

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 23, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

- A. IMPACT FEE UPDATE – JULY 28 STUDY SESSION**  
Bill Murray provides information prior to the Traffic Impact, In-Lieu Park, and Drainage Fee Update Study Session on July 28, 2015.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

None.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

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

  
ALLAN L. ROEDER  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Allan L. Roeder  
Dept.: Interim City Manager  
Subject: TUESDAY, JULY 28 DEVELOPMENT  
IMPACT FEE UPDATE STUDY SESSION

From: William E. Murray  
Dept.: Public Works  
Date: July 22, 2015

OBJECTIVE


To provide information for the upcoming Traffic Impact, In-Lieu of Park Dedication, and Drainage Fee Update Study Session to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

City staff has reviewed and updated the proposed fees by assessing outstanding capital infrastructure needs, rise in construction costs and revisions made by the 2008 General Plan Update. Rates from neighboring cities were also obtained for comparison purposes; however, these comparisons should be used minimally as each city reflects varying budgetary and infrastructure needs in their development fees. A list of cost impacts to common development projects has also been included for your reference.

SUMMARY

The attached study session packet includes a first-page summary sheet with all proposed fee updates, along with the following information for each fee: (1) fee calculation method, (2) city surveys and (3) fee cost examples. If you require additional information to be presented at the Study Session, please contact Bill Murray at your earliest convenience at (714) 741-5379.

  
for WILLIAM E. MURRAY, P.E.  
Public Works Director

  
By: Ana Neal  
Sr. Administrative Analyst

Attachment: 2015 Development Impact Fee Study Session Packet

**FY 2015/16 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

|  | <b>CURRENT</b>                               | <b>PROPOSED</b>                                | <b>ESTIMATED<br/>REVENUE<br/>INCREASE</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>DRAINAGE FEE</b>  | \$3,000/acre<br>or \$0.07 / sq. ft. lot size | \$12,758 /acre<br>or \$0.29 / sq. ft. lot size | \$ 300,000                                |
| <b>IN-LIEU PARK FEE</b> <i>(Residential Projects Only)</i> |  |  | \$ 227,000                                |
| SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING                                     | \$5,500 per unit                             | \$8,000 per unit                               |   |
| TOWN HOUSE, CONDOMINIUM OR PLANNED<br>UNIT DEVELOPMENT     | \$5,500 per unit                             | \$8,000 per unit                               |   |
| TWO, THREE, OR MULTIPLE FAMILY<br>DWELLINGS                | \$5,500 per unit                             | \$8,000 per unit                               |   |
| MOBILE HOME PARK DWELLING                                  | \$2,750 per unit                             | \$4,000 per unit                               |   |
| <b>TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEE</b>                              |  |  | \$ 140,000                                |
| SINGLE FAMILY (PER UNIT)                                   | \$423  | \$1,099  |   |
| APARTMENT (PER UNIT)                                       | \$381  | \$681  |   |
| HOTEL (PER UNIT)   | \$363  | \$769  |   |
| INDUSTRIAL (PER SF)  | \$0.31                                       | \$1.07   |   |
| RETAIL (PER SF)  | \$1.80                                       | \$2.36   |   |
| OFFICE (PER SF)  | \$0.94                                       | \$1.64   |   |
| CHURCH (PER SF)  | \$0.44                                       | \$0.60   |   |
| HOSPITAL (PER SF)  | \$0.86                                       | \$1.02   |   |
| CHILD CARE (PER SF)  | \$2.46                                       | \$3.40   |   |
| TRIP END FEE (OTHER LAND USES)                             | \$235  | \$1,099  |   |

**TOTAL ANNUAL ESTIMATED REVENUE INCREASE**

**\$ 667,000**

# 2015 DRAINAGE FEE UPDATE

## 2015 DRAINAGE FEE UPDATE

| COST METHODOLOGY  |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1991 Drainage Master Plan (2015 Inflation-Adjusted Cost. Plan's Original Cost: \$74M) | \$145,340,011 |
| Garden Grove Total Acreage  | 11,392        |
| Cost/acre   | \$12,758      |

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Proposed Fee Per Acre</b>             | <b>\$12,758</b> |
| <b>Proposed Fee Per sq. ft. lot size</b> | <b>\$0.29</b>   |

**Justification:** The City of Garden Grove currently charges Drainage Fees for any new development or redevelopment project that adds an additional 25% of square footage to the building. The drainage fee is determined by the actual acreage cost to build out the Master Plan of Drainage. The 2015 increase is needed to reflect inflation costs and to fund outstanding drainage capital improvements. To date, the City has only been able to build 15% of the Drainage Master Plan.

Fee First Established: 1970  
 Last Update: 1990 (Master Plan of Drainage Update)

**Additional Revenue:** Based on an 8-year revenue average of \$100,000, the fee adjustment will increase annual revenues by approx. \$300,000

**2015 DRAINAGE FEE SURVEY**

| <b>CITY</b>                 | <b>COST / ACRE</b> | <b>COST / SQ.FT.</b> | <b>DRAINAGE AREAS</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Garden Grove (Current Fee)  | \$3,000            | \$0.07               | Citywide              |
| Garden Grove (Proposed Fee) | \$12,758           | \$0.29               | Citywide              |
| Westminster                 | \$749 - \$1,001    | \$0.01 - \$0.02      | 10 Districts          |
| Anaheim                     | \$1,200 - \$50,860 | \$0.03 - \$1.17      | 14 Districts          |
| Santa Ana                   | \$4,295 - \$7,978  | \$0.10 - \$0.18      | 6 Districts           |
| Orange                      | \$453 - \$2,841    | \$0.01 - \$0.07      | 19 Districts          |
| Cypress                     | \$7,939            | \$0.18               | Citywide              |
| Huntington Beach            | \$13,800           | \$0.32               | Citywide              |
| Costa Mesa                  | \$0 - \$27,044     | \$0 - \$0.62         | 37 Districts          |
| Fullerton                   | N/A                | N/A                  | N/A                   |

|                               |           |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>LOWEST COST / SQ. FT.</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>0.01</b> |
| <b>HIGHEST COST / SQ. FT.</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>1.17</b> |
| <b>MEDIAN COST / SQ. FT.</b>  | <b>\$</b> | <b>0.18</b> |
| <b>AVERAGE COST / SQ. FT.</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>0.22</b> |

## DRAINAGE FEE COST EXAMPLES

Fee Application: Fee applies to new buildings and additions of 25% or more of gross floor area.

### PROJECT: New Single Family Residency

Lot Size: 6,000 sq.ft.  
 Existing sq.ft.: 1,744 (demolished)  
 Added sq.ft.: 3,404 (new structure)

|                          |   |        |   |       |
|--------------------------|---|--------|---|-------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b> |   |        |   |       |
| 6,000                    | x | \$0.07 | = | \$420 |
| Total Fee Due -->        |   | \$420  |   |       |

|                           |   |         |   |         |
|---------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b> |   |         |   |         |
| 6,000                     | x | \$0.29  | = | \$1,740 |
| Total Fee Due -->         |   | \$1,740 |   |         |

**TOTAL INCREASE \$1,320**

### PROJECT: Home Remodel

Lot Size: 7,125 sq.ft.  
 Existing sq.ft.: 705  
 Added sq.ft.: 201 (29% sq.ft. added)

|                          |   |        |   |       |
|--------------------------|---|--------|---|-------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b> |   |        |   |       |
| 7,125                    | x | \$0.07 | = | \$499 |
| Total Fee Due -->        |   | \$499  |   |       |

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|---------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b> |   |         |   |         |
| 7,125                     | x | \$0.29  | = | \$2,066 |
| Total Fee Due -->         |   | \$2,066 |   |         |

**TOTAL INCREASE \$1,568**

### PROJECT: Addition to Existing Residency sq.ft.

Lot Size: 7,848 sq.ft.  
 Existing sq.ft.: 1,345  
 Added sq.ft.: 690 (51% sq.ft. added)

|                          |   |        |   |       |
|--------------------------|---|--------|---|-------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b> |   |        |   |       |
| 7,848                    | x | \$0.07 | = | \$549 |
| Total Fee Due -->        |   | \$549  |   |       |

|                           |   |         |   |         |
|---------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b> |   |         |   |         |
| 7,848                     | x | \$0.29  | = | \$2,276 |
| Total Fee Due -->         |   | \$2,276 |   |         |

**TOTAL INCREASE \$1,727**

# 2015 IN-LIEU PARK FEE UPDATE



## 2015 IN-LIEU PARK FEE UPDATE

| COST METHODOLOGY   |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Prescribed Parkland-to-Population Ratio (General Plan)                           | 2.0 acres per 1,000 |
| Existing parkland acres  | 157.1 acres         |
| 2010 Garden Grove Population   | 170,883             |
| Existing Parkland-to-Population ratio  | 0.92                |
| 2010 Census - Persons per household in Garden Grove                              | 3.72                |
| Residential units generating demand for 2 acres of new parkland (1,000/3.72)     | 269                 |
| Cost of acquiring 2 acres of unimproved parkland (based on \$40 per square foot) | \$ 3,484,800        |
| <b>Final cost to acquire parkland for 269 residential units (per unit cost)</b>  | <b>\$ 12,963.46</b> |

**Proposed Fee (Partial Fee)** **\$ 8,000.00**

**Justification:** The City currently charges In-Lieu Park Fees to new residential developments unable to provide parkland dedications. These revenues fund the City's acquisition or improvement of parkland to meet the park and recreational demands generated by the new development. Fees are being updated to account for General Plan updates, demographic changes, inflation and park capital improvement projects.

Enacting Legislation: 1975 Quimby Act  
Last Fee Updates: 2005, 2007

**Additional Revenue:** Based on an 8-year revenue average of \$500,000, the fee adjustment will increase annual revenues by approx. \$227,000

### 2015 In-Lieu Park Fee Survey

| CITY   | SINGLE FAMILY UNIT   | OTHER COSTS  | PEOPLE PER PARK ACRE |
|--|--|--|----------------------|
| Anaheim  | \$6,936.46   | Apartments (2-4 units) \$6,998.39<br>Apartments (5 or more) \$5,408.78   | 498                  |
| Stanton  | \$11,173.00  | Duplex = \$11,379<br>Multi Family = \$9,732<br>Mobile Home = \$6,410   | 1,829                |
| Santa Ana  | \$2,936.51 - \$6,467.01  | 1 bedroom \$2,936.51; 2 bedrooms \$3,912.67; 3 bedrooms \$5,249.51; 4 bedrooms \$5,812.67; 5 bedrooms \$6,467.01 | 1,270                |
| Placentia  | \$3,682 - \$4,978  | Mobile Homes \$300/unit<br>Senior Citizens \$300/unit<br>Second Units: 1/3 of new unit fee                       | 430                  |
| Cypress  | \$8,000.00   | \$8,000.00   | 605                  |
| Newport Beach  | \$26,125.00  | \$2,500,000 fair market value per acre or \$57.39 per sq.ft.   | 95                   |
| Huntington Beach   | \$16,278.00  | Multi family = \$12,520<br>Mobile Home = \$10,052  | 320                  |
| Orange   | \$7,994 to \$8,894   | Less than 6 units, \$7,994 - \$8,894<br>6-15 units, \$9,434 - \$10,469<br>More than 15 units, \$9,506 - \$10,546 | 178                  |
| Costa Mesa   | \$13,572.00  | Apartment Unit \$13,829  | 180                  |
| Fullerton  | \$10,600.00  | \$10,600 Per Unit  | 305                  |
| Fountain Valley, Buena Park, Tustin, Irvine, Westminster | Fee varies based on calculation method. Fees may include dwelling units, household density, land value, etc. | Fee varies based on calculation method. Fees may include dwelling units, household density, land value, etc.     | VARIES               |

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|--|----|------------------|
| <b>LOWEST UNIT COST</b>                | \$ | <b>4,330.00</b>  |
| <b>HIGHEST UNIT COST</b>               | \$ | <b>26,125.00</b> |
| <b>SINGLE FAMILY UNIT MEDIAN COST</b>  | \$ | <b>8,444.00</b>  |
| <b>SINGLE FAMILY UNIT AVERAGE COST</b> | \$ | <b>10,782.20</b> |

## IN-LIEU PARK FEE COST EXAMPLES

Fee Application: Fee is applied to new projects on vacant land or land that will become vacant. Residential Projects only. Not applied to remodels or extensions.

