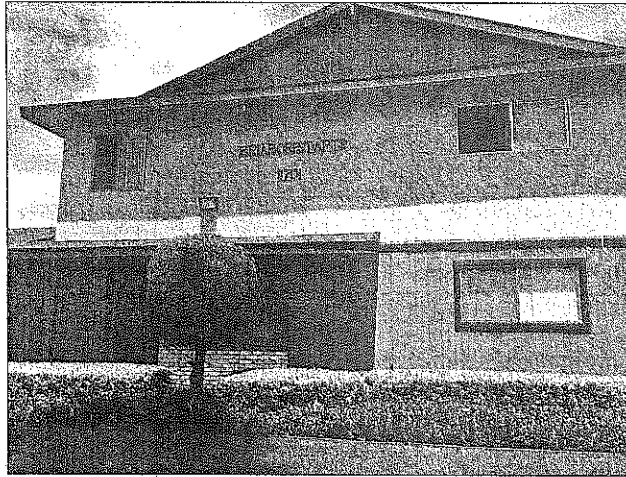
For its drowning-prevention campaign, with money received from an Emblem Club of Garden Grove donation, the department is giving out tags and fliers with information about staying attentive to children in the water. Residents can pick them up for free at any fire station or city facility.

- Amy Wang

THE FIVE

THINGS TO KNOW

GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL STAFF



CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

The Briar Crest and Rosecrest apartments will undergo a remodel as part of an affordable housing plan.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS GETTING REMODEL

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

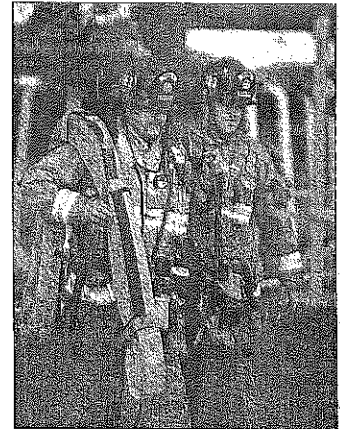
The complexes, with 41 total units at 11681, 11682,

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

Families whose annual

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

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STEVEN GEORGES, FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Fire Department sent personnel to fight wildfires.

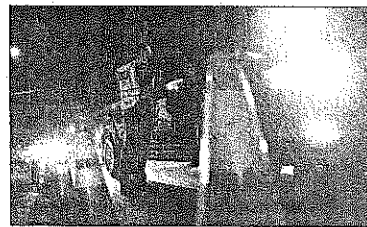
Firefighters sent north to battle two major wildfires

The Garden Grove Fire Department sent two engine companies last week to help strike teams in Northern California fight the multiple wildfires that had already destroyed thousands of acres.

One company was sent to Eureka for the Six Rivers Lightning Fire and the other to Lake County to fight the Rocky Fire.

"The extraordinary dry conditions make many areas throughout the state prone to wild fire," Fire Chief Tom Schultz said. "Our department is committed to providing assistance ... while ensuring that service to our city is uninterrupted."

- Chris Haire



STUART PALLEY, FILE PHOTO

The police department is getting \$259,000 in a grant from the state.

Police given grant for DUI enforcement

The Garden Grove Police Department is getting \$259,000 from California this fiscal year to beef-up driving under the influence enforcement.

The grant comes from the state's Office of Traffic Safety and will allow Garden Grove to afford the costs of checkpoints to stop people from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Certain police officers will also receive

training in how to check people for sobriety.

In 2014, there were 48 crashes in Garden Grove where alcohol was involved, leading to 68 injuries and one death, police say.

Without the money from the Office of Traffic Safety, Traffic officer Royce Wimmer said enforcement would be "greatly affected."

- Amy Wang

Mayor spoke of House run

In recording, Garden Grove's Nguyen also blasted fellow councilmen.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • During an early morning conversation at his home in June, Mayor Bao Nguyen asked the president of the Garden Grove Police Association about his chances in a congressional



Nguyen

race, used a pejorative term toward a fellow councilman and discussed several other issues.

The discussion was recorded with a microphone on Sgt. Mike Viscomi's lapel, which department policy requires of on-duty officers. Nguyen said he thought the chat was private.

Garden Grove released the 25-minute recording on Wednesday after the City Council agreed a day earlier that the public should hear it. That decision came after members of the public requested a copy. It's unclear how anyone found out about the recording.

In a statement released before Tuesday's council

meeting, Nguyen said, "The people elected me to be open and honest, and I have always kept that promise."

Nguyen called the Police Department's non-emergency hotline about 9:30 p.m. June 18 to report a public disturbance on Garden Grove Boulevard near his home, Chief Todd Elgin said.

Viscomi called the mayor, saying he didn't find anyone. Later on, Nguyen called the sergeant and invited him to the house.

"The officer did not know what he was responding to," Elgin said of the mayor's later call.

At 1:26 a.m. June 19, Viscomi started the recorder as he pulled up to the mayor's house, the police chief said, because he thought the invitation was related to Nguyen's earlier disturbance call.

"He was completely following procedure," Elgin said.

Viscomi could not be reached for comment.

Early in the discussion, Nguyen asked Viscomi if he wanted to shut down the patrol car and come inside. Viscomi said it was against department policy.

The police and city are bargaining a new labor contract. When asked if he called the union president to discuss those negotiations, Nguyen said, "absolutely not."

The chat turned to several other topics, some political and some familial.

"I want to talk to you about replacing Loretta Sanchez," Nguyen said in the recording, referring to the Democratic congresswoman who is running for U.S. Senate.

The police union president responded, "I know you could get the votes, if you're ready."

After a brief exchange, Nguyen said, "I'm going na-

tional, man."

The police union did not support Nguyen when he ran against incumbent Bruce Broadwater in the 2014 mayoral race. Nguyen said on Wednesday that he didn't bring up a potential congressional campaign to Viscomi as a way to gauge the union's interest in endorsing him.

"I ask everybody," the mayor said. "I don't even know if the union endorses for congressional races. I just want people to be genuine with me."

The conversation between Nguyen and Viscomi also underscored the apparent tension between the mayor and Councilman



Bui

Phat Bui. The council infighting began in February, when Nguyen refused to sign a letter

asking the city of Riverside to rescind a sister-city relationship with Can Tho, Vietnam.

Nguyen, who was a child when his family fled to America, said it was inappropriate to tell another city what to do. Supporters of Bui, an older and hard-line first-generation Vietnamese American who endorsed the letter to Riverside, led an unsuccessful re-

call effort against the newly elected mayor.

Since then, the two have openly fought and cut each other off during heated council debates.

"Phat Bui is a (expletive), man," Nguyen said. "And you know what? I'll tell you straight: Steve Jones is echoing that bull ... too," he added, referring to another fellow councilman.

Bui and Jones didn't return calls for comment. Nguyen said he's not worried how the recording will affect the council's ability to collaborate.

"If everyone is focused on the real issues," Nguyen said, "we'll be able to get things done."

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National Night Out combats crime

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

By Loreen Berlin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spirit is privately owned by Sgt. Jim Holder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

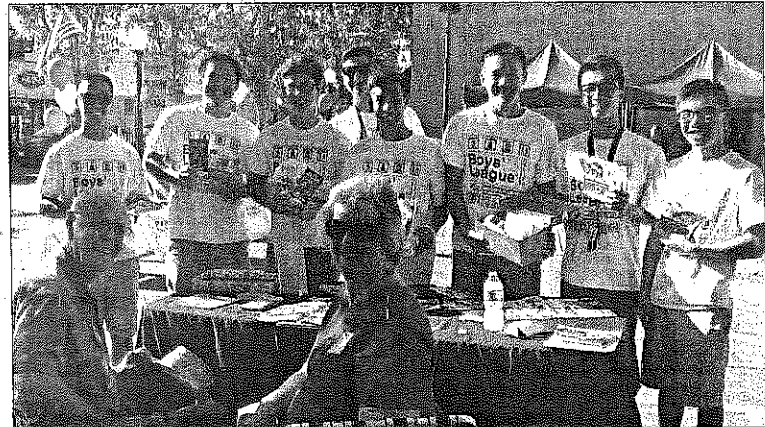
"My mother was born in Garden Grove in 1924; I was born here in 1954 and my grandson was born here," said Marla Beihl. "We are a generational family living close to each other and love it."

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

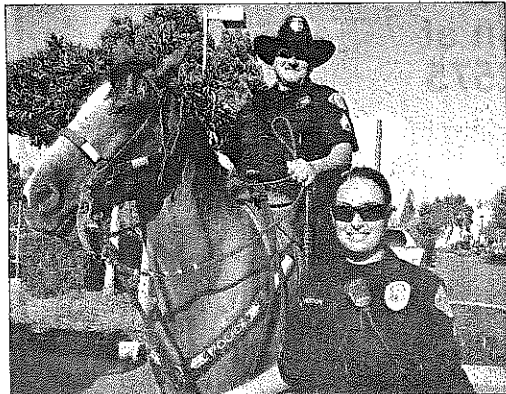


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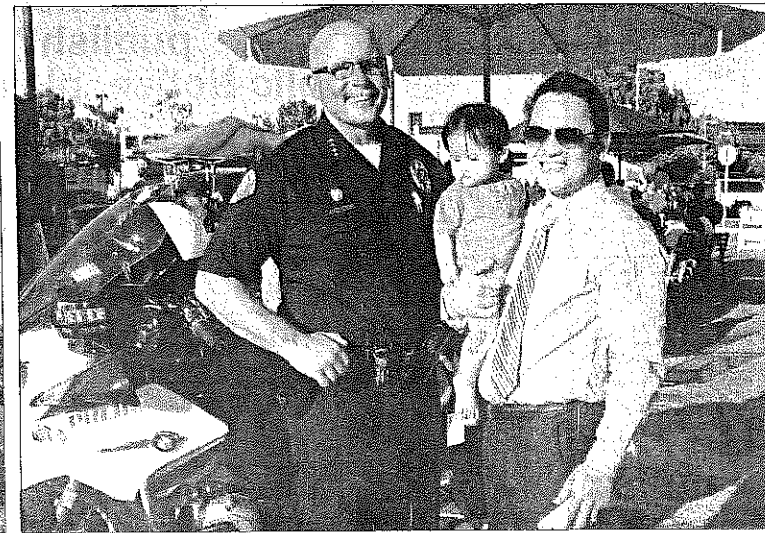
The Garden Grove Fire Department was on hand last week at National Night Out. Firefighters even let children explore their fire engines.



