

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
January 25, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. A Copy of the Mayor's letter of support for Assembly Bill 1782 (Ta) Redevelopment: Successor Agencies: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.
- B. Planning Commission Public Hearing Notice
An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the February 15, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.
- C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
A MEMO TO PROVIDE THE City Council with a summary of the 2023 Holiday Drive.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

January 25, 2024

Hon. Juan Carrillo
Chair, Assembly
Committee on Local Government
1020 N St., Rm 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Assembly Bill 1782 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Carrillo,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Garden Grove to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1782. The potential enactment of AB 1782 holds significant importance as it would empower jurisdictions to enhance services for unhoused individuals statewide.

Traditionally, programs aiding the unhoused relied on federal and state funding. However, in recent years, this responsibility has shifted to County and City governments. They have been compelled to allocate resources, hire staff, construct facilities, and provide essential services to support the unhoused. Garden Grove, for instance, currently invests over \$1.8 million in services to the homeless and at risk population. In addition, Garden Grove as the lead agency, in collaboration with the Cities of Fountain Valley and Westminster and the County of Orange, is in the process of establishing a 100-bed navigation center. The acquisition, construction and anticipated operational costs for the center's first ten years of operation is estimated to exceed \$48 million.

Although cities have willingly borne this financial burden, AB 1782 seeks to empower municipalities like Garden Grove to leverage a higher portion of their Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing services. The existing limit of \$250,000, set in 2012, pales in comparison to the current costs of providing these crucial services. The proposed adjustment to \$500,000, coupled with annual CPI adjustments, aligns more closely with present-day expenses.

Presently, Health and Safety Code Section 34176.1 permits housing successors to transfer up to one million dollars from the LMIHAF to another housing successor for regional homeless shelter development. AB 1782 aims to amend the code, allowing the receiving housing successor to contribute up to one million dollars annually from their LMIHAF. This change ensures that all partner cities have an equal opportunity to utilize LMIHAF funds for regional homeless shelters.

Given the aforementioned reasons, the City of Garden Grove strongly urges a favorable vote on AB 1782.

Sincerely,

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138589 SP-133-2024

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the printer of ORANGE COUNTY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation, published ONCE WEEKLY in the city of GARDEN GROVE, County of ORANGE, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of ORANGE, State of California under the date of March 20, 1964, Case Number A-31502; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

January 24, 2024

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 24th day of January 2024.

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OCN-CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
P.O. BOX 3070
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, 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., FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

SITE PLAN NO. SP-133-2024
VARIANCE NO. V-041-2024

A request for Site Plan approval to construct a 2,000 square foot restaurant pad building with a drive-thru lane, along with associated site improvements. Also, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum 180'-0" lot frontage and 50,000 square foot lot size requirements for the Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – Tourist Commercial "B" (HCSP-TCB) zone. The site is at 12542 Chapman Avenue. The existing 1,785 square foot building will be demolished to facilitate the proposed project. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Project – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2020-174 (REINSTATEMENT-2024)

A request to reinstate the approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2020-174 to subdivide a 7.03-acre (306,411 square feet) property into two (2) parcels to create a new 0.45-acre (19,459 square feet) parcel for a drive-thru restaurant pad building at the Pavilion Plaza West shopping center. The City of Garden Grove Planning Commission previously approved Tentative Parcel Map No. PM 2020-174 on February 18, 2021 in conjunction with Site Plan No. SP-096-2021, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 200-2021, and Variance, No. V-032-2021, which facilitated the construction of the Pavilion Plaza West shopping center. The site is at 9852 Chapman Avenue in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. No changes to the previously approved project are proposed.

In conjunction with this request, the City of Garden Grove Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the potential environmental impacts of the project were analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project adopted by the Planning Commission on February 18, 2021 and that no further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required pursuant to Section 21166 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on February 15, 2024. 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.

DATE: January 22, 2024
PUBLISH: January 24, 2024
Orange County News 1/24/2024-138589

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: 2023 HOLIDAY DRIVE SUMMARY

From: John Montanchez
Dept.: Community Services
Date: January 25, 2024

OBJECTIVE

To provide the City Council with a summary of the 2023 Holiday Drive.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

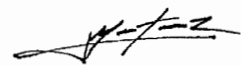
The annual Holiday Drive, formerly known as the Adopt-a-Family program, celebrated 25 years of assisting families in Garden Grove. The Community Services Department, through the efforts of the Human Services Division, has coordinated this program since 2003.

