

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**April 16, 2015**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. ICSC CONVENTION 2015 COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

Kingsley Okereke informs you of the attendance of Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Council Member Beard to the 2015 International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Convention, known as RECON held on May 17 - 20, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV.

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

**A.** Notification from the Government Finance Officers Association that the comprehensive annual financial report for FY 2014 qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

**III. INFORMATION ON REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (PINKS)**

– PINK 3697

A request for a speed trailer on Nieta Drive due to excessive speeds by drivers avoiding the traffic signal at Ninth and Chapman. The Police Department will be installing a radar trailer after Spring Break, or the week of April 13th.

– PINK 3698

A complaint of construction trucks parking on residential streets during the construction of the Great Wolf Lodge. Staff contacted the complainant and explained that the project manager would be talking to the construction workers to tell them that they should only park on the lot located north of Twintree Lane on Harbor Blvd and not on residential streets.

– PINK 3699

Concerns regarding a blighted property at 11461 Westminster and 13931 Newhope Street. The complainant was informed that City Code Enforcement and Building Abatement staff were working jointly with the City Attorney's office to address the property and are currently pursuing civil and criminal remedies to lead to abatement of the issues.

- PINK 3700  
A citizen received a street sweeping citation and believed the street was not posted correctly. Staff investigated and informed the citizen that signage was correct and that the citation was valid.

- **OTHER ITEMS**

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan L. Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS RECON CONVENTION 2015 COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE

From: Kingsley Okereke  
Dept.: Finance  
Date: April 15, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To inform City Council that Mayor Pro Tem Jones and Council Members Beard have expressed interest in attending the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Convention, also known as RECON, which will be held on May 17 through 20, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

RECON is the global convention for the shopping center industry and provides networking, deal making and educational opportunities for retail real estate professionals from around the world. This year the City's economic development staff will be exhibiting at the ICSC Cities of the World Pavilion and showcasing the City's economic development programs and opportunities for the City of Garden Grove. (See Attached Recon Program.) During the Convention there will be educational opportunities for City Council to learn more about retail development. Staff will be requesting City Council authorization for out-of-state travel and expense reimbursement for City Council related travel for the next ICSC Convention on the next City Council Agenda.

It is estimated that the total cost impact will be \$2,000 per person. Funds for expenses related to the 2015 ICSC-Recon Convention are contained in the FY 2014-2015 Budget in City Council packages 0010 and 0011. Due to Brown Act considerations, staff recommends limiting the attendance to two City Council Members for the ICSC Conference.

Kingsley Okereke  
Assistant City Manager

By: Greg Blodgett  
Senior Project Manager

Attachment: RECON Program



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April 9, 2015

The Honorable ~~Bruce A. Broadwater~~  
Mayor  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove CA 92840

Dear Mayor Broadwater:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2014** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An award for the Certificate of Achievement has been shipped to:

**Kingsley Okereke**  
**Finance Director**

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,  
Government Finance Officers Association

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

Technical Services Center

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NEWS RELEASE

For Information contact:  
Stephen Gauthier (312) 977-9700

(Chicago)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **City of Garden Grove** by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

**Kingsley Okereke, Finance Director**

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

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**NEWSPAPER  
ARTICLES**

## SIGN UP FOR VIETNAMESE COMPUTER COURSE

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Do you speak Vietnamese and want to learn basic computer skills in that language? Or do you know a Vietnamese speaker who might be interested?

The Garden Grove Regional Library is holding a two-hour beginning computer class in Vietnamese at 9 a.m. on April 25.

Space is limited, though, so those wishing to attend the free class should register as soon as possible. Information: 714-530-0711.

- Chris Haire

# New city fire chief is ready to roll

Career firefighter  
Tom Schultz, 51,  
deputy chief in  
Fullerton, Brea,  
starts April 29.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

The city has a new top firefighter, seven months after former Chief David Barlag resigned amid criticism over his leadership of the department.

Tom Schultz, a 30-year firefighter and current deputy chief of operations for the Fullerton and Brea fire departments, has been tapped to lead the Garden Grove Fire Department beginning April 29.

"I'm very excited about building on the great

foundation of the Garden Grove Fire Department," Schultz said in a statement, "and working with the department members, staff, city officials and community to accomplish great things in an inclusive and collaborative manner."



Schultz

Since Barlag's resignation, the department's battalion chiefs have been reporting directly to the city manager - first Matt Fertal and, after his retirement, interim executive Allan Roeder.

Barlag remains a city employee; his new title is public-safety administrator.

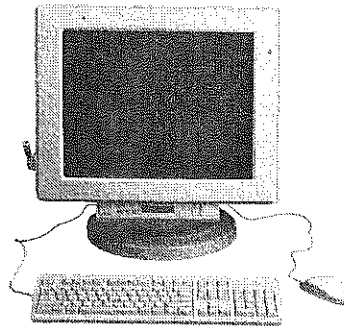
Roeder appointed Schultz, 51, after a months-long search.

"I am confident that with Tom's leadership skills and the talent Garden Grove possesses, from entry-level firefighter through division chief, the residents can be proud of their Fire Department," Roeder said in the same statement.

Schultz began with the Fullerton Fire Department at the age of 21 as a fire-prevention specialist. He steadily climbed the ranks, becoming a battalion chief in 2007.

He will be Garden Grove's 13th fire chief.

"Garden Grove has a rich history of serving the community with pride," Schultz said. "By all of us working together, I know we can create a positive impact and accomplish so much. I'm excited and eager to get on board."



FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Regional Library is holding a two-hour beginning computer class in Vietnamese.

## SCHULLER'S FUNERAL SLATED FOR MONDAY

Crystal Cathedral founder the Rev. Robert H. Schuller's funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Christ Cathedral, now owned and renamed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange.



Schuller

The public service will be held in the plaza. Schuller died on April 2 at the age of 88.

The closed-casket memorial will end with a procession into the Memorial Gardens where Schuller

will be buried next to his wife, Arvella, who died a little more than a year ago. Carol Schuller-Milner, the family spokeswoman, said the burial will be private, but the public will be welcome to view from outside the perimeter of the Memorial Gardens.

- Deepa Bharath



COURTESY OF JOAN MARCUS

The Broadway cast of the Roundabout Theatre Company performs a number from "Anything Goes." The Gem Theater is staging its own version of the production.

## GEM THEATER SETS SAIL

All aboard!

The Gem Theater is weighing anchor today for a three-week production of "Anything Goes," the classic Broadway musical comedy about love on the high seas.

When the S.S. American heads out to sea, two unlikely couples set off on the course to find true love.

The production is rife with singing sailors, as well as disguises and blackmail. The show also boasts some of the most classic musical standards: "I Get a Kick Out of You," "You're the Top" and, naturally,

### If you go

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, through May 3 (with an additional 2 p.m. matinee April 25)

**Where:** The Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., Garden Grove

**Cost:** \$40, opening night gala (Saturday); \$25, general admission; \$22, seniors (60 and older); \$15, children (12 and under); \$10, student rush (Thursdays and Fridays two hours before curtain)

**More info:** 714-741-9550, ext. 221, or [info@onemoreproductions.com](mailto:info@onemoreproductions.com)

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"Anything Goes."

"Anything Goes," featuring music and lyrics by Cole Porter, runs Thursday through Sunday through May 3.

"Anything Goes" is a two-

act musical that first debuted in 1934 at Broadway's Alvin Theatre, and has been revived multiple times in the U.S. and Britain and in film.

- Chris Haire

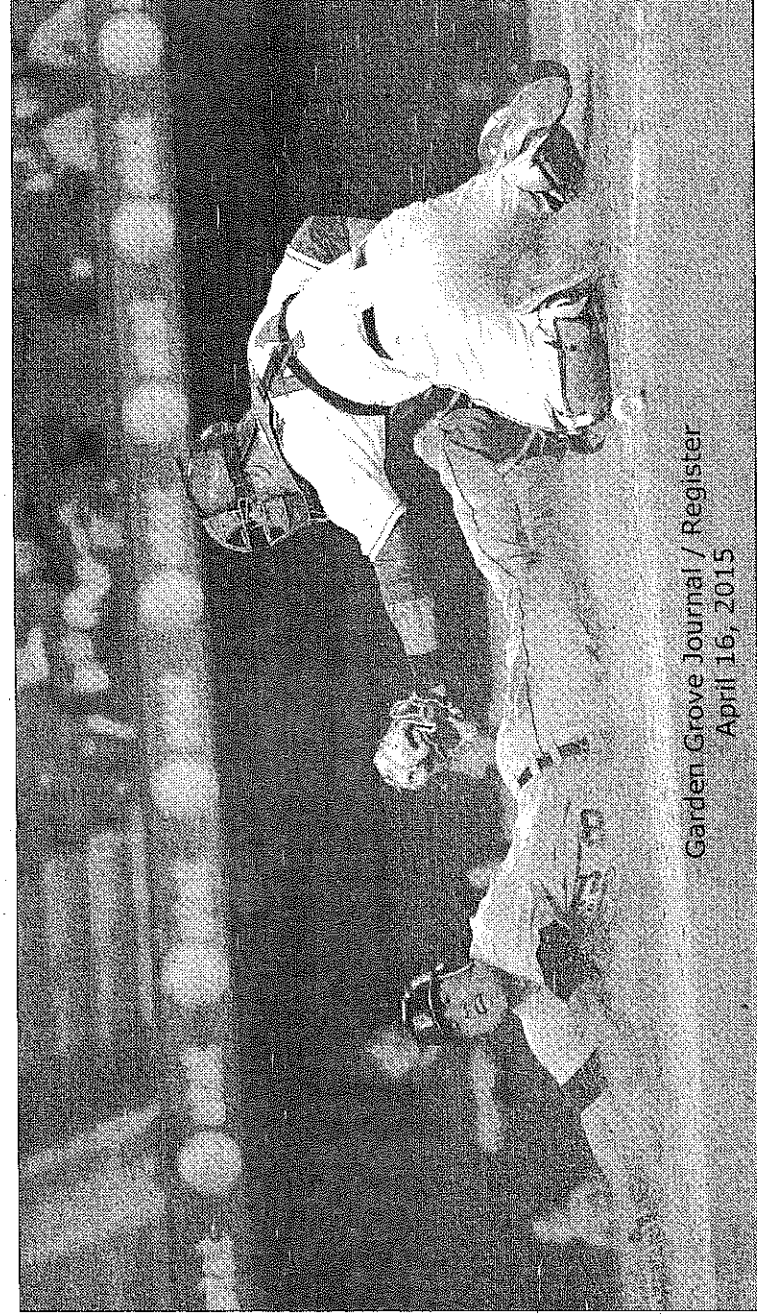
# Plenty of solid MLB players came from these parts

Some stars born here reached Hall of Fame; some are on way.

It's the second week of the baseball season, the fields are green, and hope is eternal, unless you've got the misfortune to be a fan of the Houston Astros or the Minnesota Twins, in which case, well, better luck next year. Or the year after that.

During spring training in 2014, Brainiac got to thinking about famous ballplayers who'd grown up in our fine towns. Guys like Hall of Famer and all-around good guy **Bert Blyleven** and scandal-plagued **Lenny Dykstra**, both of whom got their starts on the ball fields of Garden Grove.

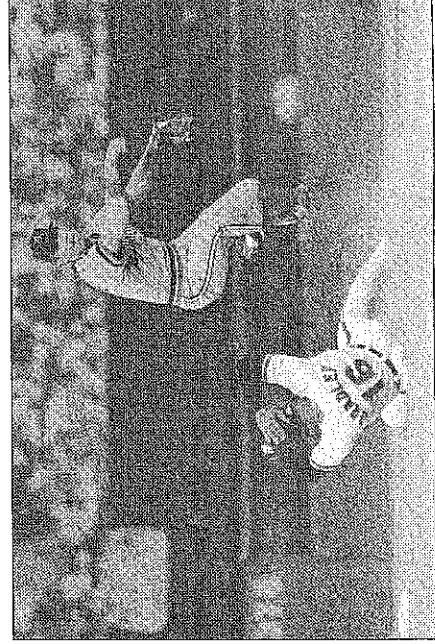
This year, we're going a little further back in time, looking at stars born here who might or might not have grown up here, but, for better or worse, have Garden Grove or Westminster on their birth certificates in black and white. There's another potential Hall of Famer in this bunch. Detroit Tigers' shortstop and later manager **Alan Trammell** was born in Garden Grove on Feb. 21, 1958. His parents **Forrest** and **Anne Trammell** moved south before Alan was very old — he graduated from



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ROSE PALMISANO, FILE PHOTO

**2010. Laird was born and raised in Westminster.**



JASON LEE, AP FILE PHOTO

**the sliding Orioles Phil Bradley during a 1989 game.**

team personnel noticed his absence. Checking his hotel room, they discovered he had died in his bed of a heart attack, at only 33 years old.

