

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 29, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PUBLIC WORKS

A memo to update on round two of SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Funding from CalRecycle is attached.

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

A. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

OCFA Year End 2023 Newsletter

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept.: City Manager /
General Manager
Subject: SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant
Funding Update

From: William E. Murray
Dept.: Public Works
Date: February 29, 2024

OBJECTIVE

To provide an update on round two of SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Funding from CalRecycle.

BACKGROUND

In November 2023, staff submitted two grant applications to CalRecycle for the second round of SB 1383 Local Assistance Grants. One application was for the City of Garden Grove (\$298,874), while the second application was for the Garden Grove Sanitary District (\$301,267) for a combined projected total of \$600,141. The projected award amounts were based on the populations of both the City and the Sanitary District.

DISCUSSION


On February 26, 2024, staff was notified by CalRecycle that both of the grants were approved and will receive funding totaling \$906,440. Funds are restricted to items relating to SB 1383 uses.

The City allocated grant funds (\$451,318) will be used to fund procurement, which covers the purchase, transportation and application of compost mulch, and other products, through 2026 and the purchase of equipment related to its use as allowed for by CalRecycle.

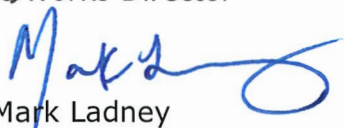
The Sanitary District grant funds (\$455,122) will be used for a variety of items, including continued Public Education and Outreach, providing outreach to schools within the Sanitary District service area, enhancing and promoting Edible Food Recovery, and other items as allowed.

SUMMARY

Staff will continue to work with CalRecycle on behalf of both the City and the Sanitary District to identify grant eligible program and projects, such as using the SB 1383 grant funding to cover part of the City's contribution for the recently awarded CalTrans Clean California grant for the SB 1383 compliant mulch at the Metal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail.



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



By: Mark Ladney
Sr. Program Specialist

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Orange County Fire Authority
Division 1, Battalion 1 & Battalion 11
 Division Chief Craig Covey

An Update of What's Going on in Division 1

Year End 2023 Issue

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Get to Know Fire Prevention Specialist Jenna Hirao



Jenna was born in Los Angeles but raised in Cypress. At age 2, she started golfing which started a 16-year career playing and competing in tournaments all over SoCal. She picked up other hobbies including drumming and running along the way. Her first job had her baking cookies in a restaurant kitchen in Toluca Lake, which was so tiny that chopping onions would make all 6 of them cry in the back every week. Since then, she graduated with her B.A. in Social Policy & Public Service from UCI where she also crewed for the Women's Varsity Rowing Team. Jenna is training for an ultramarathon and recently joined the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team.

What is the best concert you've ever been to? It's a toss-up between Gregory Alan Isakov (folk) where I cried the entire time and Tears for Fears.

What is your go to TV show? Parks & Recreation. It sheds a funny light on the ups and downs of working in public service.

Favorite sport/team? To participate in - rowing. To watch - the Cleveland Browns aka the "Factory of Sadness"

What would you otherwise be doing if you weren't working in the fire service? Park Ranger for the National Parks Service – probably still asking people for permits but with a cool hat on.

Describe a perfect day (not at work)? Waking up at a campsite in Yosemite National Park, fishing with my boyfriend, going on a scenic hike, petting some cute dogs, watching the sunset, and having a steak dinner.

If you had a time machine, and could meet anyone from the past, who would it be?

Randy Pausch who wrote The Last Lecture.

Morning coffee or evening cocktail? I'm an instant coffee girl in the morning.

Favorite song? San Luis by Gregory Alan Isakov

Favorite movie? Cloud Atlas

Favorite book? The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you spent money on? Gear to hike the Pacific Crest Trail

Favorite thing you own? My golf clubs

What do you spend the most money on?

Groceries and climbing gear

Where would you go with a free plane ticket? Japan

Do you believe in the existence of aliens?

Yes, there is no way we're the only ones out here! I just hope they're nice.

PULL the **PIN**, **AIM LOW**, **SQUEEZE** the **LEVER**,
SWEEP the **NOZZLE** from side to side



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211 is a nonprofit organization that provides information and referrals for thousands of services, including shelter, health care and job placement.

Disaster Preparedness



Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters. Take Steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, pandemic, or other disaster.

Step 1: Make a Family Disaster Plan

- Meet with your family, neighbors, coworkers, and schools to create a plan, share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Plan multiple evacuation routes in case of road closures.
- Register for AlertOC, Orange County's emergency notification system.
- Establish an out of state contact in case of disaster.

Step 2: Create Emergency Supply Kits

- Prepare kits with enough necessities to last you and your family for at least three days.
- Make sure your kit is portable and easily accessible.
- Consider having smaller kits in your car and at your workplace.

Step 3: Prepare Your Home

- Bold and brace major appliances and heavy furniture, electronics, and overhead fixtures.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Identify and have proper tools to shut off gas and water if necessary.

2023 Community Events



Garden Grove

82

Westminster

48

Los Alamitos

35

Midway City

2

Seal Beach

25

Rossmoor

9

Fire Prevention

Completed Inspections 2023

Garden Grove: 2,579
Midway City: 117
Rossmoor: 17
Seal Beach: 307
Westminster: 1,067



Garden Grove Incident Responses

2023 Total

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 : City GGV - Call Type	Total Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	217
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	187
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	1263
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	2044
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	201
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1859
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	1976
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	1749
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	896
Medical Aid - Seizure	458
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	1955
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	1108
Fire - Structure	166
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	121
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	341
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	1022
Totals	15563

Los Alamitos Incident Responses

2023 Total

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 : City LAF - Call Type	Total Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	31
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	26
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	91
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	204
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	15
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	113
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	257
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	169
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	75
Medical Aid - Seizure	39
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	174
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	113
Fire - Structure	20
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	9
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	13
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	214
Totals	1563

Seal Beach Incident Responses

2023 Total

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 : City SLB - Call Type	Total Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	348
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	337
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	319
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	541
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	37
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	397
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	1072
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	493
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	261
Medical Aid - Seizure	39
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	360
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	231
Fire - Structure	30
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	25
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	35
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	242
Totals	4767

Westminster Incident Responses

2023 Total

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023 : City WST - Call Type	Total Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	236
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	128
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	688
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	1129
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	78
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	1038
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	1198
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	1170
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	569
Medical Aid - Seizure	184
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	1144
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	604
Fire - Structure	84
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	68
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	144
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	564
Totals	9026

SMOKE ALARMS



Almost two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. Protect your family by installing smoke alarms, inspecting them regularly, and practicing home fire drills.



Working smoke alarms reduce your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%.



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Install

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in hallways outside bedrooms or sleeping areas, and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall. Make sure they are at least 10 feet from the stove and 3 feet from doors leading to the kitchen to reduce false alarms.
- Keep smoke alarms away from bathrooms with tubs or showers, heating or cooling ducts or vents, and ceiling or whole-house fans.
- Check the back for the manufacture date and replace all alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Use interconnected smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- It's safest to use both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms. Ionization alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires.
- Special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Inspect

- Test all smoke alarms once a month.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well.

