

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
December 3, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

The State of California Department of Finance has approved placing the \$42M in Tax Allocation Bonds for the Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark on future Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules.

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT LABOR (OVERTIME) USAGE/TREND REPORT

The attached memo updates you on labor and overtime expenditures in the Fire department and measures pursued to maintain fiscal integrity.

C. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG

A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of November 2015 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

D. AWARD PROCESS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2016-17

Allison Mills provides information on a change of process for awarding Federal ESG and CDBG funds to local non-profit service providers.

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

A. Letter from the State of California Department of Insurance discussing insurance coverage for possible El Nino flooding and wildfires for California homeowners.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– 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

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Mayor & City Council Members	From:	Scott C. Stiles 
Dept:		Dept:	City Manager
Subject:	STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	Date:	December 3, 2015

This is to inform you that the State of California Department of Finance has approved placing the \$42M in Tax Allocation Bonds, for the Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark, on future Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules. See the attached letter for reference.

Congratulations to Kingsley Okereke, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director, and his staff, for gaining this approval. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kingsley at 714-741-5062. The report is for informational purposes only. No action of the City Council is required.



November 30, 2015

Ms. Grace E. Lee, Senior Economic Development Specialist
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Ms. Lee:

Subject: Approval of Oversight Board Action

The City of Garden Grove Successor Agency (Agency) notified the California Department of Finance (Finance) of its October 14, 2015 Oversight Board (OB) resolution on October 15, 2015. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34179 (h), Finance has completed its review of the OB action.

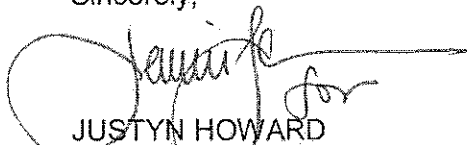
Based on our review and application of the law, OB Resolution No. 47-15, approving the issuance and sale of Tax Allocation Bonds by the Agency to fund an enforceable obligation and authorizing certain other actions in connection therewith, is approved.

The Agency entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with Garden Grove MXD, LLC (Developer) on April 13, 2010. Section 408 of the DDA allows for the issuance of \$42 million in Tax Allocation Bonds assuming the Agency and Developer have met certain conditions. Finance's approval of OB Resolution No. 47-15 is given specifically with the understanding these conditions have been met.

Following the issuance of the bonds, the Agency debt service payment obligations for the bonds should be placed on a future Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, subject to Finance review and approval.

Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor, or Alex Watt, Lead Analyst, at (916) 445-1546.


Sincerely,



JUSTYN HOWARD
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Kingsley Okereke, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, City of Garden Grove
Mr. Frank Davies, Property Tax Manager, Orange County

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Scott C. Stiles 
Dept: City Manager
Subject: FIRE DEPARTMENT LABOR (OVERTIME) USAGE/TREND REPORT
Date: December 3, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To update City Council on FY 2015-16 labor and overtime expenditures in the Fire department along with measures being pursued to maintain fiscal integrity.

BACKGROUND

The FY 15-16 Fire Department labor budget, as adopted, included two parts:

Full-time labor allocation: \$15.59 million

This allocation funds 96 sworn positions, 4 constant manning positions and 5 non-sworn staff. The funded 4 constant manning positions provides an additional overtime cushion or could be filled as deemed necessary to maintain operations. Note: When the budget was approved, 8 of the 96 funded positions were vacant which included 2 captains, 3 engineers, and 3 firefighters.

Overtime allocation: \$2.37 million

The overtime allocation funds required constant manning per contract as well as other ancillary overtime requirements of the department. Note: Constant manning refers to the practice of ensuring that all fire department units are staffed with a minimum level of personnel on a daily basis.

DISCUSSION

As part of the ongoing monitoring of the current year budget, the Finance Department observed an atypical overtime expenditure trend in the Fire Department. The Finance Department immediately initiated discussions with the Fire Department to determine the causes and possible solutions. This trend is, in large part, a result of two issues: an unusually high number of vacant positions over a protracted period and extensive mutual aid assignments over the past six months.

The high number of vacancies has put a strain on the overtime allocation portion of the budget. After the Fire Department opted to cancel the existing firefighter candidate list this Spring and embark on a new recruitment process, it slowed the filling of existing positions. Although we feel this will ultimately garner the most

qualified candidates, the protracted vacancies have resulted in higher staff overtime consumption and overall higher overtime usage versus prior years.

We also currently have two firefighters out of service completing paramedic training. Again, this will benefit the department in the end, but it adds to the overtime cost to maintain constant manning.

The other issue causing the expenditure of overtime dollars has been the deployment of staff to assist with firefighting in northern California. The cost of the mutual aid responses so far is estimated in excess of \$500,000. Although the state provides reimbursement, it does not account for the overtime differential here in Garden Grove.

Based on the table below (pay period ending November 6, 2015), if the current trend of overtime usage endures, the Fire department will exceed its allocated overtime budget by about \$4.1 million. Hence, the department is on pace to exceed its overall approved labor budget by about \$2.55 million. A situation that would worsen the general fund structural deficit.

Pay Period 10	Budget Allocation	YTD Expenditure	Projected YE	Difference
Fulltime - Regular Salary/Fringe	\$ 15,593,005	\$ (5,380,188)	\$ (13,988,489)	\$ 1,604,516
Part Time/Temp	\$ 57,284	\$ (29,666)	\$ (77,132)	\$ (19,848)
Overtime	\$ 2,372,571	\$ (2,501,137)	\$ (6,502,956)	\$ (4,130,385)
Totals FY 15-16 Labor Budget	\$ 18,022,860	\$ (7,910,991)	\$ (20,568,577)	\$ (2,545,717)

Pay Period 9	Budget Allocation	YTD Expenditure	Projected YE	Difference
Fulltime - Regular Salary/Fringe	\$ 15,593,005	\$ (4,838,220)	\$ (13,977,080)	\$ 1,615,925
Part Time/Temp	\$ 57,284	\$ (26,467)	\$ (76,460)	\$ (19,176)
Overtime	\$ 2,372,571	\$ (2,328,451)	\$ (6,726,636)	\$ (4,354,065)
Totals	\$ 18,022,860	\$ (7,193,138)	\$ (20,780,176)	\$ (2,757,316)

However, it should be noted that these projected Year End numbers reflect a straight line assumption based on pay period #10 numbers, which will most likely change over time. Staff fully expect the actual year-end labor deficit numbers to be less than the projected \$2.55 million as the vacant positions are filled and other mitigating measures are pursued by Fire management.

Further, higher levels of OT are traditionally incurred during the first half of a given fiscal year, which we expect will lead to reduced trends from January-June 2016.

ACTIONS

The City Manager’s Office is taking a number of aggressive measures to ensure that this projected OT deficit is reduced even further:

- Immediate bi-weekly meetings between the City Manager, Fire Chief, and Finance Director were scheduled to track and reduce OT spending. All OT spending, other than to cover constant manning in our fire stations, requires joint discussion and approval of the City Manager and Fire Chief.
- Recruitment for all vacant positions is underway and assigned top priority for Human Resources and Fire.
 - a. The fire engineer recruitment is now complete and the Fire Chief will extend job offers to candidates next week.
 - b. The firefighter list is nearly complete pending background and medical clearance. The Fire Chief and Human Resources staff estimate that appointments can be made by end of January 2016.
 - c. Human Resources and Fire will pursue a continuous recruitment arrangement that will ensure a viable fire engineer and fire fighter list at all times.
- Fire and Finance have been charged with vigilantly tracking and requesting prompt reimbursement from the State for all eligible expenses incurred from northern California wildfire mutual aid assistance. We are working to recover as much reimbursement as possible during the current fiscal year.

CONCLUSION

Our fire staff continues to work diligently serving the public during this ramp-up period as we fill positions. While many firefighters have had the opportunity to earn more OT compensation, they have been asked to work a greater number of hours, and this is taxing on our staff. For the basic overall health of the department, we need to get to a point where fewer positions remain vacant.

The report is for informational purposes only. No action of the City Council is required. As always, I am available for further discussions and further update reports will be forthcoming.

CC: Kingsley Okereke, Asst. City Mgr/Finance Director
Tom Schultz, Fire Chief
Laura Stover, Human Resources Director

Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
<u>1465</u> 11/30/15	Bennie Blanco	New Business Listing FROM 11-1 to 12-1	Revenue Management	12/10/15	12/02/15
<u>1464</u> 11/25/15	Nadine Weeden <i>Data Acquisition Specialist</i>	Dear Denise or Custodian of Public Records, SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the City of Garden Grove for any and all electronic purchasing records from 2015-08-26 to current. The request is limited to readily available re... Dear Garden Grove, CA City Clerk:	Information Systems Purchasing	12/07/15	
<u>1463</u> 11/24/15		Could you please email me the following disclosure forms for the Mayor and four councilmembers: Form 460 for: * Period covering January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014 * Period covering July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014	City Clerk	11/25/15	11/25/15
<u>1462</u> 11/24/15	Cathy Woods <i>MILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL - CANTON, OH</i>	I am trying to obtain location maps for underground water and sewer lines for our property located at 9972 Westminister Ave Garden grove Ca any help would be appreciated Thank you	Sewer Water Services	12/04/15	11/25/15
<u>1461</u> 11/24/15	Traico Marinoff	Copy of the Fire Department report for an incident that occurred on June 22, 2015, at the location of 14300 Clinton Street, # 26, in Garden Grove, pertaining to fallen power lines.	Fire Admin	12/04/15	11/24/15
<u>1460</u> 11/24/15	Miss Fernandez <i>City of Santa Ana</i>	New Business listing for October 2015.	City Clerk	12/04/15	11/24/15
<u>1459</u> 11/24/15	Yan Zhang	Historical building permits for the property located at 11882 Amethyst St, Garden Grove, CA 92845. I, Douglas Oliver am the original designer of these plans. Request as follows: List of plan check corrections for plans for plans submitted on July 07, 2015 by me. Picked up by Barry Woodhouse and permitted on Sept 15, 2015 Permit # 15-2383 W...	Building Serv	12/04/15	11/24/15
<u>1458</u> 11/23/15	Douglas Oliver		Building Serv	12/03/15	11/23/15

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<u>1457</u> 11/20/15	John Williams	Please provide a copy of the following: 1) California Voting Rights Act 2) Minutes of the meeting regarding the Council's decision to move to by-district elections 3) 9/25 Press release regarding Council's approval of by-district elections. Request address - 9972 Westminster Avenue (southwest corner of Westminster Ave and Brookhurst St) in Garden Grove. The parcel number is 098-361-19.	City Clerk City Manager	11/30/15	11/20/15
<u>1456</u> 11/20/15	Eric Hicks <i>Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.</i>	I am requesting the following record copies or information for an environmental investigation on...	Planning Serv Fire Prevention	11/30/15	11/24/15
<u>1455</u> 11/20/15	Andrew Kim <i>ENCON Solutions, Inc.</i>	Copies of fire code violation history, Hazardous materials disclosures, permits, and environmental records for the property located at 13692 Euclid Street in Garden Grove.	Building Serv Fire Prevention	11/30/15	11/24/15
<u>1454</u> 11/20/15	Natalie Silva <i>Southern California Edison</i>	Copy of the fire incident report for a transformer fire that occurred on November 1, 2015 at 12202 Emrys Avenue in Garden Grove.	Fire Admin	11/30/15	11/20/15
<u>1453</u> 11/19/15	Katrina Apdan	Copies a Notice of Violation for the property located at 12842 Twinree Lane.	Building Serv	11/30/15	11/20/15
<u>1452</u> 11/19/15	Desmond Lew <i>California Public Utilities Commission</i>	Fire Department Report of incident at 12851 Haster Street on November 9, 2015.		11/30/15	11/23/15
<u>1451</u> 11/18/15	R. Allen Baylis	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS RE: Aaron Thomas CASE: GG086787PE	Engr Services Community Policing	12/18/15	
<u>1450</u> 11/18/15	R. Allen Baylis	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS RE: Tuan Ta CASE: GG084590PE	Engr Services Community Policing	12/18/15	
<u>1449</u> 11/18/15	R. Allen Baylis	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS RE: Rose Ta CASE: GG08736PE	Engr Services Community Policing	12/18/15	

