

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 9, 2018

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. WILLOWICK UPDATE
Lisa Kim's memo highlights milestones completed to date and identified Next Steps for the Willowick Golf Course.
- B. BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION UPDATE
The memorandum highlights activities in the Building & Safety Division.

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

- A. Notice of Vacancy in Office of Director for Division 4 from the Orange County Water District.
- B. Garden Grove Unified School District #GGUSD Pride E-newsletter featuring events and notable accomplishments.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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


SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: WILLOWICK UPDATE

From: Lisa L. Kim
Dept: Community and
Economic Development
Date: August 2, 2018

Objective

The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight milestones completed to date and identified Next Steps for the Willowick Golf Course.

Background

In December 2017, the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana held a Joint Study Session to discuss the potential reuse of the Willowick Golf Course ("Property"). At the meeting, both City Councils directed staff that further due diligence was needed in the areas of visioning and economic valuation of the Property.

In April 2018, the Garden Grove City Council approved an Agreement with the City of Santa Ana that provided for the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana to further implement the exploration of the redevelopment of the property by retaining independent consultants to help create a vision of future development, work with community outreach to determine community needs, and determine the economic framework for the value of the property.

Requests for Proposals were circulated in May 2018 to solicit consultant services for visioning and economic analysis. Ten (10) proposals were received from economic analysis consultants and six (6) proposals for visioning consultants. For the interview process, the top three proposals for economic analysis and the top one for visioning were invited to present their proposals to the Garden Grove and Santa Ana team. The top three proposals for economic analysis included: AECOM, HATCH, and HR&A along with one visioning consultant, the firm of SWA. At the conclusion of the interview process on June 28, 2018, the Selection Committee has recommended HATCH and SWA as the preferred consultants.

Discussion

The Next Steps for both Cities will be consultant coordination, a kick-off meeting, and community outreach/engagement as detailed in the following:

1. Professional Services Agreement(s)

At the April 2018 meeting, the City Council authorized each respective City Manager to approve the appropriate Agreements for Visioning and Economic Analysis. It should be noted the Scope of Work has been modified to accommodate collaboration of both consultants during the Visioning and Economic Analysis process.

- The Professional Services Agreement with HATCH shall not exceed \$50,000 of which the costs will be shared between the Garden Grove and Santa Ana.
- The Professional Services Agreement SWA shall not exceed \$50,000 of which the costs will be shared between the Garden Grove and Santa Ana.
- It is anticipated that both Agreements shall be fully executed by the week of August 6, 2018.

2. Willowick Site Tour

On Monday, August 6, 2018, the Garden Grove and Santa Ana staff will conduct a site tour of the Property with SWA, the Visioning Consultant.

3. Consultant(s) Kick-off Meeting

On Friday, August 10, 2018, the Garden Grove and Santa Ana staff will hold a Kick-off meeting with HATCH and SWA to discuss consultant coordination and community engagement.


4. Tentative Dates for future Community Workshops

The following dates are tentative (August 30, 2018, September 27, 2018 and October 25, 2018) for the three Community Workshops that will be facilitated by the Visioning Consultant. Details of meeting locations will be provided shortly.

The Next Steps described above is envisioned to be completed by December 2018. Staff will continue to apprise the City Council of ongoing Project milestone(s).



Lisa L. Kim
Community and Economic Development Director



By: Greg Blodgett
Senior Project Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
 Dept: City Manager
 Subject: BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION UPDATE

From: Lisa L. Kim
 Dept: Community and Economic Development
 Date: August 9, 2018

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to highlight activities in the Building & Safety Division.

BACKGROUND

The Building & Safety Division encompasses four units: Permit Services, Building Inspection Services, Building Abatement and Code Enforcement. Provided below are details of recent activities for each respective unit.

Permit Services	April	May	June	July
Plans submitted	67	73	61	56
Permits issued	310	316	342	264

Building Inspection Services	April	May	June	July
Inspections performed	1088	1300	1507	1276

Building Abatement	April	May	June	July
Total cases received	48	54	47	46
Cases opened	36	44	37	36
Cases closed	25	39	38	27

Code Enforcement	April	May	June	July
Cases opened	370	293	352	359
Cases closed	309	389	397	352

DISCUSSION

The year continues to be very active for the Building Permit Center and provided are results of certain streamline initiatives that have been deployed to enhance the day-to-day operations.

1. Lobby Kiosk and Queuing System

In March 2018, an electronic Kiosk was added to the lobby area. The goal to streamline lobby activity was inclusive of services requested in Building, Planning, Code Enforcement, Building Abatement, and Engineering. To date, the lobby activity has been steady with approximately 120 – 200 customers served daily at the public counter. Implementation of the new Kiosk and deployment of the queuing system has assisted with prioritizing customer needs and minimizing lobby wait time.

2. Plan Check Services

To date, Plan Check Services continues to meet review deadlines. Currently, the new Title 24 standards for energy compliance are being integrated into the newly submitted projects with no issues. Examples of Title 24 changes include the requirement for more insulation in the walls and ceiling, and the closer review of equipment that meets the state requirements for energy efficiency. Previously, these items was not checked at this level.

3. Building Inspections

In August 2017, the Daily Inspection Link was an added feature to the Building & Safety Division website that provided an online resource for daily inspection inquiries. In addition, the Building Inspection scheduling has been reduced from 7 days out to 4 days out. The priority is to achieve a reduction in wait time to 2 days by the end of August.

4. Interdepartmental Meetings

Building & Safety Division will be organizing monthly interdepartmental meetings with Police, Fire, Public Works (Street Division/Animal Control), Building, and Code Enforcement. The purpose of the meetings is to harmonize efforts to address issues and have collaborative enforcement efforts throughout the City. The initial meeting will occur in August.

5. Code Enforcement Program

A follow-up to the recent City Council presentation summarizing the City's Code Enforcement Program contemplated community engagement and public outreach as part of the program changes. To that end, the Code Enforcement team participated at the National Night Out held at Village Green Park on August 7, 2018. A Meet on Main community discussion about Code Enforcement is scheduled on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the Lions Club.

6. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Update

The statistics below reflect ADU activity at the Permit Services Counter as of August 6, 2018.

ADUs Permitted	New	50
	Conv.	32
ADUs in Plan Check	New	79
	Conv.	29

7. Village Center and Code Enforcement Collaboration

A discussion of code enforcement collaboration with the cities of Stanton and Garden Grove has been initiated. The joint meeting has taken place with the Stanton Code Division to discuss how cooperation and communication would occur with common enforcement issues. Discussions will continue as redevelopment of the Village Center is underway.

8. Christ Cathedral Site Visit

A walk-through of the project site with the City of Orange Building Official and his team took place last week. It provided an opportunity to share Best Practices for the scope and size of the project during construction. Additional site visit(s) will be planned with City Council in the upcoming months in coordination with the City Manager's Office.



Lisa L. Kim
Community and Economic Development Director



By: David Dent
Chief Building Official
Building & Safety Division

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ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FOR DIVISION 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That a vacancy exists in the office of Director for Division 4 of the Orange County Water District. The remaining members of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Water District intend to consider applications and to make an appointment to fill said vacancy at a Board of Directors meeting to be held no later than September 28, 2018, at the office of the District located at 18700 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, California. Interviews with selected applicants could occur the second or third week of September. If the Board of Directors makes an appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Director of Division 4, the appointed Director would serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the office, until December 2020.

The Board of Directors requests that interested applicants submit a letter of interest and/or resume by 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2018, to the following address:

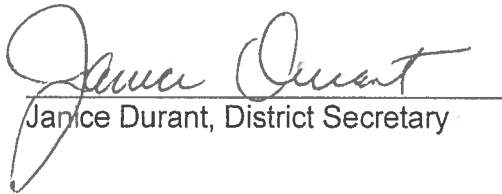
Attn: District Secretary
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

To be eligible for appointment as the Director of Division 4, a person shall be a resident of, and a registered voter in Division 4 of the Orange County Water District. Division 4 (map attached) generally includes the cities of Los Alamitos and Seal Beach, and parts of the cities of Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster. Questions concerning eligibility to serve as the Director of Division 4 should be directed to the County of Orange Registration and Elections Department at 714-567-7600.

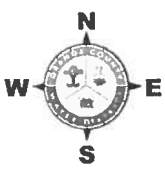
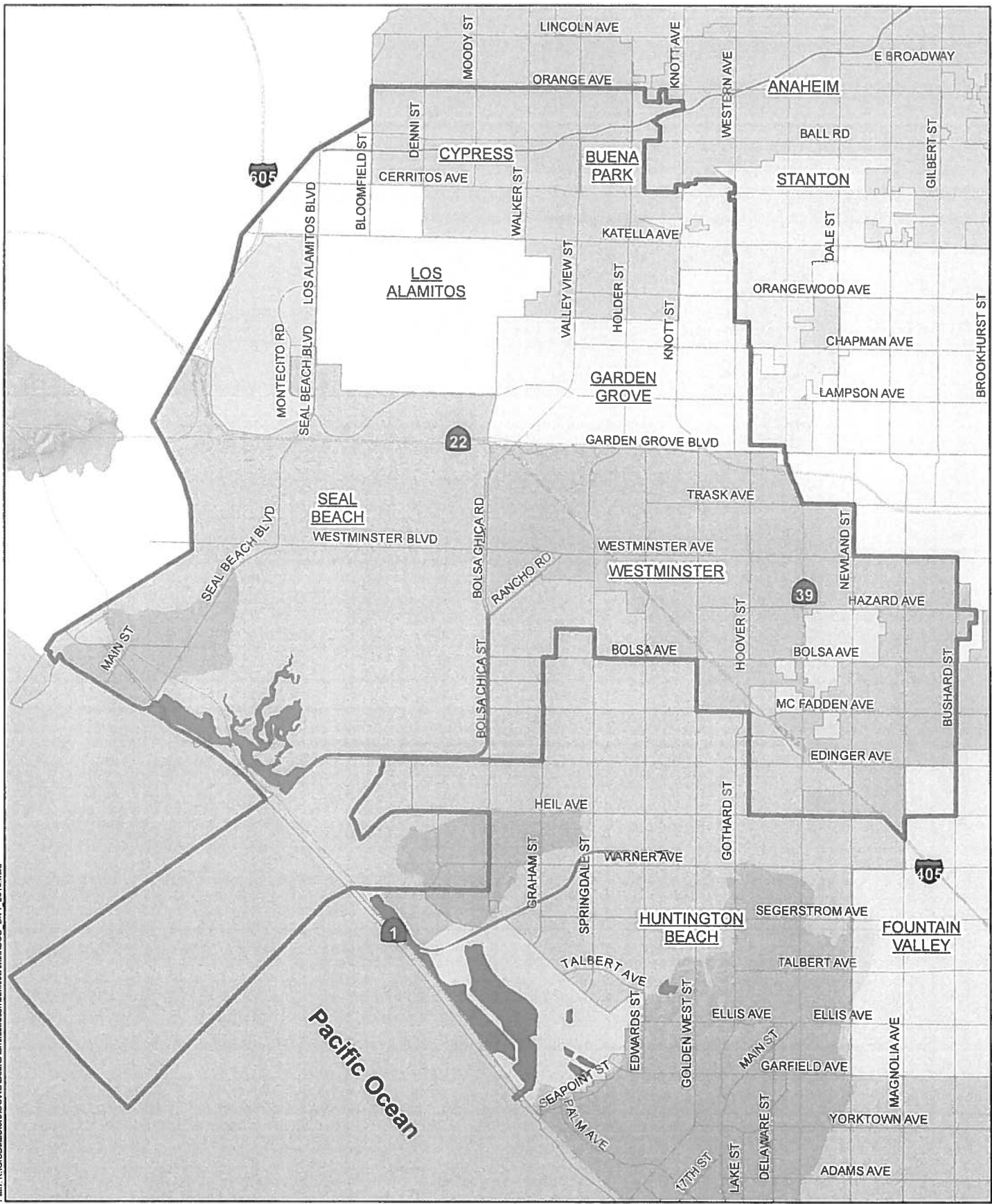
A public officer, whether elected or appointed, may be elected or appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of the District. However, a local municipal charter provision or ordinance may restrict a councilmember or city officer from serving in another elective capacity; persons who currently serve as councilmembers or other city officers and are interested in appointment as Director of Division 4 of the Orange County Water District should review their city charter and municipal code and confer with their city attorney

General information regarding the Orange County Water District can be found on the District's website at www.ocwd.com. Specific questions regarding the District, its Board of Directors and the process for filling the vacancy in the office of Director of Division 4 of the Orange County Water District may be directed to the Secretary of the Orange County Water District at (714) 378-3233 or jdurant@ocwd.com.

