

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

January 23, 2020

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM SECURITY DEPOSIT

The Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Ordinance is briefly summarized for your information.

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

A. OC Streetcar construction news for the week of January 20, 2020.

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 C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Program Security Deposit

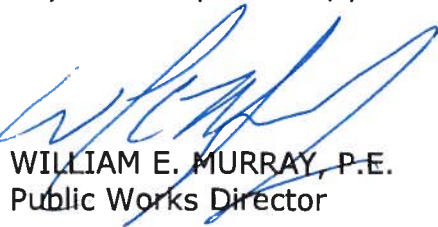
From: William E. Murray
Dept.: Public Works
Date: January 15, 2020

On January 22, 2019, a Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Ordinance was adopted as part of the California Green Building Standards Code and Waste Management Act recycling requirements. The program includes a requirement for refundable security deposits, diversion plans and diversion reporting, that will assist the City in monitoring and obtaining compliance. This program will further assist the City in demonstrating its compliance with Waste Management Act diversion requirements. In anticipation of additional revisions to the State's regulations expected to increase the diversion requirement to 75%, the proposed ordinance will require the diversion "as set forth by State law and regulations."

On January 1, 2020, Public Works and the Community Development Department began collecting refundable security deposits for all qualified construction projects. This is in addition to the existing non-refundable administrative processing fee of \$170 collected for each diversion plan. The deposit fee schedule is as follows:

- Small Projects (Valuation of \$10,000 and under) \$500
- Large Projects (Valuation over \$10,000) \$1,000

The security deposit refund will be issued once all recycled materials demonstrate compliance. Failure to submit required documents will result in forfeiture of the security deposit. These collected funds will be allocated towards recycling and landfill related activities (e.g. public outreach, labor, software tracking). Should you have any further questions, please call AJ Holmon III at extension 5956.



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

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Fwd: Construction News

From :Scott Stiles <sstiles@ggcity.org>

Mon, Jan 20, 2020 12:19 PM

Subject Fwd: Construction News

To : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Meena: for Mgr's memo. Thx. Scott

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: OC Streetcar <ocstreetcar@octa.net>

Date: January 20, 2020 at 10:00:36 AM PST

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

Subject: Construction News

Reply-To: ocstreetcar@octa.net



Construction News Week of January 20, 2020

Two-Hour Free Parking

Since December 1, the first two hours of parking are free in parking structures in Downtown Santa Ana.

Sewer Installation

Sewer installation work continues along the project route with activities including excavation, trenching, installation of sewer pipelines, and road work and restoration. Sewer installation work requires temporary parking and lane restrictions. Drivers traveling to downtown Santa Ana and to the Santa Ana Transportation Center from the 5 Freeway will encounter detours on Santa Ana Boulevard to accommodate the work activity. Please leave extra time.

Traffic Light/ Pole Replacement

Crews will continue work to install replacement traffic signal foundations along the project route, with potholing activities in Segment 4 and Segment 5. Construction activities will require temporary lane

closures and parking restrictions.

Water Pipeline Work

Crews will also continue to perform water pipeline work and storm drain installation work along the project route, which requires temporary lane and sidewalk restrictions.

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses.

For specific work activities in your area, see the segment overviews and maps below. All scheduled activities are weather permitting and are subject to change.

Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del proyecto del OC Streetcar, llame a Robert Chevez al (909) 714-0172.



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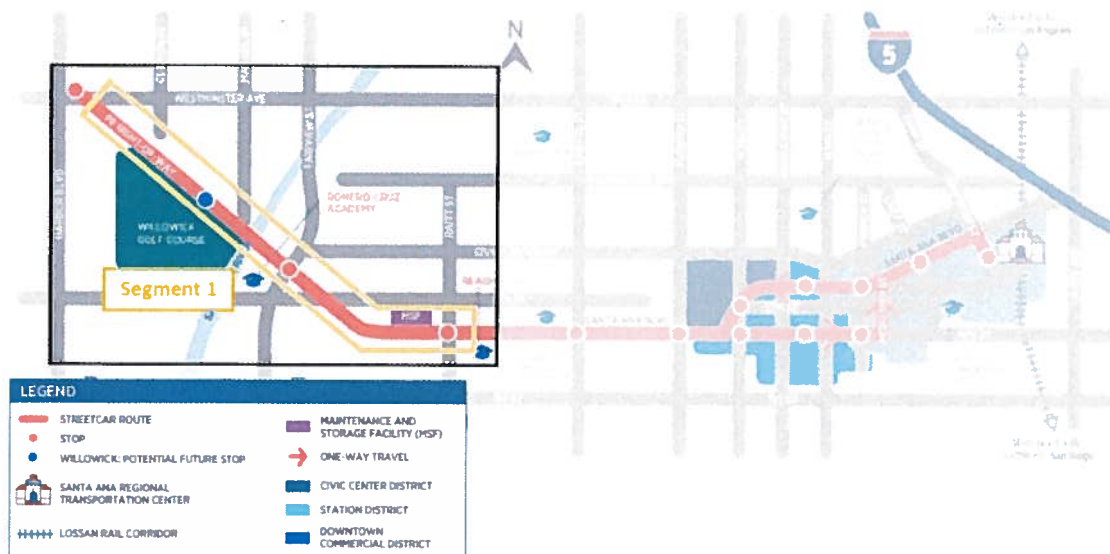
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SEGMENT 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Westminster Ave. to Raitt St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 1 construction activities will include:

- Preliminary work at the site of the future Maintenance Storage Facility
- Work within Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)
- Santa Ana River Bridge construction
- Westminster Avenue Bridge construction



SEGMENT 2 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

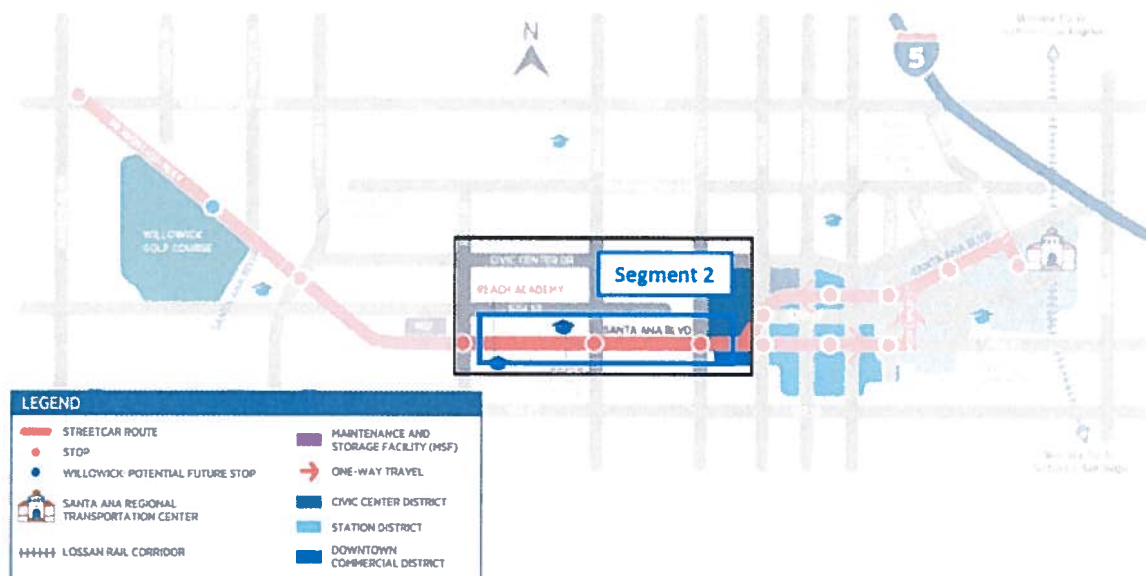
Raitt St. to Parton St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 2 construction activities will include:

- Water pipeline work and installation on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, from Shelton Street to Parton Street
- Storm drain installation on Raitt Street, from 1st Street to W. Santa Ana Boulevard
- Waterline tie-ins on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, from Baker Street to Shelton Street, which will require temporary, short-term water service interruptions, lasting under one hour

Water pipeline work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard. If visiting residents or businesses in the work zone, please ask crews to assist you in accessing the driveways. They can pull plates over the work area to facilitate entering and exiting.

