

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 8, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

None.

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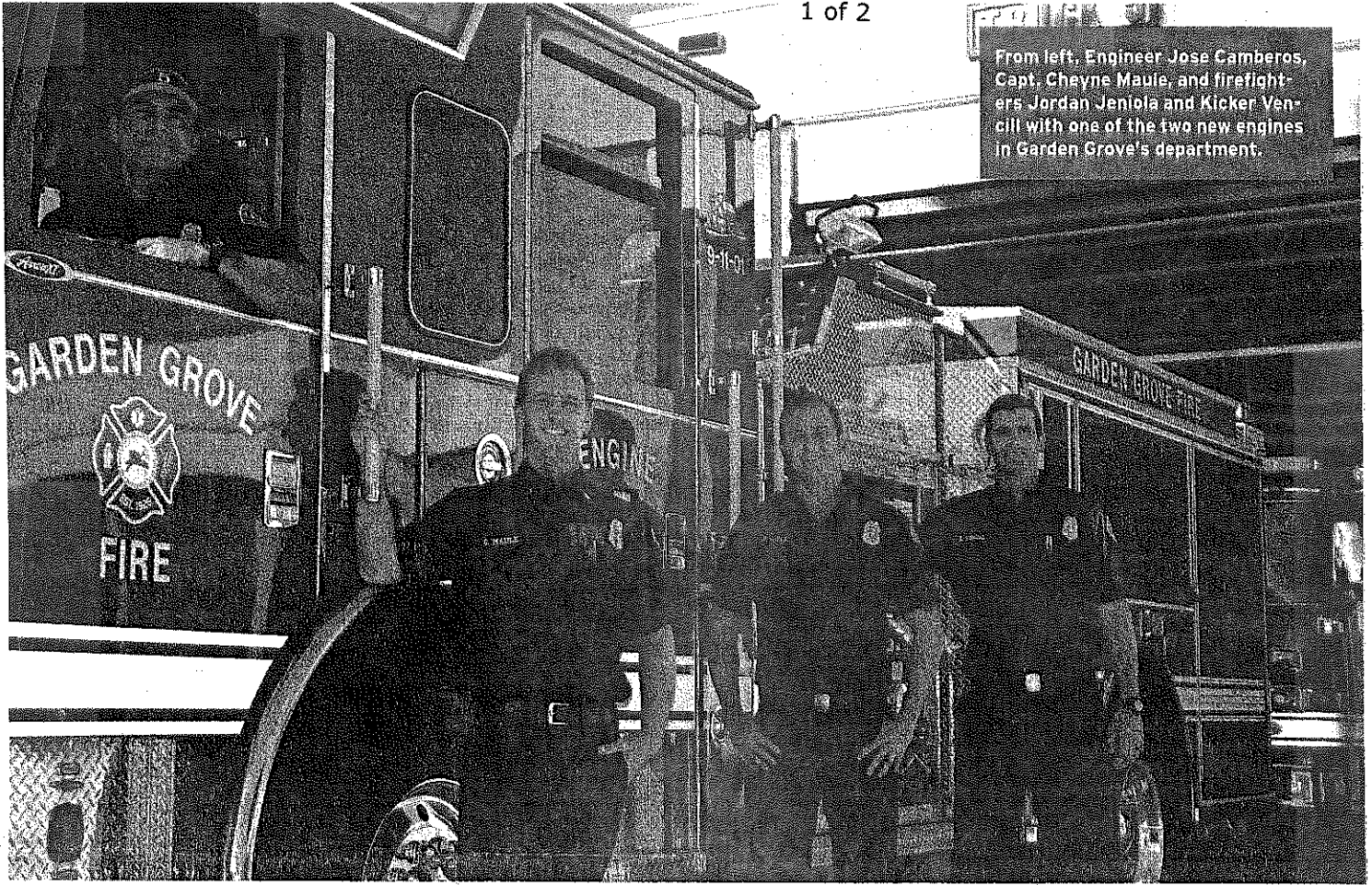
- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**



From left, Engineer Jose Camberos, Capt. Cheyne Maule, and firefighters Jordan Jeniola and Kicker Vencill with one of the two new engines in Garden Grove's department.

PRISTINE FIRE ENGINES READY TO ROLL

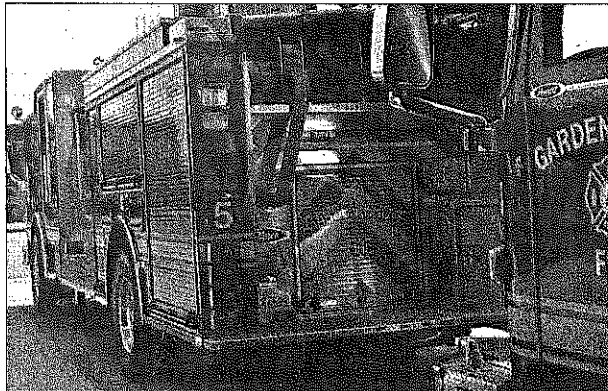
By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

For Garden Grove fire captains Dennis Ruzicka and Randy Abrahamson, seeing the two shining red engines roll off the lot of South Coast Fire Equipment was a moment of pride and accomplishment – and the culmination of a year and a half of work.

For the Fire Department, it's another step in a ongoing effort to provide better safety to the public.

"It's good to see it all come together and go into service," said Ruzicka, a 14-year firefighter. "And to be able to work on it is great."

The department recently rolled out two new 33-foot,



PHOTOS: CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

The back end of the first and the front end of the second of Garden Grove's new fire engines shine at the station. As of last week, the engine in front was ready for service and the one in

BY THE NUMBERS

600,000: Dollars per engine

500: Horsepower of the fuel-efficient diesel engines

20: Years the average fire engine stays in service

18: Months, from conception to delivery, until fire engines are ready

10: Fire engines in the Garden Grove Fire Department, seven regular and three reserve

ENGINE

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5-inch paramedic fire engines, which should have a lifespan of about 20 years. The fire engines replace two older models, which will now go into reserve. Two engines previously in reserve will be sold.

The ninth and 10th trucks in the department's fleet carried a \$600,000 per engine price tag, and Ruzicka and Abrahamson spent the past 18 months working with fire engine builder Pierce Manufacturing to design the trucks to fit the department's needs - even making several trips to Pierce's factory in Wisconsin.

"It's amazing," said Abrahamson, who has been with the department 24 years. "It's quite a process. It's a lot of work, but also a lot of fun."

The fire engines will work out of stations Nos. 2 and 5.

The last time new engines went into action was in 2010.

The process of getting a new fire engine built and ready for service begins about six months before the City Council even approves the purchase order, Abrahamson said.

The rundown: Department officials spend six



CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

Garden Grove fire captains Randy Abrahamson, left, and Dennis Ruzicka led the effort to customize the department's two new engines. The fire engines will work out of stations Nos. 2 and 5.

months working with Pierce representatives to design specifically what they want - more storage to accommodate both fire and paramedic equipment, where the emergency lights should go, how wide the white stripes on the sides of the engine should be - before a final draft is ready.

The department then submits the order to the council and awaits appro-

val.

"You get put in a queue," Abrahamson said. "You have to wait to come up."

Pierce then collects or custom builds the parts, and about nine or 10 months later, they are ready to put it all together - assembly-line style.

"It only takes them 45 days to build," Abrahamson said. "Pierce does it better than anyone."

There are trips to Wisconsin for mid-construction and final checks. Then, the engines are test driven and the pumps tried.

Once the engines are OK'd, they are driven to Pierce's local dealer, South Coast Fire Equipment, where the Fire Department takes control.

Engineer Jose Camberos said uniformity is important.

"We want all of our engines to be the same," he said. "We don't always work in the same station, so if we're on a call, we need to know where everything is so we can be efficient."

"The feedback from everyone has been positive," Abrahamson said.

"They're happy. We've made a lot of progress with our fleet."

A tale of two colors

When a conversation turns to fire engines, most people have one color in mind: red.

Except in Garden Grove, there is a ketchup-and-mustard type of division among engines.

In the 1970s, a former fire chief read a study that said yellow is easier to see at night than red - and with that, the Fire Department began moving away from the traditional red to a sunnier hue.

But in 2008, captains Dennis Ruzicka and Randy Abrahamson got on the committee that customizes the department's fire engines and began pushing for a return to old.

"The emergency lights are better and so are street lights," said Abrahamson, noting that the typical red is more quickly recognizable as a fire engine than yellow. "It's (visibility at night) not as big an issue anymore."

With these new engines, only two stations still have yellow fire engines.

Unique controls

Traditionally, most fire engines have the water pump controls on the side of their engines.

This has a lot of positives. For one, it keeps the engines relatively short, which is especially beneficial for fire departments in beach or canyon communities where the streets tend to be narrow and the corners tight.

But there are also drawbacks: It puts the engineer, who controls the pumps, on the street - particularly dangerous when putting out freeway car fires.

"Those are some of our most dangerous calls," Randy Abrahamson said. "Because the engineer is in the street next to cars going 70 miles an hour."

The other problem is that it keeps the engineer on one side of the street, which limits his visibility.

So for years now, Garden Grove has taken a different approach - one that Abrahamson said is unique to the area: The department customizes its engines to have the pump in the middle, below a step. Between the cab where the firefighters sit during a call, there is a gap where the engineer can stand. He then faces the tail-end of the truck, where the controls are.

Engineer Jose Camberos can now look both ways and stay out of the way of traffic.

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Car-free fair a tale of 2 Main Streets

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Pedestrian access only – that slogan will hang over the Main Street area of Garden Grove on Saturday.

