

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
December 6, 2018

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- A. HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT THE CITY'S FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAMS
Lisa Kim informs City Council about the implementation of the City's First-Time Home Buyer Programs.
- B. HAZARD AVENUE CLASS IV BIKEWAY
Bill Murray gives information about a California Transportation Commission grant to install a Class IV bikeway on Hazard Avenue.

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

- A. 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's Office
Subject: HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT THE CITY'S
FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER
PROGRAMS

From: Lisa L. Kim
Dept: Community and
Economic Development
Date: December 3, 2018

OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce implementation of the City's First-Time Home Buyer Programs.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Neighborhood Improvement Division of the Community and Economic Development Department will be administering two First-Time Homebuyer Programs.

Workforce Initiative Subsidy for Homeownership Grant (WISH Program)

In partnership with Pacific Mercantile Bank and Benchmark Mortgage, the City will be promoting the WISH Program, which is administered by the Federal Home Loan Bank in San Francisco. Pacific Mercantile Bank has set-aside \$45,000 dollars of WISH Grant funds for the City of Garden Grove to be utilized for a first-time home buyer program. The WISH Program provides for the following:

- Down payment assistance to low-income residents who are looking to purchase their first home in Garden Grove.
- The WISH Grant is forgivable after five years.
- The WISH Grant is designed to match the resident's down payment three to one. For every dollar a local resident uses as a down payment, the WISH Grant will match with three dollars, up to a maximum amount of \$15,000 dollars.

CalHOME First-Time Home Buyer Program

The creation of the City's First-Time Home Buyer Program repurposes over \$650,000 dollars of CalHOME funds that are available through the City's CalHOME Reuse Account. The CalHOME loans provides for the following:

- Eligible low-income residents may apply for a low-interest second mortgage loan of up to \$60,000.

CITY'S FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAMS

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- The CalHOME loan is structured as a 30-year deferred loan with no monthly payments and is designed to cover the difference between a qualifying mortgage amount and the actual price of a single-family home.
- The CalHOME loan provides a resource for individuals seeking to purchase a home in Garden Grove but unable to secure the full amount of financing through a traditional mortgage.

First-Time Home Buyer Workshops hosted by Neighborhood Improvement

The City is providing First-Time Home Buyer Workshops to educate prospective home buyers on the home purchasing process and will provide information regarding the City's program. Two workshops are to be held scheduled on Saturday, January 5, 2019 and Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center located at 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

The week of December 10th, marketing and outreach of the First-Time Home Buyer Programs will take place through press releases, social media posts, the City website, the City's First Time Home Buyer Workshops, and program flyers. For additional information, please contact Timothy Throne at (714) 741-5144.



Lisa L. Kim
Community and Economic Development Director



By: Timothy Throne
Program Specialist

CC: Allison Wilson
Neighborhood Improvement Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
From: William E. Murray
Dept: City Manager
Dept: Public Works
Subject: Hazard Avenue Class IV Bikeway
Date: November 20, 2018

City staff has been collaborating with the County of Orange, and the Cities of Westminster and Santa Ana regarding a proposed Class IV bikeway on Hazard Avenue. The County of Orange received a grant from the California Transportation Commission to install a Class IV bikeway on Hazard Avenue, from Euclid Street in Garden Grove to Goldenwest Street in Westminster. Garden Grove's portion of the bikeway is on an approximately 1 mile segment of Hazard Avenue from Euclid Street to Brookhurst Street. Santa Ana received a separate grant to install a Class IV bikeway on Hazard Avenue within its city limits.

A Class IV bikeway is designed to be separated from motor traffic to provide a safer bicycling environment. Exhibit "A" attached shows existing lane configuration on Hazard Avenue and proposed lane configuration with the addition of the Class IV bikeway. Hazard Avenue currently has two travel lanes in each direction with parking on both sides. The proposed lane configuration consists of one center turn lane, one travel lane in each direction, one parking lane in each direction and one Class IV bike lane in each direction.

In October 2017, Orange County staff hosted an interactive "Go Human" bicycle event at James Irvine Intermediate School in Garden Grove to raise awareness for the project. The County's consultant also made a brief presentation at the City Council meeting to introduce the project. As part of the project's continued outreach program, County staff plans to conduct community meetings to receive input from the public. The first session is tentatively scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 6 p.m. at James Irvine Intermediate School. Meeting notices will be mailed to all residents and businesses within .25 mile of the project limits. A copy of the County's project fact sheet is attached for additional information. Orange County staff also plans to make a presentation at the City Council Meeting in February 2019.



William E. Murray
Public Works Director



By: Ken Vu
Associate Engineer

Attachments: Exhibit "A" - Existing and Proposed Lane Configuration on Hazard Avenue
Hazard Avenue Improvement Project Fact Sheet

EXHIBIT "A"



EXISTING LANE CONFIGURATION



PROPOSED LANE CONFIGURATION



HAZARD AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Photo of past event not representative of final bikeway

The Hazard Avenue Improvement Project will reconfigure the street to expand travel choices for all users. The project will accommodate through vehicles, add a new bikeway and provide for left-turns while providing better protected facilities for people bicycling or walking near homes, schools, parks, and retail establishments. The project is a partnership between the County of Orange and the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster and Santa Ana to enhance safety for all transportation users. With grant funding, the County is working with the cities to expand mobility options and provide a safer Hazard Avenue for everyone!

Project Benefits

- Enhances safety for all transportation users
- Reduces speeding
- Enhances mobility
- Improves quality of life

QUICK FACTS

- 3 cities connected
- 5 miles in length (approx.)
- 18 schools within 1 mile
- 90,000 residents within 1 mile

WHAT

The Hazard Avenue Improvement Project will provide a through lane, a left-turn lane and add a protected bikeway in each direction. On-street parking will be provided in segments where it exists today and the bikeway or "cycle track," will be placed between parked cars and the sidewalk, providing a more comfortable cycling environment for people of all ages and abilities.

WHEN

With public input, the County of Orange is looking to refine the initial design concept and use grant funding to construct the project in 2020*. Your input is requested to better determine the final design. *Santa Ana's portion from Euclid to Harbor is scheduled for 2019.

WHERE

Grant funding has been secured to improve 5-miles of Hazard Avenue between Goldenwest Street and Harbor Boulevard through the cities of Westminster, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana. There is also a potential future bikeway link that will connect easterly from Harbor to the Santa Ana River, southerly on N. Jackson Street and easterly on Fifth Street.



What will the improved Hazard Avenue look like?

- One travel lane in both directions for cars
- On-street parking
- A center lane for turns
- A separated bikeway in both directions

*The example rendering above represents a typical segment of the bikeway

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GGUSD Pride: Golden Bell Award, Celebrating Employees for Years of Service, Santiago Auto Program Spotlight, ACT/SAT Prep Course Discounts, and More!

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

Wed, Dec 05, 2018 03:31 PM

Subject GGUSD Pride: Golden Bell Award, Celebrating Employees for Years of Service, Santiago Auto Program Spotlight, ACT/SAT Prep Course Discounts, and More!

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

Reply To : amilone@ggusd.us

December 5, 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.

Monroe Elementary Earns State Recognition!



Monroe Elementary Language Academy was honored for its outstanding Spanish dual language immersion program during the 2018 Golden Bell Awards ceremony at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference in San Francisco last week. Monroe was one of only two dual language schools out of 400 across the state to receive this prestigious award.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT MONROE'S RECOGNITION!](#)

Celebrating our Employees

GGUSD honored 527 employees for their years of service at the 31st Annual Employee Recognition Program on December 4 at the Garden Grove Community Center. One GGUSD employees received a special recognition for dedicating an impressive 45 years to the

district, and another six employees were honored for their 40 years of service.

The employee with 45 years of service is Anthony Mermer, a custodian at La Quinta High School.

The six employees with 40 years include: Celia Cortez, secretary with Student Services; Elizabeth Flores, instructional aide at Rancho Alamitos High School; Yvonne Gullikson, lead food service worker at Mitchell Elementary; Marguerite Hayden, instructional aide at Hazard Elementary; Paul Portner, teacher at Carrillo Elementary; and Ruth Pruitt, central office clerk with the Office of Personnel Services.

Other recognized employees received pins for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

[Click here for more photos!](#)



Santiago Auto Tech Spotlight

Last week, Santiago High School's automotive pathway was highlighted at the OC Pathways Showcase among other CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs from across Orange County. We are very proud of the students and staff in this career pathway who have received multiple awards for their success in industry competitions and even won a brand new Kia Stinger for the program. #GGUSD Pride



Crosby Gives Helping Hand

The Crosby Elementary Student Council, under the direction of Advisors Jena Smith and Melissa Worthing, organized and implemented the school's annual Friends & Helpers Drive to support the non-profit organization which provides support and assistance for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and whom have fled to a shelter or group home for safety.

The entire student body at Crosby donated toiletries and basic hygiene necessities. Student Council collected the items, boxed them up, and delivered them to the Friends & Helpers event in Irvine on December 1. At this event, Student Council members helped fill Christmas stockings and snack bags and created cheerful holiday cards for the families. We are proud of the Crosby



Student Council and their service and compassion for those in need.