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<u>1448</u> 11/18/15	R. Allen Baylis	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS RE: Dawn Riehl CASE: GG087543PE SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS	Engr Services Community Policing	12/18/15	
<u>1447</u> 11/18/15	R. Allen Baylis	RE: Nicholas Innerhofer CASE: GG087140PE SUBPOENA FOR APPEARANCE AND RECORDS	Engr Services Community Policing	12/18/15	
<u>1446</u> 11/18/15	Frank Cardenas <i>Orange County District Attorney's Office</i>	Hi Denise, DDA Mendelson and I are starting a homicide trial in Central court and need both listed Fire Captains subpoenaed and on call for testimony. I've attached the listed dispatch log and Care Report.... Inspection/calibration records for the traffic signal controller located at Trask and Harbor for October 2013 through November 2014. Any traffic survey done after July, 21, 2008, if any, for Trask between Brookhurst and Harbor boulevards. T...	Fire Admin	11/25/15	11/20/15
<u>1445</u> 11/18/15	Richard McMillan	I would like to request fire records for the address 7012 Belgrave Ave, Garden Grove, CA Hazardous materials disclosures, permits, and environmental records. Re: Public Records Request	Engr Services	11/30/15	11/18/15
<u>1444</u> 11/18/15	KARA CHATHAM <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Dear Public Records Officer: I represent the Orange County IBEW-NECA Electrical Workers Defined Contribution Plan. This email constitutes a public records request for copies of any and all certified payroll record... Please send me a new business list with businesses that requested for a business license from 06/01/15 to 11/1/15.	Fire Prevention Fire Admin	11/30/15	11/23/15
<u>1443</u> 11/17/15	Qn Yan Ling <i>Neyhart, Anderson, Flynn & Grossball</i>	Thank you for your help.	Engr Services	11/30/15	11/18/15
<u>1442</u> 11/17/15	Kathy Jimenez		Revenue Management	11/30/15	11/25/15

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<u>1441</u> 11/17/15	Celeste Matthews <i>Sespe Consulting, Inc.</i>	REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS (City Fire Department Records): Sespe Consulting is performing some environmental due diligence on the following property: -13281, 13285, 13289, 13293, 13297, 13301, 13305, 13309, 13321 Brookhurst Street -Garden Grove...	Fire Prevention Fire Admin	11/30/15	11/24/15
<u>1440</u> 11/17/15	Celeste Matthews <i>Sespe Consulting, Inc.</i>	REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS (Building Records): Sespe Consulting, INC. is performing some environmental due diligence on the following property: -13281, 13285, 13289, 13293, 13297, 13301, 13305, 13309, 13321 Brookhurst Street -Garden Grove, CA ... SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS	Building Serv	11/30/15	11/18/15
<u>1439</u> 11/17/15	Brian J. Heffernan <i>Engstrom, Lipscomb and Lack</i>	REF: COCOS FIRE - MAY 2014	Fire Admin	12/01/15	11/30/15
<u>1438</u> 11/16/15	Natalie Castro <i>Guldfjan Law</i>	See attached for Subpoena for Records Paramedic Report from Garden Grove Fire Department		12/14/15	
<u>1437</u> 11/16/15	Jayashri Srikantiah <i>Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Stanford Law School</i>	Please see the attached letter for a full description of the request.	Police Admn Serv Police Support Serv Police Mgmt	11/30/15	11/20/15
<u>1436</u> 11/12/15	Carmel Naraval <i>Xerox State & Local Solutions, Inc.</i>	Requesting copies of invoices from Turbo Data for the last 14 months re parking citation processing services. Would prefer to receive the responsive documents via email. Thank you.	Fiscal Services	11/23/15	11/17/15
<u>1435</u> 11/12/15	Krysten Steele <i>Best Best & Krieger LLP</i>	Dear City Clerk: This is a California Public Records Act (Govt Code §§ 6250-6277) request for documents maintained by the City. I hereby request documentation from the City which identifies the Joint Pool Risk (Claims) Insurance provider for the ...	Risk Management	11/23/15	11/17/15
<u>1434</u> 11/12/15	Kristina Thomas <i>Fulcrum Environmental</i>	Historical building permits for the property located at 12644 Westminster Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.	Building Serv	11/23/15	11/16/15

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<u>1433</u> 11/12/15	Bill Thacker	what is the zoning for the property at 12361 Magnolia Garden Grove 92841 grove I wanted to inquire on a property that is being demolished / razed, at 12381 Nelson St. This historic home, the Harper House, was the home of our city's first blacksmith. I understand that it is private property and not city controlled. I wanted t... To whom it may concern,	Planning Serv	11/23/15	11/12/15
<u>1432</u> 11/10/15	Joshua Z. McIntosh			11/20/15	11/10/15
<u>1431</u> 11/10/15	Olga Vysotskaya	I am looking for a list of all companies that got a business license in Garden Grove. could you provide me with that list? Thanks! A copy of Scott Stiles' public calendar for August, September, October and November 2015. A copy of mayor Bao Nguyen's public calendar for each month from December 2014 until November 2015. I'd like to request the same information as a previous request on employee relations (https://ch.ci.gardengrove.ca.us/records_request/requests/1348), but with two extra fields added to the spreadsheet: -Date of hire -Date of termination/end o... RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Business License Application for Residential Rental Mickey Lester Property Management Co. - Business License Number 139914 Dear City of Garden Grove:	Revenue Management	11/20/15	11/16/15
<u>1430</u> 11/06/15	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>		City Manager	11/16/15	11/17/15
<u>1429</u> 11/06/15	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>		City Manager	11/16/15	11/16/15
<u>1428</u> 11/06/15	Thy Vo <i>Voice of OC</i>		Human Resources	11/16/15	11/16/15
<u>1427</u> 11/06/15	Terrance L. Toavs <i>Law Offices of Terrance L. Toavs, PLLC</i>		Revenue Management	11/16/15	11/17/15

Please accept this letter as a request under the ...

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<u>1426</u> 11/06/15	Andrew Bergelin <i>LexisNexis</i>	Copy of the fire incident report for a building fire that occurred on October 29, 2015, at the property located at 5401 Park Avenue in Garden Grove. City Of Garden Grove,		11/16/15	11/06/15
<u>1425</u> 11/06/15	Alex Peau	I'd like make a request for a list of substandard/abatement properties with a recorded notice of violation and/or notice and order. File may be sent in whatever format is most convenient for sender. Thank you.	Building Serv	11/16/15	11/12/15
<u>1424</u> 11/06/15	Ri8chard V. McMillan	Traffic/speed survey for Trask between Newhope and Fairview in effect on September, 2014. Signal timing records and maintenance and inspections records for the traffic signal controller located at Trask and Harbor in effect in September, 2014		11/16/15	11/06/15
<u>1423</u> 11/06/15	Richard V. McMillan	Traffic/speed survey for Trask between Newhope and Fairview in effect on September, 2014. Signal timing records and maintenance and inspections records for the traffic signal controller located at Trask and Harbor in effect in September, 2014	Engr Services	11/16/15	11/06/15
<u>1422</u> 11/05/15	Tim Martin <i>On-Top Promotions</i>	A list of the NEW Retail Businesses in Garden Grove from July 2014 to PRESENT. including Business name, phone numbers, address and owners name if possible.	Revenue Management	11/16/15	11/16/15
<u>1421</u> 11/04/15	Lily Nguyen <i>Ngtoi Viet Daily News</i>	A list of all active businesses in the city of Garden Grove. Included: business name, owner's name, business address, business phone #, and business category/type.	Revenue Management	11/16/15	11/16/15
<u>1420</u> 11/04/15	Sherry Wolf <i>C&M Fire Investigations, Inc.</i>	I would like an electronic file please. Copy of the incident report for a fire that occurred at 5401 Park Avenue in Garden Grove on October 29, 2015. I appreciate your cooperation, and if you should have any questions please don't hesitate to call.		11/16/15	11/04/15
<u>1419</u> 11/04/15	Shana Hines <i>PZR</i>	Thank you. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11747 Harbor Boulevard. PARCEL: 23318203. REQUESTING COPIES OF: 1) open building violations on file. 2) open fire code violations on file. (our ref #89486-1)	Fire Prevention Building Serv	11/16/15	11/10/15

Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1418 11/04/15	TYNELLE FULLER ZONING-INFO	RE: 7373-7391 Lincoln Way - APN: 131-021-27 Copies of any open/unresolved zoning, building, and fire code violations Copies of Certificates of Occupancy Copies of any plans for road projects that will require additional right of way from the pr...	Neighborhood Impr Planning Serv Environmental Comp Building Serv Fire Prevention Neighborhood Impr	11/16/15	11/16/15
1417 11/03/15	Tanya Pervis	On October 10,2015, the Wyndam Hotel in Grove Garden call Garden Grove Fire Department because suffered a fall on the Hotel property. My name is Tanya Pervis. I was taken to UCI hospital in Orange. I would like a copy of the report.		11/16/15	11/03/15
1416 11/03/15	Tanya Pervis	On October 10,2015, the Wyndam Hotel in Grove Garden call Garden Grove Fire Department because suffered a fall on the Hotel property. My name is Tanya Pervis. I was taken to UCI hospital in Orange. I would like a copy of the report.		11/16/15	11/04/15
1415 11/03/15	Amada Lagunas Fulcrum Resources Environmental	Copies of hazardous materials disclosure and environmental records for the properties located at 12640 & 12644 Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove 92843.	Fire Prevention	11/16/15	11/06/15
1414 11/03/15	Soo Ahn	Copies of any and all building permits and building violations for the property located at 9591 Royal Palm, Garden Grove, 92841.	Building Serv	11/16/15	11/04/15
1413 11/03/15	Rubio Medina RM Architecture	Requesting responses to the City's RFP S-1177 due on 9/21 and awarded on 10/19/15, along with any score sheets for the proposals. Would prefer to receive electronic files of the responses provided to the City.	Purchasing	11/16/15	11/04/15
1412 11/03/15	Maria Mercado	Thank you. Requesting copy of accident report on traffic collision that occurred on Oct 17 2015 11:55-pm on Fairview St near Garden Grove Blvd Intersection of 22 w off ramp (Fairview exit)		11/16/15	11/04/15
1411 11/03/15	Eric Kang	Hello, I am looking for a list of addresses for all open code violation cases for residential properties.	Neighborhood Impr	11/16/15	11/10/15

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		The fields I will need are: Address, Case opened date, brief description of violation. Date Issued (case opened): 8/27/2015-today ... RE: City of Garden Grove Material Cover Canopy			
<u>1410</u> 11/02/15	Rena Manns <i>Public Works Contract Compliance</i>	Due to possible changes in the terms and conditions of the above referenced project, this is a formal request for copies of documents pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code... Hello,	Water Services	11/12/15	11/04/15
<u>1409</u> 11/02/15	Allison Paul <i>CIRB</i>	I would like to request the October 2015 issued permit report. I have attached the work order form to the email.	Building Serv	11/12/15	11/03/15
<u>1408</u> 11/02/15	Bennie Blanco	Thanks so much! New Business Listing for 10/1-11/2 9898 Trask and historic address of 13521 Brookhust Avenue Garden Grove, California 92844	City Clerk	11/12/15	11/03/15
<u>1407</u> 11/02/15	Robin Blanchard <i>Partner Engineering and Science Inc.</i>	Hazardous Materials, Inspections, Violations, Underground/aboveground storage tanks/ releases/ remediation, outstanding issues	Fire Prevention	11/12/15	11/06/15
<u>1406</u> 11/02/15	Alicia Amaro <i>Level 2 Automation</i>	I would like to request a list of new businesses for the month of October, including: owners name, business name, address and phone number. OPEN RECORDS REQUEST	City Clerk	11/12/15	11/03/15
<u>1405</u> 11/02/15	Katherine Main <i>Edge Point</i>	Dear Finance Department: We request certain records pertaining to all outstanding checks or other negotiable instruments, the amounts for which have not yet been paid to the payees listed thereon, that were drawn or issu...	Fiscal Services	12/16/15	

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<u>1404</u> 11/02/15	Marshall Wilkinson <i>Patton-Wilkinson Properties</i>	Copy of the business license information regarding the business located at 12482 Brookhurst Street in Garden Grove.	Revenue Management	11/12/15	11/03/15
<u>1403</u> 11/02/15	Chris Davis <i>Market Force One</i>	Copy of the new businesses file for October 2015. Thank you	Revenue Management	11/12/15	11/03/15

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Scott Stiles	From:	Karl Hill
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.:	Community Development
Subject:	AWARD PROCESS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2016-17	Date:	December 3, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is to inform the City Council of the change of process for awarding Federal Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to local non-profit service providers.