A 1-mile stretch of downtown again will be transformed into a car-free urban party for the se-

cond annual open streets event, this time called Re:Imagine Garden Grove By Day and By Night.

The purpose of the festival is to allow residents to think creatively about how Garden Grove could change in the future.

SEE FAIR*

If you go

When: 3-10 p.m. Saturday

Where: Main Street area

Cost: Free

More info:
ggopenstreets.com

FAIR

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"From New York City's Times Square to CicLAvia in Los Angeles," said Aaron Paley, president of Community Arts Resources and curator and producer of the city's open streets festivals, "these temporary repurposings of public streets have led to concrete changes in how new public spaces are being created."

In 2014, the event was entirely during the day; this year it's broken into two portions.

The day will be for more athletic activities: walking and bike paths, BMX bike stunt shows, a paint workshop, a hair-braiding station, a rock wall and a class on how to make rain sticks.

As the sun sets, though, Main Street will turn into a block party.

Percussion group P.O.P Unplugged will lead a New Orleans-style parade around Main Street to usher in the evening. Several performances are planned, including by a tropical Afro-Latin rhythmic ensemble and disc jockey Raul Campos of radio station KCRW.

Restaurants also will use outdoor tables to serve food, and there will be a beer garden.

"The Garden Grove lifestyle is all about the culture, character and communities that thrive in our city," Mayor Bao Nguyen said in a statement. "The open streets event amplifies those elements to achieve a downtown 'urban cool' using creative alternatives, such as biking and walking, to feel better, live better and enjoy what we love about Garden Grove."

Smaller route

This year's route was reduced to 1 mile from the 2.85 miles in 2014 to help shrink police overtime and traffic control costs after the City Council in July showed hesitancy in giving \$60,000 to help fund the festival.

The city cut the overall costs to about \$212,750, down from \$285,325, said Kim Huy, community services director for the city, but does not include money from the general fund.

The funding comes from various outside sources, mostly state and federal grants and sponsorships.

Highlights

- A pedestrian and bicycle path free of cars
- Temporary tattoo workshop
- Mosaic workshop
- Performance by Vietnamese Vanguard Lion Dance group
- Hair-braiding station
- Workshop on making rain sticks
- Play zone with a rock wall, chalk area and hula hoops
- Percussion band P.O.P Unplugged will lead a New Orleans-style parade
- Pop-up arcade
- Beer garden

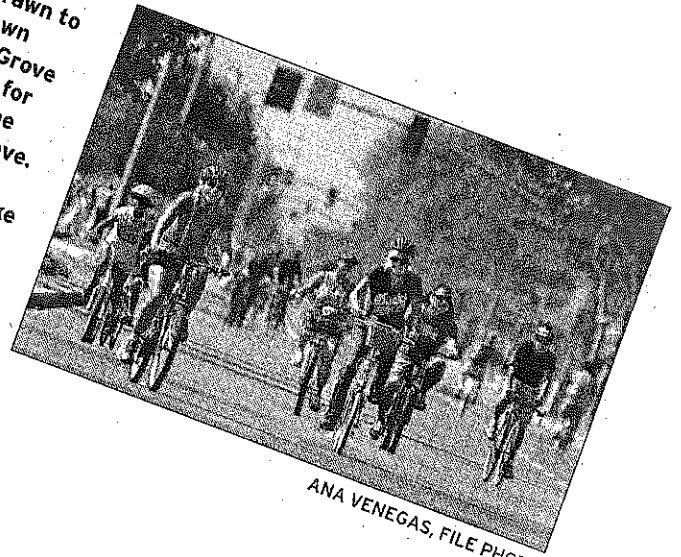


Victoria Alyssa Clayton gets a visit from a lion during the Re: Imagine Garden Grove event last October.

ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

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Hundreds were drawn to downtown Garden Grove last year for Re-Imagine Garden Grove. The second event will take place Sunday.

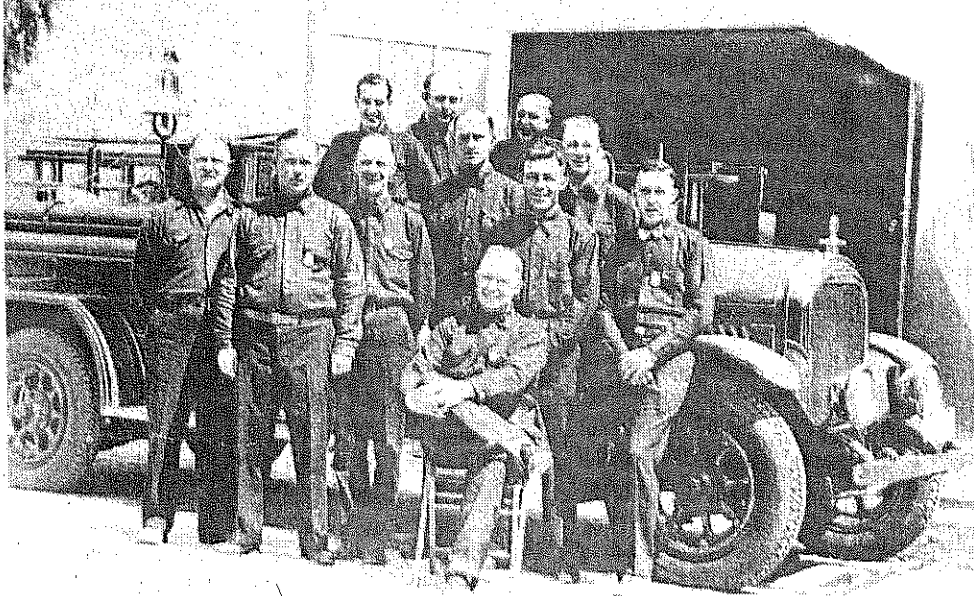


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THE THINGS TO KNOW

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BY CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF WRITER



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

In this undated photo, members of Garden Grove's one-time volunteer fire department stand in front of their American La France engine, which had a 400-gallon tank and is now resting at the Stanley Ranch Museum.

Blazing a trail for future of the city fire department

Where's the fire?

In this undated photo, members of Garden Grove's one-time volunteer fire department stand in front of their American La France engine, which had a 400-gallon tank.

The truck is now resting

at the Stanley Ranch Museum.

The department formed in 1926 after several devastating fires in the early 1920s caused about \$8,000 in damage citywide.

The first full-time fire chief was hired in 1955, a

year before the city incorporated.

But it was not until three years later, in 1958, that the city formed the Garden Grove Fire Department, the official, paid public safety team residents know today.

WHICH SIDE OF THE FORCE ARE YOU ON?

Do you know where Master Yoda is? Can you make a lightsaber? Do you dress like a Jedi?

And how much do you know about the "Star Wars" universe?

If your answers are "yes, yes, yes" and "a lot!" then

you should get down to the Garden Grove Regional Library at noon on Saturday.

In honor of National Star Wars Reads Day, the library, at 11200 Stanford Ave., is hosting a two-hour "Star Wars" event.

Activities include a sea-

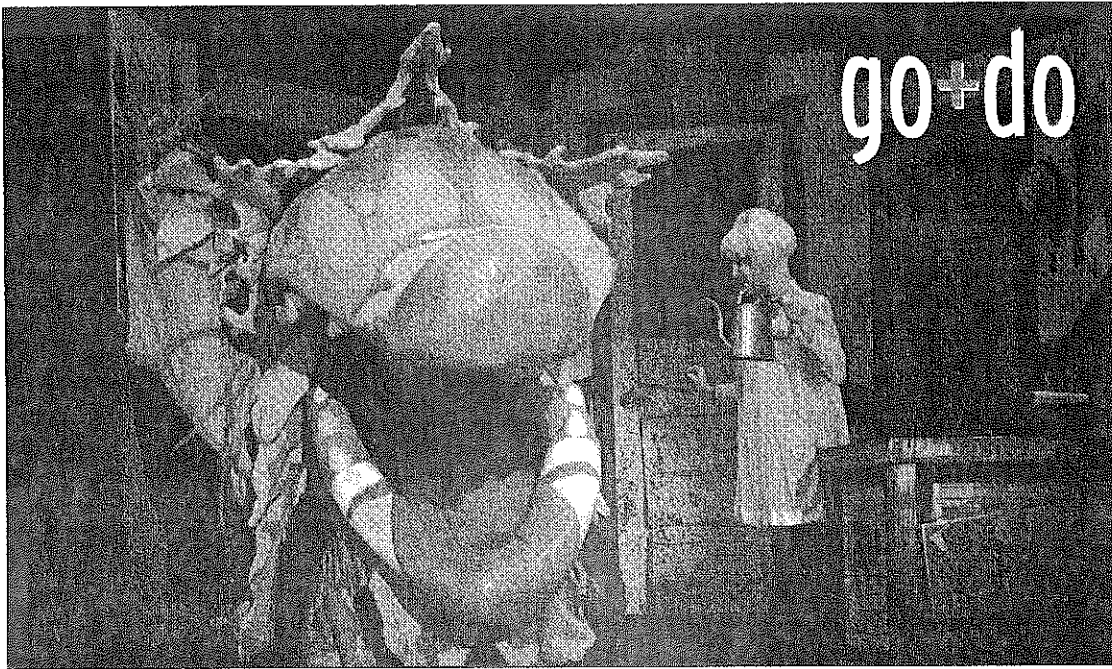
venger hunt, costume crafts, story time, trivia contest and a visit by special guests. The event is free and open to the public.

Oh, and if you like Jedi, wear light-colored clothes; Sith fans should wear dark-colored clothing.