Huge Savings on ACT/SAT Prep Courses!

GGUSD juniors can take advantage of huge savings on ACT/SAT Prep Workshops which are proven to improve results on these rigorous college entrance exams. Classes are being offered at a steep discount and will only cost \$50! Workshops are offered at all GGUSD high schools. Call your school guidance counselor to sign up today.

[Click here to view the ACT/SAT Prep Workshop Schedule for each high school.](#)

Parents – did you know
that GGUSD juniors can take advantage of huge savings on ACT/SAT Prep Workshops
which are proven to improve results on these rigorous college entrance exams!

HUGE SAVINGS!

~~\$500~~
~~\$300~~
~~\$100~~
\$50

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GGUSD On SpectrumTV!



In case you missed it, Spectrum Channel 1 featured a wonderful story, reported on by GGUSD alumna Vicky Nguyen, highlighting the success of GGUSD's Spanish and Vietnamese dual language programs at Monroe Elementary Language Academy, Murdy Elementary School, and Russell Elementary Language Academy.

[YOU CAN WATCH THE STORY HERE](#)

Carrillo's Morning Show

Carrillo Elementary recently launched a monthly student production called the "Carrillo Morning Show." The show is viewed online and highlights all of the

amazing events and activities occurring at the school. A team of students build the show using iPads and green screen applications. Humorous, heartfelt, and informative segments recently featured school beautification projects and a message from veterans who are part of the Carrillo family. The show highlights new students and features the rich cultural diversity that exists at Carrillo. These shows are available for viewing at carrillo.ggusd.us/news.



Hare High School Celebrates Student Success



On November 28, Hare High School held its Quarter 1 Student Recognition ceremony. Students were invited to share in the event if they earned Quarter 1 Principal's Honor Roll (3.5 - 4.0 GPA) or were nominated for Quarter 1 Student of the Quarter. Families were invited to attend the event to celebrate students' academic accomplishments, learn more about student progress towards graduation, and enjoy a nice breakfast.

On Friday, November 30, Hare High School celebrated students' personal growth during the school's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Fall Festival. The Fall Festival allows students and staff to celebrate being part of the Hare PACK, recognizing everyone's efforts in Perseverance, Attentiveness, Cooperation, and Kindness. Lawn games, turkey bowling, soccer challenges, football toss, and sack races were just a few of the many activities that took place during the Fall Festival. Both students and staff alike enjoyed having fun together as Hare Huskies.



HERITAGE

Computer Science Academy

426 S. Andres Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92704
Phone: (714) 663-6138 Website: heritage.ggusd.us





Parent Information Meetings and Tours

Heritage Computer Science Academy is hosting Parent Information Meetings and Tours for parents interested in learning more about student enrollment opportunities at the school. The district's first-ever Computer Science Academy infuses cutting-edge

technology into daily curriculum across all content areas. Students learn computer programming, coding, and robotics through innovative lessons powered by Code to the Future, the nation's leader in computer science schools. Parents will have an opportunity to tour classrooms and learn more about the benefits of computer science. Heritage students will have a competitive advantage in mastering the technology skills needed for success in high school, college, and 21st century careers that haven't even been created yet. Meetings will be offered in English on January 10 and January 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They will also be offered in Spanish on January 10 and January 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese on January 17 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Garden Grove Unified School
District**

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WEEKLY MEMO 12-6-18

**SOCIAL MEDIA
HIGHLIGHTS**

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Garden Grove City Hall

UPDATE:

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Magnolia Street is currently open. However, depending on the rain Magnolia Street may need to be closed again.

A message from the **Garden Grove Public Works Department:** Magnolia Street will be closed from Trask Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard due to flooding. The street will reopen once the rain stops. An update will be sent when the street reopens. Check back soon.

#gg1956 #gardengrove #rain #streetclosure #staysafegg



(Post) November 29, 2018 10:26 am



Garden Grove City Hall

Congratulations to the local Pop Warner Football Team, Garden Grove Bulldogs Unlimited Team, as they head to the Pop Warner Super Bowl in Florida today!

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They are one of the eight teams in the U.S. that is headed to Florida. You can donate to their GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/14u-bulldogs-florida-fund>

#GG1956 #GardenGrove



(Post) November 30, 2018 10:11 am

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Garden Grove City Hall

Winter in the Grove is getting a surprise visit....

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#winterinthegrove #gg1956 #gardengrove



(Post) December 01, 2018 6:42 pm



Garden Grove City Hall

As a mark of respect for former President George H.W. Bush, City flags will be flown at half-staff.

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Flags at half-staff for 30 days after George H.W. Bush's death

(Post) December 05, 2018 4:15 pm

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Garden Grove City Hall
5TH ANNUAL JINGLE JAM IS NEXT WEEK

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The community is invited to the 5th annual Jingle Jam holiday event next Thursday, December 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street. The public event is sponsored by **Team Tackney GMT Real Estate** and **West Garden Grove AYSO Region 59**.

*Please be advised, Santa Rita Avenue will be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the event. Vehicles found on the street after 2:00 p.m. will be towed and impounded. For more information, visit <https://ggcity.org/news-and-events/street-closure-during-5th-annual-jingle-jam>. **Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Public Works Department**

#gg1956 #gardengrove #hoildayevent #community



(Post) November 29, 2018 2:19 pm






Garden Grove City Hall
 Thank you to our sponsors: Garden Grove Community Foundation, 7-Eleven, Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc., Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove, Liga Swapmeet Futbol, Enviser, Kathy Ladd Remax Realtor, and County Supervisor Andrew Do.

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#WinterInTheGrove #GG1956 #GardenGrove #Sponsors



(Post) December 01, 2018 4:15 pm

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	Garden Grove City Hall	803	9	-	3%	22
<p>Let's #FlashbackFriday as we prepare for #WinterInTheGrove tomorrow, December 1!</p>						
<p>History was made in Garden Grove, in the year 2007, as the inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at Village Green park, under the iconic Tower on the Green clock tower. Pictured here, performing at the very first tree lighting event, is the Guardettes Dance Group.</p>						
<p>We hope to see you all there tomorrow, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Village Green Park!</p>						
<p>For more information, visit https://ggcity.org/community-services/winter-in-the-grove or https://www.facebook.com/events/492246534512328/?active_tab=discussion</p>						
<p>#FBF #GG1956 #GardenGrove</p>						
						
<p>(Post) November 30, 2018 1:15 pm</p>						
	Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Public Works Department	645	7	-	4%	21
<p>(Post) November 29, 2018 11:37 am</p>						

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Garden Grove City Hall

We want to hear from you!

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Join **#GardenGrove** and **OC Public Works** to learn more about the Hazard Avenue Improvement Project and provide your input as our team works to finalize the design.

The first community meeting is Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., at Irvine Intermediate School, 10552 W. Hazard Avenue.

Learn more about the project at www.OCPublicWorks.com/HazardAvenue

#GG1956 Garden Grove Public Works Department



(Post) December 03, 2018 12:06 pm



Garden Grove City Hall

Bolsa Chica Bridge closure tonight, 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused. Please click the link provided below for more information.

#GG1956 #GardenGrove 405 Improvement Project Garden Grove Police Department Garden Grove Fire Department Garden Grove Public Works Department

BOLSA CHICA ROAD BRIDGE DEMOLITION TONIGHT on I-405 in Orange County

(Post) December 01, 2018 9:40 am

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Garden Grove City Hall

The annual Black Friday Goes BiGG (Buy in Garden Grove) giveaway offers Garden Grove shoppers a chance to win "BiGG" prizes starting on the biggest shopping day of the year, Black Friday, November 23 through Friday, December 14, 2018.

635 - - 1% 9

For every \$50 spent in Garden Grove, patrons will have the opportunity to win \$500 cash or a 1-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.




For more information see below or visit <https://ggcity.org/news-and-events/shop-local-win-500-and-more>.







Think #BiGG - Buy in #GardenGrove #GG1956 #GG



(Post) December 04, 2018 9:01 am

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	Garden Grove Fire Department	<p>The fire department is pleased to announce the successful completion of Firefighter Paramedics White & Hawkins' probationary period.</p>	2.1k	150	9	10%	167
<p>Congratulations on a great accomplishment!</p>							
							
(Post) December 04, 2018 5:53 pm							
	Garden Grove Fire Department	<p>Word has it that we can expect ☁ overnight with a higher chance in the morning. As a reminder, we have sandbags available at fire stations 2, 3, and 4. Their locations can be found on our website at gardengrovefire.org.</p>	2.2k	45	4	8%	163
							
(Post) December 04, 2018 10:01 pm							
	Garden Grove Fire Department	<p>It's been a bit cold in Orange County lately. If you're pulling out the space heater or buying one, remember these points:</p>	1.9k	37	3	8%	135
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☛ Plug directly into a wall outlet. ☛ Purchase one with a UL rating & will shut off if flipped over. ☛ Keep anything that can burn @ least 3' away. 							
							