### PROJECT: New Single Family Residency

Lot Size: 7,048 sq.ft.  
Existing sq.ft.: 884 (demolished)  
Added sq.ft.: 843 (new structure)

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b> |         |
| Total Fee Due -->        | \$5,500 |

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b> |         |
| Total Fee Due -->         | \$8,000 |

**TOTAL INCREASE \$2,500**

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|---------------------------|---------|
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**TOTAL INCREASE \$2,500**

# 2015 TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE UPDATE

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### COST METHODOLOGY

Based on 2015 Transportation System Improvement Program (Nexus Study)

#### Garden Grove

| LAND USE          | CURRENT  | PROPOSED |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Single Family     | \$423    | \$1,099  |
| Per Unit          |          |          |
| Apartment         | \$381    | \$681    |
| Per Unit          |          |          |
| Hotel             | \$363    | \$769    |
| Per Unit          |          |          |
| Industrial        | \$0.31   | \$1.07   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Retail            | \$1.80   | \$2.36   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Office            | \$0.94   | \$1.64   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Church            | \$0.44   | \$0.60   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Hospital          | \$0.86   | \$1.02   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Child Care        | 2.46     | \$3.40   |
| Per/SF            |          |          |
| Trip End Fee      | \$235.00 | \$1,099  |
| (Other land uses) |          |          |

**Justification:** The development of land increases the number of vehicle trips on arterial highways. The City charges a traffic impact fee to mitigate increased traffic demand from development activity. This fee is calculated by land use type, trip generation rates and traffic capital improvements needed to accommodate added volumes. The fee was decreased in 2004 and has not been updated since.

Fee Established: 1993 per Measure M1 eligibility

Last Update: 2004 (Fee was decreased from \$806 to \$235 per trip end) Fee has not been increased since 1994.

**Additional Revenue:** Based on an 8-year revenue average, the fee adjustment will increase annual revenues by approx. \$140,000

## TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEE SURVEY

| Land Use                       | Garden Grove |          | Anaheim    | Westminster | Orange   | Newport Beach | Seal Beach | Irvine  | Median   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------|----------|
|                                | CURRENT      | PROPOSED |            |             |          |               |            |         |          |
| Single Family Per Unit         | \$423        | \$1,099  | \$1,895    | \$880       | \$817    | \$1,704       | \$1,452    | \$1,953 | \$1,578  |
| Apartment Per Unit             | \$381        | \$681    | \$1,211    | \$580       | \$712    | \$1,288       | \$952.99   | -       | \$953    |
| Hotel Per Room                 | \$363        | \$769    | \$1,378    | \$540       | \$817    | \$2,080       | \$861      | \$2,553 | \$1,119  |
| Industrial Per/SF              | \$0.31       | \$1.07   | \$1.32     | \$0.37      | \$0.74   | \$0.99        | -          | \$1.58  | \$0.99   |
| Retail Per/SF                  | \$1.80       | \$2.36   | \$5.13     | \$2.78      | \$4.55   | \$7.92        | \$3.77     | \$5.72  | \$4.84   |
| Office Per/SF                  | \$0.94       | \$1.64   | \$3.42     | \$1.85      | \$1.17   | \$2.58        | \$4.12     | \$5.72  | \$3.00   |
| Church Per/SF                  | \$0.44       | \$0.60   | -          | -           | \$0.97   | \$1.53        | -          | -       | -        |
| Hospital Per/SF                | \$0.86       | \$1.02   | -          | -           | -        | -             | -          | -       | -        |
| Child Care Per/SF              | 2.46         | \$3.40   | -          | -           | \$8.10   | \$13.27       | -          | -       | -        |
| Trip End Fee (Other land uses) | \$235.00     | \$1,099  | \$1,119.00 | \$92.54     | \$106.00 | \$198.11      | \$1,547.46 | -       | \$198.11 |

**NOTES:**

The City of Santa Ana has six (6) Transportation System Improvement Program Zones for Mitigation Fees. Non-residential fees for all six zones are based on square footage and are as follows: \$1.81, \$2.01, \$3.31, \$5.15, \$5.53. The City of Huntington Beach charges \$2,385 for a detached dwelling unit and assesses a flat fee of \$172 per trip for hotel/motel lodging units.

## TRAFFIC MITIGATION FEE COST EXAMPLES

Fee Application: Applies to all projects which result in an increase of traffic. It does not apply to remodels.

### DEVELOPMENT NAME: ST. MARK PROJECT

Previous Use: 10,710 sq.ft. Church  
Proposed Use: 18 Single Family Residential

|                                      |              |           |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b>             |              |           |                          |
| <b>18 Single Family Residential</b>  |              |           |                          |
| 18 SFR x                             | \$423 =      |           | \$7,614                  |
| <b>Credit - 10,710 sq.ft. Church</b> |              |           |                          |
| 10,710 sq.ft. x                      | 0.66 trips x | \$235 =   | \$1,662                  |
|                                      | 1,000 sq.ft. |           |                          |
| Total Fee Due -->                    |              | \$7,614 - | \$1,662 = <b>\$5,952</b> |

|                                      |              |            |                           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b>            |              |            |                           |
| <b>18 Single Family Residential</b>  |              |            |                           |
| 18 SFR x                             | \$1,099 =    |            | \$19,782                  |
| <b>Credit - 10,710 sq.ft. Church</b> |              |            |                           |
| 10,710 sq.ft. x                      | 0.66 trips x | \$1,099 =  | \$7,768                   |
|                                      | 1,000 sq.ft. |            |                           |
| Total Fee Due -->                    |              | \$19,782 - | \$7,768 = <b>\$12,014</b> |

**TOTAL INCREASE      \$6,062**

### DEVELOPMENT NAME: DENTAL OFFICE

Previous Use: 1,100 sq.ft. Warehouse  
Proposed Use: 1,100 sq.ft. Dental Office

|  |              |         |                       |
|--|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b>               |              |         |                       |
| <b>1,100 sq.ft. Dental Office</b>      |              |         |                       |
| 1,100 sq.ft. x                         | 3.72 Trips x | \$235 = | \$962                 |
|  | 1,000 sq.ft, |         |                       |
| <b>Credit - 1,100 sq.ft. Warehouse</b> |              |         |                       |
| 1,100 sq.ft. x                         | \$0.31 =     |         | \$341                 |
| Total Fee Due -->                      |              | \$962 - | \$ 341 = <b>\$621</b> |

|  |              |           |                           |
|--|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b>              |              |           |                           |
| <b>1,100 sq.ft. Dental Office</b>      |              |           |                           |
| 1,100 sq.ft. x                         | 3.72 Trips x | \$1,099 = | \$4,497                   |
|  | 1,000 sq.ft, |           |                           |
| <b>Credit - 1,100 sq.ft. Warehouse</b> |              |           |                           |
| 1,100 sq.ft. x                         | \$1.07 =     |           | \$1,177                   |
| Total Fee Due -->                      |              | \$4,497 - | \$ 1,177 = <b>\$3,320</b> |

**TOTAL INCREASE      \$2,699**

### DEVELOPMENT NAME: WALMART

Previous Use: 106,854 sq.ft. Costco (Discount Club)  
Proposed Use: 104,550 sq.ft. Walmart (Free Standing Discount Store)

|                                       |              |             |                             |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>WITH CURRENT FEE:</b>              |              |             |                             |
| <b>104,550 sq.ft. Walmart</b>         |              |             |                             |
| 104,550 sq.ft. x                      | 5.06 Trips x | \$235 =     | \$124,320                   |
|                                       | 1,000 sq.ft, |             |                             |
| <b>Credit - 106,854 sq.ft. Costco</b> |              |             |                             |
| 106,854 sq.ft. x                      | 4.24 trips x | \$235 =     | \$106,469                   |
|                                       | 1,000 sq.ft. |             |                             |
| Total Fee Due -->                     |              | \$124,320 - | \$106,469 = <b>\$17,851</b> |

|                                       |              |             |                             |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>WITH PROPOSED FEE:</b>             |              |             |                             |
| <b>104,550 sq.ft. Walmart</b>         |              |             |                             |
| 104,550 sq.ft. x                      | 5.06 Trips x | \$1,099 =   | \$581,396                   |
|                                       | 1,000 sq.ft, |             |                             |
| <b>Credit - 106,854 sq.ft. Costco</b> |              |             |                             |
| 106,854 sq.ft. x                      | 4.24 trips x | \$1,099 =   | \$497,914                   |
|                                       | 1,000 sq.ft. |             |                             |
| Total Fee Due -->                     |              | \$581,396 - | \$497,914 = <b>\$83,482</b> |

**TOTAL INCREASE      \$65,631**

**Weekly Memo 7/23/15**

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# 'No, thanks' to 50 million gallons a day

Garden Grove mulls opposition to proposed desal plant in Huntington Beach.

**G**reat Wolf Lodge, the self-described "brand leader in the waterpark resort industry," broke ground in Garden Grove this past May on its first California property. It will include a 603-room hotel, seven restaurants, a bowling alley and, it boasts, "a massive" indoor water park.

So how much water will the resort use? Nearly 150,000 gallons per day, which is roughly enough to satisfy the daily water needs of 375 families of four.

We will leave it to others to question the wisdom of the decision by Garden Grove officials in a time of drought to green-light a development project that requires so much water. Especially when the state has ordered the city of more than 170,000 residents to reduce its water usage by 20 percent.

What we question is the opposition of certain city officials to a partnership between the Orange County Water District, which provides groundwater to 19 municipal and special water districts (including Garden Grove), and Poseidon Resources, the private developer that proposes to build an ocean desalination plant in Huntington Beach.

This desal plant would produce 50 million gallons per day of drinkable water, enough for roughly 300,000 residents.

By purchasing the 50 million gallons per day, starting in 2019, OCWD will have "a unique opportunity," a 2014 staff report stated, "to reduce the need for imported water and improve the water supply reliability of the area."

We think Garden Grove would benefit mightily from a new indigenous source of potable water. Indeed, a third of the water the city currently uses is imported by the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles from the Colorado River Aqueduct and the State Water Project in Northern California.

"These sources are helpful," says Garden Grove's website, "but they are not enough." Not least because the state's protracted drought, as well as adverse environmental rulings, have limited the amount of water Garden Grove gets from the State Water Project.

Yet Garden Grove's City Council last week considered a resolution "disapproving" construction of the proposed Poseidon desal plant in Huntington Beach.

A report prepared by the city Public Works Department staff concluded, speciously, that the city currently has "a nonexistent need for additional water" and that "desalination is not an option" for the city's immediate "water supply needs."

Well, if Garden Grove needed additional water immediately, we would agree that desalination is not an option. That's because it will take Poseidon roughly four years to bring its plant online.

But in drought-prone California, no forward-thinking city would rule out the near-future source of water that desalination promises. That's why the Garden Grove council should reject the anti-desal resolution when it reconsiders the matter next week.

## OMAR SANDOVAL REPLACES TOM NIXON

Tom Nixon is stepping down, and his colleague Omar Sandoval will become acting city attorney.

With Nixon set to retire as Garden Grove's city attorney at the end of the month, the City Council recently named Sandoval, who also works for law firm Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart, to replace him.

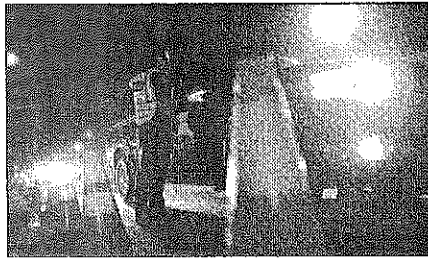


Sandoval

But the council stopped short of naming Sandoval the permanent attorney because city staffers, at the request of Mayor Bao Nguyen, are looking into alternatives to rehiring Nixon's firm.

Nguyen says with Nixon retiring, now is a good time to look at other firms and allow the public to help decide whether to keep Woodruff or go with a different company.

- Chris Haire



STUART PALLEY, FILE PHOTO

A DUI checkpoint is planned in Garden Grove this weekend.

## DUI CHECKPOINT THIS WEEKEND IN GARDEN GROVE

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will conduct a checkpoint to search for those driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol from 9 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at an undisclosed intersection.

The checkpoint will be placed in an area with high collision and DUI-arrest rates.

Officers will check drivers for licenses and signs of intoxication. Checkpoints, police say, help reduce accidents related to substance abuse.

Impaired drivers should expect jail time and/or fines that could exceed \$10,000.

- Amy Wang

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## → THINGS TO KNOW

## SURPRISE! MYSTERY SHOW IS 'CABARET'

The Gem Theater's mystery show promises to heat up the stage.

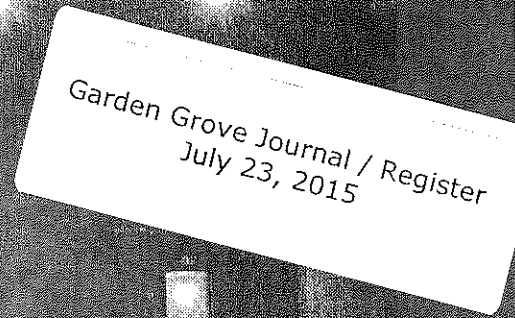
One More Productions has announced that it will put on a production of "Cabaret" from Aug. 20 to Sept. 13.

The theater company said at the beginning of its season that there would be a mystery show announced sometime during the summer.

"Cabaret" is a musical about the relationship

between an American writer and a 19-year-old cabaret dancer at the Kit Kat Klub in 1931 Berlin. It landed on Broadway in 1966.

Information: [onemoreproductions.com](http://onemoreproductions.com).



JOSHUA SUDOCK, FILE PHOTO

Garden Grove's Gem Theater will stage "Cabaret" from Aug. 20 to Sept. 13.

## GETTING A HEAD START ON NEEDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

While the end of summer may still feel far off, efforts to collect school supplies for homeless children in the community are underway.

The Thomas House Family Shelter is accepting monetary donations and school supplies.