Kile, who graduated from high school in Norco, was remembered later that year when the Cardinals won the Central Division by slugger **Albert Pujols**, now a member of the Angels, who carried his number 57 jersey onto the field for the celebration.

Finally, a word for **Gerald Laird**, a journeyman catcher who was born and raised in Westminster, and is one of the few — maybe the only — player born locally to still be active in Major League Baseball.

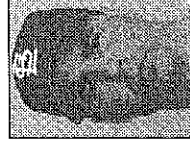
Laird graduated from La Quinta High School in Westminster, and since breaking in with the Texas Rangers in 2003 has steadily kept a job, usually as a backup catcher, with the Rangers, Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals, Atlanta Braves and, this year, the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Laird went 0 for 2 on April 8 against the world champion San Francisco Giants and promptly landed on the 15-day disabled list with back spasms. But he's still playing, still better than most other guys who've ever picked up a glove or a bat, and for that, well, we salute Gerald Laird for keeping the dream alive.

Kearny High School in San Diego and was a Padres fan, according to a biography on the website of the Society for American Baseball Research.

Trammell has been on the ballot for the Hall of Fame for the past 12 years, getting votes from anywhere from 14 percent to 37 percent, not enough to get in, but sufficient to keep hopes alive. Garden Grove native Blyleven, the former pitcher for the Angels and other teams, got into the hall on his 14th try.

Pitcher **Darryl Kile** also arrived in this world in Garden Grove, his birthday landing on Dec. 2, 1968, and despite a solid career as a pitcher for the Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals, he's remembered most for the tragedy of his death. Kile was with the Cardinals in Chicago to play the Cubs on June 22, 2002 when



Kile

# GG names new fire chief

Tom Schultz has been working  
in the field for 30 years



Courtesy photo  
Tom Schultz

Tom Schultz, deputy chief of operations for the Fullerton and Brea fire departments, has been appointed as Garden Grove's 13th fire chief.

Schultz, a 30-year fire service veteran,

will assume his new position with the City of Garden Grove on April 29. The announcement was made by Garden Grove Interim City Manager Allan L. Roeder last week.

"I'm very excited about building on the great foundation of the Garden Grove Fire Department and working with the department members, staff, city officials, and community to accomplish great things in an inclusive and collaborative manner," said Schultz.

Schultz began his fire career at the age of 21 as a fire prevention specialist with the Fullerton Fire Department. He soon became a firefighter and a firefighter paramedic, which ascended him to captain status.

After 20 years with the department, he became the Training and Disaster Preparedness Officer, responsible for the department's overall professional fire training and for updating and implementing the citywide disaster preparedness program.

In 2007, he was promoted to shift battalion chief, overseeing the daily activities of the department, including obtaining and managing grant funding, and directing the department's Urban Search and Rescue program.

In 2011, while serving as deputy chief of operations, the Fullerton and Brea Fire Departments consolidated their command staff and placed Schultz at the helm of facilitating the management integration of both departments. He also worked extensively with both Fullerton and Brea labor groups, authored new policies and developed several new programs, and served as acting fire chief.

For more than 25 years, Schultz has been an instructor at Santa Ana College, training college students and academy recruits in fire technology. He has been very active in regional committees and has been the past president of both the Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers and Operations Sections groups and chaired the committee that developed the county's Active Shooter Policy, now being used by all Orange County fire departments. He holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Sciences from Brandman University.

After an established 30-year city career, Schultz explains why he chose to make the transition to Garden Grove.

"Garden Grove has a rich history of serving the community with pride. By all of us working

together, I know we can create a positive impact and accomplish so much. I'm excited and eager to get on board."

Commenting on Schultz's selection as the new Garden Grove fire chief, Interim Roeder said,

"I am confident that with Tom's leadership skills and the talent Garden Grove possesses, from entry level firefighter through division chief, the residents can be proud of their Fire Department."

Chief Schultz has been married for 27 years to his high school sweetheart, Kim, and

they have two college-aged daughters and a son. Besides spending time with his family, he also enjoys mountain biking and fishing.

**CHIEF:**

**"Garden Grove has a rich history of serving the community with pride. By all of us working together, I know we can create a positive impact and accomplish so much. I'm excited and eager to get on board" — Chief Tom Schultz**



# Baptist Church gets new playground

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Collaborative effort will net children a new area for fun

By Loreen Berlin

Orangewood Avenue Baptist Church, which has been serving the Garden Grove and Stanton communities for nearly 60 years, is about to get a new playground for the children of the community, through a collaboration with KaBoom, Friendly Center, and Smile Generation.

Pastor Tye McClain and the church members have been working with KaBoom for several months to develop a new playground for the children in the community.

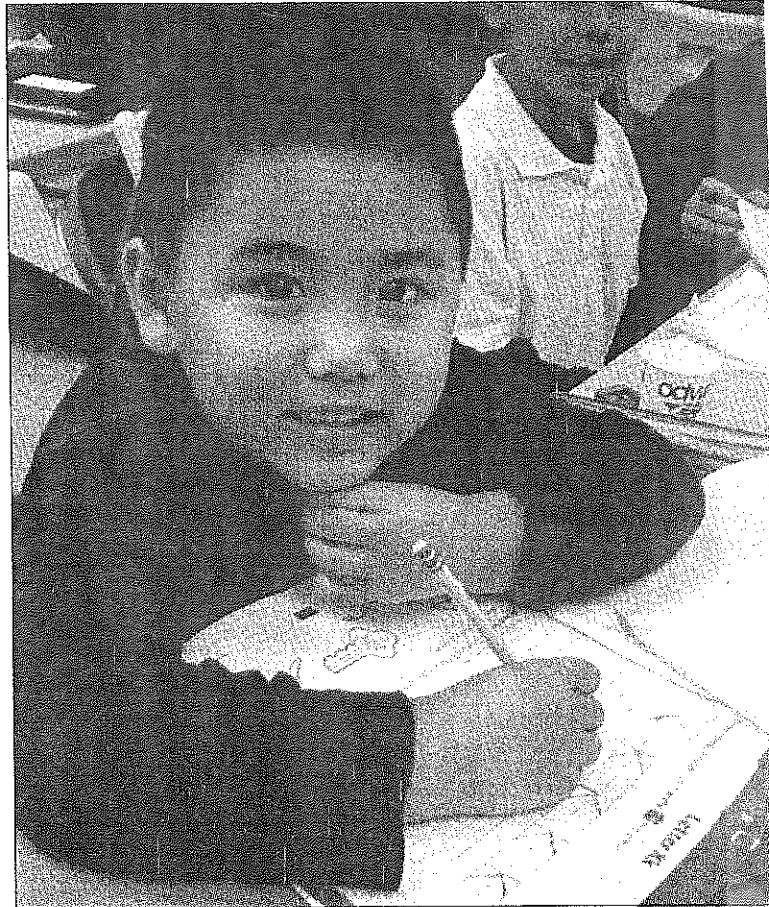
Saturday, May 9, the church will provide the space needed, on its property at 8421 Orangewood Ave. (corner of Orangewood and Dale) in Garden Grove, in order to build a playground for the children in the neighborhood and students who attend Rancho Alamitos High School and Bryant Elementary School.

"When school lets out, the church's parking lot becomes a thoroughfare for parents picking up children, which provides a unique opportunity for the church to provide a safe haven for the children after school," said McClain.

McClain said they are expecting 150 to 200 volunteers to take part in playground building.

KaBoom is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that children get a childhood filled with balanced and active play needed to thrive. They have worked with more than 200 cities to build playgrounds.

KaBoom is working in conjunction with the Friendly Center, which has an office at the church, where they provide emergency assistance, mental health services, job development, counseling services, domestic violence in-



A child at the Friendly Center actually seems to be enjoying working on his homework.

**PLAY:**

tervention, and utility assistance, to name a few services.

Friendly Center works with Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County on the first Monday of every month to distribute 8,000 pounds of food.

A Second Harvest truck takes pallets of food to the church's parking lot where food is distributed to approximately 250 families, with 25 volunteers helping distribute the food.

Last week, eight to 10 volunteers distributed 2,000 pounds of food to approximately 90 families.

Friendly Center offers tutoring Monday through Thursday afternoons for children from 1st through 12th grades.

Soon, Friendly Center will also be opening an office in the

Stanton Community Center to help meet the needs of residents in the area.

May 9, the Smile Generation will be on-site at the church, as part of the day's activities and will host a free dental clinic for anyone in need of dental care such as cleanings, extractions, crowns and fillings. Smile Generation plans to see approximately 150 patients, both children and adults.

"With a new playground, children will have a place to exercise and socialize with other children in a safe environment," said McClain.

The Stanton Community Foundation was approached to help with the project and will be noted on an on-site plaque for its part in the project.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

The Friendly Center at the Orangewood Avenue Baptist Church in Garden Grove that also serves the City of Stanton has been bustling with activity of late. Pictured is a staffer helping a child.

### Website enhanced

Garden Grove has launched a new, re-designed, and re-enhanced website.

A slicker look, new features, and technological enhancements allow users to easily view stories, find city services, and navigate through the website using a PC or any smart device. The website can be found at [www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us](http://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us).

Web pages now adjust in size to accommodate all smart phones, tablets, and even pages on the city's mobile app.

Larger, and easier to view videos, and more convenient access to the city's social media also enhances information accessibility for users. The site also maintains compliance with ADA guidelines.

In February, the city organized a community focus group to obtain comments and ideas for the new site. Overall, the group found the new site to be more useful tool for city transparency, as well as more attractive and easier to use.

### Vehicle crash

A white Toyota Tundra driven by Kevin Escalante was traveling southbound on West Street near Lampson Avenue at a high rate of speed last week, Garden Grove police said.

Escalante lost control of the vehicle and swerved into the northbound lanes of traffic, hitting two parked cars and colliding with a telephone pole, shearing it off at the base, police said. The passenger is listed in serious condition, while the driver is listed as stable.

Both were transported to UCI Medical Center for treatment.

Approximately 70 homes were without electricity until Edison secured and repaired the telephone pole. Alcohol and/or drugs have not been ruled out as a factor in the collision and the investigation is continuing.

The Garden Grove Police Department is asking for the public's help with any information about this accident. Contact Investigator Zmija with any information at 714-741-5823.

## Orange County News April 15, 2015

### Bingo party

Bingo!

The Woman's Civic Club of Garden Grove is hosting a Bingo party at noon, April 29 at its clubhouse, 9501 Chapman Ave.

The event includes lunch, raffles and prizes.

Donation is \$6.

For more information, call 714-539-2495.



# Community Calendar

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p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m.  
For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

## Ongoing

**Overachievers, check this out**  
The Chamber holds Friday meetings  
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

### Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age.  
The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.  
For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

### Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

### Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

### Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

### Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

### GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

### School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

### Ready, young Rembrandts?

Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will

learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being

Cartoonist lessons offered  
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

### Commission set to meet

The City of Westminster Planning Commission holds its regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.  
Chamber set to meet  
The Westminster Chamber of

Commerce holds legislation meetings at 8 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month in its offices, at 14491 Beach Blvd. in Westminster.

### Board meetings on Fridays

The Chamber of Commerce holds a regular board of directors meeting at 8 a.m. the fourth Friday of every month at the chamber's location, 14491 Beach Blvd. in Westminster. For more information, call the chamber at 714-898-9648.

### Join preschool storytime hour

Join the Westminster Public Library for stories, songs, and crafts at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday with your preschool-aged child. The Westminster Library is at 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Contact the children's librarian, Anna, with questions at 714-893-5057.

### A crafty day at library

Kids are invited for a special craft program at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Westminster Public Library, 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Come after school for a fun creative afternoon. For more information, call Anna at 714-893-5057.

**CALENDAR:**

handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15



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## GG High suffers setback against Calvary Chapel

Photos by Mel Jordan  
A bang bang play! A Calvary Chapel player scores after beating the throw to Garden Grove High catcher Pablo Hernandez. during a game recently at Century High School. Calvary won, 6-2. Garden Grove is now 7-8 on the season.



A Garden Grove High pitcher brings the heat against Calvary Chapel in a game recently at Century High School as part of the Century High School Tournament. Calvary won, 6-2. Garden Grove had two subsequent games after playing Calvary Chapel. The squad lost to Valley Christian, 4-0, in its final game of the tournament and followed that up with a 11-1 win against Santa Ana Valley High at Santa Ana. The team's overall record is 7-8. Its next league game is against Rancho Alamitos High at Garden Grove High on April 17.



# Strawberry fields forever?

## Well, not exactly

Also, a WM vet says our flag should fly higher than that of the former South Vietnam flag



**Tony on the Town**

**By Tony Cheong**

Fact: There are no strawberry fields left in Garden Grove.

Fact No. 2: It's that time of year! The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival – one of the oldest and biggest traditions in Orange County – is set for May 22-25.

We're waiting word from organizer Judy Cooper on who will be the grand marshal, but regardless, the festival is always a hit among locals, drawing tens of thousands to downtown Garden Grove to experience rides, meet new people at numerous booths and, of course, enjoy a variety of foods, including

strawberries.