(Post) December 01, 2018 3:11 pm							

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	<p>Garden Grove Fire Department A message from the public works department. Please drive safely.</p>	1.8k	29	2	13%	224
	<p>1147 Update: Magnolia between Trask Ave & Garden Grove Blvd has been re-opened.</p>					
						
(Post) November 29, 2018 10:51 am						
	<p>Garden Grove Fire Department Heads Up</p>	733	11	-	6%	48
	<p>Garden Grove City Hall</p>					
(Post) December 01, 2018 11:05 am						

Date Sent	Total Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department ***UPDATE*** The subject in now in custody. Thank you for your patience.</p> <p>Original: We are conducting a search for a wanted person, in the area of Trask / Magnolia; and are requesting everybody stay inside with your doors and windows locked. If you see something strange or out of the ordinary, please call 9-1-1 immediately. #GGPD32</p> 	13.4k	375	303	28%	5.5k
(Post) December 05, 2018 8:50 pm					
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department</p> 	3.7k	258	30	14%	505
(Post) December 05, 2018 12:05 pm					
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department Yesterday we swore in Officer B. Berenger (Los Alamitos PD lateral). He joins us with 10 years of law enforcement experience. Please help us welcome him into our #GardenGrovePD family. #GGPD32 #thinblueline #police #hero #laterallofficer #JoinGGPD Garden Grove City Hall</p> 	3.7k	258	30	14%	505
(Post) December 05, 2018 12:05 pm					

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Garden Grove Police Department
#FlashbackFriday. Back when
#gasprices were a little lower and the
 water level was a little higher (Harbor
 Blvd / Garden Grove Blvd, c. 1983)
#GGPD32 #GardenGrove #policecar
#flooding
Garden Grove City Hall

5.7k 211 40 15% 1k



(Post) November 30, 2018 12:00 pm



Garden Grove Police Department



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(Post) December 01, 2018 12:00 pm



Garden Grove Police Department



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(Post) December 01, 2018 12:00 pm













Garden Grove Police Department
 Yesterday we paid our respects to a
 brother in blue, Officer Toshio Hirai. He
 was 34-years old, a devoted husband
 and father of a 2-year-old son.
 Our thoughts and prayers continue to be
 with his family, friends and the entire
Gardena Police Department.
#GGPD32 #thinblueline #policefamily
#policemotors #restinpeace



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(Post) December 01, 2018 12:00 pm

Date Sent	Total Reach	Reactions	Comments	Engagement	Clicks
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department Don't let this Southern California phenomenon called "rain", distract you. Remember: * Wipers on, lights on * Reduce speed * Brake early * Allow yourself extra time #GGPD32 #SafeStreetsGG #StayAlertGG Garden Grove City Hall</p>  <p>(Post) November 29, 2018 9:10 am</p>	4.4k	140	10	9%	400
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department</p>  <p>(Post) December 02, 2018 12:13 am</p>	2.1k	65	5	4%	51
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department</p>  <p>(Post) November 29, 2018 10:50 am</p>	5.9k	54	41	9%	646
 <p>Garden Grove Police Department ***UPDATE*** Magnolia St is now open.</p> <p>Original: Magnolia St will be closed from Trask Ave to Garden Grove Blvd, due to #flooding; and will reopen once the #rain stops.</p> <p>Please use alternate routes and check back with us for updates. #GGPD32 #streetclosure Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department</p>  <p>(Post) November 29, 2018 10:50 am</p>	5.9k	54	41	9%	646

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 <p data-bbox="289 254 634 277">Garden Grove Police Department</p> <p data-bbox="289 289 704 373">Now that Christmas shopping is in full swing, here are some tips to keep your packages safe.</p> <p data-bbox="289 380 683 489"> #GGPD32 #DontBeAVictim #StayAlertGG #shoppingonline #NoToPorchPirates #TuesdayTips Garden Grove City Hall USPS </p>  <p data-bbox="289 743 602 766">(Post) December 04, 2018 12:06 pm</p>	3.1k	22	20	4%	132

 <p data-bbox="289 814 634 837">Garden Grove Police Department</p> <p data-bbox="289 850 691 1024"> ***ROAD CLOSURE*** Bolsa Chica Bridge will be closed tonight, 11:00 PM - 8:00 AM. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. For more info, go to bit.ly/2reY2ji. 405 Improvement Project Garden Grove City Hall Garden Grove Fire Department #GGPD32 #GardenGrove #roadclosure </p>  <p data-bbox="289 1320 591 1344">(Post) December 01, 2018 6:00 pm</p>	1.8k	9	-	2%	33
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**Garden Grove Police Department**

It's **#ThankfulThursday** and we are thankful for Kathy Christensen. She works at Ralston Jr. High School and in her spare time, she likes to hand makes quilts.

This particular one depicts the **#thinblue**line; was inspired by her family in law enforcement and took a year to make. It also won 3rd place at this year's OC Fair. Kathy wanted to show her appreciation for **#GardenGrovePD** by donating the **#quilt** to us.

#Thankyou Kathy, your support of us and law enforcement, in general, means the world to us.

#GGPD32 #appreciation #community



(Post) December 05, 2018 10:30 am

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#GG City Council lights the **#Christmas** tree!TY for joining us at our first **#WinterInTheGrove**.

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TY to sponsors: GGCF,7-Eleven,Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc.,Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove,Liga Swapmeet Futbol,Envise,Kathy Ladd Remax Realtor,&County Supervisor Andrew Do. **#GG1956** pic.twitter.com/pCILjPliqf



(Tweet) December 01, 2018 8:42 pm



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Let's **#FBF** as we prepare for **#WinterInTheGrove** tomorrow,12/1!

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History was made in **#GG**, in the year 2007, as the inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at Village Green park, under the iconic Tower on the Green clock tower.

We hope to see you all there tomorrow.

#GG1956
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pic.twitter.com/T117dAmOGX



(Tweet) November 30, 2018 1:11 pm

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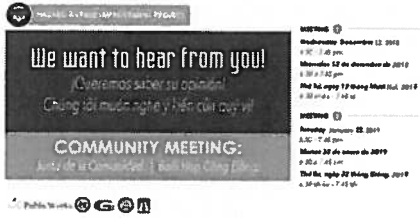


CityGardenGrove

We want your input! Join #GG and County of Orange staff for a community meeting to learn more about the Hazard Avenue Improvement Project on 12/12 in #GG and 1/22 in Westminster. Learn more: bit.ly/2BiEcJQ

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#GG1956 pic.twitter.com/0iaaiJFZWg



(Tweet) December 03, 2018 12:09 pm



CityGardenGrove

Bolsa Chica Bridge closure tonight, 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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A message from the Garden Grove Public Works Department: Magnolia Street will be closed from Trask Avenue to Garden Grove Boulevard due to flooding. The street will reopen once the rain stops. An update will be sent when the street reopens. Check back soon. #gg1956 pic.twitter.com/I5SvmFCBOH

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The community is invited to the 5th annual Jingle Jam holiday event next Thursday, 12/6, at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St. **Please be advised, Santa Rita Avenue will be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the event. For full details, visit bit.ly/2Q3XKe3. #gg1956 pic.twitter.com/59u5Ar7Ljh

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UPDATE:
Magnolia Street is currently open.
However, depending on the rain
Magnolia Street may need to be closed
again. #gg1956

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Leaders celebrate start of OC Streetcar construction

By Alicia Robinson
 arobinson@seng.com
 @ARobWriter on Twitter

The shiny ceremonial shovels and pile of pre-mounded dirt were merely symbolic, but the milestones Orange County transit and local officials celebrated Friday were real.

Santa Ana and Garden Grove city leaders, Orange County Transportation Authority executives and the acting administrator of the Federal Transit Administration gathered to mark the groundbreaking for the county's first modern streetcar and announce \$149 million in federal funding, a crucial piece of the \$408 million project.



JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officials shovel dirt during a ceremonial groundbreaking for the OC Streetcar in the parking lot of the Santa Ana Transportation Center in Santa Ana on Friday.

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Getting the project to this point took 10 years of perseverance, Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do said during a ceremony at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center, which will be one endpoint for the 4.1-mile streetcar line.

Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido jokingly compared the process to giving birth after a very long gestation, and in an earlier phone interview he noted that a lot of things had to go right to get to the start of construction, including funding, political and community support and the environmental review.

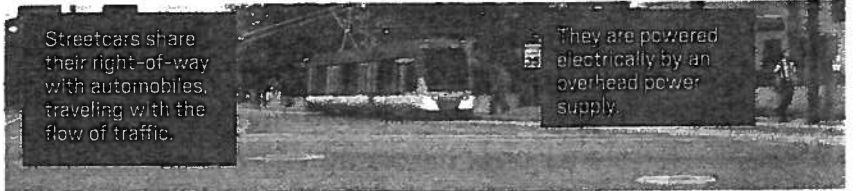
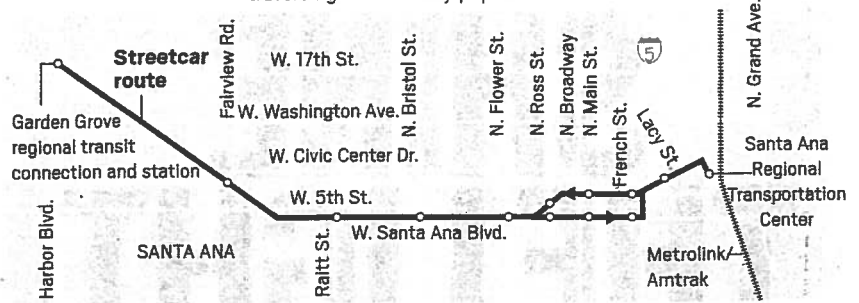
"It's a very long process and anything can derail you," Pulido said.