DATE POSTED: August 3, 2018


Janice Durant, District Secretary

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- Division 4 Boundary
- Unincorporated County



**Orange County Water District
Division 4**

Version: 08/02/2018

GGUSD Pride: Choose GGUSD athletic highlight video, Pacifica student spotlight, College Visit with the Superintendent, Boys & Girls Club, Positive Behavior Accomplishments, and Pool Upgrade at Santiago

From : Garden Grove Unified School District <amilone@ggusd.us>

Wed, Aug 08, 2018 08:05 AM

Subject: GGUSD Pride: Choose GGUSD athletic highlight video, Pacifica student spotlight, College Visit with the Superintendent, Boys & Girls Club, Positive Behavior Accomplishments, and Pool Upgrade at Santiago

To : meenay@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Reply To: amilone@ggusd.us

August 8, 2018



#GGUSDPRIDE E-newsletter

The #GGUSD Pride E-newsletter features many of the great things happening in GGUSD. Send your photos to pio_department@ggusd.us to highlight your school or students in the e-newsletter.

GGUSD Superintendent Takes Students on Summer College Visit

Last week, Superintendent Gabriela Mafi and a group of nearly 50 of the students she mentors from Santiago and Los Amigos high schools loaded a bus and took a trip up the coast for a college visit to UC Santa Barbara. Our superintendent and staff are committed to student success! Thanks to Dr. Lorena Sanchez and Dr. Eimi Garcia from K-12 Educational Services and a team of college workers for helping to organize and staff the field trip! #GGUSDSummerSuccess



CHOOSE GGUSD! Must-Watch Video about GGUSD's Supportive Culture

GGUSD athletes have been hard at work this summer, putting in the practice to prepare for a successful athletic season. Athletics is an important and rewarding part of the high school experience for many of our scholars. Check out this video to see our athletes in action! #GGUSD Pride



GGUSD Student Featured on TV for Selfless Spirit



Pacifica High School student Taylor Perez was featured on ABC News for her compassionate spirit and the difference she makes volunteering with seniors at Valley View Gardens Independent Living and Memory Care. Way To Go Taylor! #GGUSD Pride Check out this must-watch video:

[Click here to watch the video!](#)

Positive Behavior Accolades

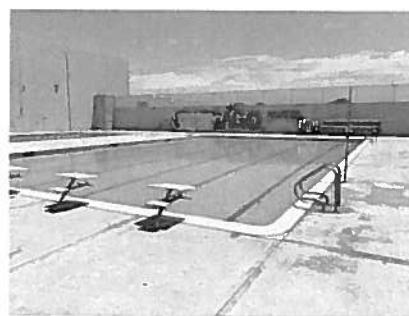
Six schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) were recognized for excellence in implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a nationally trusted system used to promote positive school climate and student behavior. Mitchell Elementary School and Garden Grove High School received bronze medals and Heritage Elementary, Peters Elementary, Doig Intermediate and McGarvin Intermediate received silver medals for their school-wide adoption



of PBIS strategies that lead to positive academic and social outcomes. #GGUSD Pride

Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove Making a Difference at GGUSD Schools!

Parents, did you know that in collaboration with GGUSD, Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove offers free afterschool programming at 52 school sites located on Grove Unified School District elementary, intermediate and high school campuses. Programs operate from school dismissal time until 6:00 pm and follow the school year calendar. During their time in the program, students participate in engaging and impactful programming surrounding five core areas: Academic Success & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, Character & Leadership, the Arts, and Sports, Fitness & Recreation. The program also provides daily homework assistance and an opportunity for physical activity. All school based programs also support GGUSD strategic goals (Academic Skills, Personal Skills and Lifelong Success) and Boys & Girls Clubs of America's priority outcome areas.



SUMMER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: School may be out for the summer but great work is being done at our facilities including the refurbishment of the swimming pool at Santiago High School! We are grateful to our Facilities and Maintenance and Operations teams for working hard to ensure our students have top-notch facilities! #GGUSD SummerSuccess

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WEEKLY MEMO 8-09-18

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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Garden Grove City Hall

On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, we'd like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Leo Zlaket. Leo passed away in his home at the age of 77, on Tuesday, July 31. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

4k 154 17 19% 801

Leo is best remembered as the store owner to Garden Grove's oldest family-owned-and-operated business, **Zlaket's Market**, which was located on **Historic Main Street Garden Grove, CA** for 87 years. He also volunteered his time to serve as a City Commissioner for the Parking and Main Street Commission, from 1984 to 1988, and 1993 to 2005.

In honor of Leo's dedicated service to the community, the August 28th Garden Grove City Council meeting will adjourn in his memory. The City is blessed to have had Leo and the entire Zlaket's family be a part of our community. He will forever be remembered.

<https://www.ocregister.com/2018/08/03/obituary-leo-zlaket-was-owner-of-multi-generational-garden-grove-market-one-of-oldest-family-owned-businesses-in-orange-county/>

#GG1956 #GardenGrove #InMemory of #LeoZlaket #ZlaketsMarket



(Post) August 07, 2018 3:20 pm

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Garden Grove City Hall
**** WILDFIRE SMOKE ADVISORY ****

4.1k

51

18

14%

708

Due to the close proximity of the Holy Fire in the Cleveland National Forest, smoke may impact areas in Orange County. If you smell smoke or see ash due to the wildfire, please limit your outdoor exposure, remain indoors with windows and doors closed, and avoid vigorous physical activity.

It is predicted that overnight and early morning downslope winds may bring smoke into the valleys west and southwest of the fire, impacting Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. For more information about the Holy Fire, please visit <https://ktla.com/2018/08/08/holy-fire-rages-for-a-3rd-day-in-o-c-s-trabuco-canyon-area/>.

Check back for updates on the fire and smoke advisory --> **Garden Grove City Hall**. Photo taken from Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

**#GG1956 #GardenGrove
#SmokeAdvisory Garden Grove Police
Department Garden Grove Fire
Department Garden Grove Public
Works Department South Coast Air
Quality Management District -
SCAQMD**



(Post) August 08, 2018 11:02 am

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Garden Grove City Hall

With recent coyote sightings, **#GardenGrove** wants to make sure you are prepared with safety and prevention tips!

2.9k

47

19

11%

379

According to the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**:

- o Keep small pets inside, particularly at dawn and dusk when coyotes are most active.
- o Keep pet food and water dishes inside.
- o Secure food and trash at all times and remove all sources of water.
- o Pick up fallen fruit and keep compost piles tightly sealed.
- o Sweep up fallen birdseed, which can attract mice and rats, a common food source for coyotes.
- o Remove brush, wood piles, and debris where coyotes can find cover and where rodents are abundant.
- o Install motion-activated lighting or sprinklers.
- o If a coyote approaches or acts aggressively, throw rocks, make noise, look big, and pick up small children and pets. Do not turn your back to the animal.




To report coyote sightings, call the City's coyote hotline number at (714) 741-5286, include date, time, and location of sightings.

If the coyote is acting aggressively, call Garden Grove Animal Care Services at (714)741-5565, or the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

#GG1956 #Coyote

Safety & Prevention Against Coyotes | City of Garden Grove

(Post) August 02, 2018 4:12 pm

Date Sent	Total Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks	
	Garden Grove City Hall	1.4k	17	-	3%	33
<p>*Cooling Center has been extended until tomorrow, August 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.*</p>						
<p>----- Cooling Center is open tomorrow, August 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.!</p>						
<p>The City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will open as a public cooling center 11300 Stanford Avenue, 92840.</p>						
<p>#GG1956 #GardenGrove #CoolingCenter #BeatTheHeat</p>						
<p>Cooling Center Open Monday City of Garden Grove</p>						
<p>(Post) August 05, 2018 12:41 pm</p>						
	Garden Grove City Hall	892	8	-	6%	61
<p>Tonight's the night!</p>						
<p>Join the Garden Grove Police Department for #NationalNightOut.</p>						
<p>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</p>						
						
<p>(Post) August 07, 2018 10:04 am</p>						

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	Garden Grove City Hall	**MISSING PERSON ALERT**	1.4k	3	-	8%	107
<p>44-year-old Victor De Jesus Munoz, a Santa Ana resident, has been missing since Wednesday, July 25, 2018. He suffers from Schizophrenia, is bipolar, and takes daily medication. He is known to frequent the 7-11 on Fairhaven and Grand Avenue, and near commercial storefronts on Garden Grove Boulevard and Euclid Street, in Garden Grove.</p>							
<p>Both the Santa Ana and Garden Grove Police Departments are on the lookout for Mr. Munoz. Anyone with information about his whereabouts are asked to contact the Santa Ana Police Department at (714) 245-8408 or email agarcia3@santa-ana.org. --> https://local.nixle.com/alert/6731892/</p>							
<p>#GG1956 #GardenGrove #MissingPerson #GGPD32</p>							
							
<p>(Post) August 08, 2018 5:31 pm</p>							
	Garden Grove City Hall	*I-405 Improvement Project update*	385	2	1	9%	48
<p>The McFadden Avenue bridge will be closed for full demolition as early as 10 p.m. Tuesday, August 7. Demolition is anticipated to begin on August 18.</p>							
<p>To view construction activities, visit the interactive map at https://i405improvements.kleinfelder.com/</p>							
<p>For more information, check out the Orange County Register article at https://bit.ly/2OgMhCx</p>							
<p>#GG1956 #GardenGrove</p>							
<p>405 Improvement Project</p>							
<p>(Post) August 06, 2018 2:41 pm</p>							

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Garden Grove Fire Department

Crews continue to provide assistance at the Mendocino Complex Fires in Northern California. They are fighting a fire that has grown to over 250,000 acres alongside firefighters from throughout the state and country.

2.7k 152 17 11% 211

Currently, we have 2 battalion chiefs, 2 engine companies, & 1 public information officer assigned to this incident. We also have 1 line paramedic assigned to the Ferguson Fire.

#gardengrovefire #gg1956



(Post) August 05, 2018 8:10 pm



Garden Grove Fire Department

The fire department is pleased to announce the graduation of Firefighter Nick Lerario from paramedic training today.

1.8k 151 17 14% 210



This is a huge accomplishment that took countless hours of dedication to learn and apply advanced life support in management of life threatening conditions.



Congrats, Nick!









#gardengrovefire





(Post) August 03, 2018 11:43 am

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	Garden Grove Fire Department				
Occasionally, people will ask us what we do. Here's a glimpse:	1.8k	78	8	12%	235
Check/maintenance /					
Physical fitness					
Train					
prevention inspections/public education					
Respond to 911 calls					
Complete tasks as assigned					
(Not necessarily in this order)					
#gardengrovefire Orange County Fire Authority #OCSD					
					
(Post) August 02, 2018 9:46 am					

	Garden Grove Fire Department				
Garden Grove is going to be on another excessive heat watch for Monday 10:00 a.m. - Tuesday 8:00 p.m. this week.	1.3k	28	-	4%	31
The City will have the cooling center at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center open on Monday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.					
https://ggcity.org/news-and-events/cooling-center-open-monday					
					
(Post) August 05, 2018 9:00 am					

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 <p>Garden Grove Police Department Armed Robbery at T-Mobile store located at 13842 Brookhurst Street. Officers were sent to the T-Mobile store for a robbery that just occurred. The two suspects assaulted a store clerk and brandished a weapon. The suspects stole several cell phones. Detectives believe these suspects are related to similar thefts in Orange County. Please call Detective Wardle if you can identify the suspects. 714.741-5837 http://bit.ly/TmobilePressRelease</p>	83.2k	1.2k	886	23%	36.7k
					
(Post) August 03, 2018 8:38 pm					
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department</p> 	13.4k	408	72	26%	6.2k
(Post) August 05, 2018 7:33 pm					
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(Post) August 05, 2018 6:52 pm					

Date Sent	Total Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks
 Garden Grove Police Department  <p>(Post) August 05, 2018 6:52 pm</p>	13.4k	408	72	26%	6.2k

 Garden Grove Police Department ***Residential Burglary Pursuit & Arrest*** Last Friday night, #GGPD32 arrested 5 suspects involved in a residential burglary. Detectives were conducting surveillance on the suspects who were believed to be involved in several robberies in #GardenGrove . The suspects were caught red-handed burglarizing a residence in Huntington Beach. They were apprehended after a pursuit, with the help of Fountain Valley Police Department, Huntington Beach Police Department, Santa Ana Police Department and Orange County Sheriff's Department, CA For the full press release, http://bit.ly/GGPDburglarypursit #NotOnOurWatch #burglary #teamwork  <p>(Post) August 05, 2018 6:52 pm</p>	13.4k	408	72	26%	6.2k
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Garden Grove Police Department

After finishing with an unrelated call, officers noticed a suspicious vehicle and initiated a stop. During the investigation and inventory search of the suspect's backpack, a loaded Glock 21 was located, in addition to over 50 stolen credit cards and ID's. The subject is a felon and arrested for outstanding warrants.