If you do nothing else, get the strawberry shortcake.

Yum!

Side note: One of the two most famous men every to come out of Garden Grove (the late Rev. Robert Schuller is the other) wants nothing to do with the festival, or spending a weekend as grand marshal.

I'm talking about Steve Martin.

Oh, they've tried. And tried and tried. But nope. I say to the talented comic and actor: Come on, Steve! Would it kill you to mingle with us peasants?

I received another correspondence about Freedom Park in Westminster. This one was from a World War II veteran. His complaint was the same as the first one I received months ago: Why is the flag of the former South Vietnam (Little Saigon is now known as Ho Chi Minh City) flying at the same height as the American flag?

At Freedom Park (next to the city's Civic Center on All American Way), a large, beautiful statue depicts an American and a South Vietnamese soldier. After all, they fought side-by-side in the Vietnam War.

Maybe the writer has a point.

Maybe the American flag should be a tad higher.

But remember, these soldiers were fighting for the liberty of South Vietnam, and that flag symbolized that liberty. I don't see it as a knock on the American flag, but as recognition that 58,000 thousand-plus American soldiers and millions of Vietnamese died fighting for the sovereignty of South Vietnam.

Then again, who am I to question a World War II veteran? He surely knows a thing or two about these things. We don't fly French flags, right? Or Italian flags. Or Japanese flags. At least not in equal standing with Old Glory.

A question for Stanton: Why do you almost invariably hold special events outside of your city?

The recent Mayor's Prayer's Breakfast was held at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

Why not keep it in city? You can't urge your citizens to "shop local" when you're shopping elsewhere for venues.

The Park Avenue restaurant would do just fine. Keep it local, folks.

*Do you have a comment, question or news tip? You can reach Tony at [Tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:Tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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**CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS  
PROJECT NO. 7376**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the City of Garden Grove City Clerk's Office, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, to furnish material, equipment, and labor for Project No. 7376 "WEST STREET / CANDY LANE WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT." Engineer's estimate on this project is approximately \$2,527,000 dollars.

Project No. 7376 - West Street and Candy Lane Water Improvements Project consists of constructing new replacement water lines in Chapman Avenue, West Street, Candy Lane, Cliffwood Avenue, Holyoak Lane, Wilken Way, Eugene Street, and other local streets. The water improvements consist of approximately 6,600 feet of 12-inch and 510 feet of 8-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) domestic water pipe. It also includes the construction of approximately twelve (12) hydrant assemblies, one hundred seventeen (117) water service connections and twenty-one (21) connections to existing water mains.

The entire project will also require replacement of deteriorated existing asphalt concrete pavement section within Wilken Way from curb to curb, reconstruction of street cross gutters, removal and/or abandonment of the existing water lines and valves, dewatering, maintaining the existing water services during construction, reconstructing and reconnecting of water and fire service connections, traffic control, trench pavement resurfacing, slurry seal pavement as required per plans, traffic restriping, and installation of raised pavement markers and appurtenant work.

The plans, specifications and contract documents may be purchased from ARC for the price of sixty-three dollars and seventy-four cents (\$63.74). The price does not include tax or shipping and handling if needed. The documents may be made available for "will call" or shipped directly to you. Please contact:

ARC  
345 Clinton Street  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
www.ocbinc.com  
949-660-1150 (ask for the Planwell Department)  
Or you can e-mail your order to [costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com](mailto:costamesa.planwell@e-arc.com)

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015, and will be opened in the Conference Room 1 North, first floor, in City Hall.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Ms. Rebecca Li, Associate Engineer, (714) 741-5562

/s/ Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
City Clerk

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• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2015

SITE PLAN NO. SP-021-2015  
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-17818-2015

Site Plan approval to construct four (4), detached, two-story, single-family residential units along with private street improvements. Also, a request for Tentative Tract Map approval to subdivide the subject 39,340 square foot property into five (5) separate lots - four (4) residential lots (with lot sizes of 7,455 square feet, 7,455 square feet, 7,560 square feet, and 9,380 square feet) and one lot for a private street ("Lot A"). The site is at 12381 Nelson Street in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section No. 15332 - In-Fill Development Projects.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on May 7, 2015. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

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City of Garden Grove

Request for Proposals (RFP)

RFP No. S-1162

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, second floor, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Provide Jail Management and Operational Services for the Garden Grove Police Department. Contractors interested in submitting a proposal for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-proposal meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at Garden Grove City Hall, Second Floor Interview Room, located at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. A copy of the RFP document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Questions can be directed to Sandra Segawa in writing, via email at [sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us). Proposals are due in the office of the Purchasing Agent by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2015. Proposals received after that exact date and time will not be considered.

Dated: April 8, 2015

Sandy Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
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## Coco's closes after 25 years

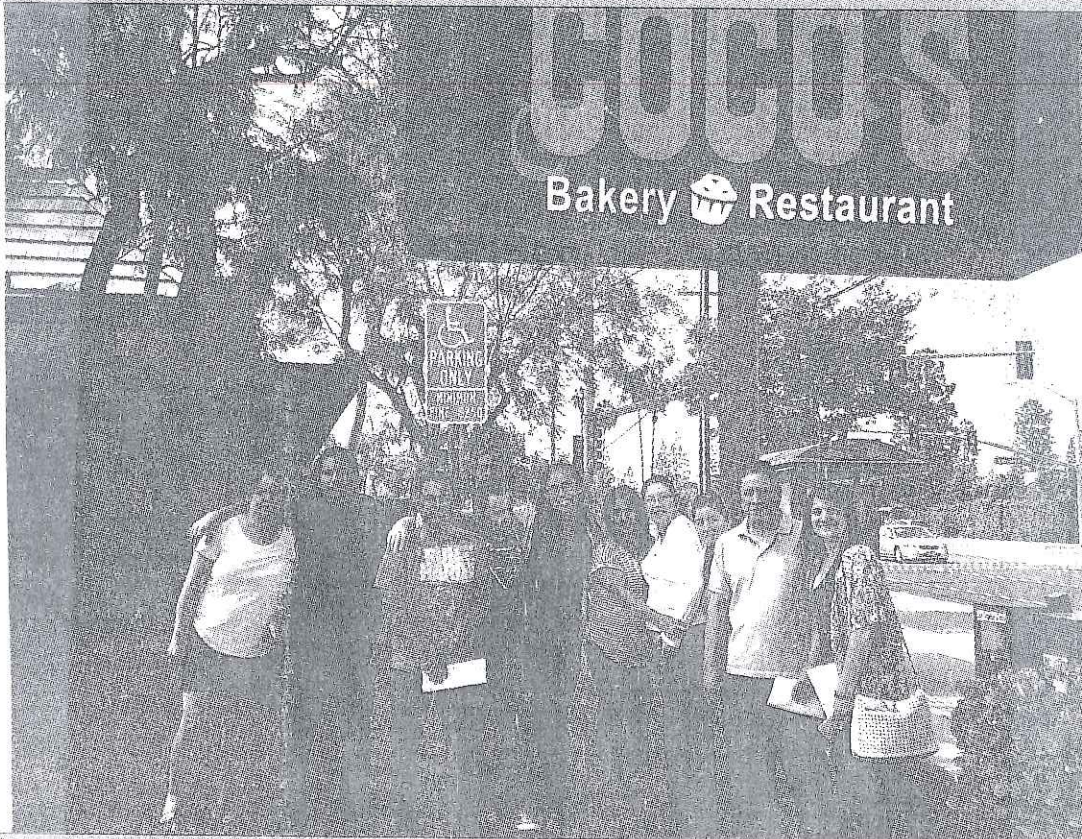


Photo by Johanna Bonaparte

The Coco's crew gathers for the last time. After a change in ownership, it was announced that Coco's, at 12582 Valley View St. in Garden Grove, is closing after being at that location for 25 years. It was not disclosed what will be built at that site.



# Menu is solidly built at BrickHouse on Main

Oddly decorated spot is part of a hoped-for revival in downtown Garden Grove.

BY BRAD A. JOHNSON  
RESTAURANT CRITIC

"Where are we going?" asks the lifelong Orange County resident as we head out for lunch.

"Downtown Garden Grove," I say.

"Oh, you mean Little Saigon," he says.

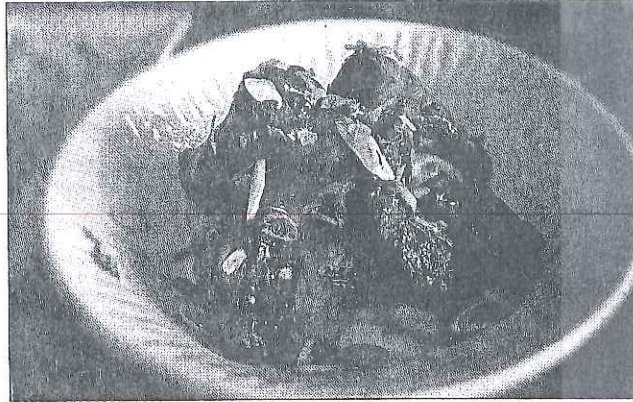
"No," I say. "Downtown Garden Grove. You know, the old Main Street."

"What?"

Apparently I wasn't the only one who didn't realize there was such a thing as the old downtown of Garden Grove. But it is indeed a thing, and the once-charming but forgotten neighborhood is attempting to stage a comeback, beginning with the launch of a quirky new gastropub called The BrickHouse on Main.

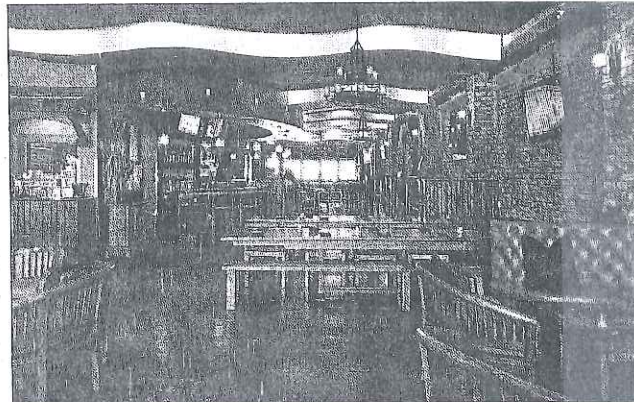
The atmosphere is downright bizarre, a strange hybrid of rustic Mexican dance-hall furniture, Japanese horse and tree-stump art and an American sports bar. But never mind the weird decor, or the inappropriate techno music at lunchtime, or the eerily empty street outside. The food is really quite good, created by a chef who decamped from the Black Marlin in Old Town Tustin.

The best thing on the menu is probably the appetizer of hoisin-glazed pork ribs, which are served on a bed of house-made kimchi. The ribs are wonderfully tender and meaty and a real joy to eat. Or maybe, the best thing on



BRAD A. JOHNSON, STAFF

Hoisin-glazed pork ribs are served with housemade kimchi at BrickHouse on Main in Garden Grove.



The decor equation: Mexico + Japan + sports bar.

## The BrickHouse on Main

Where: 12941 Main St.,  
Garden Grove  
When: Lunch and  
dinner daily  
Phone: 714-590-2222  
Online: thebrickhouse  
onmain.com

the menu is the "sweet kick" Margarita, which is flavored with cilantro and a hint of jalapeño zest.

The ale-braised beef short ribs, resting in a bed of soft polenta, are also very good. I don't get excited very easily by short ribs anymore because they almost always disappoint. But these are won-

derful.

The kale salad is good, but nothing out of the ordinary. Same goes for the mushroom toast appetizer, which I don't regret ordering but I probably wouldn't do so again.

And if you don't have a problem with battered fries, you will likely enjoy the fish and chips. The fish tastes very fresh, fried to a golden crisp in a beautiful beer batter. I wish I liked the fries better, though, because they also come with the burger, which is outstanding, a classic pub burger done right with a buttered brioche bun and real cheddar.

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## Negotiations for fall of Saigon event underway

School district says it is working out logistics with organizers, police.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • Committee leaders for the fall of Saigon commemoration originally planned for Camp Pendleton are negotiating with Garden Grove Unified School District officials over whether the ceremony

may move to Bolsa Grande High's football stadium.

The commemoration, planned for April 25 and expected to draw 5,000 to 10,000 people, was moved from Camp Pendleton after organizers learned Thursday evening that they would not be allowed to fly the flag of South Vietnam or play its national anthem because of a U.S. policy prohibiting the use on federal property of symbols from non-recognized countries.

The organizing committee scrambled to find a new

location closer to Little Saigon.

"We are still working with the group and Garden Grove Police Department," district spokeswoman Amy Stevens said Tuesday afternoon, referring to coordinating traffic response with the city. "There are still a lot of questions on both sides."

There is no timeline on when a deal could be signed, Stevens said.