Storm drain installation will require a temporary closure of the northbound lane on Raitt Street from 1st Street to Santa Ana Boulevard. Both northbound and southbound traffic on Raitt Street will be shifted to the southbound lane. Temporary parking restrictions on Raitt Street will also be in place from 1st Street to Santa Ana Boulevard.



SEGMENT 3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

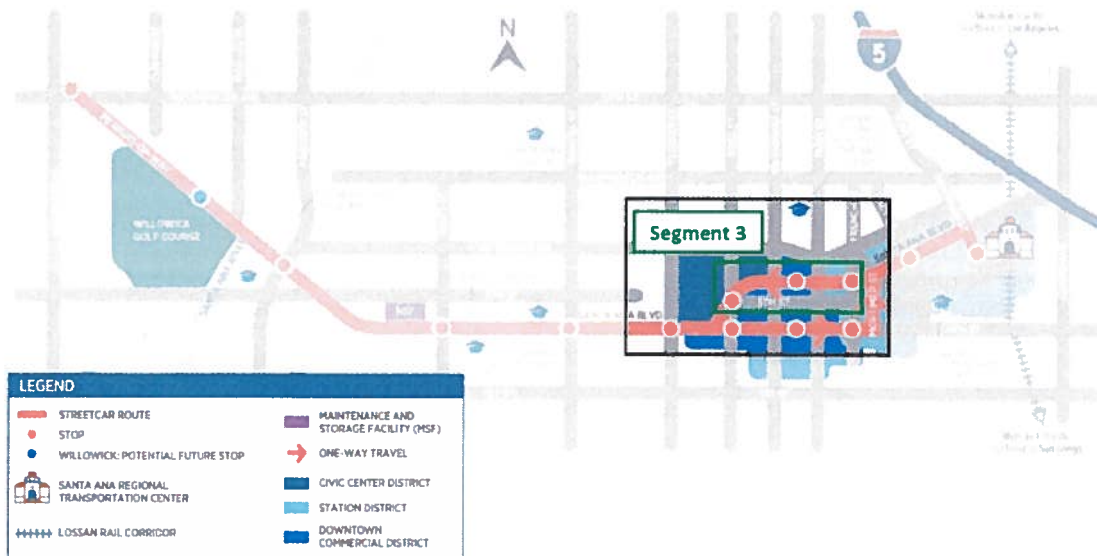
Over the next two weeks, Segment 3 construction activities will include:

- Water pipeline testing in Sasser Park
- Water pipeline testing at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Ross Street
- Water pipeline installation and testing at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Broadway
- Water pipeline installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Main Street
- Potholing for storm drain installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Ross Street
- Storm drain installation at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Sycamore Street
- Storm drain installation at the intersection of 6th Street and Mortimer Street
- Potholing for traffic light/pole replacement on Santa Ana Boulevard, from Ross Street to Mortimer Street

Water pipeline work will generally move west to east and will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard.

Storm drain installation work will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures.

Work to install replacement traffic signal foundations will require temporary lane closures and parking restrictions on Santa Ana Boulevard.



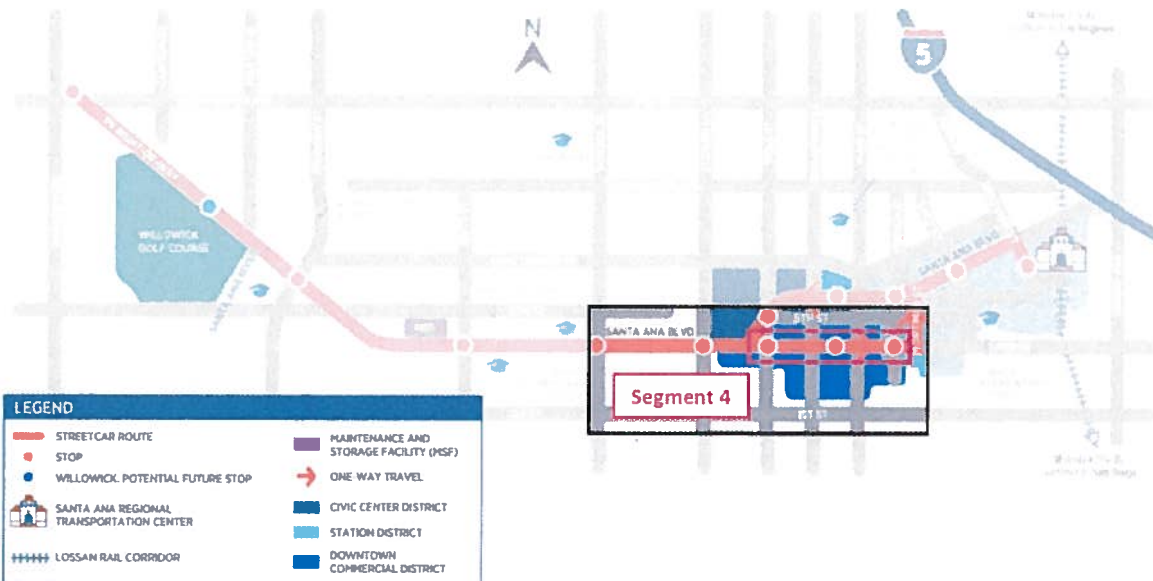
SEGMENT 4 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 4 construction activities will include:

- Potholing for traffic light/pole replacement on 4th Street, from Ross Street to Mortimer Street

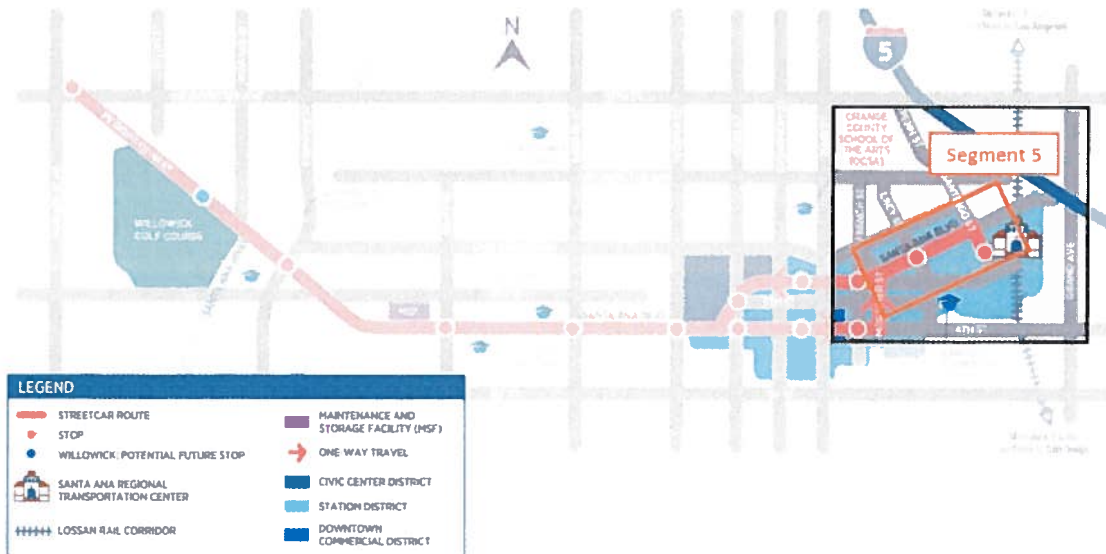
Work to install replacement traffic signal foundations will require temporary lane closures and parking restrictions on 4th Street.



SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Mortimer St. to SARTC

No construction activities are anticipated in Segment 5 over the next two weeks.



Safety of the crews and community is our top priority. Please slow down near work sites and follow pedestrian instructions.

About the Project

OC Streetcar is the first modern streetcar project to be built in Orange County and will serve Santa Ana's historic and thriving downtown, which includes federal, state and local courthouses, government offices, colleges, an artists' village and a thriving restaurant scene. Expected to begin carrying passengers in 2022, it will operate along a 4.15-mile route that connects the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminister Avenue in Garden Grove.

