

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**March 24, 2016**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. GREEN BIRD**

Bill Murray provides information on Green Bird; a community based organization that promotes neighborhood cleanliness.

**B. ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY**

Bill Murray informs you of the annual Compost Giveaway on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00am.

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

**A. ACC-OC HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**

A copy of the ACC-OC Homelessness OC Task Force agenda from the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting is provided along with their Framework for Work Plan.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott C. Stiles  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: INFORMATION ON GREEN BIRD

From: William E. Murray  
Dept.: Public Works  
Date: March 22, 2016

OBJECTIVE

To provide information on Green Bird, a world-wide community based organization that promotes neighborhood cleanliness.

BACKGROUND

Green Bird is a world-wide grass roots movement that was founded in Japan approximately 15 years ago. The main focus is to get individuals involved in cleaning trash and litter from the community they live in. There are 74 independent teams located in various countries such as Japan, France, Italy, Norway, and Singapore. In 2014, Kevin Kidney started a Green Bird team in Anaheim, which is the only team in the United States.

DISCUSSION

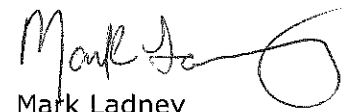
After talking at length with Kevin, and participating in one of their recent cleanup events, staff was able to obtain more information about Green Bird. Tired of seeing litter in their neighborhoods, teams have formed on their own, purchased their own supplies, advertised and performed the clean ups separately and independently of the cities in which they operate. Worldwide, Green Bird is not supported by any governmental agency, however, their efforts are recognized.

Kevin said that one positive benefit of Green Bird Anaheim is the fact that they have helped to unite people from different areas of Anaheim. Volunteers from one section of the city regularly attend cleanups in other parts of the city. Often, residents from the areas where the cleanups take place become involved once they see and learn about the group and what it does. In Anaheim they conduct one to two projects per month, with attendance ranging from 30 to 100 people.

RECOMMENDATION

Since Green Bird does not receive any government assistance, it should be organized by a member of the community. Staff would be able to provide limited assistance establishing a Green Bird team in Garden Grove.

  
William E. Murray, P.E.  
Public Works Director

  
By: Mark Ladney  
Senior Program Specialist

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott C. Stiles

From: William E. Murray

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Public Works

Subject: ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Date: March 24, 2016


OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the City's annual Compost Giveaway.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, the annual Compost Giveaway Event (event) will be held at the Municipal Service Center. This drive through event, which is hosted by the City's waste hauler, Republic Services, will provide up to 60 gallons of free compost to Garden Grove residents. The event begins at 8:00 a.m and will continue until supplies run out. The purpose of the event is to close the loop on this material that has been diverted from the landfill and is ready to be used for gardening. The event has historically received a large turnout every year, serving approximately 200 households. Information is currently available on the City's website.

If you need additional information, please contact Raquel Manson at extension 5554.



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

Attachment: Compost Flyer



# COMPOST GIVEAWAY

**APRIL 9, 2016**

8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.  
(or until compost runs out)

## GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC WORK'S YARD

13802 New Hope Street, Garden Grove

Republic Services together with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away **FREE** compost to residents to say thank you for participating in our green waste recycling program. Because this event is so popular, we have a "while the supplies last" and a limit of 60-gallons per household. No plastic bags please.



**GARDEN GROVE**



**REPUBLIC  
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***DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT, RESIDENTS SHOULD EXPECT LONG LINES.***

***PLEASE BRING YOUR I.D.***



## **Homelessness OC Task Force**

Thursday, March 24, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Care Ambulance, 1517 W. Braden Ct., Orange, CA 92868

**Chair: The Hon. Gail Eastman**

### **AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS (Gail Eastman, Chair)**
- II. TASK FORCE DISCUSSION**
  - A. Work Plan for Task Force
  - B. Framework for April 2016 Task Force Meeting
- III. COMMITTEE INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
- IV. ACC-OC UPDATE (Diana Coronado, ACC-OC)**
  - A. March 31<sup>st</sup>, Rancho Mission Viejo Infrastructure Tour
  - B. April 8<sup>th</sup>, Senator Pat Bates' Grant Writing Workshop
  - C. April 28<sup>th</sup>, ACC-OC Board of Directors Installation
  - D. May 6<sup>th</sup>, Children & Families Commission Conference
  - E. ACC-OC 2016 Infrastructure Summit Tour Series.
- V. TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

To Be Determined
- VI. ADJOURN**



**Homelessness OC Task Force**

Thursday, April 28, 2016

4:00-6:00PM - Location to be determined

**Chair: The Hon. Gail Eastman**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS (Gail Eastman, Chair)**

**II. TASK FORCE WORK PLAN**

Part 1 - 4:00-4:20PM Discussion on the County's progress on homelessness and regional development of homelessness plans

Part 2 - 4:20-4:50PM Discussion on the five target principles identified by the steering committee:

1. Numbers – Quantifying the problem in each community.
2. Effectiveness – Analyzing the current status of services.
3. Collaboration – Talking with neighbors about ways to advocate on State level policies that affect homelessness.
4. Housing – How different kinds of affordable housing in its needed proportions will be available.
5. Jobs – Adequate employment opportunities, job training and skills programs.

Part 3 - 4:50-5:30PM Breakout into regional groups for discussions with facilitators

Part 4 - 5:30-6:00PM Reconvening the full task force

**III. COMMITTEE INPUT FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**IV. TIME AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

To Be Determined

**V. ADJOURN**



# 2016 CITY INFRASTRUCTURE TOURS



Join ACC-OC  
for an Infrastructure Tour of

## RANCHO MISSION VIEJO



# THURSDAY MARCH 31

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Please arrive at 7:45 AM to register  
and to load the tour bus.  
Expected return time: 1:30 PM

### MEETING LOCATION

Saddleback College Health Sciences  
Ronald Reagan Boardroom  
28000 Marguerite Parkway  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Parking in Lots 9 and 13

### TOUR PRICING

Early Bird Pricing ends  
March 17th

ACC-OC Members: \$35 (increases to  
\$45 after March 17th)

Non-members: \$50  
(increases to \$60 after March 17th)

*Limited space available  
Lunch will be provided*

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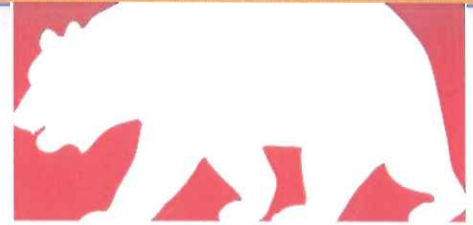


# Senator Pat Bates

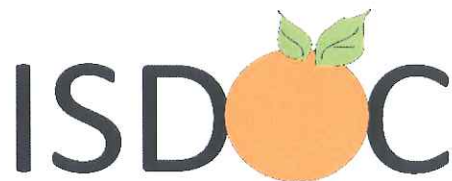
California's 36th Senate District



## South Orange County Economic Coalition



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ORANGE COUNTY



Independent Special Districts of Orange County

Invites you to

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## Free Grant Writing Workshop

Learn about opportunities for Federal, State, and Private Foundation Funding for your City, School District, Water District, or Non-Profit Agency

### Featuring Presentations from Grant Writing Experts

April 8, 2016

10:00am

*Santa Margarita Water District - Board Room*

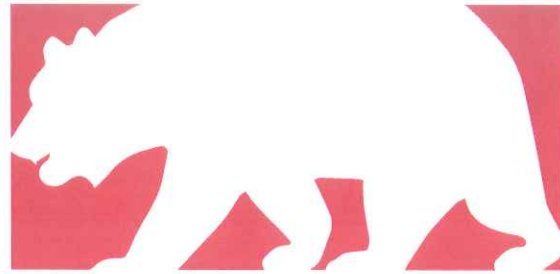
26111 Antonio Parkway

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

RSVP

[erik.weigand@sen.ca.gov](mailto:erik.weigand@sen.ca.gov) or 949-598-5850





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ACC-OC 2016-2017  
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DIRECTORS**

ACC-OC Members: Complimentary

Non-Members: \$30

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and hors d'oeuvres*

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THURSDAY  
**APRIL 28**  
5:30-7:30PM

**GREAT WOLF LODGE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

12681 Harbor Boulevard  
Garden Grove, CA 92840



# LEARNERS *Today,* LEADERS *Tomorrow*

Join experts from government, business and academia for the unveiling of the first-ever countywide assessment of children's school readiness. The event will showcase how Orange County communities are using this data to impact their future workforce.

**May 6**

8:00AM-1:30PM

**HOTEL IRVINE**

17900 JAMBOREE RD, IRVINE, CA 92614

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

please contact Fiona at  
[fiona@quimbygroup.com](mailto:fiona@quimbygroup.com) or visit  
[occhildrenandfamilies.com](http://occhildrenandfamilies.com).



Children & Families  
Commission of Orange County

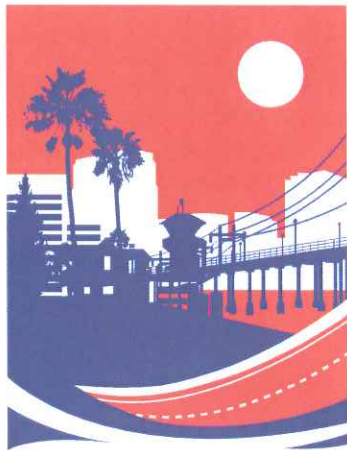


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**2016 CITY**

# INFRASTRUCTURE TOURS

*featuring infrastructure tours to*

- OC Emergency Operations Center - February
- Rancho Mission Viejo - March
  - Managed Lanes - April
- Port of Los Angeles - May



**FEBRUARY 26**  
Orange County Emergency  
Operations Center

**MARCH 31**  
Rancho Mission Viejo

**APRIL 29**  
Managed Lanes

**MAY 19**  
Port of Los Angeles

**EARLY BIRD RATE (1 TOUR)**

Early Bird ACC-OC Member Ticket: \$35  
Early Bird Non-Member Ticket: \$50

**REGULAR RATE (1 TOUR)**

ACC-OC Member Ticket: \$45  
Non-Member Ticket: \$60

**SERIES (1 TICKET FOR ALL 4 TOURS)**

ACC-OC Member Tour Series Ticket: \$140  
Non-Member Tour Series Ticket: \$200

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## GOLD SPONSOR **\$3,000**

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## SPONSOR AND INDIVIDUAL TICKET REGISTRATION

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- I would like to attend the series. Please reserve \_\_\_\_ tickets.

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Company \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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To: ACC-OC Homelessness Task Force  
From: ACC-OC Homelessness Planning Group  
Subject: Framework for Work Plan  
Date: March 24, 2016

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It has been six months since the ACC-OC Homelessness Task Force was inaugurated in September 2015. Significant progress has taken place in this brief amount of time, and the forward momentum ought to continue. Consequently, it is in the best interest of the Homelessness Task Force to ratify a Work Plan to guide its actions and frame discussions going forward. What follows is a framework that can be added to or pared back, subject to the Task Force's recommendations.

1. **State Advocacy.** With the passage and ratification of Assembly Bill 109 and Proposition 47, the State of California unwittingly worsened homelessness across the state. Released from state prisons, criminal populations are now free to roam the streets and face dim prospects in both the job and housing markets. Reports confirm that this population has intermingled with the traditional homeless population, affecting it negatively in myriad ways. The Task Force recognizes that responding to the homelessness population will require resources beyond what Orange County and its cities can currently marshal and seek to advocate for legislation and funding from the state level.
2. **Research and Data.** Quantifying and researching the issue of homelessness in each of Orange County's communities is a vital step forward in concocting effective remediation strategies. Cities, in concert with non-profit organizations and academic institutions, should gather and analyze data on their homeless populations so that precious resources can be utilized to their fullest extent.
3. **Outreach and Sharing Knowledge.** It is clear that policies ratified by the State of California affect homeless communities throughout the state. While it is a truism that a policy solution for Orange County may not be an appropriate fit for municipalities and organizations in other parts of the state and vice versa, the Taskforce and our partners should communicate its knowledge and best practices to interested

organizations throughout Orange County. Similarly, the Taskforce should become acquainted with the solutions and initiatives from organizations outside Orange County in furtherance of alleviating homelessness.