**CONTACT THE WRITER:**

714-704-3707 or  
chaire@ocregister.com

# Supervisor dismisses residency allegation

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## HOME

### Activist asks D.A. to investigate whether Do is living in Westminster.

A Garden Grove activist wants the district attorney to investigate if Supervisor Andrew Do lives in the Westminster home he purchased in order to run for the 1st District seat. Do says he does. What's more, Do is challenging the activist - or anybody from the Orange County District Attorney's Office who might investigate the claim - to sit outside the residence and catch him not living there.

Responding to allegations that he doesn't live in the district he represents, county Supervisor Andrew Do on Monday challenged his accuser to park outside his house and watch him

leave for work each morning.

Garden Grove activist Tony Flores has asked the District Attorney's Office to investigate whether Do is living in the Westminster house he bought in July or in his much larger North Tustin house, which is out-



Do

side of the Board of Supervisors 1st District he represents. Do acknowledged that he bought the Westminster house in the 1st District so he could meet the residency requirements to run for the office, which he won in the

November election. But he refuted Flores' claim that he might still live in the North Tustin home.

"Catch me not living in the district and then we can talk," he said. "If he feels that strongly about it, he can camp outside my house and watch me go to work every morning. I go to work between 7:45 and 8, so he doesn't even have to spend the night. Make sure he waves."

District attorney spokeswoman Roxi Fyad said her office is still considering whether to investigate the complaint filed by Flores on Feb. 18.

"It's not being investigated yet. It's just under review," Fyad said Monday.

Do and his wife, Cheri Pham, have owned their 3,075-square-foot North Tustin house since 2002,

when they bought it for \$733,000, according to county records. They paid \$513,000 for their 1,314-square-foot Westminster house in July.

They don't claim a homeowners' exemption for either, records show. That exemption, available to property owners at their primary domicile, knocks

\$7,000 off the assessed value used to determine property taxes.

Do said he wasn't aware that he and his wife had not declared a homeowners' exemption.

Do declined to say whether they rented out their North Tustin house.

"I'm not going to answer any questions about personal business," he said.

On county voter registration roles, Do is listed as a confidential voter on the grounds that his wife is a Superior Court judge and it could pose a risk to their safety to have their address known to the public.

Flores lost a 2008 Garden Grove City Council race to Do and subsequently filed a complaint with the District Attorney's Office that Do was living in his North Tustin home at the time and was ineligible to sit on the Garden Grove council. No charges were brought against Do. He stepped down from the post in 2011, saying he needed to spend more time with a restaurant he co-owned.

When asked Monday about Do's assertion that he did indeed live in Westminster, Flores said, "I'll let the D.A. do his investigation."

QUESTION RAISED  
ABOUT ADDRESS  
OF SUPERVISOR



## close in on venue

### Garden Grove school officials likely to OK stadium's use.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • Leaders of a fall of Saigon commemoration originally planned for Camp Pendleton are scheduled to meet today with Garden Grove Unified School District officials to negotiate holding the event at Bolsa Grande High's football stadium.

The organizers are confident enough that a deal will be reached, said Kenneth Nguyen, a spokesman for the organizing committee, that they will no longer attend the Garden Grove City Council meeting tonight to ask to use Garden Grove Park, which had been a backup plan.

"It's a huge relief," Nguyen said. "It's a relief for all of us that we can now move forward with planning the event."

The talks are expected to include insurance, security, logistics and any possible fees.

"We know they are on a quick turnaround," district spokeswoman Amy Stevens said. "If they can get everything lined up, we can get it done."

The April 25 commemoration, though, would no longer boast one of its most

alluring aspects: the recreation of the tent cities, which housed 50,000 Vietnamese on the base in 1975 upon their arrival to the U.S.

"Without the event at Camp Pendleton, there is no point in having the tent cities," Nguyen said. "That idea is dead."

The ceremony couldn't be held at the Marine base, organizers announced Friday, because of a policy prohibiting the use of symbols from countries not recognized by the United States on federal facilities.

Those symbols include the South Vietnam flag and its national anthem, both of which would play a prominent role.

The cancellation of the event set off a scramble by the organizing committee to find an alternative location for the event, expected to draw 5,000 to 10,000 people and commemorate the 40th anniversary of when communist forces captured Saigon, effectively ending the war.

Nguyen said that the Vietnamese American community has shown increased support for the event since news spread about its move from Camp Pendleton, including Garden Grove school district parents and administrators.

Not everyone, though,

thinks the event will have the same spirit - especially with no tent cities and with several other commemorations in Little Saigon planned that same week.

"My feelings are still with Camp Pendleton, but be-

cause of the policy we have to move forward," said Frances Nguyen, an organizing committee member. "If we have just another commemoration, it can be anywhere. Camp Pendleton would have been special."

# SAIGON



# Forgiving killer of his son is healing for father

Azim Khamisa will speak at victims' rights conference in Garden Grove.

BY DEEPA BHARATH  
STAFF WRITER

Azim Khamisa had to invent a word to describe that moment, when he locked eyeballs with the man who shot and killed his son.

He calls it "soulular." It was the moment their souls connected.

Tony Hicks was 14 in January 1995 when he shot and killed Khamisa's 20-year-old son, Tariq Khamisa, a journalism major at San Diego State University who delivered pizza two nights a week.

Khamisa, who tomorrow will speak to a victims' rights conference in Garden Grove, remembers his son as an "old soul," passionate, an avid traveler and photographer, who dreamed about working for National Geographic. He was engaged to be married.

It all ended with one gunshot.

Khamisa would later find out Hicks' mother was 15 when she had him. His father, a gang member, was never in his life. As a child in South Central Los Angeles, Hicks saw a favorite cousin gunned down by a gang member: At 9, he was sexually abused by a family member's girlfriend.

Hicks' grandfather, Ples Felix, a former military man and a city of San Diego employee, took him in as a teenager. Hicks called him "Daddy," but struggled to live under his strict curfew and rules. Days before the murder, Hicks ran away from home and took up with three other gang members.

The night he shot Tariq Khamisa, Hicks and his buddies partied. They got high on weed. When hunger struck, they ordered pizza

with a bogus address and waited for the pizza man so they could rob him of the pizza and money.

But when Tariq Khamisa refused to give up the money and the food, Hicks, egged on by the others, shot and killed him point-blank with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

"When I heard the news, at first, I didn't believe it," Azim Khamisa said.

"And then it felt like an atom bomb went off in my heart."

For a few moments, Khamisa said, he had an "out of body" experience and went into "the loving embrace of God." Khamisa, 66, a Sufi Muslim, believes he woke up with these words in his head: "There were victims at both ends of the gun."

"At that point I'd already forgiven Tony," Khamisa said. "I had no hatred or bitterness in my heart."

Nine months after his son's death, he started the Tariq Khamisa Foundation. His partner in the project was Hicks' grandfather, Felix.



COURTESY OF AZIM KHAMISA

A photo taken on a prison visit in 2000 shows Tony Hicks, center, the convicted killer of Tariq Khamisa, his grandfather Ples Felix, left, and Azim Khamisa, right, Tariq Khamisa's father.

Khamisa told Felix he wanted to end the cycle of violence that had claimed both their children. "I felt blessed to join him in this worthy cause," Felix said.

On Tuesday, Khamisa will tell his story and speak about restorative justice at Community Service Programs' 11th annual Victims' Rights Conference in Garden Grove.

While the three other teens involved in the incident were tried and convicted, Hicks pleaded guilty. He was, at the time, the first teenager charged under a state law that lowered the age at which an accused killer can be treated as an adult - from 16 to 14.

Hicks' sentencing was on June 19, 1996, a year-and-a-half after the killing. Hicks delivered a tearful statement - expressing his remorse and begging for Khamisa's forgiveness. Hicks was sentenced to 25 years to life. He was 15.

Khamisa was too distraught to attend. But, the prosecutor read a statement from Khamisa at the hearing saying his fondest wish would be for Tony Hicks to come out of prison a changed, productive man - to work for the foundation.

In May 2000, about four

## KHAMISA

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### If you go

"Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims" will be the theme of Community Service Programs' 11th annual Victims' Rights Conference, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday at Embassy Suites, 11767 Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove. Azim Khamisa will provide the luncheon keynote address on the subject of Restorative Justice. The educational event will host about 220 law enforcement officers, therapists, non-profit staff, service providers, victims and community members. Reservations are required.

**Information:** Anna Espinosa, 949-250-4058 or [cspvapconference@cspinc.org](mailto:cspvapconference@cspinc.org).





LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**The staircase of Azim Khamisa's La Jolla home is covered with photos of his son Tariq and Azim's daughter. There are also awards and articles about the foundation.**

years after that hearing, Khamisa and Felix went to Folsom State Prison where Hicks was housed. Hicks, then 19, went to shake Khamisa's hand. He got a bear hug instead.

"When I looked into Tony's eyes, I didn't see a murderer," Khamisa said.

The meeting proved transformative for his grandson, Felix said.

"I'm not worthy of his forgiveness," Hicks told Felix. "I'm going to work hard to become worthy of that man's forgiveness."

The encounter lifted a huge weight off his shoulders as well, Khamisa said. "I had a bounce to my step when I left the prison. I felt like I was free to live again."

But prison life proved hard on Hicks, Felix said. About three years after their meeting, Hicks was accused of plotting an attack on a jailor, Felix said. The incident added 10 more years to his sentence and a transfer to Pelican Bay State Prison where Felix said Hicks spent most of his time locked up in solitary confinement.

But, in hindsight, it was a blessing, Felix said.

Hicks used the time to study and get his high school diploma. Hicks, now 34 and housed in Corcoran State Prison, writes to Khamisa every month. He is taking college courses and hopes to become a child psychologist. He also recently got his first job, working in the prison's kitchen, Felix said.

Hicks will become eligible for parole in 2016. Khamisa wants to be there to speak in support of his release.

Khamisa and Felix share their stories at local school assemblies. Through the foundation they provide mentorship and other resources to at-risk children. Khamisa also travels internationally, speaking about nonviolence, forgiveness and restorative justice. He quit his successful career as an investment banker the year his son died and dedicated himself to foundation work and speaking engagements worldwide.

He has written four books and his second, "From Forgiveness to Fulfillment," bears a foreword written by Hicks.

The walls of Khamisa's

office and condo are decorated with family photos of Tariq, his parents, ex-wife, and daughter, Tasreen, who is also involved in the foundation. Khamisa has received numerous awards and his work has drawn praise from world leaders including President Bill Clinton and the Dalai Lama.

Ronnetta Johnson, director of the nonprofit Community Service Program's victims assistance services, said she hopes Khamisa's story and message of violence prevention can empower not just victims, but everyone who hears it.

"There is no right or wrong way for victims to react in the aftermath of a crime," she said. "Forgiveness, especially, is a very personal choice. Some move quickly toward forgiveness and others may never forgive."

"But (Khamisa's) message gives victims the hope that they can move forward and reconstruct their lives in a positive manner."



## Shepherd's Grove cancels celebration of life for Schuller

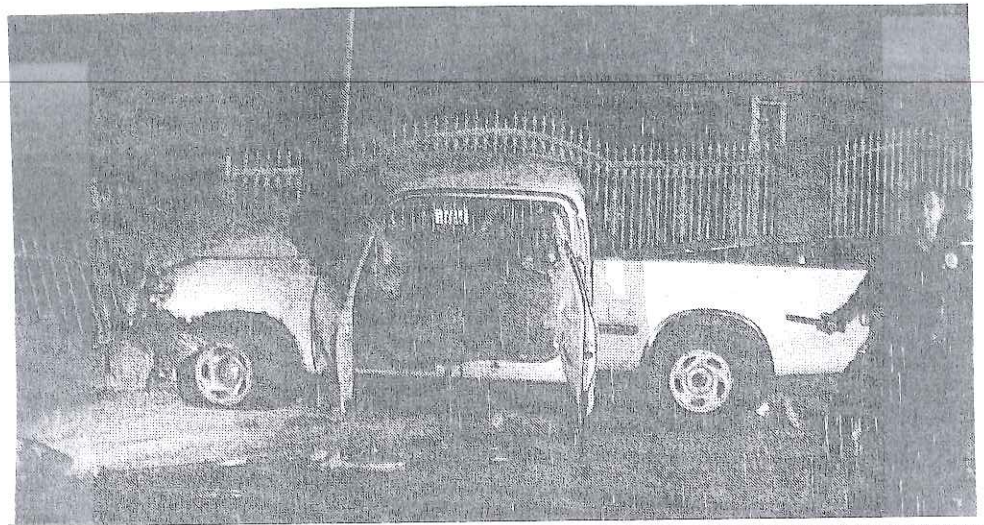
FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Shepherd's Grove congregation, led by Bobby Schuller, has decided to cancel a celebration of life for his grandfather, Crystal Cathedral founder Robert H. Schuller, who died April 2.

The late pastor's son, Robert A. Schuller, and his wife, Donna, on Monday announced an event April 30 at Christ Cathedral separate from the funeral service, which has been set for April 20. Donna Schuller told the Register that the event would feature the "Hour of Power" choir and orchestra as well as speakers honoring the Rev. Schuller.