Also on Friday, officials celebrated the signing of an agreement that brings federal funding for the streetcar to \$217 million, more than half the project total. State and local dollars will make up the rest. It's rare in Orange County for a transportation project to get the bulk of its money from outside the region, OCTA spokesman Eric Carpenter said.

"That's one thing that we've always promised with Measure M is to try to leverage local dollars," Carpenter said, referring to a voter-approved county transportation sales tax. "We think this does exactly that."

The estimated \$5 million annual cost to operate the system will be funded with local revenues including rider fares, which are

OC Streetcar
 The hop-on, hop-off OC Streetcar would carry commuters, tourists and shoppers to jobs, stores and the Garden Grove and Santa Ana transit stations, traversing four densely populated miles.



Source: OCTA

STAFF GRAPHIC

expected to cost the same as OCTA buses, and money from Measure M, Santa Ana and Garden Grove, OCTA spokesman Joel Zlotnik said.

Utility work for the project is underway and officials are working out the logistics of the construction schedule. When operational, which is expected by late 2021, six electric streetcars will visit 10 stops along the 4.1-mile streetcar line every 10 to 15 minutes. OCTA projects about 7,300 riders per day within the first year, in part because the streetcar will replace some existing bus routes.

The electric streetcars, powered by overhead wires, will run on tracks partly in shared lanes with other vehicles, and partly along an old Pacific Electric "red car" right-of-way.

Santa Ana boasts the county's largest volume of bus riders, Pulido said, so

"It makes some sense to start here."

The route will run from the Santa Ana train station to Garden Grove's transit station, with part of it using Fourth Street and Santa Ana Boulevard.

The lengthy construction was initially a concern for some businesses, said Raul Yanez, a business owner and president of the Santa Ana Business Association.

As long as OCTA sticks to its plan of building the project in phases rather than tearing up a whole street at once, Yanez said, "I think it's a good thing that it's coming."

Joe Castro, owner of the Barrel Room wine bar and bistro on Fourth at North Birch Street, said the streetcar could offset the annoyance of parking and paying the downtown meters.

"I think it will bring people to downtown that might not otherwise come," Castro

said, especially if they can "come out and dine, and maybe have that second glass of wine and not have to call an Uber."

The Federal Transit Administration's acting administrator, K. Jane Williams, said the OC Streetcar fits in with the agency's goal of improving infrastructure. It will be in a densely populated corridor and will connect commuters to other transportation options such as Amtrak and Metrolink trains and local and long-haul buses.

Pulido said he hopes Orange County will follow Los Angeles County's lead and eventually build extensions along Harbor Boulevard, Bristol Street and other routes to get people to jobs, homes, shopping and dining, and John Wayne Airport. "This is going to go all over the county," Pulido said. "This is just the first step."

Outdated 4 Star theater in west Garden Grove soon will add eight screens and 800 recliners

**By Susan Christian
Goulding**

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The plain-wrapped 4 Star at Valley View and Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove represents another era in movie theater history.

Scarcely updated since it opened in 1974, the drab little cinema offers just the basics: creaky seats, faded carpet and some pretty tasty popcorn.

But now the neighborhood theater is on its way to joining the 21st century.

By this time next year, if all goes as scheduled, the number of screens will quadruple and cushy recliners will take the place of hard-backed chairs. Popcorn still will be on the menu, of course, but a new kitchen also will offer pizza and sandwiches.

"Customers today are demanding Dolby sound systems and motorized reclining seats," said the property's developer, Daniel Akarakian.

No, the 4 Star will not become the 12 Star, Akara-

kian said. It will be renamed West Grove Cinema.

The 4 Star joined a chain of five other Starlight Cinemas scattered throughout Southern California when Akarakian bought it in 2016. Earlier this year, he bought the remainder of the 2.7-acre property that the 4 Star sits on — including a recently shuttered bowling alley and a vacant restaurant.

Akarakian plans to invest \$12 million in renovating the mall. His blueprint calls for enlarging the cinema by almost 3,000 square feet after demolishing the one-time bowling alley next door. Also, he will add an automated car wash, a Jack in the Box and a sit-down restaurant yet to be determined.

"It's a testament to the property owner's long-term commitment to West Garden Grove," said Lisa Kim, the city's community and economic development director. "This is a great catalyst for more investment in the west side."

The best thing about the 4 Star is its affordable



Around this time next year, the dated 4 Star theater in West Garden Grove will boast a dozen screens, recliner chairs and a new name, West Grove Cinema. Earlier this year, residents viewed the plans at a community meeting.

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fare. That's not going away, Akarakian promised, even with the fancy accouterments.

"Ticket prices will remain the same, with \$5 bargain days on Tuesdays and Thursdays," he said.

Typically, the 4 Star offers first-run family entertainment. Its current lineup includes "The Grinch" and "Creed II."

"Now we will be able to play almost everything that comes out, as well as art films," Akarakian said.

"There will be a wider variety of films for the public."

The total number of seats will increase from about 600 to 800. However, each individual theater will hold at least one-third fewer seats, with the smallest accommodating only 45 recliners, Akarakian said.

"Modernization usually pays off in better attendance, especially for theaters that haven't been renovated for a while," said Phil Contrino, spokesman for the National Associa-

tion of Theatre Owners. "Customers enjoy the experience, spurring them to go more often."

And that's important when movie fans have so many choices on Netflix and HBO, Contrino noted: "Consumer expectations are higher. If they have a night out, they want to maximize it."

Based on resident surveys, the city requested a full-service, sit-down restaurant as part of the deal.

"Restaurants and theaters make a good mar-

riage," Kim said. "You start with a nice meal, and then you see the latest and greatest movie."

Construction work should begin early in the new year. "We're going to attempt to juggle things so the theater never closes," Akarakian said.

Contrino said "it warms our hearts" to learn about the revitalization of neighborhood movie houses. "It's great these theaters are still around," he said. "There's nothing like seeing a movie in a theater."

A winter wonderland!

City starts holiday season with Christmas tree lighting

By Loreen Berlin

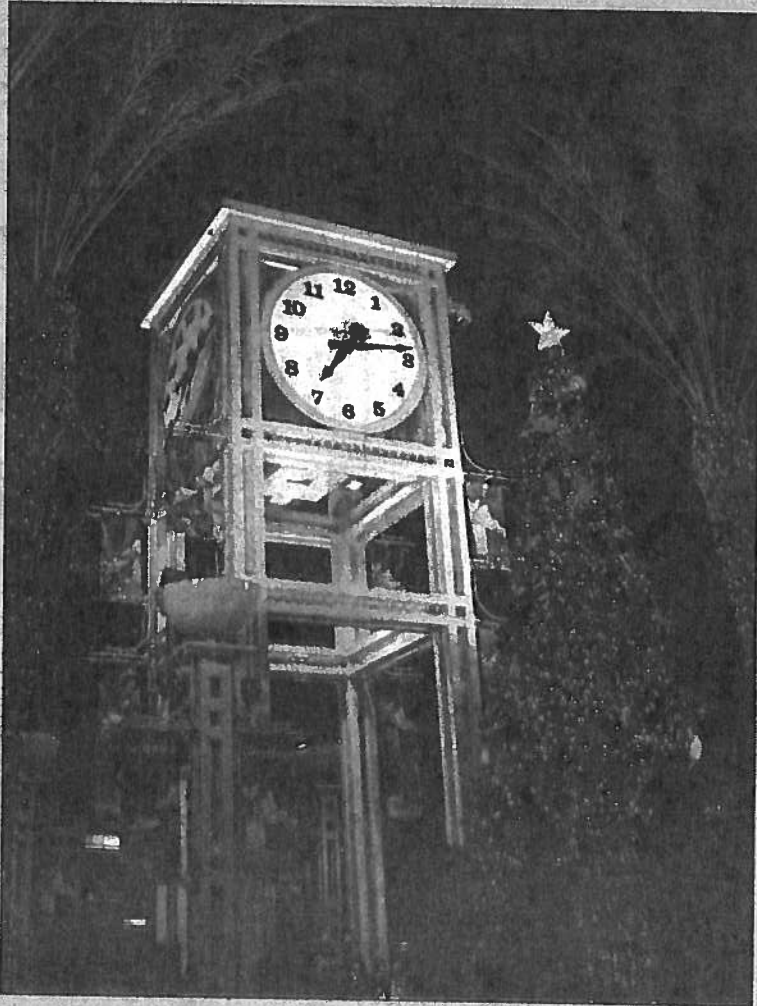
Garden Grove held its inaugural "Winter in the Grove" on Dec. 1, which is a combination of the City's Winterfest and Christmas Tree Lighting held at Village Green Park on Main Street.