Garden Grove will celebrate Star Wars Reads Day at noon on Saturday.

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GLEN MILLER, FILE PHOTO

That's right, One More Productions' version of "Little Shop of Horrors" runs until November. "Little Shop of Horrors" is a 1962 R&B comedy musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken.

Audrey II wants your blood - and your applause

Audrey II is hungry - for world domination.

And a successful run at the Gem Theater, probably.

That's right, One More Productions' version of "Little Shop of Horrors" opens Thursday and runs until November.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is a 1962 R&B comedy musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken about a Venus flytrap from outer space that comes to Earth in search of blood.

Named after the crush of a hapless florist, Audrey II has the iconic line, "Feed me, Seymour."

The musical was based on a 1960 comedy by Roger Corman, and then was subsequently adapted again in a 1986 movie starring Rick Moranis of "Ghostbusters" fame.

- Chris Haire

If you go

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Nov. 1

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

Cost: Opening night gala, \$40; general admissions, \$25; seniors (60 years and older), \$22; children (12 years and younger), \$15; and student rush (Thursdays and Fridays two hours before curtain), \$10.

More information: 714-741-9550, ext. 221, or boxoffice@onemoreproductions.com

Mosaic artist, Black Umbrella studio team up to host classes

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

A Garden Grove resident is combining her two loves: art and teaching.

And if you join her at the Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Studio, you can get a nice piece of art out of it.

Since 2008, Robin Marcario has used her talents as a mosaic artist to put up public art pieces in an effort to beautify the city and make residents feel invested in their community. She recently started partnering with the new Main Street business to offer classes on how to create your own mosaics.

Her next series of classes begins Oct. 15.

She said she views it as a way to get people to love art, build something mea-

ningful that can go in their homes and connect folks with the art community in Garden Grove.

"I love it," said Marcario, who is also a substitute teacher in the Garden Grove Unified School District. "It's fun. I've always wanted to do this. I love teaching and I love art. Now I get to do both."

Marcario's mosaic art workshop is broken into three classes.

She starts with a PowerPoint presentation on mosaics and offers some tips, and then her class - of usually no more than 15 - draws their design. They also choose the color scheme and materials. They can choose anything from shells to tiles, or bring in their own objects - even family heirlooms.

The third class is where the students finish the grouting, after the pieces have been glued to a hard-backed board. And, if they finish early, the students can help Marcario with whatever public piece she is working on.

"Some people use their pieces as garden paver



STEVEN GEORGES, FILE PHOTO

Robin Marcario, shown in front of her 15th public mosaic on Euclid Street, south of Garden Grove Boulevard, has partnered with Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Studio.

Next session

Class one: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 15

Class two: 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 17

Class three: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 22

Where: Black Umbrella Tattoo and Art Gallery, 12951 Main St.

Cost: \$45 for materials and \$50 for the three classes

More info: Krystin Gibson at 714-310-8309 or blackumbrellaart.com

stones and mount them on walls," Marcario said. "Some even choose to replace some tiles in their bathrooms."

Krystin Gibson, who co-owns Black Umbrella with her artist husband Kurtis

Gibson, approached Marcario to teach classes a couple of months ago.

"Her mosaics are so awesome and beautiful," Krystin Gibson said. "And being able to do art close to your home and in your community is relaxing and therapeutic. It's so important."

When the Gibsons were in their yearlong fight to get the City Council to allow them to open, they promised that they would open their space to the community to help teach people different artistic mediums.

"They are so inclusive," Marcario said. "It's so beautiful in there too. It's a really wonderful space."

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Supervisor cleared in residency probe

By KELLY PUENTE
STAFF WRITER



found that the Westminster address was Do's legal residence.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office has closed its investigation into the residency of county Supervisor Andrew Do after determining that Do lives in his district.

Do had faced allegations that he doesn't live in the district he represents. In February, Garden Grove activist Tony Flores asked the district attorney to investigate whether Do is living in the Westminster house he bought last year or in a home outside of the Board of Supervisors' 1st District he represents.

In a letter released Monday, the District Attorney's Office said it investigated the allegations and

Do, in a statement Monday, called the accusations "baseless" and "politically motivated."

"While my political opponents have been playing political games, I've been working with my colleagues to increase funding for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, cut property taxes on small businesses and expand access to vital health care services for seniors and working families," Do said.

Do and his wife, Cheri Pham, purchased a North

Tustin house in 2002, according to county records. They bought their 1,314-square-foot Westminster house in July 2014.

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 was elected to the Board of Supervisors in a January special election.

Staff writer Martin Wisckol contributed to this report.

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City settles lawsuit over

election methods

"At large" elections will be replaced by "by-district" ones

Following last week's special meeting of the Garden Grove City Council, the city announced that a settlement had been reached in a lawsuit brought against the city in July asserting that the city's current "at-large" method of electing City Council members violates the California Voting Rights Act.

Pursuant to the settlement, a stipulated judgment will be entered requiring the city to replace the current at-large election process with a by-district election process for all five city council seats, commencing in 2016.

After 2016, the mayor will no longer be directly elected, but, instead, will be appointed by the rest of the City Council, similar to the system used in many other Orange County cities.

The lawsuit, filed by Garden Grove resident Rickk Montoya, sought a court order mandating

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that the city implement district-based elections in accordance with the California Voting Rights Act. The California Voting Rights Act prohibits public agencies from imposing an at-large method of election "that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election."

Montoya's lawsuit claimed that Garden Grove residents of Latino background were denied effective political participation in Garden Grove City Council elections.

Pursuant to the settlement, five, non-overlapping, geographically-defined electoral districts will be drawn, and the City Council will consist of one member who resides within, and is nominated and elected by voters within, each of those five districts. The Electoral District Map will be designed in accordance with the California Government and Elections Codes.

The city will retain a demographics firm to assist in developing the district maps. The city will hold a series of community meetings

and public hearings to obtain community input before finalizing the district maps.

In establishing districts, the City Council may take into account topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of areas, as well as community interests of the district. The size of the districts must be as nearly equal in population as is reasonably possible.

In November 2016, three seats of the Garden Grove City Council will be up for election. Another two seats will be up for election in 2018. Which three district seats will be up for election in 2016 will be determined in conjunction with the map drawing process. All five City Council members elected under the new by-district system will serve four-year terms.

Currently within Orange County, the City of Seal Beach employs the most similar 5-district electoral system in which the mayor is appointed by the City Council. The majority of Orange County cities also have appointed mayors instead of at-large mayoral elections.

The settlement also includes a payment of \$290,000 for the plaintiff's costs and attorney fees.

Elks efforts to increase membership afoot

GG Lodge #1952 held a soccer clinic over the weekend

Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952 opened its park to all youth from Orange County to come see the LA Galaxy and attend a soccer clinic over the weekend.

Also entertaining the group were the Futboleros with their fancy soccer moves. All boys and girls were participants in the demonstration.

Elks Keith Mitchell, Jack Whitwam and David Wilmes coordinated activities aided by Elks Jim and Connie Perkins (clowns) and Tony Lopez, Lodge chaplain.

A light lunch of fruit, chips, hot dogs and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches was served by the

Garden Grove Girls League members. The league members also manned the registration tables.

Garden Grove Elks would like to increase attendance next year. This event is held every October. It is free and supported by the Orange Coast District Elks. Winners received trophies and a great day out.

Also available was information on the Elks "Say No to Drugs" program including literature for parents, high school age and middle school age children.

For more information about the Elks, call Keith Mitchell at 562-244-9211.

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Popular eatery suffers \$150,000 in fire damage

One firefighter sustains minor injury while knocking down blaze at Kaye' Kitchen

Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire at Kaye's Kitchen on Historic Main Street last week.

First-arriving units found smoke coming from a restaurant, and initiated a fire attack.

It took crews approximately 15 minutes to get the fire under control, and the fire was contained to the original business involved.

During firefighting efforts, one firefighter sustained a minor injury and was transported to UCI Medical Center for treatment. There was no additional report of injury.

Damage to the structure is estimated at \$100,000 and \$50,000 to contents. The fire is currently under investigation.

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Dog injured after being dragged from truck

Owner, who tethered animal, was unaware pet had fallen from truck bed

Let's hope this pooch survives this ordeal.

The Garden Grove Police Department was dispatched last week to a dog being dragged by a pickup truck in the area of Brookhurst Street and Trask Avenue.

Witnesses to the incident called the Garden Grove Police Department to report that a dog was being dragged from the back of a pickup truck that appeared to have had the dog tethered in the truck bed.

Shortly after, more witnesses called the Garden Grove Police Department reporting that the dog was seen in the area of Brookhurst Street and Trask Avenue and was no longer being

dragged. A citizen located the dog and indicated that the dog was bleeding from the paws.

Police officers, with the assistance of CHP, were able to locate a license plate for the pickup truck that came back out of Baldwin Park. Officers made contact with the driver of the vehicle that was unaware that the dog had fallen out of the pickup truck bed.

Orange County Animal Control officers responded to the location of the injured dog and the dog was taken to an emergency clinic to be treated for the injuries. Updated information on the dog's current condition has not been released at this time.

There is no further information available at this time.

Garden Grove Fire Department adds 2 engines



Photo by Loreen Berlin

From left, Garden Grove firefighters/paramedics Jordan Jemiola and Kicker Vencill show fire equipment on one of the two new fire engines the Garden Grove Fire Department recently purchased.

**Both have more
paramedic equipment
than most engines**

By Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Fire Department has added two engines to its arsenal, both designed to hold more paramedic equipment than your typical engine.

The engines will be at stations No. 2, at Chapman Avenue and Gilbert Street, and No. 5, on Western Avenue, just south of Lampson Avenue.