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



Bring in the calvary! Garden Grove police brought a horse to the National Night Out event, and it proved hugely popular.



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

Cops + citizens = safer streets



Law enforcement personnel stand with McGruff the Crime Dog during National Night Out in Garden Grove last week. The yearly event is meant to raise awareness of crime, and by raising awareness among residents, to better combat criminals. For full coverage, see page 12.

Photo by Loreen Berlin

School district seeks to conserve water

“Water Wise Telephone Hotline” is designed to reduce water usage by 25 percent

The Garden Grove Unified School District has established a “Water Wise Telephone Hotline” to support local and statewide water conservation efforts.

Members of the public are encouraged to call or text 714-263-5353 to report any water leaks, broken sprinkler heads, ruptured water lines and excessive water runoff at district schools. Text messages are accepted with or without photos.

“Having a dedicated number to call or text will allow our maintenance crews to respond more quickly and make necessary

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OC Fair celebrates ‘Garden Grove Day’

Mayor Bao Nguyen is one of many locals to attend

By Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove had its day in the sun at the Orange County Fair last week, which proclaimed Aug. 4 “Garden Grove Day.”

The Orange County Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa is celebrating its 125th anniversary with food, fun and unique tastes, culinary competitions and exhibits.

As part of the Fair’s celebration, cities in Orange County are being honored each day in the main hangar, beginning with the National Anthem by various groups of musicians.

On hand for the festivities was Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and City of Garden Grove representatives Allan Roeder and Scott Stiles, along with Garden Grove Unified School District Trustees Lan Quoc Nguyen, Bob Harden and Teri Rocco.

The National Anthem was sung by a stupendous group of young musicians who perform as the Wimberley Bluegrass Band. “Keeping good old fashioned bluegrass music alive.”

Mayor Nguyen also serves on the Fair’s board of directors.

“Garden Grove has a rich agricultural heritage in Orange County and we are an important part of this year’s 125th year of the Orange County Fair,” he said during opening ceremonies.

There are so many food choices at the Fair, not to mention the Centennial Farm that is open all year long and vegetable exhibits by various groups and individuals and baby animals that include piglets, calves, goats and baby chicks.

It’s simply an amazing array of sights and sounds and entertainment and vendors with unique items not available elsewhere.

Also on hand for the opening ceremonies were the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, Pacifica High School’s Cheer & Dance Team and the Garden Grove High School Girls Soccer Team.

Leather working is taught inside the Millennium Barn where youngsters can chose to make a bookmark, key ring or bracelet for a small fee.

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A last blast of summer fun

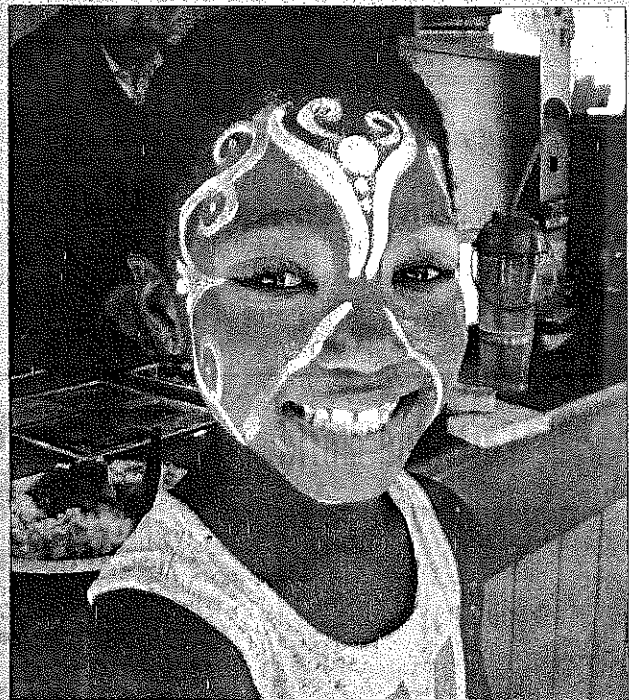


Photo by Tony Cheong

MaKayla, 9, of Garden Grove enjoys her final days of summer vacation by getting her face painted at Knott’s Berry Farm over the weekend. For many kids, school starts in mid- to late- August, so Knott’s was packed with families getting thrills on rides and cooling off at Soak City. Kids: Are you ready to hit the books now?

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repairs," said Jeff Rosell, district director of maintenance, operations and transportation. "There is a huge opportunity to save water at our 72 sites covering nearly 1,000 acres. With the community's help we can conserve water and save money."

The telephone hotline is part of an ambitious conservation strategy to reduce districtwide water consumption by 25 percent by 2016, which includes decreasing the watering of landscaping and fields by 33 percent. To support this initiative, the district is replacing select decorative lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping, applying for grants to install "smart" sprinklers to control watering of athletic and play fields, and implementing new measures to protect sprinkler heads and irrigation lines from damage. Also, all district high school pools will be immediately covered after use to limit evaporation and curb heating costs.

Modernization projects financed through the Measure A school

bond are helping reduce water use through the replacement of old water mains, backflows, drinking fountains, and sinks, and by installing ultra-low flush toilets throughout district schools.

The district's water conservation program will be enhanced by stormwater capture projects at Bolsa Grande, Los Amigos, and Santiago high schools combined with education and outreach opportunities for students, teachers, and community members.

Funding for these projects is made possible through a \$1.99 million Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools grant from the state Water Resources Control Board. The district is developing its DROPS projects in partnership with the Climate Smart Schools program by Climate Resolve, a Los Angeles climate-change organization; with technical assistance by EcoMotion, a sustainability consultancy; and Orange County Coastkeeper, the county's leading watershed health organization.

For more information, call the district Maintenance Operations, and Transportation Department at 714-663-6185.

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For the avid gardener, there have been opportunities to showcase a "green thumb" in the weekly Garden and Floral Competitions and participants received complimentary admission to the Fair.

Adult categories included fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, floral

arrangements and container plant competitions and there were dry and silk floral arrangements, amateur live floral design and open live floral design contests.

And don't miss the Ice Museum, if you can stand the 5-degree temperature. It's exquisite and quite cooling on a hot day.

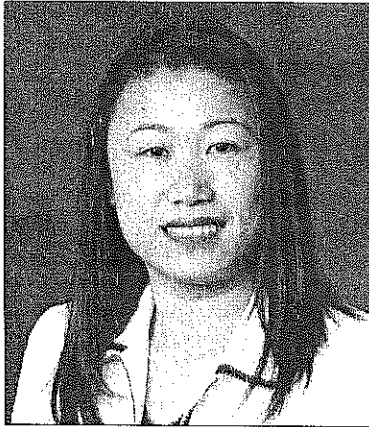
For information about the Orange County Fair, there's a free Fair APP, visit www.ocfair.com or call 714-708-1500.

Governor signs local rep's voting bill

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

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

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



File photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen

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

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

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

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

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Police: man dies at hands of his brother

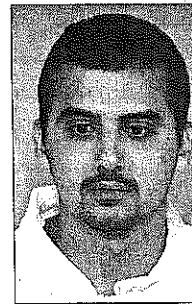
Verbal fight ends with one dead of stabbing wounds

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

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

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

Serrat immediately fled the scene but officers found him a few



Courtesy photo

Andres Serrat

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

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

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

A little kindness goes a long way

Recently, kindness took center stage as more than one 150 volunteers gathered at the OC Food Bank in Garden Grove for the official launch of #KindCalifornia.

This statewide initiative, spearheaded by State Sen. Janet Nguyen in partnership with the OC Food Bank, aims to encourage residents to perform random acts of kindness.

"Recently, I had the honor of meeting His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, who has lived a life guided by the principles of kindness. I was inspired by his exemplary life to serve others and felt compelled to sponsor this initiative," said Sen. Nguyen.

