

CITYWORKS

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Garden Grove Moves Into Stage 2

The Governor recently ordered mandatory water use restrictions for the first time in California history and called for a 25% reduction in statewide water use. While Garden Grove water customers have already made great progress, there is still more work to be done in order to manage our most precious natural resource.

One of the new state mandates ordered local water agencies to set watering day limits. Garden Grove water customers have received notice of the City's declaration of a Stage 2 Mandatory Conservation Water Alert, which will affect outdoor watering schedules. Several of the Stage 2 restrictions are highlighted below, while the full list can be found at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw/water:

- Lawn watering is permitted only on designated irrigation days before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Lawn watering with auto sprinkler systems is permitted for only 15 minutes per day, per station, unless low-flow drip systems or weather-based controllers are used.
- Car washing, filling pools, and the watering of: golf courses, parks, schools, and recreation fields is permitted only on designated irrigation days before 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Car washing, when allowed, must be done by use of a hand-held hose with a shut-off nozzle or a hand-held container.

City staff is in the process of revising the designated irrigation days and watering hours, which are scheduled to take effect August 2015. If approved, the new designated irrigation days will be Tuesdays and Saturdays for all customers. Currently, a designated irrigation day is determined by the last digit in the street address. Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on even-numbered days of the month. Odd-numbered addresses are allowed to water on odd-numbered days of the month.

The City has stopped watering all turf in medians and will eventually replace it with drought tolerant plants and water-efficient irrigation systems. The City has also partnered with the Municipal Water District of Orange County to provide residential and commercial customers with rebates for water-saving devices. For more rebate information, please visit www.ocwatersmart.com.



2015 marks the fourth consecutive year of one of the worst droughts in California history



Local Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Lauded

In 2005, Garden Grove resident Tibor Rubin was awarded the nation's most prestigious military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his heroic actions during the Korean War. Last year, the United States Post Office unveiled a Forever Stamps Prestige Folio depicting the 13 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, including Rubin, at a special recognition ceremony held in Garden Grove.

This spring, the City paid tribute to his courage and valor with an unveiling of a commissioned bronze bust of Rubin as a U.S. Army rifleman, and the official naming of the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library, located at 11962 Bailey Street.

Corporal Rubin's Congressional citation recognizes his gallant actions and unyielding bravery when he single-handedly waged a 24-hour battle slowing an enemy advance, allowing his regiment to complete its withdrawal successfully. Rubin was later severely wounded and sent to a Chinese prison camp. Despite offers from the enemy to return him to his native Hungary, Rubin remained a POW, because of his desire to care for captured soldiers. He risked torture and possible death by escaping at night to steal food and medical supplies for his comrades. Rubin's selfless efforts are directly credited with saving the lives of 40 of his fellow prisoners.



GGPD Passing the Torch

This summer, the Special Olympics World Games hit home – Garden Grove. The “Flame of Hope,” ignited in May, in Athens, Greece, will be passing through our community, courtesy of the police department, on Monday, July 20. Each year, more than 90,000 law enforcement members from the U.S., Canada, and 44 other countries, contribute to the Torch Run, including the Garden Grove Police Department.

This year’s Games have a special local connection, because they’re being hosted in Los Angeles. During the one-hour stop in Garden Grove, City Council members and Police Chief Todd Elgin will greet Special Olympic athletes. The torch will then continue onto L.A., where all routes meet for the Opening Ceremony on July 25. For more information about the Law Enforcement Torch Run, and its stop in Garden Grove, please contact Corporal Nick Jensen at (714) 741-5922.

Passport Services Discontinued

For the past 10 years, the City Clerk’s Office has been offering passport services to the community. In light of the fact that there are 48 locations within a 10-mile radius of Garden Grove City Hall, coupled with a reduction in City Clerk’s Office staffing, and a lowered fee collection mandated by the State Department, it has become necessary to eliminate this service. This will take effect July 1. The Orange County Clerk’s Office, the Santa Ana Library, and the Garden Grove post office all offer these services on some Saturdays as well as evenings. For more information: (877) 487-2778 or www.travel.state.gov



Stars in the Sky and on the Screen

This summer, Community Services is pulling back the curtain to reveal a new program, “Movie Nights in the Park,” at the Village Green. Bring the family, neighbors, chairs and a blanket, for a free evening of entertainment. The movies will start at 7:45 p.m., with kid-friendly activities kicking off at 6:30 p.m.

Screening first, on July 2, is “McFarland USA,” starring Kevin Costner, and based on a true story of a 1987 cross-country high school team which, despite incredible odds, win a state championship. On August 20, “Big Hero 6” hits the portable screen. This computer-animated film tells the story of a young robotics prodigy who forms a superhero team to combat a masked villain.

The Village Green is located at 12732 Main Street. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information, please call the Recreation Division at (714) 741-5200.

Elizabeth II, Takes Root

Almost a year has passed since the removal of "Elizabeth," an 80-year-old California Pepper Tree, so named by neighbors after its location on Elizabeth Lane and Stanford Avenue. Stricken with Cankers, a wood-decaying disease that completely destroyed the tree's interior, Elizabeth was deemed a public safety hazard and removed last summer. In its honor, another California Pepper Tree was planted on Arbor Day, right where the original tree once stood.



The decision to plant another California Pepper was made by voters of a two-week survey that appeared on the City's and Public Works Department's Facebook pages. The California Pepper is drought-tolerant and recognizable by its rustic look, weeping branches, and knotted trunk.

55 Days of Summer

Now that school's out, keep the kids healthy and happy this summer with the help of the City's Day Camp. The 11-week program runs from June 22 to September 4, and is open to kids ages 5 through 12. The cost is \$95 a week, and hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The fee includes daily creative activities and games, free snacks, Friday lunch, and a commemorative t-shirt. Each week, an exciting excursion is offered for an additional charge.



Day Camp is a great opportunity for kids to create lasting memories and friendships, while learning valuable character traits like sportsmanship, self-confidence, and team-building. Parents can register weekly or for the entire summer. Call the Recreation Division at (714) 741-5200 or visit City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

City Calendar

City Hall Closures

June 12, 26
July 3, 10, 24
August 7, 21
September 4, 7, 18

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