The engines began on a design board at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wis. (between Milwaukee and Green Bay) and went through seven drafts before completion 18 months later.

"It all starts with a specification order that's very detailed as to how we want the fire engines built to our own precise requirements," said Capt. Randy Abrahamson. "Pierce makes custom fire apparatuses to customer's specifications; our engines began in January

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2014 and were delivered by Pierce in June 2015," he said.

Abrahamson said they went through numerous specification changes in the process.

"We tell them what we want and they tell us what they are able to do," he said.

Once the engines arrive in Garden Grove, it still takes time to outfit and customize the compartments to the way all of the Garden Grove fire engines are set up for consistency in emergency.

"The engine is an empty box. We customize them the way we want our equipment mounted and stored," said firefighter/paramedic Jordan Jemiola. "We customize how the tools are set up, so that in the middle of the night during an emergency, we know exactly where all of the equipment is located. The captain and the engineer each have their own compartment for personal protective gear and equipment; it's self-contained with a breathing apparatus; everyone on the engine has their own firefighting clothing area."

Both engines have fire hoses, a water tank, tools and equipment and a pump, to pump the water at a certain pressure based on the need at any given time.

The difference between a fire engine and a fire truck is mainly that a fire truck has an aerial ladder and more rescue tools such as the "jaws of life," or forcible-entry tools.

During the building process of the engines, the fire station has a mid and final inspection meeting to make sure the fire engine is built with their needs in mind.

"The plant in Wisconsin is a



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Standing next to one of the two new fire engines the Garden Grove Fire Department recently bought are, from left, engineer Jose Camberos, Capt. Cheyne Maule and firefighter/paramedics Jordan Jemiola and Kicker Vencill.

huge and awesome state-of-the-art facility," said Abrahamson. "Our trips there determine if it's going as planned and makes sure it coincides with our specifications and drawings."

Abrahamson said what's unique to their engines is the engineer's pump-panel, located mid-ship and top-mounted, which gets the engineer out of the street and harm's way, where they can have a better sight-line of what's going on around them during a fire.

One of the specifications they asked for was common water levers that can turn different hoses on and off.

"We have approximately 2,000 feet of hose on the engines that can be attached to numerous discharges or spigots from 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 inches, plus fire hydrants, and the water from the hydrant is increased through the pump-panel and discharged through nozzles at the end of the hoses," Abrahamson said.

Fire engines are designed to be in service for approximately 20 years and then in reserve for five years. "We have a vehicle replacement plan that the city follows," Abrahamson added.

Garden Grove fire engines and trucks used to be yellow but the city is going back to the traditional color of red. There are seven fire stations in Garden Grove and five have red trucks and engines. Any new engines or trucks will be red

from this point forward.

The Fire Department is in the process of putting the new engines into service while putting the 1995 engine into reserve, since it has been in service as a front-line engine for 20 years.

A 1989 engine is being taken out of service and will either be donated to the Fire Academy or auctioned off to perhaps a fire-engine collector. Auctions are said not to be a big money maker, but a way of moving the retiring engines out of the fleet and recovering some money for them.

All fire engines and trucks are clean-burning diesel engines and comply with emissions standards

Established in 1926, the Garden Grove Fire Department is a full-service agency, serving not only Garden Grove, but Westminster, Stanton and Cypress and has an automatic aid agreement with surrounding cities through computer-aided dispatch.

This allows communities to receive the closest and fastest response time, depending on availability and time of day for each agency.

This month makes 89 years since the Garden Grove Fire Department was originally formed as the "Garden Grove Fire Protection District," having 25 volunteer firefighters who used an American La France fire engine with a 400-gallon water capacity.

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Old Glory waves on Main Street...



Photo by Loreen Berlin

State Sen. Janet Nguyen helps install American flags along Historic Main Street in Garden Grove on Saturday, Oct. 3. Nguyen reached out to the Orange County Employees Association for help in funding the new flags. The Garden Grove Lions Club and others helped install 20 flags.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE CITY HALL THIRD FLOOR TRAINING ROOM AT 11222 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M., OCTOBER 23, 2015

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-048-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 2,450 square foot restaurant, FASAI Thai Cuisine, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 12910 Harbor Boulevard in the HCSP-DC (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – District Commercial) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-051-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,000 square foot tattoo parlor, Black Ink Gallery, at 10680 Katella Avenue. The establishment will have two general areas: a retail sales area, barber area, and art gallery area located in the front; and, a tattoo station area located in the rear. The site is at 10680 Katella Avenue in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-050-2015

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing 2,200 square foot restaurant, Happy Days Restaurant, with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is at 13135 Brookhurst Street in the GGMU-1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on October 23, 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 Zoning Administrator 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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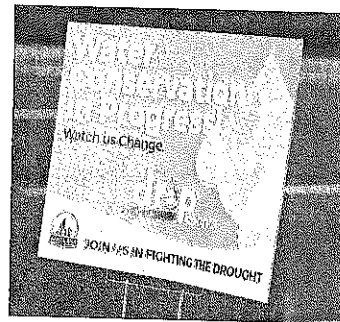
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But a few communities are lagging behind their targets. And the goals will be harder to reach come winter, official says.

Most Orange County cities are on track to meet state water conservation mandates by cutting water use anywhere from 8 to 36 percent, depending on the city.

But a handful, including Newport Beach, Brea and Fullerton, have a lot of ground to make up before a February deadline, according to August water-use numbers released Thursday.

As part of a statewide mandate to cut water use in res-



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A sign on a median in Santa Ana highlights and encourages conservation efforts.

ponse to the four-year drought, regulators are forcing cities to cut back by a mandated percentage between June and February, compared with the same period two years ago. Water suppliers that repeatedly violate their targets could face fines as high as \$10,000 per day.

As winter approaches, cutting water use will be harder and harder, according to Rob Hunter, the general manager of the Municipal Water Dis-

trict of Orange County. That's because it's easier to stop watering a lawn than it is to stop, say, showering or doing dishes.

"Most of the savings come from outdoor water use," Hunter said. Comparisons are made against the same month two years previous. Winter water use is lower, because outdoor plants don't need as much water during winter, leaving less margin to cut wa-



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ter use by large amounts. "You don't have much outdoor water use to conserve in the winter months, so it will be very difficult to sustain these types of results during the winter," Hunter said.

To find its way to compliance, Newport Beach, which has cumulatively conserved 5.2 percentage points less than the state's mandate of 28 percent, will ramp up enforcement efforts by issuing more citations, said the city's utilities manager, George Murdoch.

The city has already exhausted many public outreach options, such as informational door hangers on every door at the beginning of September and five billboards citywide that document the city's conservation progress.

"Everybody has to reduce," he said. "There are still folks that have really green lawns that we have not convinced that they need to comply."

Officials in Brea, meanwhile, have met with the city's top 20 water users to discuss lowering water use, and they are scheduled to meet with the next 20 largest. A county landfill that uses water for dust control, along with newly planted restored landscapes that require irrigation, has made meeting mandates more difficult, said Brea's director of public works, Eric Nicoll.

As a whole, California is on track to surpass Gov. Jerry Brown's 25 percent conservation mandate. In August, Californians cut water use 27 percent compared with August 2013, according to the conservation data released Thursday.

That drop in water use continued a trend of sur-

O.C. water cuts

Here are the cuts in water use reported by local water suppliers for August compared with two years earlier, vs. their state-mandated targets.

Supplier	Target	Savings in Aug.
Yorba Linda Water District	36%	41.4%
East Orange County Water District	36%	39.7%
Serrano Water District	36%	38.4%
Golden State Water Co. Cowan Heights	36%	37.6%
Trabuco Canyon Water District	28%	32.8%
South Coast Water District	24%	31.6%
Orange	28%	31.3%
Golden State Water Co. Placentia	24%	30.8%
San Clemente	24%	27.7%
La Palma	20%	26.7%
Tustin	28%	26.2%
San Juan Capistrano	28%	26.1%
Mesa Water District	20%	25.7%
Golden State Water Co. West Orange	16%	24.9%
Anaheim	20%	24.5%
El Toro Water District	24%	24.2%
Santa Margarita Water District	24%	23.6%
Huntington Beach	20%	23.3%
La Habra Public Works	28%	22.6%
Fountain Valley	20%	22.1%
Laguna Beach County Water District	24%	21.8%
Fullerton	28%	21.8%
Moulton Niguel Water District	20%	21.7%
Buena Park	20%	20.4%
Seal Beach	8%	20.1%
Santa Ana	12%	19.7%
Newport Beach	28%	19.5%
Irvine Ranch Water District	16%	19.2%
Garden Grove	20%	14.7%
Brea	24%	13.8%
Westminster	20%	10.9%

Source: Aug. 2015 water conservation report

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Water suppliers that repeatedly violate their targets could face fines as high as \$10,000 per day.

passing required mandates: In June, Californians cut 27 percent, while in July they cut 31 percent.

In August, the South Coast region – which includes most of Southern California and represents 56 percent of the state's population – didn't do quite as well as the state as a whole, and cut 24 percent. That was a lower cut than in July, when water use dropped 28 percent.

Several Orange County cities have gone above and beyond in conserving. Seal Beach, despite already low water use, has managed to cut use 22 percent since June. Its mandate is 8 percent.

High water users, too, have cut back. Serrano and Yorba Linda water districts have strict conservation mandates of 36 percent, but have managed to cut more than the required amount since June – 43 percent and 41 percent, respectively.

The state's goal is to save 1.2 million acre-feet of water by February. With the summer numbers from June,

July and August in, the state is a little more than halfway there.