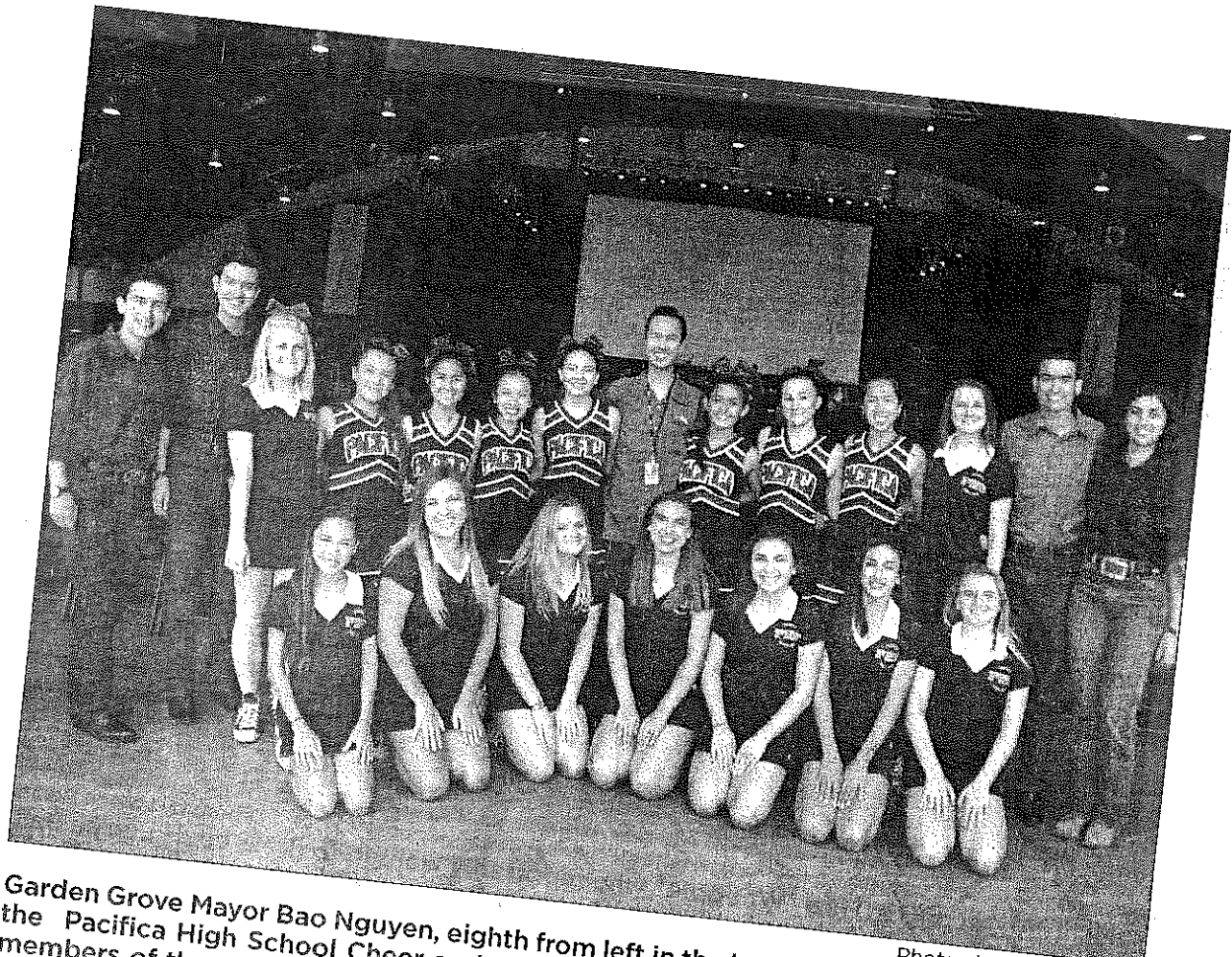
During the two-hour event, which featured a press conference, more than 150 volunteers of all ages performed the first random act of kindness by packing food for needy

children and families, while others collected canned food donations.

"The OC Food Bank is proud to partner in an endeavor that seeks to have a positive long-term impact on the well being of our community. We are excited to have so many volunteers participating in the launch of #KindCalifornia and hope that many of them will come back to perform more acts of kindness like this one," said Orange County Food Bank Director Mark Lowry.

Residents who wish to be part of #KindCalifornia can sign-up one of three ways: 1) Website: Visit <http://district34.cssrc.us/> to submit a pledge; 2) Twitter: Tweet the hashtag #KindCalifornia; 3) Facebook: Visit www.Facebook.com/KindCalifornia and leave a message on the wall with the message "I am #KindCalifornia."

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Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen, eighth from left in the back row, enjoys a moment with the Pacifica High School Cheer and Dance Team, who are flanked on both sides with members of the Wimberley Bluegrass Band, during "Garden Grove Day" at the Orange County Fair last week.

Photos by Loreen Berlin

Local veterans give their takes on great debate



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Many of you, I'm guessing, watched the Republican debate last week.

I plopped myself on the sofa in front of the TV and watched, too.

And, of course, all eyes are on candidate Donald Trump. But I got to wondering how folks in our neck of the woods feel about the billionaire who's leading the race in the polls. He's made some controversial statements, so of course I seized on that.

In particular, I wanted to know what our communities — which all have rich military histories — thought about his comments directed at John McCain, who he said was not a war hero even though he spent five years as a POW during the Vietnam War.

"I like guys who don't get captured," Trump said.

So I talked to local veterans about his comments. Frankly, I

was surprised. I figured they'd all denounce him.

They didn't. To be sure, many did, but many also supported his comments, and support him for president. This is totally unscientific, but about 60-65 percent of the dozen or so vets I spoke to denounced him. That means 35 to 40 percent had no problem with what he said.

So here is a sampling of what they had to say. I've chosen three — one from Garden Grove, one from Stanton and one from Westminster.

PETER KATZ

Katz, of Garden Grove, served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1972. His duties included escorting fallen soldiers in their coffins on their way back to the United States and presiding over 28 military funerals. Here's what he had to say:

"He's the type of person that speaks off the cuff. If you listen to the whole comment, he didn't say what the media is reporting... He's saying a lot of right-on things about how we're not taking care of our vets."

Katz also opined that the VA is a "disaster," about half of the soldiers who fought in one or both of the Gulf wars are dead and that McCain should spend less time politicking and more time working on behalf of vets.

"John McCain has done very little in his position of power for veterans," Katz said.

DAVID NGUYEN

Nguyen (he changed his first name when he came to Amer-

ica), a Westminster resident, was a soldier for the Republic of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. When the North Vietnamese overwhelmed South Vietnam, he fled, eventually settling in Westminster with his wife and two children.

Following are his comments:

"Mr. John McCain will always be a hero to me for helping South Vietnam. We are in his debt, and he suffered so much for so long in the prison camp. They broke his bones. The Vietcong were evil. They tortured and killed prisoners. I would like to ask Mr. Trump a question: Where were you when Mr. John McCain was fighting for our freedom? I don't care about his money. Money does not make a man to me. Mr. John McCain is a man I respect and a hero."

AL ETHANS

Ethans, the mayor of Stanton, served in the Navy Reserve and U.S. Navy in the 1940s. During the Korean War, he served in the Air Force. His total service came to eight years.

Here's what he had to say about Trump:

"He should apologize. I'm like a lot of other veterans. All to me are heroes for serving their country and going through all that crap they have to go through. I think McCain's a hero but I think there are about 10,000 other heroes, too."

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

Flashback Heart Attack rocks Garden Grove

Popular local band shreds at summer concert series

Making its debut at the free summer concert series last week was Flashback Heart Attack, which wowed a Garden Grove crowd during performance at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.

Taking rock back to the 1980s, the tribute band has been named "Best Live Band" three years in a row by a local Orange County newspaper.

For the past three concerts, 11 local high school students have competed in a singing competition for a chance to make it to the finals, where they could win a \$500 cash prize and another \$500 toward their school's choir program.

Planning to take a photo on Instagram or Tweet at a concert? Make the post during the first-half of the concert and use hashtag, #ggsummerconcerts, to automatically be entered into a social media challenge hosted by the City of Garden Grove. The user with the most re-tweets and

the photo with the most likes will win a special giveaway at intermission.

Vendors sell food and beverages at the concerts, which are put on every Thursday evening, including local gourmet food trucks, like The Coconut Truck, OH MY GAGA, Macho Nacho and Sexy Burger.

For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts or alcohol is permitted in the park. Dogs must be leashed and picked up after at all times.

The 2015 free summer concert series is sponsored by the City of Garden Grove, AT&T, GKN Aerospace and Republic Services. The last band of the series is Stone Soul, playing Motown rock on Aug. 13.

To learn more about the concerts, call 714-741-5280 or visit www.ggcf.com. Follow the series on Facebook and Instagram by searching for Garden Grove City Hall, #ggsummerconcerts, or #voiceofgg.

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Courtesy photo

Flashback Heart Attack

Community Calendar

Ongoing

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

Grief support

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

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

Dance Center hosts social

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

Rotary Club to meet

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

GG Kiwanis to meet

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

School Board to meet

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

GG leader bids farewell

Following a 21-year career with the City of Garden Grove, Susan Emery, director of the City's Community Development Department, has accepted a new position as community development director for the City of Irvine.

Her last day with the City of Garden Grove is Sept. 4.

Emery started her career with the City of Garden Grove in 1998 as neighborhood improvement manager. She later became redevelopment manager and planning services manager. In 2004, she was promoted to director of community development, and in 2014, she was named assistant city manager, serving in both positions concurrently.

While working with the city's staff to develop the hotel and tourist markets along Harbor Boulevard, Emery also worked with non-profit organizations, community leaders, and developers to establish collective partnerships, generating solutions to community issues such as new affordable housing developments.

Included in Emery's accomplishments with the City of Garden Grove have been directing the update of the City's General Plan in 2008, and the Mixed Use Zoning code in 2011.

