



Jamboree Halloween event will be held on Saturday, October 28 at Atlantis Play Center from 1-4PM. Activities include bounce houses, reptile show, carnival games, arts and crafts, and a pumpkin patch. The event is nearly sold out. Commissioners interested in attending are advised to contact Sugeiry to get on the RSVP list.

Another upcoming event is the annual Winter in the Grove on Saturday, December 2 from 3-7PM being held at Village Green Park. Fifty tons of snow will make up nine snow slides for different age groups to enjoy; there will be inflatables; a kids craft area; a craft boutique area; performances by local school dance groups and choirs; the tree lighting; and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Staff expect 7,000 to 8,000 people in attendance.

The fall Parks and Recreation Guide is available online. Garden Grove is one of the only cities in the region that is fully digital. Printing and postage savings are being utilized for marketing campaigns. This method has been successful for the City; staff have seen an increase in classes offered and enrollment. Staff are currently working on the next issue, Winter/Spring 2024. Staff added that one of the goals for future guides is to incorporate more special needs/adaptive classes and programs.

The Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) had its kickoff meeting on Tuesday, September 21; meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. The program had a big response with 57 teens in attendance compared to 25 maximum last school year. The next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 19 which will host DJ Symphony as the presenter. GGTAC program provides career and educational presentations as well as volunteer opportunities for teens.

#### 4.a.2. Human Services Division Update

Human Services division includes two family resource centers, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

Staff shared that Buena Clinton will host a Día de los Muertos event that will take place next Thursday, October 26 from 4:30 – 7:30PM. The event will feature a live concert with a Selena tribute band called *Dreaming of You*. Food will be provided by Bracken's Kitchen; there will be a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest, resource fair, and community awards. This is one of the largest events the center puts on, usually hosting about 500 community members.

Magnolia Park FRC will have their Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 20 from 4:30 – 8:30PM. Activities include an outdoor movie, children's crafts, games, food, and a children's costume contest. The Center also has upcoming classes and groups that includes a Father's Parenting Group, a Self-Esteem Group, and Friendship Group.

Both resource centers offer a lot of support for families in need. They provide fresh produce, groceries, and diapers. Both centers are focused on gearing up for the holidays. They will offer food baskets and a toy drive for families who apply and qualify.

The Senior Center continues to offer activities such as field trips, dances, exercise and technology classes, and Bingo. Food programs include the home delivery program; Bracken's Kitchen serves a hot breakfast once a week as well as frozen meals to take home; and the congregate meal program at the Center. In September, the Center hosted a resource fair and vaccine clinic with over 20 community agencies serving over 100 participants. Seniors were able learn about a variety of adult community resources as well as get their COVID, flu, shingles, and RSV vaccines. There was music, giveaways, as well as lunch sponsored by Bracken's Kitchen.

Events for this quarter include a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27, Costume Karaoke on Tuesday, October 31, and a Thanksgiving lunch on Wednesday, November 22. Staff will continue to offer craft days, field trips, a pool tournament, and a tree trimming party.

#### 4.a.3. Facilities Division Update

Staff provided an update on rental facilities throughout the city. The Strawberry Festival Association awarded a grant to the City to obtain a new shed for the Courtyard Center to secure equipment and supplies used for rentals at the facility.

Chairs in the executive conference room (Founders Room) at the Community Meeting Center were recently replaced.

On Wednesday, October 11 in conjunction with the Garden Grove Community Foundation, staff hosted the Ric Lerma Golf Classic at Willowick Golf Course. This is an annual fundraiser put on by GGCF and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, it was a successful event.

Staff updated commissioners on upcoming projects for the division including replacement of the fence at the Amphitheater which is along Main Street. Staff are currently accepting bids for this project.

The Community Meeting Center outside patio will also be undergoing some construction. The plan is to remove all landscaping and cover the whole area with cement to make it a more usable space for rentals.

Also in the near future staff will be working on the replacement of the sound systems at both the Community Meeting Center and the Courtyard Center.

#### 4.b. Capital Projects

##### 4.b.1. Civic Center Bridge Dedication Ceremony

Staff reported that this project was recently completed in early October. Staff is currently preparing for a dedication ceremony that will honor Corporal Han Cho, a fallen officer who recently lost his life during an off-duty motorcycle accident on August 7. The dedication ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 28 at 5:30 p.m. All commissioners will receive an invitation via email.