Conserving isn't going to get easier as summer stretches into fall. Though the numbers aren't finalized, a hot September is likely to have driven up use. Dry conditions are forecast through November.

"With continued heat, the danger of more wildfires and no way of knowing when the drought will end, every drop of water that remains in our local reservoirs and aquifers is insurance in case of another dry year or more," said Felicia Marcus, the chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Across the state, 72 percent of water suppliers met or came within just one percentage point of their required conservation mandates. Just 1 percent of suppliers, or six total, were more than 15 percentage points out of compliance.

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Health Expo in GG a big hit

Local rep says event is held for people who can't afford high insurance premiums

Free medical and dental services drew hundreds of residents to the 6th annual Central County Health Expo in Garden Grove recently.

The event, co-hosted by State Sen. Janet Nguyen, who represents Westminster and Garden Grove, was made possible through the generosity of hundreds of volunteers, the business community and local non-profits serving Orange County.

"For six years, I have been proud to bring preventative health services directly to the community. We host this event every year because there is still a need despite the implementation of the

Affordable Care Act. There are still many residents who cannot afford high insurance premiums or are underinsured. These are the residents we are helping at the Health Expo," said Nguyen.

During the seven-hour long event, hundreds of residents took advantage of dental services (fillings and extractions) and medical services (physician examinations, mammograms, lab work, EKG ul-

trasounds). The health expo also offered additional health screenings for: glucose, body mass index, stroke and cholesterol. Community organizations also provided information on nutrition and healthy living, while others assisted participants in applying for Covered California, Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWorks.

"The Health Expo is a great example of how a community can come together to meet the needs of those lacking sufficient

health care coverage. Our goal in providing preventative care is to help identify illnesses before they become chronic, which not only helps our residents but

"We host this event every year because there is still a need despite the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. There are still many residents who cannot afford high insurance premiums or are underinsured"

— State Sen. Janet Nguyen

also avoids costly emergency room visits," said Nguyen.

All of the services provided at the Health Expo were offered at no cost to attendees and were made possible through a partnership with: Central County Foundation, Lestonnac Free Clinic, Mariners Church, Coastline Community College, Concorde College, Brand New Day Health Plan, and SoCalGas.

Jobs available at GG Police Department

The Garden Grove Police Department, a nationally-accredited law enforcement agency, is currently accepting online applications for police recruit, lateral police officer, and several other positions. Applications are available at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/hr. The closing date for applications is Oct. 21, by 5 p.m.

According to Lieutenant Bob Bogue, who manages the department's Professional Standards Division, this is an excellent opportunity for those interested in law enforcement and starting a career with the Garden Grove Police Department.

"Our department is strongly committed to increasing the num-

ber of community-based police officers. We are expecting an excellent turnout for our recruitment process based on an increased awareness among the public about the importance of Community Policing and expressed interest from citizens who aspire to become police officers," he said.

All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are eligible for, and have applied for citizenship. Bilingual language skills are highly desirable.

For more information on positions, application process, filing deadlines, and requirements, contact the City of Garden Grove's Human Resources Department at ggjobs@ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Vietnam vet to speak to local Elks

Multi-Tour Vietnam veteran and RA-5C Vigilante pilot, CDR Bob Johnson, USN (retired), will be the guest speaker at Elks Lodge #1952, 11551 Trask Ave. in Garden Grove, at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 8.

The event is put on by the Gram-paw Pettibone Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation.

Johnson followed his Navy

career with a career in Aerospace serving as customer requirements manager for the Northrop B-2 Spirit Bomber program. His presentation topic will be on the B-2 Spirit Bomber, it's characteristics, capabilities and missions.

Reservations are required. Call 562-287-4846, no later than noon on Oct. 6 to book your seat. Cost is \$15 including buffet lunch.

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Jack O'Lantern Jamboree scheduled

Activities will include a spooky train and trail of terror

The Garden Grove Community Services Department presents the 14th annual Jack O'Lantern Jamboree event on Oct. 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park.

Activities at the event include a spooky train, carnival games, crafts, bounce houses, goodies, and for the first time ever The Trail of Terror! The trail is a haunted walk recommended for children 10 years old and older. There will also be pumpkins available for sale at the Pumpkin Patch.

Ticket prices are \$8 per person. The tickets are limited to the first 300 children, and children 2 years old and younger get in free. Only cash and credit cards are accepted. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Ticket sales for Jack O'Lantern Jamboree begin Monday, Oct. 5 through Thursday, Oct. 22, until quantities run out. Tickets can be purchased at the recreation counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

To order by phone, or for more information, call 714-741-5200.

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Vietnamese cuisine: The top three Vietnamese restaurants, according to the Register's Best of OC 2015 people's choice and critics' picks, are in Garden Grove: Tra House, 14291 N. Euclid St.; Brodard, 9100 Trask Ave.; and Garlic & Chives, 9892 Westminster Blvd., Suite 311. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**
chaire@ocregister.com

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Hawaiian church: A Polynesian-style Christian church is coming to Garden Grove, hoping to bring the flavor of Hawaii and the South Pacific to Sunday worship. The Garden Grove Samoan Assembly of God, at 13171 Century Blvd., opens at 2 p.m. Oct. 18. Those who attend will receive leis. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**
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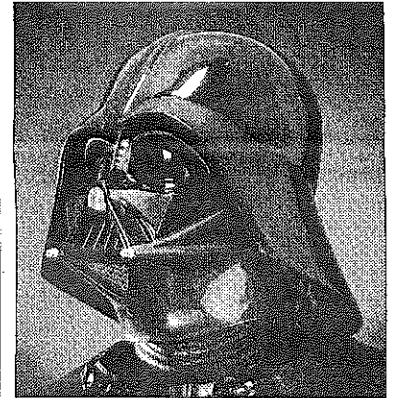
Feed me, Seymour: One More Productions' version of "Little Shop of Horrors" opens at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Gem Theater, 12852 Main St., and runs through Nov. 1. "Little Shop of Horrors" is a 1962 musical comedy by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken about a Venus flytrap from outer space that comes to Earth in search of blood. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**
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Book sale: The Garden Grove Historical Society's Barn and Book Sale is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today through Saturday at the Stanley Ranch Museum, 12174 Euclid St. The sale, held twice a year, is a fundraiser for the historical society. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**
chaire@ocregister.com

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'Star Wars': In honor of National Star Wars Reads Day, the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave., is hosting a free "Star Wars"-themed event from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Activities include a Yoda scavenger hunt, a lightsaber craft, story time, a trivia contest and a visit by special guests. **Chris Haire, 714-704-3707**
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CONTACT: Juan Medina (714) 741-5253
Community Services Department

Thursday, October 8, 2015

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS FREE MOVIE NIGHT

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a free movie night on Thursday, October 15, 2015 starting at 5:00 p.m., in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All seniors are invited to enjoy free refreshments and the movie "Little Boy," starring Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson and Michael Rapaport. The movie is about the bond of love between a father and a 7-year-old son, who is willing to do whatever it takes to end World War II so he can bring his father home.

The free event is sponsored by Monarch HealthCare. For more information, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

PREDICTED HIGH TEMPS CALL FOR COOLING CENTER

This weekend, temperatures are expected to reach 95 degrees Fahrenheit and above. To offer some relief to the residents of Garden Grove, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will serve as a public cooling center this Saturday, October 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations during extremely hot weekend weather. Food will not be available at the center, but visitors may bring their own meals and dine inside.

For more 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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Tuesday, October 6, 2015

SENIOR CENTER OFFERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Garden Grove H. Louis Lake Senior Center is offering a series of free bereavement support groups for those who may be interested. The six-week course will be held on Wednesdays, October 14 through November 25, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The group explores the grief process through a variety of techniques while supporting each member individually in a safe, supportive environment. Past participants have remarked on the positive healing effect the six-week session has had on them. The series will be facilitated by a VITAS Healthcare Bereavement Specialist.

There is no cost, but space is limited, so call early to register. For more information, please contact Linda McMahon at (714) 734-2753 or via email at linda.mcmahon@VITAS.com.

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Thứ Tư, 7/10/2015

GARDEN GROVE MỜI CỘNG ĐỒNG THAM GIA CHƯƠNG TRÌNH JACK O'LANTERN JAMBOREE

Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove xin giới thiệu đến cộng đồng và các em nhỏ chương trình 'Jack O'Lantern Jamboree' nhân mùa Halloween năm nay. Chương trình này sẽ được tổ chức vào buổi chiều ngày Thứ Sáu, 23 tháng 10, 2015, từ 5:30 chiều tới 8:30 tối tại Atlantic Play Center, địa chỉ là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.

Sẽ có nhiều trò chơi, bounce house, craft games dành cho các em nhỏ, cũng như chương trình trò chơi 'The Trail of Terror' dành cho các em 10 tuổi trở lên.

Giá vé chỉ có \$8 cho một em, trẻ em dưới 2 tuổi được vào cửa miễn phí. Trẻ em phải đi cùng người lớn để tham dự vào chương trình này. Chương trình có giới hạn cho 300 trẻ em.

Vé sẽ được bán trước bắt đầu vào ngày Thứ Hai, 5 tháng 10 đến hết ngày 22 tháng 10 tại Recreation counter, lầu 1, trong City Hall Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway, hoặc liên lạc về số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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Garden Grove Mời Dự Chương Trình Jack O'Lantern Jamboree

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Ban Phục Vụ Cộng Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove xin giới thiệu đến cộng đồng và các em nhỏ chương trình Jack O'Lantern Jamboree nhân mùa Halloween năm nay. Chương trình này sẽ được tổ chức vào buổi chiều ngày Thứ Sáu, 23 tháng 10, 2015, từ 5:30 chiều tới 8:30 tối tại Atlantic Play Center, địa chỉ là 13630 Allantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.