4. **Housing Options.** The Taskforce acknowledges and commends Orange County's decision to build and sustain its first year-round homeless shelter. This positive step forward notwithstanding, the shelter constitutes a temporary reprieve for homeless residents, rather than a long-term solution. In one of the most expensive counties in the state in which to reside, it is increasingly becoming clear that the current supply of housing is inadequate for average residents, to say nothing of the homeless community. For those homeless residents who are able and willing to rise above their current condition, permanent affordable housing options must be made available.
5. **Communication to Constituencies.** The Taskforce recognizes that communication with various constituencies—especially the voting public—is a prerequisite for the creation and eventual execution of sound public policy solutions. The Taskforce will be transparent and forthright with the public on policy matters related to homelessness, seeking suggestions, improvement, and buy-in.

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**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**

# Garden Grove recycler hit with wage violations

## Garcia Recycling Center & Metals owner compares it to a traffic ticket.

By MARGOT ROOSEVELT  
STAFF WRITER

A federal investigation of Orange County's recycling industry yielded its first case March 10, as a Garden Grove company was ordered to pay \$200,378 in back wages and damages to its workers.

The U.S. Labor Department charged Garcia Recycling Center & Metals with cheating employees by paying them a flat rate, in cash, with no overtime, regardless of the number of hours worked.

The back wages and damages, covering two years of violations, were paid to 15 workers at three collection sites: in Santa Ana, on Main Street and on West McFadden Avenue, and in Garden Grove, at Seaboard Circle.

The Orange County crackdown is part of a statewide campaign aimed at what officials say are widespread labor law violations at California's 1,837 recycling centers.

"This is an industry that doesn't seem to be following the law," said Rodolfo Cortez, director of the department's wage and hour district office. "It employs a large number of vulnerable workers who are afraid to speak up and don't know their rights."



SAM GANGWER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

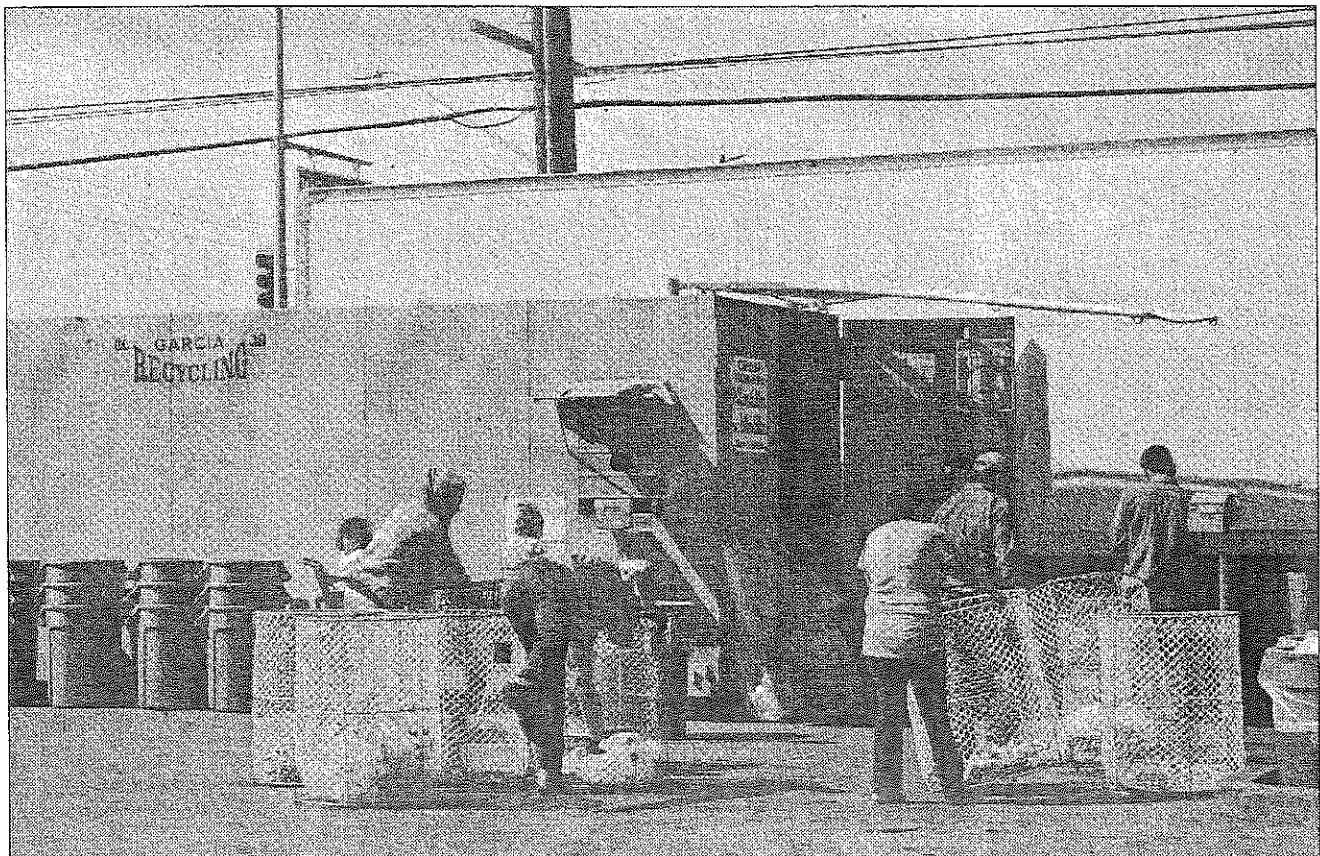
Workers at Garcia Recycling Center & Metals in the 2400 block of West McFadden Avenue in Santa Ana unload recyclables from a customer.

Reached at his Garden Grove office, Jesus Garcia, owner of Garcia Recycling Center & Metals, said, "I made a mistake," and compared the enforcement to a

traffic ticket.

"It is like when you don't stop at the stop sign, then you pay a fine," he added.

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PHOTOS: SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Workers unload recyclables at Garcia Recycling Center & Metals. The U.S. Labor Department charged the recycler with cheating employees by paying them a flat, cash rate with no overtime.



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Garcia said he did not keep wage records for his employees because they are mostly "brothers, sisters, nephews and cousins." Labor investigators determined they earned about \$600 a week for working 55 to 60 hours.

Garcia's, like other centers, collects aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers that consumers redeem for a nickel or a dime each, as well as other scrap that is sold by weight.

Californians redeem \$900 million worth of beverage containers each year. Most of the recycled material is exported to Asia where it is reprocessed to manufacture new products.

Tax records show many recycling companies are highly profitable, Cortez said, adding, "The annual dollar value is in the millions."

Orange County has 126 collection centers, all but seven with employees on-site. The other seven, run by RePlanet, an Ontario-based statewide company, have automated vending machines.

Apart from RePlanet, Garcia's is among the largest of Orange County's 56 recycling companies, most of which have only one or two collection sites.

Cortez said the labor department is investigating about a dozen local companies.

In Los Angeles County, a sweep of 46 collection sites last year found that 42 cheated their workers. The labor department assessed the operators \$275,000 in back wages and damages for 70 employees.

None of the Los Angeles companies paid overtime. More than half of them paid workers in cash, and half of the employees earned less than the legal minimum wage, investigators found.

A 2012 study by UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs found most recycling companies employ fewer than 10 workers. "Workers at the lowest tier are primarily male and Latino, and perform physically demanding tasks such as sorting and dismantling scrap material," it reported.

Besides Los Angeles and Orange counties, the federal probe is targeting recycling companies in San Diego, Fresno and Sacramento counties.

"We find the exact same issues everywhere," Cortez said. "The underground economy is a big problem in California. We are trying to clean it up."

When workers are paid in cash, questions also arise as to whether employers are paying required taxes and workers' compensation, he added. Such cases are referred to the Internal Revenue Service and the California Employment Development Department.

Simply paying employees a salary does not exempt them from overtime, which is paid at time-and-a-half

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for hours beyond 40 per week, according to the labor department. Only executive, administrative, professional and outside sales positions can be exempt under certain conditions, including a salary of at least \$455 per week.

For wage law information, or to file a complaint, the department's helpline is 866-487-9243. Information is online at [dol.gov/whd](http://dol.gov/whd).

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# Many places where you

# can volunteer

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Maybe it's the Boy Scout still in us all these years after we washed out as a First Class Scout. Brainiac was well short of the Eagles, but we had learned the importance of doing good for one's community, helping out and volunteering.

Or maybe it was the tutor we saw not long ago at the Garden Grove Regional Library, volunteering her time with some kids doing homework after school.

We started thinking, and when we start thinking we get ideas, and before long Brainiac was merrily clicking his way through the Internet, looking for the ways in which any of us can volunteer and by doing so make our communities better places.

There are, we discovered, a handful of websites that collect information that can help the would-be volunteer. The two we visited longest were [Oneoc.org/volunteers](http://Oneoc.org/volunteers) and [Volunteermatch.org](http://Volunteermatch.org). There are likely other good sites out there, and if you want to let us know, we'll be happy to pass along the information.

But for this week we thought it might be fun or even inspirational to share a little bit of what you - and you and you and you, too! - can do if your hearts and minds are strong enough to



ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTOS

**Volunteers Destiny Rouse, 12, of Orange and Lizzie Rowen, 12, of Anaheim Hills, warm up to Game after a bath at a Hemopet fundraiser in Garden Grove.**

get your butts off the couch.

The libraries, as noted above, offer plenty of opportunities for volunteers. The Orange County library system, which operates branches in Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton, has a standing notice posted on the volunteer websites. Each branch might have different needs - the

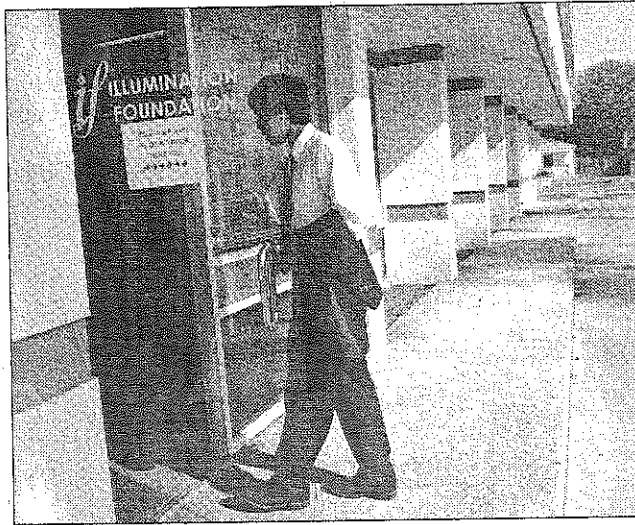
help-wanted notice ranges from teaching Internet classes to after-school homework assistance to shelving books and special events - but the point is the same: They have needs, and you can help.

And, sure, there's no pay, but can you put a price tag on the joy you'll get when you shush your first unruly

sixth-grader? We kid. We kid. Sort of.

There are opportunities to help kids at the Boys & Girls Club in most of our cities.

The Illumination Foundation, which has a location in Stanton in which it works with homeless families, needs volunteers to work with ages 5-12 in its Chil-



David Pham, 23, arrives for a jobs skills class at Illumination Foundation in Stanton.

dren's Resource Center.

American Family Housing in Midway City also works with homeless and low-income people, and it has got a steady stream of volunteer opportunities, whether it's one of its special events – an Easter picnic, the Back to School backpack drive – or an ongoing program such as making meals for the homeless.

Maybe you don't like people? No problem. We've got pet volunteerism opportunities, too! Hemopet in Garden Grove works with greyhounds and needs people to stop by for a few hours each week to hang out with its dogs and give them love and hugs.