Emery, an Irvine resident, begins her new position with the City of Irvine on Sept. 14.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. A-014-2015

A request by the City of Garden Grove for adoption of zoning text amendments to portions of Chapters 9.04 (Definitions), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space Development Standards), and 9.18 (Mixed Use Regulations and Development Standards) of Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to update the references, definitions, development standards, and operational conditions in the City's Land Use Code, pertaining to massage establishments and other types of uses at which massage services are provided, to be consistent with the City Massage Regulations set forth in Chapter 5.12 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code and the State Massage Therapy Act. Pursuant to the proposed Amendment, massage establishments would be treated as a separate commercial use, rather than as an adult entertainment business, and would be permitted to be located in the C-2 (Community Commercial), GGMU-1,2,3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use), and NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zones, subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit, provided they are not located within 1000 feet of another massage establishment, meet specified development, operational, and minimum parking standards, possess a valid and current massage operator's permit issued by the Police Chief, and comply with all other requirements of the City Massage Regulations in Chapter 5.12. Existing legally established and permitted massage establishments would be deemed legal nonconforming uses that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 5.12 (Massage Regulations) and Chapter 9.36 (Nonconformities) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code. The proposed Amendment would also update the definitions, references, conditions and standards applicable to Athletic and Health Clubs, Spas or Gyms that provide massage services, and would permit massage services to be provided as part of a salon, spa or similar facility located in, and incidental to the operation of, a Hotel that contains at least one hundred fifty (150) rooms located anywhere in the City. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Garden Grove City Council regarding the proposed Amendment and a determination that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 3, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., AUGUST 27, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-042-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a 1,600 square foot indoor archery range located at 10682 Stanford Avenue. The site is at 10682 Stanford Avenue in the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-045-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to establish a second hand store use in conjunction with a 4,948 square foot retail carpet store. The site is at 13061 Gateway Street in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

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

A request to modify the Conditions of Approval, approved under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-337-11, for an existing 2,060 square foot restaurant, A Bite of Jersey, to allow live entertainment in the form of a solo performer with non-amplified sound. The site is at 5244 Lampson Avenue in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-046-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a change of ownership of an existing restaurant, Tu Do Restaurant, that currently operates with an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 10284 Westminster Avenue in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on August 27, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1175

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish All Labor, Material and Equipment for On-Call Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement Slurry Seal (RAP) at Various Locations for the City of Garden Grove. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at City of Garden Grove Public Works Executive Conference Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Direct any questions regarding this bid process can be directed to Sandra Segawa in writing via email to: sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: August 12, 2015

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

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Dated: August 12, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M.
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Recording of mayor will be released

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • An audio recording of a late-night conversation between Mayor Bao Nguyen and an on-duty police officer in front of the mayor's home in mid-June will be released today.

City council members Phat Bui, Steve Jones and Chris Phan unanimously agreed to release the recording during a closed-door meeting Tuesday

evening. Nguyen recused himself, and Councilman Kris Beard was absent because he is on a family vacation.

"We want to be transparent," Bui said. "I have no idea what's on the tape beside the summary briefing."

Residents filed a public records request for the recording by the officer's wireless microphone, which he is required to wear when on duty.

It is not yet clear what is on the tape. It appears that

Nguyen did not know the conversation was being recorded because, according to the mayor, he used curse words.

"On this recording of a private conversation I used some salty language that I shouldn't have," Nguyen said. "But we have important matters to address in our city, and I will not be distracted from the job I was elected to do."

City Clerk Kathy Bailor said the tape will be released today.

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Woman arrested in death of boyfriend

Police say Arlene Katherine Bautista, 20, shot and killed Luis Victor Vidal, 25.

BY ALMA FAUSTO
STAFF WRITER

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A 20-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of shooting her boyfriend to death Wednesday evening in Garden Grove.

Arlene Katherine Bautista was taken into custody shortly after officers were called to "unknown trouble" at Emerald Isle



Bautista

mobile home park in the 13700 block of Clinton Street, said Lt.

Bob Bogue of the Garden Grove Police Department.

When officers arrived, they found 25-year-old Luis Victor Vidal with a gunshot wound. Vidal and Bautista, both of Garden Grove, were dating and had a child together, Bogue said.

Police are not releasing details about what happened before the shooting but said Bautista was quickly detained at the home and formally arrested about an hour later. Officers found a handgun and determined it was the weapon, police said.

Bautista was booked on suspicion of homicide. Inmate records show she is being held at the Women's Central Jail in lieu of \$1 million bail. She is set to appear in court today.

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In Memoriam

In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of
TERRY R. LUDWIG
Army Vietnam Veteran

Terry R. Ludwig passed away 1 year ago today, August 12, 2014. For 35 years, Terry was a Sr. Water Service Worker with the City of Garden Grove. He loved his family so much. He also loved the friends he had and the people he worked with, along with his dogs, fishing, and actively participated in car shows with his 1970 Chevelle. God only made 1 Terry Ludwig and we were so blessed to have had him in our lives. He is loved yesterday, today and forever and he will always be missed. The memories he has etched in our hearts are happily remembered by the ones he loved most. Love and miss you Terry! - Your Family

Register
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Audio of mayor talking to officer may be released

Resident: Leader should show the transparency he affirmed in campaign.



Nguyen

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • An audio recording of a late-night conversation between Mayor Bao Nguyen and a Garden Grove police officer outside the mayor's house could get released if two City Council members decide to do so during a closed-door meeting tonight.

The discussion comes after several Garden Grove residents submitted public-records requests for the recording.

It is unknown what Nguyen and the on-duty officer discussed when they met in mid-June, but the two may have talked "about a number of things," ac-

ording to Councilman Phat Bui, who has been briefed on the recording. The city and its police association are undergoing contract negotiations.

Nguyen declined to comment Monday evening.

Officers must wear wireless microphones at all times and record "all citizen contacts, whether dispatched, self-initiated, or citizen initiated," according to department policy.

The mayor, who was elected in November 2014 after making transparency his primary campaign issue, will recuse himself from the vote, and Councilman Kris Beard said he will not be at the meeting because he is on a family vacation.

That means that only two

of the three councilmen likely to be present - Bui, Steve Jones and Chris Phan - have to vote to release it, said City Attorney Omar Sandoval.

"We want to be transparent," Bui said. "If the public wants it, we should make it available."

Tony Flores, a longtime Garden Grove activist and one of those who submitted a request for the video, said that even if there is no real issue with the conversation between Nguyen and the officer, it is a problem that the recording hasn't been released, considering the mayor's campaign promises.

"We are talking about a mayor who ran on a platform of transparency," Flores said. "This is what he's supposed to be about."

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City leader lauded for efforts on Fire Authority board

**Councilman David Shawver
has served for 20 years
consecutively**

By Loreen Berlin

Since the founding of the Orange County Fire Authority in 1995, Stanton City Councilman David Shawver has served continuously for 20 years; he is the only board member to do so.

In presenting Shawver with a 20-year plaque, OCFA Board Chair Al Murray likened Shawver to baseball player Cal Ripken Jr., who played 21 seasons for the Baltimore Orioles, setting a record for the most consecutive games played.

"And your consecutive years of service-streak are still going strong," said Murray, as he praised Shawver for his "Keen insight and depth of institutional knowledge, which are critical assets to how we function. Your ability to come up with great, often out-of-the box ideas, and your quick wit and wonderful sense of humor have set a standard to which we all aspire."

Shawver said he started in the late 1980s as a representative of the Orange County Fire Department, which in 1994 formed the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with other cities and became the OCFA.

"I had an interest and so transitioned from the JPA to the OCFA," said Shawver. "I have always had an interest in making sure the City of Stanton and its residents had the best protective service available, and as of today, the OCFA is recognized throughout the country as one of the top fire services in the nation."

Shawver said he remembers his first OCFA meeting back in 1994, that was held in the old fire station (still standing) in the City of Orange on Water Street.

"We met at card tables with folding chairs — and what I've noticed

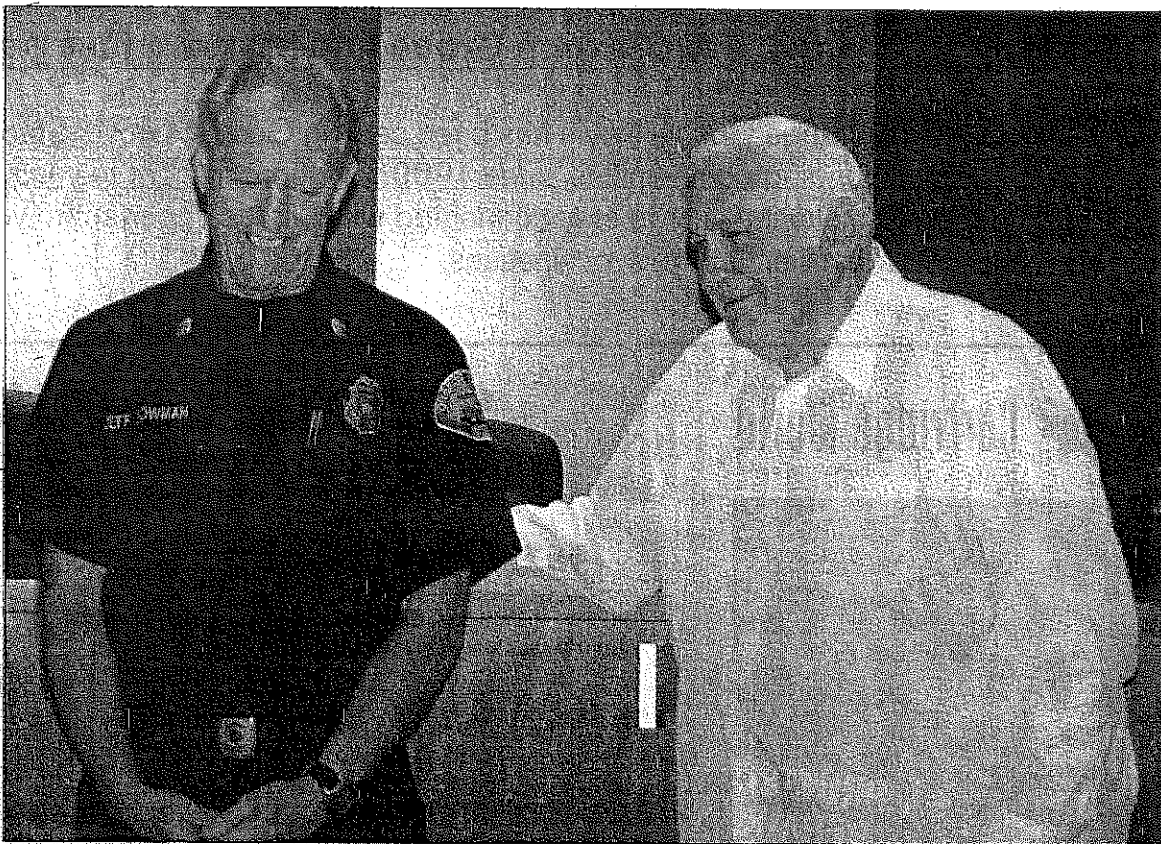


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Stanton City Councilman David Shawver, right, was recognized recently for his service on the Orange County Fire Authority board.

in my 20 years, is the problems we had in 1990 are the same as we currently have to solve, such as ambulance service, response times, firemen training and governance of OCFA. Nothing has really changed over the years — it's cyclical — history repeats itself," he said.