The shelter will fill backpacks with school supplies and give them to children to have on their first day of school.

Supplies may be dropped off at the

shelter, 12601 Morningside Ave., No. 6, and must be in new condition. Volunteers are welcome to help assemble the bags on Aug. 19 and 20.

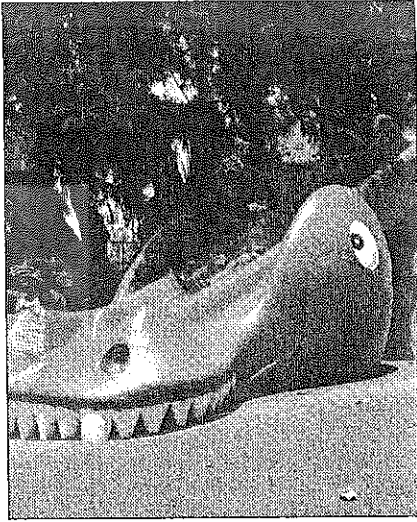
Donated supplies will be accepted until Aug. 15, while monetary gifts are accepted year-round at [thomashouseshelter.org](http://thomashouseshelter.org).

Information: Shahana Shah, 714-554-0357, ext. 101, or [shahana@thomashouseshelter.org](mailto:shahana@thomashouseshelter.org).

- Brooke E. Seipel

# Lack of funding shrinks Open Streets

With city facing \$4 million deficit, this year's festival downsizes.



ANGELA PIAZZA, FILE PHOTO

Admission to Atlantis Play Center, 13636 Atlantis Way, is free today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## REC CENTERS OPEN FOR FREE TODAY

It's time to channel your inner athlete.

Several recreation centers in Garden Grove are offering free admission today to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month.

The Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, will have an open gym from 3 to 5 p.m.

Atlantis Play Center, 13636 Atlantis Way, will have free admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents can swim for free from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. at Gary Hall Pool in Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.; Woodbury Park Pool, 13800 Rosita Place; and Magnolia Park Pool, 11402 Magnolia St.

You do not need to register. Information: 714-741-5200.

- Chris Haire

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove has reduced the route for the second annual Open Streets event to 1 mile to help reduce police overtime and traffic-control costs after the City Council showed hesitancy in giving \$60,000 to help fund the festival.

The city cut the overall costs for the Oct. 10 event to about \$212,750, from \$285,325, said Kim Huy, community services director for the city. The route was cut from last

## Garden Grove Open Streets

When: 3-10 p.m. Oct. 10

Where: Historic Main Street

Cost: Free; prices vary for food and retail items.

More info: 714-741-5200

year's 2.85 miles.

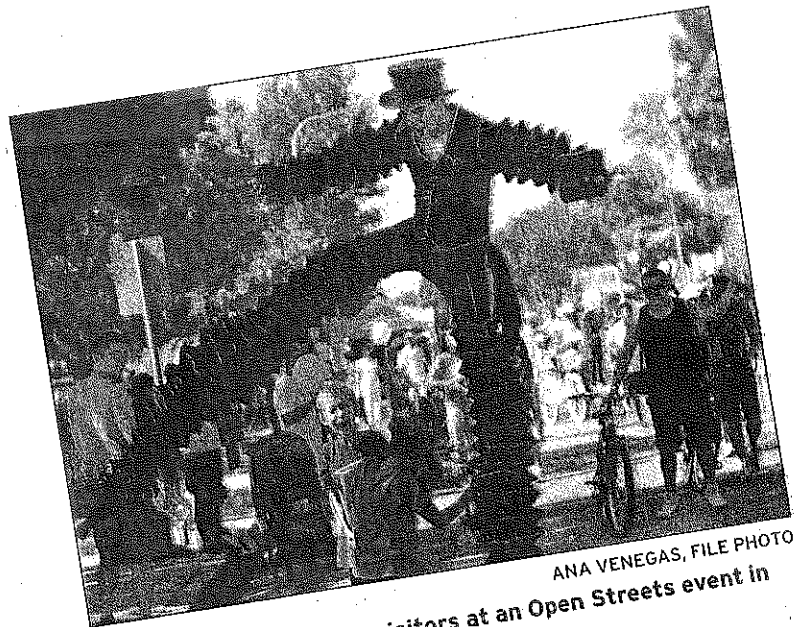
The funding for the event comes mostly from state and federal grants, and sponsorships.

"I know the council loves this event," Huy said, "but I can see their hesitance to spend money on this kind of event this year."

The city is facing an estimated \$4 million budget shortfall this year, though that could go up depending on the outcome of different union negotiations, said interim City Manager Allan Roeder.

Last week, several council members, most notably Councilmen Phat Bui, said they wanted the amount of money spent from the general fund on Open Streets to be minimal because of the deficit.

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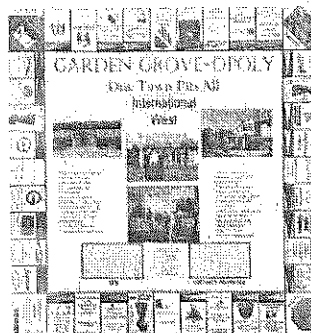
ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO  
A stilt walker entertains visitors at an Open Streets event in Garden Grove in 2012.



## Brainiac gets some notes off his desk

**Mark Rosen** wrote in after reading our piece last week about other places around the country and the world that bear the same names as our own hometowns.

"In 2004, when I was on the Garden Grove City Council, I visited Garden Grove, Iowa, while traveling from Minneapolis to Kansas City," Rosen wrote. "I found the mayor and some of the council mem-



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

**Garden Grove-opoly is a Garden Grove version of Monopoly that former Councilman Mark Rosen gave to city officials in Garden Grove, Iowa, a few years back.**

bers playing cards in the public library.

"I presented them with a Garden Grove-opoly game set (a promotion the Chamber of Commerce was doing at the time), which they were mildly impressed by, and a deck of Garden Grove playing cards, which they were more impressed by."

We can see the Iowan politicians' point, actually. Garden Grove-opoly no doubt takes so much time that they might not get a game in before the library fills up for the town meeting or they have to go slop the hogs and what not. A deck of cards, though - you use that any which way you like and still make it home for dinner.

# FOUNTAIN VALLEY IS WATER-USE WINNER

The city in May tallied the lowest residential consumption in the county.

BY SUSAN CHRISTIAN  
GOULDING  
STAFF WRITER

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY** • Give yourselves a collective pat on the back, residents of Fountain Valley. When rain-starved California asked you to turn down the tap, you listened.

In a recently released report on water consumption for May, Fountain Valley boasted Orange County's lowest residential use — 55.2 gallons per capita per day, listed as R-GPCD.

The figure represents an estimated daily average of water consumed by individuals. Huntington Beach residents logged 79.5 gallons per capita daily. And Tustin residents used 110.9 gallons during that same period. On average, Californians gulped 87.5 gallons per capita daily in May.

"People here responded to the message loud and clear," said Mark Lewis, Fountain Valley director of

public works. "It's a big accomplishment."

R-GPCD numbers do not include industrial, agricultural, commercial or institutional usage. Residential statistics indicate water used at home for drinking, bathing, sprinkling lawns and other purposes.

"We don't realize how much water each of us relies on," said Katheryn Landau, an environmental scientist with the California Water Resources Control Board. "And R-GPCD doesn't even take into account what's called virtual, or secondary, water use — the water used to grow the vegetables we eat for dinner and to manufacture the clothes we wear."

Tallying all categories of water usage, Fountain Valley reduced consumption in May by 23 percent from May of 2013. Statewide, Californians reduced water consumption by 29 percent over the same two years.

While May's numbers came a month before new conservation standards went into effect, both Fountain Valley and the state seem off to a good start. California's emergency regulations require the state to reduce water consumption by 25 percent over 270 days starting in June. Due to a sliding scale based on conservation efforts already in place, Fountain Valley doesn't have as far to go. It must reduce consumption by 20 percent.

The water usage numbers for June, when the standards went into effect, are expected to be released around the first week of August, said Jessica Bean, an engineering geologist with the California Water Resources Control Board.

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On May 19, the Fountain Valley City Council declared a "Water Supply Shortage Alert," limiting lawn watering to twice a week. Even-numbered addresses can water Sunday and Thursday, and odd-numbered addresses Tuesday and Saturday. Watering is allowed only 7 p.m.-7 a.m., for no more than 15 minutes and without runoff. Residents who violate regulations could be fined.

Fountain Valley turned off the fountain outside City Hall.

"The fountain uses about 1,400 gallons of circulated water per month, plus electricity," Lewis said. "That's not going to tip the scale. But we thought that leaving it running would send the wrong message."

The city also halted irrigation for grass medians, following a California mandate. "It's gotten nice and crispy out there," Lewis said. "We are now truly the Golden State." After the hot months of summer, he said, dead turf will be replaced with mulch and drought-tolerant plants.

Gardener Carol Redhead has lived in her Fountain Valley home since 1972, and maintains an organic yard. She teaches water conservation at the Fountain Valley Senior Center.

Among her tips: Use gear-driven sprinkler heads that rotate slowly. These provide better penetration and emit larger drops that are less likely to blow in the wind.

Staff writer Nicole Einbinder contributed to this report.

## Residential water use by city, district

How Orange County cities and water districts fared in residential gallons per household per day in May.

**55.2**  
Fountain Valley

**57.5**  
Seal Beach

**60.7**  
Santa Ana

**65.1**  
Garden Grove

**67.3**  
Irvine Ranch Water District (Irvine, Tustin, Lake Forest, Newport Beach, Orange, Costa Mesa, unincorporated areas)

**71.3**  
La Palma

**74.8**  
Anaheim

**74.8**  
Westminster

**76.4**  
Mesa Water District (Costa Mesa, parts of Newport Beach, unincorporated county areas including John Wayne Airport)

**78.5**  
La Habra

**79.1**  
Buena Park

**79.5**  
Huntington Beach

**80.2**  
San Clemente

**80.9**  
El Toro Water District (Laguna Woods, portions of Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo, Lake Forest and Aliso Viejo)

**85.8**  
South County Water District (Dana Point, South Laguna, areas of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano)

**86.5**  
Laguna Beach County Water District (Laguna Beach, Crystal Cove State Park, unincorporated community of Emerald Bay)

**89**  
Moulton Niguel Water District (Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Mission Viejo, Dana Point)

**92.7**

Fullerton

**96.2**  
Santa Margarita Water District (Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch and Talega)

**97.5**  
San Juan Capistrano

**104**  
Newport Beach

**104.9**  
Brea

**105.2**  
Orange

**110.9**  
Tustin

**129.5**  
Yorba Linda Water District (Yorba Linda, portions of Placentia, Brea, Anaheim and unincorporated areas)

**144.5**  
Golden State Water Company (Buena Park, Cowan Heights, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Lemon Heights, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Rossmoor, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton and Yorba Linda)

**192.6**  
East Orange County Water District (portion of Orange by Crawford Canyon)

**266.8**  
Serrano Water District (Villa Park and portion of Orange)

Sources: California Water Control Resources Control Board, [swrcb.ca.gov](http://swrcb.ca.gov)

# Mayor goes public on personal preference. Ho hum

Also, Westminster Mall works to differentiate itself from competitors

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**Tony on the Town**

By Tony Cheong

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen has come out as gay in recent weeks.

And you know what?

In a sign of progress, it's been treated as... no big deal. So what? I mean, it barely made the news.

What IS making the news is that Nguyen is considering running for the 46th District congressional seat that will vacated by longtime incumbent Loretta Sanchez, who is running for a U.S. Senate spot.

The OC News is trying to get to the bottom of it. Look for an update in coming weeks.

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I visited the Westminster Mall on a recent Saturday, and made two observations: 1) The mall looks great. It's clean, it's got a great mix of stores, including the usual variety of high end ones such as Macy's and it's easy to navigate; 2) Not too many shoppers on hand.

The latter observation is not new.

I've noticed it every time I've shopped there.

Mall leaders have been trying to change that for years. It's a daunting challenge. Consider: Just 20 or 30 minutes away are

Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza and Newport Beach's Fashion Island, both world renowned. It makes me wonder if the Westminster Mall should try to position itself in a different, unique way. Shoppers searching for high end products are probably willing to drive another 20 or 30 minutes, don't you think?

Nevertheless, we've got ourselves a plucky little mall. It's at its best during the holidays, especially Halloween — with its family-friendly pumpkin patch — and Christmas, when it features sundry activities for children.

That's when traffic goes the other way; folks from South County trek to the Westminster Mall precisely for these activities. We need to expand on that.

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Stanton can breathe a sigh of relief.

A state bill proposing to reduce the Orange County Fire Author-

ity Board — Stanton contracts with the agency — has been dropped.

Assembly Bill 1217 would have sliced the number of board members on the Fire Authority Board from 25 to 13. That means those cities and unincorporated areas not in the lucky 13 would lose a vote on matters of great importance to their communities.

Stanton was one of them. City Councilman Dave Shawver sits on the board.

Twenty three cities and two unincorporated areas contract with the authority.

But alas, the bill passed in the Assembly and died in the Senate.

Whew!

"The bottom line is simple," Shawver said. It assures local control..."