This message of community service has broadened in recent years, but the week of April 10-16 is National Volunteer Week, a national initiative of the Points of Light Institute.

So look around. Check these websites. Ask at your church or school or city hall. And volunteer!

There are ways in which we can help one another and the communities in which we live.

But then, you probably don't need an old First Class Scout to tell you that, do you?

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Question? Comment? Story  
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Brainiac@ocregister.com

# RESIDENTS RAIL AGAINST POTENTIAL AERIAL SPRAYING

**MISSION VIEJO** • Emotions bubbled up Monday night at a town hall on the battle against mosquitoes, with handfuls of parents, many with children and carrying protest signs, voicing their opposition to aerial spraying of pesticides to combat the potentially deadly West Nile virus.



**JENNA  
CHANDLER**  
STAFF  
WRITER

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Dis-

trict, the public agency responsible for killing disease-carrying pests, has never used helicopters or planes in its war against mosquitoes, though it did plan to, unsuccessfully, last year. It also hasn't taken the option off the table for this year - and the backlash has been fierce.

"We don't trust the government," said Rebecca Nelson, a Garden Grove mother who helps run a Facebook group of



**Robert Cummings, director of scientific technical services for the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, responds to attendees during Monday's town hall.**

more than 2,600 members devoted to preventing aerial spraying in Orange County.

Nelson and other residents concerned about the effects of aerial spraying toted handmade signs: "Save our organic gardens," "If its so safe will you spray it on your face?" and "Has

the EPA ever been wrong?" which, in part, was a reference to an announcement last spring by an agency of the World Health Organization that glyphosate - the main active ingredient in Roundup - "probably" causes cancer. The Environmental Protection Agency

## Town halls

**Garden Grove:** 7 p.m.  
March 29, Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, Butterfield Room A, 11300 Stanford Ave.

**Laguna Woods:** 10 a.m.  
March 30, City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road

**Tustin:** 7 p.m.  
March 31, Clifton C. Miller Community Center, 300 Centennial Way

## Four questions about aerial spraying, Local 7

deems it safe.

Many of the approximately three dozen people in attendance shouted at vector control officials, rejecting assurances from the county's top epidemiologist, Dr. Matthew Zahn, that

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# SPRAYING

## 4 questions about aerial spraying

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the chemical that would be used, Duet, is safe for humans.

Zahn said human exposure would be limited to very small amounts during an aerial attack.

The vector control district is hosting a series of town halls this month to get community feedback on aerial spraying.

Its governing board is scheduled to vote April 21 on a proposal to give the district's manager, Rick Howard, authority to launch an air campaign if he deems it necessary.

"It's still an option we want to consider," said Robert Cummings, vector control's director of scientific technical services.

Aerial spraying would happen at night and over targeted neighborhoods, to suppress adult female "Southern House" mosquitoes, vector control spokesman Jared Dever said. That's the species that spreads West Nile virus in Orange County.

West Nile, which can cause encephalitis and meningitis, killed eight Orange County residents in 2015 and nine the year prior.

The district also is informing residents about two other species of mosquitoes, *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti*, which are not native but have found their way into nine Orange County cities and are capable of spreading tropical diseases, mainly dengue, chikungunya and Zika viruses. Aerial spraying wouldn't be as effective against the *Aedes*, which bite during the day, Dever said.

**Are you going to aerial spray this year?**

That decision will be made April 21 at a public meeting. Vector control officials said it's an option they want to consider if there are signs of another bad season of West Nile virus. The season typically runs from summer to fall. One of the key indicators, they said, is the infection rate in the mosquitoes they trap. If a lot of mosquitoes are infected with the virus, that's a good predictor that many humans will get sick, too.

**What chemical would be used?**

Duet. The active ingredients are Sumithrin and Prallethrin. The World Health Organization says Prallethrin is "very toxic" to bees and fish but of "low toxicity" to birds; it has found no evidence it's carcinogenic to mammals.

**What studies prove aerial spraying is safe?**

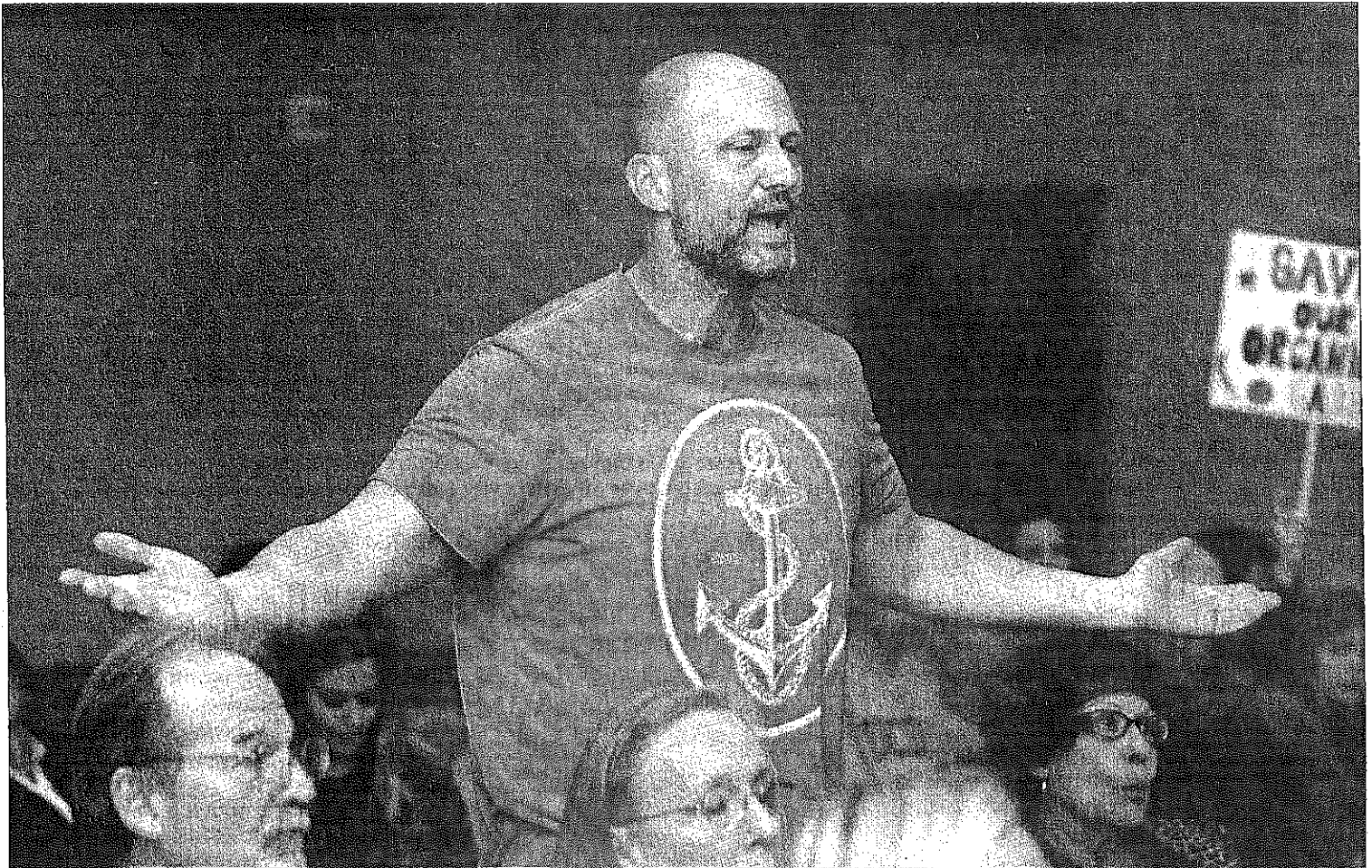
Dr. Matthew Zahn pointed to two separate studies analyzing emergency room data that found aerial spraying in Sacramento and New York City weren't "associated with any of the known types of diagnoses for which exposure to these insecticides has been implicated." The California Department of Public Health says, "While the pesticides used for mosquito control can cause adverse health effects under certain circumstances ... the available data suggest that they are relatively safe when applied by (ultra low volume) spraying according to label instructions."

**Is aerial spraying a last resort? Have you tried other methods?**

Vector control officials say "yes" to both, but opponents say the district has not tried hard enough to educate residents about how to get rid of mosquitoes themselves.

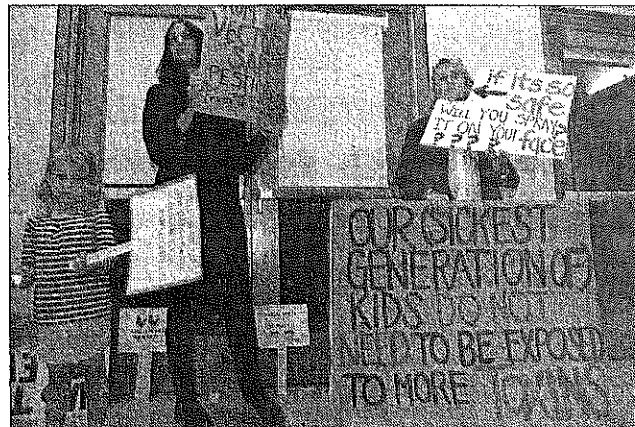
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Vector control officials want to keep options open in mosquito battle,  
but they are met with shouts and distrust at initial town hall.



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Paul Nelson of Garden Grove voices concerns over aerial spraying to vector control officials at a town hall Monday in Mission Viejo.



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rebecca Nelson of Garden Grove, center, and Vanessa Christian of Mission Viejo, right, hold signs during a town hall Monday hosted by vector control officials.



Courtesy photo

From left, Garden Grove High School Principal Steve Osborne and Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education President George West present the Michael A. Monsoor stadium rendering to Michael's parents, Sally and George Monsoor.

## GG High alumni, Medal of Honor recipient honored

More than 100 community members attended a special ceremony held on March 15 at Garden Grove High School to honor 1999 graduate and posthumous Medal of Honor recipient Michael Monsoor.

Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) hosted the event to present the Monsoor family with the architectural plans to renovate the district athletic stadium at Garden Grove High School. The stadium will be named after Monsoor.

While at Garden Grove High School, Monsoor was a tight end for the school's varsity football team. After high school, he enlisted in the Navy in 2001 and completed initial training as an elite Seal in 2004.

During combat against insurgents in Ramadi, Iraq, Monsoor sacrificed his life when he leaped on a live grenade to save two SEAL team members in September 2006. For his valiant actions, the petty officer was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2008 by then President George W. Bush.

At the ceremony, the Monsoor family and friends, local civic and

elected leaders, members of the Orange County Veteran Advisory Council, and GGUSD staff and alumni gathered to remember their hometown hero.

The colors were presented by members of the Pacifica High School Navy JROTC and Garden Grove High School Principal Steve Osborne provided welcoming remarks.

Miguel Vazquez of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council delivered a moving speech about the ultimate price Monsoor paid to protect the freedoms we hold dear. Monsoor's football coach at Garden Grove High, Kris Van Hook, spoke about his character and commitment to put his team members before himself.

GGUSD Board of Education President George West said the stadium memorial was a grassroots idea from several alumni and local leaders. West and Osborne presented the Monsoor family with a rendering of the renovated state-of-the-art facility with 3,500 seats, a nine-lane synthetic track, natural turf field, energy-efficient lighting,

LED scoreboard and well-appointed press box. Other features consist of a new concession stand, new visitor and home restrooms and ticket booths, and storage area. Completion is projected for the summer of 2018.

"We are forever indebted to the sacrifice Michael made for our nation," said West. "The renovated stadium will be a lasting tribute to Michael, allowing our future Argo athletes and community to honor Michael's legacy for years to come."