The Holiday Drive assists families that are facing economic hardship during the holiday season by providing them with toys and gift cards. This past year, the program was expanded to serve senior participants of the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

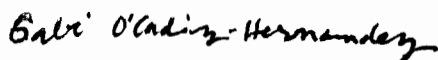
The Human Services Division successfully collected donations from various service organizations and businesses, including the following significant donations: \$2,600 from the Garden Grove Rotary Club; \$2,700 from McGarvin Intermediate National Junior Society; and two pallets of toys from local business, King Shocks. With these donations they were able to serve 274 families and 614 children, as well as 60 seniors from the community.

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department held a successful Holiday Drive this past year, and was able to serve 274 families, 614 children, and 60 senior participants.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director



By: Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez
Human Services Supervisor

Attachment: 2023 Holiday Drive Flyer

25TH ANNIVERSARY **HOLIDAY DRIVE**



November 1, 2023 – December 8, 2023

Donate gifts to local children and seniors in need.

DROP-OFF SITES:

Buena Clinton

Youth and Family Center

12661 Sunswept Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92843



Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

11402 Magnolia Street
Garden Grove, CA 92841



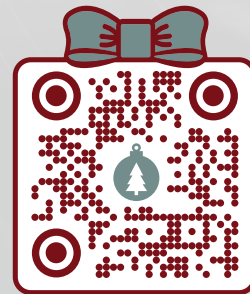
Garden Grove City Hall

11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840



H. Louis Lake Senior Center

11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840



Purchase a gift from the
Amazon holiday registry.

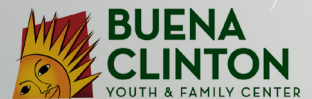
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GARDEN GROVE **HOLIDAY DRIVE** R.A.F.F.L.E

Opportunity to win a
\$200 Disney gift card.

ggcity.org/holiday-drive

or call (714) 741-5776.



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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

January 18, 2024 - January 24, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove City Hall



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/24/2024 1:48 pm PST

SAVE THESE DATES! 📅 We're announcing several events and programs starting in early 2024! 📱 Swipe to learn about each...



Reach

1,912



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 1/20/2024 8:00 am PST

⚠️ **UPCOMING FREEWAY ALERTS** Attention #GardenGrove commuters! Due to scheduled maintenance, the following...



Reach

1,497



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 1/18/2024 5:17 pm PST

Garden Grove Offering Free Disaster Preparedness Training Garden Grove CERT Academy's registration deadline is...



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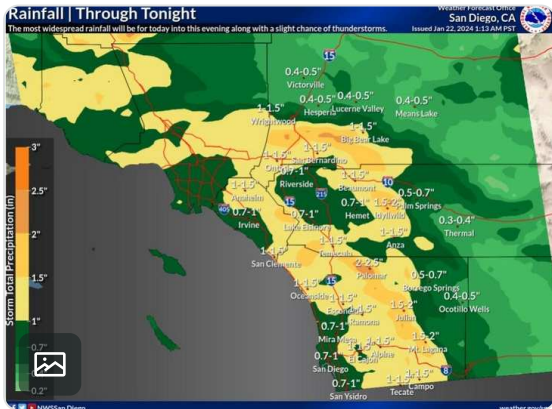
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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/22/2024 7:42 am PST

☁️ Rain is in the forecast today, Monday, January 22, 2024. Stock up on sand and bags available at three Orange County Fi...



Reach **1,249**



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 1/19/2024 3:53 pm PST

Do you want to help support higher education in the community!👉 Become a sponsor of the 🏠 2024 Garden Grove...



Reach **1,074**



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/22/2024 2:30 pm PST

#DYK the Garden Grove CERT Academy is now welcoming youth, 14 years and older, to attend with a legal parent or guardian...



Reach **840**



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/22/2024 5:20 pm PST

Now is your chance to learn about fair housing, #GardenGrove! 🏠 The Fair Housing Foundation is hosting a FREE...



Reach

711



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 1/23/2024 5:17 pm PST

The Garden Grove Public Works Department's Water Division has implemented an emergency water...



Reach

470



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/24/2024 5:00 pm PST

🌟 Yesterday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the high school students and chaperones representing...



Reach

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Post Performance

January 18, 2024 - January 24, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 1/19/2024 1:02 pm PST

This week was the 30-year anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake. Do you know what to do if this happened right now?...