To share this e-blast, forward this [link](#)

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GGUSD Pride: Latinos Unidos Leadership Conference, Choose Wellness Event, Athlete and Coach Recognition, Innovation Lab, No Screens Night, and More

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

Wed, Jan 22, 2020 04:45 PM

Subject: GGUSD Pride: Latinos Unidos Leadership Conference, Choose Wellness Event, Athlete and Coach Recognition, Innovation Lab, No Screens Night, and More

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

Reply To: pio_department <pio_department@ggusd.us>

January 22, 2020



#GGUSDPRIDE E-newsletter

The #GGUSDPRIDE 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 Latinos Unidos Conference Prepares Young Leaders for Success



The seventh annual GGUSD Latino Unidos Conference was held January 11 on the campus of California State University, Fullerton with more than 300 students in attendance. The conference is organized by district-level Latinos Unidos student board members to provide leadership training and help students prepare for academic, personal, and lifelong success.

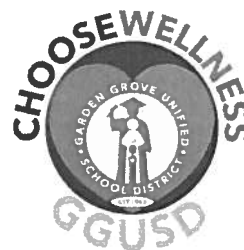


During the leadership conference, students attended a networking fair and exchanged business cards with area professionals, learned about community resources and Latino organizations, and were introduced to potential part-time job opportunities after high school. Students attended workshops on topics like goal setting, Latinx scholarships, embracing biliteracy, social media and mental health, the pathway to college, overcoming obstacles, and others.

[Click here for more.](#)

Save the Date for GGUSD's Choose Wellness Event on January 30th

GGUSD's Board of Education invites families, intermediate and high school students, and staff to attend its first *Choose Wellness* event on January 30 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Alamitos Intermediate School, 12381 Dale Street in Garden Grove. Hosted by Vice President Teri Rocco, the event will feature a resource fair and more than 20 wellness workshops on topics like suicide prevention, stress reduction, mental health



services, healthy relationships, cyber-bullying prevention, and more.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

[Click here for more details about the event!](#)



Coaches and Athletes of Character

At its January 21 meeting, the Board of Education recognized 14 GGUSD Athletes and Coaches of Character who help develop and enrich GGUSD athletic programs by modeling respect, teamwork, and a winning attitude.

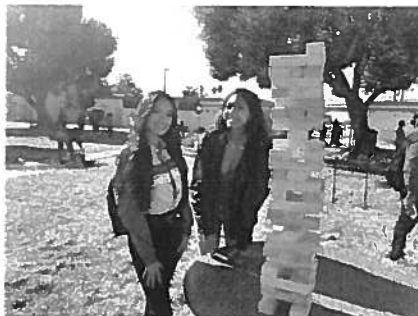
[Click here to find out who was recognized!](#)

Lawrence Students Benefit from Parent Engagement



The team at Lawrence Elementary School wholeheartedly believes that parent and community partnerships benefit students in many ways that include and extend beyond academic performance. Lawrence has a dedicated and enthusiastic group of parent volunteers who play organized games with students during lunch/recess three times each week. This school-home partnership benefits both parents and students. Research shows that when parents are involved at schools, students are more likely to have higher grades, better attendance, and stronger social skills.

Hare High School Celebrates School Values with Festival



Hare High School recently held a PBIS Festival for students, staff, and community to come together and celebrate being part of the Hare family or the Hare Huskie PACK. PACK stands for Persevere, Attentive, Cooperative, and Kind, all characteristics that students and staff strive for on a day to day basis. During the festival, students played sports, yard games, and trivia, and enjoyed cotton candy and other treats.

GGUSD is Committed to Supporting Students' Emotional Well-Being

GGUSD is committed to providing all students with socio-emotional supports! We treat all students as our own children



and have programs in place to foster a warm and welcoming culture at our schools. Watch our video to learn more.

Stanford Students Eager to Use School's New Innovation Lab



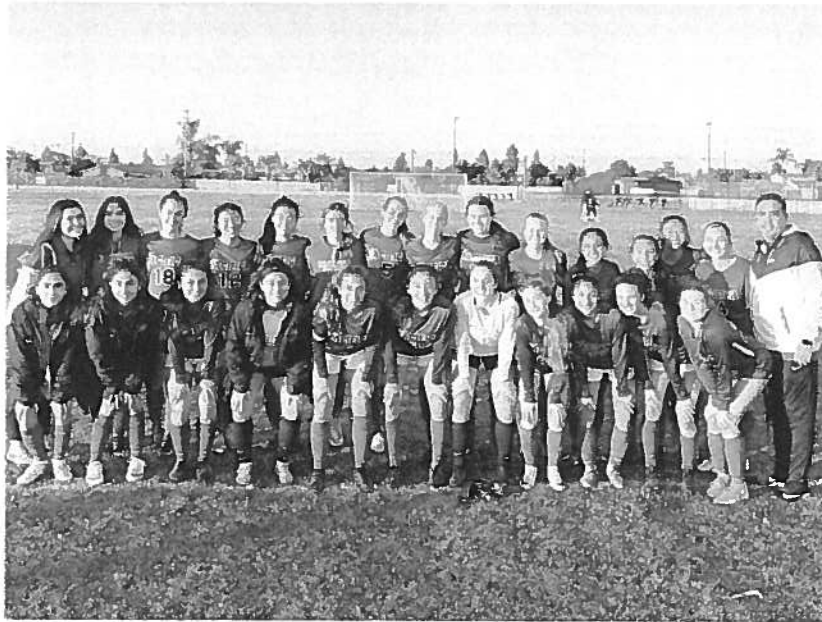
Stanford Elementary School staff and students are excited for the upcoming opening of the school's Innovation Lab in February! This space will support STEAM education, which focuses on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. It will be home to a green screen, 3D printers, robots, and a Makerspace. The Makerspace provides hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, build, and invent. Teachers will be able to bring their classes to the lab and have students engage in experiential activities that support our curriculum and state standards. Stanford Stallions are 21st century learners!

Doig Students Build Connections at No Screens Night



Doig Intermediate School has many robust programs in place to support students and family with socio-emotional well-being. Recently, the school hosted its popular No Screens Night, where families and students come together for a night of music, games, and treats, free from electronic devices. The event is sponsored by the school's AVID Family Council and allows students, families, staff, and community members to build relational capacity and enjoy interacting with each other. At the end of the fun night, students' names are entered into a raffle where they can walk away with many of the games that were used during the night.

Strong Start to the Season for Pacifica Girls' Soccer Team



The Pacifica girls soccer team is off to an amazing start this season. The team is currently unbeaten and has a 9-0-1 record. They are not only ranked #9 in the CIF-SS's top division, but they are #7 in California and #23 in the nation! Good luck the rest of the way Mariners! #GGUSD Pride

Health Fair for GGUSD Employees

Employees and their families are encouraged to attend GGUSD's 2020 Health Fair on Monday, January 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the district office annex parking lot. The event will feature free health screenings, interactive activities, fitness demonstrations, food trucks with a variety of delicious healthy treats, raffle prizes galore (prizes will align with healthy mind, healthy body, healthy home themes), and much more. Please, save the date for January 27. We hope to see you there!



Please Join the Board of Education for a Choose Wellness GGUSD Event

Hosted By: Vice President Teri Rocco



Parents and teens are invited to attend the Choose Wellness GGUSD Trustee Event which will feature a Resource Fair and two forty-minute Wellness Workshops. Attendees can choose from a variety of workshops covering topics focused on:

- Student Wellness
- Motivation
- Mental Health and Socio-Emotional Well-being
- School Climate and Culture

When?
Where?

January 30, 2020, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Alamitos Intermediate School
12381 Dale St., Garden Grove



This event is part of GGUSD's "Choose Wellness" campaign, which was launched in 2019 to increase awareness of mental health and wellness and equip students, staff, and families with resources that address students' motivation, socio-emotional well-being, and school climate and culture. There are many ways to get involved in the "Choose Wellness" campaign.