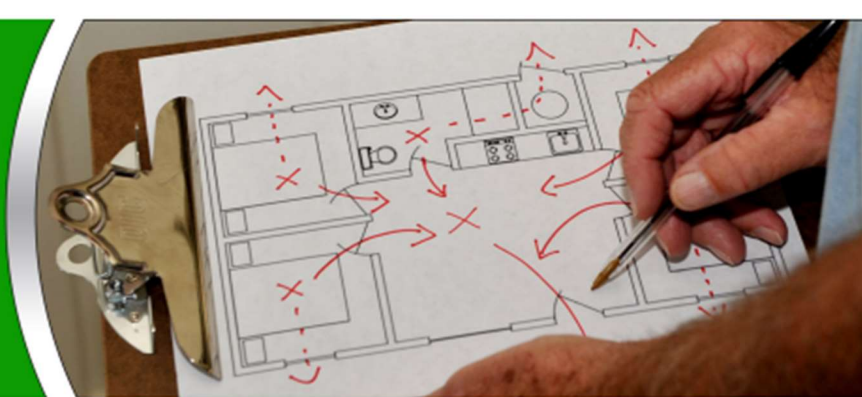
Protect

- Draw a home escape plan that shows two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.
- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do if they hear it.
- Practice home fire drills at least twice a year.

Disposal

- Check the label on the device or research the type of alarm you have. Not all smoke alarms have radioactive materials.
- If your device does not contain radioactive materials per the product description, you can remove the battery and dispose of the alarm in the trash.
- If your product does contain radioactive materials, Orange County residents can bring it to any of OC Waste and Recycling's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers for free recycling. Visit www.oclandfills.com for more information on disposal locations.

HOME ESCAPE PLAN



Every second counts during a fire. Create and practice a home escape plan so you and your family can get out quickly if the smoke alarm sounds.



Fires can spread quickly once the smoke alarm sounds, leaving only a minute or two to escape.



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Plan Ahead

- Make a home escape plan showing two ways out of every room. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of and a safe distance from your home.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year. During your drills, practice escaping from different exits and teach children to escape on their own.
- Make sure someone is assigned to assist with small children, older adults, or family members with disabilities.
- Slow the spread of fire in your home by closing doors while you sleep.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month with your children so they recognize the sound.

Respond Safely if a Fire Occurs

- Smoke and heat rise, so crawl low as you follow your home escape plan.
- Test doors before opening. Use the back of your hand to feel the door for heat, starting at the bottom and working your way up. If the door feels warm, don't open it. Use your secondary exit to escape.
- Close doors as you evacuate to slow the spread of smoke and fire.
- Once you're out, stay out. Go immediately to your outside meeting place and NEVER go back inside for any reason.
- Call 9-1-1 once you are safely outside of your home.

If Trapped by Fire

- Close the door between you and the fire.
- Use towels, blankets, or clothing to seal door cracks and help prevent smoke from entering the room.
- Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher where you are in the home.
- Signal for help from a window when firefighters arrive.

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



When a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move all people and pets outside immediately. Once outside, call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.



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Install

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments, and workplaces.
- Install alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- In the workplace, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in areas where gas appliances are located, as well as areas with identified hazards.
- It is best to use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, all of them sound.

Inspect

- Test carbon monoxide alarms once a month.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas grills, charcoal grills, and generators can produce carbon monoxide. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.

Disposal

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Your Division 1 Firefighters in ***ACTION*** – Year in Review