Following the ceremony, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the renaming of the stadium. West presented a framed shadow box with a collection depicting Michael's qualification insignia and medal ribbons which the board presented to Garden Grove High to include in the Michael A. Monsoor Freedom Memorial. The memorial is displayed in the school's Heritage Hall as a tribute to the 24 graduates who gave their lives in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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Courtesy photo

Melissa Palencia (center)

## Los Amigos senior honored at ceremony

**Melissa Palencia has maintained a 4.04 grade point average**

Los Amigos High School senior Melissa Palencia was recognized by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) recently at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana with the 2016 Every Student Succeeding Award.

The ACSA award program is designed to honor students who have overcome challenges or exceeded expectations to succeed.

Palencia was nominated by Lila Jenkins, Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) director of 7-12 Instructional Services, to represent the district in the award program. She was recommended for nomination by Carlos Castillo, Los Amigos AVID teacher; Vicki Braddock, principal; and Stephanie Heflin, assistant principal.

"Melissa is not distracted by the obstacles she has encountered and remains laser-focused on her goal of becoming an engineer," Castillo said. "She currently has a cumulative GPA of 4.04 – a particularly special feat since her schedule has consisted of Advanced Placement, Honors, and AVID courses over four years of high school."

In addition to her exceptional academic record, Palencia has achieved success in high school athletics and community service. She has contributed to the success of the Los Amigos girls' cross country team as well as Girls League.

Palencia plans on studying mechanical engineering and will attend college in the fall.



# Educators up for Teacher of the Year award

## Three from GG nominated for prestigious county honor

Three teachers from the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) received a visit from their principals last week along with the surprise announcement that they were nominated for the 2017 Orange County Teacher of the Year award recognition program.

The Orange County Teacher of the Year nominees are Valerie DelCarlo from Murdy Elementary School, Jeanne Tsuruta from Ralston Intermediate School, and David Cho from Bolsa Grande High School.

"Our district is fortunate to have so many wonderful teachers who go above and beyond to create a supportive learning environment that challenges students to excel in their academic and socio-emotional skills," said Gabriela Mafi, GGUSD Superintendent.

The Teacher of the Year nominees will be recognized at a Board of Education meeting later this fall.

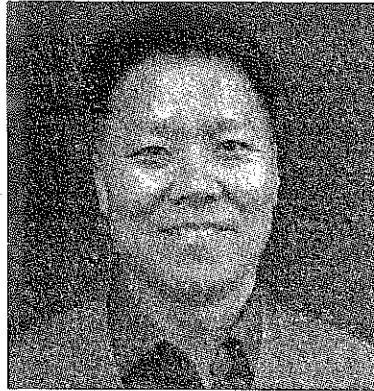
DelCarlo began teaching sixth grade at Murdy Elementary School in 2002. She spearheaded an exemplary instructional program with the development of the "Gratitude Project." The yearlong unit of study integrates oral history, art, writing and history with

students interviewing their family members about their immigration to the United States after the Vietnam War. DelCarlo's class reunited veterans from Vietnam and the U.S. during a culminating event on the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

Tsuruta has been a teacher at Ralston Intermediate for 36 years and currently serves as the school librarian teaching digital literacy in the media center. She is a teacher-leader who works collaboratively with all staff on instructional technology, curriculum planning, and professional development. Students enjoy Tsuruta's instruction about 21st

century technology including Google Classroom tools and iMovie and Apple Keynote which students use to create book trailers.

A 20-year teacher at Bolsa Grande, Cho teaches Algebra 2, Algebra 2/Trig, and Geometry. He is currently a master teacher, site technology mentor, club advisor, coach and department chairperson. Cho provides students multiple modes of learning including online videos, presentations and Google classroom. Cho's imaginative style promotes a high level of student engagement and mastery of complex math concepts.



Courtesy photos  
David Cho



Jeanne Tsuruta



Valerie DelCarlo

# 'The single happiest person I've known'

Kaye Silva, owner of Kaye's Kitchen on Main Street, remembered

By Loreen Berlin

Kaye Lou Silva, who along with husband John owned Kaye's Kitchen on Historic Main Street for many years, died on March 6; her funeral was held on March 18 at the First Baptist Church in Garden Grove, with many remembering her as the "Matriarch of Main Street."

"Kaye always had a smile on her face and was a pleasure to be around," said Scott Weimer, treasurer of the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association. "She greeted everyone as if they were her best customers and lifelong friends whether she knew them or not."

Having worked as a busboy at Kaye's Kitchen while in high school, Weimer said Kaye Silva was a wonderful employer.

"I have many fond memories of my time spent at Kaye's Kitchen with John, Kaye and Jim Schierberl when he was their lead chef (Schierberl is the current owner



Photo courtesy of the Silva family  
**Kaye Silva**

of Kaye's Kitchen).

"Kaye will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers go to Kaye's surviving family," Weimer said.

Kaye's Kitchen suffered a fire late last year and is still in the re-construction phase. Schierberl

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said they are working to reopen Kaye's Kitchen in the next couple of months.

"We at Kaye's Kitchen extend our most sincere condolences to the Silva family," said Schierbel. "We're deeply saddened by the loss of Kaye Silva."

"The Silva family has owned restaurants, which include Tony's, Jorene's and Kaye's Kitchen in Garden Grove dating back to 1953," Schierbel said, noting that John and Kaye Silva were extremely active in their family business from the beginning until they sold in 2004.

Mike, Silva's son, shared these thoughts of his mother.

"My mother's laugh and smile were truly contagious — she never had a bad day — and my father hit the lottery the day he met my mom. Mom was the single happiest and nicest person I've ever known, working together with my dad, they ran the restaurant business for nearly 50 years, with their duties perfectly split: my Dad in the kitchen and Mom in the dining room.

"To say they had different attitudes is an understatement. My Dad was there to put out good food, as fast as possible, with little or no chit chat, while Mom was there to meet people, inject joy into their life, and if and when they got a meal, that was a bonus.

"I'll never forget the first night we re-opened Kaye's Kitchen, after moving from Jorene's. It was a Friday Night Car Show and we had been closed for approximately two-to-three weeks, so the entire family pitched in, including a couple of kids we knew to get things going.

"At that time, my parents had run Jorene's with two-to-three employees and took in approximately \$3,000 a week, but that first night as Kaye's Kitchen, we made that much in the first six hours.

"My Dad and I were in the kitchen; a friend of Timmy's was

doing fries, and we were throwing food through the pass-out window like a factory, with the dining room so full of customers that people were doubling up in booths and waitresses were running around sweating like the Lakers.

"That's when Mom stepped up to the pass-out window with her big smile and looked at my Dad — who was beyond stressed and wearing a huge scowl — and said, 'Boy John, we are really busy, this is a lot of fun.'

"I think my Dad wanted to jump through the pass-out window, but I couldn't stop laughing, hearing the joy in my Mom's voice and seeing the big smile on her face; this was heaven for her.

"A lot of Mom's customers over the years ate cold food because of the constant chatter and greetings, and they loved it. She was not ever in the restaurant business; she was in the people business. Seriously, who wouldn't want to go to Kaye's Kitchen to see Kaye?"

Kaye Lou Silva was born in Casper, Wyoming on March 5, 1943. She and husband John Anthony Silva were married for more than 50 years. They were a Garden Grove High School love story and they were parents to six children, Debbie, Mike, Pam, Renee, Chris and Tim.

She raised her family on Old Fashion Way and Perrin Drive, where over the years, she basically employed the entire neighborhood, and she helped raise 10 grandchildren, Christopher, Kyle, Brad, Rachel, Anthony, Emma, John, Wyatt, Walker and Sophia.

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# Firefighters show solidarity by shaving heads

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Event raises money to fight childhood cancer

By Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove firefighters recently participated in the fifth annual event in which they shaved their heads to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer.

The Career Academy of Beauty, 12471 Valley View St. in Garden Grove, hosted the event, with all students and staff taking part in the volunteer program.

"Shaving their heads is a way to raise money for childhood cancer research," said Career Placement staff member Michelle Cappo. "Shaving their hair shows they are in solidarity with children who are fighting cancer and have lost their hair."

Cappo said getting involved teaches the students at their academy to give back and to be part of the community while raising money for a good cause.

Asked why she started the program, Cappo said, "I'm a childhood cancer survivor," explaining that as a child she fought cancer for a year with Stage 3 Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Cappo's husband, Kevin O'Neil, shaved his head and beard in support of the St. Baldrick's Foundation program at the academy.

"I feel naked," he said. "Neither my wife nor my son have seen me without facial hair..."

Each firefighter raised money by asking friends and family for their support and then showed up March 16, at the early hour of 6 a.m., to participate.

Engineer Jose Camberos said he was excited to be part of the event.

"This is my first time doing this," said firefighter/paramedic Kicker Vencill. "It's an awesome opportunity to come out in the community that we serve and show support for pediatric cancer; a lot of firefighters got donations to do this. I'm proud and honored to be part of this day."

Capt. Thanh Nguyen, said the foundation's website states that one-in-285 children in the United States will have cancer before age 20.

"This is a sobering statistic, and

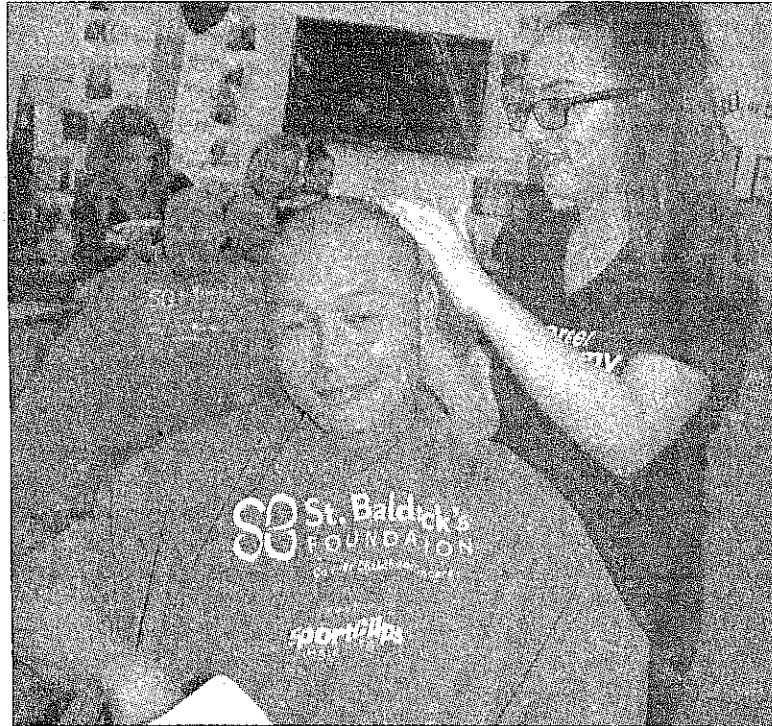


Photo by Loreen Berlin

**Garden Grove Fire Capt. Thanh Nguyen gets his head shaved in order to raise money to fight childhood cancer.**

we're looking to help in any way we can," said Fire Chief Tom Schultz.

Capt. Justin Truhill's 9-year-old son, Gavin, put it into perspective: "I'm having my head shaved to show that bald is beautiful; you don't need hair to be beautiful and that people with cancer can be who they are."

This is Truhill's second year of participation (17 years with the GG Fire Department). "This shows solidarity for those who are unable to have their own hair because of cancer. It's for a good cause. I brought my two sons with me to pass along the idea of raising funds for the community."

Raising the most money was Capt. Cheyne Maule. He raised \$1,850 for research.

"I love participating. One of my friend's kid's came down with cancer, so that's heavy on my heart and so I felt I just had to get involved," he said.

Capt Nguyen was resisting having his head shaved in the early morning hours, noting that he was heading to cold country, Utah, in a couple of weeks and needed his hair

to stay warm.

As he stood there, ready to take a picture of his comrades, suddenly an envelope was passed around, netting him \$200 within a couple of minutes. He had his head shaved for charity, with hair stylist Alexis Sandoval doing the honors.

In total, 17 firefighters and two junior firefighters stepped up to the challenge, helping to raise about \$35,000.