BACKGROUND

Annually, the City receives a direct allocation of ESG and CDBG funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide services to low-income persons and neighborhoods. Historically, Staff has sent requests for funding/service proposals to service providers who provide eligible services to Garden Grove residents. Staff then reviews the proposals, makes funding recommendations and presents the proposed ESG and CDBG budget to the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission for review and public comment and then to Council for review, public comment and approval.

DISCUSSION

Recently, the HUD rules for ESG have changed, necessitating a change in our grantee award procedure. Beginning with the FY 2016-17 budget, our award process will be:

- A Super NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) will be sent out jointly by the cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim, Santa Ana and the County of Orange announcing the availability of ESG funds;
- Staff from those agencies will review the submitted applications for completeness and minimum threshold requirements;
- Applications that meet the minimum threshold requirements will be reviewed jointly by a staff member and a Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioner (or the equivalent) from each jurisdiction and a resident of the County who is either homeless or has been homeless;

- The recommendations of this group will be included in the FY 2016-17 Action Plan which will be available for public review for 30 days and presented at public hearings before the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, and Council.

This new grant award process will keep the City in compliance with HUD's requirement that there be a coordinated, county-wide approach to funding ESG sub-recipients. It will also meet the requirement to have input from a homeless or formerly homeless individual into the award process. While the process of awarding funds to sub-recipients is being done jointly, it should be noted that Garden Grove's entire ESG award will be awarded to service providers who directly service Garden Grove residents.

Due to decreasing funding, a change will also be made to the CDBG award process for FY 2016-17. The limited CDBG funds the City receives prevents awarding CDBG funding to any new service providers. As a result, requests for funding proposals will no longer be issued. Instead, staff will contact our existing service providers to establish a scope of service and budget for the new budget year.

SUMMARY

Changes made to the award process for Federal funds will keep the City in compliance with HUD regulations. All Federal funds awarded to the City will remain in the City and will be awarded to service providers who directly serve our residents.



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By: Allison Mills
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November 23, 2015

Mayor Boa Nguyen
11222 Acacia Pkwy.
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Dear Mayor Nguyen:

With a strong likelihood of El Niño driven storms causing flooding in parts of California, and consumers concerned about the availability of homeowners' insurance in areas with a high risk of wildfire, I am writing to ask you to share this important information about insurance coverage with your constituents:

El Niño and Flood Insurance

Meteorologists predict El Nino will likely bring heavy rains and flooding to many areas in the state. Flood damage is not covered by traditional homeowners' insurance. Flood insurance is only available through the National Flood Insurance Program and there is a 30 day waiting period before the policy is effective. Californians living in areas with any risk of flooding should purchase flood insurance through the NFIP immediately. Learn more at <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>.

Fire Insurance: California FAIR Plan

With increased losses, due to more frequent and more severe fires, some insurance companies are not renewing policies or restricting where they write new policies. Consumers should always shop around for homeowners' insurance. If they cannot find standard coverage they should ask an insurance agent or broker about the non-admitted (surplus lines) market.

The Legislature also established an insurer of last resort for Californians unable to find standard home insurance. Californians unable to find standard home insurance are entitled to purchase fire insurance from the California FAIR Plan. They can contact the FAIR Plan at <https://www.cfpnet.com/>.

We provide a number of tools on our California Department of Insurance Website to help consumers understand home/residential insurance so that they can make the best decision for their situation, including informational guides, a premium comparison tool, and a new coverage comparison tool that allows consumers to compare differences between insurance policies offered by insurers. Please visit our website at www.insurance.ca.gov for more information.

Important Consumer Information

In an effort to assist you, we have created a one-sheet of important information that can be used as newsletter or Website content. Please distribute this to your constituents.

Insurance Questions and Complaints

The California Department of Insurance Consumer Hotline at 800-927-4357 or www.insurance.ca.gov can assist consumers with questions about their insurance and coverage.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

DAVE JONES
Insurance Commissioner



Need Assistance Finding Property Insurance?

Shop Around

Whether you are interested in purchasing, reviewing or replacing homeowners, renters, condominium or mobile home insurance, it is important to shop and compare insurance products just like you would when shopping for any other important consumer purchase. Since residential insurance often protects your largest financial investment, plan on spending some time to conduct a search of the insurance marketplace.

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) public web site provides a premium comparison tool (<https://interactive.web.insurance.ca.gov/survey/index.jsp>) for companies licensed to sell residential insurance. You may wish to contact the insurance companies to see if they are currently accepting new business.

What If I Can't Find Insurance?

If after shopping the market you are still having difficulty obtaining residential insurance, you may want to contact the California FAIR Plan (<http://www.cfpnet.com/>) to explore your coverage options. As the insurer of last resort, the FAIR Plan should only be considered after a diligent search for coverage in the traditional insurance market. If you are turned down or non-renewed by your current insurance company, or are otherwise in need of coverage, you may apply for coverage under the FAIR Plan through an agent or broker licensed to sell property insurance, or you may contact the FAIR Plan directly at **800-339-4099**.

Please note that the FAIR Plan only provides coverage for the perils of Fire or Lightning, Internal Explosion, and Smoke. For an additional premium, Extended Coverage (windstorm, hail, explosion, riot or civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles, and volcanic eruption) and Vandalism or Malicious Mischief may be added to the policy. Since the FAIR Plan policy does not cover all the perils insured under a traditional homeowners' insurance policy such as theft or liability, you may want to consider purchasing a "Differences in Conditions" policy in addition to the FAIR Plan policy that will

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cover these additional risks. An agent or broker should be able to locate an insurance company that sells this type of coverage.

Additional Information on Shopping for and Understanding Residential Insurance

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) website provides several tools to help you understand home/residential insurance so that you can make the best decision for your situation. There you will find several informational guides, tips and tools to assist consumers in understanding homeowners' insurance and how to shop for the best product and at the best price to meet their needs. The following Home/Residential Insurance web page (<https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/5-residential/index.cfm>) takes you to where all this information is contained.

If you do not find the information you need, you can call the Department's Consumer Hotline at **(800) 927-4357** for assistance. Dedicated insurance experts are available to assist you with any questions on all aspects of insurance.

Do you need Flood Insurance?

Standard homeowners' insurance doesn't cover flood damage, so it's important for consumers to know what options are available to them for protection from flood losses.

The U.S. Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance as a protection against flood losses. To obtain additional information, you may wish to visit (<https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>) or call 1-888-379-9531.

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GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED UNDER THE JACKHAMMER

The school district is in the middle of a \$503 million project to improve all of its campuses.

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

The Garden Grove Unified School District is about halfway through its \$503 million modernization project.

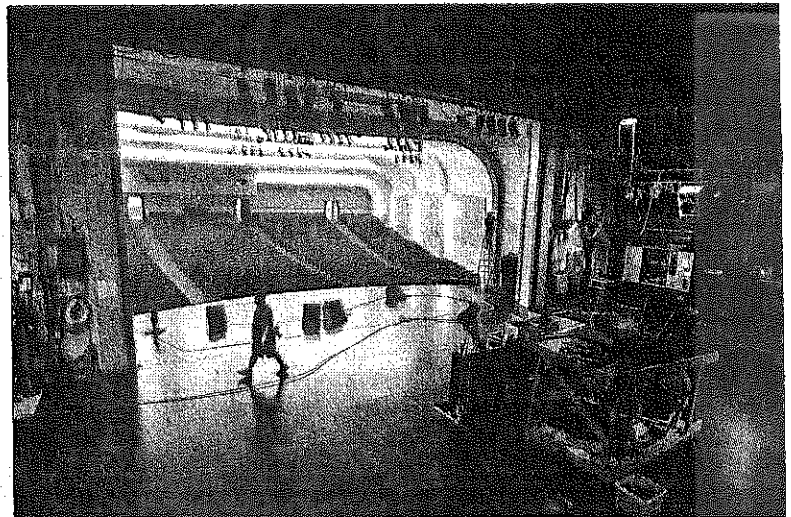
The yearslong undertaking, funded in large part by a 2010 voter-approved bond, is meant to rid schools in the district of their aging, archaic infrastructure and put in place piping, communication lines and contemporary aesthetics that will, officials say, improve the teacher and student experiences.

The modernization, district officials say, is one of the largest and costliest ever undertaken in Orange County. It is on budget and on schedule – set to wrap up in 2017.

“It’s a game changer for us,” Dave Fisher, manager of Garden Grove High’s theater, said of the changes there. “It’s progress.”

The district has schools in Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton, Santa Ana and Fountain Valley, and also serves parts of Cypress and Anaheim.

Among the changes: new plumbing, wheelchair



Though not started yet, the auditorium at Garden Grove High School will receive modernization improvements.

BY THE NUMBERS

503 MILLION

Budget, in dollars, for the districtwide modernization.

956

Days to complete Garden Grove High School, the longest construction period of any school.

58

Days to complete Northcutt, Excelsior, Woodbury and Eisenhower elementary schools, the shortest construction phase.

39

School sites done with modernization, with another 16 under construction.

25

Schools that will not have air conditioning after the project is finished. The district says it is committed to getting air conditioning for the schools as soon as possible.

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accessible restrooms and classrooms, new paint, a redesigned foyer at Garden Grove High's theater, air conditioning and wireless infrastructure that will allow the district to invest in newer technology, such as laptops.

The ongoing construction, which began in 2012, has been a logistical challenge.

Some schools are shut down entirely and students get bused to other facilities. At the high schools, where construction is being done in several phases, students spend time in portable classrooms and construction crews must work around midterms and finals – to avoid making noise.

“Our overall goal is to minimize the impact to students and teachers,” said district spokesman Alan Trudell. “Learning takes precedence over everything.”

The removal of large, nearly floor-length windows around the district raised concern from a Lake Elementary School teacher and some of her classroom parents.

At Gilbert Elementary, which construction crews finished in August, the classrooms are enclosed on all sides – with windows at the top of one side, preventing students from looking out. The windows also do not open.

District officials, for their part, say putting the windows higher up keeps students from being distracted by staring out the window, keeps the buildings cooler during summer months and creates a sense of security because people cannot look in.

But others argue that students need the natural light and fresh air that the

older windows provided.

“Many of us are saddened at the loss of window views, and at the loss of windows that open,” said Claire Bischoff, a eighth-grade science and art teacher at Lake Intermediate. “We are used to being able to look out, and to open the windows when needed. With the new modernized classroom, artificial lighting and ventilation blowers will have to be running 100 percent of the time.”

Students at Lake Intermediate, which is slated to go under the jackhammer in 2016, also sent letters to the school district opposing the removal of the windows.

“When the light shines through the trees and through the window, it brings beauty,” wrote Deliz Amador, who is in Bischoff's science class. “The warm feeling of the sun brings me much joy.”

Trudell, though, said Bischoff is the only person he has heard complain about the upgrades.

Others, including students and teachers at Gar-

Schools at bat, on deck

There are 16 schools under construction. They are:

High schools: Garden Grove, La Quinta, Pacifica and Rancho Alamitos

Intermediate: Doig, Jordan, McGarvin and Walton

Elementary: Faylane, Hill, Paine, Patton, Post and Stanford

Special education: Jordan Adult Transitioning Program and Mark Twain School

There are 10 schools that have not yet undergone construction. They are:

High schools: Bolsa Grande, Los Amigos and Santiago

Intermediate schools: Alamitos, Fitz, Irvine, Lake and Ralston

Elementary schools: Carrillo and Stanley

Measure A

Measure A is an infrastructure bond that passed in June 2010 with 59.2 percent of voters supporting it. The measure is for districtwide modernization and has a \$503 million budget. Of that money, \$250 million is in the form of a bond property owners will pay off over 30 years, \$200 million in matching state funds and \$47 million in supplemental grants.

The district is set to pay off the bond by Aug. 1, 2040. Currently, property owners in the district's boundaries pay \$46.56 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of their homes.