Hình chương trình năm trước.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 8, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation for the October 15, 2015 Planning Commission meeting and minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting.
3. Zoning Administrator meeting minutes from the October 8, 2015 meeting.
4. Notice from the S.C. Gas Company on a request to increase rates for the Pipeline Safety & Reliability Project.
5. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated October 6 and 7, 2015.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8, 2015 – October 15, 2015

Thursday	October 8	7:30 a.m.- 1:45 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Courtyard Center
Thursday- Friday	October 8-9	8:00 p.m.	MasqKids presents "Footloose" Festival Amphitheater
Thursday- Sunday	October 8-11		One More Productions presents "Little Shop of Horrors", Gem Theater
Saturday	October 10	11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Cooling Center, H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets Event Civic Center and Main Street Public Works, Fire and Police Departments Open House
		8:00 p.m.	Great Reunions presents Concert Under the Stars "The Cured" (The Cure Tribute)
Tuesday	October 13	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Food for Thought Luncheon Wyndham Hotel, 12021 Harbor Blvd.
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	October 14	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center
		2:30 p.m.	Employee Flu Shots, For Reservations call x5004 Human Resources
Thursday	October 15	5:00 p.m.	Free Movie Night hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, "Little Boy" Starring Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson and Michael Rapaport
Thursday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED



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AGENDA

Adjourned Regular Meeting

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

Courtyard Center
12732 Main Street

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Garden Grove Planning Commission
Scheduled for October 15, 2015,
Has been cancelled due to lack of business.

The Meeting is adjourned to its Regular Meeting
Of November 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Pak
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Paredes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Mai

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Zamora

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-047-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8762 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD #102, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF NEWLAND STREET.

Applicant: Bodhi Youth of America, Inc.
Date: September 17, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new, approximately 3,748 square foot, educational institution, Bodhi Youth of America, at 8762 Garden Grove Boulevard #102. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Angela Vu, Austin Park

Action: Resolution of Approval No. 5850-15 approved with a revision to the Conditions of Approval for the hours of operation to be permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week. The City of Garden Grove reserves the right to reduce the hours of operation, by order of the Chief of the Police Department, in the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business.

Motion: Pak Second: Mai

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Zamora noted that the trees on Main Street and on Garden Grove Boulevard from Euclid Street to Main Street are dying. Staff responded that Public Works would be contacted.

Commissioner Margolin asked about the zoning for, and future of, the property on Westminster and Newhope that has been fenced off from view. Staff responded that the property is in a receivership and is zoned M-1; however, there has been interest to have it developed for residential use.

Chair O'Neill commented that the sidewalk on the west side of Brookhurst Street, traveling south passing through Anaheim into Garden Grove past Dewey Drive up to Joyzelle Drive, looks bad and that the trees have caused a mess. Staff responded that Public Works would be contacted.

Commissioner Paredes asked if there was any follow up to the discussions on potential tax incentives for vacant land owners to develop urban farming. Staff responded that at the request of Commissioner Kanzler, research was done to explore the possibility; however, there has been no direction from the City Council.

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff announced:

That the next Planning Commission meeting on October 1, 2015, will begin with a Study Session at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the California Environmental Quality Act, and the meeting scheduled for October 15, 2015, may be cancelled.

There will be a Planning Officials Forum on October 22, 2015, at the Nixon Library, and those Commissioners interested in attending to contact Lee Marino, Acting Planning Manager.

The Open Streets event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and information is available on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:34 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Motion: O'Neill Second: Pak

Ayes: (7) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Teresa Pomeroy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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**NOTIFICATION OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST TO
INCREASE RATES FOR THE
PIPELINE SAFETY & RELIABILITY PROJECT
A.15-09-013**

On September 30, 2015, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed its Pipeline Safety & Reliability Project Application (A.15-09-013) (Project) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking approval to increase rates for costs related to the implementation of the \$596 million project. This application will also address cost allocation and rate design proposals.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of the Pipeline Safety & Reliability Project is to construct a new natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in San Diego County. Listed below are the three fundamental objectives for the SoCalGas and the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) integrated natural gas transmission system.

1. Natural gas pipeline safety requirements for transmission Line 1600 and modernization of the system
2. Improvement of system reliability by minimizing dependence on a single pipeline
3. Enhanced operational flexibility during high gas demand periods by increasing system capacity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The Pipeline Safety & Reliability Project involves the construction of a new approximately 47-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline in San Diego County. The new pipeline will carry natural gas from SDG&E's existing Rainbow Metering Station near the Riverside County line to Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar. In addition to the pipeline, the Project will include natural gas facilities. These facilities will include mainline valves, metering equipment, pressure-limiting equipment, in-line inspection equipment, corrosion protection systems, and intrusion detection and leak monitoring systems. Once the new line is constructed, the existing Line 1600 would be used for distribution and would operate at a lower pressure. The project will cost \$596 million and take approximately 18 months to construct.

ILLUSTRATIVE IMPACT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS

If the CPUC approves the application, and once the project is complete, a residential customer who uses the system wide average of 37 therms per month will see an increase of 31 cents, from the current \$38.55 per month to \$38.86 per month. The impact on each customer and customer class will vary depending on individual usage and the final decision. Transportation rates will not change due to this proposal.

If approved, the proposed costs would be allocated to the Backbone Transmission Service (BTS) rate (1), which would increase by \$0.008 per therm/per day, from \$0.018 per therm/per day to \$0.026 per therm/per day. This increase would result in approximate bundled rate impacts as follows (2):

Customer Class	Current Bundled Rate(BTS and Gas) (\$/th)	Proposed Bundled Rate (BTS and Gas) Increase Impact (\$/th)	Total Rate Increase (\$/th)	% Percentage Rate Increase
Core				
Residential	\$1.073	\$1.081	\$0.008	0.8%
Commercial/Industrial	\$0.697	\$0.705	\$0.008	1.2%
NGV	\$0.499	\$0.507	\$0.008	1.6%
Noncore				
C/I – Distribution	\$0.427	\$0.435	\$0.008	1.9%
C/I- TLS	\$0.375	\$0.383	\$0.008	2.2%
Electric Generation – Distribution	\$0.402	\$0.410	\$0.008	2.0%
Electric Generation – TLS	\$0.372	\$0.380	\$0.008	2.2%

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-049-2015

Applicant: Tieu Family Corporation
Location: 13265 Harbor Boulevard
Date: October 8, 2015

Request: To operate an existing restaurant, New Island Seafood, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the HCSP-TZS (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – Transition Zone South) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Kent Tieu

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1725-15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

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League of California Cities[®] Annual Conference Brings Together City Officials for Education, Recognition, Networking and Resources

Over the course of three days last week, 2,000 California city officials joined together at the League of California Cities[®] 117th Annual Conference & Expo in San José. The event featured approximately 50 educational sessions, 265 exhibitors, engaging keynote speakers, recognition of excellent work by cities, along with individual recognitions the adoption of several resolutions and the swearing in of new League's executive officers and board of directors.

For more, see Page 2.



Three Legislators Recognized with 2015 Legislator of the Year Award during League Annual Conference

Assembly Member Alejo, Assembly Member Cooley, Sen. Beall Honored Last Friday

California cities have three very strong champions in the three state lawmakers honored on Oct. 2 with the League of California Cities[®] Legislator of the Year Award. Typically only one individual is selected for this award, but the extraordinary contributions made this year by Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville), Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) and Sen. Jim Beall (D-San José) all deserved commendation.

For more, see Page 4.



Mayor L. Dennis Michael of Rancho Cucamonga Takes Helm as League President

The League of California Cities[®] new executive committee and board of directors took their oath of office on Friday afternoon during the closing general session of its annual conference in San José. The board represents the League's 16 regional divisions, nine professional departments, California's 10 largest cities, and at-large directors. Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael assumed the role of League president, replacing Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar, who held the position for the past year. Lodi Council Member JoAnne Mounce was elected first vice president and Palos Verdes Estates Mayor James Goodhart joined the officers as second vice president. *For more, see Page 6.*

League President and Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar welcomed attendees on Wednesday afternoon during the opening general session. "I am extremely proud to be part of an organization that has worked since 1898 to protect local control for California cities and connect city officials from every corner of the state so we can share our experiences and become better public servants for our residents," President Aguilar remarked. "Public service is more than a job. It is something we are called to do because we are inspired to dedicate ourselves to making our communities stronger."

Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

The session included the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence, given to cities for their outstanding efforts to deliver services and engage residents. This year's winners are the cities of:

- La Mesa: CCS Partnership Intergovernmental Collaboration Award for its Intergenerational Safe Routes to School Program;
- Salinas: Community Services and Economic Development for its Steinbeck Innovation Cluster;
- Santa Clarita: Economic Development through the Arts for its Old Town Newhall Arts and Entertainment District ;
- Rocklin: Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics and Community Involvement for Rocklin Cares;
- Cathedral City: Health and Wellness for its Cathedral City Garden Program;
- Brea and Fullerton: Internal Administration for its Brea and Fullerton Fire Resource Sharing Program;
- Sanger: Excellence in City Business Relations for its Sanger Job Training Initiative;
- Clovis: Planning and Environmental Quality for its Dry Creek Trailhead;
- Menlo Park: Public Safety for its Belle Haven Community Engagement;
- Reedley: Public Safety for its Reedley Peace Building Initiative;
- Palmdale: Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation for its Season of Service; and
- Menifee: Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government for its Menifee Youth Advisory Committee.