##### 4.b.2. Woodbury Park Expansion and Revitalization Project Community Meeting

Staff provided information regarding an upcoming community meeting at Woodbury Park to be held on Thursday, November 2 at 5:00PM. About 60% submittal has

been received for construction plans at the plan check department, staff are hoping for 90% by early December and 100% by the end of December or early January 2024. The community meeting will consist of sharing design plans with the community; the architectural team will also be present. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Staff have made a great effort to market the community meeting and make residents aware of the upcoming project and construction.

#### 4.b.3. Magnolia Park Improvement Project Update

Staff reported that Magnolia Park has broken ground and officially under construction. The project was awarded to California Landscape and Design, a company the City has worked with in the past for the perimeter fencing at Atlantis Play Center. Currently they are in the demo stage of the project, installation and landscaping work will begin in a couple of weeks. The project is slated to be completed sometime in mid to end of February 2024.

#### 4.b.4. Community Project Funding Grant

Staff shared a map containing all three parks that were awarded a \$1 million grant by Lou Correa's office to make improvements. Jardín de los Niños will receive new playground pieces as well as installing new rubber surface. Haster Basin Park will receive renovations to the playground area and the park restrooms. West Haven Park will have its restrooms relocated and replaced with prefab individual restrooms closer to the playground area for safety reasons. Since this is a federally funded project, there are several levels of approval that need to be satisfied. Once staff have conceptual designs, they will be shared with the Commission. The goal is to enter the bid process in 2024.

#### 4.b.5. P3 Civic Center Project

Staff informed the Commission that this project includes the relocation of the Police Department headquarters currently next to the Fire Department, to where the Civic Center Park is currently located. A parking structure would be constructed adjacent to the building. The space where the police department is currently located would be the new Civic Center Park area. The reason this project came about is due to the fact that the police department has outgrown their current headquarters. The City recently contracted Edgemore Inc. as the design and build developer for this project. There will be a lot of outreach to the community in the next 4-5 months. Town hall meetings and virtual meetings to collect feedback from the community will be planned. The community can visit [www.ggcity.org/civic-center](http://www.ggcity.org/civic-center) for more information on the progress of the project.

Commissioner Arestegui inquired if the Fire Department will also be part of the project since her understanding was that both Fire and Police buildings are connected. Staff confirmed that they appear to be connected; however they are not, and currently Fire is not part of this project. Staff also addressed her question regarding the number of levels the new building will be, stating that it is planned for a 3 level building. She also inquired whether art pieces in the current Civic Center Park area will be relocated, staff confirmed that the plan is to relocate the pieces. She added that it would be nice to keep a water type feature.

#### 4.c. Public Works Update

Staff reported on a current project Public Works is working on that involves Community Services. During the recent tropical storm and rains, there was severe flooding at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. Due to the amount of rain in a short

period of time, the drains were not able to handle the drainage of the roof. There was damage to the roof, the floor, and some of the cabinets. Public Works determined that roots from an outdoor tree clogged some of the drains causing the flooding. About six feet of piping was replaced and the rest of the drains were cleared out. Currently staff are patching up the walls and hope to complete the project within two weeks.

5. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Strickland inquired if the clock tower at Village Green Park will be illuminated once again. Looking in the southbound direction, it appears that the lights are off. Staff responded that they will look into this matter.

Commissioner Gonzalez inquired whether there are plans to reopen the restrooms at Faylane Park and if there are plans to address the condition of the playground surface which appears to be in bad condition. Staff replied that Faylane Park is currently on the list as requiring renovation of not only the playground surface but the equipment as well. There are a few capital projects on cue prior to Faylane Park, but will be addressed once those other projects highlighted earlier are completed. The restrooms have experienced a lot of vandalism which has required their closure for necessary repairs. Commissioner Gonzalez suggested consideration of restrooms to be opened for rentals on the weekends. Staff will look into reopening reservations for this park. Residents interested in a rental should call the main line and accommodations will be considered.

Chair Garcia made a suggestion about setting up an "ofrenda" at Village Green Park in honor of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and inviting the community for one day to honor those who have passed. Staff would love to see an organization or community group that will be willing to take the lead on something like this and staff would help support the event. There would be an application and approval process for a community event permit.

Commissioner Arestegui inquired if there is an approval process for lighting up the clock tower and if that matter goes to the City Council. Staff replied that it does need to go to the City Council because there are costs involved with lighting the tower.

6. MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Staff wanted to remind Commissioners that they are always invited to attend any of the community events mentioned either at these meetings or on the website. Staff added that that they look forward to seeing commissioners attend the upcoming bridge dedication ceremony and Woodbury Park community meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:51 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned to Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

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