Sampling of upgrades

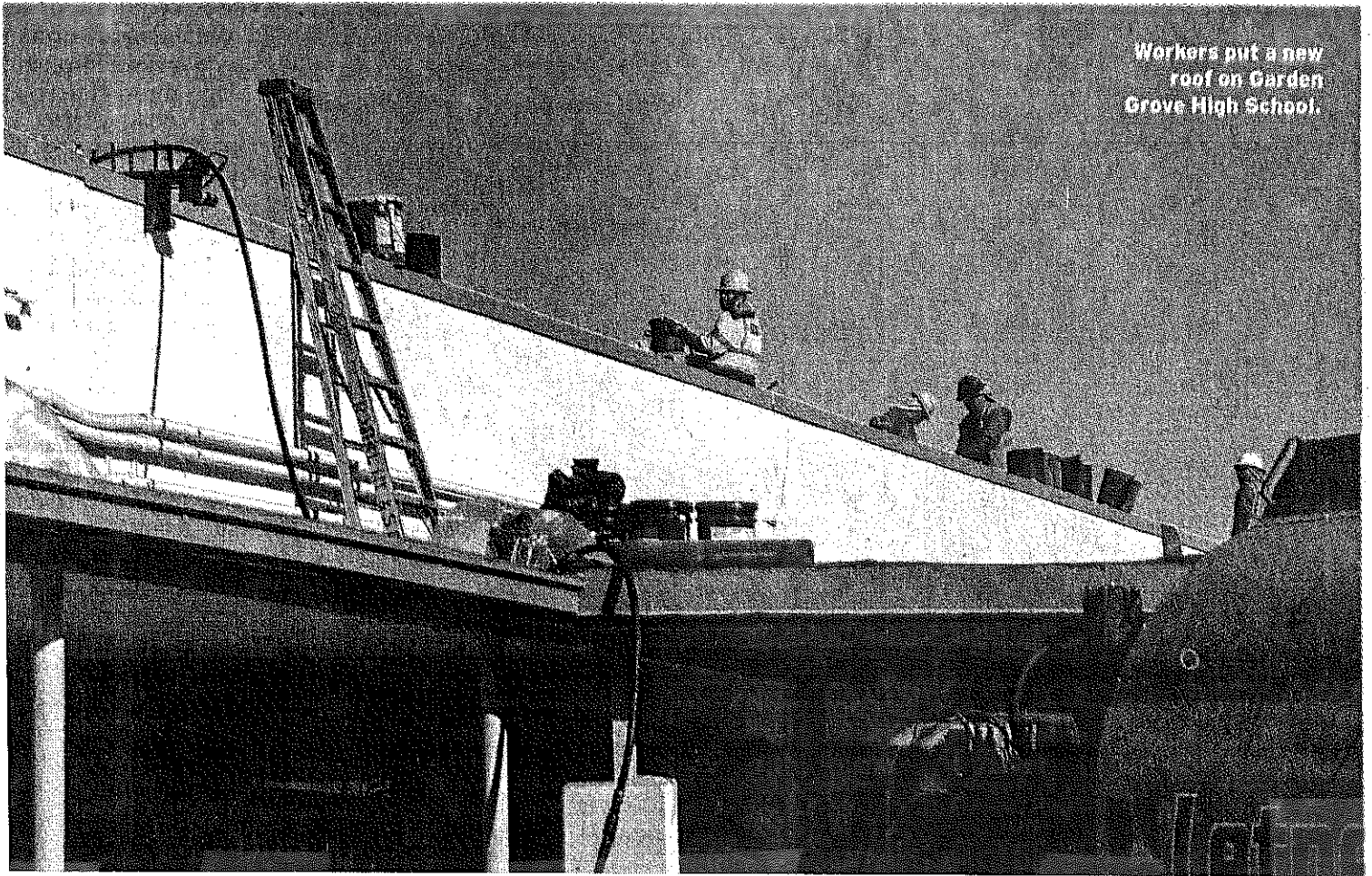
- Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades
- Wireless communication infrastructure
- New gas and water lines
- Renovated restrooms
- Interior and exterior paint
- New foyer and other improvements to the Don Walsh Theater at Garden Grove High School
- LED lighting and Wi-Fi-enabled thermostats

den Grove High and Gilbert Elementary, say the more important point is that the classes are cooler and kids are less easily distracted.

“Before, they would come in and be dripping sweat and couldn't stay awake,” said Wendy Stapleton, a physical sciences teacher at Garden Grove High. “Now they are more alert and able to participate.”

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Workers put a new
roof on Garden
Grove High School.



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COURTESY OF GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Workers at Garden Grove High School install piping.

YOU DON'T NEED A DESIGNATED DAY FOR GIVING

Did you get enough to eat on Thanksgiving? Brainiac did: Turkey and stuffing, cranberries served three ways, sweet potatoes with melted marshmallows on top, three kinds of pie.

Did you buy enough stuff on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Whatever Excuse You Need To Buy Stuff On Sunday and Cyber Monday?

Meh, shopping's overrated if you ask us, especially if like us you've already got other bills to pay.

We're writing this on Tuesday, which in the season's need to brand every day of the week is Giving Tuesday, the idea being that after you've gorged and splurged and - in the tradition of Tom and Donna from the gone-too-soon TV show "Parks & Recreation" - treated yo' self, you've got Tuesday to give to a charity, a nonprofit, a good and noble cause.

But why limit yourself to just one day? In this month of Christmas and Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and Festivus, when we celebrate the sacred and to help needy families during this holiday season.

The center is looking for canned goods, toys, gift cards and similar donations to help kids as part of the annual holiday drive.

You can drop off your contributions at the Family Resource Center,

the sales, there are plenty of people who lack the plenty that others of us enjoy. We can all do more to help the less fortunate.

The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association is one of many organizations out there trying to do some good for folks in need, continuing its tradition of adopting families at the holidays and making donations to a handful of other charitable organizations.

It is looking for donations of nonperishable food, cash, gift and cards - new toys would probably be welcome, too - hoping to wrap up the drive by Dec. 15. You can drop off contributions at Experience Janitorial, 12931 Main St., Garden Grove, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

For more details, visit the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association on Facebook.

In Westminster, the Family Resource Center is having a similar drive

7200 Plaza St., Westminster City Hall, or at the Westminster Community Services Department. For more information, call 714-903-1331. The drive ends Dec. 11, so get hopping.

The city of Stanton, meanwhile, helps residents get into the holiday spirit tonight with its annual tree-lighting ceremony.

There will be music by the Rancho Alamitos High School Choir, and what good is a Christmas tree lighting without a visit from Santa Claus, who'll hopefully leave his cranky sidekick Krampus at home?

The Stanton event will last from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Civic Center, 7800 Katella Ave. For more information, call 714-890-4270.

No doubt there are other worthy holiday events out there, holiday drives and civic celebrations.

Drop Brainiac a line or leave us a message at the contacts listed above and we'll try to mention a few more as the month rolls on.



BRUCE CHAMBERS, FILE PHOTO

The Garden Grove Neighborhood Association and Westminster's Family Resource Center are seeking food and other donations to help families during the holidays. Of course, contributions are welcome all during the year.

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THINGS TO KNOW

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BY CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF WRITER



MINDY SCHAUER, FILE PHOTO

The 14th Annual Cub Scout Pushcart Derby is set for April 23. Springdale Street south of Lampson Avenue will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

PUSHCART DERBY A GO IN GARDEN GROVE

To paraphrase the movie "Cool Running": Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme, get on up - it's pushcart time!

The 14th annual Cub Scout Pushcart Derby received its stamp of approval from the Garden Grove City Council last week, and is scheduled for April 23.

Springdale Street, south of Lampson Avenue, will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

The council for years now has sponsored the derby, hosted by Cub Scout Pack 271, and it costs Garden Grove about \$2,500, according to city staffers.

The pack has to go be-

fore the council each year to ask for sponsorship - but that may change. At last week's meeting, Mayor Bao Nguyen told staff that because the derby has become a Garden Grove tradition, the sponsorship and the cost should be including in annual budget talks.

New undercover police cars leased in Garden Grove

If you're going undercover, you need the right set of wheels.

None of those bulky sirens and black-and-white paint jobs - you need something a little less flashy.

And you need to make sure you don't "get made."

Therefore, Garden Grove has a policy to continually rotate its undercover vehicles.

The City Council last week approved a three-year, \$97,200 lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for five vehicles that will arrive in March.

The Police Department, according to a staff report, likes to change its undercover cars every 36 months because they need to blend in with the general population.

Pick up sandbags to prepare for El Niño

With heavy rains expected this winter, Garden Grove, Stanton and Westminster are offering free sandbags to residents. Sandbags set up on the perimeter of your house can help prevent flooding.

Garden Grove residents can pick up as many as 10 sandbags at any of three locations: Fire Station No. 2, 11805 Gilbert St.; Fire Station No. 3, 12132 Trask Ave.; and Fire Station No. 4, 12191 Valley View St. Those picking up bags at Fire Stations No. 2 and 3 need to call 714-741-5600 ahead of time.

Stanton residents can get up to 10 bags at the Corporate Yard, 10970 Pacific St., from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

Up to 12 sandbags are available for Westminster residents from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Westminster Municipal Corporation Yard, 14381 Olive St.

Each city requires residents to show identification.



Shovels finally dig in at Brookhurst Triangle

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The nearly three-decade wait is over: Shovels have gone in the ground at the Brookhurst Triangle in Garden Grove.

Construction crews began excavating the nearly 14-acre site, bounded by Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street, in mid-November. Eventually, the Brookhurst Triangle, a patch of dirt for more than 20 years, will become the city's largest mixed-use development, with 674 mid- to higher-end apartment units, about 272,000 square feet of open space and 65,000 square feet of commercial space.

The project will be divided into multiple phases, with phase one calling for 180 residential units to open up within 18 to 21 months, said Phil Wolfgramm, a senior vice president for developer Kam Sang Co. Inc. Phase one will cost the developer about \$40 million.

"The area is beginning to get life again," Wolfgramm said. "It will bring more housing and revenue to the city and revitalization to the area."

Construction was to begin in 2014, but there were delays at the state Finance Department that held up Kam Sang's purchase of the former Redevelopment Agency property from the city. The phase one sale, for \$6.5 million, was finalized Nov. 9.

The city will sell the rest of the property for \$18 million once phase two begins. Not all of that money, though, will go to Garden Grove. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies statewide, Orange County gets a sizable chunk of that money to distribute to other taxing agencies.

Still, the project has the potential to be an economic boon for the city. The residential units alone are expected to bring in about \$550,000 a year in property taxes, said Greg Blodgett of the city's Economic Development Department, who was once a member of the Redevelopment Agency.

It is unclear how much sales tax the city will get because no retailers have been finalized.

Kam Sang has planned the commercial spaces to be part of the final phases of construction and has had only cursory talks with potential business-

But Wolfgramm said most of the businesses will be smaller, independent stores and restaurants - some of which may have influences banking off of the nearby Korean Business District and Little Saigon.

The open spaces will include a park inside the residential complex and an urban trail around the Brookhurst Triangle.

A parking garage is also planned.

"Millennials and others want that," Blodgett said of mixed-use developments that combine living spaces with restaurants and stores in compact, walkable urban areas. "Throughout Orange County you see successful (mixed-use) projects going up. It's a positive for the city."

City officials hope that progress at the triangle will also motivate someone to build a development at the so-called rusty skeleton across the way. Negotiations for the property - among the landowner, developer and money lender for the proposed Lotus Plaza project - have apparently stalled. The City Council could opt to execute a long-

standing demolition order for the 90-foot structure as early as Tuesday.

The Brookhurst Triangle has a history of false starts and failed projects.

In 1988, the city declared two buildings at the former Ford dealership to be public nuisances, allowing Garden Grove to tear them down. The area became redevelopment property in 2002.

Then, less than five years later, developer Urban Pacific Builders dropped a \$300 million project in the triangle that would have changed the city's skyline with twin high-rises.

Kam Sang came on board in 2009. But it took until early 2014 for the Plan-

ning Commission to approve plans for Kam Sang's development.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled Tuesday afternoon, with Kam Sang and Garden Grove officials expected to attend.

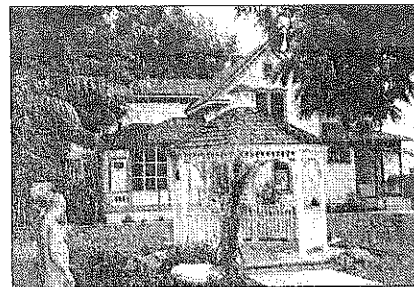
"We've taken a property that was hugely blighted and turned it around to create an environment with residential and community spaces, and a lot of great things for the city," Blodgett said. "It's a starting point for the area."

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GARDEN GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society's sale helps raise money for maintenance.

Holiday shopping helps the Historical Society

Christmas decorations. Beanie Babies. And silver and crystal items.

The Garden Grove Historical Society will have all that and more donated items on sale during its two-day holiday sale on Friday and Saturday at the Stanley Ranch Museum, 12174 Euclid St.

The sale, which also includes a variety of dolls and toys, helps the society fund the further development and restoration of the museum.

The sale is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Information: 714-530-8871 or gardengrovehistsoc@att.net.

Your chance to help shape Garden Grove's district election maps

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By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove's first round of public meetings to discuss district election maps is set for mid-December.