Nick Arroyo, CEO of Vantari Genetics, donated \$5,000.

"Our company looks at inherited cancer," he said, explaining this is their first year participating.

Each participant received a Certificate of Recognition as a Squire of Hope from St. Baldrick's Foundation and a green T-shirt.

# Safety comes first for school bus drivers

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Courtesy photo

Bus drivers in the Garden Grove Unified School District recently competed in the 56th annual "School Bus Safety Rodeo." The Garden Grove district had more contestants than any district in Orange County, and won plenty of contests. See story on Page 2.

## Bus drivers fare well in bus safety contest

Jose Navarro wins first place in OC in individual category

The Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) hosted the 56th annual "School Bus Safety Rodeo" on March 12, welcoming bus drivers from surrounding school districts to put their skills to the test.

The event is sponsored annually by the Orange County Driver Trainer Advisory Council, but this marks the first year it was held at GGUSD. More than 40 bus drivers participated in the competition, including drivers from Orange County School Districts, Los Angeles Unified School District and Snowline Joint Unified School District.

Contestants participated in

written and driving performance tests, including an obstacle course that tested safe maneuverability as well as tests that examined parallel parking and backing up skills.

"GGUSD bus drivers participate in regular training and safety certification programs, and the Bus Rodeo provided them another opportunity to fine-tune their skills," said Rick Nakano, district assistant superintendent of business services. "Our drivers do a fantastic job transporting our most precious cargo each and every day and perform their jobs with impeccable safe driving skills."

The district took home the

award for best represented with 12 contestants. GGUSD drivers took home several individual and team awards including: Jose Navarro, first place in Orange County; Shannon Lauricella, fifth place in Orange County; and Mauricio Jiles, second place novice in Orange County. GGUSD drivers also won Orange County second place team with Jose Navarro, Sandy Obregon and Kim Dailey as well as Orange County third place team with David Hernandez, Mauricio Jiles and Shannon Lauricella.

More than 65 GGUSD volunteers came out to support the event.

## Council tackles districts

Following the last round of public meetings to establish city districts for the 2016 elections that began in January 2016, is the second public hearing, taking place on Tuesday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m.

The hearing takes place during the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Ave.

At the hearing, proposed voting district maps created from input received at the public meetings will be presented to the City Council for its consideration, by David Ely from Compass Demographics, the firm overseeing the districting process. The hearing provides another opportunity for the public to provide input and obtain any additional information on the districting process.

The final public hearing is currently scheduled for the City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 26. The City Council is anticipated to vote on an ordinance establishing boundaries for the six city districts at the April 26 public hearing.

For more information, visit the city's district election mapping webpage under the Open Government tab at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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### Sponsors sought

The City of Garden Grove is looking for sponsors to help support its 60th anniversary celebration.

The free event takes place on Saturday, June 18, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Village Green Park, at 12732 Main St.

Sponsorship opportunities include a retro candy "sugar shack," a ceremonial birthday cake and free cupcakes for the first 1,000 guests, commissioning a commemorative mosaic art mural, custom logo giveaways, activity areas for children and teens and hosting the main event: an exclusive Orange County performance by the band SOTO.

Sponsorship benefits include special shout-outs by DJs, event signage, promotion in all city social media and print marketing, company logo posting on city's events page, staked banners at 10 of the city's busiest parks, and/or over-the-street banners at high-traffic intersections throughout Garden Grove.

If you would like to become a sponsor for the city's 60th Anniversary, call 714-741-5290 or visit the city's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR SYCAMORE COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, the City Council of the City of Garden Grove (the "City") will conduct a Public Hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, at which it will hear and consider information concerning a proposed plan of financing providing for the issuance by the California Public Finance Authority of multifamily housing revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, including bonds issued to refund such revenue bonds in one or more series from time to time, and at no time to exceed \$15,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount, to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of a 77-unit multifamily rental housing project located at 10632 Bolsa Avenue, Garden Grove, California. The facilities are to be owned by 10632 Bolsa Avenue, LP (the "Borrower") or related entities, operated by Mariman & Company, and are generally known as Sycamore Court (the "Project").

Those wishing to comment on the proposed financing and the nature and location of the Project may either appear in person at the Public Hearing or submit written comments, which must be received by the City prior to the City Council meeting. Written comments should be sent to City Clerk, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California 92840. For questions or comments please contact Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager, by telephone at (714) 741-5139, or by email [allisonj@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:allisonj@ci.garden-grove.ca.us)

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1189

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to: Furnish All Labor, Material and Equipment For On-Call Concrete Construction at Various Locations for the City of Garden Grove per City Standards and Specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the Public Works Municipal Service Center, Training Room, located at 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at [sandras@garden-grove.org](mailto: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, April 25, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: March 23, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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# A name recognition problem in House race



**MARTIN WISCKOL**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

I'd never heard of **Bob Peterson** until March 10, the day before the candidate filing deadline, when the commander with the Orange County Sheriff's Department took out papers to run for the House of Representatives. He's one of eight candidates for the vacancy being created by Rep. **Loretta Sanchez's** bid for U.S. Senate.

Despite this being his first real step into the political arena, Peterson could emerge as the most viable of the four Republicans in the race. The Orange resident has a fundraising goal of \$250,000, and if he can raise anywhere near that, he could earn the attention of GOP votes.

He probably doesn't have a lot of ground to make up in terms of name recognition among the Republicans.

Anaheim's **Rudy Gaona** may be best known for his 2014 run for supervisor, when he received 16 percent of the vote. Fullerton's **Louie Contreras'** previous campaign experience, before he changed from a Democrat to a Republican, was his 2006 bid in a San Bernardino-Riverside counties congressional district, when he lost 67 percent to 33 percent to GOP incumbent **Jerry Lewis**.

First-term Irvine Councilwoman **Lynn Schott** lives outside Sanchez's central county district and is taking advantage of the fact that district residency isn't a requirement.

I'm curious to see what voter contact Schott does; I've called her perhaps a dozen times and always ended up in voice mail. On the occasions she's responded, it's been by email.



COURTESY OF BOB PETERSON

**Bob Peterson is one of four Republican candidates for the congressional seat being vacated by Rep. Loretta Sanchez.**

Given two days' notice before the deadline for this column, she said she couldn't respond in time because she was attending an educational forum. She was the only candidate who didn't respond.

Of course, it's probably academic who the strongest Republican is. With Democrats holding a 20-point advantage in the district's voter registration and with three Democratic candidates – each of whom is better known than any of the Republicans – it's likely two Democrats will advance to the November election under the state's top-two open primary system.

## IMMIGRANT ISSUES

Peterson picked up a key endorsement Saturday from the conservative California Republican Assembly, although his position on immigration reform is slightly softer than that of some in the group.

He opposes President **Barack Obama's** DACA and DAPA executive orders to allow some undocumented immigrants to remain in the country, saying it's presidential overreach. But he said he would support legislation that would accomplish the same thing.

For those not covered by such le-

gislation, he says no action should be taken until the border is secure.

Contreras and Gaona favor a path to citizenship that includes a fine, a background check and a waiting period. Contreras' plan would take place only after the border is secure and would incorporate DACA and DAPA. Gaona said he didn't have a position on DACA and DAPA.

The Democrats – former state Sens. **Lou Correa** and **Joe Dunn** and Garden Grove Mayor **Bao Nguyen** – and independent **Nancy Trinidad Marin** all favor a path to citizenship, with some variations in terms of fines and background checks. And the four also support DACA and DAPA.

## TRUMP AND CALIFORNIA

If the Republican presidential nomination comes down to California's 172 delegates in the June 7 primary, polling this month shows **Donald Trump** would be the biggest beneficiary.

The race is for the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the nomination in advance of the national convention. If no one reaches that magic number, a contested convention selecting a nominee other than the candidate with the most primary delegates is possible.

Irvine-based Landslide Communications teamed up with the NSON polling firm to survey 407 likely voters – 38 percent of whom favored Trump, 22 percent **Ted Cruz** and 20 percent **John Kasich**.

Smith Johnson Research polled 454 likely voters and found 25 percent favored Trump, 20 percent favored Cruz, and 15 percent favored Kasich.

But Trump's advantage in the two polls is so widely different – 16 percentage points and 5 points – it raises the question of which poll, if either, is accurate.

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# Kids may howl with

## glee at Great Wolf

The family-friendly resort, with indoor water park and much more, is now open in Garden Grove.

**BY BRITTANY WOOLSEY**

**T**he sky was cloudy and the weather forecast included a chance of rain, but that didn't stop Jackson Parkin of Anaheim from riding some waves on a boogie board on a recent weekend.

In land-locked Garden Grove, no less.

The boogie board ride is one of more than a dozen attractions at the always-84-degrees-Fahrenheit indoor water park at Great Wolf Lodge, a resort that opened down the street from Disneyland in February.

The resort, the 13th in the Great Wolf franchise and the first in California, features attractions for all ages.

"Great Wolf Lodge is all about family, spending time with your families and enjoying everything that families do," said Phil Cunningham, general manager at Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, during a media event March 5. "We create family traditions one family at a time. Great Wolf Lodge is a total family experience."

Arguably, the 105,000-square-foot waterpark is the resort's main attraction. It's the only element of the multi-faceted resort that is exclusive to hotel guests. A limited number of extra tickets per room for friends and family not staying at the hotel are available for \$40 each.

The waterpark features multiple water slides — some geared toward kids and others

toward adults — as well as a lazy river for floating and relaxing; a wave pool, which offers the occasional simulated wave to mimic the ocean; and the Fort Mackenzie play structure, a multistory, interactive treehouse with suspension bridges, swinging cargo nets and multiple water effects.

Cunningham said about 565,000 gallons of water gets recirculated daily in a special water filtration system, a nod to California's persistent drought.

He said the company had been eyeing California as a resort location for years and began talking with Garden Grove city officials in 2009. He said it doesn't aim to compete with Disneyland, which is less than a mile away in Anaheim.

"Southern California is a great area to be in," he said. "This is a family mecca already. We believe we can be a great complement to this area with our unique offerings that we have."

Indeed, the two may end up being allies more than adversaries. Great Wolf spokeswoman Kristen Olson said company officials are even considering offering special discounted Disneyland tickets in the future.

The Garden Grove lodge features a number of family attractions that are open to the public, including a motion theater, miniature golf, an arcade, a kids spa and a bowling alley.

In addition, the MagiQuest game sends players on a journey



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**JACKSON PARKIN**, 12, of Anaheim rides a boogie board on the FlowRider attraction inside the water park at the Great Wolf Lodge.



**LINDSEY CRUZ**, right, and her daughter Laylani, 8, both of San Pablo, get their nails done at Scoops Kid Spa inside the Great Wolf Lodge.

through six levels of the hotel to rescue a princess from a dragon. Participants can purchase wands that can be aimed at TV-like screens in order to access clues. Imagine a giant multi-room adventure that is part video game and part scavenger hunt.

The hotel also offers seven restaurants, including a pizza place, a bar and grill, a Dunkin' Donuts and a sweets shop.

Chris Hammond, executive chef for the Great Wolf Resort franchise, said he aims to serve his customers tasty dishes.

He said all of the produce comes from local farms, and meats and other products are purchased from high-quality vendors.

Each restaurant also has gluten-free options, and allergens like peanuts are taken into account. Many dishes can be accommodated to fit customer needs, he said.

"It's important for us that we serve something real," Hammond said. "We aim to have a balance between healthy eating and organic."

Guests also have the option of seven types of rooms to stay in, with prices starting around \$350.

While each room is its own unique experience, families with children are likely to favor the Wolf Den, a kids-themed room with a bunk bed, queen bed and full sofa sleeper. Company officials said children will have fun using the MagiQuest wands to control animatronics in the room.

Meanwhile, the Grizzly Bear and Grand Bear suites, which can

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**THE LOOSE MOOSE** Family Kitchen is a buffet-style restaurant inside the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove.