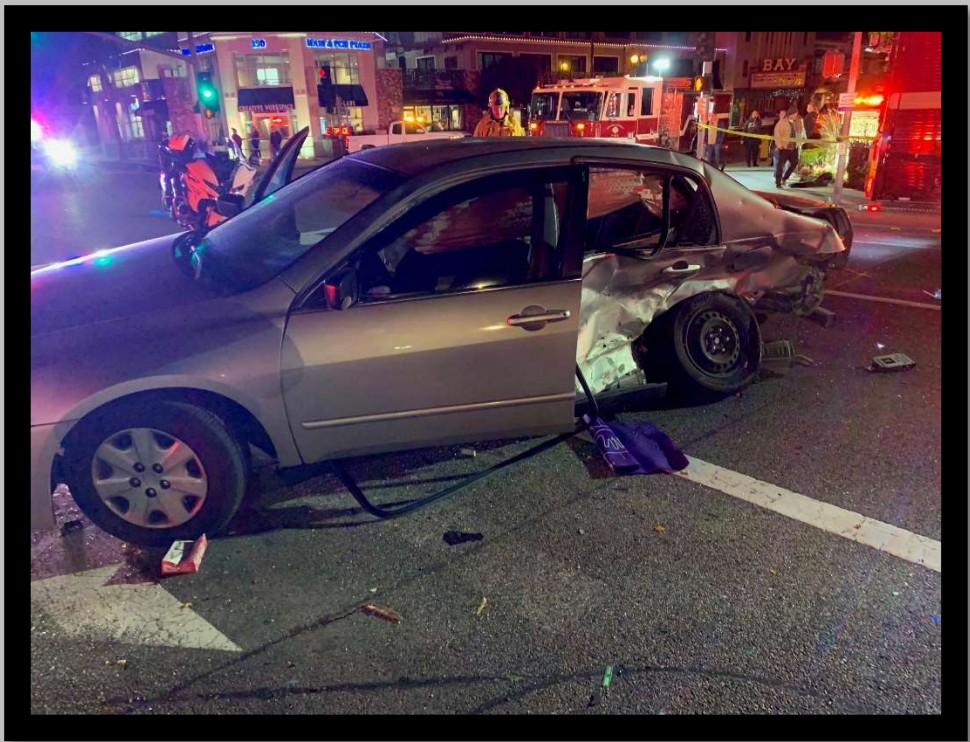


Garden Grove units assist with a commercial apartment fire



Every 15 Minutes Demonstration at Los Alamitos High School

**Traffic Collision on Main and PCH
in Seal Beach**

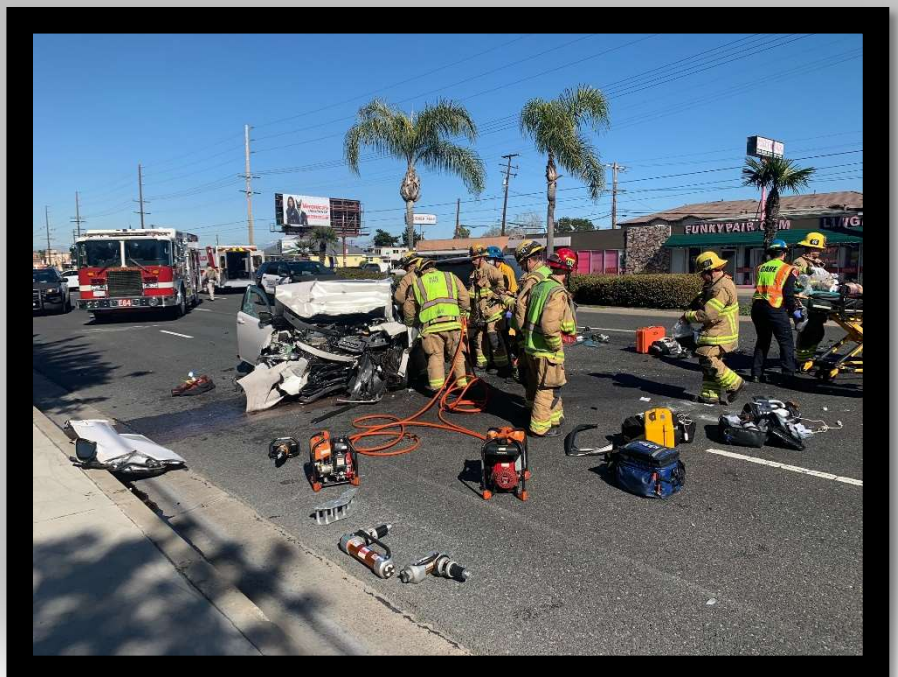


**Residential Fire in
Westminster**



Commercial Structure Fire in Garden Grove

Traffic Collision with multiple injuries in Westminster

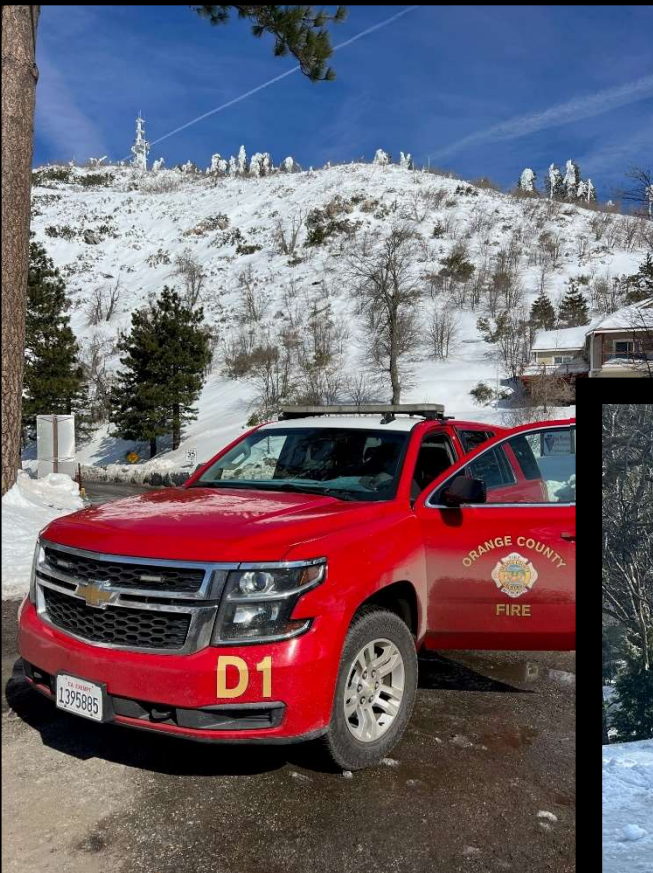


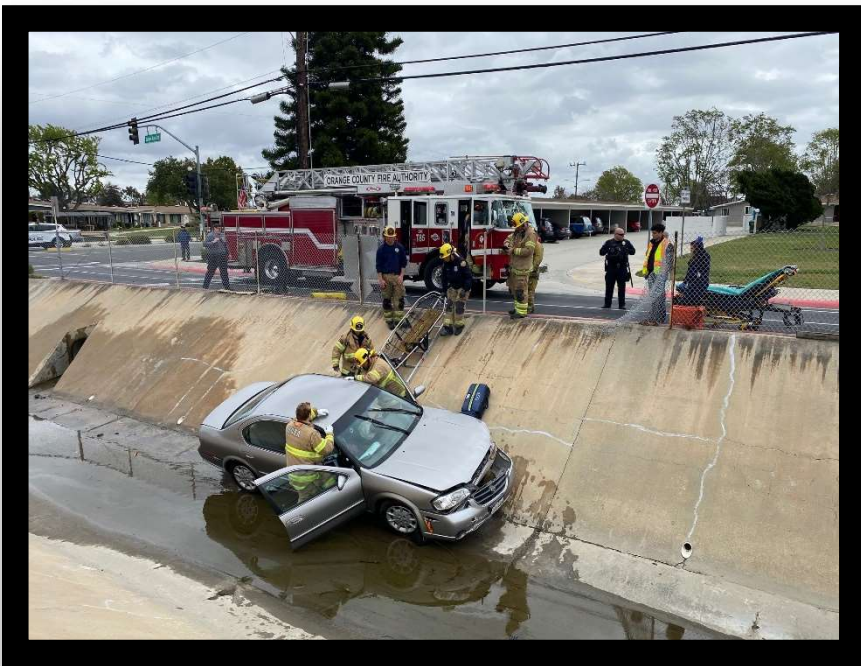


Division 1 firefighters receive their helmet shields after passing probation



OCFA deployed resources to the San Bernardino Mountains to assist with the snowstorm damages





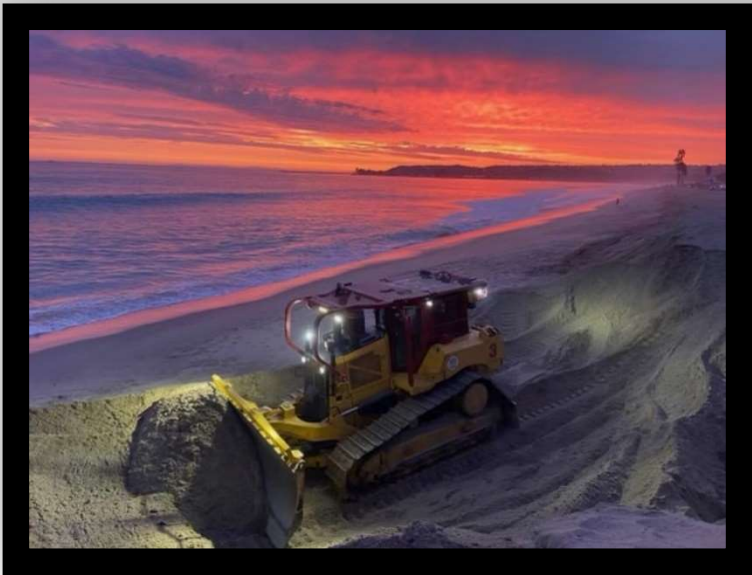
A trauma traffic collision in Seal Beach. Crews took the patients groceries to her home so they wouldn't spoil