Compass Demographics' David Ely, who is drawing the proposed district maps, will meet with the public Dec. 9, 12 and 16 in various spots throughout the city - giving residents information about how the mapping process works.

But the primary purpose of the meetings is to gather information about

different communities within the city and how different neighborhoods interact.

That information, Ely said, will be useful when breaking the city into five voting districts.

"Residents will sit around a table and discuss what makes their neighborhoods and how they interact," said Ely, who is also drawing districts for Fullerton. "The primary focus is going to be to try and look at how the city functions and how communities function within the city."

The city must move to district boundaries starting with the November general elections under the requirements of a lawsuit settlement with former City Council candidate Rickk

Montoya.

Ely will host several rounds of meetings. The city plans to announce the

dates of subsequent meetings, set for early 2016, by the middle of the month.

This first round will give residents a chance to give input to Ely. Ely also was scheduled to stage private meetings with residents this week.

Subsequent meetings, Ely said, will be more conventional - with Ely presenting the proposed maps and residents commenting on them.

The council ultimately will vote on which of several maps Garden Grove should adopt.

If you go

Dec. 9: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sports and Recreation Center, Garden Grove Park, 13641 Deodara Drive

Dec. 12: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Courtyard Center, Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.

Dec. 16: 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kiwanisland, Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove, 9840 Larson Ave.

Broken gas line found in roof vent 'definitely an intentional act,' police say

By **LOUIS CASIANO Jr.**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • Authorities cleared a building after a broken gas line was found in a roof vent Wednesday morning, police said.

Employees at Cushman & Wakefield property management smelled gas around 11:40 a.m. in their building in the 7200 block of Eagle Drive, Garden Grove police Lt. Bob Bogue said.

Officers and a Southern California Gas Co. crew found a 2-inch rubber tube attached to the broken gas line on the side of the building that had been put inside a roof vent that led into the management office.

"It was definitely an intentional act," Bogue said.

The Orange County Sheriff's bomb squad searched the building for explosive devices. None were found.

There was no ignition

device inside, Bogue said.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive.

"I asked them, 'Is somebody mad at them?'" Bogue said.

Investigators collected evidence at the scene, and employees were let back into the building around 3 p.m.

Cushman & Wakefield manages commercial properties around the world, including several in Orange County.

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'Rusty skeleton' coming down if no agreement by Dec. 8

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

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GARDEN GROVE • The 90-foot-tall steel structure known as the rusty skeleton that has spent a decade going through several failed projects may be nearing its end.

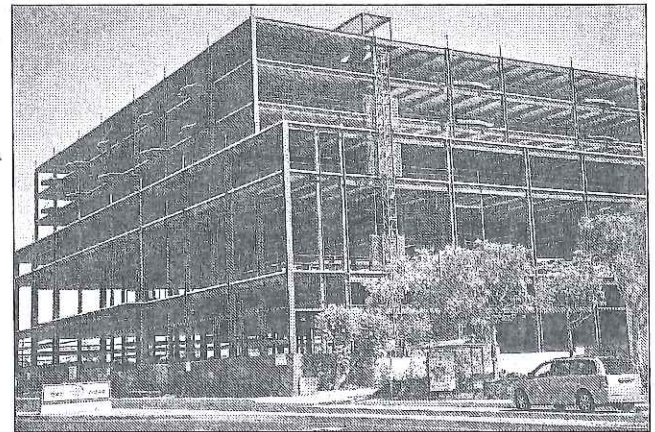
The City Council set Dec. 8 as a hard deadline for the three parties collaborating on a potential development, known as the Lotus Plaza Project, to come back to the table.

The rusty skeleton has not been touched since 2009. Residents and council members have called the structure - visible from the 22 freeway - an eyesore.

The project has long been mired in financial troubles, litigation and a revolving door of development plans.

"We've given a lot of time," Mayor Bao Nguyen said. "But we should give some more time. We're going into the holiday season. Hopefully that does something for us."

Cathay Bank, the money lender for the project, and developer Brooks Street say they want a mixed-use development to rise up on



KEVIN SULLIVAN, FILE PHOTO

The structure at Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street in Garden Grove has not been touched since 2009.

Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street. But the Hoag Foundation, the property owner and a non-profit supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, says it wants to pull out of the project and demolish the structure.

The City Council, though, does not want to see the development, first approved a decade ago as the Garden Grove Galleria, go to waste.

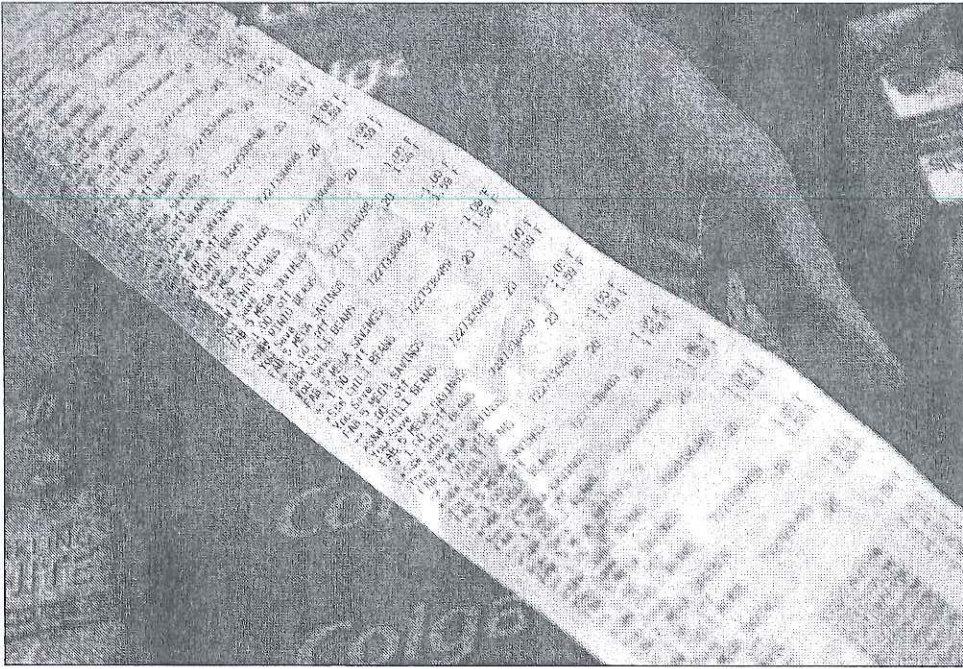
It decided Tuesday night to have the Hoag Foundation's board reconvene before Dec. 8 and reconsider pulling out. If it does not, each council member said he will vote to enforce a de-

molition order that has been in place since 2013.

Officials for Hoag seemed reluctant to change positions.

William Grant, the president of the Hoag Foundation's board of directors, said there are many reasons why the board no longer wants to work with Cathay or Brooks Street - but refused to mention any apart from the \$550,000-plus that Cathay owes Hoag for legal fees.

"It's not just about the legal costs," Grant said. "The Hoag board has wrestled with this. But we've run into nothing but roadblocks."



ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

The more you shop, the more chances you have to win in the Garden Grove promotion. Shoppers get a raffle ticket for every \$50 they spend at local stores.

Shop BiGG, win BiGG

For the next three weeks, the more you shop, the better chance you could win. If you shop in Garden Grove, that is.

The Chamber of Commerce's Black Friday Goes BiGG contest runs from Friday to Dec. 18.

BiGG stands for Buy in Garden Grove, an effort by the chamber to get people to shop local.

During the contest, shoppers get a raffle ticket for every \$50 spent at local stores. On Dec. 21, the chamber will announce

who won a \$500 cash prize.

The first 100 to turn in receipts will also get a free gift from the chamber. To participate, show your receipts to the chamber, at 12866 Main St., Suite 102, by 5 p.m. Dec. 18.

- Chris Haire

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Date for State of City speech is announced

The State of the City address is one of the most important speeches a mayor can give.

And now, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen has a date for his 2016 speech.

The Garden Grove Chamber announced the 2016 State of the City Luncheon is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd.



Nguyen

Nguyen will speak about accomplishments in 2015 and the challenges in the year ahead.

It costs \$40 to attend and the registration deadline is Jan 25; you can register at gardengrovechamber.com. Information: 714-638-7950 or staff@gardengrovechamber.com.

- Chris Haire



GARY CORONADO, FILE PHOTO

Children have a snowball fight during a previous Winterfest at the Atlantis Play Center.

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GARDEN GROVE

Yuletide revue: "The Holiday Gem," a yuletide revue, runs from Friday to Dec. 20 at the Gem Theater, 12852 Main St. The show has live musicians, merry costumes, tap-dancing elves and more. "The Holiday Gem" will be staged at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Cost: \$25, general; \$22, seniors; \$15, children. Information: 714-741-9550, ext. 221

Tree lighting: The Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Village Green Park, 12372 Main St. Holiday songs and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will entertain guests. Those who attend the free event may also buy tamales from the League of Latin American Citizens. Information: 714-741-5290

Good grief: In December, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County is hosting two sessions of "Good Grief! Here Comes Christmas" at Christ Cathedral's Cultural Center, 13280 Chapman Ave. "Good Grief" is a retreat for those who may be sad because someone they loved died during the Christmas season. The retreats are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 3 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Pastoral Center, Room 1AB. They are free and open to the public. RSVP by Tuesday to Esther Ramirez, 714-282-6001 or eramirez@rcbo.org.

Snow day: Winterfest, which turns the Atlantis Play Center into a snowy wonderland, is 4 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the center, 13630 Atlantis Way. The center will have 50 tons of snow, a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus, carnival games, train rides and music. Dec. 4 is the deadline to buy one of the 1,000 \$10 tickets. Information: 714-741-5200

Santa party: The Here Comes Santa Claus Dinner and Dance is from 6 to 10 p.m. Dec. 18 at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. This seniors-only event costs \$10. It is a way for seniors to celebrate the holidays with an inexpensive night on the town. Information/reservations: 714-741-5253

GARDEN GROVE

Rain preparation: The city has a plan on how to deal with El Niño, which is expected to hit this winter. Multiple city departments are involved with planning, including the fire, police and public works departments. Garden Grove's approach is broken into four parts: preparation, monitoring, response and recovery.
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Nov. 26, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Pushcart Derby: The City Council this week agreed to again co-sponsor the Cub Scout Pushcart Derby, requiring Springdale Street, south of Lampson Avenue, to be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 23. The derby, in its 14th year, costs the city about \$2,500.
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Nov. 29, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Undercover cars: The City Council this week approved a three-year, \$97,200 lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for five undercover vehicles that will arrive in March. The Police Department, according to a staff report, likes to change its undercover cars every 36 months because they need to blend in with the general population.
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Nov. 28, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Brookhurst upgrades: The city's \$2.5 million Brookhurst Street Rehabilitation project, originally expected to be finished in mid-December, is ahead of schedule and will be done by the end of the week. The project is a mile stretch broken into two parts: from Hazard Avenue to Westminster Avenue, and from Trask Avenue to Emerson Avenue.
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Nov. 30, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Dual immersion: The Garden Grove Unified School District has scheduled meetings for those interested in enrolling their children in a new Spanish-language immersion program at Monroe Elementary Language Academy. The meetings are 8:30 a.m. (in Spanish) and 5 p.m. (in English) on Dec. 9 and Jan. 20 at Monroe, 16225 Newhope St. in Fountain Valley.
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Dec. 1, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Construction: Work on the Brookhurst Triangle project, a nearly 14-acre mixed-use development 20 years in the making, began in mid-November. The site will ultimately have 674 residential units, various businesses and about 272,000 square feet of open space. The first phase of the multi-year construction project calls for 180 apartment units and will cost about \$40 million.
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Dec. 2, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Tree lit: Garden Grove lit up its Christmas Tree on Tuesday evening, throwing a holiday party at Village Green Park complete with musical performances, hot cocoa and a visit by Santa. The Tree Lighting Celebration is an annual event in the city. The tree lights will remain on until after the holidays.
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Dec. 3, 2015



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Community Services Department

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE AT H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER

A festive holiday celebration full of fun, food, music, dancing, and a special visit from Santa Claus is being planned by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. All seniors are invited to participate in a dinner dance on Friday, December 18, 2015. The event is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will be held at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The cost for the event is \$10 per person, pre-sale only, and includes dinner, beverages and dancing to "The Serenaders." Reservations can be made by calling or visiting the senior center front office.