7.8k 368 71 29% 3.5k

It's National **#FraudAwarenessWeek**.
 Don't be a victim. Check out our list of
 Top ID Theft Do's & Don'ts.
#GGPD32 #NotOnOurWatch
#SafeStreetsGG #WednesdayWisdom
#GardenGrove
Garden Grove City Hall



(Post) August 08, 2018 12:00 pm



Garden Grove Police Department



13k 297 101 31% 7.1k

(Post) August 03, 2018 6:14 pm

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Garden Grove Police Department

*****Residential Burglary - Shots Fired****

13k 297 101 31% 7.1k

Today at 11:30 am, **#GardenGrove** PD Officers were sent to a home located in the 13800 block of Rosita Place for a fight that was in progress. Witnesses also reported hearing gunshots. Officers arrived within 2 minutes and found neighbors had tackled and detained one of the suspects. A second suspect fled in a black Lincoln Navigator SUV, driven by a third suspect.

The two male Asians had burglarized a home and jumped into a neighboring backyard. An armed neighbor confronted the suspects and tried to detain them. When suspects attacked the neighbor, a shot was fired.

CHANTHA VAN, 36 years old, from Long Beach was arrested. Detectives are still looking for the outstanding suspects. See the press release for further details <http://bit.ly/ResBurglaryShotsFired>
#GGPD32 #shotsfired #burglary



(Post) August 03, 2018 6:14 pm



Garden Grove Police Department

Another successful **#NationalNightOut** in the books. We loved meeting everyone who made it out. Don't forget to tag us in your photos and videos.
#GGPD32 #GG1956 #community #police #partnership #GardenGrove #NNO Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove PA

2.4k 122 19 10% 324



(Post) August 07, 2018 9:10 pm

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Garden Grove Police Department

Please join us tomorrow, Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 for the 35th Annual **#NationalNightOut** event.

6.4k	97	15	8%	599
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Our largest location will be at the Village Green Park (12732 Main St.) from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, with several smaller neighborhood parties. Drop by, have a snack, check out fun activities and meet your beat Officers & other First Responders.

For more information or to find the location nearest you, please contact us at 714-741-5761 (east-end) or 714-741-5762 (west-end). Full press release: <http://bit.ly/GGNNO2018>

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
#GGPD32 #GG1956 #community #police #partnership #NNO #GardenGrove Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove PA



(Post) August 06, 2018 12:00 pm

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Garden Grove Police Department

The face you make when you just got to experience, first hand, the joy of pepper spray...or, it's summer vacation and you found out your best friend will be out of town the whole time.

Are you 14 - 20 years old, interested in law enforcement and always wanted to know if it being a **#hero** is the career for you? For more information about the **#GardenGrove** Police Explorer program, see <http://bit.ly/2HHWo3D> or email us at explorerrecruiting@gmail.com.

#GGPD32 #GG1956
#policeexplorers #post1020 #ourfuture
#JoinGGPD #thinblueline
Garden Grove City Hall

2.9k 82 16 9% 274



(Post) August 02, 2018 12:16 pm

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Garden Grove Police Department

WILDFIRE SMOKE ADVISORY

3.5k

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Due to the close proximity of the **#HolyJimFire** in the Cleveland National Forest, ash and smoke may impact areas in Orange County. Please limit your outdoor activities; keep pets, small children and anyone with breathing problems indoor, with windows and doors closed. The air quality can be hazardous for them.

It is predicted that overnight and early morning downslope winds may bring smoke into the valleys west and southwest of the fire, impacting Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. See **KTLA 5 News** story on the **#HolyFire** and the arrest made, <https://ktla.com/2018/08/08/holy-fire-rages-for-a-3rd-day-in-o-c-s-trabuco-canyon-area/>.

Check back for updates on the fire and smoke advisory. Photo taken from Garden Grove City Hall, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway.
#GGPD32 #GardenGrove



(Post) August 08, 2018 3:30 pm

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Garden Grove Police Department

#FlashbackFriday. Explorer **#Post1020** looking sharp and setting the bar (c. 1997).

Pictured: Front L-R: C. Whitney, J. Nightengale, S. Yuen, L. Fowler, S. Langus, P. Julianne, E. Desbiens, R. Fowler

Middle L-R: S. Willis, J. Fleming, L. Payan, UNK, S. Fleming, T. Medlin, UNK

Back L-R: UNK, T. Garrity, D. Bagget, S. Sandoval, UNK, UNK, UNK, T. Nguyen

If anyone knows the names of the unknown individuals, please help us update our records.

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#ourfuture #JoinGGPD #thinblueline #heroes

Garden Grove City Hall



(Post) August 03, 2018 12:00 pm

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It's the weekend, it's hot and it's **#InternationalBeerDay**. How will you be celebrating?

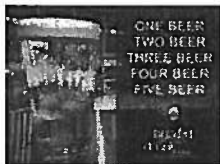
However you do it, please celebrate responsibly. **#PlanAhead** and designate a sober driver. Or, download the free **California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP** <http://bit.ly/2s0cWgG> to easily order a sober ride.

#GGPD32 #SafeStreetsGG

#gettheresafe

#AccidentReductionTeam

Garden Grove City Hall NHTSA Garden Grove PA



(Post) August 04, 2018 12:00 pm

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UPDATE

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The Cooling Center hours has been extended through Tuesday. New schedule is as follows:
 Monday (8/6): 11 AM - 5 PM
 Tuesday (8/7): 11 AM - 5 PM

Original message:
 With excessively high temperatures predicted this week, the City of **#GardenGrove** will be opening a **#CoolingCenter** tomorrow (August 6), 11 AM – 5 PM.
 Please keep in mind, the Center does not provide food. However, visitors are welcome to bring their own food/drink to dine inside.
 For more info, see <http://bit.ly/2LYbjcf>
#GGPD32 #BeatTheHeat #StayCoolGG

Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department



(Post) August 05, 2018 12:00 pm



Garden Grove Police Department



(Post) August 05, 2018 7:16 pm

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(Tweet) August 08, 2018 11:12 am



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The City would like to extend its deepest & most heartfelt condolences to the family & friends of Leo Zlaket. In honor of his dedicated service to the community, the August 28th City Council meeting will adjourn in his memory. bit.ly/2M3YFt7
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CityGardenGrove

Cooling Center is open tomorrow, August 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.!

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#GG1956 #GG #BeatTheHeat
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(Tweet) August 05, 2018 12:42 pm



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With recent coyote sightings, #GG wants to make sure you are prepared with safety and prevention tips! Please visit bit.ly/2n8gKqY for more information. #GG1956 #Coyotes
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Tonight's the night! Come meet @GardenGrovePD at #NationalNightOut! #GG1956 #GG #GardenGrove
(Retweet with Comment) August 07, 2018 11:22 am

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NEWS ARTICLES

Orange County man's arrest stirs anxiety in Little Saigon

Los Angeles Times
Times OC
August 5, 2018

His family said he had been missing for a month in Vietnam before news of his imprisonment 'without cause or charges.'

BY ANH DO

The family of a man missing for a month in Vietnam announced Thursday that he has been detained by the government and imprisoned in Ho Chi Minh City "without cause or charges."

Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen had been found alive with no "visible signs of abuse," according to U.S. Embassy officials who notified family members Wednesday.

The father of four daughters had left his home in Orange County on June 27, intending to tour central Vietnam with friends before stopping to visit relatives in

the southern part of the country.

When he did not fly home as expected on July 16, his wife frantically tried to locate her 54-year-old husband. Using social media and tapping into Vietnamese-language media, she spread news of his case.

His disappearance stoked fears in the Vietnamese community in Southern California of the dangers of traveling to a country where human rights and basic freedoms are restricted.

"He was making a personal trip. He has done nothing wrong. More than anything, we just want him back safely," said his wife,

Helen Nguyen, an operating room nurse. She was accompanied by her daughters at a news conference near their Orange home.

Authorities in Vietnam detained her husband on July 7, as the print shop owner left Da Nang for Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. He carried just his clothes and more than \$1,200 for expenses.

An agreement between the U.S. and Vietnam requires that the Vietnamese government notify their U.S. counterparts within four days if an American citizen has been arrested and jailed. But in Nguyen's case, no information was exchanged, reportedly as a result of a 1994 privacy act — also signed between the two countries — that does

not allow details about a person to be shared unless that person signs a release form.

"We were in a catch-22. We couldn't get any information about Michael because he hadn't signed anything. But no one would say where he was to get him to sign," said Mark Roberts, Nguyen's brother-in-law. Nguyen is being held at the Phan Dang Luu Detention Center in Ho Chi Minh City, he said.

On July 17, Vietnamese authorities finally notified the U.S. Embassy of Nguyen's arrest. By Tuesday, U.S. Consul General Franc Shelton spoke face to face with Nguyen for the first time — while in Southern California, his extended family met with U.S. Rep. Mimi Walters (R-Laguna Beach) to plead for her

help.

Walters said Nguyen's case is her "highest priority."

"I am working to secure Mr. Nguyen's freedom and to ensure his safety," she said.

"The Vietnamese government needs to know there will be consequences if they don't treat American citizens with respect."

In Orange County's Little Saigon, the arrest has led to widespread worry, with immigrants saying they will rethink or cancel travel plans to Vietnam.

If the Vietnamese government "can target an ordinary person like this, who knows what might happen if we go back and are at the wrong place at the wrong time?" said Mickie Mai, a math graduate student from Fountain Valley who

hoped to tour the birthplace of her ancestors during school holidays.

Dat Hoang, an auto repairman from Santa Ana, said he would look into Thailand as a vacation destination rather than Vietnam.

"Imagine a middle-aged guy like me taking my kids back to my homeland to see their grandparents. If something crazy occurs, if all of a sudden they take me, what can my kids do?" the father of two teenagers said.

"They don't understand how the system works over there. We have to think twice about taking these risks when we can just as easily go somewhere else in Europe or Asia."

In June, Will Nguyen, a

Vietnamese American man from Houston, was arrested after participating in a pro-democracy rally in Vietnam. Video captured his beating, which prompted supporters worldwide to demand his release.

"This is becoming a pattern. These are two high-profile cases of citizens arrested without charges, and people are noticing how randomly the government acts," Roberts said, adding that no formal charges have been filed against his brother-in-law.

"Yet we're prevented from seeing him," he said.

"It is a huge violation of human rights and international law."

GARDEN GROVE

Nelly the goat's fate lies with City Council

By Lilly Nguyen
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More than a month after a June 29 deadline to relocate a Nigerian dwarf goat from the backyard of the Tower family's Garden Grove home, Nelly is still playing and living in her little makeshift barn.

The goat's owner, Sharon Tower, and her Los Angeles-based attorney, Patrick Blood, are hoping to instead collaborate with city officials to amend city law, making the pet legal.

Tower and her daughter, Jenna, have made pleas directly to City Council members at their meeting, and Blood sent a letter to the council July 8.

They have received no response, but neither has a member of the city's Animal Control unit returned to demand again that the goat be removed.

Council members could not be reached for comment, and a city spokeswoman said she is unable to confirm if the city will reach out.

The Towers have "deep roots" in Garden Grove, Blood said, and they want to show that although Nelly is a goat, she is not a nuisance to the community.