Impressions	1,941
Reach	1,830
Engagements	79
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 1/18/2024 12:00 pm PST

Are you a multi-tasker with exceptional customer service skills, and want to play an integral role in officer and citizen...



Impressions	6,001
Reach	5,751
Engagements	457
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%

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NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, January 22, 2024



MEDIA ALERT

CITY WELCOMES EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH KOREA

Members of the media are invited to attend a private reception, hosted by Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council, to welcome 10 high school students and two chaperones from Anyang, Republic of Korea, Garden Grove's official sister city. The event is tomorrow, January 23, at 5:30 p.m., in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, Room A, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The student visit is part of the annual Student Exchange Program coordinated by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the cultural relationship between Garden Grove and Anyang. The program resumed this year following a 4-year pause due to COVID-19.

WHAT: Welcome reception for exchange students from Anyang, Republic of Korea

WHEN: Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove 92840

WHO: Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council

INFO: Veronica Avila, Sister City Association of Garden Grove President
(714) 741-5051 veronicaa@ggcity.org www.ggsistercity.org
Photos of the event will be posted the following day on the City of Garden Grove Facebook and Instagram pages, @GardenGroveCityHall.

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CONTACT: Linda Clark-Morin
Emergency Operations Manager
(714) 741-5994 / lmorin@ggcity.org

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Monday, January 22, 2024



YOUTH WELCOME TO ATTEND UPCOMING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Openings are still available for the City of Garden Grove's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy, which now welcomes youth, 14 years and older, to attend with a legal parent or guardian enrolled in the academy. The free 20-hour workshop will train individuals to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as learn various life-saving skills. The program will be held on Thursdays, February 8, February 15, February 22, and Saturday, February 24. Class will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. To register and for class location, visit www.ggcity.org/cert or email lmorin@ggcity.org. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Training will include basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

After completing the 20-hour workshop, participants will be recognized as program graduates and sworn-in as Disaster Service Workers. A certificate of completion and CERT T-shirt will be given to program graduates.

Participants must be 18 years and over, and live or work in Garden Grove.

For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/cert.

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Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Friday, January 19, 2024



CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2024 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION

Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to support higher education in the community and become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in June 2024. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized over 70 local graduates during the reception. Graduates received local, state, and federal certificates of recognition, and over \$8,000 in cash awards, gift cards, and services.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2024 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various media and marketing outlets including City publications, social media, and website. New this year is the Valedictorian Sponsorship, which includes a mention in a Garden Grove TV3 (GGTV3) social media video.

The sponsorships are Valedictorian Sponsorship of \$1,500+; Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+; and in-kind donations. Visit ggcity.org/grads to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5280.

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024



CITY INVITES COMMUNITY TO EVENTS AND PROGRAMS STARTING IN EARLY 2024

The City of Garden Grove announces the following events and programs starting in early 2024.

- **Community Clean Up Days** – The City is hosting six community cleanup days in an effort to help residents properly dispose of bulky items for free. The first event takes place on Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Pacifica High School, located at 6851 Lampson Avenue. For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/cleanup-days.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** – The City’s CERT is offering a free 20-hour workshop to train individuals to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as learn various life-saving skills. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 1. For class dates, location, age requirement, and to register, visit www.ggcity.org/cert.
- **Art in the Park** – Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street. The family-friendly event will feature activities as well as live performances and art installations and exhibits from Garden Grove Unified School District students. For more event information, visit www.ggcity.org/artinthepark.

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- **Eggscavation** – Saturday, March 30, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Ticket sales begin on Monday, March 11. For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/eggscavation.
- **Garden Grove Gems** – Garden Grove homeowners are invited to spruce up their home’s front yards for the City’s home beautification program. Residents can nominate their homes online from Monday, April 1 to Wednesday, April 24. Winning homes will receive citywide recognition. For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/gems.
- **Garden Grove College Graduates Reception** – The City is recognizing Garden Grove college graduates for their outstanding accomplishments in higher education. Garden Grove residents who will receive an undergraduate or post-graduate academic degree from any college or university in 2024 are encouraged to submit their information to attend a free reception hosted by the Garden Grove City Council. For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/grads. Visit the City’s website at www.ggcity.org for more upcoming events and programs, or visit www.ggcity.org/events to sign up for the City’s Community News and Events distribution list and receive monthly email updates.

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Drug clinic moratorium OK'd

January 23, 2024



DRUG ABUSE centers such as Acadia Healthcare are battling the fentanyl crisis (Shutterstock).