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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Garden Grove Fire Department

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL TOY DRIVE IN NEED OF DONATIONS

The Garden Grove Fire Department is putting out a call to the community for donations to the annual "Spark of Love" toy drive, for disadvantaged children in Garden Grove and Orange County. The Spark of Love toy drive, sponsored by ABC7, continues through Thursday, December 24, 2015.

Garden Grove firefighters join with Southern California firefighters from Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties to ask local communities to help families in need during the holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment.

Toy collection boxes are available at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, as well as at all seven Garden Grove Fire Stations:

Station 1: 11301 Acacia Parkway

Station 2: 11805 Gilbert Street

Station 3: 12132 Trask Avenue

Station 4: 12191 Valley View Street

Station 5: 12751 Western Avenue

Station 6: 12111 Chapman Avenue

Station 7: 14162 Forsyth Lane

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Monetary donations and gift cards may be dropped off at Garden Grove Fire Station 1. Checks should be made payable to the Orange County Toy Collaborative in care of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Council of Orange, 1505 E. 17th Street, Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attn: Demetria Lee. Toy request and family referral sheets will be available at Garden Grove Fire Station 1.

For more information about the Spark of Love toy drive, please call the Garden Grove Fire Department at (714) 741-5633.

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Coordinator, H. Louis lake Senior Center

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

H. LOUIS LAKE SENIOR CENTER'S MISSION INN EXCURSION

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is coordinating a trip to Mission Inn in Riverside on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The \$14 per person price includes bus transportation, and a 75-minute tour on the art, architecture, and history of the Mission Inn.

The bus departs from the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, promptly at 8:00 a.m., and will return by approximately 3:30 p.m.

The deadline to register is Friday, December 4, 2015. For more information, contact the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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William Murray (714) 741-5375
Public Works Department

Wednesday, November 25, 2015

BROOKHURST STREET PROJECT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH BUSINESS OWNERS

At a press conference today, the City of Garden Grove announced that the Brookhurst Street Rehabilitation project, originally scheduled for completion in mid-December, is expected to be done by the end of next week. The \$2.5 million project raised concerns from area businesses, prompting discussions and immediate actions to be taken by the City.

The Brookhurst Street project is a one-mile major reconstruction project broken into two sections, from Hazard to Westminster, and from Trask to Emerson. The capital project involves replacing the asphalt base paving in all six lanes, north and south, of both segments. This improvement will meet commuter needs for the next 20 years.

During today's press conference, City Council member Phat Bui, Public Works Director William Murray, and City Manager Scott Stiles, discussed ongoing personal contact with Garden Grove businesses on Brookhurst to see what the City could do to lessen the impact and move the project along faster. Immediate actions included increasing accessibility by creating left turn lanes into the shopping areas and directing the contractor to extend their work hours to include weekends.

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Brookhurst Street Project Ahead of Schedule Following Discussions with Business Owners

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"The City thanks the community very much for their patience. By working together with the City Council and Public Works staff we have lessened the impact to businesses and pushed this project forward," said City Manager Scott Stiles.

Next week the final cap of asphalt will be complete, and only the signing, striping, raising of man-holes, and water valve lids to grade remains to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

"We're happy to announce that all six lanes of Brookhurst are currently open to traffic and will remain so through the Thanksgiving weekend," says Public Works Director William Murray.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw> or call (714) 741-5375.

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Thuộc Sở Cứu Hỏa.

Thứ Năm, 3/12/2015

SỞ CỨU HỎA KÊU GỌI CỘNG ĐỒNG QUYÊN TẶNG ĐỒ CHƠI CHO CHƯƠNG TRÌNH 'SPARK OF LOVE'



Sở Cứu Hỏa của Thành Phố Garden Grove kêu gọi cộng đồng ủng hộ cho chương trình 'Spark of Love' bằng cách quyên tặng thêm đồ chơi để tặng cho trẻ em và những gia đình cần sự giúp đỡ trong Garden Grove và Orange County.

Chương trình '**Spark of Love Toy Drive**' hàng năm dưới sự bảo trợ của đài truyền hình số 7 ABC và những Sở Cứu Hỏa tại quận Cam, Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside và San Bernardino. Sở Cứu Hỏa hi vọng thu được nhiều món đồ chơi mới, chưa gói, hoặc những dụng cụ tập thể thao để giúp đỡ những trẻ em trong cộng đồng. Các thùng giấy để nhận đồ chơi hiện có tại City Hall Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway, hoặc một trong bảy Sở Cứu Hỏa trong Thành phố tại những địa điểm sau đây:

- Trạm 1: 11301 Acacia Parkway
- Trạm 2: 11805 Gilbert Street
- Trạm 3: 12132 Trask Ave
- Trạm 4: 12191 Valley View Street

- Trạm 5: 12751 Western Avenue
- Trạm 6: 12111 Chapman Avenue
- Trạm 7: 14162 Forsyth Lane

Những ai muốn quyên tặng gift cards hoặc tiền mặt cũng có thể mang đến Fire Station 1. Check xin gửi về Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Council of Orange, Attn: Demetria Lee, 1505 E. 17TH Street, Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705, chi phiếu xin để cho Orange County Toy Collaborative.

Mọi thắc mắc, xin liên lạc Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành Phố Garden Grove tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5633.

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Ban Công Tác Cộng Đồng

Thứ Tư, 25/11/2015

THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE THẮP ĐÈN ĐÓN MỪNG LỄ GIÁNG SINH VÀ NĂM MỚI

Để đón mừng Giáng Sinh sắp đến, Thành phố Garden Grove mời cộng đồng đến tham dự Lễ Treo Đèn hàng năm (Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration) được tổ chức vào ngày **Thứ Ba, 1 tháng 12, 2015 lúc 6:30 chiều** tại góc đường Euclid và Main, khu Village Green Park.

Đặc biệt năm nay vào lúc 5:00 giờ sẽ có các gian hàng bán tamales, một món đặc sản ở những nước Châu Mỹ Latin và cộng đồng người Mẽ. Công việc được thực hiện bởi những thành viên của hội LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens.) Hơn nữa mọi người sẽ được dịp thưởng thức những màn trình diễn của các hội đoàn từ cộng đồng, như Fireside Carolers; One More Productions; đội HOPE từ Boys and Girls Club của Garden Grove; Học viện Christ Cathedral Academy Advance Choir; các em học sinh đến từ The Colony of Performing Arts; em Amber Trần, quán quân năm 2015 chương trình Voice of Garden Grove; và ban hợp xướng từ trường trung học Bolsa Grande.

Sau phần trình diễn lễ hội, Thị trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ thắp sáng cây Giáng sinh 24-foot.

Có nước ca cao nóng (hot cocoa) được bảo trợ từ các tiệm Walmart Garden Grove, và bánh cookies miễn phí sẽ được trao tại các lều 7-Eleven, do ông Navdeep Bassi cung cấp.

Người dân trong cộng đồng được khuyến khích tham gia vào sự kiện này, thông qua mạng Twitter, bằng cách sử dụng các hashtag #ggctlc trong bài post của họ. Thành phố sẽ có live-tweeting @CityGardenGrove.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về Ban Công Tác Cộng Đồng tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5290.

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Monday, November 30, 2015

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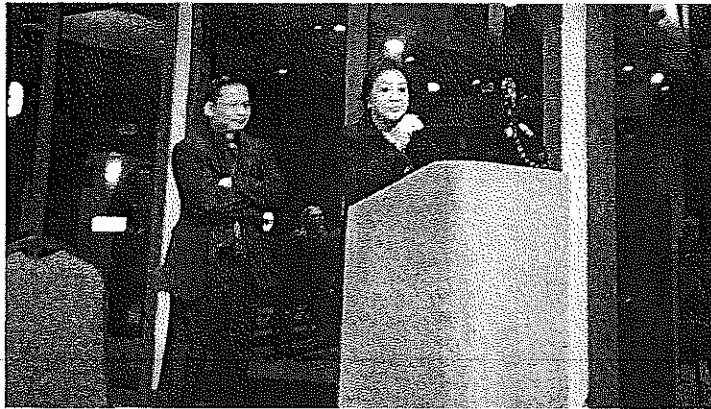


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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – “Kể từ 3 giờ chiều nay, Thứ Ba, 24 Tháng Mười Một, đường Brookhurst đã được mở rộng cho giao thông,” Nghị Viên Garden Grove Phát Bùi hân hoan tuyên bố trong buổi họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove lúc 6 giờ cùng ngày.

Đây là tin vui cho toàn thể cư dân Little Saigon vì Brookhurst là một trục lộ chính chạy xuyên qua nhiều cơ sở thương mại, dịch vụ cũng như nhà hàng.

Ông Trương Ngãi Vinh, chủ tịch Cộng Đồng Việt Nam Nam California, cũng đại diện một số đồng cư dân, đến tham dự cuộc họp và nói lên rằng đây cũng chính là nguyện vọng của họ.



Bà Julie Bích Ngọc Huỳnh (phải), chủ tiệm Như Ý Food To Go, và ông Trương Ngãi Vinh phát biểu tại cuộc họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố. (Hình: Đang-Giao/Người Việt)

Có lẽ bà Julie Bích Ngọc Huỳnh là mừng nhất. Bà là chủ tiệm Như Ý Food To Go trong khu mái ngói xanh, trên đường Brookhurst, góc với đường 15.

"Vừa khai trương được mấy ngày thì có tin thành phố sắp sửa đường, tôi tưởng minh hên. Ai dè vì kẹt xe, tôi tuần thứ tư thì doanh thu của tôi giảm hơn phân nửa. Cho tôi mấy tuần gần đây, tiệm tôi thoát thu nhập tới 80%," bà Julie nói.

Ngay trong buổi họp, Nghị Viên Phát Bùi chia sẻ rằng ông rất hiểu hoàn cảnh của bà. Ông cũng được bà Julie cho coi hóa đơn tiền điện đang nợ hãng Edison gần \$2,000.

Ông nói: "Bản thân tôi cũng rất khó tâm trong thời gian qua vì tôi cảm nhận được sự thiệt hại tài chánh của giới kinh doanh cũng như ảnh hưởng về tiện nghi giao thông của cư dân quanh vùng."

Trong thời gian qua, ông Phát thường xuyên cùng ông Bill Murray, kỹ sư công chánh, và ông Scott Slites, tổng quản trị thành phố, cũng như những nghị viên khác xuống thăm một số cơ sở kinh

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Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn cũng bày tỏ rằng ông hiểu được sự kiên nhẫn và thông cảm về sự hao hụt của các cơ sở thương mại trên đường Brookhurst trong suốt thời gian qua. Ông rất vui vì công trình này đã hoàn tất.

"Trong 20 năm tới, mọi người sẽ được lái xe trên con đường hoàn hảo," ông Bảo nói.

Sáng Thứ Tư, lúc 11 giờ, tại tòa thị chính Garden Grove, một cuộc họp báo cũng diễn ra để các giới chức cảm ơn toàn thể mọi người đã cộng tác và ủng hộ quyết định sửa chữa đường Brookhurst cho toàn thành phố Garden Grove.



Nghị Viên Phát Bùi (trái) cảm ơn cư dân Garden Grove. (Hình: Đăng-Giao/Người Việt)

Mở đầu, ông Scott Stiles nói: "Tôi hiểu việc sửa đường vừa qua đã gây rất nhiều khó khăn, trở ngại cho mọi người. Chúng tôi rất tiếc khi công việc này đã làm giảm đi một phần thu nhập kinh doanh của quý vị."

"Tôi xin cảm ơn toàn thể cư dân đã thông cảm cho chúng tôi," ông thêm.

Ông Stiles nhấn mạnh: "Tôi cũng xin đặc biệt cảm ơn Nghị Viên Phát Bùi đã nắm một vai trò chính trong việc đồn đốc chúng tôi thường xuyên, hơi quá thường xuyên là khác, cũng như lắng nghe sự quan tâm của quần chúng trong vùng và nhắc nhở chúng tôi."

Ông Bill Murray nói: "Công việc khó khăn nhất đã qua rồi. Hiện giờ chúng tôi chỉ cần vài ngày nữa trong tuần tới nữa thôi. Thứ Sáu tuần sau, đường Brookhurst sẽ 100% hoàn tất."

Công trình sửa chữa đường Brookhurst khởi công hồi đầu Tháng Chín và được dự trữ sẽ dứt điểm vào cuối Tháng Mười Hai. Như vậy là sớm hơn dự định bốn tuần.