In addition to Santa arriving on the city's fire truck, there were a children craft area, holiday refreshments, letters to Santa, a balloon animal artist, bounce houses, eight snow slides made of more than 40 tons of snow, and performances by the youth onstage.

Entertainment was provided by St. Columban School, The Learning Spot Dance Academy, Christ Cathedral Academy Advance Choir and Trinity Christian School.

Also, Jessica Torres, the 2018 "Voice of Garden Grove" runner-up, sang along with the Foundation's Dance Company and Bolsa Grande High School Concert Choir. Lighting of the community Christmas tree was Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council, followed by visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Food for purchase was available from local non-profits.

The Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 270 sold chili dogs, Fundación Jalisco USA sold tamales, and Buena Clinton's Concilio de Padres sold pan



Garden Grove officials lit the city's 24-foot Christmas tree on Dec. 1. The tree, at Village Green Park on Main Street, will remain lighted through December.

dulce and coffee.

Other offers included C & M, kettle corn and lemonade. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove offered free hot chocolate

and once again 7-Eleven donated cookies for the event.

The 24-foot Christmas tree will remain lit during the month of December.

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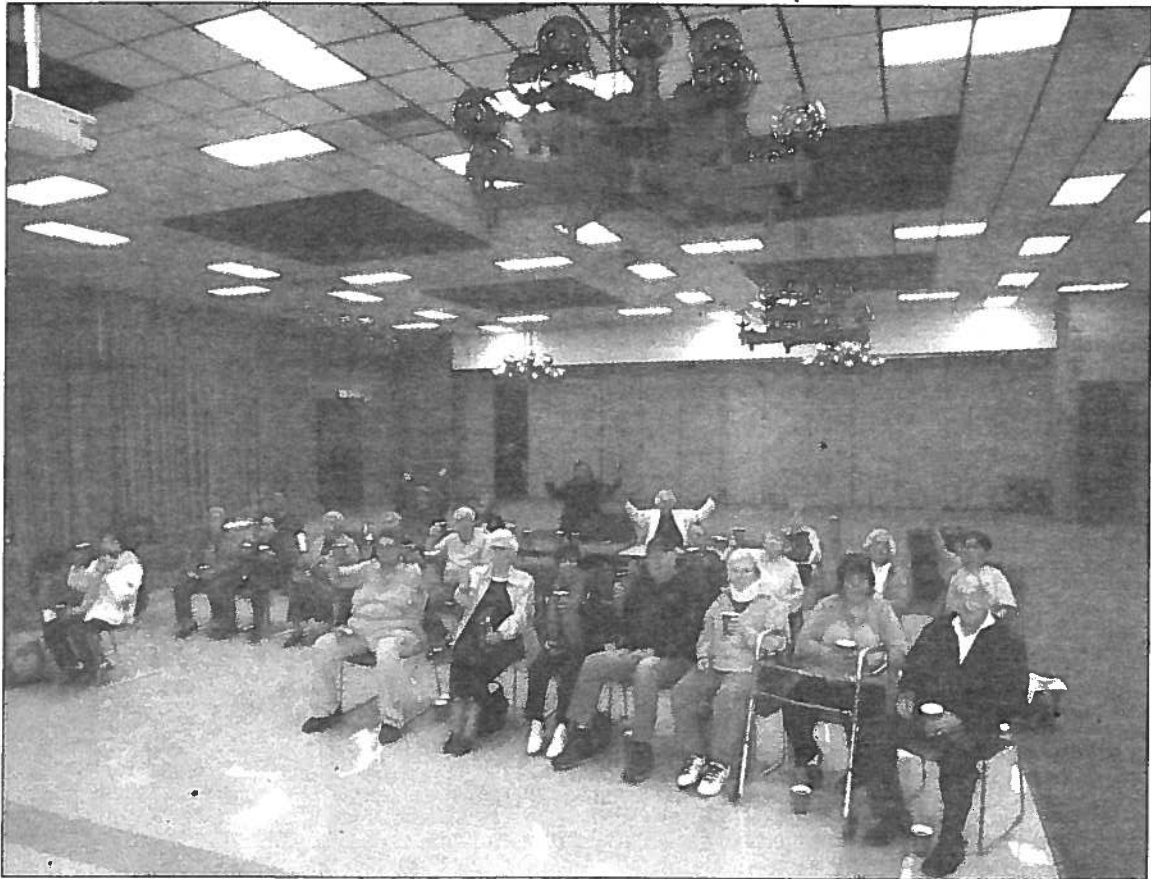


Photos by Loreen Berlin

Santa visits with local kids during the inaugural "Winter in the Grove" Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 1.

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All eyes on the big screen



Courtesy photo

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a free movie day at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 in the Senior Center Dining Room, at 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. All seniors are invited to enjoy munchies and the Disney movie, "Christopher Robin," starring Ewan McGregor and Hayley Atwell. The movie is about a working-class family man, Christopher Robin, who encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh. For more activities and monthly programs, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253.

'Day that will live in infamy' is cause for pause

Take time on Friday to
remember Pearl Harbor, and
locals who served in WWII

By Brady Rhoades

Seventy seven years ago this
coming Friday, Pearl Harbor
was attacked.

Folks forget that more than
2,300 military personnel and
more than 65 civilians were
killed in the ambush.

We should never forget.

Editor's Take

Fewer than 24 hours after
what President Franklin Roos-
evelt called "A day that will live
in infamy," Congress declared
war on Japan and our direct
involvement in World War II
began.

Garden Grove, Stanton and
Westminster lost good men and
women in World War II. Hun-
dreds from our communities
served the war effort — in the
Pacific, in Europe, at home.

One local who fought for his

**My favorite? Maybe the one
about a "miracle" — which
turned out to be some savvy
comrades — that saved him
from drowning during an
amphibious mission.**

country is Stanton resident Bill
Thomas, who has told many war
stories as a columnist for this
newspaper.

My favorite?

Probably the one about a
forlorn-turned-fantastic Thanks-
giving in Italy. Or maybe the
one about a "miracle" — which
turned out to be some savvy
comrades — that saved him
from drowning during an am-
phibious mission.

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But my next favorite is the day he boarded a ship — in uniform, all packed up — to go abroad. A lady from the Red Cross was handing out donuts to soldiers boarding the ship. Bill, ever the optimist, asked if he could have two and the lady obliged.

So... he's lugging all his necessities plus a donut in each hand and — splat, splat! — he ends up dropping both treats in the sea.

Bill, 95, served much of his time as a forward observer, which takes guts. Thank you for your service, sir.

In Westminster, we have, among many others, Sid Goldstein.

You've probably been to the park that was named after him at 14180 All American Way in Westminster.

Army Major Sid Goldstein, a member of the Legion of Valor and winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in WWII, lived in Westminster for many years after his retirement from the Army, where he raised his family, served his community, and was honored for his contributions to veterans affairs. The park was established after his death in 2002.

Did you know that more than 1,000 German POWs were held



File photo

Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, which features side-by-side soldiers as part of a Vietnam War memorial, was actually named after World War II veteran Sid Goldstein, who earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his heroism.

in Garden Grove in the latter years of the war?

They were, at Garden Grove Boulevard and Palm Street, and they were put to work on farms, mostly. The Garden Grove camp was set up in 1945 by Citrus

Growers Inc.

Take some time on Dec. 7 to mourn that tragic day in 1941, and to give thanks for all the brave men and women who served in a just and noble cause.

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Charter school proposal is rejected 4-0

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 4, 2018 • (2 COMMENTS)



GARDEN GROVE Unified School District Board of Education on Tuesday voted down a proposal for the establishment of a charter school (Orange County Tribune photo).

By Jim Tortolano

A petition to create a charter school within the boundaries of the Garden Grove Unified School District was rejected by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

The board voted 4-0 – with member Terri Rocco absent – against the proposal by Achievers Global Academy.

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/ggusdlogo.png>) Seven members of the public spoke against the charter proposal. The sole speaker on behalf of the charter was the proponent, Virginia Carrillo.

She rebutted the district's objections – including issues with funding, special education and availability of teaching staff – and concluded with “this district's response tells more about its aversion to charters and competition than it does about this particular charter.”



Among those opposed was Ariana Escalera, a GGUSD parent who said “There is nothing this charter offers that is better than what we have now.”

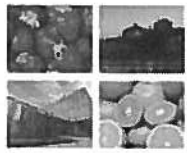
Another, Sandy Lopez, called the charter plan “insulting,” referring to comments made at a public hearing on the proposal on Oct. 16.

The board room was nearly filled with spectators, many of whom were wearing “GGUSD” sweatshirts. The district serves most of Garden Grove as well as

The next meeting of the board will be on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

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Planners discuss billboard and karaoke

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 3, 2018 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GARDEN GROVE and Westminster planning commissions will meet this week. Stanton's meeting is cancelled.

Two local planning commissions will be holding meetings this week, and a third meeting has been cancelled.