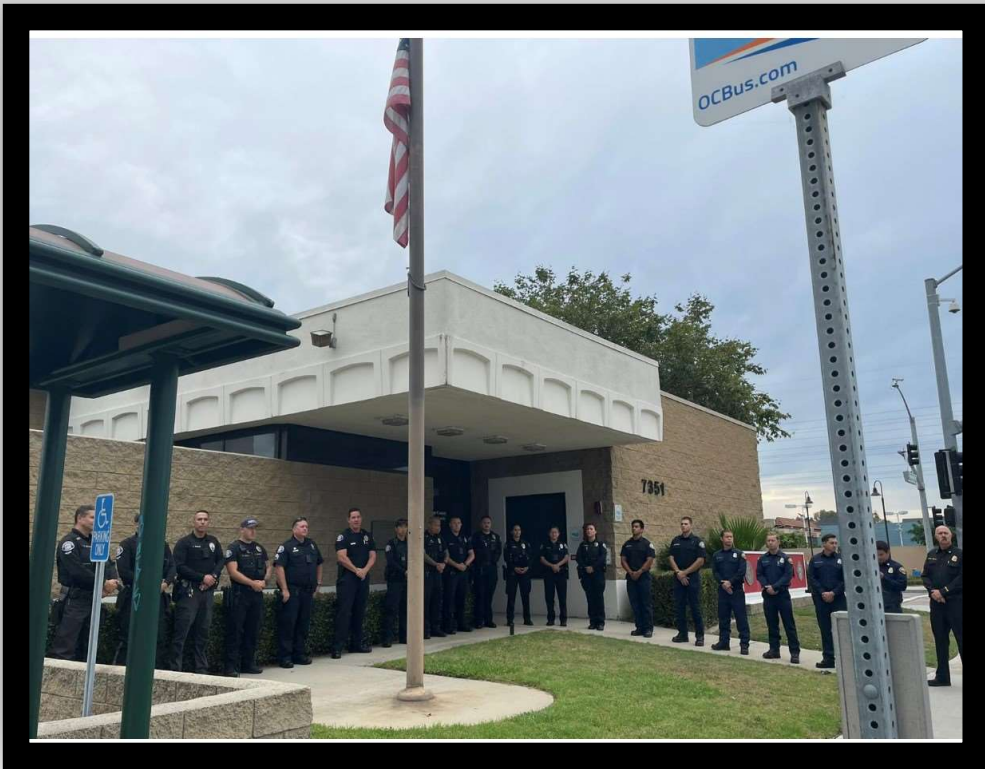
OCFA Command Post assisted Los Alamitos PD during their facility disruption



Open House at Station 81 in Garden Grove



The Dozer building a berm in Seal Beach in preparation of Tropical Storm Hilary



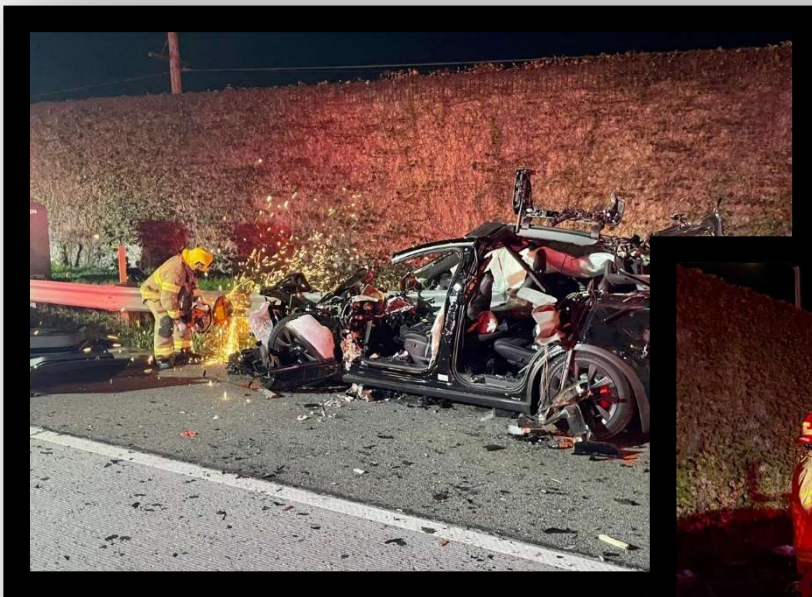
9/11 Remembrance at Station 64 in Westminster



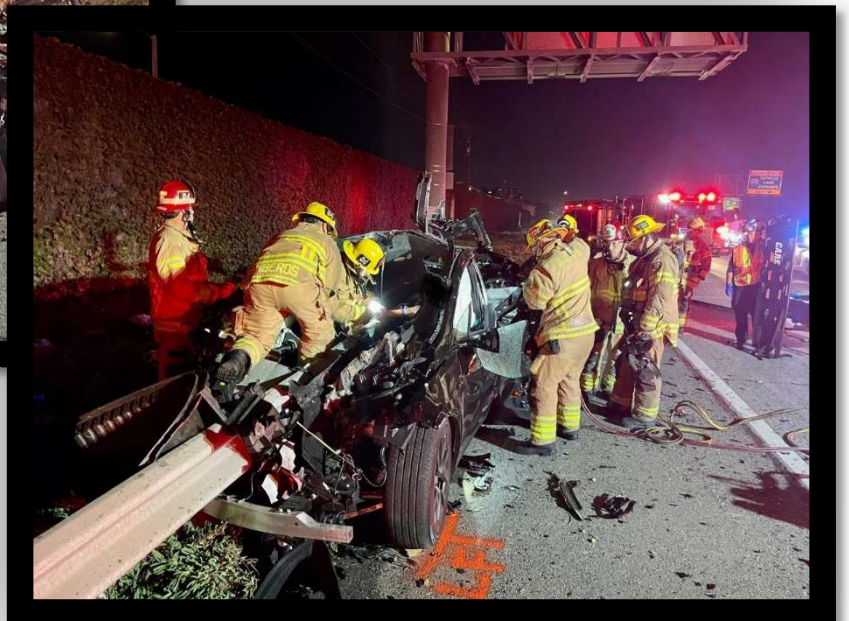
Captain King Celebrates 45 years on the job