Ông Murray phân trần: "Có nhiều người tưởng rằng hồi cuối năm 2009, khi thành phố Westminster sửa đoạn đường Brookhurst từ Harzard đến Boisa nhanh hơn chúng tôi. Trên thực tế, họ mất sáu tháng để sửa đoạn đường nửa dặm trong lúc chúng tôi chỉ cần ba tháng để hoàn thành đoạn đường một dặm."

Thứ Ba, Thứ Tư và Thứ Năm tuần tới, nhân viên công chánh sẽ cần chặn hai làn đường để tráng một lớp mặt đường thôi.

Được biết, thành phố Garden Grove đã chi ra \$2.6 triệu để tu sửa đoạn đường Brookhurst này.

Thứ Sáu tuần tới, Brookhurst sẽ là con đường mới nhất Orange County.

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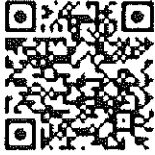


Điểm tin buổi sáng ngày 30 tháng 11 năm 2015

VIỆTBÁO

Garden Grove: sửa đường Brookhurst Xong, Đã Mở Lại

26/11/2015 01:00:00



Từ trái: ông Bill Murra, Public Works Director; ông Scott Stiles, Quản lý Thành phố (City Manager); và Nghị Viên Phát Bùi.

Garden Grove (Bình Sa) Tại phòng họp trên Lầu 3 trong City Hall vào lúc 11 giờ sáng Thứ Tư ngày 25 tháng 11 năm 2015 một buổi tiếp xúc với các cơ quan truyền thông đã diễn ra với sự tham dự của một số các cơ quan truyền thông địa phương.

Về phía Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove có Nghị Viên Phát Bùi; Quản lý Thành phố (City Manager) ông Scott Stiles; Public Works Director ông Bill Murray đồng chủ trì buổi họp báo để trình bày một số vấn đề liên quan tới công trình sửa đường trên đường Brookhurst, từ hướng Garden Grove chạy dài đến đường Hazard.

Theo Nghị Viên Phát Bùi cho biết kể từ khi khởi sự thực hiện công trình đã có nhiều cơ sở thương mại trong phạm vi kể trên khiếu nại đến Thành Phố.

Chính vì vậy nên Thành Phố đã liên lạc với Public Works Director ông Bill Murray để thúc đẩy công trình sớm hoàn thành.

Trong những tháng qua, dự án 2.5 triệu để sửa sang, trám nhựa bề mặt đường đã làm tắt nghẽn giao thông trên khu vực này, làm ảnh hưởng nghiêm trọng đến hoạt động kinh doanh của nhiều doanh nghiệp dọc hai bên đường. Có nhiều doanh nghiệp Việt đã chia sẻ cùng nghị viên Phát Bùi về sự thiệt hại trong lúc công trình đang thực hiện.

Nay thì công trình đã hoàn tất sớm hơn dự định và 6 lanes hai bên đường đã mở lại như thường lệ để xe cộ dễ dàng lưu thông trong tuần lễ Thanksgiving này.

.Để biết thêm chi tiết xin liên lạc về: Ban Public Works tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5375.

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Garden Grove Thắp Đèn Đón Mừng Lễ Giáng Sinh, Tết Tây

26/11/2015 01:00:00



Garden Grove mời dự Lễ Treo Đèn vào ngày Thứ Ba, 1 tháng 12, 2015.

Để đón mừng Giáng Sinh sắp đến, Thành phố Garden Grove mời cộng đồng đến tham dự Lễ Treo Đèn hàng năm (Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration) được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Ba, 1 tháng 12, 2015 lúc 6:30 chiều tại góc đường Euclid và Main, khu Village Green Park.

Đặc biệt năm nay vào lúc 5:00 giờ sẽ có các gian hàng bán tamales, một món đặc sản ở những nước Châu Mỹ Latin và cộng đồng người Mỹ. Công việc được thực hiện bởi những thành viên của hội LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens.) Hơn nữa mọi người sẽ được dịp thưởng thức những màn trình diễn của các hội đoàn từ cộng đồng, như Fireside Carolers; One More Productions; đội HOPE từ Boys and Girls Club của Garden Grove; Học viện Christ Cathedral Academy Advance Choir; các em học sinh đến từ The Colony of Performing Arts; em Amber Trần, quán quân năm 2015 chương trình Voice of Garden Grove; và ban hợp xướng từ trường trung học Bolsa Grande.

Sau phần trình diễn lễ hội, Thị trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ thắp sáng cây Giáng sinh 24-foot.

Có nước ca cao nóng (hot cocoa) được bảo trợ từ các tiệm Walmart Garden Grove, và bánh cookies miễn phí sẽ được trao tại các lều 7-Eleven, do ông Navdeep Bassi cung cấp.

Người dân trong cộng đồng được khuyến khích tham gia vào sự kiện này, thông qua mạng Twitter, bằng cách sử dụng các hashtag #ggctlc trong bài post của họ. Thành phố sẽ có live-tweeting @CityGardenGrove.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, liên lạc về Ban Công Tác Cộng Đồng tại số điện thoại (714) 741-5290.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

December 3, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the December 7, 2015 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission.
3. Zoning Administrator agenda for the December 10, 2015 meeting.
4. Letter from Keep Your Home California discussing important updates to the State's free foreclosure prevention program.
5. Copy of the December issue of CitiWorks.
6. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated December 2, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 3, 2015 – December 10, 2015

	December 3 – December 24		Spark of Love Toy Drive Drop off Locations: Garden Grove Fire Stations And City Hall
Thursday	December 3		Casual Day
		5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	2 nd Annual West Grove Jingle Jam Eastgate Park
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Friday- Sunday	December 4- December 6		One More Productions presents "The Holiday Gem" Gem Theater
Saturday	December 5	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
		4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Family Winterfest, Atlantis Play Center
Monday	December 7	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement & Conservation Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Tuesday	December 8	8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Mission Inn Excursion coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
		6:00 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room
		6:30 p.m.	Industrial Development Authority, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	December 9	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	District Maps Public Information Meeting Garden Grove Sports & Recreation Center 13641 Deodara Drive
Thursday	December 10		Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Courtyard Center
12732 Main Street

December 7, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Courtyard Center

ROLL CALL: CHAIR BRIETIGAM, VICE CHAIR CONSTANTINO
COMMISSIONERS BLACKMUN, MCINTOSH, MUNETON, PHAM,
RAMIREZ

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

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

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Neighborhood Improvement Office during normal business hours; and (2) at the Courtyard Center at the time of the meeting.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 2.a. Minutes from September 14, 2015 meeting
3. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - 3.a. Acknowledge 2016 Meeting Dates
 - 3.b. Code Enforcement Frequently Asked Questions Brochure
 - 3.c. Commissioner Appointment to Orange County ESG Collaborative
4. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
5. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held Monday, March 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Meeting Center at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-054-2015

APPLICANT: Verizon Wireless

LOCATION: 7071 Patterson Drive

REQUEST: To allow for the construction and operation of a 60'-0" tall stealth wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine), along with related ground-mounted equipment. The site is in the PUD-103-76 REV. 92 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-055-2015

APPLICANT: Tuan Trinh

LOCATION: 12926 Main Street

REQUEST: To operate a new restaurant, Bar Code, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General Eating Place) License. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
3. ADJOURNMENT



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The Hon. Bao Nguyen
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Dear Mayor Nguyen,

I am writing this letter to ensure that you and your staff are aware of important updates regarding Keep Your Home California, the State's free foreclosure prevention program. Keep Your Home California is a valuable resource that has already helped many homeowners avoid foreclosure. The program offers up to \$100,000 per household. We want to make sure you are aware of recent changes which could be critical to helping many more!

Keep Your Home California was established under the U.S. Treasury Department's Hardest Hit Fund. As part of this federally funded program, California was allocated nearly \$2 billion to help eligible low and moderate income homeowners avoid preventable foreclosures. **Since the program's inception in February 2011, Keep Your Home California has provided \$1.2 billion in assistance to more than 58,000 California households, each facing a serious financial hardship.**

There are more than 7,500 additional homeowners currently in process with Keep Your Home California, representing another \$650 million in reserved financial assistance. Though not all of the 7,500 homeowners in process will ultimately qualify for assistance, you can see that we are fast approaching the \$2 billion mark. There is a limited amount of time to get the remaining funds to hard hit homeowners in your city.

While we are heartened by the amount of assistance that we have provided to date, there is still a lot of work to be done. Foreclosure and unemployment rates have come down, but they remain historically high across the state. And although property values are increasing in many areas, the recovery has not been even across the state, and many areas are still suffering from significant negative equity. There are still many California homeowners who are struggling with their mortgage payments. **We must continue to raise public awareness about Keep Your Home California to as many people as possible – we could use your help.**

[Continued]

We are very interested in partnering with your office to conduct outreach for Keep Your Home California. Whether it be events, media stories, social media posts, newsletter articles, email blasts or any other way you connect with your constituents, we appreciate any and all help your office can provide in getting information about Keep Your Home California to the people who need it in your local community. Many cities already have information about Keep Your Home California on their websites. If you do not have a Keep Your Home California button on your homepage – shoot me an email, and we will send you a link right away!

We know that your constituents look to you to help them find safe, reliable information. We also know that when threatened with the prospect of losing their homes, many people become desperate and often respond to less reputable offers guaranteeing help for some kind of a fee. Keep Your Home California provides all of its services **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Please see the enclosed documents with more information about the programs. I have also included a write-up that the League of California Cities recently posted. We can help personalize a similar article to make it relevant to your city. I hope these materials will serve as a valuable resource for you and your constituents. Please don't hesitate to contact me if we can help in any way.

Sincerely,



Diane Richardson
CalHFA/ Keep Your Home California
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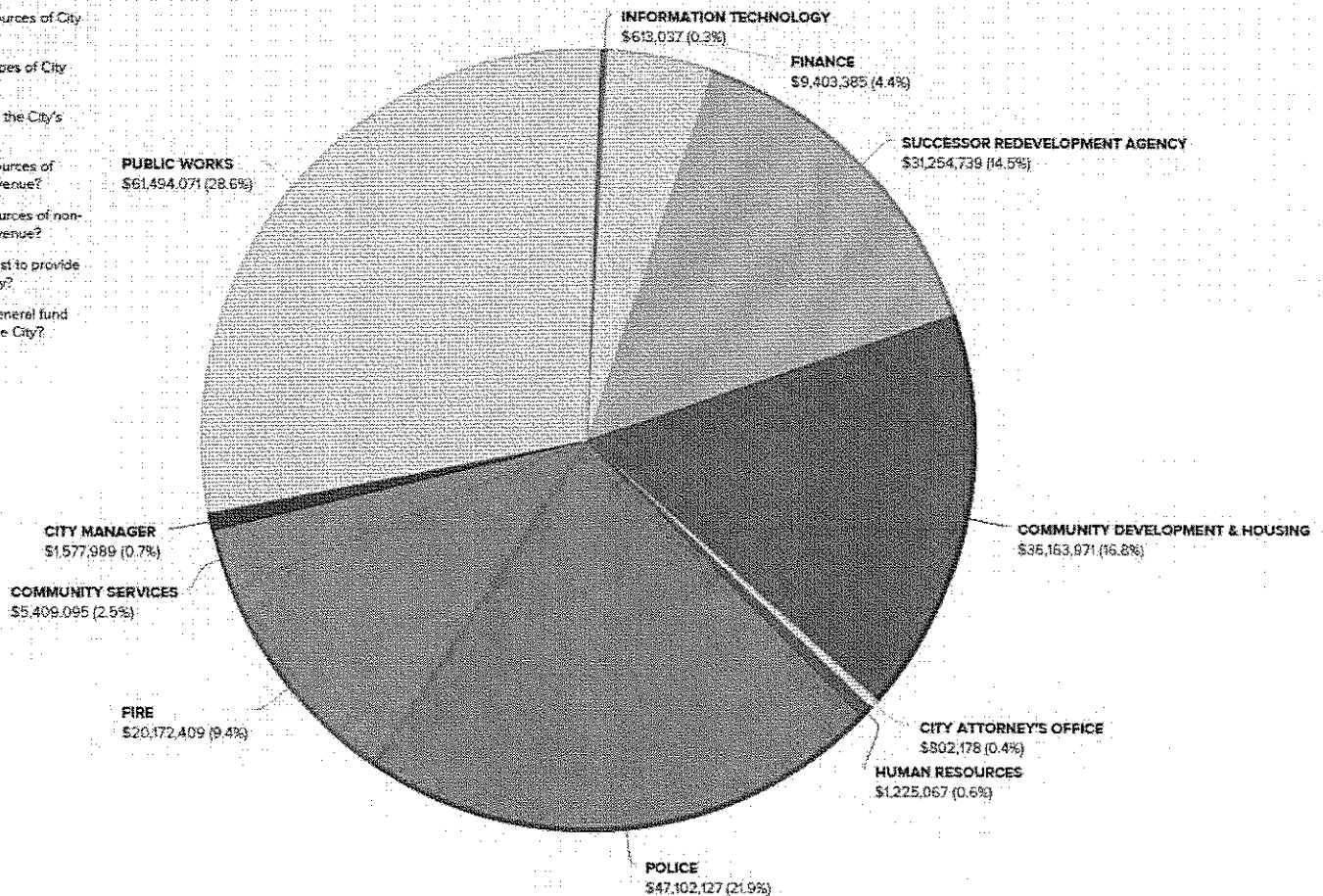


Annual
Revenues &
Expenditures

Views

- What are the sources of City revenue?
- What are the types of City expenses?
- What makes up the City's labor costs?
- What are the sources of property tax revenue?
- What are the sources of non-property tax revenue?
- What does it cost to provide water to the City?
- What are the general fund expenses for the City?