By **Jim Tortolano**/Orange County Tribune

Despite appeals from a substance abuse clinic planning to move from Santa Ana to Garden Grove, the city council voted 7-0 on Tuesday night to approve an ordinance to extend an earlier urgency ordinance imposing a moratorium on the approval of such businesses.

The urgency ordinance will extend the pause on new alcohol and drug treatment centers for an additional 10 months and 15 days. The purpose of the moratorium is to give the city time to study and complete appropriate zoning for such use and the impact on the community from such centers.

Representatives from Acadia Healthcare, a national chain of substance abuse centers, addressed the council to plead their case. Paul Simons said that his organization provided the "solution" to the fentanyl crisis which has grown dramatically in recent years.

The location chosen for the relocation is 8132 Garden Grove Blvd., a short distance east of Beach Boulevard, and close to where the city limits of Garden Grove, Stanton and Westminster converge. It is an area known to have problems with homeless encampments, crime and other issues.

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved a purchase order for the purchase of 15 patrol vehicles – sport utility – at the cost of \$813,766.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Dog rescued from house fire

January 21, 2024



OCFA FIREFIGHTERS rescued this dog from a house fire in Garden Grove on Saturday night (OCFA).

A fire at a home in Garden Grove on Saturday night sent a resident to the hospital, while firefighters rescued the dog. According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the incident was in the 8800 block of Aberdeen Lane northwest of Magnolia Street and Chapman Avenue.

A 911 call at 7:38 p.m. sent OCFA crews to the scene, where flames were blowing out of the garage of the affected home. An adult resident of the home had suffered severe burns, a dog was running back into the home and the “fire quickly extended.”

The burn victim was quickly treated and transported to a local hospital and firefighters rescued the dog from inside the home. It took 16 minutes to knock down the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Garden Grove police and Anaheim Fire and Rescue assisted in the operation.

Pause for new drug clinics?

January 20



A public hearing on an urgency ordinance to extend an earlier urgency ordinance imposing a moratorium on the approval of substance abuse treatment centers goes before the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

If approved, the ordinance would extend the pause on new alcohol and drug treatment centers for an additional 10 months and 15 days. The purpose of the moratorium is to give the city time to study and complete appropriate zoning for such uses.

Also on the agenda for the council are:

the purchase of 15 new police patrol vehicles at a cost of \$813,766,20;

discussion on a proposed temporary regional K-9 support training facility at Pioneer Park, located at 12722 Chapman Ave., east of Harbor Boulevard;

A "Community Spotlight" in recognition of goodwill ambassadors representing Anyang, Korea, as part of the 35th annual Garden Grove Sister City Exchange Program;

A proclamation in celebration of the coming Lunar New Year, starting on Feb. 10.

The council will meet in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

Get ready for emergencies

January 22



The registration deadline for the Garden Grove Emergency Response Team (CERT) is on Thursday, Feb. 1. CERT offers the opportunity to learn how to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as life-saving skills for yourself and others.

Training will take place:

- Thursday, Feb. 8, 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 15, 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 22, 6-9 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit [gg city.org/cert](http://ggcity.org/cert) or e-mail lmorin@ggcity.org .

Vietnamese Flower Street tradition replicated in Garden Grove for Lunar New Year

January 24

Historic Main Street in Garden Grove will come alive with song, dance and vibrant floral displays with the second annual Flower Street festival, a free two-day celebration that will help Little Saigon mark the start of the Lunar New Year.

“Flower Street on Historic Main” is modeled after the Nguyen Hue Flower Street festival in Vietnam, organizers say, a Lunar New Year tradition featuring cultural and entertainment events and elaborate floral designs that attracts more than 2 million visitors annually. The Flower Street celebration joins a vibrant tradition of Lunar New Year events in Orange County.







This year's Flower Street festivities include a retooled Lunar New Year's Eve countdown on Feb. 9 and day-long street festivals on Feb. 10 and 11 that aim to bring the Flower Street tradition to an American audience while showcasing the richness of Vietnamese culture.

Organizers reflected on last year's inaugural festival and previewed plans for this year's event during a recent press conference at the District 1 Deli on Main Street that featured Vietnamese food and drink, a mini fashion show and remarks by various stakeholders.