But an announcement on the "Hour of Power" website Thursday stated that the event has been canceled "in the spirit of unity," encouraging everyone to attend the April 20 public memorial service at the Christ Cathedral Plaza in Garden Grove.

Schuller will be buried next to his wife, Arvella, at the Christ Cathedral Memorial Gardens.



ADRIAN PINEDA, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

A man crashed a Toyota Tundra into a utility pole in Garden Grove early Sunday morning, knocking out electricity to about 70 homes.

## Garden Grove crash leaves 2 injured; power restored to area after 12 hours

The accident left  
70 homes without  
electricity,  
two injured.

BY ANTONIE  
BOOSESNKOOL  
STAFF WRITER

A man crashed his truck into a utility pole in Garden Grove early Sunday, knocking out electricity to about 70 homes for about 12

hours.

Power was restored by 2:30 p.m. to all homes, police said.

Kevin Escalante, 20, of Garden Grove, was driving his Toyota Tundra south on West Street near Lampson Avenue at a high rate of speed when he lost control of the truck, swerved into the northbound lanes and hit two parked cars and the utility pole, shearing the pole at its base, Garden Grove police said. The

crash happened at around 2:30 a.m.

Escalante and a passenger, whose name was not released, were taken to UCI Medical Center, police said. Escalante was stable; the passenger was in serious condition.

The investigation is continuing, and alcohol and drugs haven't been ruled out as a factor, police said.

Staff writer Sarah Tully contributed to this report.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Education honor:** Linda Kreh, the director of education for Advance Beauty College, is one of 30 people who will be recognized as a 2015 Honor an Educator recipient. The Cal State Fullerton event is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Titan Student Union's Portola Pavilion. She serves students at both the original Garden Grove location and the Laguna Hills one.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
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### GARDEN GROVE

**Bad valves:** The city needs to replace 103 inoperable water-gate valves throughout Garden Grove. To handle the workload, Garden Grove needs to use an outside contractor, West Coast Backhoe Service, pending the City Council's approval of a \$482,013 contract during Tuesday evening's meeting.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**New trucks:** The Public Works Department will get two new pickup trucks from Wondries Fleet Group for \$46,342, pending City Council approval Tuesday evening. The trucks will replace two older vehicles, which will be sold at a public auction.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Musical fundraiser:** One More Productions, which is premiering "Anything Goes" this week at the Gem Theatre, will have a special performance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday to help raise money for the Garden Grove Rotary Club. Typically, Sunday shows are 2 p.m. matinees. The money raised during this show will go toward Rotarian projects.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Lions dinner:** The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is hosting "A Swinging Spaghetti Dinner" to benefit the Garden Grove Lions Club from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the club, 9860 Larson Ave. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for those 10 and younger and \$25 for a family of four. Craig McKnight and his big band will perform.  
Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
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The hunt is on! Kids look for Easter eggs during the annual Easter Eggs-cavation at Atlantis Play Center in Garden Grove on Saturday.

Photos by Loreen Berlin

# Easter Eggs-cavation quite the celebration

Atlantis Play Center proves the perfect spot for the annual event

**By Loreen Berlin**

The Garden Grove Community Services Department held its seventh annual Easter “Eggs-cavation” at Atlantis Play Center, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the first 300 families who registered for the experience.

The celebration is always a sell-out and this year was no exception. A sign reading, “Sold out,” was near the entrance to Atlantis.

Small white paper bags with the city’s name printed on them were handed out to each child as they entered Atlantis, so the children could gather 10 plastic Easter eggs with treats and candy inside and a map to direct the participants to other activities as well, and there were gold eggs that, if found, would yield a greater prize.

In all, 1,030 colorful plastic eggs were hidden for children to have fun finding them.

There were carnival games, face painting, crafts, bounce houses and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

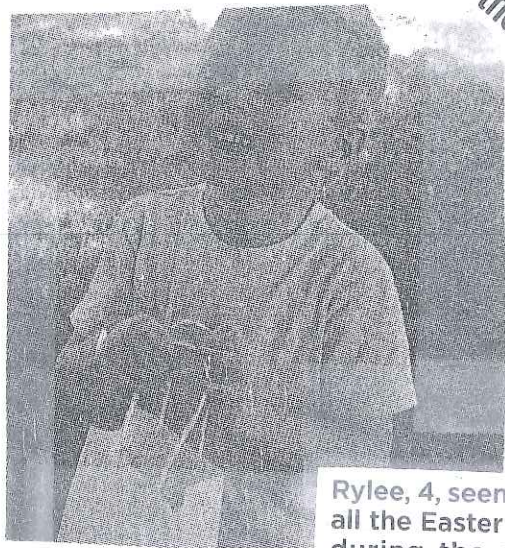
Also, Mary-Helen Delafield with Mad Science was on hand to help the youngsters with a dry-ice demonstration, which surprised those who participated, as they placed their hand on the glass beaker-type container that then shot its lid into the air, from the combination of dry-ice and the heat from their hands.

Coming up is a collaboration of Garden Grove and Westminster for the “Mad Science Summer Camps 2015.” Those include: Robots 101, New MSI Forensics Lab, Science in Motion and Rockin’ Rockets.

For more camp information, visit [www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com) or [westorangecounty.madscience.org](http://westorangecounty.madscience.org), or call 714-668-9174.

Coordinating the Easter event was Atlantis Recreation Coordinator Xavier Medina, who said anyone can register for the yearly events, by paying in-person at Atlantis.

Some of the other yearly events coming up at Atlantis include: Winterfest, Jack O’ Lantern Jamboree and Camp Out.



Rylee, 4, seems pleased with all the Easter eggs he found during the annual Easter Eggs-cavation.



# Iconic reverend, pride of Garden Grove, dies

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By Brady Rhoades

He started preaching on the roof of a concession stand at a drive-in movie theater.

At the height of his powers, he spearheaded his own megachurch in Garden Grove, the towering, steel-and-glass Crystal Cathedral (built in 1980), which became an Orange County landmark.

And 20 million watched him every week on "Hour of Power."

The Rev. Robert Schuller, easily the most influential man ever to grace Garden Grove, has died after a brief illness. He was 88.

Schuller was an inimitable figure for television viewers and his congregants. He wore a bright purple robe, aviator glasses and smiled perpetually. There was *no fire and brimstone, nor did he* appear slick, like a car salesman in Beverly Hills.

Schuller look and spoke like a grandfather.

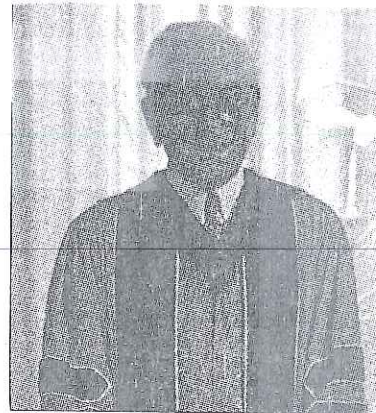
He was not only gentle in his

demeanor but hopeful in his message.

"The classical error of historical Christianity is that we have never started with the value of the person. Rather, we have started from the 'unworthiness of the sinner,' and that starting point has set the stage for the glorification of human shame in Christian theology," he wrote in his book *Self-Esteem: The New Reformation*." That book was one of many best-sellers.

The Crystal Cathedral's motto: "Come as you are in your family car."

But Schuller hit on hard times in 2006, when he stepped down from the pulpit. His son, then daughter, succeeded him and family tumult ensued. His evangelical Protestant ministry — his empire — was crumbling, and he filed for bankruptcy in 2010, citing \$43 million in debt. Court papers showed that the Schuller

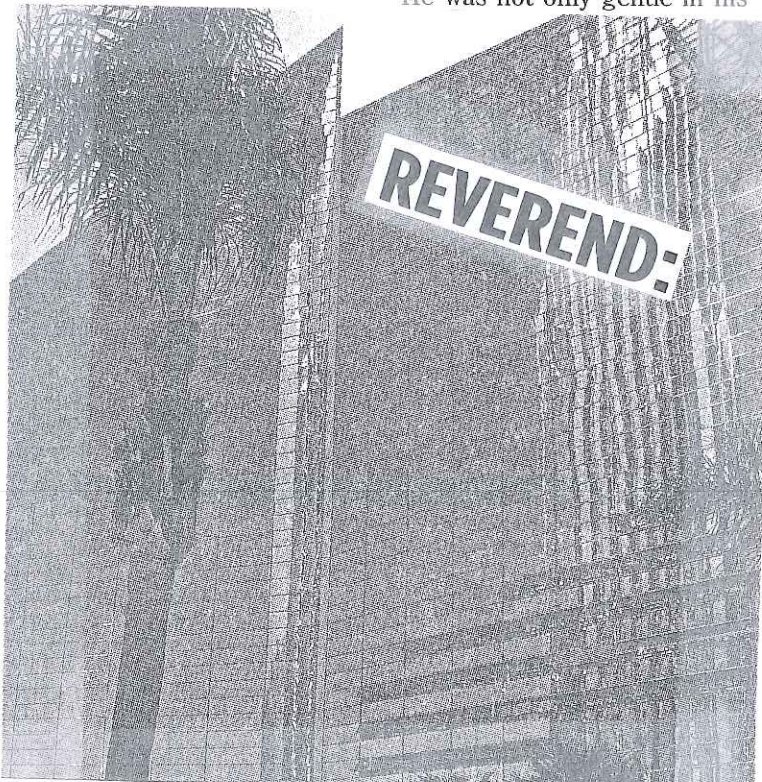


The Rev. Robert Schuller

family lived a life of... well, the word luxury would be an understatement.

The Crystal Cathedral was sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange in 2011, and Schuller lost a legal battle the following year to collect more than \$5 million from his former ministry for claims of copyright infringement and breach of contract.

Schuller, who was born in Iowa, is survived by his son Robert A., and four daughters, Sheila, Jeanne, Carol and Gretchen.



Courtesy photos

The famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove was erected in 1980.



# Community Calendar

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A crafty day at library Kids are invited for a special craft program at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Westminster Public Library, 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Come after school for a fun creative afternoon. For more information, call Anna at 714-893-5057.

## GG city attorney retires after 30 years

Following a distinguished 30-year legal career, City Attorney Thomas Nixon has announced plans to retire, effective July 31, after nine years of service to the City of Garden Grove.

The announcement was made to Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and members of the Garden Grove City Council following the March 24 City Council meeting.

"After celebrating my 60th birthday recently, my wife and I began talking about travel and other plans, and we decided that after 30 years, it was time to start a new chapter in our lives," said Nixon.

Nixon, who practices municipal law with the firm of Woodruff, Spradlin, and Smart, was appointed Garden Grove City Attorney in 2006. As city attorney, Nixon has been responsible for providing representation and defense for the city, legal representation for various boards and commissions, as well as serving as legal advisor to police officers and City employees.

Speaking on behalf of the Garden Grove City Council, Mayor Nguyen said, "We want to thank Tom (Nixon) for his dedication and service to the City and its residents. We all wish him a very long and enjoyable retirement."

the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet

The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman

Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet

The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m.

Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call

714-892-7267.

School Board to meet

The Garden Grove Unified School

District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social

Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime

Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at

## Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out! Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings

The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support

The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.

For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

Cartoonist lessons offered

Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually

spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.



# Religious services directory

Following are some faith-based organizations that you can call with questions about services:

<b>Stanton</b> Asamblea de Dios Centro Evangelistico Rios de Agua Viva 10901 Beach Blvd. Stanton, CA 90680 714-995-3619	of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	Orange County 10750 Lampson Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-839-2320
Calvary Assembly Church of God 7272 Cerritos Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-503-6824	Santa Ana Samoan Sda 10591 Flower Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-485-9014	Evangelical Free Church of Garden Grove 13735 Yockey St. Garden Grove, CA 92844 714-636-1624
Lighthouse Community Church of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	First Baptist Church of Garden Grove 12761 Euclid St. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-894-4177
Santa Ana Samoan Sda 10591 Flower Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-485-9014	<b>Garden Grove</b> Bupwahng Sa Korean Buddhist Temple 12921 Adelle St. Garden Grove, CA 92841 714-530-2052	First Christian Church of GG 11231 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-534-1742
St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	Chapman Avenue Baptist Church 10241 Chapman Ave. # 668 Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-636-9483	Cross Country Christian Church 9822 Russell Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92844 714-537-4900
Asamblea de Dios Centro Evangelistico Rios de Agua Viva 10901 Beach Blvd. Stanton, CA 90680 714-995-3619	Garden Grove-United Methodist Church 12741 Main Street Garden Grove, CA 92840-5204 714-534-1070	First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove 11832 Euclid St. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-534-2269
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# Drought has serious ramifications for OC



## Tony on the Town

**By Tony Cheong**

So I'm having dinner with a friend the other night, and she tells me she's showering every other day to do her part to deal with the devastating drought that has transformed lush California into something resembling dry toast. My first reaction: yuk.