## RESORT

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accommodate up to eight guests, make them ideal for large families, company officials said. These suites feature at least one private bedroom, two bathrooms and multiple beds.

Lindsey Cruz of San Pablo and her daughter Laylani recently stayed at the resort for Laylani's 8th birthday.

"One morning [Laylani]

saw a commercial for this place and got really excited, so we decided to go," Cruz said as she and the girl got strawberry-scented manicures while dressed in pink robes at the Scoops Kid Spa.

"It's been really nice and a lot of fun. She can't wait to go to the waterpark. This is just a really cool place."

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**A MOTHER TAKES** a photo of her son with Wiley the Wolf.

## C.E.R.T. experts are training the public

The City of Garden Grove's C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) program will host a month-long training academy every Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from April 2 to graduation on April 23 at the North Net Fire Training Center at 2400 Orangewood Ave. in Anaheim.

C.E.R.T. is a volunteer organization with the Garden Grove Fire Department that provides free community training on how to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster. C.E.R.T. members are also trained to help augment first responders in the event of a disaster.

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

For more information regarding the C.E.R.T. program, contact C.E.R.T. Recruitment at 714-741-5239, or download an application at [cert.gardengrovecity.org](http://cert.gardengrovecity.org).

The City of Garden Grove's C.E.R.T. program (Community Emergency Response Team) is also offering a CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification class for \$25, on Saturday, April 30 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The certification will be through EMS Safety Services, Inc.

To reserve your seat, get class location, and details, contact [thorpedj@yahoo.com](mailto:thorpedj@yahoo.com) or call 714-376-7633 before space runs out. For more information, visit <http://cert.gardengrovecity.org>.

## High school senior named youth of year

Los Amigos High School student Esmerelda Talavera was named the Boys & Girls Club 2015-2016 Orange County Youth of the Year.

Talavera competed against 6,500 area youth and 16 other Boys & Girls Clubs in Orange County to receive the recognition and represent Garden Grove at the countywide dinner hosted recently at Knotts Berry Farm Resort.

The Los Amigos senior was the first Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove member to earn the Orange County Youth of the Year award in more than 15 years, according to Christina Sepulveda, Vice President of Programs and Services at the clubs.

"Esmerelda has been an outstanding role model at Los Amigos and we are so proud of her for earning this exciting recognition," said Los Amigos High School Principal Vicki Braddock.

The Youth of the Year award has been the premier recognition program of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America since 1947. The award recognizes club members who demonstrate leadership and service, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles.

"The Orange County Youth of the Year award is one of my big-

gest accomplishments," Talavera said. "My family is very proud of me and I am proud of myself."

As part of the program, Talavera created a platform about the impact the Boys & Girls Club made on her life and interviewed in front of executives from Disney, Taco Bell, University of Phoenix and Toyota.

Talavera will go on to compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the California Youth of the Year title and a \$5,000 college scholarship from Boys & Girls Clubs of America. She will compete in Palo Alto in April and represent Orange County among 10 Boys & Girls Club Councils from across the state.

"Boys & Girls Club gave me a home where I felt comfortable and safe surrounded by people who were kind and who encouraged me to become a better person every day," Talavera said.

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# Thirsty for an Irish pub in our area

Historic Main Street and the WM Mall would be ideal locales



**Tony on the Town**

**By Tony Cheong**

Top of the morning to you.

May you be poor in misfortune and rich in blessings.

May you have food and raiment, a soft pillow for your head.

May you be 40 years in heaven before the devil knows you're dead.

St. Patrick's Day arrived on March 17.

For all you planning to go out

and drink Guinness, Murphy's Red, Jameson, Tullamore Dew and the like this weekend, let me issue a warning: Garden Grove and Westminster police tell me that they issue more DUIs on this holiday than on your average weekend. So if you're going to over imbibe, get a designated driver, or call Uber. There are, after all, limits to the luck of the Irish.

Which brings me to my beef. In this case, you might call it my corned beef: Why isn't there a thriving Irish pub in the communities I cover?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I've scoured the area for a place that serves a piping hot and delicious beef stew, blood pudding, corned beef sandwiches and potato soup. A cozy pub, with a low ceiling. A place where you can get comfortable and make life-long friends, which is very much an Irish priority. A place where you can feel, in your heart, the camaraderie. A pub where the bartenders know how to pour a proper Guinness and greet you by name.

How about it city leaders, chambers of commerces and business associations?

In Garden Grove, for instance, Historic Main Street would be a perfect locale.

In Stanton, how about placing one near the DMV? I mean, who doesn't need a drink after dealing with all that bureaucracy?

And bring one to the Westminster Mall, where thousands of commuters could see it from the 405 Freeway. And not to mention those poor, weary men — you've seen them with the slouched postures and lifeless eyes — who could find a lair of respite while their wives are doing the painstaking, heroic job of shopping.

Further, we could use a little luck around here, and a dash of charm.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, don't forget to say a prayer for the good Saint and may the grass grow tall on the road to hell for want of use.

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Send to [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# Community Calendar

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## Ongoing

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

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

**Grief support**  
The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.

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

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

**Dance Center hosts social**  
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For 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. Call 714-892-7267.

# Man acquitted of 1st-degree murder in neighbor's killing

Jury deadlocks  
on lesser charge,  
leading to  
mistrial  
on that count.

By **KELLY PUENTE**  
STAFF WRITER

An Orange County Superior Court jury on Thursday acquitted a man of first-degree murder in the shooting death of his neighbor in Garden Grove.

The jurors deadlocked, 11-1, in favor of acquittal on a second-degree murder



Price

charge for 55-year-old Robert Price, prompting Judge Patrick Donahue to declare a mis-

trial on that count.

Price is accused of shooting his neighbor, 53-year-old Glen Berry, at about 1:30 a.m. June 21, 2013, after Berry went to Price's home to confront him about shooting fireworks into his backyard. The two had lived next to each other for more than a decade and were involved in a long-running dispute.

Price is due back in court on April 22, when the Orange County District Attorney's Office is expected to discuss whether to retry him on the second-degree murder. Cynthia Herrera on Thursday said she "respectfully disagrees" with the jury's decision and plans to pursue the case.

In the trial, Herrera said Price shot an unarmed Berry in the face as "payback" for years of bickering. Price's defense attorney, Doug Myers, argued that Price shot his neighbor in self-defense after Berry stormed over to his home in an "out-of-control" rage.

Myers said he spoke to several jurors after the ver-

dict and the majority felt that Price acted in self-defense.

"It's a sad, tragic situation for the Berry family, and I feel for them, but to me it's always been a self-defense case," he said.

Attorneys said the bickering began when the Berry family moved into the home directly behind the Prices about 15 years ago. Herrera said both neighbors shot fireworks, and Price had accused Berry of throwing rocks over the fence at his two dogs.

"The men acted at times like 12- or 13-year-old boys with each other," Herrera said.

The families eventually erected a wooden extension on top of the 5-foot wall that bordered their backyards.

At about 10 p.m. on the night of the shooting, Herrera said, Berry lit firecrackers to scare off birds in a lemon tree in his backyard. The noise apparently awakened Price, who waited until about 1:10 a.m. and then shot fireworks into Berry's backyard in retaliation, Herrera said.

Berry was awakened by the noise and went to Price's home. The two briefly exchanged words through a locked, metal security door before Price, armed with a .44-caliber Magnum revolver, shot through the door, striking Berry in the eye, prosecutors said.

He then dialed 911 and told authorities that he had shot his neighbor and

thought his neighbor had a gun. Authorities later determined that Berry was unarmed and did not own a gun.

Myers argued that Berry stormed over to his neighbor's home in an uncontrollable rage. As Price opened the door, he said, Berry lurched his arm back and said, "I'm going to kill you," causing Price to fear for his life.

"Mr. Price believed he was in real danger," Myers said during the trial.

## GARDEN GROVE

**ABC grant:** The Police Department has received a \$35,965 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to reduce alcohol-related crimes and reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. The grant also helps pay for educational programs about underage drinking. Garden Grove has 290 businesses that sell alcohol.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**  
chaire@ocregister.com



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## GARDEN GROVE

**Second try:** The City Council on Tuesday will again weigh whether to record and save for two years closed-session meetings, as well as make it policy not to create a new employment position without an open-meeting vote. The council has agreed those should be adopted, but has split on whether to audit the work of a public safety administrative job created.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**

Register  
March 19, 2016

## GARDEN GROVE

**Council chambers:** The City Council on Tuesday will hold a meeting in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., for the first time since renovations began there in June. The council chambers have had a complete makeover and are now more in line with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The council has been meeting in the Courtyard Center.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**  
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Register  
March 21, 2016

## GARDEN GROVE

**HEAL city:** The City Council today will likely declare Garden Grove a Healthy Eating Active Living city. The HEAL campaign is a partnership, among the League of California Cities, the state's Center for Public Health Advocacy and other agencies, meant to improve physical activity and food environments in communities.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**  
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Register  
March 22, 2016

## GARDEN GROVE

**Beautiful houses:** Judging for Garden Grove Pride, which selects the most beautiful homes in the city, is underway and lasts until April 10. Volunteer judges will choose the most beautiful homes from each of 17 zones. There will also be a Home of the Year. The awards ceremony is May 23.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
March 23, 2016

## GARDEN GROVE

**Youth day:** The City Council on Tuesday approved the creation of a Youth in Government Day, to be held sometime in the fall. Students from Garden Grove Unified High School will get to chat with different department directors, tour city facilities, have dinner with the council and attend a meeting.  
**Chris Haire, 714-796-6979**  
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March 24, 2016



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

CONTACT: Kim Huy, (714) 741-5200  
Community Services Department

Thursday, March 24, 2016

**DEADLINE NEAR TO NOMINATE WATER-WISE HOMES**

Got a great-looking, water-wise front yard? It may be chosen to receive the 'Best Water-Wise Home' recognition at the 43rd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards on May 23, 2016. Garden Grove homeowners interested in competing are asked to call the Recreation Division at (714) 741-5290 no later than Monday, April 18, 2016.

The water-wise category made its debut five years ago at the Pride Awards as part of an effort by the City to keep residents aware of the need to conserve water. Nominated front yards and landscapes need to meet drought-tolerant criteria, such as the use of California and southwestern native plants, permeable ground cover, like rock, pea gravel, mulch or decomposed granite, and efficient methods of irrigation. These factors combined create an attractive, healthier environment while reducing pollution and supporting a habitat for wildlife.

Credentialed Public Works staff will be judging the nominations received.

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Janet Pelayo (714) 741-5200  
Community Services Manager

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

## **CITY REDEDICATES 40-YEAR-OLD CENTER FOLLOWING \$1 MILLION RENOVATION**

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Mayor Bao Nguyen, along with City officials and members of the community, gathered in Garden Grove's iconic Community Meeting Center (CMC), after a nearly 1-year closure, to celebrate the completion of the facility's \$1.1 million renovation and honor its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a rededication ceremony. The CMC is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Mayor Nguyen spoke on the accomplishments of the CMC, emphasizing the important role the facility plays in Garden Grove's multi-cultural, multi-generational community. A bronze plaque, honoring the milestone achievement and rededication to the citizens of Garden Grove, was introduced at the event. The rededication plaque hangs at the entrance to the facility opposite the original inaugural plaque from 1967.

Renovations include improved lighting and technology, a replaced skylight roof made from a green product designed to reduce carbon footprint, new flooring finishes, and accommodations to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The public is encouraged to tour the new facility. Private tours can be scheduled by calling (714) 741-5262 or email [events@garden-grove.org](mailto:events@garden-grove.org).

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City Rededicates 40-Year-Old Center  
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The City's rental facilities, including the Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street, are now on Facebook and Instagram. To view photos of the event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/GGBanquetFacilities> on Facebook or search for @ggbanquetfacilities on Instagram.

Funding for the CMC's renovations comes from park fees, which are paid by companies building developments in the city.