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Email her at [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*



Courtesy photo

Mayor Bao Nguyen addresses a crowd of about 400 at the State of the City address earlier this year.

# Olympic torch smokes through GG

City gives runners a community welcome at police headquarters

The City of Garden Grove welcomed the 2015 Special Olympics Summer World Games torch on Monday, as it traveled through California, en route to the official opening ceremony in Los Angeles on July 25.

The 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics final leg arrived for a community welcome at Garden Grove Police headquarters, 11301 Acacia Parkway, on Monday, July 20, at 10:25 a.m.

Approximately 20 to 30 runners began the 1.2 mile Garden Grove run by departing from the Harbor Town & Country Shopping Center, 12871 Harbor Blvd., at approximately 10:10 a.m. The team headed southwest on Harbor Boulevard, turning right on Garden Grove Boulevard, continuing west. The torch runners turned right at Civic Center Drive, and stopped at the front of police headquarters for a brief reception.

Streets were not closed during the run, but traffic was reduced to one lane only down southbound Harbor, and westbound Garden Grove Boulevard, to accommodate the runners, who were escorted by the Garden Grove Police Department.

At the public reception, Garden Grove Police Chief Todd Elgin and Garden Grove City Council member Phat Bui spoke, and exchanged gifts with Special



Courtesy photo

Runners carry the 2015 Special Olympics Summer World Games torch through GG.

Olympics and law enforcement representatives, followed by a photo session.

On May 14, the Special Olympics Flame of Hope began its 73-day trans-Atlantic journey from Athens, Greece, arriving in Philadelphia, PA, then to Washington D.C., where three simultaneous routes traveled throughout the United States, meeting in Los Angeles on July 10. The torch was then handed over to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics final leg team, to travel for 13 days to more than 120 cities and towns throughout California, including Garden Grove, before arriving at the Los Angeles

Memorial Coliseum.

The 126-member final leg team is composed of law enforcement runners, Special Olympics athletes, and logistics team members from 49 states and 24 countries around the world representing 79 torch run programs. Final leg runners were chosen for their dedication and commitment to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics by their respective torch run programs throughout the world.

For more information about the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics final leg team, visit [www.la2015.org](http://www.la2015.org).



# GG aims for 20 percent in water cuts

“The new normal” is how Gov. Jerry Brown described the severe drought conditions California has been living with for the past four years.

In Garden Grove, water conservation efforts became the norm even before the start of the drought that have contributed to results considered nothing short of watertight.

Proactive steps on the part of the city prior to the Governor’s Emergency Drought Declaration last year have kept Garden Grove closing the tap even further on its need to produce more water.

In Fiscal Year 2009-10, the city’s total water production amounted to 25,979 acre-foot (AF). A year later, that number declined to 24,686 AF and the year following, to 24,444 AF. During the most recent fiscal year, 2014-2015, total water production dipped to 24,035 AF.

Early actions, prior to the 2014 mandates that contributed to the city’s steady progress, included:

- Retrofitting city park irrigation systems with Calsense Irrigation Controllers;
- Redesigning city medians with drought tolerant plants and water efficient irrigation controllers;
- Participation in the Municipal Water District of Orange County’s Water Conservation Rebate programs to provide residential and commercial customers with financial incentives for using water-saving devices;
- Participation in the Water Smart Home Program for residents to receive a free survey of indoor and outdoor water use;
- Water-saving information inserted into bi-monthly water bills;
- Public outreach through largely-attended city events, such as the annual Public Works Open House and Garden Grove Pride;
- Mailing notification letters to water-wasters violating the city’s Water Conservation Ordinance.

Following the governor’s April 1 executive order this year that mandated Garden Grove to cut water usage by 28 percent, the city declared a Stage 2 Water Alert that went into effect on May 9. One month later, upon request, the State Water Resources Control Board re-evaluated Garden Grove’s conservation standards, and in recognition of Garden Grove’s consistent efforts, reduced the city’s mandated percentage to 20 percent.

As a result, the city augmented its existing efforts by:

- Expanding its median redesign and retrofit projects, and applying for additional grants to continue these projects, and discontinuing all watering of any existing median turf areas;
- Expanding participation in MWDOC rebate programs, adding \$18,000 in funding for the Turf Removal Rebate Program, and proposing an additional \$30,000 to continue offering the program to residential and commercial customers; and proposing funding for other new programs, such as drip irrigation system rebates;
- Continuing conservation/drought information inserts in water bills;
- Continuing public outreach at events and neighborhood presentations;
- Continuing mailing notification letters for violating the City’s Water Conservation Ordinance;
- Limiting outdoor watering for customers to 3-4 days per week.

In August, the city will implement its updated Water Conservation Ordinance by limiting outdoor watering to just two days per week. The city will also proceed with stricter enforcement, and when needed, issue a Final Warning notice for repeated non-compliance that results in a flow-restricting device being installed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2858

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF TITLE 14 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance amends and updates the City’s current Water Conservation Program provisions in Chapter 40 of Title 14 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to facilitate the implementation of new State-mandated water conservation requirements and regulations.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 14th day of July 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN

MAYOR

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) SS:  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on June 23, 2015, with a vote as follows:

|                          |                  |       |       |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| AYES:                    | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | ( 4 ) |       |
| BEARD, BUI, PHAN, NGUYEN |                  |       |       |
| NOES:                    | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | (0)   | NONE  |
| ABSENT:                  | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | (1)   | JONES |

and was passed on July 14, 2015, by the following vote:

|                                 |                  |       |      |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------|------|
| AYES:                           | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | ( 5 ) |      |
| BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN |                  |       |      |
| NOES:                           | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | (0)   | NONE |
| ABSENT:                         | COUNCIL MEMBERS: | (0)   | NONE |

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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# Senator Janet Nguyen and Ambassador Ted Osius talk Vietnam

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## Human rights is at the top of the agenda

State Sen. Janet Nguyen recently hosted a private reception for Ted Osius, Ambassador to Vietnam, during his first visit to Orange County. The reception, held at Senator Nguyen's home, gave a special opportunity to the Vietnamese-American community to share their concerns with Ambassador Osius. The reception was attended by dozens of elected officials from throughout California's Thirty-Fourth Senate District, as well as distinguished community leaders.

During the program, guests enjoyed brief remarks by Senator Nguyen, followed by U.S. Congressman Ed Royce, who each spoke of their respective efforts to advance human rights in Vietnam before introducing Ambassador Osius.

"Ambassador Osius is an extraordinary representative of the United States in Vietnam, who has a long history with Vietnam and Asia. I especially value his efforts to encourage the government of Vietnam to protect human rights and release prisoners of conscience," said Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster. "It was a true honor to welcome him to Orange County and into our home."

Following the Ambassador's re-

marks, community leaders were able to ask him candid questions regarding various topics, including human rights and the future of Vietnam.

Ambassador Ted Osius was officially appointed as United States Ambassador to Vietnam in December 2014. However, his relationship with Vietnam began in 1996, when he was one of the first American diplomats to work in the country after the Vietnam War. He was subsequently,

instrumental in setting up the U.S. Consulate in Saigon.

"Ambassador Osius and I both aspire to create a better environment for the residents of Vietnam, many of whom are subjected to oppressive tactics by their government. I look forward to strengthening my relationship with the American Embassy in Vietnam as we work towards this vision," said Senator

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Janet Nguyen.

As the highest-ranking Vietnamese-American elected official in the United States, Senator Nguyen has devoted many years to improving human rights in Vietnam, and most recently called on Ambassador Osius to aid in the investigation of an attack on Human Rights Activist Nguyen Chi Tuyen.

# 5 suffer injuries in car accident

## Vehicle rolls over; driver, passengers not seriously hurt

On July 17, Garden Grove police officers responded to a traffic collision in the 9400 block of Lampson Avenue in Garden Grove.

A witness reported a single vehicle traffic collision and the involved vehicle had rolled over. Another witness reported all the

occupants had exited the vehicle.

The officers arrived at the traffic collision and found the five occupants had suffered minor superficial injuries and complained of pain. The driver and four passengers were transported to local hospitals for precautionary

measures.

The driver told officers that she was attempting to overtake a slower vehicle while traveling east on Lampson. As she pulled into the westbound lane of Lampson, she observed an oncoming vehicle. She quickly moved out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, causing her to lose control of her vehicle. The vehicle struck a large bush, which caused the vehicle to overturn.

Alcohol and drugs were not a factor in the collision. The driver was 20 years old and two of the passengers were minors.

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## Bicyclist struck, killed

On July 14, the Garden Grove Police Department received a call of a vehicle /bicyclist accident in the intersection of Euclid St. and Century Boulevard.

A female motorist, driving a silver 2013 Nissan Versa, was driving south on Euclid and drove into the intersection of Century when a bicyclist crossed Euclid from the east curb line traveling west.

Preliminary investigation reveals that the bicyclist crossed the street on a red light when the vehicle collided into the bicyclist. The bicyclist was transported to UCIMC where he died from his injuries.

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

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

## Grief support

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

## Learn about Alzheimer's

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

Dance Center hosts social

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

## Eco-friendly storytime

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

## Rotary Club to meet

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

## GG Kiwanis to meet

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

## School Board to meet

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

## Transparency stressed

If you plan on searching  
for Garden Grove's public  
documents, you no longer have  
to get off your chair or deal with  
pesky emails.

Garden Grove has set up an  
easy-to-use system for submitting  
public records requests directly  
through the city's website.

Go to the "Online Services"  
tab, then click on "Public Records  
Request"

From there, you type in what  
documents you are looking for  
(be as descriptive as possible)  
and your contact information.

The city has 10 days to  
respond to your request.

## Garden Grove Day

The OC Fair has invited all 34  
Orange County cities to celebrate  
their 125th anniversary during the  
"City Days" campaign designed  
to highlight each city's hometown  
spirit. On Garden Grove's day,  
Friday, Aug. 7, the mayor and  
City Council will lead fairgoers  
in singing the National Anthem  
during a flag-raising ceremony at  
12:30 p.m.

Community members are  
encouraged to wear clothes that  
highlight the city including: cheer  
outfits, baseball caps, Boy and  
Girl Scout uniforms, shirts with  
the City logo or the City's colors.

The Garden Grove Unified  
School District will participate  
with several performances from  
the various high school clubs,  
sports teams, and groups within  
the District. About 100 students  
and their families are expected to  
attend.

For more information, visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) or call the city's Office  
of Community Relations at 714-  
741-5280.

ORDINANCE NO. 2859  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES THAT MUST BE RAISED BY AN AD VALOREM TAX OVERRIDE AND THE SETTING OF THE TAX RATE OF SAID OVERRIDE. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: In June 1974, over sixty percent (60%) of the Garden Grove voters approved an ad valorem tax override to provide emergency medical care service (Paramedic Services) to the community and thereby incurring a debt consisting of personnel and equipment payment obligations.

SECTION 2: Property taxes for indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978, are authorized pursuant to Section 93 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

SECTION 3: The City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby declares it is necessary to raise an estimated \$8,600,000 through the use of an ad valorem tax override on the taxable property within the City of Garden Grove to maintain and pay for the emergency medical care services. Such indebtedness to be paid includes personnel salaries, training costs, equipment purchases, and maintenance of all equipment acquired previously for paramedic services purpose.

SECTION 4: The tax rate for the authorized ad valorem tax override as approved by voters of all assessable real and personal property for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 shall be 7.0 cents (\$.070) per one-hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation, using as a basis the value of the property as assessed and equalized by the County of Orange, State of California, and shown on the 2015-16 assessment roll of said County.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall exclude from Section 4 annexations of assessable, real and personal property to the City of Garden Grove after July 1, 1978, indicated by the listing on the attached document designated Exhibit "A".

SECTION 6: Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, words, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 7: The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same, or the summary thereof, to be published and posted pursuant to the provisions of law and this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 14th day of July 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN  
 MAYOR  
 /s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPUTY CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 COUNTY OF ORANGE ) SS:  
 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden

Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on June 23, 2015, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 4 )  
 BEARD, BUI, PHAN, NGUYEN  
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE  
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (1) JONES

and was passed on July 14, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ( 5 )  
 BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN  
 NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE  
 ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0) NONE  
 /s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT "A"

Listed Annexations Finalized After July 1, 1978 and Not Subject to Paramedic Tax Override

| Annexation No./ Number Reorganization No. | City Resolution | Date Completed    |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1-78                                      | 5573-78         | August 8, 1978    |
| 2-78                                      | 5634-78         | October 24, 1978  |
| 3-78                                      | 5637-78         | November 28, 1978 |
| 4-78                                      | 5670-78         | November 30, 1978 |
| 5-78                                      | 5671-78         | November 30, 1978 |
| 7-78                                      | 5731-79         | March 30, 1979    |
| 1-79                                      | 5813-79         | July 30, 1979     |
| 141                                       | 7875-96         | May 29, 1996      |

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# Rain washes out plans for some outdoor shows

Concerts, plays and a kite festival among the events affected by the summer storm.