Second: That's noble. We all should be doing our part. This is serious stuff, readers. No snowpack, dry riverbeds, lowering reservoirs and little rain.

Last week, California Gov. Jerry Brown ordered state officials to impose mandatory water restrictions for the first time in history as the state grapples with a serious drought.

Meantime, I've made a decision. I will shower every day. But... I will cut my shower time in half and I will also reduce the watering of our property by half. I think I can live with myself if I do those two things.

For the first time in state history, the governor has directed the State Water Resources Control

Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent. This savings amounts to approximately 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months, or nearly as much as is currently in Lake Oroville.

To save more water now, the order will also:

- Replace 50 million square feet of lawns throughout the state with drought tolerant landscaping in partnership with local governments;
- Direct the creation of a temporary, statewide consumer rebate program to replace old appliances with more water and energy efficient models;
- Require campuses, golf courses, cemeteries and other large landscapes to make significant cuts in water use; and
- Prohibit new homes and developments from irrigating with potable water unless water-efficient drip irrigation systems are used, and ban watering of ornamental grass on public street medians.

Guess what? It's that time of year again. The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival — one of the biggest events in the county — will take place May 22-25 in downtown Garden Grove. As soon as organizers announce the grand marshal (my favorite of all time was Billy Barty), I'll let you know.

In Westminster, city leaders are embarking on a beauty makeover. The Keep America Beautiful Program is taking place this month. Westminster residents, businesses and schools are invited to improve the looks, vitality and economic integrity of their community by

beautifying their surroundings in ways that make a huge difference.

The annual "Adopt a Park" program offers an opportunity for citizens, youth organizations, churches and service clubs to adopt a park of their choice and give a sprucing up on Saturday, April 25. For more details on how you can become involved, please contact Westminster's Community Services and Recreation Department at 714-

895-2860 or visit the website at [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

Last week I joked that since it was April Fool's Day week I was going to report that Stanton City Council members David Shawver and Rigoberto Ramirez got in a fistfight in the corridors of City Hall (the truth is the two get along swimmingly).

Well, a longtime Stanton resident, who asked to remain anonymous,

emailed me. She's 77 years old. Do you know what she said? "I'd PAY to see that."

Which got me thinking. Councilmen, how about a one-round boxing match for charity? Former presidential candidate Mitt Romney is getting in the ring with former heavyweight champ Evander Holyfield for just such a purpose, so how about you follow suit? I'm not fooling...

## Revamped website

Out with the old, in with the new.

Last week marked the official launch of the City of Garden Grove's new, re-designed, and re-enhanced website.

A slicker look, new features, and technological enhancements allow users to easily view stories, find city services, and navigate through the website using a PC or any smart device. The website can be found at [www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us](http://www.ci.gardengrove.ca.us).

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For the last eight months, the City's Information Technology team, along with an outside consultant, has focused on integrating new software upgrades for front- and back-end users, and making the site more smart device compatible.

Web pages now adjust in size to accommodate all smart phones, tablets, and even pages on the city's mobile app.

Larger, and easier to view videos, and more convenient access to the city's social mediums also enhances information accessibility for users. The site also maintains compliance with ADA guidelines.

## Garage sale

Looking to tidy up? Now is the time to clean out the clutter and make some extra money!

Get your family, your non-profit or your sports club to participate. Come and shop to find those hidden treasures.

If you are interested in selling items and or want more information, call 714-890-4270. Pre-Registration is required.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 2:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Oversight Board prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Oversight Board at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC  
Secretary

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

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**NEWS**

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253  
H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Thursday, April 16, 2015

**GARDEN GROVE SENIORS CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO**

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be hosting a fiesta on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, starting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Festivities include traditional food, dancing, and live entertainment by Armando Valencia, sponsored by Professional Health Care Services, Inc. Lunch will also be available for a suggested donation of \$3.50 per person.

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

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact:  
Bill Murray (714) 741-5375  
Public Works Director

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Monday, April 13, 2015

## **COMMUNITY'S HELP NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH UPCOMING STATE-MANDATED WATER RESTRICTIONS**

In response to increasingly severe drought conditions and a record low snowpack measurement, Governor Brown issued an executive order on April 1, mandating a statewide 25% reduction in water use. Garden Grove, along with a number of California cities and local water agencies must comply with the order by February 28, 2016, by adopting mandatory restrictions on water usage.

As Garden Grove moves from a Voluntary Conservation stage to Mandatory Conservation – Water Alert, upcoming restrictions are necessary in order to safeguard the state's remaining water supply.

The Mandatory Conservation – Water Alert stage requires that lawn watering, landscape irrigation, and filling or refilling of swimming pools be limited to designated days, before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Watering will be permitted any day if a water shut-off nozzle or drip irrigation system is used. Washing of vehicles will also be limited to designated days, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Commercial car washes are exempt from restrictions. Designated days are based on an odd or even last digit of an address, corresponding to odd or even numbered days of the week.

The City has already shut off water at all medians with turf and will begin the process of removing browning turf from the medians and replacing it with drought tolerant plants and high-efficiency irrigation systems.

## Community's Help Needed To Comply With State Mandated Water Restrictions 2-2-2

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The City has proactively partnered with the Municipal Water District of Orange County since 2001, offering residential and commercial rebates for water conservation devices, such as high efficiency clothes washers and toilets, turf removal, smart irrigation timers, etc. The City has also has sent notification letters to residents who waste water by overwatering, washing down driveways and not fixing broken sprinklers.

The Governor's executive order also requires that local water agencies adopt new rate structures that encourage water conservation. Specifics for Garden Grove have yet to be determined, as City officials wait for further information and direction from the State.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5395, or follow the City on Facebook or Twitter. For rebate information, visit [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

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Persona de Contacto:  
Bill Murray (714) 741-5375  
Director de Obras Públicas

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Martes, 14 de abril de 2015

## **AYUDA DE LA COMUNIDAD NECESARIA PARA CUMPLIR CON RESTRICCIONES DE AGUA IMPUESTAS POR EL ESTADO**

En respuesta a las condiciones de sequía que crecen en severidad y densidades de nieve de bajos niveles, el gobernador Brown emitió una orden ejecutiva el 1 de abril, ordenando un 25% disminución en el uso de agua en todo el estado. Garden Grove, junto con un número de ciudades de California y agencias locales de agua, deben cumplir con la orden, a más tardar, el 28 de febrero de 2016, mediante la adopción de restricciones obligatorias en el uso del agua.

Estando en un escenario de Conservación Voluntaria, Garden Grove ahora se cambia a un escenario de Conservación Obligatoria – Alerta de Agua, en el cual restricciones son necesarias para garantizar el abastecimiento de agua restante en el estado.

La etapa de Conservación Obligatoria – Agua Alerta requiere que el riego de céspedes y jardines, o la llenada de piscinas, se limiten a días señalados antes de las 10:00 de la mañana y después de las 6:00 de la tarde. La irrigación se permitirá cualquier día si se utiliza una boquilla de cierre en la manguera, o sistema de goteo de agua. Lavando vehículos también se limite a los días señalados, de las 6:00 de la mañana a las 6:00 de la tarde. Lavaderos comerciales de automóviles están exentos de las restricciones. Días señalados se basan en el último dígito de la dirección. Números pares o impares corresponden a los días pares o impares de la semana.

La ciudad ya ha tomado acciones, como cortar el agua en todas las medianas de la calle con césped, y comenzará el proceso de eliminación de césped seco, reemplazando el césped con plantas tolerantes a la sequía y sistemas de riego de alta eficiencia.

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Ayuda de la Comunidad Necesaria Para Restricciones de Agua  
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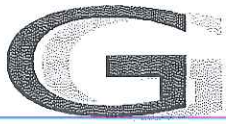
La ciudad proactivamente se asoció con el Distrito Municipal de Agua del Condado de Orange en 2001, y desde entonces ha ofrecido reembolsos residenciales y comerciales para dispositivos de conservación tales como lavadoras e inodoros de alta eficiencia, retiro de césped, temporizadores inteligentes de riego, etc. La ciudad también ha enviado cartas de notificación a los residentes que gastan el agua regando de más, lavando las entradas de auto, y no arreglando aspersores rotos.

La orden ejecutiva del gobernador también requiere que las agencias locales de agua adopten nuevas estructuras de tasa que fomentan la conservación del agua. Detalles no han sido determinados, mientras que funcionarios de la ciudad esperan más información y dirección del estado.

Para obtener más información, llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas al (714) 741-5395, o siga la ciudad en Facebook o Twitter. Para obtener información sobre rebajas, visite [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

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GARDEN GROVE

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**Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông**  
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Bill Murray, (714) 741-5375  
Public Works

Thứ Ba, 14/4/2015

**HẠN HẠN NGHIÊM TRỌNG,**

**GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO LỆNH BẮT BUỘC HẠN CHẾ SỬ DỤNG NƯỚC**

Để đối phó với tình trạng hạn hán ngày càng nghiêm trọng khi các sông hồ xung quanh khu vực được ghi nhận mực nước ở mức thấp kỷ lục, Thống đốc Brown đã ban hành lệnh bắt buộc hạn chế sử dụng nước (Mandatory conservation) bắt đầu vào ngày 1 tháng 4 trên toàn tiểu bang, yêu cầu giảm 25% trong việc sử dụng nước. Thành phố Garden Grove, cùng với một vài Thành phố ở California và các cơ quan nước địa phương cần tuân thủ và chung tay tiết kiệm và hạn chế tối đa việc sử dụng nước.

Garden Grove đã chuyển từ giai đoạn tự nguyện tiết kiệm nước (Voluntary Conservation) đến giai đoạn Báo động-Bắt buộc tiết kiệm nước (Mandatory Conservation-Water Alert) hạn chế tối đa để bảo vệ nguồn nước còn lại của tiểu bang.

Ở giai đoạn Báo động-Bắt buộc tiết kiệm nước (Mandatory Conservation-Water Alert) nêu rõ nếu tưới cỏ, tưới sân vườn, hoặc làm đầy các hồ bơi được giới hạn theo ngày và được chỉ định trước 10:00 giờ sáng và sau 6:00 giờ chiều. Tưới nước/tưới cỏ được phép thực hiện bất kỳ ngày nào nếu sử dụng vòi phun ra hoặc hệ thống tưới nhỏ giọt được sử dụng. Rửa xe cũng sẽ được giới hạn trong ngày được chỉ định, từ 6:00 giờ sáng -6:00 giờ chiều. Riêng về các cơ sở rửa xe thương mại được miễn hạn chế. Ngày chỉ định dựa trên số chẵn/hoặc lẻ cuối cùng của một địa chỉ, tương ứng với ngày chẵn hoặc lẻ trong tuần.

Xem tiếp trang 2

Thành phố đã chủ động hợp tác với các cơ quan nước ở Quận Cam từ năm 2001 để giảm giá/rebate cho dân cư và cơ sở thương mại thay đổi các thiết bị tiết kiệm nguồn nước, chẳng hạn như máy giặt tiết kiệm nước, các loại toilet, loại bồn rửa nhiều nước, thay các hệ thống tưới cỏ thông minh, ect. Thành phố cũng đã gửi thư thông báo cho những người dân thải nước bừa bãi, rửa các đường driveways và không sửa chữa các vòi phun bị hỏng.

Lệnh hành chính của Thống đốc cũng yêu cầu các cơ quan nước địa phương thông qua cơ cấu tỷ lệ mới nhằm khuyến khích tiết kiệm nước. Chi tiết cụ thể cho Garden Grove vẫn chưa được xác định, các nhân viên Thành phố chờ thêm thông tin từ Tiểu bang đưa ra.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xin gọi về Public Works Department (714) 741-5395, hoặc theo dõi trang của Thành phố qua mạng Facebook hoặc Twitter. Để biết thêm thông tin về các chương trình hoàn trả tiền (rebate), xin coi trên trang mạng [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

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**Garden Grove: Bắt Buộc Hạn Chế Sử Dụng Nước**

15/04/2015 00:00:00

Để đối phó với tình trạng hạn hán ngày càng nghiêm trọng khi các sông hồ xung quanh khu vực được ghi nhận mực nước ở mức thấp kỷ lục, Thống đốc Brown đã ban hành lệnh bắt buộc hạn chế sử dụng nước (Mandatory conservation) bắt đầu vào ngày 1 tháng 4 trên toàn tiểu bang, yêu cầu giảm 25% trong việc sử dụng nước. Thành phố Garden Grove, cùng với một vài Thành phố ở California và các cơ quan nước địa phương cần tuân thủ và chung tay tiết kiệm và hạn chế tối đa việc sử dụng nước.

Garden Grove đã chuyển từ giai đoạn tự nguyện tiết kiệm nước (Voluntary Conservation) đến giai đoạn Báo động-Bắt buộc tiết kiệm nước (Mandatory Conservation- Water Alert) hạn chế tối đa để bảo vệ nguồn nước còn lại của tiểu bang.