"Our efforts paid off," Phillip Ho, a member of this year's organizing committee, told the crowd about the 2023 festival. "We saw the families of Garden Grove and surrounding communities laughing and smiling and taking lots of pictures. We hope to bring the same energy and joy to Garden Grove with each additional event."

More than 15,000 people attended last year's festival, organizers said. They are hoping to attract even more this year.

During the festival, Main Street will be closed to traffic from Garden Grove Boulevard to Acacia Parkway so that participants can freely visit shops, take photos with floral displays sponsored by community groups and businesses, and participate in a variety of programming.

The first day of the festival will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 10. Scheduled activities include an opening ceremony, traditional lion dance, performances and games. The second day will run from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 and also features lion dances and a full day of activities and entertainment.

As 2024 is the Year of the Dragon, dragon statues fashioned from colorful flowers will be stationed near the Historic Main Street sign to welcome attendees, said Sophie Tran, this year's emcee who likened the festival to another popular American New Year's tradition.

"Imagine the Rose Parade, except you get to stay and take pictures with these beautiful arrangements," she said.

While the festival may provide aesthetically pleasing photo opps on the surface, organizers say it also serves a deeper purpose: to highlight the fullness of Vietnamese culture while uniting people across ethnicities and generations.

Orange County is home to the largest Vietnamese population outside Vietnam, Tran said, and publicly celebrating the start of the Lunar New Year is a fitting way to introduce residents of all backgrounds to Vietnamese traditions and culture.

Tran said that while local Lunar New Year events abound – annual celebrations are typically held in Westminster, Costa Mesa and Santa Ana for example – Flower Street on Historic Main is unique in that it intentionally showcases both traditional Vietnamese and modern Vietnamese American arts and culture.

In doing so, Tran said, organizers hope to unify multi-generational Vietnamese families and get them excited to ring in the Lunar New Year together, and to bring into the fold younger Vietnamese Americans who may feel disconnected from traditional Vietnamese culture because they don't speak Vietnamese or are growing up far away from their ancestors' homeland.

"Just because they don't understand the language does not mean that they are no longer members of our community," Tran said.

"The committee wants to put together events like this for the next generation to feel like they can travel the world and go to where their parents were born to celebrate Lunar New Year," she said, "but also to introduce our culture to other communities as well."

During the recent press conference, organizers highlighted some of the new additions to this year's festival that are designed to appeal to larger audiences and bridge the generation gap.

Little Saigon TV and the Vietnamese Creatives Collective are hosting for the first time a Lunar New Year's Eve countdown show, "Harmony of the Dragon," from 7 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 9 at the nearby Garden Amp outdoor amphitheater. The event will feature merchandise and food and will blend traditional and modern with a line-up that includes artistic performances, spoken word poetry, a DJ set, stand-up comics, and more. Kids and families are also encouraged to work together to decorate wagons with flowers and items from their gardens during a children's wagon decorating contest on Feb. 10.

And children and young adults will don floral-inspired áo dài – traditional Vietnamese dress – during a flower-themed fashion show on Feb. 11.

Flower Street on Historic Main is being organized by the Vietnamese Sport Association of Southern California in collaboration with Little Saigon TV, and with support from a network

of residents, businesses and groups, including the city of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association.

City Councilmember Stephanie Klopfenstein was among those who spoke about how the festival benefits the whole community.

“In Garden Grove we really celebrate our diversity,” she said. “This is such a wonderful way to promote cultural harmony and all of us coming together. We are extremely excited to have this once again on Main Street.”

“We hope,” she added, “it becomes a tradition for many years to come.”

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/Tetflowerstreet](https://www.facebook.com/Tetflowerstreet) or www.vsasocal.org.

Phố Hoa Ngày Tết' Giáp Thìn ở Garden Grove hứa hẹn nhiều mới lạ, hấp dẫn

January 20, 2024

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – “Phố Hoa Ngày Tết’ là sự kiện nhằm tôn vinh sự tương tác năng động giữa các thế hệ người Việt và sự chung sống hài hòa giữa các khía cạnh truyền thống và hiện đại của văn hóa Việt trên đất Mỹ,” ông Phillip Hồ, giám đốc sự kiện, cho biết tại buổi họp báo ở District 1 Deli, Garden Grove, chiều Thứ Sáu, 19 Tháng Giêng.