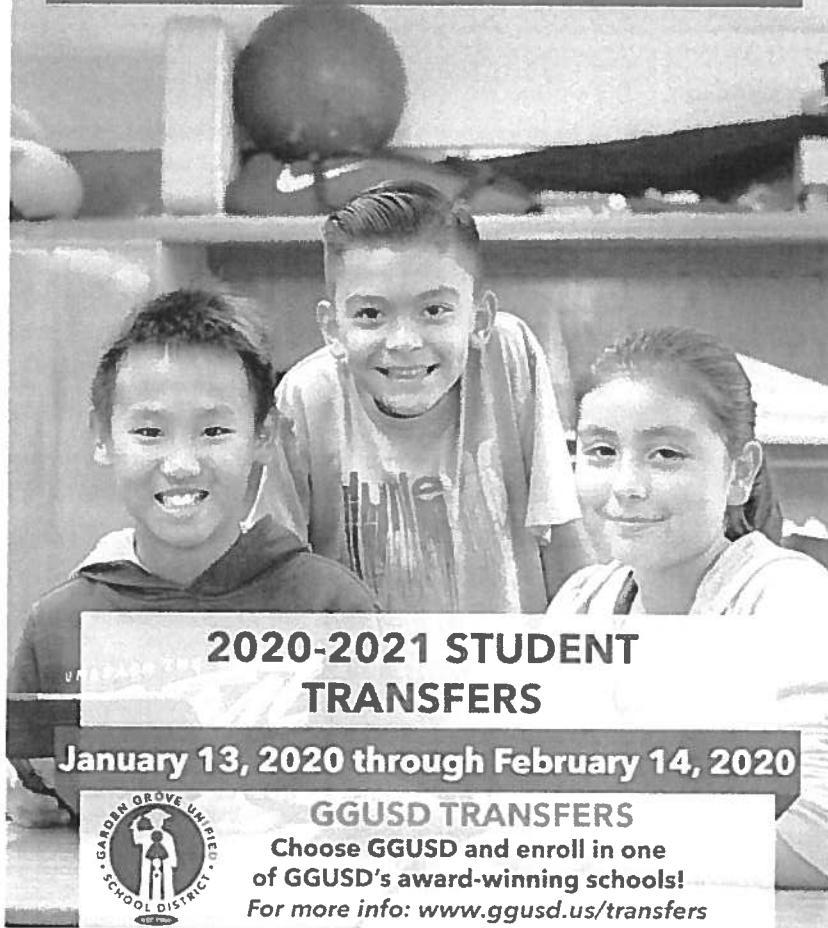
Visit www.ggusd.us/choosewellness for more.

RSVP!

Please sign-up to attend at <https://ggusd.us/rsvp/cwe>

Click Here to RSVP


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**2020-2021 STUDENT
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January 13, 2020 through February 14, 2020

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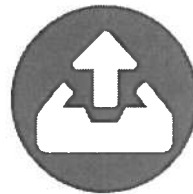
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**SOCIAL MEDIA
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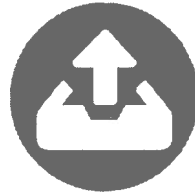
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	 <p>Wed 1/22/2020 1:30 pm PST Do you have your ticket to this year's State of the City? The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of</p> <p>Post</p>	1,103	1,105	4%	44	12	0	3
	 <p>Wed 1/22/2020 8:46 am PST JOIN US.... tonight, January 22, 6:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, in the Constitution</p> <p>Post</p>	1,435	1,436	5%	72	9	0	4
	 <p>Tue 1/21/2020 2:45 pm PST The City of Garden Grove is currently accepting online applications for positions in the Community Service</p> <p>Post</p>	1,394	1,422	10.2%	142	28	0	7
	 <p>Tue 1/21/2020 8:58 am PST The community is invited to participate in the Fair Housing Choice (AI) workshop and provide input. Thi</p> <p>Post</p>	549	538	2.6%	14	3	1	1

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	 <p>Mon 1/20/2020 8:00 am PST Today, we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for his courageous and tireless work toward</p> <p>AP Post by Ana P.</p>	671	662	2.1%	14	6	0	0
	 <p>Sun 1/19/2020 10:00 am PST Help develop the foundations for a long-term strategy that will identify the city's vulnerability to natural</p> <p>AP Post by Ana P.</p>	1,927	1,941	6.3%	122	14	2	2
	 <p>Thu 1/16/2020 4:31 pm PST</p> <p>f Post</p>	1,534	1,528	11.1%	171	9	2	0
	 <p>Thu 1/16/2020 10:56 am PST Just a friendly reminder that #GardenGrove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be</p> <p>f Post</p>	1,255	1,223	2.1%	26	9	0	3












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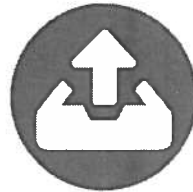
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	 <p>Tue 1/21/2020 9:07 am PST If you think you've got what it takes to be a #hero, there's still time. Go to http://ggpd.org/join and submit</p> <p> Post</p>	2,208	2,216	6.8%	150	43	4	8
	 <p>Mon 1/20/2020 8:00 am PST Happy #MartinLutherKing Day. In observance of the Holiday, our front desk and administrative offices are</p> <p> Post</p>	3,115	3,001	7%	219	93	18	8
	 <p>Thu 1/16/2020 12:00 pm PST Are you already in your career, but it isn't law enforcement? And, you never got to fulfill your dreams to be a</p> <p> Post</p>	2,972	2,855	8.4%	250	54	9	6















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	 <p>Wed 1/22/2020 2:19 pm PST Do you have your ticket to this year's State of the City? The event takes place on Wed,1/29, 11AM-1PM, at t</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,284	0	0	309	0	0	0
	 <p>Wed 1/22/2020 8:47 am PST JOIN US.... tonight,1/22,6PM,at the GG Community Meeting Center, in the Constitution Room, for the Local</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,284	0	0	378	1	0	0
	 <p>Tue 1/21/2020 2:46 pm PST The City of Garden Grove is currently accepting online applications for positions in the Community Service</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,285	0	0	430	2	0	0
	 <p>Tue 1/21/2020 9:00 am PST The community is invited to participate in the Fair Housing Choice (AI) workshops and provide input. T</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,286	1	0	452	1	1	0

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	 <p>Sun 1/19/2020 10:00 am PST Help develop the foundations for a strategy that will identify the city's vulnerability to natural disasters &</p> <p> Tweet by Ana P.</p>	3,285	1	0	554	1	1	0
	<p>Thu 1/16/2020 4:40 pm PST @topshelfsports has partnered with SteelCraft Garden Grove to bring you a supreme Melee event experience unlike any before -- Smash at</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,260	6	0	1,109	22	6	0
	 <p>Thu 1/16/2020 11:00 am PST Just a friendly reminder that #GardenGrove City Hall & H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed ne</p> <p> Tweet</p>	3,282	0	0	726	2	0	0

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NEWS ARTICLES

Celebrations abound in SoCal

By Fielding Buck
fbuck@scng.com
@pefbuck on Twitter

Lunar New Year celebrations in Southern California are already underway and last into February.

This year's Lunar New Year falls on Saturday, based on the appearance of the new moon.

Lunar New Year is a major holiday in Asian cultures. It's also called Chinese New Year and Tet, or Vietnamese New Year.

The holiday climaxes with the Lantern Festival, which falls on Feb. 8, 15 days after the new moon.

The year 2020 is the Year of the Rat in Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean zodiacs. The Rat represents wealth, surplus and luxury, according to zodiac websites.

Lunar New Year celebrations are filled with bright red and gold decorations and colorful traditions such as lion and dragon dances.

Here is a sampling of what's going on around Southern California, listed by county in chronological order.



A drum group was first on the opening ceremonies bill at the UVSA Tet Festival that was held last February at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

PHOTO BY BILL ALKOFER



Angela Wang, 5, of Montclair approves of her face painting during Ontario Mills' Lunar New Year celebration.

CINDY YAMANAKA — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tustin

Admission: Free
Information: thedistricttl.com

Little Saigon Tet Parade

What: Parade with the theme "The Power of Unity," skydivers carrying U.S. and South Vietnamese flags, a 1973 Huey helicopter, dragon dancers with fireworks and traditional drummers.

When: 9 a.m.-noon, Jan. 26

Where: Westminster Avenue between Brookhurst and Euclid streets, Garden Grove

Admission: Free.

Information: tetparade.org

Little Saigon Tet Parade

What: Annual Westminster parade under new organization this year.

When: 8-11:30 a.m. Saturday

Where: Bolsa Avenue between Magnolia and Bushard streets, Westminster

Admission: Free.