In Garden Grove, the panel will consider a request to allow for the reconstruction and expansion of a freeway-facing billboard on Trask Avenue west of Brookhurst Street for the Toyota Place auto dealership.

If approved the digital display area would increase from 298.47 square feet to 477 square feet.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave, on Thursday, Dec. 6.

In Westminster, the top item on the agenda will be a request for a conditional use permit to establish a karaoke business in a 3,949-square foot tenant space at 9822 Bolsa Ave., Suite A.

The commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the council chamber at 8200 Westminster Blvd. on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The Stanton City Council meeting originally scheduled for Dec. 5 has been cancelled. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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“Winter in the Grove” was twice as fun

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 1, 2018 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



DRESSED for the season were Elena Erwin (left) and niece Madelynn Seehusen, both of Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photos by Jim Tortolano).

“Winter in the Grove” on Saturday evening in the Village Green Park in Garden Grove combined what used to be two events, and with the turnout and variety of activities and entertainment, this new version may well have been twice as fun.

Organized by the City of Garden Grove’s Community Services Department, the event ran from 4-8 p.m. in the park in the downtown area at Main and Euclid

streets. It replaced the "Winterfest" held in the Atlantis Play Center adjacent to Garden Grove Park and the tree-lighting at the Village Green.



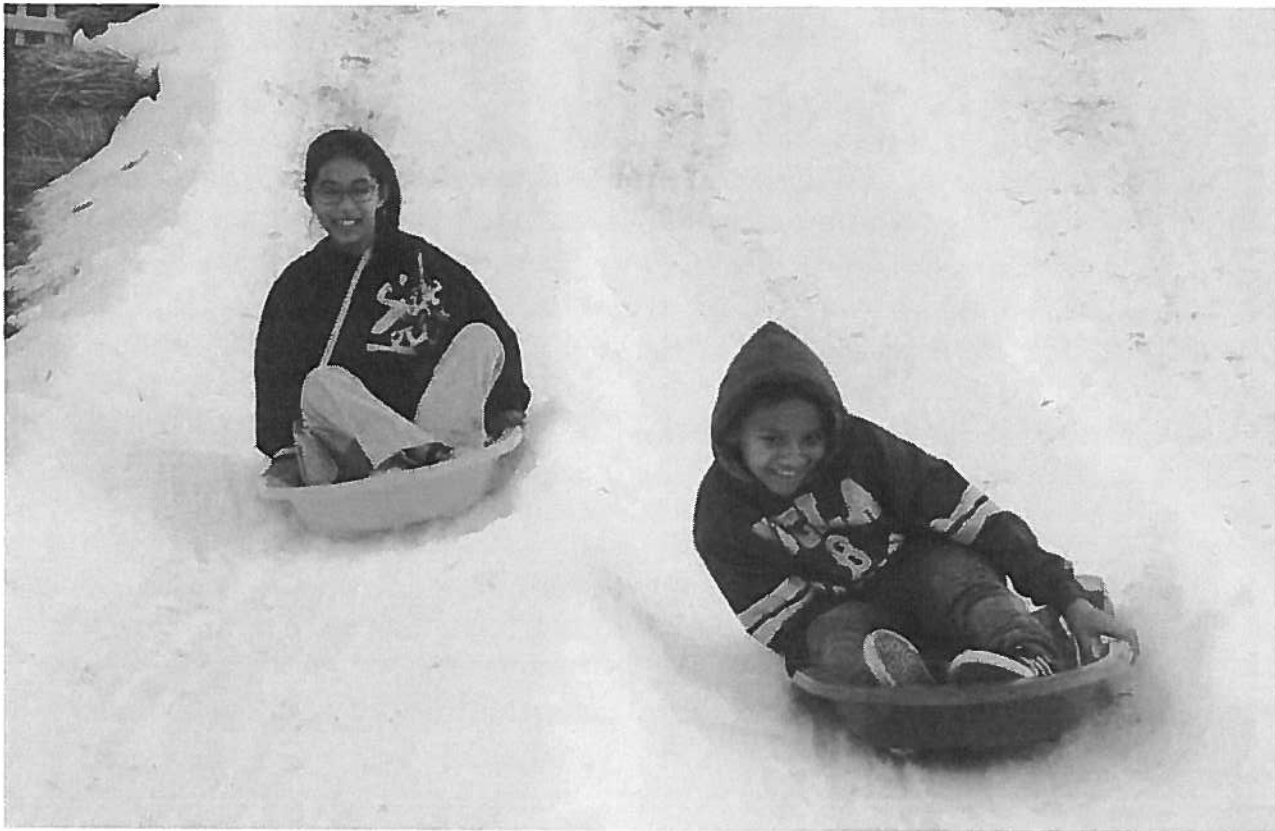
(https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/gg-logo_lg.jpg) There was just about something for everyone. Tons of snow were brought in to create snow slides for the kids, and there were food booths, bounce houses and other inflatable fun and photo ops.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand, and much of the *bon homie* came from local people running into each other dressed in their "ugly" Christmas sweaters and bundled up like the Big Strawberry was located in Minnesota.

Once the sun went down and darkness descended, the musical entertainment started on a stage in front of the city's 24-foot Christmas tree. Dance groups, choruses, choirs and more entertained the crowd until the crowning moment when the tree was lit up, officially kicking off the season for Garden Grove.

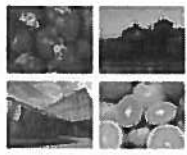


MINNIE, a 5-year-old golden retriever, found snow and ice to be a nice snack. She belongs to the Parra family of Garden Grove.



A **BIG** attraction of the "Winter in the Grove" were the snow slides that gave local kids a taste of recreation in the more wintry parts of the nation.

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OC Streetcar breaks ground, gets funding

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON NOVEMBER 30, 2018 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



ORANGE COUNTY Transportation Authority officials join with Federal Transit Administration and California Transportation Agency officials to break ground Friday, Nov. 30 on the \$408 million OC Streetcar, the first such streetcar system in Orange County.

(Left to right: OCTA Vice Chairman Tim Shaw, OCTA Director Barbara Delgleize (also a member of the Huntington Beach City Council), Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones, OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson, California Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Annis, Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams, Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido, OCTA Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, OCTA directors Andrew Do, Greg Winterbottom and Al Murray.)

The Orange County Transportation Authority on Friday brought together local, state and federal officials to accept a \$149 million federal funding grant and to mark the start of construction on the county's first modern electric streetcar.

Federal Transit Administration Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams and OCTA CEO Darrell E. Johnson signed a Full-Funding Grant Agreement at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center, which with other federal funding will pay

for more than half of the approximately \$408 million OC Streetcar project.

(<https://orangecountytribune.files.wordpress.com/2016/08/octa-logo.jpg>) Following the signing, transportation officials joined with leaders from Santa Ana and Garden Grove – the two cities that originally developed the project – and with business and community leaders to break ground on the OC Streetcar.

“This is a truly exciting day as we officially begin construction on a new travel option in Orange County’s urban core where public transit is critical in moving residents, employees and visitors on a daily basis,” said OCTA Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett, also the county’s Fifth District Supervisor.



The acceptance of the FTA’s \$149 million grant follows years of close coordination between OCTA and the FTA to plan the rail transit line. The route goes from the Santa Ana Transit Center and connects the downtown of the county seat to Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove, using city streets and the old Pacific Electric right-of-way.

Construction is expected to start in 2019, with testing and operation in 2021.

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Monday, December 10, 2018



MEDIA ALERT

WHAT: Swearing-in for Garden Grove Mayor Steven R. Jones and City Council members George S. Brietigam III (District 1), Thu-Ha Nguyen (District 3), and Patrick Phat Bui (District 4), and farewell recognition for Mayor Pro Tem Kris Beard. A reception will immediately follow the official swearing-in.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

PHOTO

OPPORTUNITIES: Garden Grove Mayor Steven R. Jones, City Council members. The A room will be available for media interviews.

FOR MORE

INFORMATION: City Clerk Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5040

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Lunes, 10 de diciembre de 2018



ALERTA DE PRENSA

QUÉ: Ceremonia de juramento para el alcalde de Garden Grove Steven R. Jones, y miembros del consejo municipal, George S. Brietigam III (Distrito 1), Thu-Ha Nguyen (Distrito 3) y Patrick Phat Bui (Distrito 4). También, reconocimiento de despedida para el alcalde interino (Pro Tempore) Kris Beard. Una recepción sigue la toma de posesión oficial.

CUANDO: Martes, 11 de diciembre de 2018, a las 6:30 p.m.

DONDE: Centro de Reuniones Comunitarias de Garden Grove
(Garden Grove Community Meeting Center)
11300 Avenida Stanford, Garden Grove, CA 92840

FOTOS DE PRENSA: Alcalde Steven R. Jones y miembros del concejo municipal. El Salón A (A Room) estará disponible para entrevistas de prensa.

PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN: Secretaria Municipal, Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5040

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Thứ Năm, 6 tháng 12, 2018

MEDIA ALERT - THÔNG CÁO BÁO CHÍ

- SỰ KIỆN:** Lễ tuyên thệ cho Thị trưởng Steven R. Jones và Nghị viên George S. Brietigam III (Thuộc địa hạt 1), Nghị viên Thu-Hà Nguyễn (Địa hạt 3), và Nghị viên Patrick Phat Bui (Địa hạt 4), song song cùng lễ tạm biệt Phó thị trưởng Kris Beard. Một bữa tiệc nhẹ sẽ diễn ra sau buổi lễ tuyên thệ.
- THỜI GIAN:** Thứ Ba, 11 tháng 12, 2018, lúc 6:30 chiều
- ĐỊA ĐIỂM:** Phòng hội họp cộng đồng
(Garden Grove Community Meeting Center)
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840
- CHỤP HÌNH VÀ GIAO LƯU:** Thị trưởng Thành phố Steven R. Jones và các Nghị viên Thành phố sẽ cùng gặp gỡ, giao lưu cùng truyền thông địa phương để phỏng vấn tại phòng A.
- ĐỂ BIẾT THÊM THÔNG TIN:** Thư ký Thành phố Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5040

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뭐: Steven R. Jones 시의회 의원, George S. Brietigam III (1 구역), Thu-Ha Nguyen (3 구역), Patrick Phat Bui (4 구역) 의 Garden Grove 시장 및 Pro Tem Kris Beard 시장을위한 작별 인사. 리셉션은 공식적인 맹세를 한 다음 바로 따릅니다.

언제: 2018 년 12 월 11 일 화요일, 오후 6:30

어디에: Garden Grove 커뮤니티 미팅 센터
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

사진 기회: Garden Grove 시장 Steven R. Jones 시의회 의원. A 룸을 미디어 인터뷰때 사용할 수 있습니다.

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Thursday, December 6, 2018

SPONSOR STATE OF THE CITY 2019

Businesses are invited to sponsor the upcoming State of the City luncheon, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Steven R. Jones delivers his official address at the luncheon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Boulevard.

By sponsoring the event, businesses have the opportunity to network with elected officials, meet community leaders, connect with business leaders, and learn about economic development, growth, and goals for the City. Sponsors will also be recognized in front of local leaders and elected officials.

Sponsors can choose from four sponsorship levels: Title Sponsor of \$5,000; Event Sponsors of \$2,500; Multi-Media Sponsors of \$2,000; and Table Sponsors of \$750. The deadline to sponsor is Friday, January 25, 2019

Mayor Jones will discuss the City's recent accomplishments, as well as the vision for the coming year. The Mayor will inform attendees of upcoming events, major developments, and other areas of progress in the city.

For more information, please contact Cindy Spindle at (714) 638-7950 or email ceo@gardengrovechamber.com.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018



WINTER WONDERLAND DINNER DANCE AT H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER

A festive holiday celebration full of food, music, and dancing is being planned by the City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center. All local seniors are invited to participate in a "Winter Wonderland" dinner dance on Friday, December 14, 2018. The event is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The cost for the event is \$15 per person, pre-sale only, and includes dinner, beverages and live entertainment by "John Cosgriff." Tickets may be purchased at the senior center front office.

For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018



WIN 1-NIGHT STAY AT GREAT WOLF LODGE DURING 2018 GARDEN GROVE HOLIDAY DRIVE

The community is invited to participate in the 2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive by entering into a raffle to win a 1-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. All proceeds benefit the 2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive, which works to bring joy, hope, and holiday spirit to local children and families that are underprivileged. From now until Tuesday, December 18, 2018, the City's youth and family centers are selling raffle tickets for \$3, or 2 for \$5, at the following locations:

- Garden Grove City Hall - Recreation Counter: 11222 Acacia Parkway
- Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center: 12661 Sunswept Avenue
- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center: 11402 Magnolia Street

One raffle ticket will be chosen and the winner will be notified on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to the raffle, the community can participate in the 2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive by donating unused, unwrapped toys, board games, canned food, gift cards, and other donations until Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

If making a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to Garden Grove Community Foundation and mailed to Holiday Drive, c/o GGCF, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Win One-Night Stay at Great Wolf Lodge during 2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive
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For over 20 years, the City's youth and family centers have worked to bring holiday cheer to local families that are disadvantaged. Last year, with the assistance from the community, the youth and family centers served over 300 Garden Grove families, giving approximately 900 local children the opportunity to unwrap a present during the holiday season.

The City's youth and family centers are made up of the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center. Both centers provide Garden Grove residents with year-round vital community services that include low or no-cost programs focused on youth enrichment, personal empowerment, counseling, family support services, and parent education.

For more information about the 2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive call (714) 741-5768.

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Monday, December 3, 2018



LOCAL SENIORS INVITED TO "MERRY NEW YEAR" CELEBRATION

In celebration of the holidays and New Year, the City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center is planning a festive event full of food, music, and dancing for local seniors on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. "The Merry New Year" event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, A Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All seniors are invited to enjoy live entertainment provided by the "Serenaders," as well as meet and mingle with other local senior citizens. Lunch is also included for a suggested donation of \$3 per person. The event is sponsored by Monarch HealthCare.

For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Garden Grove: Mang Niềm Vui Tới Cư Dân, Cộng Đồng Bằng Cách Tham Gia Chương Trình 'Garden Grove's Holiday Drive'

30/11/2018 00:00:00

Bích Chương



2018 Garden Grove Holiday Drive

From now until December 14

For over 20 years, the Garden Grove youth and family centers have worked to bring joy, hope, and holiday spirit to local, underprivileged children and their families.

Help spread holiday cheer to local families by donating to this year's Holiday Drive. Your generous donation will make a difference in the life of a child.

Please make checks payable to Garden Grove Community Foundation and mail to Holiday Drive, c/o GGCF, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Gift cards, toys, canned food, board games, and other donations are also greatly appreciated.



Donation Collection Sites

Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center
12661 Sunswep Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92843

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center
11402 Magnolia Street
Garden Grove, CA 92841

Garden Grove City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information, contact

Vicky Casillas at vickyc@ggcity.org or call (714) 741-5208.

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Bích chương.

GARDEN GROVE – Các trung tâm hỗ trợ cộng đồng trong Thành phố Garden Grove đang nhận sự đóng góp cho chương trình 'Garden Grove Holiday Drive 2018' nhằm mang lại niềm vui, hy vọng và tinh thần trong mùa lễ cho các trẻ em và gia đình gặp hoàn cảnh khó khăn. Các trung tâm đang nhận sự quyên góp từ bây giờ đến Thứ Sáu, ngày 14 tháng 12, 2018.

Hai trung tâm hỗ trợ cộng đồng tại Garden Grove là Trung tâm 'Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center' và Trung tâm 'Magnolia Park Family Resource Center.' Cả hai trung tâm cung cấp cho cư dân Garden Grove những dịch vụ cộng đồng quan trọng, bao gồm các chương trình miễn phí hoặc với lệ phí thấp tập trung vào việc huấn luyện và tư vấn thanh thiếu niên.

các dịch vụ hỗ trợ gia đình và giáo dục nuôi dạy con cái. Năm ngoái, với sự hỗ trợ từ cộng đồng, các trung tâm đã giúp đỡ hơn 300 gia đình tại Garden Grove, tặng quà đến hơn 900 trẻ em kém may mắn để có một mùa lễ hội trọn vẹn.

Mọi người có thể đóng góp tiền mặt, thẻ quà tặng (gift cards), đồ chơi, đồ ăn đóng hộp, board games, và các khoản quyên góp khác được thu nhận tại các địa điểm sau đây:

-- Trung tâm 'Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center': 12661 Sunswep Avenue.

-- Trung tâm 'Magnolia Park Family Resource Center': 11402 Magnolia Street.

-- Tòa Thị Chính Garden Grove – Recreation Counter: 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Chi phiếu xin để cho 'Garden Grove Community Foundation' và gửi về: Holiday Drive, c/o GGCF, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Biên nhận khấu trừ thuế có sẵn theo yêu cầu.

Để biết thêm thông tin chương trình 'Garden Grove Holiday Drive 2018' hoặc các trung tâm phục vụ cộng đồng trong Thành phố, vui lòng liên lạc cô Vicky Casillas tại vickyc@ggcity.org hoặc gọi số (714) 741-5208.