Hình mẫu Xe Hoa Rồng, sẽ được trưng bày tại phố Hoa. (Hình: Đoàn Trang/Người Việt)

Đây là lần thứ nhì phố Hoa mừng Tết Nguyên Đán được tổ chức tại phố cổ Main Street, Garden Grove, và được lấy cảm hứng từ truyền thống Tết sôi động của đường hoa Nguyễn Huệ ở Việt Nam năm xưa.

Garden Grove là thành phố có nhiều người Việt cư ngụ nhất ở Orange County.

Bên cạnh phố Hoa, Vietnamese Creatives Collective (VCCSOCAL), đơn vị tổ chức chính, còn phối hợp với đài truyền hình Little Saigon TV (LSTV) giới thiệu “Sự hòa hợp của Rồng,” chương trình đếm ngược đêm Giao Thừa vào Thứ Sáu, 9 Tháng Hai (30 Tết Giáp Thìn), từ 7 giờ tối đến nửa đêm.

Tại buổi họp báo, ông Phillip Hồ cho biết: “Mục đích của việc tổ chức phố Hoa nhằm mang đến cho cộng đồng Việt những kỷ niệm đẹp về văn hóa Việt, mang đến trải nghiệm độc đáo thể hiện sự phong phú của văn hóa người Mỹ gốc Việt.”



Nhóm “người mẫu nhí” và các bạn trẻ biểu diễn thời trang trong buổi họp báo, cũng là nhóm biểu diễn trong hai ngày Tết tại phố Hoa. (Hình: Đoàn Trang/Người Việt)

“Phố Hoa Ngày Tết” năm nay được các đơn vị tài trợ về truyền thông và kinh phí thực hiện, như LSTV, GGDBA, Người Việt Cali FB Group, Người Việt California FB Group, Julie Chau Farmer Insurance Agency, Ny beauty, Huy Khiêm Studio, The Hive, Azteca Restaurant, Phuc Long Coffee & Tea, và nhiều doanh nghiệp khác.

Chị Julie Châu, người phụ trách chính phần sắp đặt trang trí, cho biết sẽ có nhiều điều mới lạ và hấp dẫn hơn năm ngoài.

“Năm nay khác năm ngoái nhiều, vì là năm Rồng, chắc chắn sẽ có Rồng nè, Công, Phụng,... Những cảnh trí như cây hoa mai, cây tre, cây nêu, cầu khỉ, nhà tranh, nhà cổ, xe cổ,... sẽ được trang trí từ đầu đường đến cuối đường, mà đầu đường được trang hoàng cổng làng, rất đẹp. Năm nay hứa hẹn nhiều hấp dẫn lắm,” cô nói thêm.

Theo chương trình của ban tổ chức, Phố Hoa sẽ được khai mạc lúc 11 giờ sáng Thứ Bảy, 10 Tháng Hai (Mùng Một Tết), có múa lân, chương trình ca nhạc, thi và biểu diễn múa dành cho trẻ em, và các trò chơi dân gian,...

Ngày Chủ Nhật, 11 Tháng Hai (Mùng Hai Tết), chương trình cũng bắt đầu từ 11 giờ sáng, có múa lân, các chương trình văn nghệ, biểu diễn thời trang, trò chơi Lotto,... và kết thúc vào lúc 8 giờ 30 tối cùng ngày. [đ.d.]

GARDEN GROVE CÓ LỚP HUẤN LUYỆN MIỄN PHÍ ĐỂ ỨNG PHÓ ĐỀ PHÒNG THIÊN TAI

January 24

Đội CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) của Thành phố sẽ có một lớp huấn luyện kéo dài 20 tiếng miễn phí cho cư dân cộng đồng, giúp chuẩn bị những kỹ năng ứng phó nếu có thiên tai xảy ra. dịp này, những ai trên 14 tuổi có thể ghi danh tham gia với cha mẹ hoặc người giám hộ.

Chương trình sẽ huấn luyện trong ngày cuối tuần, trong thời gian 2 tuần lễ, bắt đầu từ các ngày Thứ Năm, 8, 15 và 22 tháng Hai; và vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 24 Tháng Hai. Các lớp học diễn ra vào Thứ Năm từ 6:00 giờ tối đến 9:00 giờ tối; và Thứ Bảy từ 9:00 giờ sáng đến 1:00 giờ trưa. Địa điểm sẽ được thông báo sau khi ghi danh. Để ghi danh vào chương trình, xin coi tại website ggcity.org/cert hoặc gửi email về Imorin@ggcity.org.