*Garden Grove thực thi lệnh hạn chế sử dụng nước  
trên toàn tiểu bang California.*

Ở giai đoạn Báo động-Bắt buộc tiết kiệm nước (Mandatory Conservation-Water Alert) nếu rửa nếu tưới cỏ, tưới sân vườn, hoặc làm đầy các hồ bơi được giới hạn theo ngày và được chỉ định trước 10:00 giờ sáng và sau 6:00 giờ chiều. Tưới nước/tưới cỏ được phép thực hiện bất kỳ ngày nào nếu sử dụng vòi phun ra hoặc hệ thống tưới nhỏ giọt được sử dụng. Rửa xe cũng sẽ được giới hạn trong ngày được chỉ định, từ 6:00 giờ sáng -6:00 giờ chiều. Riêng về các cơ sở rửa xe thương mại được miễn hạn chế. Ngày chỉ định dựa trên số chẵn/hoặc lẻ cuối cùng của một địa chỉ, tương ứng với ngày chẵn hoặc lẻ trong tuần.

Thành phố đã chủ động hợp tác với các cơ quan nước ở Quận Cam từ năm 2001 để giảm giá/rebate cho dân cư và cơ sở thương mại thay đổi các thiết bị tiết kiệm nguồn nước, chẳng hạn như máy giặt tiết kiệm nước, các loại toilet, loại bồn có phải tưới nhiều nước, thay các hệ thống tưới cỏ thông minh, ect. Thành phố cũng đã đã gửi thư thông báo cho những người dân thái nước bữa bãi, rửa các đường driveways và không sửa chữa các vòi phun bị hỏng.

Lệnh hành chính của Thống đốc cũng yêu cầu các cơ quan nước địa phương thông qua cơ cấu lý lẽ mới nhằm khuyến khích tiết kiệm nước. Chi tiết cụ thể cho Garden Grove vẫn chưa được xác định, các nhân viên Thành phố chờ thêm thông tin từ Tiểu bang đưa ra.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xin gọi về Public Works Department (714) 741-5395, hoặc theo dõi trang của Thành phố qua mạng Facebook hoặc Twitter. Để biết thêm thông tin về các chương trình hoàn trả tiền (rebate), xin coi trên trang mạng [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com).

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## VIỆT BÀO

## Garden Grove Bổ Nhiệm Sở Trưởng Sở Cứu Hỏa

10/04/2015 00:00:00

Ông Tom Schultz, Deputy Chief Operations cho Thành phố Fullerton và Sở Cứu hỏa Thành phố Brea đã được bổ nhiệm làm Sở trưởng thứ 13 Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành phố Garden Grove. Ông Schultz, với 30 năm kinh nghiệm phục vụ trong ngành, sẽ đảm nhận vị trí mới của mình tại Thành phố Garden Grove vào ngày 29 tháng 4, 2015. Thông báo này được Giám đốc Quản lý tạm thời Thành phố, ông Alan L. Reeder đưa ra ngày hôm nay.

Ông Schultz chia sẻ, "Tôi rất lấy làm hào hứng về việc sẽ bắt tay làm việc với Garden Grove cùng những thành viên của các bộ môn và cộng đồng để mang những phục vụ tốt nhất đến cho người dân ở đây."

Ông Schultz bắt đầu tham gia vào Sở Cứu Hỏa khi 21 tuổi như một chuyên gia phòng chống chữa cháy với Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành phố Fullerton. Ông nhanh chóng trở thành một lính cứu hỏa và nhân viên y tế cứu hỏa, và sau này trở thành đội trưởng. Sau 20 năm làm việc với các bộ phận, ông trở thành người huấn luyện cho các lớp để phòng thiên tai, chịu trách nhiệm tổng thể đào tạo chuyên nghiệp phòng cháy chữa cháy của các bộ phận cũng như toàn Thành phố.

Năm 2007, ông được thăng làm Shift Battalion Chief, giám sát các hoạt động hàng ngày của các bộ phận cứu hỏa, bao gồm việc thu thập và quản lý các khoản tài trợ và chỉ đạo chương trình Urban Search and Rescue program.

Trong hơn 25 năm, Ông Schultz từng là một giảng viên tại đại học Santa Ana College, huấn luyện các sinh viên đại học, đào tạo và tuyển dụng liên quan đến công việc phòng cháy chữa cháy. Ông đã rất tích cực trong các ủy ban khu vực và từng là cựu chủ tịch của cả hai nhóm Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers và Operations Sections. Ông cũng là thành viên ủy ban đã sáng lập ra Active Shooter Policy, hiện nay đang được sử dụng bởi tất cả các Sở cứu hỏa tại Quận Cam. Ông có bằng Cử nhân Khoa học ứng dụng tại Đại học Brandman.

Ông Schultz giải thích lý do tại sao ông đã chọn để chuyển về làm việc cùng Thành phố Garden Grove, "Garden Grove có một lịch sử phong phú về sự phục vụ cộng đồng với niềm tự hào. Khi chúng tôi bắt tay cùng làm việc với nhau, chúng tôi hy vọng có thể tạo ra một tác động tích cực và đạt được nhiều thành quả tốt. Tôi vui mừng và mong được làm việc chung với Thành phố."

Quản lý tạm thời của Thành phố ông Allan L. Roeder chia sẻ, "Tôi tin tưởng rằng với kỹ năng lãnh đạo của ông Tom Schultz và những tài năng Garden Grove đang sở hữu, từ những nhân viên cứu hỏa đến các cấp bậc quản lý, cư dân Garden Grove có thể tự hào về Sở Cứu Hỏa."

Ông Allan chia sẻ thêm, "Tôi cũng xin bày tỏ sự biết ơn đối với tất cả mọi người có niềm tin và sự tin tưởng trong việc tuyển dụng Sở trưởng Cứu hỏa lần này. Với những thử thách mà Thành phố và Sở cứu hỏa phải đối mặt trong năm qua, chúng tôi đã không thể thực hiện điều này mà không có sự tham gia của Hội đồng Thành phố, Firefighter's union, nhân viên điều hành của chúng tôi cùng đội ngũ nhân viên cố vấn từ văn phòng tuyển dụng Bob Murray & Associates."

Ông Schultz đã kết hôn được 27 năm với người yêu thời trung học của mình, Kim, và họ đã có hai cô con gái ở tuổi học đại học và một người con trai. Ngoài việc dành thời gian với gia đình của mình, ông cũng rất thích đạp xe lên núi và đi câu cá.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, April 13, 2015

## **ARBOR DAY PLANTING TO REPLACE, HONOR 80-YEAR-OLD DISEASED TREE**

Almost a year has passed since the removal of "Elizabeth," an 80-year-old California Pepper Tree, so named by neighbors after its location on Elizabeth Lane and Stanford Avenue. Stricken with Cankers, a wood-decaying disease that completely destroyed the tree's interior, Elizabeth was deemed a public safety hazard and removed last summer. In its honor, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen and the City's Public Works Department will plant another California Pepper Tree where the original tree once stood. The replanting will take place on Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, at 8:30 a.m.

The decision to plant another California Pepper was made by voters of a two-week survey that appeared on the City's and Public Works Department's Facebook pages in late January. Participants voted on six different types of trees: California Pepper, Long Leafed Yellowwood, Jacaranda, Gold Medallion, Pink Trumpet, and Podocarpus Gracilior (Fern Pine).

The California Pepper Tree is drought tolerant and recognizable by its rustic look, weeping branches, and knotted trunk. Although it's named the California Pepper, the tree actually originates from the Andes Mountains of Peru.

For more information about the replanting, please contact the City's Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375. To view photos of the event, visit the City's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>.

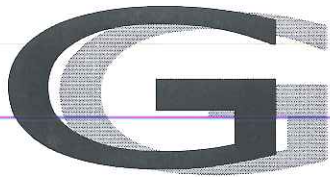
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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**April 16, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Zoning Administrator agenda for the April 23, 2015 meeting.
3. Cities Advocates dated April 10, 13 and 15, 2015.





**GARDEN GROVE**

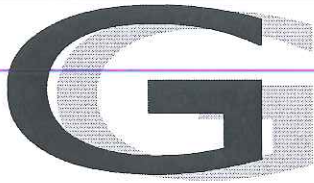
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16, 2015 – May 3, 2015

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Thursday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 16-19		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Friday	April 17		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	April 21	8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Viejas Indian Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Wednesday	April 22	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber <b>CANCELLED</b>
Daily	April 22- May 20		Earth Day Installation Display, Civic Center Park
Thursday	April 23		Casual Day – Garden Grove Spirit Day (Blue or GG Shirts)
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Thursday-Sunday	April 23-26		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Friday	April 24	8:30 a.m.	Arbor Day Planting to Replace 80-year-old California Pepper Tree "Elizabeth" Elizabeth Lane and Stanford Avenue
Tuesday	April 28	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Garden Grove Graduates Reception Community Meeting Center, B Room
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday-Sunday	April 30-May 3		One More Productions presents "Anything Goes" Gem Theater
Friday	May 1		City Hall Closed



**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall  
11222 Acacia Parkway

April 23, 2015  
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the City Hall Third Floor Training Room at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-009-2015

APPLICANT: Dylan Dang  
LOCATION: 12592 Lorna Street

REQUEST: To eliminate an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) lots into one (1) for the purpose of constructing seven (7) multiple-family apartment units as approved per Site Plan No. SP-008-2014 and Variance No. V-006-2014. The site is in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations.



b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-034-2015

APPLICANT: Quang Tran  
LOCATION: 14211 Euclid Street #E

REQUEST: To operate a new 1,700 square foot barbecue restaurant, The Smoking Ribs, with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT



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**Senate Budget Subcommittee Voices Concern about DOF Redevelopment  
Dissolution Budget Proposal**  
*Dozens of City Officials Testify in Opposition*

In a hearing lasting more than two hours on Thursday, dozens of cities testified before the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government. They traveled to Sacramento to convey their strong opposition to the Department of Finance's (DOF) proposal to enact a comprehensive set of changes to redevelopment dissolution laws. During the hearing, committee members repeatedly expressed serious concern over DOF's proposal and ultimately held the item. The committee's action yesterday is similar to that of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration, which heard this proposal on March 3. That committee also left the item open. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Bills in Committee: April 13-17**

With the Legislature's policy committees now in full swing, the League will begin regularly updating members on upcoming hearings on bills of interest to cities. A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Efforts Continue With AB 2 (Alejo & Garcia) to Re-Establish the RDA Tool**  
*Will the Third Time be the Charm? Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, April 14*

The League continues to work with Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Salinas) and a coalition of other stakeholders to restore a redevelopment tool that can be used to assist California's most disadvantaged and poorest areas. AB 2 is the third bill introduced in this effort. It is a reintroduction of Assembly Member Alejo's AB 2280 from 2014; an earlier version of the measure was AB 1080 (Alejo) of 2013. The measure will be heard on Tuesday, April 14 in the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development. *For more, see Page 2.*



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Dan Carrigg, the League's legislative director, provided initial opposition testimony. He was followed by a panel of three city representatives: Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey, Watsonville Mayor Pro Tempore Felipe Hernandez and Glendale Chief Assistant City Attorney Gillian van Muyden. The three, along with other city officials and representatives from cities throughout California, focused on the numerous provisions in this proposal that seek to reverse recent appellate court decisions favoring agencies retroactively, reverse incentives and conditions affecting loan repayment, undercut opportunities for local agencies to protect their rights and limit the transparency of the DOF decision making process. This testimony reflected the opposition of the numerous cities that also submitted formal letters of opposition on the proposal to the Senate committee. The League delivered copies of these letters to the committee prior to Thursday's hearing.

Committee members pressed the DOF representatives on the retroactive provisions of the proposal and asked for clarification on the DOF's intent through the proposal. Committee members expressed concerns with the proposal's effects on court rulings.

### Next Steps

The item is still open in both the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4. The League anticipates that DOF will propose revised language in conjunction with the release of the Governor's revised FY 2015-16 budget in early May. Both subcommittees would then review the revised proposal.

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'Bills in Committee' Continued from Page 1...

Additional information about the important bills the League is tracking is available in the 2015 Hot and Priority Bill List. This list, first released on April 8, will be continually updated as bills are amended and change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the League's website.

### Tuesday, April 14

Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, 9 a.m., State Capitol, Room 126

- HOT AB 2 (Alejo) Community revitalization authority. *League position: Support.*
- HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increases. *League position: Support.*

### Wednesday, April 15

Assembly Committee on Local Government, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 447

- HOT AB 1220 (Harper) Transit occupancy taxes: residential short-term rentals units. *League Position: Oppose.*

Senate Committee on Governance and Finance, 9:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 112

- HOT SB 321 (Beall) Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates adjustments. *League position: Support.*

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'AB 2' Continued from Page 1...