Rain, a rare occurrence in the last few years – particularly in midsummer – spoiled a summer weekend

of outdoor entertainment and concerts. Here are some events that were washed out by the



**ANTONIE BOESSENKOOL**  
STAFF  
WRITER  
**Shakespeare**

**Orange County:** The troupe called off its Saturday performance of "Romeo & Juliet" at Festival Amphitheatre in Garden Grove, the first time the theater group has been rained out, said Artistic Director John Walcutt. "It wasn't safe," he said in an email. "And the idea of lightning freaked everyone out!" Box office staff called those with tickets and set them up for another show, Walcutt said.

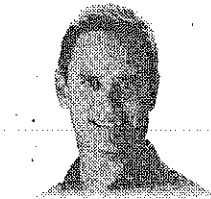


ALYSSA DURANTY, STAFF

Some people waded through water before learning a Sunday show at Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre was canceled.

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# Congressional race warms up



**MARTIN WISCKOL**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

The race to catch **Lou Correa** is on.

The former state legislator and county supervisor was fast out of the gates, declaring his candidacy for Congress within hours of Rep. **Loretta Sanchez's** May 14 announcement that she intended to run for U.S. Senate next year rather than seek re-election.

For nearly four weeks, Correa was the only candidate, slowly raising money to fend off the opponents who were likely to appear.

The first was **Heberto Sanchez** of Pomona. Reaction to the news drew yawns and head-scratching, as the unknown Los Angeles County bureaucrat not only lives well outside the district but also has never held elected office.

Things picked up a bit Thursday when Anaheim City Councilman **Jordan Brandman** announced he would run. Meanwhile, Garden Grove Mayor **Bao Nguyen** is talking up a pos-

sible candidacy. Correa says he expects that a field of 10 or so will eventually manifest itself.



**Correa**



**Brandman**



**Nguyen**

Correa is clearly the front-runner at this point. The 58-year-old Santa Ana resident had been in office continuously from 1998 until last year, when he was termed out of the state Senate. The central county districts he represented have covered far more ground than the cities of Anaheim or Garden Grove.

In short, he's far more familiar to voters than Brandman, Nguyen or Sanchez.

Correa's early entry into the race also gave him a head start on fundraising. The \$104,000 raised through the end of June is unlikely to scare off opponents - but it's \$102,000 more than his only opponent at the time had raised.

Democrats have a 19 percentage point advantage in the district's voter registration. Nguyen and the three declared candidates are all Democrats.

## THE BAO FACTOR

It'll be interesting to see how Brandman, 35, distin-

guishes himself from Correa. The day after his announcement, his website didn't yet have any policy positions. As of Friday, neither he nor his consultant had responded to my request for policy differences between him and Correa.

Brandman has proven himself friendly to businesses in Anaheim, voting for a \$158 million tax-rebate incentive for new luxury hotels and for a 30-year extension to the ban on a gate tax for Disneyland.

Correa, who regularly was among the top-scoring Democrats on the state Chamber of Commerce's report cards while in the Legislature, also supported the gate-tax ban, saying it would spur job creation because Disney agreed to spend \$1 billion in new building as part of the deal.

If Nguyen gets in the race, he could prove a more distinctive opponent.

Correa was a moderate in Sacramento. He supported same-sex marriage but

had concerns with the bill that allows transgender students to use the school bathroom of their choice, so he didn't vote. He supports abortion rights but voted with Republicans in a failed effort to require parents to be notified before an abortion can be performed on a teen.

Nguyen, 35, proudly touts himself as a progressive Democrat. He is openly gay. He speaks Spanish and Vietnamese fluently and breaks the mold of the traditional Vietnamese candidate in the county by not jumping on every anti-communist Vietnam proposal that comes along.

For instance, when the Garden Grove City Council voted to send a letter to Riverside urging it to drop its sister city relationship with the Vietnamese city of Can Tho, Nguyen dissented and told fellow council members they should focus on their own city's issues.

While Correa's relationship with unions has been fickle, Nguyen has been a union organizer for five years. With union backing and decent funds, Nguyen could be a formidable foe.

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# Amid water cuts, one huge new user

Garden Grove officials insist water park won't keep city from hitting conservation goals.

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • With California in a yearslong drought, Garden Grove has to cut its water usage by 28 percent but, at the same time, is allowing a 121,000-square-foot water park to be built on Harbor Boulevard.

Some in the community view the park as a waste of resources. But according to Garden Grove officials and representatives from Great Wolf Resorts, the water park and hotel will hardly affect the city's efforts to reduce its consumption. Great Wolf, they say, will obey state laws governing water use in hotels and will reuse 98 percent of its water.

"The water park uses a state-of-the-art recycling system," said Bill Murray, Garden Grove's public works director. "The state has no restrictions on filling these types of parks as long as they recycle the water. Recycling is huge."

The recycling system will use a series of mechanized pumps, filters and tanks to purify the water before it is circulated back into the park, said Susie Storey, spokeswoman for the resort company. It is used in the other 12 Great Wolf Lodges.

It is a system that has been refined, Storey said, with each new lodge that opens (with the old parks also getting upgrades).

"We're a water park, so we're very conscious of the drought," Storey said.

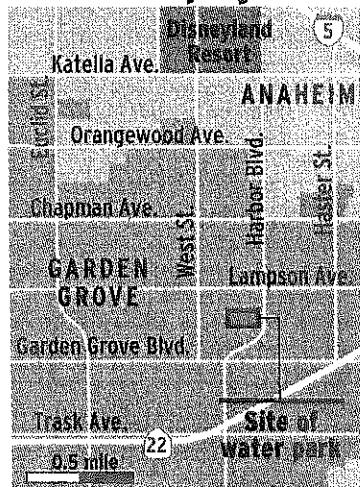
Still, some question allowing the additional use at this time.

"My lawn is completely brown and torn up," Garden Grove resident Josh McIntosh said. "We are being asked to cut back and we're doing our best. It's just a slap in the face that this is going in."

It will take about 150,000 gallons of water to initially fill the park, which is expected to open in early

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## Great Wolf resort project



STAFF GRAPHIC

2016. With 2 percent water loss a day, because of "swimsuits and evaporation," about 3,000 gallons of water will need to be replaced each day, Storey said.

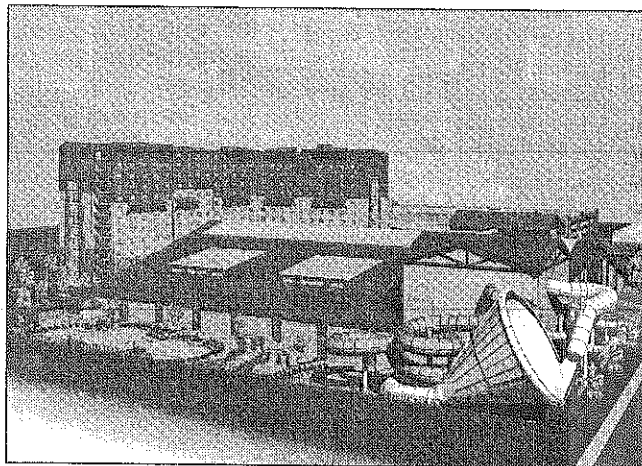
"Our water park is indoors and, therefore, 100 percent climate-controlled," Storey said. "So water loss due to evaporation is very minimal, especially compared to other water experiences that are outdoors."

There is also the 605-room hotel.

Typical hotels, Murray said, use about 150 gallons of water per room per day.

Great Wolf, though, could use 231 gallons per room, according to conservative estimates.

And even when low-balled, Murray said that the resort would likely use more water than the average hotel. One reason for the higher water usage is that each room in Great



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Great Wolf Resorts plans a 121,000-square-foot water park to be built on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove, adjacent to a 605-room hotel also run by the resort.

Wolf is a suite and meant to hold large families.

"Larger families use more water," he said. "Other hotels could have one person in a room. The rooms at Great Wolf will have multiple people in them."

But even with that, Murray said the resort won't do much to lessen the city's ability to reach the state-mandated level of conservation.

"Having to reduce usage by 28 percent is the same as 50 water parks," he said. "If it's 50 or 51, it's not going to break us."

Garden Grove cut its water use by 24 percent in May — the latest data available — compared with the same month two years earlier.

For Garden Grove, the major area where water conservation can come from is residential, where 70 percent of usage is watering yards.

Cutting outside watering is "our best way to reduce consumption," Murray said.

But that can create a public perception problem.

"The timing is bad," said Garden Grove resident Robin Marcario. "The rooms are big suites with families. I'm glad they put the technology in the water park, because otherwise it'd be worse."

Murray admits that allowing the park to move forward while forcing residents to cut their watering down to two days a week and only during certain hours makes it seem like the city is clamping down on residents to benefit a large corporation.

The city will receive an estimated \$8 million in annual tax revenue from Great Wolf, according to city documents.

"I get the perception problem," Murray said. "But a lot of it is bad luck. We had 30 percent over normal rainfall when the plan was approved. The funding came through right as the drought began. But this park won't break us."

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# THE WORLD COMES TO SO CAL

BY TERENCE LOOSE

If the purpose of competition is to inspire and entertain, then the upcoming Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles promises to be some of the most inspiring entertainment of the summer. With 6,500 athletes from 165 countries competing in 25 different Olympic-style competitions in LA, the Valley and Long Beach, plus festivals at UCLA and USC, the Games will be the single biggest event in Southern California since the 1984 Olympic Games. And unlike those games, while the Special Olympic opening ceremonies are ticketed, the competitions are free to the public.

But as with any Olympic Games, it's the smaller, personal stories that are the most inspirational. This year, three of those stories come from Orange County.

Forty-six-year-old Jeffrey Scott of Brea is a Special Olympics veteran, having competed in four Games in his 32-year athletic career. Since Scott was a child, coaches and critics told him that he couldn't accomplish much because of his intellectual disability. He decided they were wrong, and his accomplishments show he was right.

In addition to setting the current high jump record of 6 feet, 4 inches in the Athens 1991 Special Olympics, and winning a silver medal in tennis that same year, Scott works a full-time job and has summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. He's hoping to bring home the gold in tennis this time round and is excited for "the thrill of competing against the best athletes in the world," he said.

One of the more gifted athletes is 22-year-old Mark Wolffer, from Anaheim. A rising track



and field star, Wolffer has won silver and gold medals in Southern California regional events.

He said that competing in the Games has made a big difference in his life. "I am stronger and healthier," he says. "I met more friends and I'm more confident about myself that I can win."

It's a confidence that 50-year-old golfer Gregory Kozlowski of Garden Grove apparently knows full well. The 13-year Special Olympics veteran has taken home 25 medals and will be going for more in LA.

Kozlowski was inspired by the founder of Special Olympics, golfer and larger-than-life figure Rafer Johnson, who won a gold medal in the decathlon in the 1960 Olympics, and in 1968, along with NFL football player Rosey Grier, tackled and subdued Robert F. Kennedy's assassin. After that, he became a Hollywood actor.

But as if that wasn't enough to check off the "fulfilling life" box, in 1969, Johnson helped found the California Special Olympics, hoping to give anyone with an intellectual disability the chance at the thrill of competition that defined his own life.

For Kozlowski, Johnson's story inspired more than just a great five iron. "I read slowly but I was inspired to read a whole book because it was Rafer Johnson's biography," Kozlowski says. "I am very inspired by his life and think it's wonderful that he supports Special Olympics."

It's athletes and stories like these that draw



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dedicated supporters like Pacific Life Foundation, which contributed \$50,000 to this year's games and is a Bronze Champion sponsor. And the Foundation is more than merely a check-writer. This year, 100 Pacific Life employees and their family and friends will cheer on the athletes at the July 26th Beach Volleyball venue. It's part of the "Fans in the Stands" program that allows fans to play a key role in supporting the athletes.

Of course, at the end of the day, it's tough to decide who's inspiring whom. ■



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SPECIAL OLYMPIC WORLD GAMES

# Garden Grove police plan National Night Out

Also, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam visits Westminster for first time



**Tony on the Town**

**By Tony Cheong**

The Garden Grove Police Department is planning its annual National Night Out for 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the memorial plaza lot on Historic Main Street.

The purpose of National Night Out is to raise awareness of criminal elements in neighborhoods, to motivate residents to be proactive

in reporting crimes or suspicious activities and to encourage close relationships between Neighborhood Watch programs and the police department.

For more information, call Kris Backouris at 714-741-5761.

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So, I took the Dalai Lama to task last week for not visiting Westminster and especially Little Saigon.

I can't do the same with the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam.

Ted Osius visited Little Saigon in Westminster Sunday and spoke at a town hall meeting, touching on diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Vietnam and human rights in Vietnam, among other topics.

Vietnamese-Americans have been pushing for the U.S., which renewed relations with Vietnam, which has a communist government, more than a decade ago, to insist that their former homeland improve its record on human rights.

The nonprofit Human Rights

Watch continues to list Vietnam as one of the worst countries for human rights, saying the "state suppresses virtually all forms of political dissent" and "the police routinely use torture and beatings to extract confessions and punish detainees."

Many in Little Saigon, especially those old enough to remember the Vietnam War and fleeing their homeland after communists took over in 1975, take a hardline stance, saying the U.S. should limit diplomacy with Vietnam until its record improves.

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Check out Loreen Berlin's page-3 story on Stanton's groundbreaking ceremony for a new Central Park, which occurred on July 7.