Information: littlesaigontet.com

Pacific Symphony

What: Annual holiday concert featuring the Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto by He Zhanhao and Chen Gang, new compositions, and favorites from throughout the world.

When: 8 p.m., Saturday

Where: Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa.

Tickets: \$26-\$198.

Information: pacificsymphony.org, sc-fta.org

Pretend City

What: Learning experience at a children's museum in Irvine.

When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday

Where: 29 Hubble, Irvine

Admission: \$13.95

Information: 949-428-3000; pretendcity.org

Outlets at San Clemente

What: Live entertainment, lion dances, martial arts and interactive activities.

When: Saturday

Where: 101 W. Avenida Vista Hermosa, San Clemente

Admission: Free

Information: 949-535-2323, outletsatsancllemente.com

The District at Tustin Legacy

What: Lion dancers, crafts and entertainment

When: Noon-2 p.m.

Saturday

Where: 2437 Park Ave.

When: Centerpiece exhibit will be on display Thursday-Feb. 9; entertainment and activities will be Saturday-Jan. 26 and Feb. 1-2.

Where: 3333 Bristol St., Costa Mesa

Admission: Free

Information: 800-782-8888, southcoastplaza.com

UVSA Tet Festival

What: Vietnamese Lunar New Year celebration put on by the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations. Attractions include a talent show, pho and egg-eating contests, and a replica of a traditional village.

When: 4-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 4-10 p.m., 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 26

Where: OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa

Admission: 10

Information: tetfestival.org

ORANGE COUNTY

Asian Garden Mall

What: Flower Festival with exotic plants and trees for sale.

When: Through Thursday

Where: 9200 Bolsa Ave., Westminster

Information: 714-842-8018, asiangardenmall.com

South Coast Plaza

What: Celebration including an exhibit adorned with 20 rats, live entertainment, and children's crafts

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January 19, 2020

ORANGE COUNTY

Toxic chemicals force closure of water wells

By Martin Wisckol

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The Orange County Water District, which serves 2.5 million county residents, expects to see nearly a third of the 200 groundwater wells in its service area shut down by year's end because of the presence of toxic PFAS, a chemical family linked to cancer, liver and kidney damage, low birth weight and other health problems.

Nine of those wells have already been closed and 32 more are expected to be closed in coming weeks as state regulators continue to lower acceptable thresholds for the chemicals, according to district officials. As many as 31 additional wells could be shut down after testing is

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expanded later this year. While water districts throughout the state are shuttering wells because of the chemicals, the Orange County Water District's service area is one of the largest and one of the most affected. It manages a groundwater basin that provides 77 percent of the water used by 19 member agencies, which pump the water from wells in central and north Orange County.

PFAS chemicals received nationwide attention in last year's docudrama "Dark Waters," starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway. It portrayed a DuPont plant in West Virginia mishandling PFAS-tainted waste that was subsequently blamed for the deaths of livestock and wildlife, as well as human cancer and other illnesses.

The victims referenced in the movie were exposed to thousands of times more PFAS than the amounts found in California water supplies, which are typically exposed to PFAS pollution by treated sewage released into rivers and runoff from landfills, airports and military bases.

"The concentrations found in western waters like the Orange County aquifer are orders of magnitude lower than in 'Dark Waters,'" said Yorba Linda Water District General Manager Marc Marcantonio. His organization is one of the Orange County Water District's 19 member agencies and is prepared to close all 11 of its wells if, as expected, the state announces new, more stringent thresholds.

But even tiny amounts of PFAS can potentially have health consequences.

The Orange County Water District launched a \$1.4 million pilot treatment project in December to identify the best type of filter to remove all traces of PFAS. The district will then construct treatment facilities in each of its nine member districts that have reported the chemicals in their well water and possibly two more districts that could report detections when testing is expanded.

"We're hoping to have them all up and running in two years," said Michael Markus, general manager of the Orange County Water District.

In the interim, affected districts are importing more water from northern California and the Colorado River. Imported water, which has tested PFAS-free, costs nearly twice as much as local groundwater. Adding the construction and operation of PFAS treatment facilities to local groundwater costs would be a nomi-



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STAFF FILE PHOTO

The California Aqueduct, seen here in the Antelope Valley, will likely be sending a lot more water to Orange County this year as PFAS chemicals are expected to force closure of dozens of local groundwater wells.

nal increase compared with the price of imports, Markus said.

Potent toxins

The man-made PFAS chemicals were developed in the 1940s and have been used to help waterproof and stainproof clothes, shoes, furniture and carpets, to make nonstick cookware, to fortify cardboard food containers and paper food wrappers, to improve the firefighting foam used at airports and to assist in the process of chrome plating.

But there's growing documentation of PFAS-related health risks.

While thousands of chemicals are found in the PFAS family and many are attracting scrutiny, attention has focused most keenly on Pefluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS). Starting in the early 2000s, manufacturers began phasing out the use of both PFOA and PFOS, which are no longer manufactured in the United States.

The prevalence of PFAS has resulted in trace amounts being found in the blood of 98% of people 12 and older, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Called "forever chemicals" because they resist breaking down in nature and in the human body, the state's advisories for acceptable levels of PFAS for water districts are minuscule — and shrinking.

In July 2018, the state Division of Drinking Water established a requirement that cities and counties be notified by their water agencies if PFOA appeared in water in concentrations of 14 parts per trillion and for PFOS, 13 parts per trillion. By last August, those amounts were lowered to 5.1 parts per trillion for PFOA and 6.5 parts per trillion for PFOS.

WHO'S AFFECTED

Testing has identified toxic PFAS chemical in the wells the nine member agencies of the Orange County Water District, listed below. Two more — Golden State Water Co. and the city of Tustin — could be added to the list when testing is expanded to more wells later this year. As many as 71 of the 200 wells in the Orange County Water District are expected to be taken offline by the end of the year, with the water replaced by more costly imported flows until new treatment facilities are constructed.

Most districts with some or all of their wells shut down will face increased costs because of the imported water that will compensate

One part per trillion is about the same as four grains of sugar in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Since last year, the state has recommended closing wells if combined levels of PFOA and PFAS reached 70 parts per trillion. That threshold, dubbed the "response level," is expected to be lowered to 10 parts per trillion for PFOA and 40 parts per trillion for PFOS.

"We're anticipating they will make the change in the first week of February," Markus said.

In addition to the Division of Drinking Water lowering thresholds, state lawmakers passed a law effective Jan. 1 requiring water agencies to note the detection of any level of PFAS in the annual water quality reports they issue to consumers. Before this year, there was no requirement that consumers be notified.

The law also says that if response levels are reached and wells aren't shut down, each customer must be no-

for the loss. There will also be much smaller net costs to cover the cost of the treatment plants. It is unclear exactly how much of these costs will be passed on to customers.

Here are the nine agencies that have closed wells or are expected to close wells in the next month:

- Anaheim (city)
- East Orange County Water District
- Fullerton (city)
- Garden Grove (city)
- Irvine Ranch Water District, Orange (city)
- Santa Ana (city)
- Serrano Water District
- Yorba Linda Water District

tified. However, water officials interviewed for this report said it's unlikely a district would keep such a well operating.

While PFAS testing ordered by the state last year targeted wells with the highest likelihood of contamination, a broader range of testing orders is anticipated later this year and more wells are expected to reach the updated response levels.

The Division of Drinking Water takes its cues for lowering thresholds from the state Office Of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, according to division Assistant Deputy Director Daniel Newton.

Last August, the environmental health office issued a report that said 0.1 parts per trillion of PFOA in drinking water would pose, at most, a one in 1 million risk of cancer. For PFOS, 0.4 parts per trillion poses the same cancer risk. These cancer risk estimates were based on a new draft federal toxicology study performed on ro-

perussions other than cancer were set at 2 parts per trillion for PFOA and 7 parts per trillion for PFOS.

Water bill hikes

The Orange County Water District's pilot treatment project in Anaheim is expected to be concluded by the end of the year, while a coinciding study is identifying specific locations for the treatment facilities.

Total construction costs, estimated at \$180 million to \$200 million, will be initially covered by the Orange County Water District, with construction-related increases in water costs likely to be shared by customers in all 19 member agencies, including the eight that aren't expecting to find any PFAS in their wells.

"It's all for one and one for all," said Markus, noting that none of the eight unaffected agencies has complained about the financing plan.