Shawver said the accomplishments he is most proud of include that he is the only member left of the original board and that he has continually served as the representative for Stanton.

"I'm pleased to have helped with the selection of the new Fire Chief Jeff Bowman and pleased to have helped form the first-ever human resource committee working with the rank and file of the OCFA."

What has he accomplished working with OCFA? He said he's most proud of helping create a Regional Fire Authority to serve the entire unincorporated area of Orange County, plus the 25 cities, and bringing it into national prominence.

Shawver continues to serve as chairman of the Human Resources Committee and on the OCFA executive board.

"I appreciate that our City Council has always allowed me to stay and serve on the board, representing the citizens of Stanton, and boy, those 20 years have gone by quickly," he said.



Photo by Tony Cheong

Joe's Italian Ice will close at the end of August.

Oh, no! Joe! No, no, no! Woe is me!

Columnist's favorite place for cold treats will close at end of August



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Say it ain't so, Joe...

My go-to spot for Philly-style, fruit-flavored Italian ice, as well as other cold goodies, is closing.

Joe's Italian Ice, on Harbor

Boulevard in Garden Grove, will shut down on Aug. 31, announced Mike Abeyta, Joe's owner. The city, which owns the land, has pretty much forced Abeyta's hand. And not for a frivolous reason. In order to lure more tourists to the city, and line city coffers with more dough, Garden Grove plans to allow for a hotel and restaurant on the 5-acre site where Joe's now stands.

The project calls for up to three hotels with a maximum of 769 rooms – some of which will be luxury accommodations. The project will also contain 45,000-square feet of restaurant and entertainment space, and a 39,000-square-foot conference center.

When it opened in 2002, Joe's was one of a few places in the region that sold authentic Ital-

ian ice. Similar to the way ice cream is made, water and fruit purées are blended in a freezing machine to create flavored "water ice" – a popular dessert on the East Coast. Joe's offers more than a dozen flavors each day. All the ice cream comes from Philadelphia.

The hole-in-the-wall, brightly colored "shack" doesn't look like much, but the treats are top notch.

Anytime you drive by the locale, there's a line.

Luckily for Abeyta, he had the good business sense to spread around his eggs rather than put them all in one basket.

There is another Joe's about a half-mile away on Harbor Boulevard in Anaheim near Disneyland. And there's another Joe's in Tempe, Ariz.

So it's not all bad news. I'll just frequent the other Joe's, near Disneyland.

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

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State Sen. Janet Nguyen walks for wellness

Orange County News
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GG, WM rep promotes healthy and active lifestyles

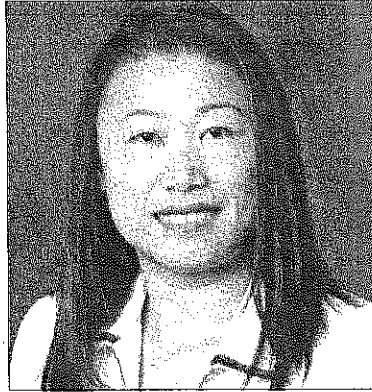
State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities, recently joined 100 eager Santa Ana residents who woke up bright and early to participate in the Wellness Corridor event.

With the vision of encouraging healthy lifestyles, the event began in the parking lot of Latino Health Access where residents warmed-up before embarking on a walk through downtown Santa Ana. As they walked, residents stopped to visit several stations that were situated throughout the route and which featured various physical activities including potato sack races, hula hooping and much more.

“Recreational park space is very limited in Santa Ana but this should not stop our residents from being physically active,” said Nguyen. “Our goal is to help our children and families see that there are spaces within our existing urban areas where they can exercise and play.”

The mission of the Wellness Corridor, created by the non-profit organization Latino Health Access, is to promote healthy and active lifestyles choices for the residents of Santa Ana through the use of non-traditional open spaces. To achieve this, the Wellness Corridor seeks to create walking and biking routes in urban areas that also feature amenities that encourage residents to be physically active.

As a member of the Wellness Corridor Steering Committee since its establishment in 2012, Sen. Nguyen’s office proudly hosted an interactive station in Santa Ana’s Artist Village that



File photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen

featured music, jump roping and games.

The festive walk, ended at the Green Heart Families Park where residents enjoyed workshops on nutrition, line dancing and healthy food.

“Exercising can be a fun family-friendly activity that can take place in non-traditional settings. I am very proud of the work of the Wellness Corridor Steering Committee and of the families who have committed to the overall wellbeing of their families and community,” said Nguyen.

Addressing the lack of open spaces in Central Orange County has always been a priority of Sen. Nguyen. Most notably, during her tenure as an Orange County Supervisor, Sen. Nguyen was instrumental in spearheading the conversion of the Haster Basin Flood Channel into the Haster Recreational Park located in Garden Grove. The site, which added two-acres of park space to Central Orange County, also features soccer fields, exercise stations, a jogging trail and an improved parking lot.

Community

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,

Ongoing

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

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.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott

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GARDEN GROVE

Swimming ABCs: With no end in sight for Southern California's hot weather, the Fire Department wants residents to remember the "ABCs of water safety": A is for active adult supervision; B is for barriers, such as installing proper fencing; and C is for classes, so kids learn to swim properly.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Singing finals: Recent high school graduates Alex Cobb, Johana Castillo, Mariah Abato and Anna Pham will compete for a \$500 cash scholarship and \$500 for their respective school choir program during the finals of the Voice of Garden Grove, which precedes Thursday's concert in the park. It begins at 5:45 p.m. in Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.
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City manager: Scott Stiles, who took over as city manager from Allan Roeder last week, will take the oath of office at Tuesday's City Council meeting. Stiles was the assistant city manager in Cincinnati before coming to Garden Grove. Tuesday's meeting will be Stiles' first.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Director leaving: Susan Emery, the city's Community Development director and a 21-year Garden Grove employee, is leaving Sept. 4 to take a job with Irvine. Emery, whose accomplishments with the city include helping launch the Re:Imagine Garden Grove campaign, will be Irvine's community development director.
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

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Resolution rescinded: The City Council on Tuesday unanimously agreed to rescind a nonbinding resolution that urged Congress to pass immigration reform. The resolution passed last week. Councilman Kris Beard was not present at the meeting so did not vote, but he, along with Councilman Phat Bui, brought the rescindment forward.
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Community Services Manager

Thursday, August 13, 2015

BIG HERO 6 SHOWING IN THE PARK

Attend Garden Grove's last free summer event of the year before the summer fun ends! The community is invited to attend a free showing of Disney's Big Hero 6 next Thursday, August 20, at Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street. The event is part of the inaugural Movies in the Park 2015, hosted by the Community Services Department.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a night under the stars with activities, like carnival games and a bounce house. The entertainment starts at 6:30 p.m. and as the sun begins to set, at 7:45 p.m., the featured movie will open up on the big screen under Garden Grove's iconic clock tower.

Various vendors will be selling snacks and dessert, including two local food trucks: Frijolito's, a mobile coffee shop, and Kona Ice, specializing in shaved ice and ice cream.

For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts, or alcohol are permitted in the park. Dogs must be leashed and picked up after at all times.

For more information on the Movies in the Park, call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit www.ggparksandrec.com. For photos of the event, visit Garden Grove City Hall on Facebook or Instagram.

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CONTACT: Kim Huy (714) 741-5280

Monday, August 10, 2015

GARDEN GROVE'S LAST FREE CONCERT OF THE SUMMER

Groove to Motown classics at Garden Grove's last free summer concert on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Relive your favorite hits as tribute band Stone Soul plays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street.

Don't miss the finale of the 2015 Voice of Garden Grove, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For the past four weeks, 15 local high school students from the Garden Grove Unified School District have vied for a chance to perform this Thursday for a shot at a \$500 cash prize and another \$500 donation to their school's choir program.

The five finalists representing Bolsa Grande, Pacifica, and Santiago high schools will sing a 3-minute song each, in hopes of winning over the judges and taking home the title of '2015 Voice of Garden Grove.' The students competing this week are: Alex Cobb and Mariah Abato from Pacifica High School; Anna Pham and Amber Tran from Bolsa Grande High School; and Johana Castillo from Santiago High School.

Various vendors will be selling food and refreshments, including gourmet food trucks, like Dogzilla, OH MY GAGA, and SOHO Taco. For the safety and enjoyment of all, no canopies, golf carts, or alcohol are permitted in the park.

Share your thoughts! Concert questionnaires can be filled out online by visiting www.ggcf.com. Let us know what types of bands you would like to see in the future and which ones were your favorite this year.

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Garden Grove's Last Free Concert of the Summer
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Don't forget to participate in this week's social media challenge, hosted by the City of Garden Grove. During the first half of the night, concert goers who tweet or post a photo on Instagram with the hashtag, #ggsummerconcerts, will be automatically entered into a competition to win a special giveaway. The Twitter user with the most retweets and the Instagram user with the most likes on their post will win a Garden Grove tote bag at intermission.

The 2015 free Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the City of Garden Grove, AT&T, GKN Aerospace, and Republic Services.

For more information, call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or visit www.ggcf.com.

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MEDIA ALERT

Monday, August 10, 2015

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEW CITY MANAGER TOMORROW

Members of the media are invited to attend a welcome reception for new Garden Grove City Manager Scott C. Stiles, tomorrow, Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The invitation-only gathering takes place at 5:30 p.m., in the Garden Grove Courtyard Center in Village Green park, at 13752 Main Street.

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and members of the Garden Grove City Council will officially welcome Stiles, who began his new position with the City on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Following the reception will be the regular meeting of the Garden Grove City Council at 6:30 p.m., held in the Council Chamber at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue. At the start of the meeting, Stiles will be administered the oath of office by Garden Grove City Clerk Kathy Bailor and serve in his first regular City Council meeting as Garden Grove City Manager.