"My clients love Garden Grove, this is their home, and they love it here. Which is why both are active in the community and have, in the case of Jenna Tower, even acted as a rep-

resentative through her volunteer work," Blood said in his letter to council members.

The family's requests "are reasonable," he wrote, "but more importantly necessary for my clients' well being emotionally."

The Nigerian dwarf goat is a licensed therapy animal and an emotional support animal for Sharon Tower. The Americans with Disabilities Act, which deals only with service dogs, does not protect Nelly under federal or state law.

Garden Grove law prohibits possession of livestock and outlines what kinds of animals are considered livestock, but the city does not explicitly state that goats are a prohibited species.

The Towers are not raising Nelly for commercial purposes. Blood said he feels city code is "unclear" in regards to Nelly, who is a domesticated pet.

"We want to add to the code for clarity. It mentions etcetera, but doesn't give a reasonable person an idea on what's permitted or stands. It doesn't even meet what the California Department of Agriculture considers livestock," Blood said. "What we are trying to do is collaborate with the city, even though they have so much that they're working on — just so that Sharon can sleep easier at night knowing at least the city is working on it."

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Nelly has been living with the Towers at their Garden Grove home since she was 3 days old. The family has been told by the city that they have to relocate the animal.

PHOTO BY LILLY NGUYEN

Owner of multigenerational Garden Grove market dies

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Leo, Virginia and David Zlaket outside their market in 2002.

**By Susan Christian
Goulding**

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@scgoulding on Twitter

Leo and Virginia Zlaket sold their Garden Grove market — one of Orange County's oldest family-owned businesses — in late 2014.

But they did not get to enjoy a carefree retirement for long. Just a few months later, Leo Zlaket learned he had multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer. He died in his Anaheim home at age 77 on Tuesday.

Still, Leo Zlaket's son David said, his father never lost sight of the fact that he had enjoyed "a too-short but wonderful life."

"He was at peace," the younger Zlaket said.

Leo Zlaket grew up in an apartment above Zlaket's Market, founded in 1927 by his father, Leo Zlaket Sr. For 87 years, the venerable store remained at that location — on a part of Euclid Street that later would be designated Historic Main Street.

He and his two siblings shared their childhood with



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID ZLAKET

Brothers Leo and George Zlaket flank their father, Leo Zlaket Sr., in 1986.

dozens of aunts, uncles and cousins — all part of a demonstrative and friendly Lebanese-American family, many of whom played a role in the store at some juncture.

“Think ‘My Big Fat Leba-

nese Wedding,’” David Zlaket quipped.

Their family-centered tradition continued through the generations.

“My grandfather had eight brothers and sisters,” David Zlaket said. “I always loved holidays because I would get to see 300 people.”

Leo Zlaket Sr. opened the market as a general store, offering everyday staples. His kids swept floors there and washed dishes from a young age.

“When his friends were goofing off or going to movies at the Gem Theater, he was working in the store,” said David Zlaket, who years later would follow those footsteps.

Leo Zlaket was an altar boy until age 18 at St. Columban’s Catholic Church, where his family remains active. He graduated from Mater Dei High before serving as a cook in the Army National Guard from 1963 to 1969.

Zlaket married in 1967. The couple and baby David lived with the elder Zlakets above the store for five

years before moving to Anaheim.

Over the years, the shop and its merchandise evolved with the times.

Leo Zlaket’s older brother George took ownership in the ‘50s and added a popular butcher shop. After Leo Jr. came on board in the ‘60s, the family continued to find ways to “stay ahead of the curve,” expanding the deli and catering services, David Zlaket said.

“They turned it into a gourmet food market before Bristol Farms and what have you existed,” he said, adding tongue-in-cheek, “Bristol Farms completely ripped us off.”

Leo and Virginia Zlaket bought the partnership in 1988 after George retired. David Zlaket pitched in.

“People would enter the store not knowing what they wanted for dinner,” David Zlaket said. “My father would direct them — finding the perfect cut, preparing and seasoning it, and writing cooking directions on the package.”

Leo Zlaket also was well-known in the community for his volunteerism with the Chamber of Commerce, Boys & Girls Clubs and other organizations.

As foot traffic slowed and competition grew over the next two decades, sales floundered. Eventually, the family decided to close shop.

David Zlaket appreciates that he had the opportunity to grow up in in the family business.

“You learn to properly sweep a floor at 10 years old,” he said. “I wish my own children had more of that. We were so proud to be Zlakets.”

Leo Zlaket is survived by his wife, son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Columban’s Catholic Church, 10801 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

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GARDEN GROVE

Video shows T-Mobile clerk scuffling with thief

Police are searching for a man and woman suspected of stealing five cell phones on display from a T-Mobile store in Garden Grove.

The theft occurred in the store at Brookhurst Street and Westminster Avenue at about 2:30 p.m. Friday.

The pair can be seen on the security camera cutting

wires and ripping out the phones, which police say were valued at \$3,360.

A store clerk confronted the male suspect, who pulled out a pair of scissors.

"I just tried to stop them," the clerk told CBS2 news. "If I'm not calling police, this will be happening again."

It was the second time in as many months the store was robbed, the report said.

Anyone who witnessed the thefts or can identify the suspects is asked to call Garden Grove Police Det. Dennis Wardle at 714-741-5837.

— *Marilyn Kalfus*

American from Orange County detained in Vietnam prison; congresswoman threatens 'consequences'

By ROXANA KOPETMAN | rkopetman@scng.com | Orange County Register
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An American citizen who went missing last month in Vietnam has been found: He's in a Vietnamese prison, accused of conspiring against the government. No charges have been filed against Michael Nguyen, also known as Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, of Orange, but he's being detained without the ability to see his family or lawyers, his family said during a press conference Thursday morning outside Orange City Hall.

While relieved to hear he's alive, his brother-in-law, Mark Roberts, called his detainment a violation of human rights and international law.

Congresswoman Mimi Walters, R-Irvine, standing with Nguyen's family, including his four daughters, said she is working to secure his release.

"It's unacceptable to detain an American citizen in Vietnam," Walters said, warning the Vietnamese government that if it doesn't release Nguyen, "there will be consequences for their action."

Asked what she could do to seek his release, Walters said: "I will go as high as I have to. If I have to go to the president of the United States, I will go to the president."

Nguyen, 54, is being held at a detention facility in Ho Chi Minh City. He is under investigation for violating Article 109 of Vietnam's penal code for allegedly conspiring against the government in a country that doesn't tolerate dissent.

"We hope this absence of any formal charges clears any suspicion that Michael was involved in any form of anti-government activities," Roberts said.

The investigation could last as long as three to five months, and possibly longer, Franc Shelton, of the Consulate General office in Ho Chi Minh City, told the family in a phone conversation late Tuesday, Roberts said, adding that the family was told Nguyen is in good health.

In the meantime, Nguyen is not allowed any visitors save a once-a-month meeting with a representative from the American Consulate. He also is not allowed any letters or other written communication.

"He's not even allowed to receive drawings and notes from his children," Roberts said.

Nguyen, who owns a printing company in Garden Grove, takes an active role in caring for his daughters, ages 8 to 15. He makes them breakfast every morning, takes them to and from school as well as their sports and dance activities, and at least twice a week goes with them to church, Helen Nguyen said.

The girls “are so worried now,” she said. “They can’t sleep at night.”

While in detention, Nguyen is provided one meal a day and allowed to purchase additional food from the detention center’s canteen but the most he can spend in one month is about \$80, which Roberts said equals an extra bowl of soup, mostly broth, each day.

Nguyen went to Vietnam on June 27 to visit elderly family he visits at least once a year and to meet up with friends for some travel, according to his family. The last time they heard from him was on July 6, Vietnam time.

RELATED: Family fears American citizen from Orange is imprisoned in Vietnam: The BBC reported Thursday that Nguyen was arrested July 7 (July 6 in the United States,) with a small group of dissidents while on a bus on their way to Saigon. Roberts said he could not address that report. Roberts and other family members said they are not aware of any political activities that could have gotten the Orange County man in trouble with the Vietnam government.

Vietnamese officials in the United States did not reply to requests for information from the Southern California News Group.

Helen Nguyen, a surgical nurse at UC Irvine Medical Center and a Kaiser Permanente hospital, thought there might be some communication glitches when she first lost contact with her husband. But she worried. And two days after he failed to return aboard a July 16 flight that was supposed to bring him home, she filed a missing persons report with the State Department and the U.S. Consulate in Saigon. When she later called various police offices in Saigon, she said she was told to come in person to inquire about him.

“They told me, ‘You need to be here to file a missing person’s report.’ But we don’t live in Vietnam,” she said.

The family notes that recently there’s been unrest in Vietnam over land leases to China and a new cybersecurity law set to take effect next year, which will clamp down on tech firms and tighten control of the internet.

An American citizen from Houston, Will Nguyen, was freed July 20 after he was beaten by Vietnamese police and detained for participating in a protest. His release came after pressure from the U.S. government, including a coalition of legislators. Similarly, Nguyen’s family said it has found support from Walters, the Orange County congresswoman, and Rep. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, Rep. Lou Correa, D-Santa Ana, and Rep. Ed Royce, R-Yorba Linda. A change.org petition calling for his release garnered some 7,000 signatures as of Thursday afternoon.

Four council seats up for grabs



Courtesy photos
**Councilwoman Thu-Ha
Nguyen.**



Councilman Kris Beard.



Councilman Phat Bui.

Deadline for challengers is Friday (Aug. 10)

Voters will decide on four City Council seats on the ballot in November.

On the ballot will be the mayor's seat, a two-year term, and council seats for districts 1, 3 and 4. All three council seats are four-year terms.

The mayoral position is currently held by Steve Jones. Councilman Kris Beard holds the District 1 seat, Councilwoman Thu-Ha Nguyen holds the District 3 seat, and Councilman Phat Bui holds the District 4 seat.

The deadline for filing papers to run for the mayoral or City

Council seats is Friday, Aug. 10. Nomination papers must be filed with the City Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a registered voter. Mayoral candidates must be residents of Garden Grove, and council member candidates must be residents of their respective districts.

For information on the election process or to schedule an appointment, call Teresa Pomeroy,



Mayor Steve Jones.

City Clerk, at 714-741-5040.

In California, the deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day. The deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 6, 2018 election is October 18, 2018.



Purple Heart Day

Veterans and civilians in Garden Grove, named the first Purple Heart City in Orange County in 2012, took notice of Purple Heart Day on Tuesday. Garden Grove lost more troops in the Vietnam War - 41 - than any city in Orange County.

Purple Heart Day is observed on Aug. 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

The Purple Heart began as something called the Badge of Military Merit, an honor created by General George Washington in 1782. The honor was only presented to enlisted soldiers who had performed a "singularly meritorious action." Only a handful of these were awarded, and following the American Revolution, the Badge of Military Merit didn't become a permanent fixture among the various other awards and decorations given to those who serve.

But the spirit of the Badge of Military Merit would be honored again in 1932, when the Purple Heart award was created to honor the bicentennial of George Washington's birthday.

Purple Heart Day is observed in different ways:

-Major League Baseball teams pay homage to their local Purple Heart recipients during special pre-game and 7th inning ceremonies;

-Veteran and military organizations hold remembrance meetings for fallen heroes and special events to thank soldiers, veterans, and Purple Heart recipients;

-The Purple Heart Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, recommends donating time and money to the foundation or to other organizations working with Purple Heart recipients.

And, last but not least, American flags are flown at homes and businesses. Some folks fly them all week long. It's not too late.

City law really gets her goat

Local fights to keep Nelly, her emotional support animal

By Brady Rhoades

Sharon Tower bottle feeds her pet goat.

She cuddles her the way some parents cuddle their kids.

Nelly the goat might be pampered, but in return for her cushy life she gives Tower emotional support.

Nelly needs Tower, and Tower needs Nelly.

That's why Tower, a Garden
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GOAT:

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Grove resident, is fighting a city law that prohibits goats as pets.

She wants the law changed or for the city to exempt her.

"This is just comforting to me," she told reporters, as she sat in her backyard with Nelly.

The city law prohibits goats and other non-traditional pets because they are considered livestock animals.

City Council members are cautious.

"At this time, I have no comment," said Councilman John O'Neill.