- Du Lịch Vì Sức Khỏe Tăng 9% Mỗi Năm
- Thẻ Thể Thao
- Hợp Báo Về Hội Ngộ Gia Đình Thông Tin Dân Văn Chiêu Hồi
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Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

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Ban Liên lạc Cộng đồng



Thứ Năm, 6 tháng 12, 2018

MEDIA ALERT - THÔNG CÁO BÁO CHÍ

- SỰ KIỆN:** Lễ tuyên thệ cho Thị trưởng Steven R. Jones và Nghị viên George S. Brietigam III (Thuộc địa hạt 1), Nghị viên Thu-Hà Nguyễn (Địa hạt 3), và Nghị viên Patrick Phat Bui (Địa hạt 4), song song cùng lễ tạm biệt Phó thị trưởng Kris Beard. Một bữa tiệc nhẹ sẽ diễn ra sau buổi lễ tuyên thệ.
- THỜI GIAN:** Thứ Ba, 11 tháng 12, 2018, lúc 6:30 chiều
- ĐỊA ĐIỂM:** Phòng Hội họp Cộng đồng
(Garden Grove Community Meeting Center)
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840
- CHỤP HÌNH VÀ GIAO LƯU:** Thị trưởng Thành phố Steven R. Jones và các Nghị viên Thành phố sẽ cùng gặp gỡ, giao lưu cùng truyền thông địa phương để phỏng vấn tại phòng A.
- ĐỂ BIẾT THÊM THÔNG TIN:** Thư ký Thành phố Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5040

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December 6, 2018

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the December 13, 2018 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities "CA Cities Advocate" dated November 30 – December 6, 2018.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6, 2018 – December 24, 2018

Thursday	December 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	December 6-December 9		One More Productions presents "The Holiday Gem" Gem Theater
Friday	December 7		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	December 11	9:45 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Free Holiday Movie Senior Center Dining Room
		6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Swearing-In Reception for Mayor Steven R. Jones, Council members George S. Brietigram III, Thu-ha Nuygen, and Patrick Phat Bui, and Farewell Recognition for Mayor Pro Tem Kris Beard
Thursday	December 13		Casual Day – Holiday Drive
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Thursday-Sunday	December 13-December 16		One More Productions presents "The Holiday Gem" Gem Theater
Friday	December 14	6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's "Winter Wonderland" Dinner Dance, Senior Center Dining Room
Wednesday	December 19	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center's "The Merry New Year," Community Meeting Center, A Room
Thursday	December 20		Casual Day
Friday	December 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday-Tuesday	December 24-January 1		City Hall Closed – Holiday Closure



GARDEN GROVE

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: December 6, 2018

ALLISON WILSON
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Garden Grove Zoning Administrator
scheduled for December 13, 2018
has been cancelled.

JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY

League's 2018 Legislative Briefing Book Now Available Online

December 3, 2018

The League of California Cities® posted on its website a comprehensive summary of the 2018 Legislative and Ballot year, along with descriptions, divided by issue area, of the hundreds of bills of interest to cities that passed the Legislature and were signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown.

League lobbyists prepare this document at the conclusion of each legislative year as a resource to assist city officials understand laws enacted during the 2018 session.

This report was originally provided to city officials via a webinar hosted by the League's lobbying team on Nov. 13. The report is now available for download on the League's [website](#).

League Board Establishes 2019 Strategic Goals

Improving Disaster Preparedness, Recovery, and Climate Resiliency; Addressing Affordable Housing and Homelessness Challenges; Promoting Sustainability of Public Pensions and Addressing Public Safety Concerns are all Priorities for League in New Year

December 3, 2018

The League Board of Directors, joined by leadership from the League's divisions, departments, policy committees and diversity caucuses convened in Garden Grove last week for the annual League Leaders Workshop in a retreat setting to develop the organization's strategic goals for 2019.

This annual event provides an opportunity for city leaders to reflect on the prior year's work, discuss current challenges, and establish League priorities as the organization continues to serve as the leading voice of California cities.

During the two-day format, attendees received presentations on progress on the League's 2018 priorities, results of recent state ballot measures, insight on voter trends, priorities of Governor-elect Gavin Newsom and legislative leadership.

Disaster Preparedness, Increased Housing and Homelessness Resources, Public Pension Stability and Public Safety take Center Stage

League President Jan Arbuckle, council member, Grass Valley, led the approximately 100 League leaders in attendance through the goal-setting process, where many pressing issues affecting all California cities were discussed.

In response to the recent wildfires that have devastated communities throughout the state, the city officials discussed the importance of expanding resources and partnerships for not just disaster recovery, but to improve community preparedness and resiliency to respond to climate-related, natural and man-made disasters

League leaders also discussed the challenges facing the state on housing, including the lack of affordable housing funding since the loss of redevelopment. Also mentioned was the recent report by the state Legislative Analyst predicting a slowdown in production due to market forces which include increasing supply, higher interest rates, and decreasing prices which cause private builders to slow production. As the Legislature grapples with this problem it will remain critical to ensure that funding and tools are made available to build affordable units and address the homelessness crisis in California. Moreover, the

Legislature can lead on the issue by providing CEQA streamlining to expedite housing construction, dedicating a portion of the state's budget surplus to construct affordable housing and expand skilled workforce training.

Participants agreed to continue to collaborate with partners to raise awareness of the state's significant unfunded pension liability and the growing fiscal challenge this poses for California cities, and to also address public safety concerns of California cities and support additional resources needed to address critical community challenges.

Strategic Goals Adopted for 2019

The League Board of Directors approved four strategic goals for 2019:

1. Provide Cities Additional Funding and Tools and Preserve Local Authority to Address Housing Production, Affordability and Homelessness Challenges.

- Provide additional funding and preserve local mitigation fee authority to ensure cities have sufficient resources to update local plans that reflect community input, improve and expand local infrastructure, address environmental impacts and deliver services to support new housing development.
- Restore a robust form of tax increment financing to advance transit-oriented development, build affordable and workforce housing, improve jobs/housing balances, and revitalize local neighborhoods and communities.
- Increase resources to provide emergency shelter, alcohol and drug treatment, housing, mental health and other wrap-around services and facilities to assist people of all ages, including seniors, experiencing homelessness.
- Provide CEQA streamlining to expedite housing construction.
- Ensure the availability of adequate water supplies to support new growth.
- Preserve local authority to ensure housing development is consistent with local housing elements, design requirements and other applicable criteria adopted with community input.
- Given California's massive identified deficit in affordable housing, the Legislature and Governor should set aside a substantial amount of the state's budget surplus to support additional affordable and workforce housing construction and expand skilled workforce training.

2. Improve Disaster Preparedness, Recovery and Climate Resiliency.

- Provide resources to cities and expand partnerships to better prepare for and recover from wildfires, seismic events, erosion, mudslides and other disasters.
- Improve community preparedness and resiliency to respond to climate-related, natural and man-made disasters.

3. Promote Sustainability of Public Pension and Retirement Health Benefits.

- Continue to work with employee organizations, CalPERS, the Administration and the Legislature to drive public awareness of the fiscal challenges cities face as a direct result of growing unfunded pension liabilities and retirement health benefits.
- Work collaboratively to achieve meaningful options and flexibility for cities to address these challenges in order to stabilize local budgets and ensure sufficient funding remains available to provide services to communities.

4. Address Public Safety Concerns of California Cities.

- Reform recently enacted criminal justice laws – enacted by both statute and initiative – that have eroded public safety protections of California residents through the passage of the Police Chiefs/Grocer’s-sponsored criminal justice reform measure eligible for the November 2020 state ballot, or by equivalent reforms achieved through legislative action.
- Protect public safety by reducing access to firearms for the mentally ill.
- Protect existing city authority to deliver local emergency services.
- Support additional tools and resources to address critical community challenges such as homelessness, mental health, domestic violence, drug rehabilitation, human trafficking and workforce development for ex-offender reentry.

More information on the 2019 goals and goals from prior years are available on the League's [website](#).

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California Supreme Court Hears Oral Argument in Highly Anticipated Pension Reform Case

December 6, 2018

The California Supreme Court heard oral argument on Wednesday, Dec. 5 in *Cal Fire Local 2881 v. California Public Employees' Retirement System* — a case that may have important implications for cities struggling to address rising pension costs.

As the League previously [reported](#), the case involves a challenge to a provision of the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act ("PEPRA") that eliminated the option for employees enrolled in CalPERS to purchase up to five years of service credit (commonly referred to as "airtime") to add to their pension benefit. In deciding the case, the California Supreme Court has an opportunity to reconsider longstanding precedent known as the "California rule," which often prevents employers from modifying pension benefits for employees enrolled in CalPERS or another public pension system. However, the Court could decide the case on narrower grounds.

The California rule applies only to pension benefits that are "vested," meaning that they are constitutionally-protected contract rights. If the Supreme Court rules that the option to purchase airtime was not a vested contractual right, then the lawsuit fails.

At oral argument, the union's attorney argued that all aspects of a pension benefit as it exists on the first day of an employee's employment become vested because each aspect is a part of the promise made to induce the employee to accept the position and therefore constitutes a form of deferred compensation. The state's attorney countered this argument by citing California Supreme Court precedent holding that there is a presumption against finding that statutes — as opposed to contracts — create vested contractual rights. The state's attorney pointed out that there was no language in the statute to indicate that the Legislature intended for the benefit to vest such that it could not be eliminated or modified in the future.

The questions from the Bench seemed to indicate that the Court will agree with the state's argument on this point when it issues its ruling next year. If the Court does agree with the state that the right was not vested, it is not necessary for the Court to address the California rule, since the rule does not apply to benefits that are not vested.

The Court has four other cases pending on its docket that implicate the California rule. Three of those cases are being held in abeyance pending the outcome of this case. The one remaining case — *Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association v. Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association* — is fully briefed and can be set for oral argument anytime.

Under the California Rules of Court, once oral argument is held and the Court takes the case under submission, it has 90 days within which to issue an opinion. The League will continue monitoring both cases and will provide further updates as they are available.