Apartment Fire in Midway City



**Extrication Performed on the 22 Freeway,
Patient was Transported as a Trauma**

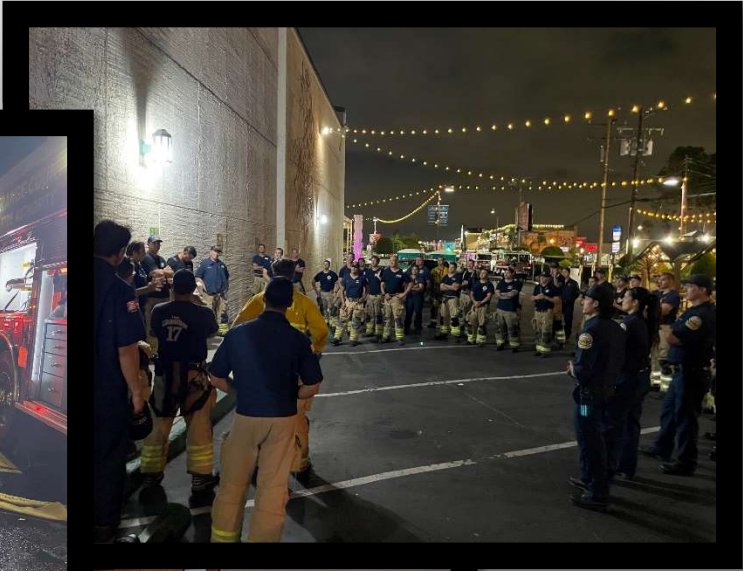




WATCH LIVE



Division 1 Crews Participated in the ASI Drill with Los Alamitos Hospital Staff



Battalion 1 Multi-Company/Agency Night Training

Division 1 Firefighters Participated in Walk to School Day

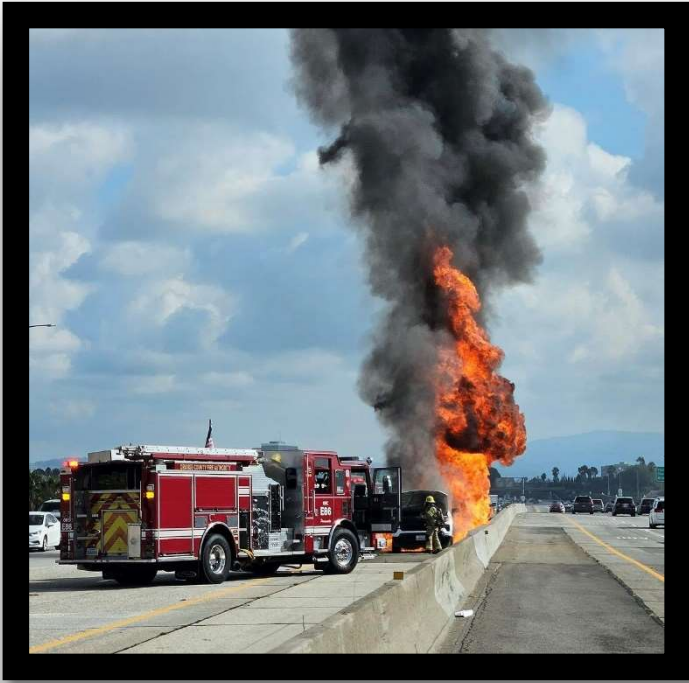


A Station Tour with FS84 and Community Educator Elizabeth Denney

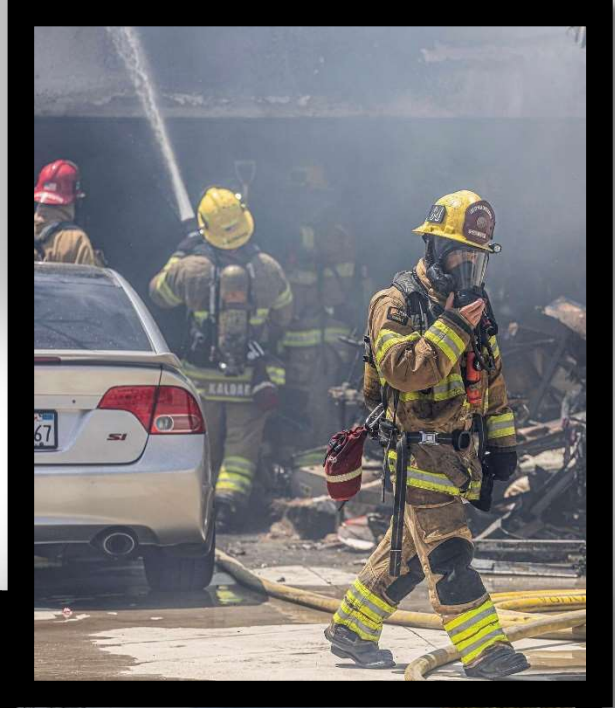
Seal Beach City Staff Dropping off Toys for the Spark of Love program



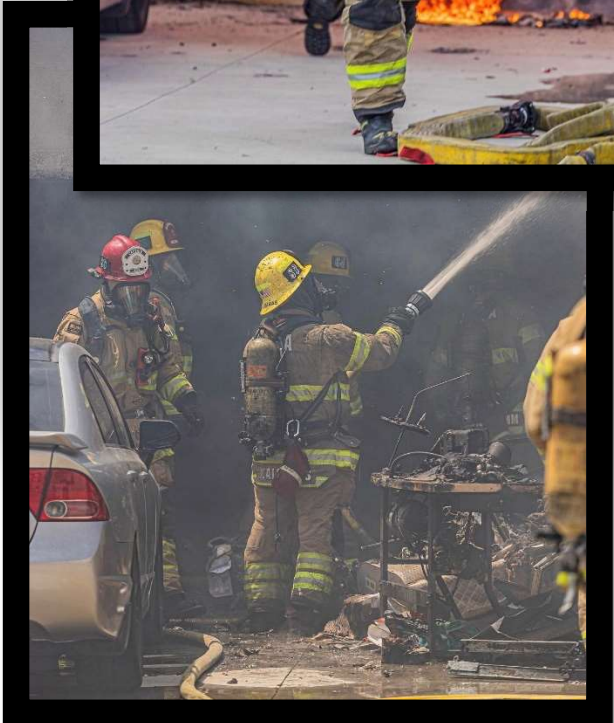
Westminster and Garden Grove crews work together to put out a fire



Engine 86 Battling a Car Fire on the Freeway



Division 1 Crews Put Out a Garage Fire





Nurses and staff from the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) stopped by Fire Station 85 to show their appreciation to the firefighters who helped save an infant in March. They immediately recognized a five-day-old infant's adverse signs and symptoms, began immediate life-supporting care, and rapidly transported him to CHOC. The 5-day-old baby they helped save has a medical condition that goes into full cardiac arrest at home 75-80% of the time. They usually won't survive. CHOC says that the crew definitely played a part in saving the infant's life and bought enough time for the doctors and cardiologists to continue treatment and intervention. The patient is still recovering from the incident. The crew on the incident was Captain Patterson, Engineer Cheung, Firefighter Paramedic Bolanos, and Firefighter Paramedic Gonzalez.