Three other council members declined to comment after being contacted.

Initially, the city gave Tower a June 29 deadline to relocate the Nigerian dwarf goat, who Tower has owned since the goat was 3 days old.

Tower hired a lawyer to fight the order.

Meanwhile, Nelly still lives a safe and happy life in Tower's backyard.

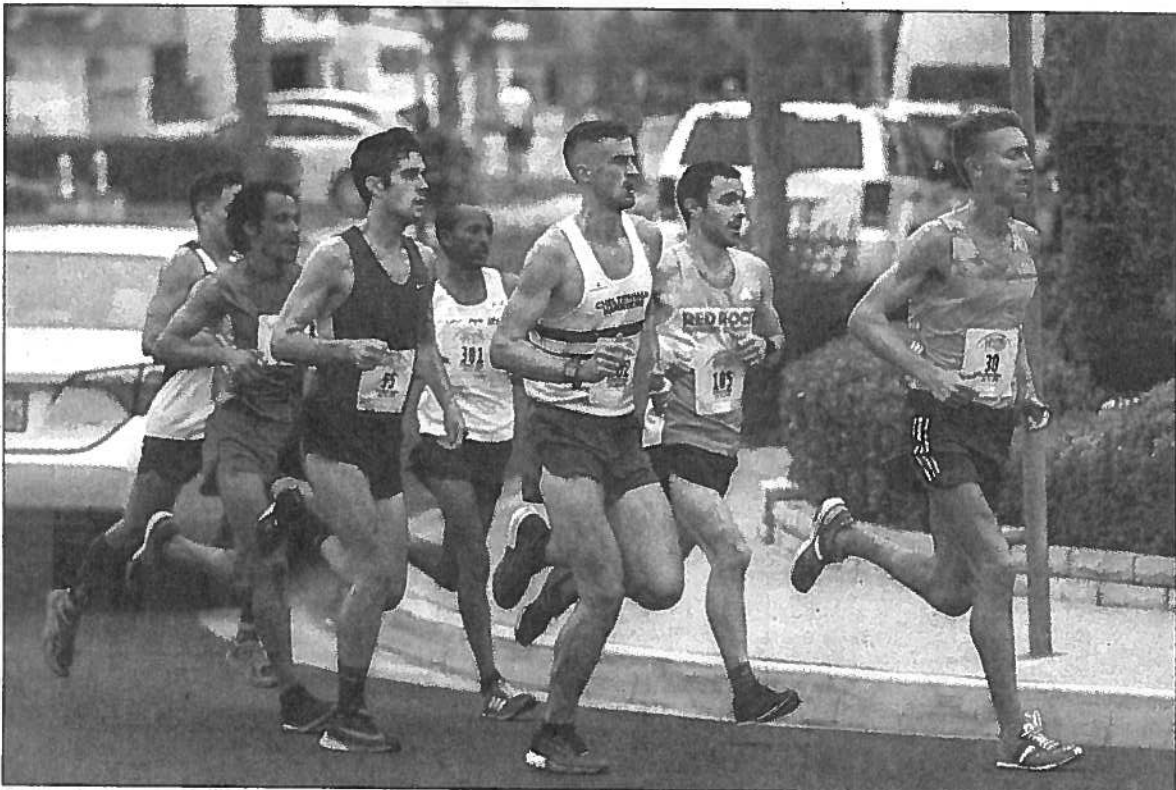
Emotional support animals are used — and beloved — by people for a variety of reasons, including to ease anxiety and depression. People find comfort in their relationships with dogs, cats, birds, pigs, rabbits, goats and a host of other animals.

They take them nearly everywhere, including on airplanes.

According to Moosh, an organization that lobbies for emotional support animals, goats — especially pigmy goats

— have a "gentle temperament and friendly personality, which makes them a popular choice for an unconventional ESA animal. Even Abraham Lincoln had a pet goat living with him in the White House during his presidency. And if it's good enough for Abe, it's good enough for us! Pygmy goats are typically the size of an average dog, and they eat grass, hay and leaves. They need a shelter that is approximately 8 feet by 10 feet and a large fenced-off area in which they can roam, so a pygmy goat is usually best suited to offer emotional support in a rural setting."

It is unclear what the next move is as the parties negotiate a resolution. The City Attorney's office is reviewing the matter.



Courtesy photo

Local runners performed well recently at the 5K/10K Race at the Cypress Festival.

GG runners leg out speedy finishes

They post strong times in local 5&10K run

By Ted Apodaca

A full day of events at the Cypress Festival began with a 5&10K run, with many local runners posting strong finishes.

The 5K was won by Darius Terry, 27, of Goleta California in a time of 15 minutes, 41 seconds. He was followed by Daniel Ramirez, 23, of Buena Park in 15:54. Both were first in their respective age divisions. Mikaela Ramirez, 17, of Chino Hills was the top female finisher (9th overall) in a time of 16:56.

Alex Tebbe, 26, of Cypress was fourth overall with a time of 16:14. Nicholas Rosales, 17, of Cypress was eighth overall with a time of 16:31. Javier Bertin, 18, of Anaheim was 12 overall in 17:43 and Nathan Slevcove, 16, of Cypress was 17th overall in 18:17. Jesse Lapid, 17, of Cypress was 20th overall with a time of 18:26. Anselmo Feliciano, 57, of Cypress was 25th overall in 18:35 and was

second in his age division.

Andrey Vo, 17, of Cypress was 34th overall in 19:10 and Dylan Gaba, 14, of Cypress was 38th overall and second in his division, with a time of 19:28. Merc Sastre, 49, of Garden Grove was 43rd overall and 13th female, with a time of 19:45. Sastre was second in her age division.

Steven Sonsma, 16, of Cypress was 46th overall in 19:55. Steve Prideaux, 62, of Anaheim was 52nd overall and second in his division, with a time of 20:55. Caleb Choi, 18, of Cypress was 53rd overall in 21:03.

10K

The top finisher in the 10K was Dylan Blankenship, 24, of Ramona, with a time of 30:21. The top female finisher (14th overall) was Christina Aleshire, 36, of Henderson NV, with a time of 34:09. Jose Penalozza, 23, of Garden Grove was 13th overall with a time of 33:50.

Greg Lehman, 33, of Westminster was 48th overall with a time of 43:23 and Roderick Powell, 62, of Garden Grove was 50th overall in 43:43. Powell was second in his age division. Marcel Aguiar, 24, of Garden Grove was 54th overall and seventh in his age division with a time of 44:57.

Ernesto Garcia, 62, of Cypress was 62nd overall and fifth in his age division with a time of 46:15. Jeffrey Irvine, 45, of Cypress was fifth in his age division with a time of 48:11, while Jason Fieffer, 48, of Garden Grove was seventh in his age division with a time of 48:49. Sarah McDevitt, 14, of Cypress was 72nd overall, third in her age division with a time of 48:51. Ron Maurstad, 69, of Cypress was first in his age division with a time of 50:00.

For complete results visit athlinks.com. There is a link through the City of Cypress website.

No easy fixes to homeless problem

By Brady Rhoades

Ever since Orange County officials roused hundreds of homeless people from their encampments on the Santa Ana riverbed, cities in surrounding areas have seen an uptick in their homeless populations.

I see it every time I walk from my office in Garden Grove to a Starbucks in Westminster. There are several people living in the eaves of the 22 Freeway overpass at Garden Grove Boulevard, just east of Knott Street.

They are on the median at Garden Grove Boulevard and Knott.

They're in the parking lot of the Motel 6 that I pass on Golden West Street.

And they try to use the restrooms at the Starbucks next to the Motel 6.

Some are down on their luck. Some are mentally ill. Some are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Some are really nice, and some are dangerous.

So what do we do? A federal court judge was expected to rule

on that very question either last week or this week. The matter went to court after the county uprooted hundreds of homeless from the riverbed, and many if not most landed in Santa Ana.

Santa Ana sued, saying other cities — particularly in northwest county — have to do their share.

Now, two armories that house the homeless — one in Fullerton, one in Santa Ana — have shut down until winter, and a judge will once again decide what becomes of hundreds of homeless people, and whether cities can, basically, ban them from existing by outlawing camping and sleeping on public property.

As usual, there are no simple, easy answers.

This is a crime problem, but it's also a humanitarian crisis.

An Orange County businessman is being held against his will in Vietnam.

And residents of Little Saigon are lobbying for his safe return.

Michael Phuong Minh Nguyen, 54, a print show owner and husband and father of four, trekked to Vietnam in late June. The government there arrested and jailed him on July 7 while he was en route to Ho Chi Minh City.

On July 17, Vietnamese authorities notified the U.S. Embassy of Nguyen's arrest, but they did not provide details. Nguyen was arrested without cause and without charges.

Nguyen's family is working with U.S. Consul General Franc Shelton, U.S. Rep. Mimi Walters



Rambling Rhoades

(R-Laguna Beach) and local Vietnamese-Americans.

Locals in Little Saigon are offering their help; they are not surprised that an innocent man is being held in a country that is not free and does not value human rights.

They say the Vietnamese government regularly punishes Vietnamese-Americans who participate in pro-democracy rallies.

"It is not safe there always," said Karen Ngo. "They are communist first, everything else second."

The Orange County Fair is winding down.

Mark this on your calendar: Aug. 12. That's the last day for Fair fun.

Meantime, there are some interesting things going on.

Today (Wednesday, Aug. 8), the Russell Brothers Circus performs at the Green Gate starting at 12:30 p.m. Also, check out the Alaskan pig races at the Livestock Area at 8 p.m.

On Aug. 9, there's a cupcake-eating contest on the Promenade Stage at 8 p.m., and Go Go's and Billy Joel tribute acts will perform at the Hangar at 7 p.m.

Brady Rhoades is the editor. He can be reached at brhoades@localnewspapers.org.

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Care for flair, and fantastic food?

Try Brodard Chateau, which features sleek decor, exotic dishes

By Brady Rhoades

A friend and I lunched at Brodard Chateau in Garden Grove, and it lived up to its reputation as one of the finest restaurants in Orange County.

It is — no doubt about it — upscale. It's Vietnamese, with wonderful touches of French and Asian fusion influences. The interior is sleek, amber, quiet. The staff is formal but warm.

The menu is impressive. Brodard serves everything from spring rolls to salt-pepper calamari to curry to pho to filet mignon.

Our waiter knew every item on the robust, exotic menu, in detail. We know because we tested him, kiddingly.

Other items are tiger prawns, stir fry in a clay pot, tofu seaweed salad, clam and rice, and a vermicelli and lemon-grass beef noodle plate.

I started with wonton soup. How's this sound? Sliced barbecue pork and wontons filled with pork and shrimp over egg noodles in a gently spiced broth garnished with scallions and cilantro.

Yeah, it tasted as good as it sounds. I took my time.

My friend settled on the roasted duck soup, and I went with the chicken curry for my main course. We added summer spring rolls on the side, plus fresh baguettes, which Brodard Chateau

is known for.

My friend didn't use any words to describe his soup. He just made sounds. I've known him since I was 6, so you can trust me on this: He loved it.

My chicken curry was served in a spicy yellow sauce. The sauce offered a confluence of tastes; flavor-wise, it was its own dinner party — an interesting, diverse mix of characters and characteristics, a little conflict, even.



The summer spring rolls at Brodard Chateau are to die for. They feature grilled asparagus, avocado and eggplant, along with Asian greens.

The marinated chicken was fresh and tender.

The mint finish on the spring rolls refreshed the pallet during and after the main course.

Brodard is a favorite among locals, and non-locals. Check out these Yelp reviews from residents of nearby areas. Their comments have not been edited.