Lifetime Achievement Award and Special Recognition

Two individuals were also recognized during the session for their dedication to California cities.

League Immediate Past President and San Francisco Treasurer José Cisneros presented the League Past Presidents' Council Lifetime Achievement Award to Anna Caballero, secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. Secretary Caballero previously served as both mayor and council member on the Salinas City Council. In 2007, during her tenure in the Assembly from 2006-2012, the League also recognized then Assembly Member Caballero as its Legislator of the Year.

League Immediate Past President Cisneros congratulated Secretary Caballero on this achievement. "Anna is a true leader and dedicated public servant who has devoted her professional and personal life to improving conditions for those in her community. She has been a strong voice for those without one and continues this mission in the Governor's cabinet. I am truly honored today to present my friend and colleague Anna Caballero with this recognition."

Clovis Council Member Harry Armstrong was also recognized for his decades of service to cities. As California's longest serving city council member, Council Member Armstrong's involvement in the Clovis city government dates back to 1966 when he was appointed to the Clovis Planning Commission. First elected to the Clovis City Council in 1970, he has been re-elected 11 times and has served his city as mayor five times.

Council Member Armstrong stepped down from the League of California Cities board of directors on Thursday, after having served a combined total of 27 years on the board. He has been a member of the League's Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee since 1984, and active in the South San Joaquin Valley Division.

League Executive Director Chris McKenzie honored Council Member Armstrong for his dedication, leadership and service to the League.

"Harry's dedication to the cities of California is unsurpassed. He has brought incredible integrity and focus to his decades of service not only on the Clovis City Council but to the League of California Cities and all the other local government related organizations and agencies he has served," said McKenzie. "The League of California Cities is eternally grateful for Harry's 27 years of service on our South San Joaquin Valley Division, Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee, and countless task forces on important policy issues for cities."

Council Member Armstrong expressed his gratitude in accepting the award. "The League has played such a critical role in improving and protecting all of our city's interests over the years. I hope that by my participation on League committees, as a member of the board, and as a League president, that I've been part of that success. As I look back over the last 45 years, I can relish in all the friends that I have made, and the accomplishments that we have all achieved. I've been truly blessed."

State Librarian Greg Lucas was Wednesday's keynote speaker. The former *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Capitol Weekly* reporter spent years covering the Capitol and now serves as the head of California's library system where he is responsible for the oversight of an archive with artifacts that date back to the 1500s.

Thursday's general session featured demographic expert Cam Marston, who has studied generational trends in the workplace and marketplace for close to 20 years.

Attendees on Thursday also heard from National League of Cities President and Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker who reported on the nation's oldest and largest municipal association representing cities.

Latino Caucus Anniversary Celebrated

Latino Caucus President and Redwood City Council Member Alicia Aguirre celebrated the 25th anniversary of the League's Latino Caucus during Thursday's general session. After her remarks on the organization's first diversity caucus, attendees viewed short video about the caucus. The video is available on the [Latino Caucus website](#).

Institute for Local Government Beacon Award

Thursday's general session included the recognition of the four recipients of the Institute for Local Government's (ILG) [2015 Beacon Award](#), which honors local governments that lead the way on climate, energy and sustainability through voluntary action.

The four winning cities are:

- Redwood City;
- Hayward;
- South Gate; and
- Brisbane.

ILG, the nonprofit research affiliate of the League of California Cities, launched the Beacon Program with support from the California Public Utilities Commission, in 2009 to mobilize voluntary local action to achieve energy savings and reduce GHG emissions. To date, 76 local agencies have passed resolutions pledging their commitment to sustainability and their participation in the program.

League Honors Three Legislators of the Year, New Offices and Board Sworn in for 2015-16

Annual Conference concluded on Friday with the last general session and the annual General Assembly. The two-hour meeting began with the recognition of the League's three legislators of the year: Assembly Member Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville), Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) and Sen. Jim Beall (D-San José).

The League recognized Assembly Member Alejo for his commitment in passing legislation that would restore a redevelopment tool for disadvantaged communities and establish a 25 percent set-aside for affordable housing.

Assembly Member Cooley was honored for his leadership in passing the League-supported Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

Sen. Beall was recognized for his long-term commitment to transportation issues and his efforts in the most recent legislative sessions to provide a new, sustainable source of funding for California's state highway and local streets and road system. He has been particularly helpful in ensuring that the critical maintenance needs for the network of local streets and roads remains prominent in these discussions.

For more information about the award and the 2015 Legislators of the Year please see, "Three Legislators Recognized with 2015 Legislator of the Year Award during League Annual Conference."

New League Officers and Board of Directors

Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael assumed the role of League president, replacing Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar, who has held the position for the past year. Lodi Council Member JoAnne Mounce was elected first vice president and Palos Verdes Estates Mayor James Goodhart joined the officers as second vice president.

Under the League's bylaws officers serve a one-year term with the outgoing president, Council Member Aguilar becoming immediate past president and participating as an active member of the League's executive committee. Mayor Michael advances to his current position after serving the past year as the first vice president and Council Member Mounce becomes first vice president after serving her past term of second vice president.

For more information about the new League officers, please see, "Mayor L. Dennis Michael of Rancho Cucamonga Takes Helm as League President."

Resolutions

The General Assembly approved three resolutions:

- League Bylaw Amendment;
- Overconcentration of Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facilities; and
- Residential Rentals, Support for SB 593 (McGuire).

More information is available at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

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League President Stephany Aguilar presented the awards to each of these outstanding legislators during the concluding general session of the League's 117th Annual Conference & Expo in San José.

Assembly Member Alejo

The League recognized Assembly Member Alejo for his commitment in passing legislation that would restore a redevelopment tool for disadvantaged communities and establish a 25 percent set-aside for affordable housing.

Assembly Member Alejo has consistently championed policies and legislation that improve California's most struggling communities. Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 24 signed AB 2, which is supported by a wide coalition of business groups including the California Chamber of Commerce and the Western Center on Law and Poverty, authorizes the creation of a new entity at the local level called a Community Revitalization Authority. This will provide a redevelopment option for the

most disadvantaged and poorest areas of the state and the newly created entity would be empowered to invest the property tax increment of consenting local agencies (other than schools) and other available funding. The result will be greater employment opportunities, lower crime rates, more affordable housing and the repair of deteriorated and inadequate infrastructure.

League President and Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar presented Assembly Member Alejo with the award. "I want to thank Assembly Member Luis Alejo on behalf of California's cities for his incredible dedication to our state's most disadvantaged communities. He understands how tax increment financing can be effectively used to transform communities and revitalize the areas that need the most investment."

Assembly Member Ajejo's upbringing shaped his views and inspired his public service. Through this background, he brings perspective on the challenges poor communities face and what the redevelopment tool meant for them.

"I'm truly honored to receive this award from the League of California Cities," states Assembly Member Alejo. "For the past three years I have been working diligently to create policy that will serve as a new effective tool to help and uplift disadvantaged communities throughout the state. I am grateful to have had the support of the League of California Cities and work side by side with them to help the state's most disadvantaged communities."

Assembly Member Cooley

Assembly Member Cooley was honored for his leadership in passing the League-supported Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act.

Assembly Member Cooley, a former League first vice president and Rancho Cordova mayor and council member, agreed in late 2014 to serve as author of AB 266, the League and California Police Chiefs Association's sponsored medical marijuana regulatory framework legislation. AB 266 ultimately became authored by Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Alameda) and became part of a legislative package that comprises AB 243 (Wood) and SB 643 (McGuire). This package is known as the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act and is on Gov. Jerry Brown's desk awaiting action.

League President and Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar helped present the award to her former colleague on the League board of directors. "I am honored to recognize Ken for his vision and leadership in crafting such a solid framework for medical marijuana. His work on this critical issue was instrumental in ensuring that the framework contains strong provisions that protect the public, local control and patient safety and access."

Assembly Member Cooley: "I'm honored to be named League of California Cities' Legislator of the Year. When I agreed a year ago to author the League's medical marijuana bill, my aim was not simply to support strong local control. I also felt that I could help bring this issue to a successful end after its repeated failures and such a breakthrough would strengthen the institution for future challenges. With the support of the League of California Cities we were able to meet both of those goals this year and I am so very proud of what we have accomplished."

Steering AB 266 through the various committees of the Assembly with energy and vision, Assembly Member Cooley played a significant role in the drafting and amending of this legislation to ensure it retained the strong local control and public safety provisions that were absolutely imperative for the League's and California Police Chiefs Association's continued support. He never wavered in his support of the legislation or in his desire to collaborate with his fellow legislators on this important issue.

Sen. Beall

The League also presented the Legislator of the Year Award to Sen. Beall for his long-term commitment to transportation issues and his efforts in the most recent legislative sessions to provide a new, sustainable source of funding for California's state highway and local streets and road system. He has been particularly helpful in ensuring that the critical maintenance needs for the network of local streets and roads remains prominent in these discussions.

Sen. Beall in 2015 introduced SB 16 in the regular legislative session and SBx 1 1 in the Special Session on Transportation Funding to provide up to \$4.3 billion in new transportation revenues divided evenly between the state and cities and counties. He is chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and has been appointed as chair of the Joint Legislative Conference Committee on Transportation Funding, which will continue to work on a transportation funding proposal this fall. In addition, his SB 321 this year seeks to provide more stability to the variable gas tax; last year his SB 628 contained the Governor's new tax increment tool, Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts.