A Cincinnati native, Stiles has 26 years of municipal management experience with the City of Cincinnati, serving as assistant city manager for the last eight years. Prior to assistant city manager, Stiles served as interim city manager, assistant to the city manager, real estate manager, and assistant legal administrator. He began his early career as a community relations representative for the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission.

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Welcome Reception For New City Manager Tomorrow
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Stiles holds a Master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Geography from South Dakota State University. He is married and has two daughters.

Photos will be made available to media on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.

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City Manager

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Friday, August 7, 2015

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
MAKES CAREER MOVE TO NEW CITY**

Following a 21-year career with the City of Garden Grove, Susan Emery, Director of the City's Community Development Department, has accepted a new position as Community Development Director for the City of Irvine. Her last day with the City of Garden Grove is Friday, September 4, 2015.

Emery started her career with the City of Garden Grove in 1998 as Neighborhood Improvement Manager. She later became Redevelopment Manager and Planning Services Manager. In 2004, she was promoted to Director of Community Development, and in 2014, she was named Assistant City Manager, serving in both positions concurrently.

While working with the City's staff to develop the hotel and tourist markets along Harbor Boulevard, Emery also worked with non-profit organizations, community leaders, and developers to establish collective partnerships, generating solutions to community issues such as new affordable housing developments.

Included in Emery's accomplishments with the City of Garden Grove have been directing the update of the City's General Plan in 2008, and the Mixed Use Zoning code in 2011.

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Community Development Director Makes Career Move To New City
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In 2013, under Emery's vision and leadership, the City launched the "Re:Imagine Garden Grove" campaign, asking residents to submit ideas for revitalizing the downtown, with walking, biking, and community gathering spaces as top priorities.

The endeavor spurred the creation of an annual Open Streets event last year, where the Downtown area became a car-free fun zone, allowing visitors to experience Garden Grove in a way never seen before.

Emery refers to the downtown area as Garden Grove's "living room," saying that she hopes the community will continue to "explore, identify, and connect with everything that historic Main Street and the Civic Center have to offer, and to 'Re:Imagine' a new future for both."

"Susan (Emery) has been a valuable part of our Garden Grove team and we wish her all the best in her new position," says Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen.

While still new to Garden Grove, City Manager Scott Stiles expressed his awareness of Emery's strong track record with the City.

"Even though our time working together has been short, I know how important and lasting Susan's contributions will remain to the City. She will definitely bring a lot of talent to Irvine."

Emery, an Irvine resident, begins her new position with the City of Irvine on September 14, 2015.

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H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, August 13, 2015

PREDICTED HIGH TEMPS CALL FOR COOLING CENTER

This weekend, temperature are expected to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above. To offer some relief to the residents of Garden Grove, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as a public cooling center this Saturday, August 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the Senior Center's air-conditioned accommodations. Food will not be available, but visitors may bring their own meals and dine inside.

For more 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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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: Scott Stiles, (714) 741-5100
Quản Lý Thành phố

Thứ Tư, 12/8/2015

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE GIA TĂNG TIẾT KIỆM NƯỚC

Với tình trạng hạn hán đã kéo dài trong 4 năm qua, Tiểu bang bắt buộc các Thành phố phải gia tăng tiết kiệm tối đa để giảm 20% lượng sử dụng nước. Thành phố Garden Grove đã chuyển vào giai đoạn 2 bắt buộc Tiết kiệm nước, hạn chế việc tưới nước ngoài trời. Xin lưu ý: Những thay đổi Cảnh Báo nước ở Giai đoạn 2 sẽ có hiệu lực vào giữa tháng Tám, 2015.

Việc tưới nước sẽ được giới hạn trong hai ngày thứ Ba và thứ Bảy, trước 10:00 giờ sáng hoặc sau 5:00 giờ chiều. Hiện nay, tưới nước được giới hạn cách mỗi ngày, trước 10:00 giờ sáng hoặc sau 6:00 giờ tối.

- Tối đa là 15 phút mỗi ngày cho mỗi trạm được phép tưới nước với vòi phun nước tự động
- Được phép tưới nước vào bất kỳ ngày nào nếu sử dụng vòi phun nước tự tắt (hand water shut off nozzle)
- Không để nước chảy tràn vào vỉa hè hoặc đường phố
- Không xả nước rửa vỉa hè hoặc đường driveways.
- Không rửa xe với một vòi nước, trừ khi với nước có dấu khóa nước
- Không tưới nước trong vòng 48 tiếng khi trời mưa
- Không sử dụng đài phun nước hoặc tính năng nước trang trí, trừ khi nước là một phần của một hệ thống tuần hoàn.



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Thứ Ba, 11/8/2015

GARDEN GROVE BỔ NHIỆM LUẬT SƯ THÀNH PHỐ

Hôm thứ Ba, 14 tháng Bảy, Hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove đã bổ nhiệm ông Omar Sandoval là người tiếp nhận chức vụ Luật sư Thành phố. Ông Sandoval, từng là phụ tá Luật sư từ công ty Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, chính thức bắt đầu nhận chức Luật Sư Thành Phố với Garden Grove vào thứ Bảy 1 Tháng Tám, 2015.

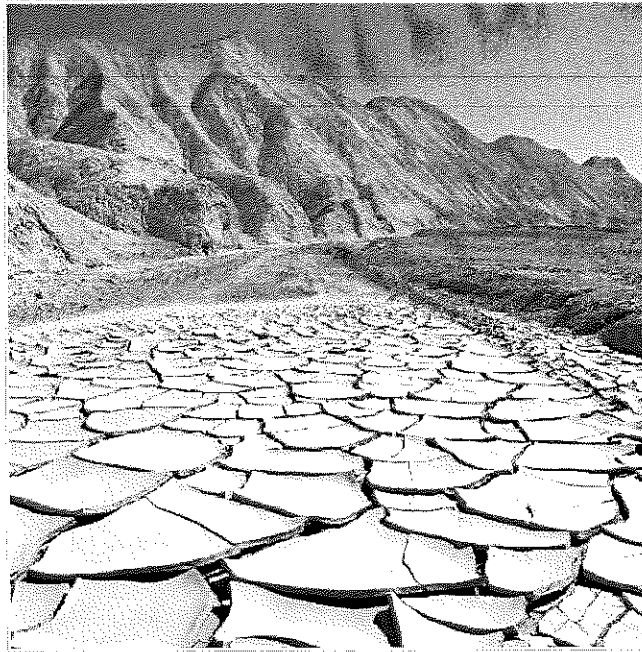
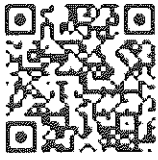
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VIỆT BAO

Thành Phố Garden Grove Gia Tăng Tiết Kiệm Nước

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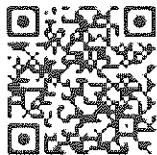
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Garden Grove: Bỏ Nhiệm Luật Sư Thành Phố

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Luật sư thành phố Garden Grove Omar Sandoval.


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Ông Bảo Nguyên, thị trường gốc Việt đầu tiên của Garden Grove (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Cũng theo tờ báo này, Hội Đồng Thành Phố sẽ bỏ phiếu quyết định chấp thuận hay từ chối yêu cầu trên, trong cuộc họp kín vào tối Thứ Ba, 11 Tháng Tám.

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

Nghị Viên Phát Bùi nghĩ khác. Ông nói với nhật báo Người Việt: "Theo tôi, đây là một vấn đề quan trọng."

Ông Phát giải thích thêm: "Chúng ta muốn sự minh bạch trong thành phố, nếu người dân đã yêu cầu, thì cần phải công bố nội dung đoạn thu âm. Kết quả thế nào thì cá nhân từng người có thể tự đánh giá."

"Ngoài ra, tôi cũng không hài lòng với việc ông Bảo gọi một cảnh sát viên đang làm nhiệm vụ để đến nhà nói chuyện lúc 1 giờ sáng. Thành phố đã không có đủ cảnh sát cho những việc khác," ông Phát nói thêm.

Về nội dung cuộc nói chuyện giữa Thị Trường Bảo Nguyên và cảnh sát viên, ông Phát Bùi cho biết là cho đến chiều Thứ Ba thì ông vẫn chưa được nghe qua. Theo lời ông, hai vị luật sư và tổng quản trị thành phố sẽ cùng hội đồng thành phố bàn thêm về đoạn thu âm vào buổi họp kín vào buổi tối.

Thị Trường Bảo Nguyên sẽ không bỏ phiếu trong cuộc họp này. Nghị Viên Kris Beard vắng mặt vì đang nghỉ phép cùng gia đình. Ba nghị viên Phát Bùi, Chris Phan, và Steve Jones sẽ quyết định có công bố đoạn thu âm này hay không.

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phải được công khai và minh bạch. Ông Bảo được nghiệp đoàn cứu hỏa Garden Grove chính thức ủng hộ, trong khi đó, ông Bruce Broadwater, người giữ chức thị trưởng khi đó, được nghiệp đoàn cảnh sát Garden Grove chính thức ủng hộ. Cuối cùng, ông Bảo thắng chức thị trưởng với số phiếu sát sao.

Theo OCR, thành phố và sở cảnh sát đang trong quá trình thương lượng hợp đồng chi tiết.

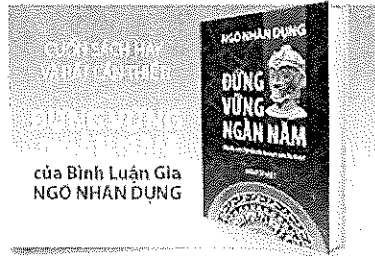
Hiện chưa rõ Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và cảnh sát viên nói gì trong cuộc thảo luận giữa Tháng Sáu, tuy nhiên, nội dung cuộc nói chuyện được thu lại qua dụng cụ thu âm mà tất cả các cảnh sát viên Garden Grove đều phải đeo khi thi hành công vụ. (T.A.)