"First time coming to this restaurant after 2 years and their food quality doesn't fail to impress. Their spring rolls are a must if you decide to eat here

and I would recommend the grilled shrimp or pork spring roll. I decided to try their silver noodle with prawn and crab and I was amazed by the blast of flavors in this one dish. The duck buns, however, were somewhat below par as I had found them to be somewhat bland. The service at this restaurant was great and would recommend to anyone who is craving some Viet Cuisine" — Christopher S.,

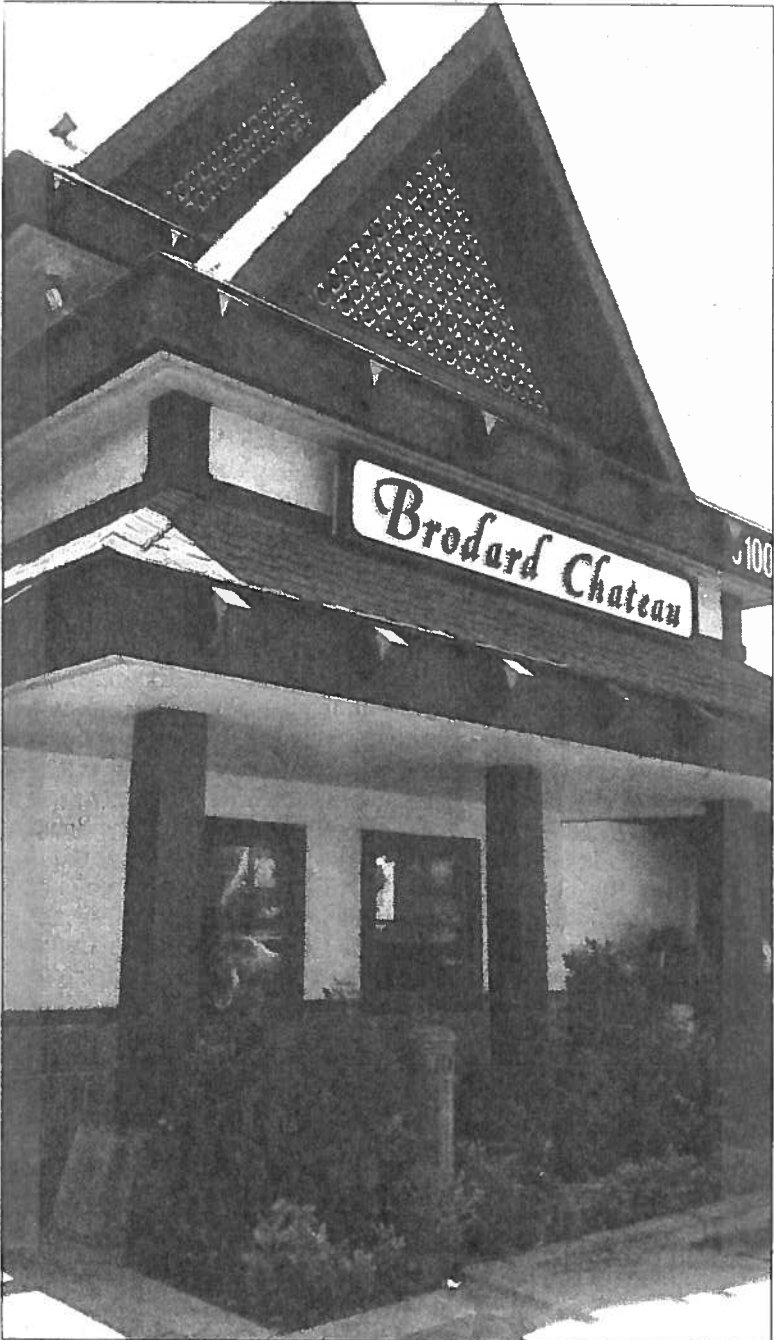
Cerritos.

"Brodard is an institution! You can't not come to Little Saigon and not try their pork spring rolls. They will be the best you've ever had. Trust me. Also this location is a little more dressed up than their 1st location. They are also open 7 days a week, as the other is closed on Tuesday's. So aside from their infamous spring rolls, you really

can't go wrong with anything on the menu. I tend to order the same items every visit because they are just that good. I will almost always accompany my spring rolls with some crab & asparagus soup, duck buns, and an order of shaken beef. The shaken beef is a must try" — Joemm B., Los Angeles.

Brodard Chateau is at 9100 Trask Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call

714-899-8273 or visit <http://brodard.net/Chateau/>.



Photos by Brady Rhoades

Brodard Chateau is an upscale restaurant serving Vietnamese fare with Asian fusion touches.



The bar at Brodard Chateau in Garden Grove.

OPINION

Best school district in the OC? Could be ...

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 8, 2018 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



THE "CHOOSE SUCCESS! CHOOSE GGUSD!" campaign was present at the Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove in May (GGUSD photo).

Which is the best public school district in Orange County? If you ask the folks at the Garden Grove Unified School District the answer is easy: the Garden Grove Unified School District.

The GGUSD, third-largest school system in the OC, has embarked on a campaign to let the public know that it provides a top-flight education for its 45,000-plus pupils.

What makes the district tops?

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/usually-reliable-sources1.jpg>) "GGUSD was the first and only school district in Orange County to be named a 2018 Exemplary District, a prestigious recognition awarded to only 22 school districts across the state by the California Department of Education," according to Abby Milone, the district's public information officer.

"The award celebrates districts that have implemented model practices resulting in positive student outcomes."

Also, in 2004, the Broad Award was given to the GGUSD as the best urban school district in the nation and was a finalist two other times.

The campaign expresses itself in online ads, social media ads, direct mail, banners, refrigerator magnets and more. Parents are urged to “Choose Success! Choose GGUSD!”

In an era of declining school enrollment, and “school choice” policies which allow parents to place their children at campuses which may not be near their homes, many school systems are seeking to market themselves as “destinations” for families shopping for the best education.

So how is the “Choose” campaign going?

“While it’s too early to provide enrollment numbers, the work has resulted in more than 150 inbound calls, 113 online inquiries and we are on pace to hit 10,750,000 impressions,” according to Milone. “It’s also fostered an increase in GGUSD pride among staff and parents.”

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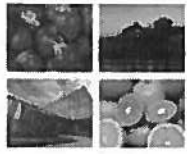
One of the advantages of online journalistic outlets is that we can monitor closely what sort of articles the public finds the most interesting. Our guess would have been crime and violence, but there’s more to your, uh, appetites for news than we thought.

Here are the top 10 most-viewed articles in the Tribune for 2018 through today (Aug. 8).

1. “In-n-Out coming to Beach Boulevard.”
2. “Shepherd’s Grove moves to Irvine.”
3. “Potential tragedy averted, suspect held.”
4. “New code enforcement sheriff in town.”
5. “Vigil held at site of four deaths.”
6. “Planners mull revived Village Center.”
7. “In-N-Out application is pulled out.”
8. “Four hurt in Brookhurst Street crash.”
9. “New Village Center gets final OK”
10. “Violent crime rises in GG, H. Beach.”

Usually Reliable Sources appears on alternate Wednesdays, usually.





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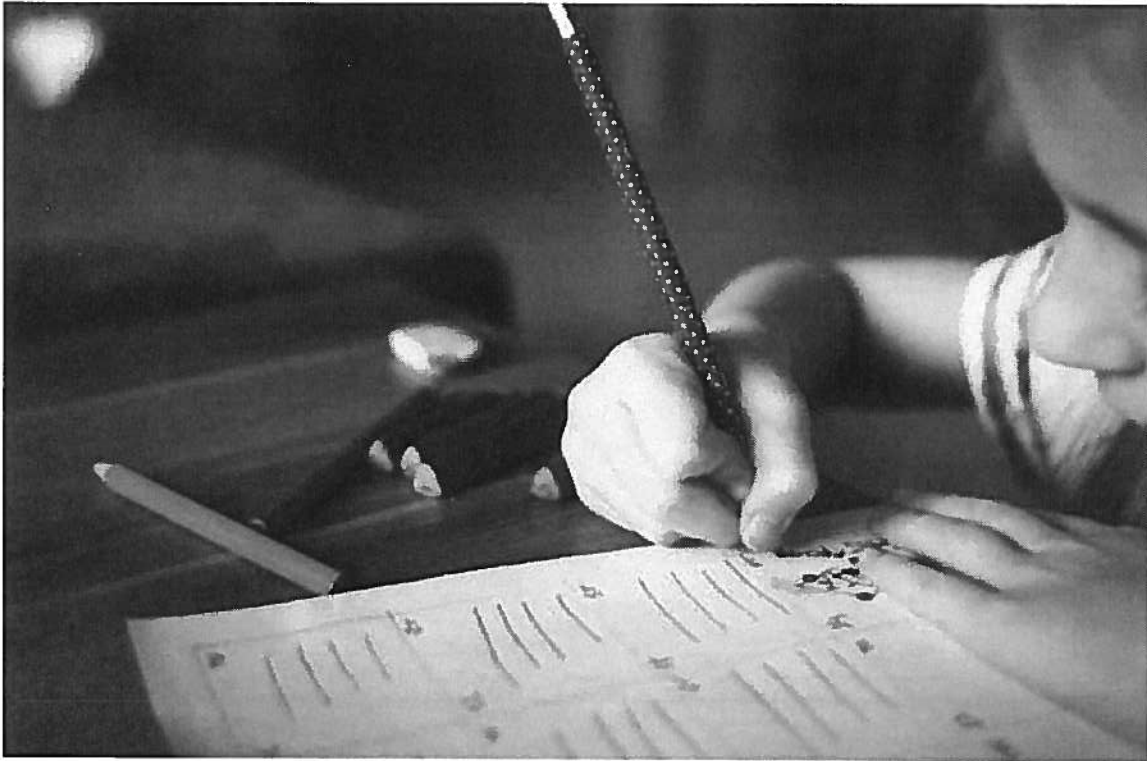
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SCHOOLS

Schools, colleges about to start classes

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 7, 2018 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



SCHOOL starts for the Anaheim Union High School District on Aug. 8. and other area schools and colleges through August and into September.

The back-to-school sales and commercials are everywhere. You can't get into Target or Rite-Aid without seeing a campground of pencils, binders, lunchboxes, backpacks and more.

School is about to start, but just when?

For the schools serving the areas of Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Westminster and Stanton, here is our list of the first day of class instruction. The first to get started is the Anaheim Union High School District, which takes in part of Stanton, on Aug. 8. The latest starting school system is the Huntington Beach City School District, on Sept. 6.

Some colleges and universities will start as early as Aug. 17 (Cal State Fullerton) and as late as Sept. 27 (UCI).

Welcome back!

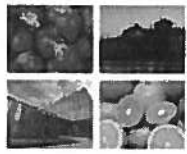
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS

- Garden Grove Unified School District: Aug. 29
- Huntington Beach Union High School District: Aug. 29
- Huntington Beach City School District: Sept. 6
- Westminster School District: Aug. 30
- Ocean View School District: Sept. 5
- Orange Unified School District (serves a small slice of eastern Garden Grove): Aug. 22
- Anaheim Union High School District: Aug. 8
- Magnolia School District: Aug. 27

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Coast Community College District (Coastline, Golden West, Orange Coast): Aug. 24
- North Orange County Community College District (Cypress, Fullerton): Aug. 20
- Rancho Santiago Community College District (Santa Ana College): Aug. 27
- Cal State Fullerton: Aug. 25
- Cal State Long Beach: Aug. 27
- Chapman University: Aug 27
- UC Irvine: Sept. 27.

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ACROSS THE AREA

National Night Out is local here

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 7, 2018 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



OFFICER McGRUFF is a popular attraction at National Night Out (City of GG photo)..

The 35th annual National Night Out event will take place this evening (Tuesday) across the U.S. including in the cities of Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster.

This free community safety event gives members of the public to interact with police officers, firefighters and others.

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/nno-35-years1.jpg>) In Garden Grove, it will be held in the Village Green Park (Main and Euclid streets) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Representatives of the Garden Grove Police Department and Garden Grove Fire Department will be there, along with 30 community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Animal Care Services.

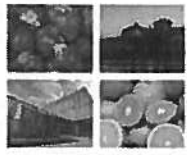
In Huntington Beach, the city's fire and police departments will host it at 4 p.m. at the Target Center at Adams Avenue and Brookhurst Street.

In Stanton, the event will be held in Central Park, 10660 Western Ave. from 6-8 p.m. On hand will be the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. For more information, call (714) 890-4270.

In Westminster, the event will run from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Target parking lot at 16400 Beach Blvd. It will be hosted by the Westminster Police Department and will feature a K-9 demonstration, a bounce house, a food festival and more. For more information, call (714) 548-3716.



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GARDEN GROVE

Leo Zlaket, 77, a local icon and leader

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 4, 2018 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



LEO ZLAKET in Zlaket's Market (File photo).