For more information, visit [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community Services Manager

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280  
Monday, March 21, 2016

## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY, CITY REDEDICATES BUILDING**

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Mayor Bao Nguyen, along with City officials and members of the community, will gather in Garden Grove's iconic Community Meeting Center, after a nearly 1-year closure, to celebrate the completion of the facility's \$1.1 million renovation and honor its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a rededication ceremony. Members of the media are invited to the event at 5:00 p.m., prior to the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Mayor Nguyen will speak on the accomplishments of the Community Meeting Center, emphasizing the important role the facility plays in Garden Grove's multi-cultural, multi-generational community. A bronze plaque, honoring the milestone achievement and rededication to the citizens of Garden Grove, will be introduced at the event.

In 2015, the building underwent major renovation to enhance and modernize the interior. Upgrades include improved lighting and technology, a replaced skylight roof, new flooring finishes, and accommodations to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Funding for the project comes from park fees, which are paid by companies building developments in the city.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will also be honored in commemoration of its 40 years of enhancing the well-being of senior citizens in the community.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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

Monday, March 21, 2016

**CITY TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL COLLEGE GRADUATES  
FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
Graduates to Receive City Council Recognition and Chance to Win  
Opportunity Drawings**

The City's fourth annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception is on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Class of 2016 Reception recognizes residents who are spring, summer, or fall undergraduates or post-graduates from any college, university, or higher learning institution for their academic accomplishment.

Graduates who attend the reception will have an opportunity to win a total of \$1,000 in cash prizes. They also have a chance to win an Apple iPad, sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum. The City thanks the following sponsors: the Credit Union of Southern California, Garden Grove Elks #1952, Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, and Volkswagen of Garden Grove.

RSVPs must be made by April 1, 2016 to the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280, or email [communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us). For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Maria Stipe (714) 741-5100  
Deputy City Manager

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

Thursday, March 17, 2016

## **DISTRICT ELECTIONS PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12** *Community Encouraged to Participate in Districting Process*

Following the last round of public meetings to establish city districts for the 2016 elections that began in January 2016, is the second public hearing, taking place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. The hearing takes place during the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

At the hearing, proposed voting district maps created from input received at the public meetings will be presented to the City Council for their consideration, by Mr. David Ely from Compass Demographics, the firm overseeing the districting process. The hearing provides another opportunity for the public to provide input and obtain any additional information on the districting process.

The final public hearing is currently scheduled for the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, April 26, 2016. The City Council is anticipated to vote on an ordinance establishing boundaries for the six city districts at the April 26 public hearing. The ordinance would go to a second reading at the May 10, 2016 regular City Council meeting to confirm the new voting district map and implement the ordinance.

Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, and Chinese interpreters will be present at both public hearings for language assistance.

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District Elections Public Hearing April 12  
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At the next regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 22, 2016, Ely will provide an update on the district elections mapping process to the City Council, and introduce sample and proposed voting district maps based on public input. As of Tuesday, March 22, 2016, the City Council meetings return to the Council Chamber at the Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The public is encouraged to attend upcoming City Council meetings and participate in the public hearings. If individuals are unable to attend the public hearings, comments or questions can be sent to Garden Grove City Clerk Kathleen Bailor. The City Clerk's telephone number is (714) 741-5040; the email address is [kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us); or by mail or in-person at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

For more information, visit the City's district election mapping webpage under the Open Government tab at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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# THÔNG TIN

## Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

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Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Maria Stipe (714) 741-5100  
Deputy City Manager

Thứ Hai, 21/3/2016

**GARDEN GROVE TỔ CHỨC BUỔI ĐIỀU TRẦN CÔNG CỘNG  
VỀ VIỆC PHÂN ĐỊNH ĐỊA HẠT BẦU CỬ NGÀY 14 THÁNG 4, 2016**  
*Cư dân cộng đồng được khuyến khích tham gia đóng góp ý kiến*

Tiếp nối các buổi họp cộng đồng nhằm phân định các địa hạt bầu cử trong thành phố cho các cuộc bầu cử năm 2016, khởi đầu từ tháng Giêng năm nay, thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức buổi điều trần công cộng lần thứ hai vào ngày thứ Ba, 12 tháng Tư, 2016 lúc 6:30 chiều. Buổi điều trần công cộng sẽ diễn ra trong cuộc họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố tại Garden Grove Community Meeting Center Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Trong buổi điều trần này, các bản đồ địa hạt bầu cử sẽ được trình bày trước Hội Đồng Thành Phố để xem xét. Các bản vẽ phân định khu bầu cử là kết quả của các thăm dò ý kiến từ các cuộc họp cộng đồng. Người trình bày là ông David Ely thuộc công ty đảm trách công việc phân chia địa hạt – công ty nhân khẩu Compass Demographics. Cuộc điều trần lần này sẽ tạo thêm cơ hội cho công chúng đóng góp thêm ý kiến cũng như nhận thêm nhiều thông tin từ tiến trình phân định địa hạt bầu cử.

Buổi điều trần công cộng cuối cùng theo dự trù sẽ được tổ chức vào buổi họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố vào ngày thứ Ba, 26 tháng Tư, 2016. Trong buổi điều trần công cộng diễn ra ngày 26 tháng Tư, Hội Đồng Thành Phố sẽ tiến hành bỏ phiếu cho một sắc lệnh liên quan đến việc lập ranh giới cho sáu khu vực bầu cử trong thành phố.

Sau đó sắc lệnh này sẽ lại được xem xét trong cuộc họp thường kỳ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố vào ngày 10 tháng Năm, 2016 để xác nhận bản đồ phân chia địa hạt bầu cử mới của thành phố và để thi hành sắc lệnh.

Trong hai buổi điều trần công cộng sắp tới sẽ có các thông dịch viên nói tiếng Tây Ban Nha, tiếng Việt, tiếng Hàn Quốc và tiếng Hoa.

Trong buổi họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố diễn ra vào ngày thứ Ba, 22 tháng Ba, 2016, ông Ely sẽ cập nhật một số thông tin về tiến trình phân định khu vực bầu cử cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố, cũng như sẽ đưa ra một số bản vẽ mẫu và bản đồ dự trù cho việc phân định khu vực bầu cử dựa vào ý kiến của công chúng.

Kể từ thứ Ba, 22 tháng Ba, 2016, các phiên họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố sẽ được tổ chức tại Council Chamber thuộc Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Cư dân cộng đồng được khuyến khích tham dự các cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố cũng như tham gia các buổi điều trần công cộng sắp tới. Trong trường hợp nếu cư dân không thể tham dự các buổi điều trần công cộng, cư dân có thể gửi câu hỏi hay ý kiến đến thư ký hội đồng thành phố Garden Grove City Clerk Kathleen Bailor qua số phone (714) 741-5040; địa chỉ email [kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us); gửi thư qua đường bưu điện hoặc mang trực tiếp đến địa chỉ 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về vấn đề phân định địa hạt bầu cử của thành phố, xin ghé thăm địa chỉ trang mạng [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us), vào phần Open Government, rồi chọn District Election Mapping.

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VIỆTBÁO

## Hội Đồng TP Garden Grove Họp Về Chia Khu Bầu Cử

24/03/2016 00:00:00



Garden Grove (Bình Sa) - - Tối Thứ Ba ngày 22 tháng 3 năm 2016 tại Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove. Trong phiên họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố có mục tham gia ý kiến của cư dân trong thành phố về việc phân định địa hạt bầu cử trong Thành Phố.



Trong cuộc họp.

Buổi họp có sự hiện diện của ông Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn, Phó Thị Trưởng Teven R Jones, cùng các Nghị Viên: Christopher V. Phan, Phát Bùi và Kris Beard cùng rất đông cư dân các sắc tộc cư ngụ trong thành phố tham dự.

Mở đầu phiên họp ông David Ely thuộc công ty đảm trách công việc phân chia địa hạt trình bày chi tiết qua 6 tấm bản đồ đã được Hội Đồng Thành Phố trưng bày bên ngoài hội trường để cho cư dân có cơ hội đóng góp ý kiến.



Trong cuộc họp.

Sau phần trình bày đến lượt đóng góp ý kiến của cư dân thuộc các sắc tộc cư ngụ trong thành phố, trong đó có một số cư dân người Mỹ gốc Việt lần lượt lên đóng góp ý kiến trong số có Bà Trần Thanh Hiền, cô Kim Nguyễn (cô là người đã vẽ bản đồ Submission 1), cô Thu Hà, anh Billy Lê... hầu hết những cư dân người Mỹ gốc việc đều góp ý yêu cầu Hội Đồng



Thành Phố chọn bản đồ Submission 1 vì bản đồ này rất phù hợp với thực tế trong sinh hoạt chung của cư dân trong thành phố...

Trong buổi họp này Hội Đồng Thành Phố cũng đã cho phổ biến một thông báo về thời gian tổ chức những buổi điều trần công cộng về việc phân chia địa hạt bầu cử ngày 14 tháng 4 năm 2016 để khuyến khích cư dân tham gia đóng góp ý kiến.



*Trong cuộc họp.*

Thông báo đã cho biết: tiếp nối các buổi họp cộng đồng nhằm phân định các địa hạt bầu cử trong thành phố cho các cuộc bầu cử năm 2016 khởi đầu từ tháng 1 năm 2016. Thành phố sẽ tổ chức buổi điều trần công cộng Lần thứ 2 vào ngày Thứ Ba 12 tháng 4 năm 2016 vào lúc 6:30 chiều trong phiên họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố tại Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove.

Trong buổi họp điều trần này, các bản đồ địa hạt bầu cử sẽ được trình bày trước Hội Đồng Thành Phố để xem xét. Các bản vẽ phân định khu bầu cử là kết quả của các buổi thăm dò ý kiến từ các cuộc họp cộng đồng trước đây. Người thuyết trình là ông David Ely thuộc công ty đảm trách công việc phân chia địa hạt – công ty nhân khẩu Compass Demographics. Cuộc điều trần lần này sẽ tạo thêm cơ hội cho công chúng đóng góp thêm ý kiến cũng như nhận thêm những thông tin về tiến trình phân định địa hạt bầu cử.



*Trong cuộc họp.*

Buổi điều trần công cộng cuối cùng theo dự trù sẽ được tổ chức vào buổi họp thường lệ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố vào ngày Thứ Ba 26 tháng 4 năm 2016. Trong phiên họp này Hội Đồng Thành Phố sẽ tiến hành bỏ phiếu cho một sắc lệnh liên quan đến việc lập ranh giới cho 6 khu vực bầu cử trong thành phố. Sau đó sẽ có cuộc họp thường kỳ của Hội Đồng Thành Phố vào ngày 10 tháng 5 năm 2016 để xác nhận bản đồ phân chia địa hạt bầu cử mới của thành phố để thi hành theo sắc lệnh.


Thông báo cũng cho biết, trong hai buổi họp điều trần sắp tới sẽ có các thông dịch viên nói tiếng Tây Ban Nha, tiếng Việt, tiếng Hàn Quốc, và tiếng Hoa.



*Trong cuộc họp.*

Hội Đồng Thành Phố mời cư dân tham dự vào các cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố cũng như tham gia các buổi điều trần công cộng sắp tới. Trong trường hợp nếu cư dân không thể tham dự được, cư dân có thể gửi câu hỏi hay ý kiến đóng góp đến thư ký Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove City Clerk Kathleen Bailor qua số điện thoại (714) 741-5040; Email: [Kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:Kathyb@ci.garden-grove.ca.us) hoặc gửi thư qua đường bưu điện hay mang trực tiếp đến địa chỉ 11222 Acacia Parway.

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về việc phân định địa hạt bầu cử xin vào trang mạng: [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) vào phần Open Government rồi chọn District Election Mapping.

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## Y Tế Quận Cam Trả Lời Về Muỗi Và Vi Khuẩn Zika

24/03/2016 00:00:00



Cơ Quan Bài Trừ Dịch Truyền Nhiễm và Sốt Rét Quận Cam (The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District) sẽ tổ chức những buổi họp Town Hall Meeting trong tháng Ba và tháng Tư, 2016 nhằm trả lời những câu hỏi về vấn đề kiểm soát muỗi hiện tại.