Operation and maintenance costs will be split between Orange County Water District and each agency with a treatment facility. Markus estimated the average home in a district with PFAS treatment will pay \$3 more a month for water, while the average home in a non-PFAS district will pay \$1 more a month.

A larger — but shorter — financial pressure will come in the two years or so until those treatment facilities are up and running, as PFAS contaminated water is replaced by costlier imported water.

For water districts that have shut down or will shut down all of their wells, the increase could hit \$20 more a month for the average residence, according to the Orange County Water District. It would be less for districts that close only some of their

wells. However, not all of the cost will necessarily be passed on to customers.

When the East Orange County Water District shut down its two wells last year, it avoided bill increases by deferring all nonessential projects. Yorba Linda Water District's Marcantonio said bill hikes are likely "but it is too early to estimate the amount of such an increase."

The current expansion of Orange County Water District's pioneering Groundwater Replenishment System, in which purified, PFAS-free wastewater is pumped into the groundwater basin, will not be affected by the PFAS situation, Markus said.

And prospects of the still-unapproved Poseidon desalination plant proposed for Huntington Beach would be neither bolstered nor hurt by PFAS, said John Kennedy, Orange County Water District's executive director of engineering and water resources. He characterized PFAS as "a temporary issue." Once the treatment plants are in place, groundwater will resume flowing as it had before the problem was identified.

Orange County has more wells with reportable levels of PFAS than Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties combined. It's suspected that is largely a result of treated wastewater that flows into the Santa Ana River from the Inland Empire and settles into Orange County's groundwater basin. While wastewater from the 10 upstream sewage plants is treated, the process doesn't remove PFAS.

To begin addressing the issue, there's been testing to analyze PFAS levels throughout the Santa Ana River watershed, including the wastewater discharged into the river, said Jason Dadakis, Orange County Water District's executive director of water quality. Results are expected to be released in February.

While the new treatment facilities envisioned for Orange County would remove all PFAS from the targeted groundwater wells, Dadakis also foresees an effort to control the chemicals from upstream sources. With the PFAS treatment plants in Orange County are tentatively anticipated to have a 30-year life span, he envisions a day when there would be no need for them.

"I don't think we want to run the treatment facilities in perpetuity," he said.

But for now, the primary goal is to get the treatment operations running so the extra cost of importing replacement water can be minimized.

"We're doing everything we can to make this as painless as possible and get retailers back to pumping groundwater," Markus said.

Arrest made in missing couple case

Son-in-law of Jesús Rubén López Guillén and Maria Teresa Guillén taken into custody after bodies believed to be theirs are found in Mexico

By Alma Fausto, Jeff Collins
and Jonah Valdez
Staff writers

GARDEN GROVE » Mexican authorities are trying to confirm that two bodies unearthed at a small housing compound in Tijuana were those of a beloved Garden Grove couple reported missing just over

a week ago.

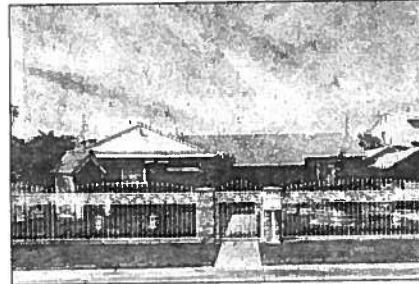
The couple's son-in-law, identified only as Santiago N, 37, is in custody and was expected to be charged with their disappearance at a state court hearing late Saturday, said Deputy Baja California Attorney General Hiram Sanchez Zamora.

Sanchez Zamora said charges

likely will include forcibly detaining someone, but he declined to get more specific on possible accusations.

Jesús Rubén López Guillén, 70, and his wife Maria Teresa Guillén, 65, of Garden Grove were reported missing by their daughter, Norma Lopez, after they went to

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The family home of Jesús Rubén López Guillén and Maria Teresa Guillén. The Garden Grove couple were reported missing after they were last seen on Jan. 10.

PHOTO BY JONAH VALDEZ

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Tijuana on Jan. 10 to collect rent money from their son-in-law but didn't return.

Autopsies were underway Saturday to determine the exact cause of death, Sanchez Zamora said. The Guilléns' daughter was being asked to view the bodies to confirm whether they were indeed her parents.

In Garden Grove, in front of the couple's home, a neighbor described their joyous lives, filled with visiting grandchildren and hearty Christmas and Fourth of July celebrations.

"That's what's devastating; that was the center, right there," said next-door neighbor, Andre Razi, 52, pointing at the forest green-colored house, decorated with a ceramic nameplate bearing the name, "Lopez."

Reported missing

Jesus Guillén is a legal U.S. resident, and Maria Guillén is a naturalized citizen. Authorities said Santiago was deported to Mexico in 2012 for theft, but his wife remained in the United States.

"We believe they are their bodies, but we still can't make a positive identification," Sanchez Zamora said in a phone interview. "Forensic work is underway, after which their daughter will identify them."

Garden Grove police had opened up a missing person case after the Guilléns were reported missing. Garden Grove police Lt. Carl Whitney said their daughter had been tracking her parents through the Find My iPhone app, which last showed the couple at their property in the Colonia Obrero neighborhood south of downtown Tijuana, about four miles from the U.S.-Mexico border.

Then the phone went dead, and she could not track them anymore, Whitney said.

The pair drove their pickup truck to Mexico on the morning of Jan. 10 to collect rent for three small rental houses they own on a single parcel in Tijuana, Sanchez Zamora said.

Santiago, Norma Lopez' husband, was the property manager for three houses and was expected to give the Guilléns 120,000 pesos — or about \$6,425 — in rent collections from the past two years. Currently, Santiago was the sole occupant of the houses, Sanchez Zamora said.

When Mexican authorities questioned Santiago about what happened to his in-laws, he told them he had picked the couple up after they walked across the border, Sanchez Zamora said. He claimed he took them to their houses and took them to the bank to exchange currency, then drove them back to the border.

However there were a "se-

ries of contradictions" in his stories, Sanchez Zamora said.

The Guilléns drove themselves to their houses, Sanchez Zamora said, not Santiago. Then, "they never left."

Sanchez Zamora said it appears Santiago also tried to use the couple's bank cards.

Investigators used "intelligence and technology" to track the Guilléns to their houses, he said, then used a cadaver dog to search for their bodies.

The dog pinpointed a spot inside one of the homes, and investigators started digging. They then found the two bodies buried in the dirt floor of one of the homes.

Do investigators believe Santiago may have killed the couple because he didn't have the 120,000 pesos to give them?

"That's one of the hypotheses," Sanchez Zamora said. It is still under investigation if others were involved in the crime, authorities said.

While family members must make positive identification, the case is "90 percent" solved, Baja California Attorney General Guillermo Ruiz Hernández said during a press conference on Friday.

"We have been able to solve this painful case," Hernandez said.

The family's heart

The Garden Grove home of Jesús and Maria Guillén

sat empty and quiet on Saturday. According to neighbors, that's abnormal.

The house was the heart of their family's activity. The Guilléns' adult children and grandchildren would fill the one-story home every weekend. On weekdays, one of their grandchildren would be dropped off after school.

Razi's wife grew up in the home next door alongside the Guilléns' children. She is close friends with their daughter, Norma. Razi moved into the home after marrying his wife 16 years ago.

He spoke glowingly about the Guilléns and their family, recalling countless holiday celebrations, their home brimming with relatives and friends, food and drinks. On Christmases, Razi remembered the family practicing a traditional Mexican dance on their driveway.

On Fourth of July, Razi and his family would join the Guilléns in their tradition of mounting bicycles, skateboards and scooters, cruising around their block, waving an American flag.

And of course, there were the more mundane, day-to-day interactions. When Razi would return from work, he would see Jesús Guillén watering his lawn. Sometimes they would invite each other to share a beer and talk.

Six months ago, Razi, an air conditioning tech-

nician, was at their home to install a new air conditioner.

"You hungry Andre?" Razi recalled hearing Maria call out from their kitchen as he worked in their attic. She was preparing a home-cooked meal.

When his daughters were younger, they would go over to their backyard and play on their slide set with the Guilléns' grandchildren.

"They can't believe it," Razi said of his teenage daughters. "They're in shock."