As one local businessman put it, Garden Grove has lost an icon. Leo Zlaket, husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and community leader ended his battle with cancer early Tuesday morning.

Zlaket, 77, was owner and operator of the historic Garden Grove business Zlaket's Market. The market was the oldest family owned business in Orange County, in business for 87 years.

He was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1941 to Leo and Mary Zlaket. As the youngest of three children, Leo grew up in the apartment above the store. Customers referred to him as "Poncho" as they rubbed his full head of curly locks. He attended Blessed Sacrament grade school, Mater Dei High School, Fullerton College and was an altar boy at St. Columban's Church until he was 18. Lifelong friends often joked, they felt bad for Leo as a kid. As they were "goofing off" or going to movies at the Gem Theater, Leo was working in the store. They would also say he had the last laugh, as the fruits of his labor were bountiful.

Leo served in the Army National Guard from 1963 to 1969. He would say his greatest military accomplishment was serving in the "War of Watts" with no bullets.

In 1966, Leo met the love of his life, Virginia Roman. Virginia was visiting California from Pittsburgh and met Leo through relatives. Those relatives were longtime Zlaket's Market customers and friends. It was a match made in heaven ... or at least a match made in Mary's kitchen. As their affection for each other grew, Virginia made the choice to remain in California.

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They married in 1967 and began their extraordinary 51-year love affair.

Leo and Virginia were inseparable. As newlyweds, they lived above the store, steps away from his mom and dad and the family... Think "My Big Fat Lebanese Wedding."

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/zlaket-1107-best-deli.jpg>) Leo, along with his older brother George and George's children worked in the market, while George's wife Bobbie ran a children's clothing store next door. It was all family, all the time! Leo and Virginia had their son David in 1971 and two years later moved to Anaheim, two miles from the store.

Zlaket's Market provided a wonderful life for their family, as the Zlaket's provided wonderful service to the community. Many kids would claim to have their first job at Zlaket's Market. George and Leo were butchers, known for providing the finest quality meats. When George retired in 1988, Leo and Virginia bought the partnership and carried on the legacy for decades more. They expanded the deli, grew their catering services, and brought gourmet fare to Garden Groven, often traveling to New York and San Francisco for trade shows and inspiration,

Leo and Virginia were trend-setters. One of Leo's greatest strengths was his ability to adapt and change to fulfill his customer's needs. He wasn't just selling his products but offering his expertise. So many would say they would enter the store not knowing what they wanted for dinner. Leo would direct them, finding the perfect cut, preparing and seasoning it, and writing cooking directions on the package.

Over the counter, you would get great conversation. Leo loved a good story, both listening and telling. Customers loved his smile as much as his sense of humor.

He loved baseball and was a life-long Pittsburgh Pirates fan. As a youth, he attended games of the Pirates farm club the Hollywood Stars from the Pacific Coast League. Marrying Virginia from Pittsburgh sealed the deal.

Leo's volunteerism reached many organizations. He was a quiet leader, never looking for accolades, but always willing to help. He served as Chairman of the Board for the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, Associate Board Member for Acacia Adult Day Care, Advisory Board Member for Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, Finance Director for St. Columban's Church and Main Street Parking Commissioner.

Leo was a man who never said no to those in need of assistance. His fundraising gifts were wide spread and supported a multitude of service clubs, children's organizations, community foundations and churches. Whether it was through financial contributions or personally preparing food for events, Leo led through his actions.

Leo would say his greatest accomplishment was his family. His love and devotion to them was immeasurable. His son David felt blessed to work side by side with his dad for over 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, son David, daughter-in-law Tina, grandkids Gabi and Roman, and sister Yvonne.

Memorial services will be held Monday morning at St. Columban's Catholic Church in Garden Grove. The rosary will be at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. There will be a reception at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. at 11:30 a.m.

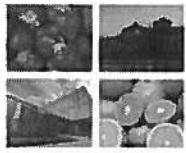
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GARDEN GROVE

New code enforcement sheriff in town

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 2, 2018 • (9 COMMENTS)



DAVID DENT, chief building official for Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photo).

By Jim Tortolano

Was the last time you watered your lawn back in Barack Obama's first term?

Are the stripes on the parking lot you own so faint they look they were done with a very small piece of chalk?

Your house in the northeast corner of town: have you turned it into some kind of secret hotel?

Your untidy ways may soon be numbered as – in the area of code enforcement in Garden Grove – there's a new sheriff in town.

“If you want to live in Garden Grove, you’re going to have to follow the rules. That’s why code enforcement is going to shock a lot of people.”

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/code-enforcement-quote.jpg>) David Dent is the chief building official for the city, and he’s bringing a new energy to the enforcement of city regulations about a wide variety of issues, ranging from getting rid of illegal marijuana dispensaries to rebooting efforts to get homeowners to clean up their act.

He’s already won a fan in Maureen Blackmun, the president of the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association organization.

“Nothing affects people’s quality of life in the community more than than code enforcement. Pride in our neighborhoods and neighbors can’t happen

when lawns are brown, junk is piled up in yards, or cars are parked on lawns,” said Blackmun.

“The code enforcement department has needed modernization and a fresh vision for a while. I think David Dent is just the man to do it. I’m impressed and anxious to hear and see the changes and expertise he will bring to the team.”

Dent, 38, a resident of Long Beach, is moving the city’s code enforcement efforts into overdrive, after years of relative inactivity. He’s prepared to set a new bar for residents and property owners for a better-maintained community.

“If you want to live in Garden Grove, you’re going to have to follow the rules,” he said. “That’s why code enforcement is going to shock a lot of people.” Dent said that he expects the City Hall will get a lot of calls when the program rolls out, but he has the backing of the city council, planning commission and top city management.

Dent comes to the city from service in San Diego and Compton. His first major initiative was to tackle the marijuana dispensaries that dotted the community.

“The big issue isn’t so much the marijuana itself, it’s the improvements that were made to the building to accommodate either the dispensary or the growth facility,” according to Dent. “Chances are, since they are illegal businesses, they tend not to get permits, so they fall under substandard dangerous building standards.”

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/code-enforcement-box.jpg>) As a chief building official, Dent has the power to “red-tag” (declare unfit for occupancy) a building on the spot. Backed by a half-dozen or so Garden Grove police officers and perhaps another code enforcement officer, Dent politely shut down “50-plus” such “pot shops.” The remaining green signs visible around town are vestiges of the original problem.

Another major issue in the city is front lawns – dead grass, paved-over surfaces and even debris. That will bring a new approach to code enforcement.

“Normally, we have been reactive in the sense that when a complaint comes in,” a code enforcement officer would go out, but might bypass other problems seen “because we weren’t built on being proactive,” said Dent.

“That’s going to be the biggest thing. There’s going to be a shift in their work assignments. There’s going to be a priority list,” he said. The next step is to “get the public ready.”

Top items include short-term rentals (STR), dead lawns and landscaping. “We’re going to be a little bit more aggressive in those areas,” said Dent, “We’re going to start citing. That’s something that hasn’t been practiced here that much. Before they would just tell them to do something and hope they did it. Or just send them a letter and hope that they did it.”

Under the policy, someone in violation of the code would be cited, giving them 30 days to fix the problem. Then a seven-day warning and then fines starting at \$100 and ranging all the way up to \$1000.

Code Enforcement meeting on Aug. 9

Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is hosting a “Meet on Main” event on Thursday, Aug. 9 on code enforcement.

It will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Lions Club building at 9860 Larson Ave. in Garden Grove.

The team behind code enforcement will be on hand to explain activities and plans and answer questions.

For more information, telephone (714) 235-5360 or send off an e-mail to maureen.ggna@gmail.com.

According to Dent, the city code – for example – requires that a front lawn be at least 50 percent vegetation, typically grass. But some people have covered their lawn area with concrete, or rock.

“It’s got to be something green or growing,” he said. “If you can park on it, it doesn’t meet the standard.” Paved-over lawn areas will have to be de-paved, but the city will work with residents and property owners about how to best restore their front yards.

Before that crackdown occurs, an extensive outreach program is planned, using information in the water bill mailings, meetings with community groups and more. A problem area would be targeted with doorknob hangers, written in different languages.

“Basically, they’ll say you’d better water your lawn. If you have any questions about what you need, please come down to the planning department and we can give you pamphlets about that,” said Dent.

But after 30 days, enforcement will kick in. “We’re going to treat everyone the same way. We can’t customize it. It’s going to hurt some people in some cases, and that’s why there’s going to be the outreach.”

The top priority right now is the STR problem, in which single-family homes are rented – illegally – to tourists for a few days. Most of those are located in the northeast area of the city near the Anaheim Resort. Dent is looking at ways to approach the problem. He noted that in some cities, utilities are simply shut off to violators.

Dent and the code enforcement staff of four – one supervisor and three officers – are ramping up for a strong effort in that field. “There’s going to be enforcement which will exceed and bypass the times we normally operate to deal with them.”

“I’m excited about the direction code enforcement is headed. The officers are adjusting and I’m going out with them,” he said. “I’m never going to ask them to do anything I haven’t tried out myself.”

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GARDEN GROVE

Five arrested after chase ends in crash

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 5, 2018 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



FIVE were arrested after a chase that ended with a crash in Santa Ana.

Five suspects were arrested early Friday morning in connection with an investigation that began in Garden Grove and continued through Long Beach, Huntington Beach and finally concluded with a car crash in Santa Ana.

According to Lt. Carl Whitney of the Garden Grove Police Department, those arrested were:

- Abelardo I. Vallecillo, 18, of Stanton
- Alejandro M. Vallecillo, 20, of Stanton
- Steve Bryan Brown, 18, Bellflower
- Amil Cabral, 21, Long Beach
- 17-year-old juvenile.

An undercover investigation of possible suspects in several Garden Grove burglaries led to surveillance in Long Beach that continued to Huntington Beach.

There, detectives noted that the suspects divided into two teams, one in a silver Jaguar and one in a black Chrysler minivan. In the 1000 block of Jon Day Drive in Huntington Beach, detectives saw three suspects exiting a home that had been tented for fumigation. They drove off in the Jaguar; two others in the Chrysler acted as lookouts, according to police. Fountain Valley police unit stopped the minivan and arrested the suspects. The Jaguar evaded police and a pursuit began, concluding with a crash in Santa Ana near the intersection of Greenville Street and Manly Avenue.

Three suspects were arrested with help from the Santa Ana Police Department and an Orange County Sheriff's Department helicopter.

Stolen property was recovered from the burglary. The four adult suspects were booked into Orange County Jail and the 17-year-old into Juvenile Hall.

Anyone with more information about this crime or the suspects is asked to call (714) 741-5800.

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COOLING CENTER OPEN MONDAY

To offer some relief from the heat, the City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will open as a public cooling center on Monday, August 6, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, 92840.

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

The City's cooling center is activated on high heat days when forecasted temperatures reach or exceed 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

August 9, 2018

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the August 9, 2018 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the August 16, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated August 2 – August 8, 2018.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9, 2018 – August 23, 2018

Filing period for the 2018 Election of Mayor and Council Members for District #'s 1, 3, and 4
 City Hall, City Clerk's Office
Filing Period: July 16 – August 10

Thursday	August 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		12:30 p.m.	Garden Grove City Council participates in Flag Ceremony at the Orange County Fair 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series "Flashback Heart Attack" New Wave 80's, Eastgate Park
Tuesday	August 14	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED (ALL)
Wednesday	August 15	10:00 a.m.- Noon	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Hawaiian Luau Celebration, CMC A Room
Thursday	August 16	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Fiesta, CMC AB Room
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Summer Concert Series "L.A.Vation", Tribute to U2 Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
Friday	August 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Wednesday	August 22	5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for UFC Gym, 12827 Harbor Blvd. Suite G-1
Thursday	August 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Outdoor Movie Series – "Despicable M3" Activities Begin Movie Begins

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-136-2018

Applicant: Sang Van Do
Location: 10611 Acacia Avenue
Date: August 9, 2018

Request: To operate a tea, milk, and chicken products manufacturing business along with existing warehousing operation. Manufacturing portion will be approximately 3,000 square feet. All manufactured products will be sold at all participating Roasting Water locations. The site is in the AR (Adaptive Reuse) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Trieu Do, Kevin Zeigler, Bill To

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1771-18.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

AUGUST 16, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: August 9, 2018

GEORGE BRIETIGAM
CHAIR



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

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Garden Grove Planning Commission
Scheduled for August 16, 2018
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY

New Regional Data Shows Local Impacts of Transportation Projects Threatened by Prop. 6

August 2, 2018

New regional reports released on July 31 by the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) quantify the monumental regional economic impact of crucial local transportation projects endangered by Proposition 6.