AB 2 authorizes the creation of a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CRIA) at the local level. This agency would be empowered to invest the property tax increment of consenting local agencies (other than schools) and use other available funding to improve conditions leading to increased employment opportunities, including reducing high crime rates, repairing deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure, and developing affordable housing. Its powers and responsibilities would mirror those of former redevelopment agencies, but have been tightened in several ways

including adding rigorous accountability criteria and increasing the traditional affordable housing set-aside to 25 percent.

While last year's effort was vetoed, a significant opening occurred when the author was informed by Gov. Jerry Brown's office that the Governor would consider signing the measure if it was not drafted within the context of former redevelopment statutes. Therefore, the League worked with Assembly Member Alejo's office to redraft the bill in another area of law to reflect the Governor's request. Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) is also now joint-author for the measure.

AB 2 would provide communities with additional options. While recently-enacted infrastructure finance districts can be helpful in some areas, they are still unproven and not as focused on the challenges of urban renewal. Urban development is tough. In downtowns and older neighborhoods there is old infrastructure, odd-shaped lots, and environmental conditions that must be remediated. Private developers will avoid the additional risks and costs associated with such parcels. Absent new tools and resources, these areas will deteriorate further.

AB 2 fills a void by offering a tool that can be used in the state's rural, disadvantaged poorer areas and neighborhoods, which was the original focus of redevelopment. Thus, this tool can be offered to communities, not to the exclusion of other ideas, but to expand the choices available to fit unique local circumstances.

Supporters for the bill include the California Chamber of Commerce, Housing California and the California Business Properties Association.

**Next Steps:**

Cities are encouraged to send support letters for this measure. Copies of the League's letter, a sample city letter and the most recent coalition support letter can be found on the League's [website](#).

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**Cities Urged to Support New Market Tax Credit Legislation**

*AB 185 Set for Hearing on April 21*

The League supports AB 185, authored by Assembly Members Eduardo Garcia (D-Coachella) and Jose Medina (D-Riverside), proposing to create the California New Markets Tax Credit program. Cities are urged to support the bill. The program offers a new economic development tool that would help stimulate private sector investments into lower income communities by providing a tax incentive to qualified entities.

This program would complement investments made through the federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program, and authorize up to \$40 million in state tax credits to be allocated annually through the program, up to a cumulative total of no more than \$200 million. Versions of this proposal have been advanced before. Last year when Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar bill, AB 1399 (Medina), however, the door was left open to possibly revisiting this proposal in the context of the budget.

Under the federal NMTC program, there is no geographic, population or other criteria that directs how the federal tax credits are distributed to projects among the various states. As a result, those states and entities that have aggressively pursued these funds stand a better chance of receiving them. Fourteen states have established similar state-based NMTC programs, which reportedly have leveraged an average of \$13 in combined federal-private investments for every dollar of state revenue.

California cities currently have few tools for job creation, especially in low-income communities. The creation of a NMTC in California would provide major incentives for additional private investment in our communities. The program should be seen as an important component of a package of economic development options that California desperately needs.



## Next Steps

The bill will have its first policy committee hearing on April 21 in the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee meets. Cities are urged to send in letters of support of this important legislation. The League's support letter, a sample support letter and bill language are available on the [League's website](#).

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## WEBINAR: Legislative Action Days Preview Briefing on Priority Bills

Join the League's Legislative team on Thursday, April 23 from 1:30-3 p.m. for a legislative briefing to review the top priority bills that will impact local governments. League lobbyists will be sharing information on legislation affecting RDA follow-up, transportation funding, employee relations, public safety and local control.

The League's Legislative Action Day is scheduled for April 29 where you will have the opportunity to lobby your legislators. This webinar will provide you with the information on priority bills that you will need to successfully advocate on behalf of your city.

Please register for this free webinar at [www.cacities.org/events](http://www.cacities.org/events) by noon on Wednesday, April 22. Webinar log-in information will be sent the afternoon of Wednesday, April 22.

For most League webinars, we allow only one connection per city. However, due to the capacity for this webinar, we are allowing two connections per city to provide easier access for our members.

For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

This webinar is free to League Member Cities and League Partners.

Non-Member Cities will be charged \$100 per login.

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## California City Solutions: Burbank Police Department Teams Up to Address Mental Health Incidents

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called [California City Solutions](#). Burbank's Mental Health Evaluation Team model was submitted in 2014 for the Public Safety award category.*

During the last few years, the Burbank Police Department witnessed a considerable increase in calls involving people in mental health crisis. Addressing these incidents during the budget reductions of the Great Recession led the Burbank Police Department to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). Together the two agencies created the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET). This is a co-response model where a licensed clinical social workers provide sworn police officers with guidance in responding to crisis-related incidents on a 24/7 on-call basis.

The Burbank Police Department conducted a study of the number of 5150 WIC (involuntary psychiatric commitments under the California Welfare and Institutions Code) and mental health incidents in Burbank between 2008 and 2012. Results found that officer interactions with residents suffering from mental illness increased from 298 interventions in 2008 to 567 in 2012, a 193 percent increase.

When the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB 109) passed in April 2011, police services were again impacted as approximately 30,000 inmates in the California State Prison System were scheduled to be released on parole. More than half of this group had a Los Angeles County address and the probation department estimated approximately 20 percent of those being released would require further care from LACDMH.

Additional research by the Burbank Police Department showed that frequently in incidents with mentally ill residents, police officers had to provide medical care or set up solutions for better care for someone requiring mental health treatment, which could not be administered onsite at the location of the original incident. The officers often had to place the client on a 5150 hold and transport them to a local medical center for further evaluation. This process takes nearly four hours to complete and requires the services of at least two police officers and a licensed mental health clinician.

The Burbank Police Department began searching for an effective program to help those in need. Officers attended trainings and traveled to other law enforcement agencies hoping to learn what other ideas were being explored in the police community and private sector. After this exploring, the police chief and staff determined a unique co-response model would meet the organization's needs. With the support of the community, the Burbank City Council and Police Department were determined to implement this co-response model while keeping costs low and maximizing existing resources.

In May 2012, the Burbank Police Department and LACDMH formally launched the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (MET). The cooperative effort includes a licensed clinical social worker, provided by the LACDMH and sworn police officers, provided by the Burbank Police Department. The partnership created a cooperative team that combines the expertise and resources of both agencies to provide services that were previously unavailable to the Burbank community.

MET allowed police officers to return to their regular duties more often and had a positive impact on those requiring mental health services. In 2013, Burbank Police Department received 591 calls with mental health implications, of which MET managed 186. Further analysis indicated that MET managed 31.6 percent of the interventions while working only 21 percent of the total hours, proving the model to be effective and efficient. By providing a team to manage these interventions, the department was able to adjust resources toward other needs, saving 882 hours of patrol time, resulting in a monetary savings of more than \$35,000.

MET partnered with the Burbank city attorney to find solutions to habitual offenders and target problem areas within Burbank. Many police agencies often triage a mental health crisis but are not equipped to provide continued care. In order to meet this need, MET expanded its services and followed up with 458 clients who had contacted the department regarding mental health issues or are suffering from homelessness due to mental illness. The team provided counseling, referral services and other expertise to clients and their families, while using private hospital facilities and transportation services, providing relief to the overburdened county mental health system. These resources reduced the department's impact on county services by 30 percent.

MET now also coordinates with the police department to train officers on how to better understand and manage incidents regarding mental health, as well as the Burbank School District, several local non-profit organizations and senior citizen organizations to elevate the level of service they provide.

One of the immeasurable benefits of MET is having a clinician in the field during the first contact with a client, ensuring that they receive the best possible consultation and care and improving long term success, resulting in fewer overall cases requiring interventions. The clinician is able to evaluate and determine if the subject requires immediate transportation to a mental health facility or if more appropriate care could be provided from other resources. The achievements of the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team have greatly exceeded what the city of Burbank and the Burbank Police Department had envisioned.

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### **Upcoming Federal TIGER Grant Webinars** *Applications due June 5*

U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx has announced \$500 million in the seventh round of TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants. Pre-applications are due May 4 with final applications due June 5.



The Department of Transportation (DOT) is hosting a virtual TIGER summit on Thursday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. (EDT) to 3:30 p.m. (EDT). This event is a seminar for current and prospective TIGER grantees.

In addition, DOT will be hosting the following series of informational webinars for eligible applicants:

- April 14: How to Compete for TIGER Discretionary Grants
- April 23: Preparing a Benefit Cost Analysis
- April 28: How to Compete for TIGER Discretionary Grants

For more information and to register, please visit [www.dot.gov/TIGER](http://www.dot.gov/TIGER).

### **Background**

Over the past six rounds, TIGER grants have helped launch more than 340 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Like its preceding rounds, this seventh round of TIGER will fund projects that create jobs, foster regional partnerships, advance new technologies, spur economic and community development, and strengthen transportation infrastructure across the country.

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## League Launches Water Issues Listserv

In response to the state's first mandatory water restrictions, the League of California Cities has created a new Listserv to facilitate discussion among local officials about water issues.

The Listserv will allow city staff and elected leaders to share information about policy, community outreach and technical issues related to water conservation, stormwater, groundwater and other pressing water issues.

Members can subscribe to the list with city-issued email address by [clicking this link](#). Listserv subscribers can choose to receive message individually or in batches. This Listserv is a repurposing of one previously devoted to a water taskforce.

With California in the fourth year of drought and the Sierra snowpack at its lowest point in 60 years, Gov. Jerry Brown on April 1 issued an [executive order](#) directing the State Water Resources Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns to reduce water usage by 25 percent.

Among its directives, Brown's order: calls for a cooperative effort between the Department of Water Resources and local agencies to replace 50 million square feet of lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping, bans irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians with potable water, requires commercial, industrial and institutional properties, like cemeteries and golf courses, and prohibits irrigation with potable water outside of new buildings not delivered by drip or microspray systems.

Brown's order also requires that urban water suppliers report monthly on water use, conservation and enforcement.

Cities can find more water resources on the website of the League's research and education affiliate, the Institute for Local Government, including a [Water Conservation Leadership Guide: Issues for Local Officials to Consider](#) and a section on [best practices](#).

Members can also keep up with water and other headlines from around the state by subscribing to the League's [free Local News RoundUp email newsletter](#).



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## **Senate Transportation Funding Proposal Contains Important Revenues for California's Local Streets and Roads**

The proposal announced today by Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) to create a five-year temporary funding source for California's transportation system would provide much-needed funding to maintain and preserve local roadways, which comprise more than 80 percent of the state's system. Infrastructure investment is one of the League's top priorities for 2015. This proposal is supported by the League. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **CalRecycle to Release Criteria for its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant and Loan Program on April 21**

CalRecycle is scheduled to present the proposed criteria for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant and Loan Programs at a public meeting on Wednesday, April 21. These grants are for FY 2015-16. Application materials will tentatively be available in May with applications due in June/July. A video of the March 19 workshop, stakeholder comments, and background materials are available on CalRecycle's website.

"The success of our cities and economy depends on our ability to successfully move goods and people from one place to another. We put our economic future and public safety at risk by failing to adequately maintain our existing system of streets, roads, and highways." said Stephany Aguilar, president of the League of California Cities and council member, city of Scotts Valley. "Many of our city streets are on the verge of failing, and without increased investment their condition will rapidly decline. With a focus on preservation and maintenance of the existing system, Sen. Beall's proposal will make important strides in preventing such losses in these critical public assets. That's a goal we can all agree on."

Sen. Jim Beall's plan, SB 16, would expressly address the backlog of maintenance needs, and is estimated to generate between \$2.8 and \$3.6 billion annually and with the funds being directed to maintenance and preservation of local streets and roads and the state highway system. In addition, 5 percent of the revenues would be set aside to incentivize counties currently without a local transportation funding measure to approve such a measure.

The League has developed preliminary estimates of the revenues that cities could receive under the proposal. Cities should approach these numbers with caution as there are likely to be adjustments to the proposal as it moves through the legislative process.

The Senate plan proposes to raise revenues through:

- A 10 cent increase in the excise tax on gasoline and diesel;
- \$35 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) increase for all vehicles;
- A \$100 VRF increase for zero-emission vehicles;
- Payback of outstanding transportation loans over a three-year period; and
- Truck Weight Fees would be returned to the transportation fund over a five- year period (20 percent annually). The General Fund would be backfilled by a 0.35 percent increase in the VLF over the five-year period (raised in 0.07 percent increments over the five-year period).

The League has been at the table along with other transportation stakeholders to consult with the Senate on the core provisions in the proposal. The League board of directors on April 3 met to discuss and take action on the proposal in anticipation of its official public release this week.

California's local streets and roads are literally facing the tipping point. Pavement conditions, according to the 2014 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, are at 66 out of 100. The cost of repairing roads that slip any lower grows exponentially and transportation experts have been warning that without immediate investments, the system will literally crumble beneath our feet. Currently local agencies receive just half of the revenues to maintain the local system.

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