Huấn luyện sẽ bao gồm các kỹ năng ứng phó cơ bản, chẳng hạn như an toàn hỏa hoạn, tìm kiếm và cứu hộ bằng ánh sáng, sơ cứu nếu gặp tai nạn, và sơ cứu căn bản.

Sau khi hoàn thành chương trình kéo dài 20 giờ, những người tham gia sẽ được công nhận là sinh viên tốt nghiệp chương trình và được tuyên thệ. Học viên sẽ được cấp chứng chỉ hoàn thành; chứng chỉ và áo T-shirt CERT.

Chỗ có giới hạn. Để ghi danh, vui lòng truy cập ggcity.org/cert.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
January 25, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the February 1, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from January 19, 2024 to January 25, 2024.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 25, 2024 – March 8, 2024

Thursday	January 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	January 26		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	January 27	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day, Pacifica High School 6851 Lampson Ave.
Tuesday	January 30	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC
Thursday	February 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	February 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	February 9		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	February 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 19		City Hall Closed – President’s Day
Thursday	February 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	February 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 1, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: January 25, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR



New gas tax allocation estimates suggest stable, but modest growth

Jan 24, 2024

By Brian Lee-Mounger Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

Last week, Cal Cities released [new local streets and roads revenue estimates](#), prepared by Cal Cities Fiscal Policy Advisor [Michael Coleman](#). The allocations come from tax revenues collected at gas pumps and other sources. Cities and counties should use these estimates when budgeting for certain transportation projects.

The report is based on statewide tax revenue estimates released by the California Department of Finance with Gov. Gavin Newsom's [January budget proposal](#). The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties.

The twice-a-year report shows stable, but modest growth despite a slight decline in fuel consumption. Fuel consumption dropped sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic, but has since recovered to its prior, slightly declining trajectory. Fuel prices did increase recently. However, the price of fuel no longer has a direct effect on local streets and roads revenues. All rates are per gallon, regardless of price.

The estimate contains individual city and county calculations for the current fiscal year 2023-24 and budget year 2024-25. Overall allocations from the Highway Users Tax Account and the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account are projected to climb 7.4% in the current fiscal year above the prior year. The report forecasts a growth of 4.1% over the current year for the 2024-25 budget year.

Individual agency amounts and growth rates will vary. The report includes specific city and county estimates, which are suitable for budgeting and long-range planning. The next update of these estimates will be in May 2024.

The revenue estimates, together with a detailed explanation of local streets and roads revenues and allocations are [available online](#).



Stopgap funding bill won't stop headaches for cities

Jan 24, 2024

By Betsy Montiel, *legislative affairs analyst*

Congress managed to reach another short-term budget solution last week and keep the federal government open until February. But the new stopgap funding bill could have significant negative consequences for local governments.

Federal grant programs that are instrumental for city budgets are facing both delays and cuts as a result of the deal. Funding amounts for grants to local governments will be determined about five months late. Many local governments rely on federal funding to provide services for underserved communities that boost housing and economic development projects.

Congress has until early March to pass the 12 annual appropriations bills. Congressional leaders did agree to spending levels; however, they have not yet agreed on how to split appropriations for the 2024 fiscal year. Once the federal appropriations bills are passed, the appropriations subcommittee chairs will have to negotiate allocations for agencies, departments, and programs within their jurisdictions.

Cal Cities' executive leadership team will head to Washington in mid-March to encourage federal lawmakers to safeguard local revenues and bolster local economic development.

There's still no guarantee that Congress will reach an agreement on the 2024 federal budget. Speaker Mike Johnson, who holds a razor-thin majority, faced significant opposition from his own party to the deal. Johnson had to rely on Democrats to avert a federal shutdown — the same situation that led to his [predecessor's ouster](#).

If lawmakers can't agree on a deal in March, they may pass another stopgap measure to avoid a government shutdown, which could trigger automatic 1% cuts to all federal programs. If this happens, domestic programs could face a \$41 billion cut.

California is also facing its own [budget deficit](#), with possible impacts to key homelessness, housing affordability, and transportation programs statewide. Deficits or delays in the federal and state budgets are detrimental not just to local governments, but the underserved residents their programs serve.



Remote public meetings bill gets a second shot

Jan 24, 2024

AB 817 (Pacheco) is co-sponsored by the League of California Cities

By *Johnnie Pina*, [legislative affairs lobbyist](#), and *Brian Hendershot*, [Cal Cities Advocate managing editor](#)

A bill that would make it easier for people to serve on local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions is set for an Assembly floor vote this Thursday. The narrowly tailored measure would give local non-decisionmaking legislative bodies the same rights as [state advisory bodies](#) by allowing members to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into the private location.

[AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#) is co-sponsored by the League of California Cities, California Association of Recreation and Park Districts, California State Association of Counties, Rural County Representatives of California, Urban Counties of California, and California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Supportive Services.

Asm. Blanca Pacheco introduced AB 817 last year, but the bill did not advance to the Senate. Since California's legislative sessions [last two years](#), AB 817 has another shot — if it can pass the Assembly by the end of the month.

Recruitment and retention challenges

Local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions — which are often volunteer-run — face ongoing recruitment and retention challenges. [Time commitments](#), the time and location of meetings, physical limitations, childcare requirements, and work obligations are frequently cited as the top barriers to participation.

The barriers can have an upstream effect on other legislative bodies. Local advisory bodies, appointed boards, and commissions are often pipelines to local, state, and federal leadership positions.

During the pandemic, public agencies throughout the U.S. could hold online public meetings with fewer restrictions, which anecdotally increased [member accessibility](#) and [resident participation](#). The increased flexibility created opportunities for public officials and concerned citizens alike who were previously unable to attend public meetings to participate, resulting in an increased diversity of input and thought on critical community proposals.

Diversifying and protecting local governance

AB 817 would build on the pandemic-era rules and successes by making it easier for advisory boards and commissions to meet remotely while protecting the safety of the participants.

Under current law, individuals must post their location and make it available to the public when meeting remotely. Although well-intended, this can create serious [safety concerns](#) for public officials. Several [local](#) and [national](#) studies have shown that harassment, threats, and even violence towards elected officials have increased in recent years — especially women and racial or ethnic minorities.

Asm. Pacheco recently agreed to amendments that would add a 2026 sunset date to the measure. She also committed to adding language that mirrors the teleconferencing rules currently applicable to state advisory bodies. This includes requiring an in-person location for public comment but not requiring an in-person quorum of members, as this would defeat the purpose of the bill.

An in-person quorum requirement would place a disproportionate burden on the types of people the bill is trying to help: seniors, disabled people, single parents, caretakers, economically marginalized groups, and those who live in rural areas or face prohibitive driving distances.

AB 817 must pass the Assembly by the end of the month and there is still time to make your voice heard. To learn more, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



Cal Cities-sponsored bill puts local officials in the driver's seat

Jan 24, 2024

SB 915 would allow local governments to regulate driverless vehicles like taxis

By *Brian Hendershot*, [Cal Cities Advocate managing editor](#), and *Damon Conklin*, [legislative affairs lobbyist](#)

A bill backed by Cal Cities, labor advocates, and local government groups would allow cities and counties to pass rules for driverless vehicles — just like they can for taxicabs. Local officials in [San Francisco](#), [Los Angeles](#), and elsewhere have expressed opposition to the state's haphazard approval of "[self-driving](#)" robotaxis.

Over the last year, driverless vehicles have delayed or blocked emergency vehicles, interfered with active firefighting and crime scenes, and halted traffic. In one high-profile incident, a pedestrian was run over and [dragged by a Cruise robotaxi](#) after she was hit by another car. The state suspended Cruise's permit only after it became clear it had misled regulators about the severity of the event.

[SB 915 \(Cortese\)](#) would allow local governments to consider adequate safeguards that promote community safety, such as reasonable vehicle caps, data transparency rules, and interactions with emergency responders, as well as regulate maximum fare rates, ensure ADA accessibility, and perform annual inspections for health and safety. The measure is modeled after the existing statute that allows local governments to pass ordinances regulating taxicabs.

The robotaxi rollout process is currently dictated entirely by state agencies — without any input from impacted community members and regardless of local taxi rules. Local officials cannot even determine their impact on local traffic conditions. In San Francisco, driverless vehicles interfered with emergency responders over 70 times in 2023.

There's currently little that law enforcement and first responders can do when driverless cars block or interfere with emergency vehicles. Lawmakers are considering additional bills focused on enforcement actions.

SB 915 faces a steep, but climbable path forward. Last year, the Legislature voted overwhelmingly in favor of a bill that would limit self-driving trucks — despite [threats and intense lobbying](#) from major technology companies. The measure was ultimately vetoed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who argued that the state was already doing enough. For more information, email [Damon Conklin](#).