The park will be built at the site of the 11.5-acre Stanton Golf Center, 10660 Western Ave.

Cost of the project is \$11.2 million.

*Do you have a question, comment or news tip for Tony? Email her at [tonyontown@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyontown@yahoo.com).*

# Garden Grove police plan DUI checkpoint for Saturday

Such measures reduce crashes by 20 percent, studies show

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Saturday, July 18, 2015 between the hours of 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

In California, this deadly crime led to 802 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2012 because drunk drivers failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver.

"Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions have claimed nine lives and resulted in 144 injury crashes harming 211 of our friends and neighbors," said Sgt. J. Fischer.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving

crashes.

Drugs which may impair driving not only include illegal narcotics, but many prescription drugs, marijuana, and even some over-the-counter medications.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic.

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# Local resident to represent U.S. in Paris

Maryam Zeineddine will participate in dialogue sessions

A resident of Garden Grove, Maryam Zeineddine, 20, is heading to Paris, France, in just a few weeks to participate in IOU Respect, a two-week international exchange program hosted by Hostelling International (HI).

After a highly competitive application process, four representatives aged 18-23, from Egypt, France, Germany, Lebanon, Tunisia and the U.S. were invited to participate in this intensive educational program. Zeineddine will play a key role in representing the U.S. during facilitated

dialogue sessions, team-building project work, group outings and activities.

More information about IOU Respect can be found here, and if you would like to share Zeineddine's experience with your community, I would be happy to put you in touch directly.

"I am a Lebanese-American who considers myself a strong representative for both nations. By taking part in this program, I hope to assimilate and focus on cross-cultural dialogue that will allow me to bring these skills back

to the University of California, Berkeley in the fall," Zeineddine said. "I hope to learn about the lifestyles and cultures that each student brings and apply these personal experiences to help mitigate the stereotypes that many people from these countries face."

The U.S. delegates were selected by HI USA, a national nonprofit with a mission to create a more tolerant world. HI USA has more than 50 hostels in its collection and is the nation's leading brand.

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Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1172

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide 140 Model 860 Clow Wet Barrel Hydrants. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: July 17, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
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## Shakespeare, on the house

The Garden Grove Community Foundation is giving away free theater tickets.

The foundation is handing out tickets to this season's Shakespeare/Summerfest Orange County productions.

The company, which performs at the Festival Amphitheater on Main Street, is giving its take on "Romeo and Juliet" until Aug. 1.

For more information, call 714-741-5168 or visit shakespeareoc.org.

## Fires abound

The Garden Grove Fire Department responded to five fire incidents from midnight, July 4, through 7 a.m., July 5.

The fires did not involve structures, and investigation of the five incidents did not reveal fireworks as the apparent cause of fire. There were no reported fireworks-related injuries during this period.

Fire Department fire investigators were on duty monitoring for illegal fireworks. A total of 107 pounds of illegal fireworks were confiscated.

There were 43 \$1,000 citations issued on July 4 for illegal fireworks.

## Missing man found

A missing Garden Grove man has been found.

On July 7, 84-year-old Eugene Cornett left his residence at 12292 Bluebell Ave. in Garden Grove for a short bicycle ride. When he did not return after two hours, his wife became concerned and summoned neighbors, who assisted her in looking for her husband.

When they could not locate him, they contacted the police.

Cornett was found by Santa Ana Police Department officers later that day. He was returned home and was not injured.

# Kiwanis Land: one of GG's best-kept secrets

By Loreen Berlin

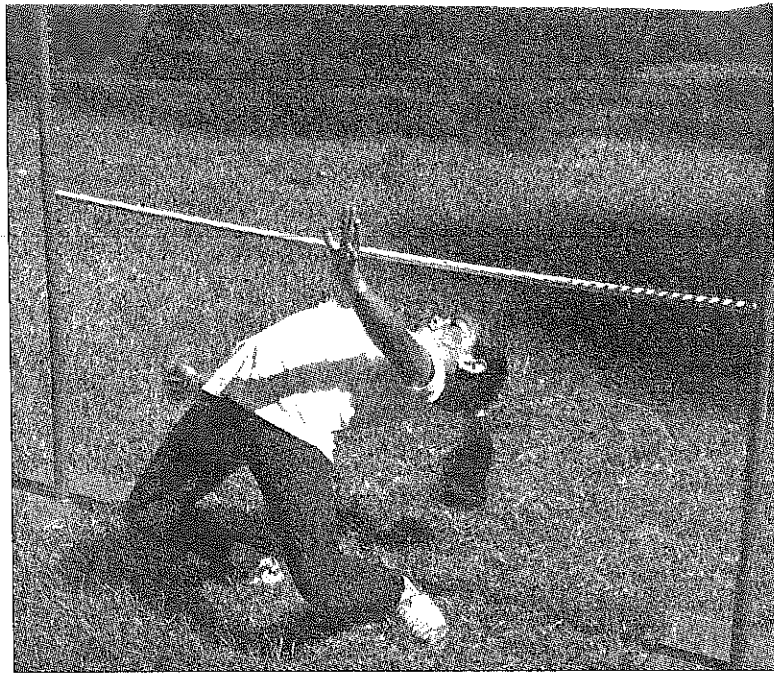
Kiwanis Land is nestled right next to the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, which is next to the Garden Grove Lions Club, and we do mean nestled; it's tucked behind busy Garden Grove Boulevard on quiet Larson Avenue, away from the viewing eye.

Once inside the gates, it's a beautifully serene and peaceful setting, with lovely grass surrounding an English-looking cottage where dinner club meetings are held each Thursday at 7 p.m., with social hour beginning at 6 p.m.

"Anyone can show up for our club meetings. We'd love to have them," said Kiwanis Land Superintendent Jack Wallin. "Dinner is \$10 a person and is catered by Jay's Catering that's close by; they serve a variety of really good food."

"Taking care of the park is a lot of fun and I meet a lot of great people who come here to rent the facility," Wallin said. "We can seat 80 people inside the building and there is seating for 200 people at tables outside. The Kiwanis built everything on the property."

With a club membership of 30, the club's main goal is to connect with the key clubs in local high schools, one of which is Bolsa Grande High School.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

A girl plays "limbo, how low can you go" at Kiwanis Land in Garden Grove. Kiwanis Land also features a water feature that allows youngsters to paddle small rafts around a man-made mountain with a waterfall, with a walkway across a swinging bridge made of boards and rope. Moreover, there's a pool table, miniature golf, Foosball and table tennis.

## KIWANIS:

"Kiwanis Land is giving back to the community, giving back to the youth and children. That's why we built the facility," Wallin said.

In the winter, Boy and Girl Scouts and the YMCA and YWCA, set up camp at various times in Kiwanis Land for a donation; all other groups are charged a fee according to the size of the group and what type of event they want to hold.

"Most people we have here are really nice and take good care of the facilities," Wallin said. "And just before the kids leave our grounds, they play a game of collecting trash that they may have left around, and are rewarded by receiving a prize."

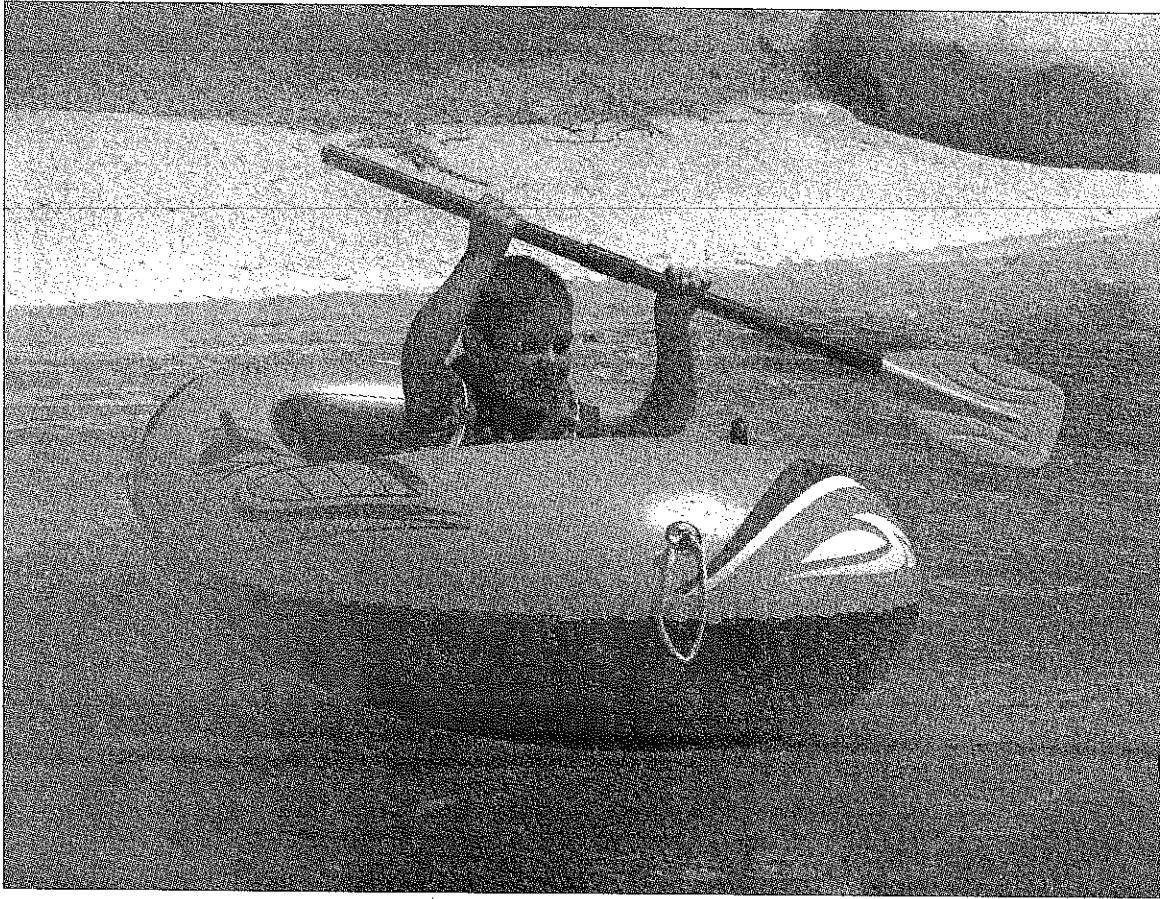
The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove, 9860 Larson Ave., was chartered in 1951, originally meeting in restaurants before

deciding to construct what is now known as Kiwanis Land, according to Wallin.

"We started talking about getting this property in 1957," said Wallin, who worked for the City of Garden Grove as the park supervisor before retiring. "The

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A young boy is all smiles while rafting at Kiwanis Land in Garden Grove.

property was formerly owned by the Hoag family — Mr. Hoag was a man in town who wanted to build a boy's school — but wasn't able to do that.

"The Hoag Foundation Board now runs the Boys and Girls Club and Kiwanis Land has a 99-year lease."

Wallin said their Kiwanis Club decided to devote its efforts to one major project that would benefit the whole community, but with special emphasis on local youth, which of course includes the key clubs for young people in high school.

Kiwanis Land is a unique park located on approximately 3 acres of land that was developed around a recreational camp theme and includes a water feature that allows youngsters to paddle small rafts around a man-made mountain with a waterfall, with a walkway across a swinging bridge made of boards and rope.

There's a pool table, miniature golf, Foosball, table tennis, scooters for young children and the Gary James Company is onsite at noon on Saturdays and Sundays, so people can visit and see if they'd like to hold their next picnic, family gathering or wedding at Kiwanis Land.

The park also includes a campfire amphitheater with lights and audio equipment that seats 300, a large picnic area with tables and gas ranges and kitchen facilities under a roof that provides plenty of shade and there are separate boys and girls restrooms.

Since 1969, the Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove has maintained the park through its own efforts, along with donations from individuals, businesses and corporations, in addition to holding fundraisers to support Kiwanis Land.

The Kiwanis report an average park attendance each year of 12,000 and hope to increase that number to help the club's main focus of serving the local youth and children.

For information about Kiwanis Land, call 714-892-7267.

# Community Calendar

## Ongoing

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

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

### Grief support

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

Learn about Alzheimer's  
The Alzheimer's Association of

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

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

### Eco-friendly storytime

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

Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.  
**Rotary Club to meet**  
The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

**GG Kiwanis to meet**  
The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Call 714-892-7267.

**City Council to meet**  
Anaheim City Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., first floor. Public session commences at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The meetings are broadcasted on local cable Channel 3 and can also be viewed live online at [www.anaheim.net](http://www.anaheim.net).

