

CITYWORKS

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Teens To Learn Life Lessons

As a young girl, Leah Cecil (pictured above) dreamed of someday representing her hometown as Miss Garden Grove. She not only achieved that goal in 2011, but also recently climbed the next step in the pageant ladder when she was crowned Miss California in July. Leah will share the importance of never giving up on your dreams with 150 local high school students at the 13th annual Food for Thought Luncheon, on October 11, 2012. Hosted by the Garden Grove Community Foundation, the event will be held at the Marriott Suites Hotel, 12015 Harbor Boulevard, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A Garden Grove native, Leah is set to inspire the audience of juniors and seniors with personal stories of perseverance over teenage pressures. A Cal State Fullerton graduate with a B.A. in music, Leah is also a professional harpist, frequently performing at Children's Hospital of Orange County. As Miss California, Leah will compete in the Miss America Pageant in January 2013. Food for Thought tickets are \$25 per person. Sponsorships are available. Please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

The Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation (VWMAF) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the creation of a first-of-its-kind Vietnam War museum in Southern California.

The future, multi-story museum will be located in beautiful Orange County, in the City of Garden Grove—home to the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam. It will house items of historical, cultural, and educational interest connected to the Vietnam War. With the support of individual and corporate donations, completion of the museum is anticipated within three years.

To help raise funds for the construction of the museum, the VWMAF would like to ask for your support in honoring the 58,272* American lives lost in the Vietnam War.

To become a museum supporter, or to find out more about the future Vietnam War museum, visit www.vnwma.com or call 855-5-WARMUSEUM or (855) 592-7687.

*As of 2011





Extreme Volunteerism for Neighborhood Makeover

With paint brushes and shovels in hand, over 300 volunteers from the Living Springs Christian Fellowship and the Islamic Society of Orange County spent a Sunday in the Woodbury Park neighborhood giving eight homes much-needed makeovers. Home exteriors and iron fences were painted, shrubs were planted, and irrigation was installed. Homeowners unable to improve the outside of their homes due to age or income limitations were selected by the City's Neighborhood Improvement Committee. The area has a history of high volume Code Enforcement complaints and police-related service calls. Residents met with the committee to help identify ways to remedy some of the conditions. Clean-up sponsors included 7-Eleven, Home Depot, and the Garden Grove Tourism Promotion Corporation.



Breaking Ground at Twin Lakes Park

Set for completion in November 2013, a \$25 million facelift is underway at Twin Lakes Park, courtesy of state grant and County of Orange park funds. A brand new pumping station will be in place, providing decades of flood protection to the surrounding community, as well as many amenities for residents to enjoy. They include picnic shelters overlooking the lake, soccer fields, new landscaping, jogging trails, and the replacement of exercise equipment.



Street Repair Goes Green

Four, formerly worn-and-torn arterial streets in Garden Grove are currently undergoing improvements using a unique and environmentally-friendly technique. The street reconstruction comes courtesy of full depth reclamation, or FDR, a process that recycles the asphalt and base materials. Once pulverized, they are mixed with cement and water, and compacted to produce a stronger, more durable base. FDR prolongs the life of the pavement while reducing future costs. Sections of the new and improved streets are:

Where the Rubber Meets the Road

A Caltrans pavement rehab project along both directions of Beach Boulevard will impact Garden Grove drivers through the end of October. The project limits are Lincoln and Acacia Avenues. An overlay of rubberized hot mix asphalt will be placed atop the existing road. Lane closures will occur, but two lanes will remain open. Night work will be done from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and daytime work will be performed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Upon completion, motorists will enjoy a smoother ride quality. For more information, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist12 or call Caltrans at (949) 440-3450.

- Westminster Ave. - Bushard Ave. to Brookhurst St.
- Brookhurst St. - Hazard Ave. to Westminster Ave.
- Chapman Ave. - 9th St. to West St.
- Trask Ave. - Harbor Blvd. to 22 freeway on-ramp



Feed Mind, Body, and Spirit

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time to count our many blessings. Join Mayor Dalton and the Garden Grove City Council as they give thanks to the community's faith leaders and celebrate the bounty of spirit in Garden Grove at the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held on Thursday, November 15, with registration and a breakfast buffet at 7:00 a.m. The program, featuring an inspirational keynote speaker, begins at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. Along with entertainment from the Celebration of Life Singers, this year's prestigious Community Spirit Award will be given to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove and the Evening Kiwanis for their generous charitable efforts in the community. For more information, please call the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree

Family members of all ages will have a ghoulishly good time at this annual City spookfest, held on Friday, October 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center, in Garden Grove Park. A haunted maze, themed crafts, costume parade, and bounce house are sure to keep your little goblins busy. Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the Recreation Counter in City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. For more information, please call (714) 741-5200.



A New Name and Now, Online!

FOCUS, the City's quarterly brochure, has a new name, "The Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide." Chock full of useful classes for the entire family's enjoyment and education, this resource can now be accessed at: www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Click the image bellow to check the new fall schedule.

City Calendar

City Hall Closures

September
3, 14, 21, 28
October
12, 19, 26
November
9, 12, 16, 22, 23

Arab American Festival

September 28 - 30
Village Green Park
12732 Main St.
Info: (714) 758-3507

Korean Festival

October 12-14
Garden Square Parking Lot
9828 Garden Grove Blvd.
Info: (714) 539-3002
www.ockoreanfestival.com



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