OPEN GOVERNMENT New Site Furthers City Transparency



The City has created an Open Government portal where users can access public information about the City, including its finances, its officials, and other government resources. The new site provides greater, more easily understandable, and completely anonymous, accessibility to City operations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With the new OpenGov financial tool, users can explore many aspects of the City's financial operations in an inter-active format that is convenient and user-friendly. Downloadable reports on the site include:

- Sources of revenue
- Types and amounts of expenses
- Labor cost components
- Tax revenue breakdown

Visit www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us and look for the **Open Government** menu item.



Groundbreaking for the Brookhurst Triangle

The Brookhurst Triangle – the City’s largest proposed commercial and residential development – will officially break ground Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The 14-acre, mixed-use project, which is bound by Brookhurst Street, Garden Grove Boulevard, and Brookhurst Way, will provide new residents access to outstanding regional transit options, easy access to downtown areas, and urban live-work-play environments in an immersive mixed-use master planned community.

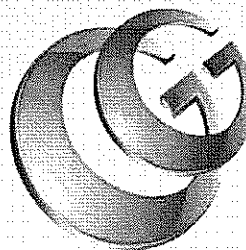
Highlights to the project include: 600 residential units; a one acre park; a one mile urban trail; and 80,000 square feet of commercial space.

For more information and construction updates for the Brookhurst Triangle, visit www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

‘State of the City’ Annual Address

Mayor Bao Nguyen welcomes the New Year by reflecting on the past year’s successes and focusing on the key challenges and opportunities in the coming year at the annual State of the City Luncheon.

The State of the City Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites in the Grove District – Anaheim Resort. Tickets available through the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce – www.gardengrovechamber.com or (714) 638-7950.



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City Approves District-Based Elections for 2016

Beginning in 2016, the City will replace the current at-large election process with a by-district election process for all five City Council seats.

The city will be drawn into five, non-overlapping, geographically-defined electoral districts, 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 Mayor will no longer be directly elected, but, instead, will be appointed by the rest of the City Council.

The City will hold community meetings and public hearings to obtain community input before finalizing the district maps.

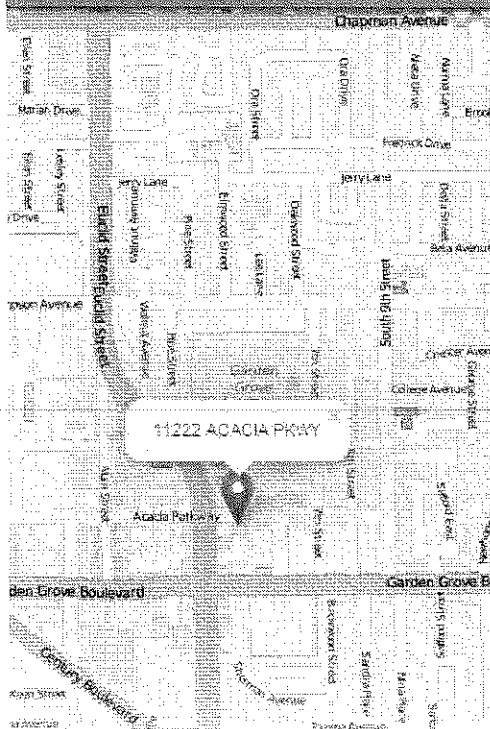
For more information and community meeting dates, visit www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

Submit Citizen Requests Online!

Reporting issues is made easy with the City’s new online communication tool – Citizen Requests. Residents can now request City services, such as graffiti removal, pothole repair, or report water waste, via the City’s website or mobile app.

The Citizen Requests tool builds upon the City’s mission and vision to enhance transparency and efficiency through technology that increases community engagement and strengthens public safety.

Submit service requests at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, under On-Line Services, or through the free Garden Grove mobile app, available in the App Store (iPhones and iPads) or Google Play Store (Android).



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Department of Finance Responds to FAA Rule on Aviation Fuel Sold at Airports

The California Department of Finance (DOF) this week responded to a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) policy concerning the use of airport revenue. Local governments with tax revenue from aircraft (jet) fuel may need to provide a spending plan to the FAA by Dec. 8. DOF offers responding guidance to local agencies. Cities and counties that impose taxes on jet fuel adopted after 1987 should study carefully the background and guidance prepared by CaliforniaCityFinance.com. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Finances Affordable Housing Projects in Duarte, Pasadena and Chino

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority \(CSCDA\)](#). This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA issued \$26.8 million in tax-exempt multifamily bonds that helped finance affordable housing projects in several California cities. *For more, see Page 2.*



Submit Your Ideas for the League's Annual Conference Sessions *Proposals Due by Jan. 8*

The League of California Cities® is inviting members, partners and stakeholders to submit session proposals for the 2016 Annual Conference & Expo. The event will be held Oct. 5-7 at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is a great opportunity to engage city officials and local government stakeholders on important ideas and issues. *For more, see Page 3.*

A recently adopted amendment to a federal regulation by FAA clarifies the rule that the proceeds of state and local taxes on jet fuel at an airport must be used for airport-related purposes, including capital and operations, state aviation programs and airport noise mitigation. The FAA is allowing a three-year period through Dec. 8, 2017, during which FAA will withhold enforcement actions and state and local agencies must develop compliance plans.

In California, motor vehicle fuel — other than jet fuel — is exempt from sales and use tax. However, proceeds of some taxes on jet fuel are affected by the FAA rule. The rule does not apply to taxes in effect on Dec. 31, 1987 including the local Bradley Burns 1.25 percent rate or the 4.75 percent state general fund rate in effect at the time. However, several other state rates may be affected, as well as most local transactions and use tax rates.

Additional information is available from CaliforniaCityFinance.com.

Duarte: Duarte Manor Apartments

Duarte Manor Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 42 multifamily affordable housing units by Jim Perley of Western America Properties, Inc. (WAP) and his nonprofit partner Better Housing Foundation. Duarte Manor will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide 26 two-bedroom units and 16 three-bedroom units to low-income families.

CSCDA and WAP partnered with Citibank to provide \$9.1 million in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Duarte Manor, and WAP brought in AEGON as their Tax Credit Investor. Treadstone Companies, in San Diego, serves as the development consultant to WAP. The rehabilitation will include substantial renovation of unit interiors and property including new kitchen cabinets and appliances, tub surrounds & fixtures, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, interior and exterior doors, new roofing, exterior and interior painting, security cameras and controlled access and energy efficient systems. New ENERGY STAR rated and low-water usage products include kitchen hoods, ranges, refrigerators, low-E windows, air-conditioning units and low flush water closets.

The financing of Duarte Manor will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

Pasadena: Northwest Manors II Apartments

Northwest Manors II Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 44 multifamily affordable housing apartments by East Mountain Housing Associates, LP in Pasadena. The project sponsor is Community HousingWorks. Northwest Manors II will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide eight studio, six one-bedroom, and 30 two-bedroom apartments to low-income families.

CSCDA and Community HousingWorks partnered with Berkeley Point Capital, LLC to provide \$8,428,000 in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Northwest Manors II. The rehabilitation will include new flooring, countertops and cabinets in kitchens and bathrooms, windows, light fixtures, wall furnaces, interior and exterior paint, a new roof, sustainable landscape, and the installation of a new playground at each site. The financing of Northwest Manors II will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

Chino: Vista Park Chino Apartments

Vista Park Chino Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 40 multifamily affordable housing units, also by Jim Perley of WAP and his nonprofit partner Better Housing Foundation. Vista Park will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide 21 two-bedroom units and 19 three-bedroom units to low-income families.

CSCDA and WAP partnered with Citibank to provide \$9.3 million in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Vista Park, and WAP brought in AEGON as their Tax Credit

Investor. Treadstone Companies, in San Diego, serves as the development consultant to WAP. The rehabilitation will include substantial renovation of unit interiors and property including new kitchen cabinets and appliances, tub surrounds & fixtures, ADA improvements, interior and exterior doors, new roofing, exterior and interior painting, security cameras and controlled access and energy efficient systems. New ENERGY STAR rated and low-water usage products include kitchen hoods, ranges, refrigerators, low-E windows, air-conditioning units and low flush water closets.

The financing of Vista Park will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants 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.

'AC Sessions' Continued from Page 1...

Session Proposal Submission Information

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. Ideas from 2015 may be re-submitted for review by the 2016 Planning Committee. The committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information. Please avoid submitting product and vendor commercialization sessions.

Session proposals are due Jan. 8.

The League only accepts session proposals submitted through the League website. The submission form limits the number of words allowed in the title and description of each proposal. The League recommends that individuals interested in submitting proposals carefully review and edit their descriptions before submitting them through the online form.

Please contact Katie Sacco with any questions.

2015 Annual Conference Resolutions Final Report is Available Online

The League of California Cities® 2015 Resolutions Report has been posted on the League website. The report reflects actions taken by the general assembly during the organization's Annual Business Meeting held on Oct. 2 as part of the League's Annual Conference & Expo in San Jose.

The report contains a summary of actions taken by policy committees on the proposed resolutions and the general assembly's final action. It also includes a status report on the implementation of the resolution approved by members during the 2014 Annual Conference.

Register Before the Holidays for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting

Deadline to Register is Jan. 4

The League is gearing up for the 2016 City Managers Department Meeting, Feb. 3-5 in Indian Wells.

This meeting provides city managers and assistant managers the opportunity to network and keep current on the wide range of issues. This is the largest gathering of managers that the League facilitates.

Full conference registration includes admission for the following:

- Two and a half days of educational sessions;
- Wednesday reception, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

Registration fees subsidize the following: \$50 for Cal-ICMA and \$50 for CCMF.

Additional information about the City Managers Department Meeting sessions and speakers is available on the League's [website](#).

Two California Cities Achieve American Public Works Accreditation

The American Public Works Association (APWA) recently announced that the public works departments for the cities of Palo Alto and Vallejo have recently been awarded the prestigious APWA Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that exceed the requirements of the management practices established nationally for the public works industry, as contained in the [APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual](#).

The cities both submitted an application in February 2013, with Vallejo receiving its APWA Accreditation in August and Palo Alto in October.

The Accreditation award indicates the department has met all applicable Accreditation requirements for documentation and practices.

The Palo Alto Public Works Department comprises four divisions — Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Public Services and Airport Operations. The department provides services that are integral to the overall health, safety and appearance of the city, with commitment, courtesy and pride. In partnership with the Palo Alto community, the staff strives to offer efficient, cost effective and environmentally responsible services that make the city a beautiful, vibrant and appealing place to live and work.

Vallejo's Public Works Department's mission is to provide high quality, professional, and excellent services in engineering, infrastructure, maintenance, water treatment, and recycling & solid waste management that enhances the safety and quality of life for all residents and customers.

A team of public works professionals from around the nation completed a thorough evaluation of operations for the Accreditation review during its August site visit to Vallejo's Public Works Department and its September site visit to Palo Alto's Public Works Department.

The Vallejo Public Works Department becomes the 102nd public agency and Palo Alto Public Works Department becomes the 103rd to be awarded Accreditation in North America. The California cities join Contra Costa County, Berkeley, Oakland, City/County of San Francisco, Palmdale, Thousand Oaks, Encinitas, Ventura, Alameda County, Orange County, San Luis Obispo County, and Ventura.

For information about APWA Accreditation, please contact [Ann Daniels](#). For APWA media inquiries, please contact [Laura Bynum](#) at (202) 218-6736.

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