Battalion 1 Firefighter of the Year Kyle Clafford and Battalion 11 Firefighter of the Year Curt Corbin



MEDICAL AID INCIDENT • GARDEN GROVE



On January 4, 2023, the crew of Engine 80 in the City of Garden Grove was dispatched to a dog bite. The crew on this day was Fire Captain Brizendine, Fire Apparatus Engineer Henshaw, Firefighter/Paramedic Cerami, and Firefighter Concialdi. They were met by a frantic person screaming to hurry on their arrival. They were told the victim was inside a bathroom with the dog that had bitten him numerous times. Captain Brizendine requested animal control and the police department for assistance. As they entered the residence, they were met with a large amount of blood on the walls and floor of the home. They were led to a door where the victim's brother was holding a door closed on the dog's body, preventing him from getting to the patient or out toward the firefighters. The dog was still very aggressive and threatening everyone near it. They could see the victim inside the bathroom. He was unconscious and was bleeding profusely from numerous significant and massive wounds. It was clear he needed immediate medical attention, and waiting for assistance from animal control would not be an option. Utilizing a pike pole meant for firefighting, Firefighter/Paramedic Cerami approached the dog that was still fighting to get loose and put himself in harm's way to secure the dog. Any wrong move within this small, confined area and the dog would have immediately attacked him. He successfully gained control of the dog, and Engineer Henshaw and Firefighter Concialdi entered the bathroom and pulled the victim out to safety. They immediately initiated bleeding control and began treating the victim. While enroute to the hospital, the victim went into cardiac arrest due to the extent of his injuries. With advanced life support treatment continued by Paramedics Brizendine and Cerami enroute and the actions of the trauma team at the hospital, the patient was revived and survived! If not for the immediate and courageous actions of the crew of Engine 80, this incident would have had a different outcome. For his brave actions taken in a clearly life-threatening situation, we honor Firefighter/Paramedic Cerami with a Medal of Courage. And for the coordinated work of Engine 80 in their successful effort to save a life in a dynamic and volatile environment, the crew of Engine 80 was recognized with a Unit Citation.

STRUCTURE FIRE INCIDENT • GARDEN GROVE



FC
Steve King
Unit Citation



FAE
Paul Montes
Unit Citation



FF/PM
Broc Fraser
Unit Citation



FF/PM
Jimmy Vangalis
Unit Citation

Engine 25 was dispatched to a structure fire in a two-story apartment complex. They arrived on-scene and quickly started working as a team: Fire Captain King assumed Incident Command, Engineer Montes started supplying water to the firefighters, and Firefighter/Paramedics Fraser and Vangalis started to extinguish the fire. But this incident took an unexpected turn, and the crew quickly adapted. A nearby resident approached the team and reported that a person was still unaccounted for in an upstairs bedroom. The crew jumped into action and immediately initiated a search of the dark black smoke-filled second floor. During the search, they located the missing resident and evacuated her from the structure fire. Once outside, they switched gears and initiated life-saving paramedic care. The crew of Engine 25 exercised adaptability and flexibility in attacking a fire, switching gears to affect a rescue, and then switching gears again to paramedicine; their exemplary performance saved a life and earned the crew an OCFA Unit Citation recognition.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE INCIDENT • GARDEN GROVE



OCFA's Emergency Command Center received a 9-1-1 call of a reported victim trapped in the Santa Ana River channel and immediately dispatched a full swift water rescue response from Division 1. Part of that response is placing fire engines on bridges downstream in the event that the victim gets carried away in the fast-moving flood waters. While Engine 86 was sent to Garden Grove Boulevard, they were alerted to a *second* victim trapped in the waterway, directly below them, trapped against a bridge abutment. This second victim was cold, tired, surrounded by fast-moving water, and just 75 feet upstream from a dangerous low-head dam. Time was of the essence. Engine 86 initiated action and immediately called for additional resources, including Heavy Rescue 6 from Irvine and Technical Rescue Truck 61 from Buena Park.

While the additional resources were on their way, Engine 86 crew members Fire Captain Paramedic Jose Perez, Fire Apparatus Engineer Andrew Strebel, Firefighter Paramedic Jason Cella, and Firefighter Cesar Esmerio lowered down a life vest and rope to the victim to give him the best chance at survival.

Heavy Rescue 6 from Irvine, consisting of Fire Captain Chris Stevens, Engineer Joel Caro, Firefighter Shane Frederick, and Firefighter Anthony Pappani, arrived and assessed the situation. They worked with Truck 61, consisting of Fire Captain Jorge Robledo, Fire Apparatus Engineer Mike LeBeauf, Firefighter Sean Kelly, and Firefighter Erik Lamb. Together, they created a high point rescue, where the aerial ladder extends over a trench or bridge, and a rescue firefighter is lowered down into the channel to affect a rescue.

Firefighter Pappani was lowered into the channel, secured the victim into his harness, and the two were hauled out successfully. The victim was treated for hypothermia and transported to the local hospital.

WEEKLY MEMO 02-22-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

February 15, 2024 - February 21, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

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@CityGardenGrove

Thu 2/15/2024 9:35 am PST

The Garden Grove Public Works Department has an emergency water shutdown on Bailey Street for the next 3 to 4 hours. Due to the emergency nature, crews were unable to notify residents. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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Impressions	160
Potential Reach	4,719
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/15/2024 11:52 am PST

We're looking for the next generation of heroes! Do you have what it takes? The Garden Grove Police Department is now...



Impressions	688
Reach	662
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 2/15/2024 11:54 am PST

We're looking for the next generation of heroes! @GardenGrovePD is now accepting applications for the following...



Impressions	150
Potential Reach	4,719
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



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Thu 2/15/2024 11:57 am PST

👤 We're looking for the next generation of heroes! Do you have what it takes? The Garden Grove Police Department is now...



Impressions	1,446
Reach	1,360
Engagements	57
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/15/2024 5:18 pm PST

Join Garden Grove City Manager Lisa Kim for an UnReel public works edition! We're checking out the Garden Grove Public...



Video Views	294
Impressions	617
Reach	607
Engagements	64
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.4%



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Thu 2/15/2024 5:26 pm PST

Join Garden Grove City Manager Lisa Kim for an UnReel public works edition! We're checking out the Garden Grove Public...



Impressions	3,587
Reach	3,360
Engagements	347
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 2/16/2024 9:42 am PST

The **Civic Center Revitalization Project** will have a pop-up booth at the **6th Annual Art in the Park** community...



Impressions	797
Reach	747
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



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Fri 2/16/2024 9:46 am PST

The **Civic Center Revitalization Project** will have a pop-up booth at **Art in the Park**. Stop by to learn the latest project...



Impressions	158
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



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Fri 2/16/2024 9:49 am PST

The **Civic Center Revitalization Project** will have a pop-up booth at the **6th Annual Art in the Park** community...



Impressions	898
Reach	685
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 2/16/2024 2:45 pm PST

Are you a startup entrepreneur looking to learn, meet, and mingle to build relationships that lead to startup growth...



Impressions	1,186
Reach	1,150
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



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Fri 2/16/2024 2:45 pm PST

Are you a startup entrepreneur looking to learn, meet, and mingle to build relationships that lead to startup growth...



Impressions	887
Reach	806
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Fri 2/16/2024 2:45 pm PST

Wednesday, 2/21 at 12:30 p.m. Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave For information a...



Impressions	201
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.5%



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Fri 2/16/2024 2:45 pm PST

Are you a startup entrepreneur looking to learn, meet, and mingle to build relationships that lead to startup growth...



Impressions	169
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 2/17/2024 1:50 pm PST

#DYK, your ballot can be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, dropped off at a ballot box, or delivered in person at a vot...