Prop. 6 would eliminate more than \$5 billion annually in existing transportation funds and would jeopardize funding supporting more than 6,500 bridge and road safety, transportation and public transit improvement projects currently underway throughout California. Prop. 6 threatens nearly \$183 billion in economic activity and user benefits throughout all sectors of the state's economy over 10 years. It also puts at risk over 68,200 jobs annually, adding up to over 682,000 job-years over the next decade.

ARTBA is a national non-partisan federation whose primary goal is to grow and protect transportation infrastructure to meet the public and business demand for safe and efficient travel. The regional analyses, conducted by ARTBA Chief Economist Dr. Alison Premo Black, highlight the economic impact of transportation projects on six major California regions: the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles County, the San Joaquin Valley, the Inland Empire, and San Diego and Imperial Counties.

These regional reports build upon a statewide analysis of the impacts of statewide transportation funding, released by ARTBA in February. Below is a snapshot of the economic interests for each region:

In the San Francisco Bay Area, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$34.5 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$9.8 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses and \$19.3 billion in economic output.
- Nearly 12,300 jobs per year, totaling 122,932 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$5.4 billion.

In Los Angeles County, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$29.2 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$6.8 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses, and \$18.0 billion in economic output.
- Over 9,000 jobs per year, totaling 90,161 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$4.3 billion.

In the San Joaquin Valley, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$20.1 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$4.9 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses, and \$11.9 billion in economic output.
- Over 6,600 jobs per year, or 66,398 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$3.2 billion.

In the Inland Empire, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$15.6 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$3.3 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses, and \$9.9 billion in economic output.
- Over 4,900 jobs per year, or 49,598 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$2.5 billion.

In San Diego and Imperial Counties, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$13.8 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$3.4 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses, and \$8.1 billion in economic output.
- Nearly 5,000 jobs per year, totaling 49,455 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$2.3 billion.

In Orange County, Prop. 6 threatens:

- \$9.7 billion in economic activity and user benefits over 10 years.
 - Including jeopardizing \$2.3 billion in savings for drivers, transit riders and businesses, and \$6 billion in economic output.
- Over 2,700 jobs per year, totaling 27,537 job-years over 10 years, in which these workers will earn \$1.4 billion.

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Committee Major Funding from

California Alliance for Jobs

Southern California Partnership for Jobs

State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

Funding details at www.fppc.ca.gov

Coalition Opposed to Prop. 6, the Attack on Bridge and Road Safety Grows

August 2, 2018

Cities risk losing vital transportation funding that is being invested strictly for transportation infrastructure projects to make bridges and roads safer.

Since Proposition 6 qualified for the November 2018 statewide ballot, over 250 organizations and individuals have joined the coalition to say no to the attack that would eliminate more than 6,500 local transportation projects.

In addition to the new members below, the coalition includes many others such as the California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, American Society of Civil Engineers, State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, local government, labor, environmentalists and first responders.

The No on Prop. 6 campaign is a broad-based coalition representing public safety, business, labor, local governments, transportation advocates and taxpayers opposed to Prop. 6 that would eliminate more than \$5 billion annually in transportation funding and put thousands of transportation improvement projects at risk. For more information, visit NoProp6.com.

The following are some of the organizations that have recently joined the No on Prop. 6 coalition:

- 350 Sacramento
- American Council of Engineering Companies – California
- Associated General Contractors – California
- Associated General Contractors – San Diego
- Association of Bay Area Governments
- Bay Area Council
- Business Council of San Joaquin County
- CalAsian Chamber of Commerce
- California Alliance for Jobs
- California Building Industry Association
- California Chamber of Commerce
- California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- California Labor Federation
- California Trucking Association
- Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
- Chamber of Commerce Alliance of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties
- Chamber of Commerce of the Santa Barbara Region

- City/County Association of San Mateo County
- City of Orinda
- Climate Resolve
- Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST)
- Dokken Engineering
- East Bay Economic Development Alliance
- East Bay Leadership Council
- Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce
- Flasher Barricade Association
- Fremont Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC)
- Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce
- Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Harrison Engineering
- Hazard Construction Company
- HSG Safety Supplies
- IBEW Local 428
- LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council
- Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Latin Business Association
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- Los Angeles County Business Federation (LA BizFed)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Northern California Engineering Contractors Association
- Orange County Business Council
- Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
- Regional Economic Association Leaders of California (R.E.A.L. Coalition)
- Riley's Compliance Consulting
- Ripon Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
- Sacramento Asian-Pacific Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento Transportation Authority
- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- San Rafael Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Cruz County Business Council
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group

- South Gate Chamber of Commerce
- Southern California Contractors Association
- Southern California Partnership for Jobs
- Southern California Transit Advocates
- Steelhead Constructors, Inc.
- United Contractors
- Yolo County Board of Supervisors
- Vacaville Chamber of Commerce Vintage Paving Company

These groups are joined by more than 250 organizations opposing Prop. 6, including the California Professional Firefighters, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, American Society of Civil Engineers, State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, local government, labor, environmentalists and first responders.

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Learn from Leadership Expert Drew Dudley at the Annual Conference Opening General Session

August 2, 2018

The League of California Cities® announces the opening keynote speaker for its 2018 Annual Conference & Expo in Long Beach next month.

California city leaders will gather for the annual meeting opening ceremonies on Wednesday, Sept. 12, followed by a dynamic talk on the importance of personal leadership values in everyday life.

Drew Dudley, founder and Chief Catalyst of Day One Leadership and author of *This is Day One: A Practical Guide to Leadership Matters*, will bring his expertise in increasing leadership capacity to conference attendees. His wildly popular TED talk focuses on the concept of "cultures of everyday leadership" through daily acts of generosity. In Dudley's keynote he will reframe leadership as a daily choice rather than a set of titles or accolades over time.

Dudley will walk participants step-by-step through the discovery of their personal leadership values, demonstrate how those values can be translated into daily behaviors, and show how values-based decision-making leads to individual and organizational success. He will also share information on data showing how individuals who achieve clarity on their personal values, and commit to them, are found to rate 110 percent higher on overall leadership effectiveness than those who do not, with teams having higher levels of commitment, pride, and productivity.

Honest, engaging, and above all practical, this presentation will help you understand what your Day One needs to look like, remind you why you're a leader, and make clear what you can do to be a better one, starting today ... on Day One.

Registration Deadline Fast Approaching

Online registration closes Aug. 21.

Full conference registration includes access to all general and educational sessions, Wednesday host-city reception, networking events, Thursday lunch with exhibitors, and the Friday closing luncheon. Member city full conference registration starts at \$575.

There are several fantastic properties for lodging this year around the Long Beach Convention Center. A limited number of reduced room rates are available for registered attendees. Please register first before receiving the links in your registration confirmation email to reserve hotel rooms. Hotel reservations are only available online.

Visit <https://www.cacities.org/AC> for more information, Register early, as space is limited. If you have any questions, please send an email to education@cacities.org.

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Apply for \$500 Million in Grants to Address Homelessness Crisis at Local Level

Applications Accepted Starting Sept. 5

August 5, 2018

Cities are eligible to apply for a Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant through the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC).

HEAP is the \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California authorized by this year's budget.

Important Dates

The first Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released on Sept. 5 and applications will be accepted at that date through Dec. 31. The second NOFA will be released in February 2019.

Grants

Funding will be distributed in three main categories:

- Continuum of Care, based on Point in Time Count;
- Continuum of Care, based on percent of homeless population;
- City or city that is a county, based on large city populations of 330,000 or more.

For more information, such as grant categories, eligibility, application process and important dates, please see HCFC's resource document.

Wildfire Conference Committee to Hold Two Hearings this Week

August 6, 2018

The recently-appointed Wildfire Preparedness and Response Legislative Conference Committee will continue its work this week with two scheduled hearings.

On Tuesday, the conference committee will hear from experts about ensuring a safe and reliable electric grid. The Thursday hearing will focus on the standard of liability known as “inverse condemnation.” The League will testify at both hearings.

The League has taken a position supporting the current liability rules for investor-owned utilities and opposing any changes that would pass on liability to cities or make it more difficult to recover damages in the event of a utility-caused wildfire.

The conference committee held its first hearing on July 26 during the legislative recess to frame the issues for legislative consideration. Yountville Mayor John Dunbar testified in that committee to urge members to carefully consider any policy that would shift new liability to cities or make it more difficult for cities to collect damages caused by wildfires.

With the Legislature’s return today for the final weeks of the session, the committee is expected to work quickly. Any agreements made by this conference committee must be heard and voted on by Aug. 31.

Housing and Wildfires Top League Priorities in Final Weeks of Legislative Session

August 6, 2018

The Legislature reconvenes today from its summer recess and lawmakers must finish debating and passing all bills by Aug. 31.

The League is focused on priority legislation for cities, ranging from housing to addressing the impacts of wildfires in communities. Cities are encouraged to remain engaged as the Legislature enters its final round of debate on all legislation.

Below is a list of bills for which the League has adopted a position. Cities are encouraged to take action on legislation. To access each bill, the League's position letter and sample letters, visit www.cacities.org/billsearch and plug the bill number into the search function.

Housing, Community & Economic Development

- SB 828 (Wiener) – Oppose Unless Amended
- SB 946 (Lara) – Oppose Unless Amended
- SB 1333 (Wieckowski) – Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 1771 (Bloom) – Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 2161 (Chiu) – Support
- AB 2890 (Ting) – Oppose
- **HOT** AB 2913 (Wood) – Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 2923 (Chiu) – Oppose
- **HOT** AB 3162 (Friedman) – Support

Environmental Quality

- Wildfire Liability – League Position: Maintain inverse condemnation liability standard
 - SB 819 (Hill) – Support
 - SB 1088 (Dodd) – Support if Amended
- SB 212 (Jackson) – Support
- SB 623 (Monning) – Oppose Unless Amended
- SB 834 (Jackson) & AB 1775 (Muratsuchi) – Support
- SB 998 (Dodd) – Oppose
- **HOT** AB 3178 (Rubio) – Support

Community Services

- AB 1772 (Aguiar-Curry) – Support

- SB 824 (Lara) – Support
- SB 894 (Dodd) – Support

Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations

- SB 1186 (Hill) – Oppose
- SB 1300 (Jackson) – Oppose
- **HOT** AB 748 (Ting) – Oppose
- AB 1749 (Daly) – Oppose Unless Amended

Transportation, Communication & Public Works

- **HOT** SB 833 (McGuire) – Support
- AB 636 (Irwin) – Support
- AB 939 (Low) – Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 2249 (Cooley) – Support
- AB 2681 (Nazarian) – Oppose

Public Safety

- SB 1421 (Skinner) – Oppose Unless Amended
- AB 924 (Bonta) – Oppose
- AB 931 (Weber) – Oppose
- **HOT** AB 2495 (Mayes) – Oppose

Reminder: League Board Will Consider Endorsements for NLC Board and NLC Second Vice President Positions

Endorsement Requests due Aug. 21

August 8, 2018

Are you interested in making a difference for cities by serving in a national leadership position?

Each year the League of California Cities® board of directors invites California city officials who are interested in serving on the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors or as NLC's second vice president to request an endorsement by the League board of directors.

If you are elected to serve, you will automatically also have a seat on the League's board for the duration of your term on the NLC board.

Request for Endorsement Application Process

The League's board of directors will consider requests for endorsements received by the submission deadline when it meets on Thursday, Sept. 13, during the League's annual conference.

The request for endorsement form is available on [League website](#), in board of directors section. The deadline to submit the request for endorsement form is Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m.

Please submit endorsement applications by email to [Pam Herrera](#) or by mail:

League of California Cities
Attn: Pam Herrera
1400 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

NLC Board Application Contact Information

Applications for the NLC board of directors and second vice president will be available from NLC on Aug. 13. For questions, please contact [Carla Smith](#), NLC program manager at (202) 626-3179.