Buổi họp kế tiếp sẽ diễn ra tại Garden Grove vào ngày Thứ Ba, 29 tháng Ba, 2016 lúc 7:00 chiều, trong phòng hội họp cộng đồng của Thành phố (Garden Grove Community Meeting Center), địa chỉ là 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Các đại diện của Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District sẽ trình bày một cái nhìn tổng quan toàn cầu tại quận Cam về Muỗi Aedes xâm nhập và Virus Zika. Các chủ đề sẽ bao gồm các kế hoạch kiểm soát muỗi, trong đó có một cuộc thảo luận về ứng dụng kiểm soát muỗi trưởng thành trên không.

Cư dân và cộng đồng người Việt tại Quận Cam được khuyến khích tham dự các cuộc họp đó phù hợp nhất với lịch trình của họ.

Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng truy cập trang web của Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control tại [ocvcd.org](http://ocvcd.org), hoặc liên lạc (714) 971-2421.

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## Cộng Đồng Ủng Hộ Dự Án Chia Địa Hạt Bầu Cử Garden Grove

22/03/2016 00:00:00



Garden Grove, CA – Trong một sự kết hợp hiếm có, nhiều nhân sĩ trong cộng đồng Việt Nam đã kết hợp với một số nhà hoạt động trong cộng đồng người Latin để cùng nhau ủng hộ cho một bản thảo dự án về địa hạt bầu cử cho Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove do cô Kim Nguyễn, một cư dân gốc Việt của thành phố nộp vào.

"Bản Đồ Kim Nguyễn" được ra đời do kết quả của vụ kiện năm 2015 về quyền bầu cử giữa Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove và cư dân Rick Montoya. Thỏa hiệp cuối cùng của vụ kiện đòi hỏi Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove gia tăng số Nghị Viên từ 4 người lên đến thành 6 người và một Thị Trường được bầu chọn một cách phổ thông, có nghĩa là Hội Đồng Thành Phố, bao gồm các Nghị Viên và Thị Trường sẽ có tổng cộng là 7 người so với 5 người như hiện nay.

Sau khi xem qua hết tất cả những bản đồ dự thảo được nộp vào cho thành phố thì rõ ràng "Bản Đồ Kim Nguyễn" là hợp lý nhất. Trong bản đồ do cô Kim Nguyễn vẽ, tất cả các khu vực trong thành phố Garden Grove đều có được tiếng nói đại diện. Những cộng đồng như gốc Latin trong khu vực phía Đông của thành phố có thể sẽ có cơ hội bầu chọn 2 Nghị viên từ cộng đồng này. Tương tự như vậy, khu vực phía Nam của thành phố, có nghĩa là Little Saigon của chúng ta cũng sẽ có cơ hội cao để bầu chọn 2 người Nghị Viên gốc Việt từ trong cộng đồng. Các khu vực phía Bắc và phía Tây của thành phố sẽ bầu chọn 2 Nghị viên còn lại và thêm vào đó 1 người Thị Trường sẽ được toàn thể cử tri trong thành phố bầu chọn ra. Đây là bản đồ dự thảo mà một số tổ chức trong cộng đồng người Việt như Ban Liên Lạc Các Hội Đoàn Giới Trẻ và một số tổ chức người gốc Latin đã cùng cho là hợp lý nhất để đại diện cho các cộng đồng đa sắc dân của thành phố Garden Grove.

Sự kết hợp làm việc giữa hai cộng đồng người Việt và người gốc Latin là một khởi đầu mới và hy vọng sẽ đưa đến nhiều sự phối hợp chung cho tương lai của Garden Grove. Các tổ chức này kêu gọi Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove bỏ phiếu chấp thuận cho "Bản Đồ Kim Nguyễn" trong buổi họp sắp đến của thành phố.

Các hội đoàn tại Nam Cali cùng yểm trợ cho nỗ lực vận động này gồm có: Hội Cựu Thiếu Sinh Quân, Hội Thủy Quân Lục Chiến, Hội Pháo Binh, Hội Võ Bị Đà Lạt, Hội Nha Kỹ Thuật, Tổng Hội Cảnh Sát Quốc Gia, Trung Tâm Điều Hợp Tây Nam Hoa Kỳ - Tập Thể Chiến Sĩ VNCH, Đoàn Thanh Thiếu Niên Thủy Quân Lục Chiến Việt Nam, Đại Đạo Thanh Niên Hội, Đoàn Thanh Niên Phan Bội Châu, Tổng Hội Sinh Viên Việt Nam Miền Nam Cali, Tây Ninh Đồng Hương Hội, Liên Ủy Ban Chống Cộng Sản và Tây Sai, Trung Tâm Việt Ngữ Minh Đức. (Danh sách sẽ còn được cập nhật trong tương lai)

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**March 24, 2016**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the January 28, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
3. A copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development discussing funding for programs for FY 2016.
4. Letter from the Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) discussing regular and alternate City seat expiring terms.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 24, 2016 – April 6, 2016

Thursday	March 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room <b>CANCELLED</b>
Saturday	March 26	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Eggs-Cavation, Atlantis Play Center
		7:00 p.m.	Strawberry Productions presents "Born Jovi" Tribute to Bon Jovi, Festival Amphitheater
Tuesday	March 29	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting: Invasive Mosquitoes in Orange County sponsored by Orange County Vector Control, Community Meeting Center "B" Room
Wednesday	March 30	7:30 p.m.	Comedy Relief Orange County presents "Don Friesen: Smart and Savvy Highly Caffeinated Comedy", Festival Amphitheater
Friday	April 1		City Hall Closed
Saturday	April 2	8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Upcoming Disaster Preparedness Program–Class 1 Hosted by the Garden Grove C.E.R.T. Team North Net Fire Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave.
		3:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	World Autism Awareness Day Carnival hosted by Orange County Autism Village Green Park (Tickets available at the Recreation Counter)
		6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	World Autism Awareness Day Celebration "Light It Up Blue", Village Green Park Clock Tower
		7:00 p.m.	Strawberry Productions presents "Platinum Rockstars", Classic Rock Tribute Band Festival Amphitheater
Wednesday	April 6	7:30 p.m.	Comedy Relief Orange County presents "Mark Schumacher: The Funny Teacher" Festival Amphitheater

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

Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mai

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – Mr. Tony Flores asked if Commissioner Mai had resigned from the Commission and if not, cited several reasons why Mai would be ineligible to continue as a Commissioner in the City of Garden Grove. He also questioned the status of planning cases which included Mai's vote. Chair O'Neill responded that the issue would be resolved at the next City Council meeting.

December 3, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-058-2016. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9741 CHAPMAN AVENUE, THEATER BUILDING WITHIN PROMENADE SHOPPING MALL, NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BROOKHURST STREET AND CHAPMAN AVENUE.

Applicant: Regal Cinemas, Inc.

Date: January 28, 2016

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing theater, Regal Cinemas, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the NMU

(Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Steve Rawlings, Josh McIntosh, Mike Barker, Tony Flores

Action: Resolution No. 5854-16 was approved with an amendment.

Motion: Zamora Second: Margolin

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora asked for an update on the street painting near Costco. Staff responded that the City's new Traffic Engineer, Dai Vu, would follow up with her. Zamora then mentioned that the City's online project update list was dated from 2004-2015 with no status of projects indicated. She would like a list of current and future projects, along with updates on larger projects, similar to information found on Huntington Beach's website.

Commissioner Margolin asked for an update on the Chinese Buffet near the Costco property. Staff explained that the property owner was exploring other uses for the site.

Commissioner Paredes expressed that he was happy with the increase in Police and Fire personnel, but was concerned with the low number of Code Enforcement officers. At a future Planning Commission meeting, he would like to see a presentation on the City Budget. He then asked if the City's website could promote events like the Strawberry Stomp 5K to get more runners and sponsors. Finally, he asked for updates from OCTA regarding the Rail Line/Harbor Corridor from Garden Grove to Santa Ana. Staff responded that he would be added to the stakeholder's list.

Commissioner Kanzler asked if Main Street could have the lower decorative street lights all the way down Main Street to make the street more cohesive and appear longer. He would like the cost for such a project and believed there were supporters from West Garden Grove.

Chair O'Neill commented that at a future Planning Commission Meeting, he would like input from the general public on how the Commissioners and/or City could do a better job regarding small tax advantages and what is needed for a better environment, and asked if the information or event could be put on the City's website or social media. Staff responded that the matter would be looked into and added that the Economic Development staff could also be invited.



MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff announced that the February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meetings would be cancelled, and that the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting would be a Study Session on Historic Preservation. Staff then announced that City Council had appointed Michael Barker to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:24 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Motion: Zamora Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (5) Kanzler, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Mai

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary



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February 16, 2016

The Honorable Bao Nguyen  
Mayor of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Pkwy  
Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208

Dear Mayor Nguyen:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low and moderate-income persons and special populations across the country. President Obama signed Public Law 114-113 on December 18, 2015, which includes FY 2016 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2016 available amounts are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,931,623
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$485,556
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$174,448

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. First, Secretary Julián Castro is committed to making HUD the "Department of Opportunity" and has established a number of initiatives intended to achieve that goal. In 2015, we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department's establishment, and these initiatives build on HUD's mission to promote homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. The Department is working hard with grantees on these key goals and urges you to review the entire plan at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudvision>. In an era when the nation's severe shortage of affordable rental housing creates substantial housing instability—contributing to homelessness, family mobility and unequal educational attainment—I am particularly interested in working with grantees to increase affordable housing production through our CPD formula programs.

Second, HUD recommends that grantees effectively plan and implement programs that leverage these critical Federal financial resources to achieve the greatest possible return for the communities and individuals they are intended to assist.

- HUD urges grantees to consider using CDBG funds, to the extent possible, to support investments in predevelopment activities for infrastructure and public facilities activities that can provide multiple benefits for communities.
- HUD has created a Renewable Energy Toolkit specifically tailored to CPD grantees. To the extent that grantees are interested in using funds for renewable energy projects, please feel free to access that toolkit online at [www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info).
- If you would like assistance from CPD in redesigning, prioritizing or targeting your programs,

either you or the head of the agency that administers your program may request assistance through your local CPD Director.

Third, CPD is asking grantees to renew their focus on administration and management of these programs as part of an effort to ensure effective use of the funds. Throughout 2016, CPD and HUD's Office of the Inspector General expect to issue a range of guidance that will highlight particular areas where grantees commonly stumble. I urge grantees to actively review their policies and procedures governing these programs and to strengthen management practices, particularly with regard to recordkeeping, in order to avoid problems and risk this vital funding. This focus on administration is particularly critical because the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), which is HUD's financial and data system for managing these formula programs, will no longer commit and disburse grant funds on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis beginning with the FY 2015 grants. All FY 2015 and future grants will be committed and disbursed on a grant specific basis.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the viability and performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. Please contact your local CPD office if you or your staff has any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harriet Tregoning", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Harriet Tregoning  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary



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**SUBJECT:** Orange County LAFCO Regular and Alternate City  
Seat Expiring Terms

Dear Ms. Stieler,

This letter serves as formal notice that the terms of office for LAFCO  
Regular City Member Allan Bernstein and Alternate City Member  
Wendy Bucknum will expire June 30, 2016.

In accordance with Government Code Section 56325, the City Selection  
Committee is responsible for the appointment of LAFCO city members  
and LAFCO is required to notify the Clerk of the Board of the expiring  
terms. Please schedule consideration of these appointments by the  
Committee accordingly.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at (714) 640-  
5100 or by email at [cemery@oclafco.org](mailto:cemery@oclafco.org).

Sincerely,

Carolyn Emery  
Executive Officer

cc: Chair, OC LAFCO  
City Mayors  
City Managers