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

August 13, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the August 20th Planning Commission Special Meeting along with the minutes from the July 16, 2015 meeting.
3. Minutes from the August 13, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated July 31, August 6 and 10, 2015



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 13, 2015 – August 26, 2015

Thursday	August 13	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series – Stone Soul (Motown) Eastgate Park
Thursday- Saturday	August 13-15	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "As You Like It", Festival Amphitheater
Saturday	August 15	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	August 18	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Valley View Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Thursday	August 20	6:30 p.m.	Summer Movies in the Park, "Big Hero 6" Village Green
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center 12732 Main Street
Thursday- Saturday	August 20-22	8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "As You Like It", Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	August 20-23		One More Productions presents "The Secret Garden", Gem Theater
Friday	August 21		City Hall Closed
		6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Hawaiian Luau Dinner/Dance H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Sunday	August 23	7:00 p.m.	Shakespeare Orange County presents "Walt Whitman Sings", Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	August 25	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	August 26	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2015

COURTYARD CENTER
12732 MAIN STREET

STUDY SESSION – 6:00 P.M. COURTYARD CENTER

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

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

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

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 6, 2015
- C. STUDY SESSION -
 - C.1. REVIEW OF THE GENERAL PLAN, ZONING, MIXED USE, AND ASSEMBLY BILL AB551
- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Commissioner Mai - Due to a conflict of interest on Item No. C.1., Commissioner Mai recused himself at 7:02 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: David Webber and Graham Allchorn referred to an email by Rick Jerabek, submitted to staff and entered into the record, which stated Costco Wholesale and the applicant, Eastern Seafood Buffet, had a conceptual agreement on a revised proposal for the restaurant on the Office Depot parcel and asked for a continuance of the hearing to a later date.

JULY 16, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION – VARIANCE NO. V-011-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11100 AND 11102 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, WEST OF EUCLID STREET.

Applicant: David Webber
Date: August 6, 2015

Request: For the Planning Commission to consider and act on a proposed

Resolution denying the Applicant's request for Variance approval to deviate from the required number of parking spaces, Municipal Code Section 9.18.140.030 (Parking Spaces Required), to allow the operation of a new 14,300 square foot restaurant/eating establishment, East Seafood Buffet, at 11102 Garden Grove Boulevard. A Public Hearing was held on June 18, 2015 and July 16, 2015. On July 16, 2015, following conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission voted to direct Staff to prepare a Resolution of Denial of the requested Variance for its consideration.

Action: A motion to continue the case to a re-noticed date of Thursday, September 3, 2015 Planning Commission meeting in order to consider a revised proposal in regard to safety and parking concerns.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Mai

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Kanzler mentioned that a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance regional group was being created to develop a model ordinance for Orange County; that if a city does not participate, they must comply by December 1st, however, if a city participates the compliance would be extended for two months, which would be a benefit for Garden Grove. Staff added that the ordinance could be adopted between October and January.

Commissioner Paredes mentioned that Maureen Blackmun suggested using the City's website to poll the community on its stand in regard to Poseidon, and to possibly use this method for other topics as well. Commissioner Zamora cautioned that the idea was good if the community was educated on the topics. Paredes then emphasized that the purpose was to find vehicles to engage and benefit the community in the future. Chair O'Neill added that he typically encourages people to do their own educational research.

Commissioner Pak mentioned the meet and greet for the new City Manager, Scott Stiles on Tuesday, August 11th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Zamora asked if the Commissioners could have professional nametags for City gatherings in lieu of the customary stickers. Staff said the matter would be looked into.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted that for the next five months, the Planning Commission meetings would be held at The Courtyard Center due to the remodel of the Community Meeting Center.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:45 p.m. to the next meeting of the Garden Grove Planning

Commission on Thursday, August 20, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

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

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mai, O'Neill

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Margolin.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

JUNE 18, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, Pak, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Mai, O'Neill

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE NO. V-011-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11100 AND 11102 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, WEST OF EUCLID STREET.

Applicant: David Webber
Date: July 16, 2015

Request: Variance approval to deviate from the required number of parking spaces, Municipal Code Section 9.18.140.030 (Parking Spaces Required), to allow the operation of a new 14,300 square foot restaurant/eating establishment, East Seafood Buffet, at 11102 Garden Grove Boulevard. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone.

Action: Continued Public Hearing held. One letter of opposition

submitted by Costco Wholesale and a second letter of opposition submitted by Josh McIntosh were entered into the record. Speaker(s): David Webber (Applicant), Xiu Fang Chen (Proposed Restaurant Owner), Gil Cozine (Costco Wholesale), Graham Allchorn (Red Mountain Retail Group on behalf of property owner), Tiffany Giordano (RK Engineering Group, Inc.). Commissioner Zamora advised the Commission that she had been contacted by three (3) members of the public, the owner of the Del Taco restaurant adjacent to the subject Site, Josh McIntosh, and another resident, each of whom expressed concerns regarding the proposed Variance. The Public Hearing was closed.

Action: A motion by Commissioner Pak to adopt a Resolution to approve the requested Variance was withdrawn by Commissioner Pak prior to being seconded.

Action: A motion to direct staff to prepare, for consideration by the Planning Commission at the next regular Planning Commission meeting, a Resolution of Denial of the requested Variance based on the inability of the Commission to make the following required Finding required for approval of the Variance for the reasons stated by Costco Wholesale and articulated by the Planning Commissioners at the meeting:

Required Finding: The granting of the requested Variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in such vicinity and zone in which the property is located.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (3) Margolin, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (2) Kanzler, Pak

Absent: (2) Mai, O'Neill

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora commented that a Vietnamese coffee house on Lincoln Way was always packed with customers even though the business was dirty with tables on the sidewalk. She spoke to the owner regarding clean up and the tables, however, a week later there had been no change. She also mentioned the parking lot was dangerous, especially with the wrought iron fence on the corner, which splits and obstructs the shared driveway on Euclid Street. Staff replied that the Dalat property owner installed the fence to delineate his property from the corner property and that the owners do not have a congenial relationship.

Commissioner Zamora then mentioned that drivers going northbound on Taft Street into the Costco parking lot were backed up and asked if there was a solution to the congestion and also wondered if southbound drivers were making illegal left turns over the double yellow lines. Staff responded that there was no room to widen the intersection nor to fit a turn pocket and that it was not illegal to turn left over the double yellow lines. Zamora also asked for a solution, perhaps an eye-level sign, to prohibit drivers from making illegal left turns from Taft Street onto Garden Grove Boulevard. Staff replied that the vicinity already had too many signals and that the Police Department and Traffic Engineering Division would revisit and study the area.

Commissioner Kanzler asked staff to provide information on Assembly Bill 551 (AB551), the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the requested Resolution of Denial would be brought back to the Thursday, August 6, 2015 Planning Commission meeting and that the Thursday, August 20, 2015 Study Session at 6:00 p.m. would include the General Plan, Zoning, Mixed Use, and AB551.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:55 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion:	Margolin	Second:	Zamora
Ayes:	(5)	Kanzler, Margolin, Pak, Paredes, Zamora	
Noes:	(0)	None	
Absent:	(2)	Mai, O'Neill	

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:07 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-041-2015

Applicant: Edward Oson and Hadi Hosn
Location: 10972 Katella Avenue
Date: August 13, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to expand an existing 770 square foot convenience store into an adjacent auto repair service bay for a Chevron Mobile service station. The convenience store will operate as an Extra Mile convenience store with a total floor area of 2,007 square feet and with a 322 square foot exterior dry storage area. Also, a request to operate the convenience store with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Hadi Hosn

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1719-15.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-043-2015

Applicant: Girges Gad
Location: 9510 Katella Avenue
Date: August 13, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to continue operation of an existing 2,700 square foot liquor store, Hero's Liquor and Market (formerly Melodia's Liquor Store), with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): In Kyeong Seong, Myung Ok Seong, Girges Gad, Joule Mikhael

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1720-15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

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Congress Acts on Short-Term Extension of Transportation Reauthorization
Longer-Term Fix Still in the Works

There has recently been a flurry of activity in Congress to adopt a long-term transportation authorization before the current MAP-21 authorization expires today. In the end, they were only able to agree to a short-term, three-month extension. But negotiations continue on the larger package. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Apply Now for an Intensive Training Opportunity on Managing and Reusing
Distressed and Vacant Properties**

Letters of interest are now being accepted for the [2016 Community Progress Leadership Institute](#). This intensive, four-day leadership workshop helps local and state leaders focus on strategies for managing and reusing distressed and vacant properties. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Cities Encouraged to Comment on Prop. 1 Economically Distressed Area
Instructions and Mapping Tool Draft**

Workshop Scheduled Aug. 26, Comments due Aug. 28

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has opened its public comment period for the recently released draft version of its Proposition 1 Economically Distressed Area (EDA) Instructions and Mapping Tool. *For more, see Page 2.*

'DRIVE' Continued from Page 1...

While California has been focused on putting together a transportation funding package that will address the backlog of projects, Congress has continued to negotiate the federal transportation authorization.

At the end of June, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously voted to send a six-year bill to the Senate Floor dubbed the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act. However, the Senate finance committees were able to identify only enough funding for three years. After several weeks of negotiations, the Senate adopted HR 22, a six-year authorization with about three years' worth of offsets to address the dwindling balance in the Highway Trust Fund.

Unfortunately, the Senate failed to pass its version in time for the House to consider it before their summer break. Instead, both houses agreed to the short-term, three-month extension of the current authorization bill, MAP-21. The authorization is now set to expire on October 29.

Congress will face another daunting task in October. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew sent a letter to Congress this week indicating that the extraordinary measures the U.S. Government is taking to avoid a default on federal debt will suffice only through October or mid-November.