Impressions	497
Reach	478
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%



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Sat 2/17/2024 1:52 pm PST

#DYK, your ballot can be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, dropped off at a ballot box, or delivered in person at a vot...



Impressions	595
Reach	474
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



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Sat 2/17/2024 1:53 pm PST

#DYK, your ballot can be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, dropped off at a ballot box, or delivered in person at a vot...



Impressions	183
Potential Reach	4,721
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 2/18/2024 12:00 pm PST

UPDATE: 2/20/24 at 8:30 a.m. Street sweeping will not take place today, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. -----



Impressions	960
Reach	879
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%



gardengrovecityhall

Sun 2/18/2024 12:00 pm PST

UPDATE: 2/20/24 at 8:30 a.m. Street sweeping will not take place today, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. -----



Impressions	1,409
Reach	1,286
Engagements	51
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/20/2024 9:34 am PST



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/20/2024 9:34 am PST

The City, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), will transform Village Green Park into an...



Impressions	455
Reach	446
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/20/2024 9:34 am PST



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/20/2024 11:45 am PST

The City, in collaboration with the Fair Housing Foundation, is hosting FREE Fair Housing Workshops through May in vario...



Impressions	436
Reach	436
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



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Tue 2/20/2024 11:45 am PST

The City, in collaboration with the @fairhousingfoundation, is hosting FREE Fair Housing Workshops through May in...



Impressions	546
Reach	524
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%



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Tue 2/20/2024 11:45 am PST

The City, in collaboration with the Fair Housing Foundation, is hosting FREE Fair Housing Workshops through May in vario...



Impressions	132
Potential Reach	4,721
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 2/21/2024 10:40 am PST

🎨 Create with the heart and build with the mind at this year's FREE Art in the Park event, featuring new activities for all age...



Impressions	1,899
Reach	1,899
Engagements	119
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



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Wed 2/21/2024 10:40 am PST

🎨 Create with the heart and build with the mind at this year's FREE Art in the Park event, featuring new activities for all age...



Impressions	888
Reach	750
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%



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Wed 2/21/2024 10:40 am PST

🎨 Create with the heart and build with the mind at this year's FREE Art in the Park event, featuring new activities for all age...



Impressions	152
Potential Reach	4,721
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



[@CityGardenGrove](#)

Wed 2/21/2024 10:40 am PST

Check out all this and MORE on Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street. ...



Impressions	89
Potential Reach	4,721
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



[Garden Grove City Hall](#)

Wed 2/21/2024 5:40 pm PST

This Saturday, February 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed for the 🏈 West...



Impressions	2,377
Reach	2,328
Engagements	79
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



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Wed 2/21/2024 5:40 pm PST

This Saturday, February 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed for the 🏈 West...



Impressions	1,628
Reach	1,545
Engagements	81
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



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Wed 2/21/2024 5:40 pm PST

This Saturday, February 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed for the 🍷 West...



Impressions	126
Potential Reach	4,756
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.1%



Post Performance

February 15, 2024 - February 21, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 2/15/2024 1:30 pm PST

Today is National School Resource Officer (SRO) Day! Our SROs are liaisons between the schools and #GardenGrovePD. They...



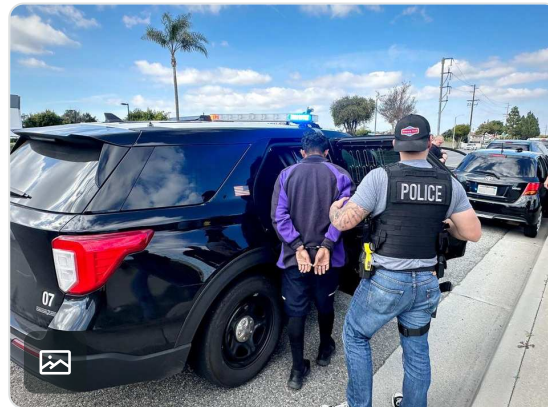
Impressions	5,860
Reach	5,652
Engagements	872
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 2/15/2024 6:00 pm PST

Earlier this month, #GardenGrovePD was contacted by #TMobile stating that numerous iPhones were missing from...

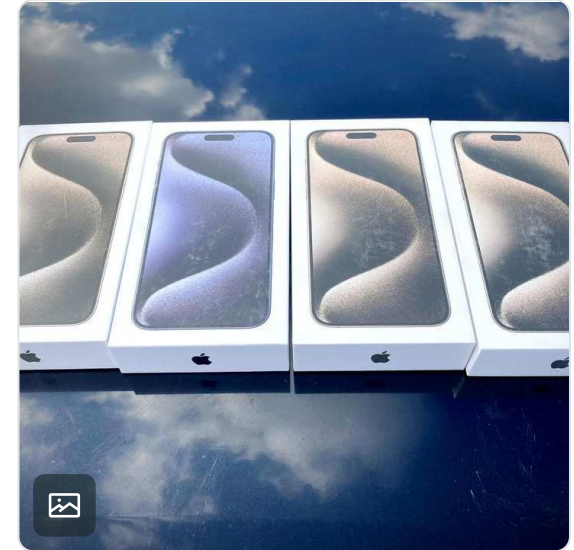


Impressions	51,051
Reach	49,815
Engagements	19,943
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	39.1%




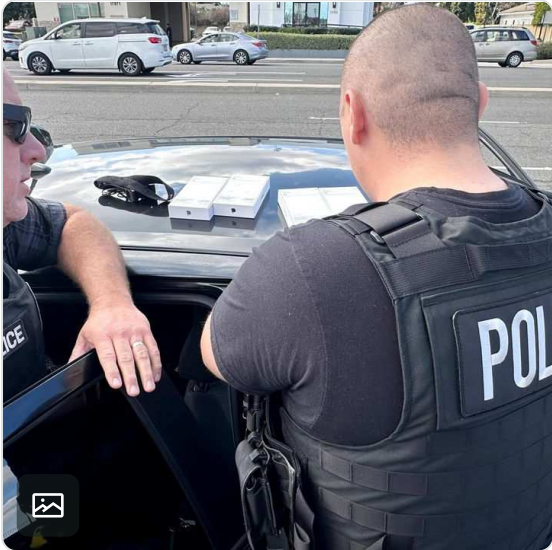
Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 2/15/2024 6:42 pm PST




Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—


 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Thu 2/15/2024 6:42 pm PST




Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Mon 2/19/2024 8:00 am PST


In observance of the Holiday,
 #GardenGrovePD Front Desk and
 Administrative Offices are closed today...



Impressions	1,702
Reach	1,639
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Wed 2/21/2024 3:33 pm PST

AMBER ALERT - Parental Abduction
 The victim is a ward of the State. Today at
 11:16 AM, her mother (suspect) was...



Impressions	0
Reach	0
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 2/21/2024 6:30 pm PST

The Orange County Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association (#OCLEAAA) Academy took place over the weekend...