He shared in his daughter's disbelief, struggling to make sense of the incident. He had just seen them last week, waving at the couple from his yard. Several days ago, the Guilléns' children called Razi to watch over the house as they made their way to Mexico after the pair had gone missing.

"They're 70 years old. Over money? To spend the rest of your life in prison. It's not worth it. It doesn't even make sense," he said

about the alleged robbery and killing. Razi had never met Santiago, the suspect in the case, but knows his in-laws were kind, generous people.

"I'm gonna' miss 'em," Razi said.

As Razi mowed his lawn, a sedan driving along the street came to halt in front of Jesús and Maria's home. An elderly man and woman inside the car turned toward the house. The two bowed their heads, the man removed his cap, and the pair carried out the sign of the cross prayer.

Then they continued driving.

Whitney said Saturday morning that Garden Grove police will close their missing-persons case when they get confirmation on the couples' identities. If they're able to confirm that the bodies are the Guilléns, authorities will return them to family members, Sanchez Zamora said.

Staff writer Brian Rokos contributed to this report.

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Police find more bodies at Tijuana site

Home south of the border is the place where Garden Grove couple were buried

By The Associated Press

TIJUANA, MEXICO » Mexican authorities say they have discovered two more bodies at a house in Tijuana where a couple with

dual U.S.-Mexico citizenship were found buried, allegedly by their son-in-law.

The attorney general's office for the state of Baja California, just south of San Diego, said late Saturday the second set of bodies — one male and the other female — are in a state of advanced decomposition. All four bodies

were covered in lime.

Authorities suspect the man killed his in-laws in a dispute over money.

They say he confessed to burying them on one of their properties, where he lived.

The suspect, identified only as Santiago N, was deported from the U.S. in 2012 and had been living at a home in Tijuana

owned by his in-laws.

María Teresa López Guillén, 65, and her husband Jesús Rubén López Guillén, 70, entered Mexico on Jan. 10 to retrieve the equivalent of \$6,400 in rent for apartments they owned in the city, and that their son-in-law had supposedly collected on their behalf.

A daughter in Orange

County, Norma Lopez, reported the couple missing the next day.

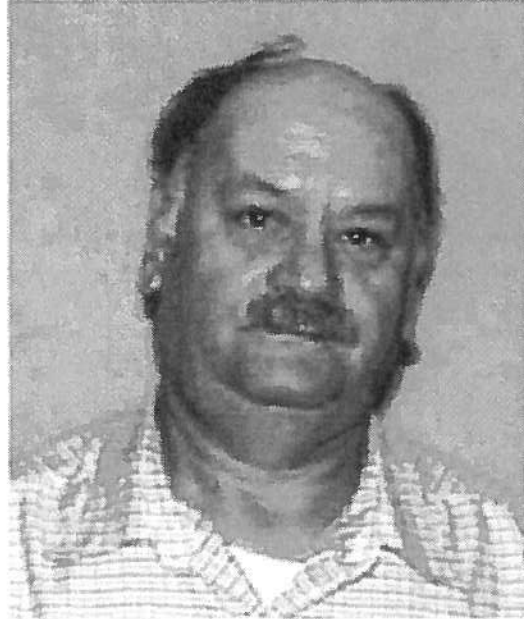
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Then the phone went dead, and she could not track them anymore, Whitney said.

The Register contributed to this report.

Fifth body discovered on Tijuana property where Garden Grove couple was found dead



Maria Lopez, 65, and Jesus Guillen, 70, this month drove a pickup truck to Tijuana to collect rent from tenants at properties in Mexico, according to the Garden Grove Police Department. (Courtesy photo)

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** |

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A fifth body has been located on a property in Tijuana where two Americans were found dead earlier this month, and Mexican officials said Tuesday, Jan. 21, that they are beginning to suspect they may have a serial killer in custody.

Baja California state prosecutor Hiram Sánchez said the suspect, who is the son-in-law of the first couple found buried on the property last week, may have lured other victims with offers of cars for sale. The suspect has only been identified as Santiago N, 37.

Sánchez said the suspect will face murder charges in the deaths of his in-laws. But he added that investigators are looking into several other reported disappearances in which the missing people were last near the property on the city's south side.

A fifth body was found there Monday, a male who had not yet been identified, officials said. Four bodies were uncovered at the property last week. Authorities said they initially found the bodies of the suspect's in-laws, dual U.S.-Mexican citizens.

Then late Saturday, officials announced two more bodies in an advanced state of decomposition were discovered.

The suspect was deported from the U.S. in 2012 and had been living at a property in Tijuana owned by his in-laws, officials have said.

Maria Teresa López, 65, and her husband, Jesús Rubén López, 70, entered Mexico on Jan. 10 to retrieve the equivalent of \$6,400 in rent for apartments they owned in the city that their son-in-law had supposedly collected on their behalf.

A daughter reported the couple from Garden Grove missing the next day.

Authorities suspect the man killed his in-laws in a dispute over money. They say he confessed to burying them on their property where he lived.

The other victims have not been identified.

Investigators are focusing on reports of people who disappeared after inquiring about cars for sale. In one case, it was a man, and in another instance a couple disappeared. Sánchez said it was too early to know if they were the other bodies found on the property.

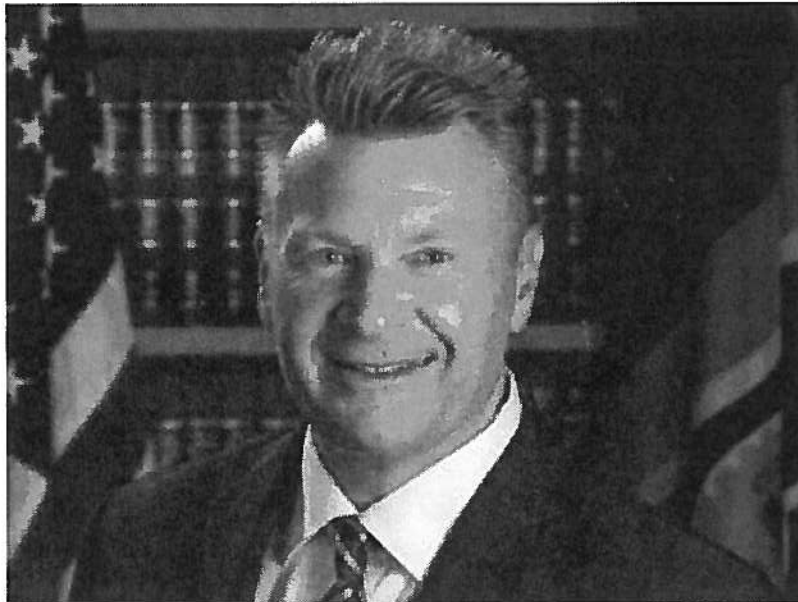
Garden Grove Mayor To Chair OCTA, Keeping Orange County Moving

Steven R. Jones will be the next chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority board after serving as vice-chairman.

By Ashley Ludwig, Patch Staff

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Mayor Steven R. Jones is adding chairman of OCTA to his resume, after serving as board vice chairman. (Garden Grove City photo)

GARDEN GROVE, CA — A new chairman was chosen to keep Orange County moving with the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Garden Grove Mayor Steven R. Jones was selected Monday as the next chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority board.

He moves to the top spot after serving as vice-chairman of the board last year, according to that organization, and is most looking forward to adding the OC Streetcar to the OCTA's plethora of services.

The OC Streetcar would run from Santa Ana to Garden Grove, which meshes with his goal to have Garden Grove be an ideal place to live and work. He expressed his excitement to see progress with that project in the year to come.

Jones succeeds Tim Shaw, a La Habra city councilman, who still serves on the board.

"OCTA's mission to keep Orange County moving is vital to the quality of life here in our county and it's a true honor to be chosen by my colleagues to help deliver a balanced and sustainable transportation system," Jones said.

Jones has served on the OCTA board since 2013. Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do will serve as the OCTA board's vice chairman this year.

Local mayors get things done in their own way

Jones, Ta and Shawver are similar in some respects, different in others

By Brady Rhoades

This is the tale of three mayors — one from Garden Grove, one from Westminster and another from Stanton.

All three have been elected and re-elected by whopping margins.