League President and Scotts Valley Council Member Stephany Aguilar presented Sen. Beall with the award in his hometown of San José. "As a former city council member and county supervisor, Sen. Jim Beall understands the importance of the local streets and road network, along with our state highways, to California's overall mobility, economy and quality of life. We thank him for his efforts, and look forward to continuing to work with him to develop sustainable funding sources to improve the quality of our state and local transportation network."

Sen. Jim Beall: "As a state senator and a former San Jose city council member, I have witnessed the League of California Cities' impressive ability to shape progressive legislation that enables our cities to meet the challenges of the 21st century. I consider it a great honor to be chosen as the League's Legislator of the Year, and I look forward to continue working with the League to make our communities livable, healthy and sustainable."

League Board of Directors Creates Distinguished Legislative Leadership Award to Recognize Six Legislators for Leadership in Authoring Medical Marijuana Legislation

The League board of directors on Thursday, Oct. 1 voted to create a new award for legislative leadership. It will be given for the first time in 2015 to the six legislators who worked together this session to secure the passage of a trio of bills to provide for the comprehensive regulation of all aspects of the cultivation, sale and use of medical marijuana with strong local control provisions, including dual state-local licensing and a provision empowering local governments to unilaterally shut down a marijuana business for non-compliance with local licensing requirements.

The package includes AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey, Wood); AB 243 (Wood); and SB 643 (McGuire).

The award will be presented locally to these legislators for their tremendous leadership and collaborative efforts resulting in the development and approval of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act:

1. Assembly Member Rob Bonta (D-Alameda);
2. Assembly Member Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova);
3. Assembly Member Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles);
4. Assembly Member Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale);
5. Assembly Member Jim Wood (D-Healdsburg); and
6. Sen. Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg).

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Mayor L. Dennis Michael has served on the League of California Cities board of directors since 2010 and is the past president of the League's Inland Empire Division. He began his career as a firefighter with Rancho Cucamonga Fire District in April 1976, promoting through the ranks as Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Division Chief. In 1984, he was appointed fire chief and guided the organization through its growth and development as the city grew from a small town to

a city of nearly 160,000 residents. After his retirement in 2003, he won a seat on the Rancho Cucamonga City Council in November 2004 and was elected mayor in 2010.

Mayor Michael was also recently elected president of San Bernardino County Associated Government (SANBAG) and is a member of SANBAG's General Policy, Metro Valley and Commuter Rail/Transit committees. He received the James Thalman Award in 2013 in recognition of his dedication to advancing the principles of local government.

League Executive Director Chris McKenzie congratulated Mayor Michael on his appointment as League of California Cities president. "Dennis brings a long professional history in public service to his League presidency and a commitment to helping shape policies that strengthen California cities. His expertise as a fire fighter and emergency responder will be instrumental as California communities deal with the great challenges brought by the drought and the predicted historic El Niño weather pattern this winter."

McKenzie also recognized the dedicated service of Aguilar as League president. "We have had an outstanding president in Stephany Aguilar. She has brought incredible integrity and a wealth of experience to the office and has had a strong presence throughout California in the League's regional divisions. I congratulate Stephany on all that she has helped our organization accomplish this year."

As outgoing president, Ms. Aguilar also congratulated Mayor Michael on his new role of president saying, "Dennis cares deeply about California cities and working on behalf of our member cities to ensure that the city voice is heard in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. I leave the League presidency in good hands and look forward to the work Dennis will do in the upcoming year on behalf of our League."

City of Monrovia Wins \$3,000 U.S. Communities Voucher for Grand Prize during League Annual Conference

The city of Monrovia won the grand prize drawing on Friday, Oct. 2, during the closing general session of the League of California Cities® 117th Annual Conference & Expo. For the second year in a row, the League sponsored U.S. Communities program offered a \$3,000 voucher as the grand prize to be used with any of the program's 40-plus suppliers to purchase a wide range of products or services.

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, an important strategic partner of the League of California Cities®, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits.

Through U.S. Communities, state and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers. Participating in this cooperative is easy, efficient and especially helpful for the small and medium sized cities because it allows them to get the same cost-saving discounts that are often available to larger cities.

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Register for Oct. 13 Webinar on AB 2, New Planning and Financing Tool

The League of California Cities® is offering a free webinar for members on AB 2 (Alejo and Garcia) on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 2-3 p.m. The one-hour session will feature Dan Carrigg, the League's senior director of legislative affairs and Betsy Strauss, special counsel, who both worked on advancing this legislation. The two will provide a brief explanation of the new Community Revitalization Investment Authority tool to help cities in consider if it would be helpful to their community. *For more, see Page 2.*



Call for Proposals: Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum

Did you know that over 95 percent of the League's conference programming comes directly from our open calls for proposals? *For more, see Page 2.*



New Market Tax Credit Program Fosters Investment in Low-Income Neighborhoods

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) is currently soliciting potential pipeline projects in connection with its 2015 application for New Markets Tax Credits. Through the California Statewide Communities Development Corporation, CSCDA's subsidiary Community Development Entity, CSCDA has successfully received two awards totaling \$73 Million in New Markets Tax Credit (NMTTC) allocation and has successfully deployed this valuable subsidy into communities in need throughout the state. *For more, see Page 2.*

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AB 2 (Alejo and Garcia) provides new authority to revitalize disadvantaged communities through planning and financing infrastructure improvements and upgrades; economic development activities; and affordable housing via tax increment financing based, in part, on the former community redevelopment law.

With Gov. Jerry Brown's recent signature, city officials are asking questions about this new tool, its similarities with former redevelopment authority, and key differences with last year's adopted Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts.

The League has prepared an analysis of AB 2, which is available on the League's [website](#).

Registration

Oct. 12 at noon is the registration deadline. Webinar log-in information will be sent later that afternoon. The League will allow two connections per city to provide easier access to members.

The webinar is free for member cities and League partners. Non-member cities will be charged \$100 per log-in.

[Register online](#).

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

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The time has come again to submit session proposals for the [Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum](#), which will be held June 22–24, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome through Nov. 6. The Executive Forum Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information.

Ideas must be complete and submitted through the online proposal form by the deadline of Friday, Nov. 6 to be considered by the committee. That's just over one month away, so please get your ideas in soon.

Visit [Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum Call for Proposals](#) for additional information and to submit proposals.

Please contact [Caitlin Cole](#) with questions.

'New Market Tax Credits' Continued from Page 1...

CSCDA looks forward to continuing to provide a critically important funding gap to quality eligible projects throughout California next year. The NMTC program, passed by Congress in 2000, encourages investments in low-income communities by providing a tax incentive for community development lenders and the capital markets to invest in communities that historically have had poor access to capital. Eligible project types include community facilities, charter schools, healthcare facilities, manufacturing facilities, operating businesses, and commercial real estate developments located within eligible low-income neighborhoods throughout California. NMTCs will generate up to 20 percent of the capital required for these projects and businesses. Often that is the difference that will make a desirable project feasible.

CSCDA is the joint powers authority conduit bond issuer created in 1988 by the League of California Cities® and California State Association of Counties and comprises over 500 cities, counties and special districts throughout California. CSCDA's mission is to provide local governments and private entities access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing for projects that

provide a tangible public benefit, contribute to social and economic growth and improve the overall quality of life in local communities throughout California.

If you are aware of any potential projects that could use New Markets Tax Credits or otherwise have any additional questions on how the program can help your community, please contact CSCDA's Jon Penkower at (925) 476-5887.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Finances Affordable Housing Projects in Morgan Hill

The California Statewide Development Authority (CSDA) on Oct. 1 announced that it has issued \$21.57 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the Butterfield Retirement Apartments in Morgan Hill.

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of CSCDA. This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools.

Butterfield Retirement Apartments is the new construction of 112 senior affordable housing units by Community Development Partners (CDP). It comprises 60 one-bedroom, 34 two-bedroom and 18 three-bedroom units for local senior citizens and will bring new economic vitality to a previously blighted and vacant lot.

CSCDA and CDP partnered with Citibank to provide \$21.67 million in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the Project requires the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit <http://cscda.org> for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

Pico Rivera Achieves Gold Medals in all Components of Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties

Pico Rivera Mayor Gregory Salcido and Mayor Pro-Tem David Armenta joined First Lady Michelle Obama and representatives from the National League of Cities (NLC) and several federal agencies at the White House on Sept. 17 to honor achievements made by local elected officials participating in the Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC) initiative.

The First Lady announced that 500 cities, towns and counties, including Pico Rivera, have committed to the five goals in the LMCTC initiative since July 2012. LMCTC is a key part of the First Lady's Let's Move! initiative and helps local elected officials, their staff and communities ensure all children grow up healthy and have the ability to reach their full potential. NLC works in partnership with Let's Move! and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide assistance to local elected officials.

Pico Rivera is part of a growing national movement to build healthier communities and ensure that the health and well-being of young people today and that of future generations is a priority.

During the event, the First Lady also recognized the 52 communities, including Pico Rivera, that have achieved gold medals in each of the five goal areas, which include providing healthy school

meals, opportunities for physical activity during and outside of school, and healthier early care and education programs.

The 500 cities, towns and counties honored last month come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. To date, approximately 80 million Americans live in a city, town or county participating in LMCTC.

Information on the achievements by LMCTC communities is available [online](#).

NLC works in partnership with Let's Move! and HHS, with support from USDA, the National Association of Counties and other nonprofit organizations, to provide assistance to local elected officials as they implement policy and program changes to improve access to healthy, affordable food and provide opportunities for physical activity for all children. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation provides generous support to NLC to provide technical assistance to local elected officials working to create healthier communities and prevent childhood obesity, including those participating in LMCTC.