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

Orange County News  
July 17, 2015



Register  
July 17, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Water restrictions:** Garden Grove's stage two water conservation measures go into effect in August. Residents will be allowed to water their lawns only two days a week. If residents were to continually violate the water restrictions, the city could install a flow-restricting device that would limit how much water they can use.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
July 22, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Lawsuit filed:** A lawyer representing Rickk Montoya, a former City Council candidate, says he has filed a lawsuit in Orange County Superior Court against Garden Grove, saying it violates the California Voting Rights Act by having at-large elections. Montoya wants Garden Grove to move to district elections.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
July 20, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Recreation:** Several recreation centers in Garden Grove will have free admission on Thursday to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month: the Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, from 3 to 5 p.m.; Atlantis Play Center, 13636 Atlantis Way, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and several city pools from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. Information: 714-741-5200.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
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Register  
July 21, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Social gathering:** The Auld Lang Syne Club of Garden Grove is holding a quarterly meeting at 11 a.m. Friday at the Waterfront Cafe, 12902 Brookhurst St. The Auld Lang Syne Club is Garden Grove's oldest social club. The club encourages newcomers. Information: 714-537-2205.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707  
chaire@ocregister.com

Register  
July 23, 2015

### GARDEN GROVE

**Tet grants:** The Union of Vietnamese Student Associations has \$93,404 available in its Tet Community Assistance Fund for local nonprofits. Applications to receive grants from the association must be postmarked by Aug. 15. Applications are available at [uvsa.org/grants](http://uvsa.org/grants). The money comes from the student group's annual Tet Festival held at the OC Fair & Event Center.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

# Que pasa, Romeo?

Los Angeles Times  
July 19, 2015  
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*Shakespeare Orange County produces a version of the classic that reflects the diverse communities of Garden Grove.*

By RICHARD CHANG

The guy playing Romeo is half Filipino and half Spanish. His parents onstage are Korean. Juliet is Chinese American, the Montagues and Capulets are multicultural, and a Mexican American folklórico group dances between scenes.

Sounds like your typical stroll through Verona, doesn't it?

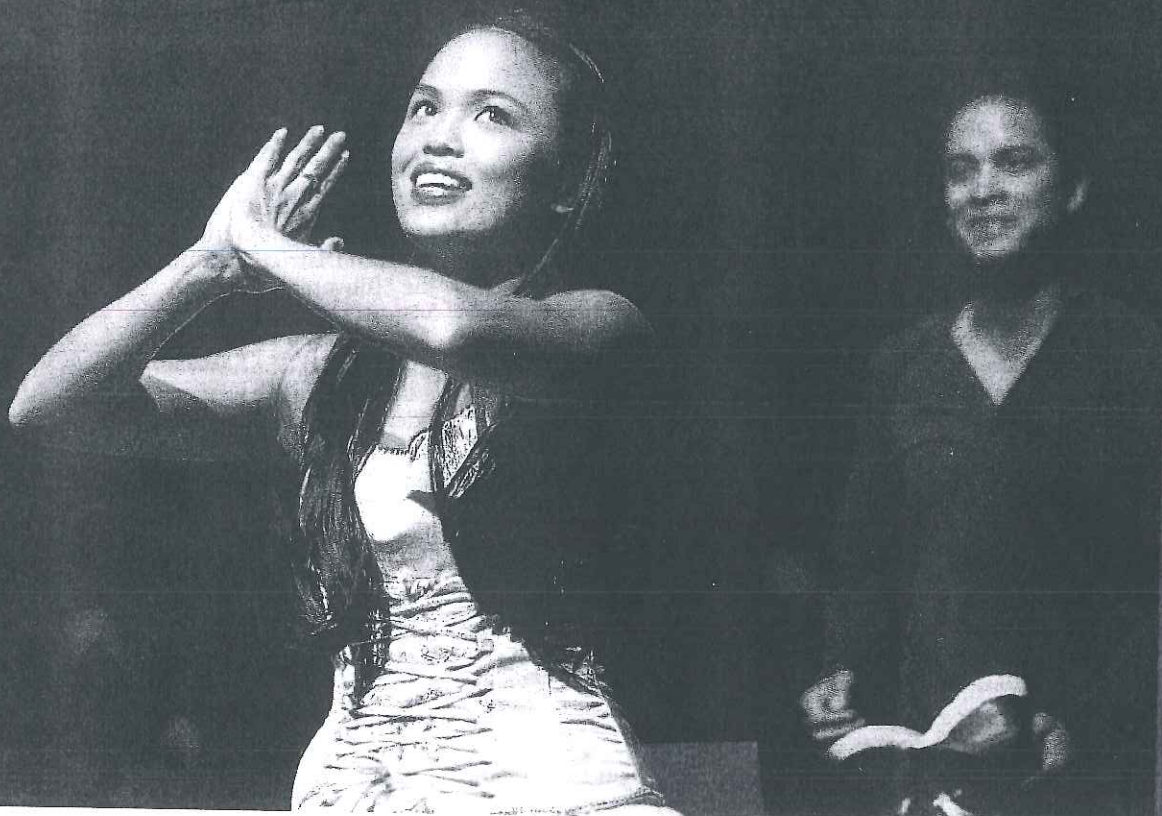
The recently revamped Shakespeare Orange County is opening its summer Shakespeare season with the bard's classic "Romeo and Juliet," which runs Thursdays through Saturdays until Aug. 1 at the Festival Amphitheater in Garden Grove. John Walcutt, artistic director for the company and co-director of "Romeo and Juliet," is betting that a large, diverse cast that reflects the

surrounding communities will draw audiences from across the region.

"There's a huge population here of Vietnamese, Hispanics, Koreans, Polynesians," said Walcutt, who's in his second year leading the 36-year-old company. "More than 70 languages are spoken in Garden Grove. In the past, most of our audience came in from Orange and Newport. It was a smaller audience that was all Caucasian. We thought, 'Why doesn't anyone from around here come to the theater?'"

So Shakespeare Orange County made a conscious effort to get various groups involved. "Romeo and Juliet" is co-produced

*See Diversity, page R6*



## DIVERSITY

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by the Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Assn. Relámpago del Cielo, a 40-year-old folklórico group from Santa Ana, plays a prominent role in the show. Additional support comes from the 2-year-old Korean Social Club of Orange County and the Orange County School of the Arts, based in Santa Ana.

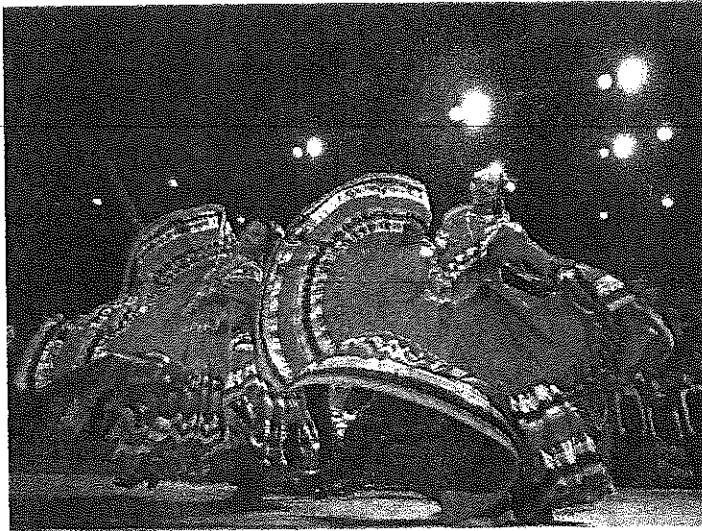
All these organizations make for a populous cast, and in some scenes, up to 85 people are onstage at once. The first-act party that Romeo and his buddies crash is actually a quinceañera for Juliet, complete with costumes, her court and Relámpago del Cielo performing a traditional dance.

"The story I believe Shakespeare intended happening to the community around him is actually happening to the community around us," said Ramón de Ocampo, who plays Romeo. He replaced Vietnamese American actor Trieu Tran midway through rehearsals because of a medical emergency.

"Shakespeare is accessible through the blood of the makeup of the people around who are performing it," said de Ocampo, an Obie Award winner for his performance in "The Romance of Magno Rubio" by Lonnie Carter.

In this production, de Ocampo raps some of Romeo's lines and plays the character with a vigor and physicality that literally causes perspiration onstage.

"It's actually perfectly accessible because of the way Shakespeare wrote the lines," he said of his rapping. "It's rhythmic



Relámpago del Cielo dancers in Shakespeare Orange County's "Romeo and Juliet."

JORDAN KUBAT

### IF YOU GO

**What:** "Romeo and Juliet" by Shakespeare Orange County

**Where:** Festival Amphitheater, 12762 Main St., Garden Grove

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays until Aug. 1

**Cost:** \$15, \$25 and \$40, with select discounts

**Information:** (714) 636-3729 or [shakespeareoc.org](http://shakespeareoc.org)

verbal sparring."

For Nikki SooHoo, who plays Juliet, this production is her first experience performing in live theater. The film and TV actress ("The Lovely Bones," "Stick It") grew up in Buena Park and graduated from the Orange County School of the Arts.

"I've really grown to love the art of theater," SooHoo said. "It's a big cast, and I feel very honored because I think I'm able to learn from every single person. These actors are phenomenal. It feels so great to be a part of it."

Though the language in the 420-year-old play took some getting used to, SooHoo, 26, could still relate to its meaning.

"There are so many different parts of it that you can relate to no matter what," she said. "Love and hope and fighting for

something you truly believe in. Just trying to make it in general."

The production features two Korean actors, Peter Gil Chang and Young Hye Sohn, who play the patriarch and matriarch of the house of Montague. They speak their initial lines in Korean and a few lines in English at the end.

Perhaps the most groundbreaking aspect of this "Romeo and Juliet" is the folklórico dancing interspersed throughout.

Marlene Peña-Marín, artistic director of Relámpago del Cielo ("lightning from the sky"), did some research and found "Corridos Mexicanos," a dance from the 1960s that fit the play's themes perfectly. She got permission from the University of Guadalajara, and her group is the first in the U.S. to re-create and

stage the piece.

"Any time you delve into something like this, you have to make sure you're representing the cultures respectfully and correctly and that it makes sense within the play," Peña-Marín said. "I think it really works well together. It's just been phenomenal to watch. It looks very magical."

To make the performances even more accessible, the company is offering two "rush ticket" programs: "pay what you want" on Thursdays, half an hour before curtain; and \$7 for remaining seats after 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Macy's is underwriting those deals.

Themed nights with \$5 tickets are also in the works. VAALA night is July 18; Korean night is July 24; and Fiesta Night is July 31.

"We're serious about becoming community partners," Walcutt said. "We want to give people something they can relate to, something they feel invested in, with a lot of entertainment value. Our hope is they would want to come back."

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Public Works Director

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

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

## **RECENT COYOTE SIGHTINGS PROMPT WARNINGS, PREVENTION**

Recent coyote sightings in Garden Grove have prompted the City to make local residents aware of coyotes in the area, urging them to take needed precautions to protect themselves, their pets, and their property against these wild animals.

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), during the warm summer months, particularly from March through August, coyotes are very active. They are raising their young and searching for food.

"What we're seeing is the coyote offspring coming out because they are now of hunting age and in search of food and water," says Garden Grove Public Works Director William Murray.

The CDFW indicates that coyotes are highly adaptable and often live in close proximity to populated areas where food and water sources are abundant. They usually fear humans and avoid interactions, however, if they associate humans with food, they lose their natural fear and can become bold and even aggressive.

Some coyote safety tips from the CDFW are:

- Keep small pets inside particularly at dawn and dusk when coyotes are most active.
- Keep pet food and water dishes inside.
- Secure food and trash at all times and remove all sources of water.

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Recent Coyote Sightings Prompt Warnings, Prevention  
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- Pick up fallen fruit and keep compost piles tightly sealed.
- Sweep up fallen birdseed, which can attract mice and rats, a common food source for coyotes.
- Remove brush, wood piles and debris where coyotes can find cover and where rodents are abundant.
- Install motion-activated lighting or sprinklers.
- If a coyote approaches or acts aggressively, throw rocks, make noise, look big, and pick up small children and pets. Do not turn your back to the animal.

If a coyote is spotted, OC Animal Care Services recommends calling them at (714) 935-6848 to determine if an Animal Control Officer is needed. If the coyote is posing an imminent threat to life, call 911.

The City has established a hotline number to report coyote sightings: (714) 741-5286. Callers should include date, time, and location of sightings.

More information is available on the City of Garden Grove website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us), or visit the OC Animal Care website at [www.ocpetinfo.com](http://www.ocpetinfo.com), or the U.S. Humane Society website at [www.humanesociety.org/animals/coyotes](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/coyotes).