The House returns from its summer recess on Sept. 8. Once the House passes its version of a long-term authorization, the bills will go to conference committee so that differences can be hammered out.

'Institute' Continued from Page 1...

The workshop is directed by the highly-respected national think tank and technical assistance provider focusing on vacant property revitalization, the Center for Community Progress. This year's institute is tentatively scheduled for March 2016. Organizers hope to select three to four communities from about three states total.

To download the request for letters of interest, visit the [Community Progress website](#) and submit your contact information. The initial letter of interest must be three pages long plus a cover letter. It is due Aug. 6.

For further information, contact [Suzanne Hague](#), AICP, senior advisor for Community Development and Planning, California Strategic Growth Council.

'EPA Mapping Tool' Continued from Page 1...

The [draft EPA Mapping Tool](#) is an interactive map application that allows users to overlay numerous Geographic Information Systems (GIS) layers onto a map of California, in order to assist with evaluating EDA status. Other GIS layers relevant to the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program are also shown on the map. All GIS layers can be toggled on and off while varying each layer's transparency. Each map layer includes a brief description and a location or source where the user can find additional information regarding that layer.

Cities can find EDA instructions for requesting and submitting information about an economically distressed area with your respective state grant or loan program [online](#).

The public comment period for the instructions and mapping tool will close Aug. 28. All comments or questions should be directed to [DWR IRWM@water.ca.gov](mailto:DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov) or (916) 651-9613.

A workshop will also be held to demonstrate the EDA Mapping Tool and receive public comment.

Workshop Details

Aug. 26 at 1 p.m.
Bonderson Building

Hearing Room
901 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Interested cities can also take part via webcast. To do so, call (916) 574-1224 and login to the web-ex webcast.

Register Today for the League's Legislative Briefing Webinar on Aug. 11
Registration Deadline Aug. 7

Join the League's Legislative team for a briefing on major bills that cities need to advocate for and against when the Legislature returns from its summer recess. The Summer Break/End of Session webinar is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

This webinar is free for League Members and League Partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100. Please register for this webinar at www.cacities.org/events by Friday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m.

Two connections will be available per city. The log-in information will be sent by end of business on Monday, Aug. 10.

For questions about registration, please contact Megan Dunn.

For all other questions, please contact Meg Desmond.

Aug. 7, 2015
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Ontario to Regain Control of its Airport *Agreement Ends Years of Dispute between Los Angeles and Ontario*

It could take upwards of a year to complete the process, but the announcement on Thursday that Los Angeles has agreed to relinquish control of the Ontario International Airport made headlines throughout California. Ontario Mayor Pro Tem Alan D. Wapner, who also serves as the President of the Ontario International Airport Authority, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti made the announcement together during a news conference at the Ontario Airport. The Ontario International Airport Authority will take control once the Federal Aviation Administration, the two cities' respective city councils, and cities' airport agencies formally approve the transfer. *For more, see Page 2.*



State Makes Final Payment on 2004 Economic Recovery Bonds

State Treasurer John Chiang announced on Wednesday, Aug. 5 that he had directed Department of Finance Director Michael Cohen to make the final payment on California's 2004 Economic Recovery Bonds. Authorized through Proposition 57, the final payment of \$929.7 million is another step in paying down the state's wall of debt. *For more, see Page 2.*

'Ontario' Continued from Page 1...

Thursday's announcement was celebrated as a victory for local regional control. Los Angeles officially became the airport's owner in 1985 after managing it since 1967. The city of Ontario sued Los Angeles in a trial that was set to begin Aug. 17 over allegations that Los Angeles had not effectively managed the airport. Local governments in the region supported Ontario's efforts to regain control of the airport. According to *The Los Angeles Times*, this transfer is supported by 130 cities, counties, regional planning groups, locally elected officials, aviation-groups as well as the counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino.

'Bonds' Continued from Page 1...

Voters approved Prop. 57 in 2004 to refinance accumulated budgetary debt. Bond payments on this debt total \$14.2 billion principal, \$4.8 billion in interest and administrative costs of \$153 million. The 2014 Budget Act provided \$1.6 billion from the Budget Stabilization Account so that the recovery bonds could be paid off in the summer of 2015, one year ahead of the previously scheduled payoff date. Because the debt is being retired earlier, finance officials estimate that the state will save approximately \$60 million in debt service costs associated with a longer payoff period.

This commences "unwind" of the triple flip. CaliforniaCityFinance.com features a [detailed analysis](#) about how this will work and its implications. It is important to note that this relates to the sales-tax for property tax swap that is the mechanism to fund the state's operating debt scheme under Proposition 57. This is not the Vehicle License Fee (VLF)-Property Tax swap and has no effect on that policy. Property Tax in lieu of VLF payments are not affected and, in fact, are constitutionally protected.

Aug. 10, 2015

Coalition Supporting Transportation Investments Convenes Press Briefing to Outline Proposal

Seeking \$6 Billion Annually to Support State and Local Streets, Roads and Highways

Members of the Capitol Press Corps gathered this morning at the League of California Cities® for a briefing from Fix Our Roads, a broad coalition representing local government, transportation, business and labor that supports increased funding for transportation. The coalition formed in July with Gov. Jerry Brown's calling of the special session on transportation in conjunction with the budget deal he reached in late June with legislators. The coalition seeks \$6 billion annually, split equally between the state and local governments, over the next decade.

California's network of roads and highways are deteriorating rapidly. In fact, California has the second highest share of roads in "poor condition" nationally and 58 percent of state roads need rehabilitation or pavement maintenance. Our state is also home to four of the five cities ranked with the worst road conditions in the nation. California local streets and roads face a \$78 billion shortfall in deferred maintenance, \$7.8 billion annually. CalTrans faces a \$59 billion backlog in deferred maintenance and \$5.7 billion annual shortfall in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

The Fix Our Roads Coalition believes that a legislative solution should be reached during the special session that results in a robust and meaningful dent in California's transportation funding shortfall. This critical issue must be addressed immediately with the state's road system continuing to deteriorate as inadequate funding to deal with deficiencies creates safety hazards, costs motorists time and money, and leaves California stuck in gridlock. In the coming weeks, the coalition will engage in meetings in the Capitol and district offices, legislative hearings, and roundtable events throughout California.

Monday's press briefing was well attended with representatives from California's largest news outlets, including:

- *Associated Press;*
- *Bloomberg News;*
- *Bay Area News Group/San Jose Mercury News;*
- *Capitol Public Radio;*
- *Capitol Television News Service;*
- *Los Angeles Times;*
- *Los Angeles News Group;*
- *Orange County Register;*
- *Sacramento Bee;*
- *Sacramento Business Journal;* and
- *Street Blog California;* and
- *Tax Analysts.*

During Monday's briefing, reporters had an opportunity to hear details on the coalition proposal and talk with coalition members including, League Executive Director Chris McKenzie, California State Association of Counties Executive Director Matt Cate and California Alliance for Jobs Executive Consultant Jim Earp.

McKenzie stressed that California's roadway system, freeways, major urban thoroughfares, residential streets and rural roads are all connected. "This matter is urgent and we're glad the Governor called a special session. This is an issue that impacts every Californian in some way. Drivers in California want something done about our road."

Cate spoke about the work that has been done. "There are already ideas on the table from both sides of the aisle and the Governor has his own ideas. To our coalition what makes sense are small increases in several taxes and fees that represent a user-pay system that is fair and accountable."

Earp remarked, "Our plan is prudent. We're talking about fixing the existing system and just playing catch up before building anything new."

Resources

The Fix Our Roads Coalition is using the internet and social media to reach the legislators, the public and the press about California's road infrastructure crisis. A new website, www.FixCARoads.com, will serve as the hub along with the Twitter handle @FixCARoads and Facebook page www.facebook.com/FixCARoads. Dynamic ads also began running today on several online news outlets including *Fox and Hounds*, *Rough and Tumble*, *The Roundup*, *The Capitol Morning Report* and *The Nooner*.

Seven Principles

Complete detail on each of the seven principles is available at www.FixCARoads.com.

1. Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure;
2. Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current system;
3. Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap & trade revenue to high-priority goods movement projects;
4. Raise revenues across a broad range of options;
5. Equal split between state and local projects;
6. Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment; and
7. Provide Consistent Annual Funding Levels.

Coalition Members

The coalition supporting Fix California Roads continues to grow daily. New members are being added to the list at www.FixCARoads.com. As of Aug. 10, the coalition comprises the following members:

Local Government

- League of California Cities
- California State Association of Counties
- Rural County Representatives of California
- California Association of Councils of Government
- California Contract Cities Association
- California Rural Counties Task Force
- North State Super Region
- The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
- City of Ventura
- City of Gilroy
- City of Lakewood
- City of Paramount
- City of Palos Verdes Estates
- City of Crescent City
- Mayor Larry Forester, city of Signal Hill
- Mayor James Goodhart, city of Palos Verdes Estates
- Vice Mayor Jeff Wieler, city of Piedmont

Business

- California Chamber of Commerce

- California Business Roundtable
- California Business Properties Association
- California Building Industry Association
- American Council of Engineering Companies – California
- Associated General Contractors of California
- United Contractors
- California Construction and Industrial Materials Association
- The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- East Bay Leadership Council
- International Council of Shopping Centers
- NAIOP CA, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Orange County Business Council
- Caterpillar
- C.C. Myers, Inc.
- DeSilva Gates Construction
- Ghilotti Bros., Inc.
- Granite Construction Co.
- Mountain Cascade
- Solar Turbines

Transportation

- Transportation California
- Solano Transportation Authority

Labor

- State Building and Construction Trades of California
- California Alliance for Jobs
- Operating Engineers Local 3
- Engineering Contractors Association
- Northern California District Council of Laborers
- Northern California Carpenters Regional Council
- American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 36