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones is about as uncontroversial politician as you'll find. That's probably because what you see is what you get: a planning whiz, a bit of a wonk, a boyish disposition, an optimistic attitude and a guy who by all appearances is slow to anger.

His passions seem to be revenue-generating and public transportation (including increasing walking and bicycling routes).

The latest on him is that he was named chairman of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Said Jones: "OCTA has a number of great projects in the pipeline and



GG Mayor Steve Jones.



Westminster Mayor Tri Ta.



Courtesy photos
Mayor David Shawver.

we are working hard to improve mobility all around the county."

Westminster Mayor Tri Ta plays it a little closer to the vest than the ebullient Jones, and it's understandable.

Ta is an immigrant from Vietnam. He's experienced some serious hardship, not to mention living the sort of double-life of so many immigrants: love for their homeland,

with more than a dash of trauma, and appreciation for their adopted country.

Ta is a pioneer. He is the first Vietnamese-American elected mayor of a city.

He's soft-spoken and works hard to create a spirit of cooperation. He always responds thoughtfully and thoroughly to questions posed by this newspaper, for instance.

But he's also ambitious. He serves on too many boards to list here. He has said that he considers the mayorship a full-time position. If there's an event of note going on in Westminster, there's about a 90 percent chance he'll be there.

And guess what? He's in the political fight of his life. A group called Westminster United has gathered

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Jones to chair OCTA



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones, second from left, has been named chairman of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Transportation Authority. "OCTA has a number of great projects in the pipeline and we are working hard to improve mobility all around the county," said Jones.

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enough signatures to hold an election to attempt to recall Ta and two council members. They say the mayor is a tyrant who abuses his power. Ta said he and the majority council have upheld high ethical standards and he's being undermined by grandstanders.

We'll have more news on the recall election in future editions.

Then you have Stanton Mayor David Shawver.

His personality places him somewhere between the jovial Jones and calm and quiet Ta.

Shawver, a former athlete and sports coach with a master's degree in kinesiology, is a force to be reckoned with. He's very friendly but isn't afraid of a good debate. He gets ticked off, but he's one of those people you can argue with and it's forgotten the next day.

He's an agile politician who wins, sometimes, by sheer will and determination. It's no surprise he was a star football player.

But his ace of spades is his knowledge of the city he's lived in for 47 years. It seems he cannot be caught off-guard on any issue, large or small, and his attention to detail is, well, borderline maniacal.

If he doesn't know the answer to a

question, he'll find out, and quickly. This guy seems to know everyone.

He's also tireless.

Last November, he was elected mayor for the umpteenth time in a landslide. Early returns showed it was obvious he was going to win, and win big, so this newspaper called him the evening of Election Day for a comment. Do you know what he was doing at that time? Running around town removing all his signs, while other politicians around Orange County — especially the losing ones — never bothered with theirs.

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MAYOR JONES GIVES FIRST-OF-YEAR OFFICIAL ADDRESS AT STATE OF THE CITY EVENT

The new year brings a fresh start for Garden Grove as Mayor Steven R. Jones delivers his official address at the State of the City luncheon on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, at 11999 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Mayor Jones will discuss the City's recent accomplishments, as well as the vision for the coming year. Mayor Jones will address his goals relating to the role of local government, community and business partnerships, and economic growth, among others. The Mayor will inform attendees of upcoming events, major developments, and other areas of progress in the city.

A complete transcript of the Mayor's speech will be available on the City of Garden Grove website at ggcity.org following the event.

For tickets and information, or for sponsorship opportunities, contact the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at (714) 638-7950, or visit www.gardengrovechamber.com.

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Thursday, January 23, 2020



CITY HALL CLOSED ON PRESIDENTS' DAY

In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. Trash pick-up will not be interrupted.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

January 23, 2020

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated January 17, 2020 to January 23, 2020.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 23, 2020 – February 25, 2020

Thursday	January 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
			\$2 Coaches Casual Day
Sunday	January 26	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Tet Parade, Westminster Blvd. & Brookhurst St.
Tuesday	January 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	January 29	12:00 p.m.	State of the City Luncheon Hyatt Regency, 11999 Harbor Blvd.
Friday	January 31		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	February 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	February 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	February 13	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	February 14		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	February 17		City Hall Closed – President’s Day
Thursday	February 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	February 25	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber

Supreme Court Declines to Hear Case Finding City of Boise's Enforcement of Public Camping and Sleeping Ordinances Unconstitutional

December 16, 2019

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled today that it will not hear the case of *Martin v. City of Boise*.

The Supreme Court's decision leaves intact the ruling from the Ninth Circuit, which concluded that the city violated the prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment in the Eighth Amendment when it enforced its public camping and sleeping ordinances against homeless individuals with no place else to go.

Several local governments throughout the state and the nation filed friend-of-the-court briefs urging the Supreme Court to hear the case. Many described the Ninth Circuit's ruling as "unworkable" and urged the Supreme Court to provide further clarity so that cities can continue to develop and pursue creative and effective solutions to addressing homelessness in their communities.

Advocating for and securing additional funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness is one of the League's strategic priorities for 2020. The League will continue to work collaboratively with federal, state and local partners to advance this priority.

In August 2019, the League City Attorneys Department hosted a webinar, "Strategies for Addressing Homelessness: Policies and Enforcement Issues," which includes an analysis of the Boise case and what it means for cities. A recording of the webinar and materials can be found on the League website.

Mark Your Calendar with 2020 League Education and Training Events

December 16, 2019

Don't miss out on the League's wide selection of informative and educational opportunities!

New Mayors and Council Members' Academy

This vitally important training prepares newly elected officials for the demands of office and introduces them to the legal constraints on city councils.

Sacramento, Jan. 22 - 24, 2020

Registration now open!

City Managers' Conference

Napa, Feb. 5 - 7, 2020

Geared to the unique needs of city managers, this conference covers issues affecting cities throughout California.

Planning Commissioners Academy

Sacramento, March 4 - 6, 2020

Tailored to meet the needs of planning commissioners, planning directors, planning staff and other interested officials, the academy offers sessions on the major planning and land-use issues facing cities.

Registration now open!

Public Works Officers Institute & Expo

Monterey, March 18 - 20, 2020

Designed for professionals at every career level, this conference covers the latest development in public works.

Registration now open!

Legislative Action Day

Sacramento, April 22, 2020

Delve into issues and topics that will address local priority issues to the Legislature and Administration, meet with your legislators, and attend a networking event to close out a day's worth of activities.

City Attorneys' Spring Conference

Carlsbad, May 6 - 8, 2020

Offering MCLE credit for those who attend, this conference provides training on cutting-edge issues in municipal law, including comprehensive updates on litigation affecting cities. The League of California Cities is a MCLE Multiple Activity Provider approved by The State Bar of California.

Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum

Monterey, June 17 - 18, 2020

Designed for elected officials and staff interested in cutting-edge approaches to challenges facing cities.

Advanced Leadership Workshops

Monterey, June 19, 2020

Continue your education with the Mayors & Council Members Advanced Leadership Workshops, or just take a deep-dive into a single topic for the day. Choose from two all day workshops, with information presented by leading experts.

Annual Conference & Expo

Long Beach, Oct. 7 - 9, 2020

The annual gathering for the entirety of the League's membership, offering dozens of educational sessions, numerous professional development opportunities, hundreds of exhibits and a chance to participate in the League's policymaking activities.

Fire Chiefs' Leadership Seminar

Monterey, Dec. 9 - 10, 2020

The seminar covers challenging leadership topics such as succession planning, labor relations, emergency response, late-breaking issues and more.

Municipal Finance Institute

Monterey, Dec. 9 - 10, 2020

This conference provides essential information for city officials and staff involved in fiscal planning for municipalities.

City Clerks' New Law & Elections Seminar

Monterey, Dec. 9 - 11, 2020

The seminar covers laws affecting elections as well as other aspects of clerks' responsibilities.

Webinars

The League hosts more than 20 webinars a year for educational and advocacy purposes. Watch the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter for more information.

Regional Division Meetings

In addition to conferences and webinars, the League's regional divisions provide an opportunity to connect with city officials in your area and learn about topics and events local to you. Learn more at www.cacities.org/regionalmanagers.

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