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

July 23, 2015

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1. Calendar of Events
  2. Minutes from the June 18, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
  3. Notice from the S.C. Gas Company on their Phase 2 Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding Application.
  4. Cities Advocates dated July 20, 2015.
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 23, 2015 – August 15, 2015

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Thursday              | July 23              |   | Casual Day – Baseball Jersey Day   |
|                       |                      | 9:00 a.m.   | Zoning Administrator Meeting<br>City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room<br><b>CANCELLED</b>   |
|                       |                      | 6:30 p.m.-<br>8:30 p.m.                                       | Summer Concert Series – DSB<br>(Journey Tribute Band), Eastgate Park   |
| Thursday-<br>Saturday | July 23-25           | 8:00 p.m.   | Shakespeare Orange County presents<br>"Romeo & Juliet", Festival Amphitheater  |
| Friday                | July 24              |   | City Hall Closed   |
| Tuesday               | July 28              | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Study Session, Founders Room<br>Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber<br>Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber<br>Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber<br>City Council Meeting, Council Chamber |
| Thursday              | July 30              | 6:30 p.m.-<br>8:30 p.m.                                       | Summer Concert Series – Grilled Cheese<br>Sandwich (90s to Today), Eastgate Park   |
| Thursday-<br>Saturday | July 30-<br>August 1 | 8:00 p.m.   | Shakespeare Orange County presents<br>"Romeo & Juliet", Festival Amphitheater  |
| Thursday              | August 6             | 6:30 p.m.-<br>8:30 p.m.                                       | Summer Concert Series – Flashback Heart Attack<br>(New Wave 80s), Eastgate Park  |
|                       |                      | 7:00 p.m.   | Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber   |
| Friday                | August 7             |   | City Hall Closed   |
| Tuesday               | August 11            | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.                           | Closed Session, Founders Room<br>Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber<br>City Council Meeting, Council Chamber  |
| Wednesday             | August 12            | 2:00 p.m.   | Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center  |
|                       |                      | 6:30 p.m.-<br>8:30 p.m.                                       | Summer Concert Series – Stone Soul (Motown)<br>Eastgate Park   |
| Thursday-<br>Saturday | August 13-15         | 8:00 p.m.   | Shakespeare Orange County presents<br>"As You Like It", Festival Amphitheater  |

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Kanzler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner O'Neill

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

JUNE 4, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Kanzler

Due to a conflict of interest, Commissioner Mai recused himself from the following discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE NO. V-011-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11100 AND 11102 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, WEST OF EUCLID STREET.

Applicant: David Webber

Date: June 18, 2015

Request: Variance approval to deviate from the required number of parking spaces, Municipal Code Section 9.18.140.030 (Parking Spaces Required), to allow the operation of a new 14,300 square foot restaurant/eating establishment, East Seafood Buffet, at 11102 Garden



Grove Boulevard. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities and Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects.

Action: Public Hearing opened. Speaker(s): None. Staff submitted revisions to the conditions of approval, Josh McIntosh submitted a letter with traffic concerns in Costco parking lot, and Costco submitted a letter of opposition.

Action: No action taken on the item. Motion to continue the open public hearing to the Thursday, July 16, 2015 regular Planning Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m. approved.

Motion: Margolin Second: Zamora

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Paredes mentioned traffic concerns in the area and asked staff for an accident report. He also suggested the use of vacant lots for community gardens. Staff responded that a community garden was located downtown at 7<sup>th</sup> and Garden Grove Boulevard on City-owned property; that there was a long waiting list to use the garden; and, that he should contact Kim Huy in Community Services for more information.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the Thursday, July 2, 2015 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:15 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: O'Neill Second: Zamora

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

Para más detalles llame al 1-800-342-4545

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY**  
**PROPOSED RATE CHANGE FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION**  
**(TRIENNIAL COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING)**  
**APPLICATION NO. A.15-07-014**

RECEIVED  
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

On July 8, 2015, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed its Phase 2 Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP) Application (A.15-07-014) (Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to revise its rates for natural gas transportation service effective January 1, 2017.

TCAP's are regulatory proceedings in which SoCalGas updates the allocation of its costs of providing gas service to customer classes and determines the transportation rates it charges customers. SoCalGas also forecasts how much gas its customers may use (demand), its balancing accounts (which ensure only authorized costs are collected), and the gas prices used to calculate various rate components. All of these forecasts have an impact on customers' rates. This TCAP is being addressed in two phases. Phase 1 was filed on December 18, 2014, (A.14-12-017) and addressed the issue of updating the allocation of costs related to the underground storage of natural gas for the period 2016 through 2019.<sup>1</sup> Phase 2 addresses updating the allocation of all other costs related to gas transportation service, as well as the demand, balancing account, and gas price forecasts, for the three-year period of 2017-2019. The CPUC will consider whether these particular proposals are just and reasonable when it establishes new rates for SoCalGas.

**EFFECT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS**

For Phase 2, SoCalGas proposes a decrease in overall transportation revenues of \$194.2 million, or 8.2 percent for 2017. This overall decrease would only apply to the transportation component of a total gas bill. This decrease is a result of a projected reduction in the balancing account and reallocation of costs among ratepayers. Due to the reallocation of costs, some customer classes may see rate increases while other customer classes may see rate decreases.

**SoCalGas**  
**Illustrative Change in Class Average Rates Due to**  
**Proposed TCAP Effective January 1, 2017**

|   | Present Rates | Proposed Rates | ¢/therm Change | % Change |
|---|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Customer Class  | (¢/therm)     | (¢/therm)      | (¢/therm)      |          |
| Residential (Core)*                                       | 71.6          | 64.5           | (7.1)          | -9.9%    |
| Commercial/Industrial (Core)*                             | 34.0          | 24.1           | (9.9)          | -29.1%   |
| Commercial/Industrial-Distribution Level (Noncore)**      | 7.0           | 5.9            | (1.1)          | -15.6%   |
| Electric Generation-Distribution Level Tier 1 (Noncore)** | 10.7          | 8.6            | (2.0)          | -19.2%   |
| Electric Generation-Distribution Level Tier 2 (Noncore)** | 3.6           | 4.5            | 0.9            | 25.6%    |
| Transmission Level Service ***                            | 1.6           | 1.4            | (0.1)          | -7.9%    |
| Backbone Transportation Service**** (¢/decatherm/day)     | 15.8          | 18.5           | 2.7            | 17.3%    |

\* Core customers generally use smaller quantities of gas and the Utility purchases their gas.

\*\* Noncore customers are generally large gas users who purchase their own natural gas supplies for SoCalGas to transport.

\*\*\* Transmission Level Service is for noncore service on the Local Transmission System from the SoCal Citygate.

<sup>1</sup> Due to the expiration of a provision in the currently authorized TCAP, Phase 1 included an additional year, for a total of four years. The two Phases should then be aligned in subsequent TCAPs.

\*\*\*\* Backbone Transportation Service is rights that customers may purchase to transport gas over the backbone system to the SoCal City gate. Core customers who purchase gas supplies from SoCalGas have this charge included in the gas commodity rate.

For Phase 2, a typical monthly bill for a residential customer using 37 therms per month will decrease 4.4 percent from \$41.54 at present rates to \$39.73 in 2017. A monthly bill includes charges for transportation, Public Purpose Program Surcharges and natural gas commodity.

***The impact on each customer and each customer class could vary depending on individual usage and the Commission's final decision.***

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of the application and related exhibits by writing to: Joseph Mock, Regulatory Case Manager, SoCalGas, 555 W. Fifth St., GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SoCalGas will provide a copy of this application including the public testimony, upon request. SoCalGas' application and attachments may be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

The application is available electronically on SoCalGas' website at [www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml](http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml).

Copies of this bill insert will be available for viewing and printing on SoCalGas' website at [www.socalgas.com/regulatory](http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory).

### CPUC PROCESS

This Application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SoCalGas' proposal, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) reviewed this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. Other parties of record will also participate in the CPUC's proceeding to consider this application. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, email [ora@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ora@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit ORA's website at <http://ora.ca.gov/default.aspx>.

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Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074  
TTY: 1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-5282

## **League Board Adopts Resolution in Support of Transportation Funding** *Also Encourages Cities to Pass Resolutions*

In response to Gov. Jerry Brown's Proclamation calling an Extraordinary Session on Transportation and Infrastructure, the League's Board of Directors formally adopted a resolution urging the Governor and the Legislature to provide new sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure. The League and many cities have been actively lobbying this year for a significant investment in transportation infrastructure. With just eight weeks left until the legislature adjourns for the year, it is time for the Legislature and cities to act.

*For more, see Page 2.*



## **Medical Cannabis Regulation Passes Two Key Committees**

On July 15, AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer and Lackey) passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by a vote of 4-0, and the Senate Health Committee by a vote of 8-1. The League and the California Police Chiefs Association continue to support this legislation due to its strong local control provisions, including dual licensing, which requires both a local permit and a state license for a marijuana business to operate legally within California. Permits will be issued according to local ordinances, which will unconditionally protect jurisdictions that have enacted bans. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Bills to Monitor upon Legislature's Return**

*City Officials Encouraged to Register for League's Legislative Webinar Aug. 11*

The Legislature is currently on summer recess and will return Aug. 17 for the final weeks of the 2015 legislative session, which ends on Sept. 11. With policy committees now complete, many bills will head to appropriations committees or straight to the Senate or Assembly floor.

*For more, see Page 3.*

**'Resolution' Continued from Page 1...**

League staff continues to hear that legislators need to hear directly from their cities. In response, the League is requesting two immediate actions from cities:

- Pass a resolution urging the state to provide new sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure.
- Provide the League a list of projects that could be funded by a new funding package.

In the future city officials will be hearing more about opportunities to talk about the needs of your city with legislators. Please stay tuned.

**Cities Provide Lead Testimony on Need for Investment**

Following the Governor's Proclamation calling the special session on transportation, both the Senate and Assembly have held hearings to discuss the current conditions of highways, streets, and roads as well as the current funding structure. Local streets and roads received significant attention at both hearings.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo provided the opening testimony at the Senate Transportation Hearing, and received a very favorable response from committee members. Mayor Liccardo's impactful testimony, which included information on the needs of his city and the needs of cities statewide, was followed by a spirited and lengthy discussion among legislators.

During the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee, League Staff Jennifer Whiting presented the findings of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment at the Assembly Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee. Again, committee members expressed agreement that any package must include investment in the local system.

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**'AB 266' Continued from Page 1...**

The League and Police Chiefs' continued support of the bill will depend upon the outcome of negotiations pertaining to disqualifying felonies for licensure, restrictions on vertical integration, and the regulation of Uber-like delivery services for marijuana.

**Disqualifying Felonies**

Debate continues over the proper universe of California felonies that will disqualify an applicant from being licensed to operate a marijuana business under the bill. The Police Chiefs, joined by the League, have been adamant that a range of drug felonies, including those involving marijuana trafficking, should be on that list.

**Vertical Integration**

This issue involves the degree to which cross-licensing will be allowed, preventing a single business entity from being licensed in cultivation, transport and dispensing, i.e. all the major instrumentalities in the stream of commerce affecting medical cannabis. AB 266 already contains a strict prohibition on operators of testing labs being licensed to perform any other activity, as well as transport licensees being restricted from other activities. Discussions are ongoing as to whether and to what degree to impose further limitations.

**Uber-like Delivery Services**

AB 266 already specifies that delivery services may only operate in areas where they are explicitly authorized by local ordinance, but the issue of internet-based technology platforms linking patients with potentially unregulated, unlicensed delivery services is one that must also be addressed in the bill.

The bill will now go to the Senate Appropriations Committee, with a hearing date pending in the third week of August.

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'Bills/Webinar' Continued from Page 1...

Once the Legislature returns, cities will need to remain vigilant as we enter the time period of final negotiations on pending bills, with other "gut and amend" proposals appearing in print with little notice. In addition, the League will be heavily engaged in the efforts to secure additional funding for maintenance of local streets and roads in the extraordinary session on transportation. Below is a list of bills on which the League has positions and where they will next be heard upon the Legislature's return. City officials are encouraged to review these measures and take advantage of the summer break to weigh in on bills important to your community.

### League Legislative Webinar

The League's Legislative Advocates will be hosting a Summer Break/End of Session Webinar on Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To view the event announcement and register visit the League's [website](#).

To access any bill on this list, the League's position letter and sample letters, please go to [www.cacities.org/billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch) and plug in the bill number into the search box.

A full listing of Senate and Assembly hearings is available online. Hearing times are subject to change. Bill language and any available position letters on legislation can be found through the bill search function on the [League's website](#).

### Bills in Appropriations

Monday, Aug. 17

Senate Appropriations, 10 a.m., State Capitol, Room 4203

- **HOT AB 2 (Alejo) Community revitalization authority.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 22 (Rodriguez) Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu) Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 88 (Gomez) Sales and use taxes: exemption: energy or water efficient home appliances.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **AB 254 (Hernández, Roger) Election dates.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **HOT AB 266 (Bonta) Medical cannabis.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 388 (Chang) Housing: veterans: supportive and transitional housing: reports.** *League position: Support.*
- **HOT AB 744 (Chau) Planning and zoning: density bonuses.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **AB 988 (Stone) Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1157 (Nazarian) Property taxation: certified aircraft assessment.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1222 (Bloom) Tow trucks.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1223 (O'Donnell) Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation.** *League position: Support.*
- **AB 1236 (Chiu) Local ordinances: electric vehicle charging stations.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*
- **AB 1347 (Chiu) Public contracts: claims.** *League position: Oppose.*

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee (No Date Set)

- **HOT AB 113 (Budget Committee) Redevelopment Dissolution.** *League position: Oppose unless Amended.*

## **Bills on the Floor**

### Senate Floor

- **HOT AB 36 (Campos) Local government: federal surplus property.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT AB 718 (Chu) Local government: powers.** *League position: Oppose.*
- **HOT SB 16 (Beall) Transportation funding.** *League position: Support.*

### Assembly Floor

- **HOT AB 1335 (Atkins) Building Homes and Jobs Act.** *League position: Support.*
  - **HOT SB 175 (Huff) Peace officers: body-worn cameras.** *League position: Support.*
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