Impressions —

Reach —

Engagements —

Engagement Rate (per Impression) —

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NEWS ARTICLES



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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024



NEW ART IN THE PARK ACTIVITIES ADDED

The City of Garden Grove announces new activities added to the 6th Annual Art in the Park, an outdoor, interactive art festival taking place on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street.

Activities added include flowerpot painting, giant outdoor games, a LEGO® Creation Station, and Paint and Sip, an outdoor painting experience with non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages provided.

The Paint and Sip activity will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost to participate is \$20 per individual and includes all materials. Space is limited. To register, visit ggcity.org/artinthepark or call (714) 741-5200 by Thursday, March 7, 2024.

C&M Ohana will be onsite selling kettle corn and sweet treats.

The Garden Grove Unified School District's annual First Impressions Student Art Exhibit, showcasing artistic talents of students, grades pre-K through 12th, will be located at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center in Village Green Park. Opening day is Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The exhibit will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024 through Thursday, March 14, 2024.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit ggcity.org/artinthepark.

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024



YOUTH BASEBALL PARADE TO CAUSE ROAD CLOSURES

On Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed for the West Garden Grove Youth Baseball Opening Day parade.

Major streets impacted are Lampson Avenue, from Valley View Street to Lamplighter Street, and Springdale Street, from Stanford Avenue to Belgrave Avenue.

The following streets will also be closed:

- Cerulean Avenue
- Topaz Street
- TrINETTE Street
- Amethyst Street
- Picket Avenue
- Taylor Circle
- Poplar Street

Residents and businesses have been notified in advance.

The Garden Grove Police Department’s Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

The annual West Garden Grove Youth Baseball Opening Day parade begins at 8:00 a.m., in front of Edgar Park, at 6202 Cerulean Avenue. The parade will travel eastbound on Cerulean Avenue to Topaz Street, then head eastbound on Lampson Avenue before ending at Bell Intermediate School, at 12345 Springdale Street.

For street closure information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5283.

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He went from the London Blitz to his Orange County bliss

February 20, 2024



PHIL STALLYBRASS of Garden Grove opens a Christmas present for his great-grandson, Jameson Pytlik. Emma Pytlik (center-right) and great-granddaughter McKinley Pytlik (far right) are watching

By Brian Guevara

Seven-year-old Phil Stallybrass and his two sisters were hiding in their government-provided bunker in England with nothing but a candle and a cigarette their mother gave them to ease the nerves. They were used to it at this point, the daily bombings by the Nazis. It was World War II and The Blitz was in full swing.

Whoosh there goes the flame on their only candle.

"I would curl up into a little tiny ball because in my mind [the bombers] would know exactly where I was at," said Stallybrass. This is rock bottom, in the dawn of his life.

After World War II finally ended, Stallybrass' family left him on his own, sending him into a two year-long stint of homelessness as a teenager.

Fast forward through some military service, years at sea and one power plant construction later, and he is 92, with a loving family of four generations. He not only survived all of the hardship, but he thrived in the face of adversity. But that's who he is: a survivor.

"If something comes up, I'm going to find any way possible to survive it," said Stallybrass. Zack Barrett, his neighbor of 40 years, agrees.

"He would catch flying fish, taxidermy them, and sell them once he got back to shore," said Barrett. "He's a survivalist."

He has been an active and loving member of his family for so long that his grandson Tyler Pytlik calls him a "titan."

"He's had a wild life... for him to be here right now is nothing short of a miracle," said 33-year old Tyler.

But somehow, the most impressive part about him isn't the fact that he's lived 92 years. It's the fact that he has done so with a full and open heart, even though the world has given every reason not to.

When looking at everything he has done, it's hard to choose just one thing that could be considered the highlight of his life.

But for him, it's easy: the Niagara Falls Power Project.

The largest power generating plant at the time, this was a project spanning multiple years that was fulfilling for Stallybrass, but also extremely dangerous. The fact he did this is one of the things he's most proud of.

"I was hanging from the cliff drilling into a wall holding a 100lb. jackhammer... I fell 90 ft., and the rope finally grabbed," recalled Stallybrass. "The foreman saved me, pulled a bottle out of his pocket and offered it to me, then told me to get my ass back up there... but I wasn't hurt so that was a good deal!"

After the power project was completed, Stallybrass decided to do something people only bluff about: blindly place a pin on a map to decide where he would spend the next part of his life.

That pin landed in Orange County.

Since 1962, he has been a model neighbor, father and grandfather, and a significant member of the Garden Grove community.

Nowadays, Stallybrass spends his time crafting model ships (which he's been doing for decades), maintaining his house, and taking care of everyone around him.

Keep in mind, this is a man in his nineties doing all that.

Summed up, Phil's life so far has been nothing short of a testament to the human spirit. He feels it doesn't matter what's happened to you, because you always have the next day. It's always up to you to treat the world with unconditional love. Many people would strive to live the life Phil Stallybrass has led.

Two more waves of churches

February 20, 2024



CAO DAI temple on Orangewood Avenue in Garden Grove (Tribune photo).
Second of two parts on churches in Garden Grove as we celebrate the community's founding 150 years ago in 1874.

The post-war boom in babies and building pushed Garden Grove from a town to city and a boom in new houses of worship followed.

St. Columban's Catholic Church was established in 1955 on Stanford Avenue between Nelson and Euclid streets. The parish grew so fast that a bigger, more modern sanctuary was established in 1967 on an adjacent lot and the original building converted to a hall.

The Garden Grove Community Church was established in 1955 by Rev. Robert Schuller, and soon become famous for the drive-in church concept, first at a movie drive-in and later at a new facility at Chapman Avenue and Lewis Street. In 1981 the new glass-faced Crystal Cathedral opened as the home of the "Hour of Power" TV show.

However, changing times and financial pressures compelled its sale to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and a name change to Christ Cathedral in 2019.

As the city grew in the 50s and 60s, congregations of Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Jehovah's Witnesses etc. formed and built their own buildings for worship, education and charity.

The third wave is in response to the inflow of Asians (primarily Korean and Vietnamese) starting in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

There are dozens of temples and other houses of worship in the city, one of the most visually striking being the Cao Dai temple on Orangewood Avenue, west of Magnolia Street. Caodaism is a faith founded in Vietnam that combines Western and Eastern doctrines.

Village, churches both grew



THE METHODIST CHURCH as it looked in the late 1950s (Wikipedia).

The year 2024 is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Garden Grove in 1874. Here's the latest in a series about the history of the Big Strawberry. First part of two on local churches.

By **Jim Tortolano**

Garden Grove was once renowned for having more churches per capita than any city of its size. It remains a fertile ground for many faiths, and has been that way since it began as a village in the 19th century.

It's also known as the home of one of the world's most famous: the Christ Cathedral, formerly known as the Crystal Cathedral.

Garden Grove's first house of worship was the First (now United) Methodist Church in 1875. Started in a worshipper's parlor, it moved to a new sanctuary and has remained in its place at what is now Main Street and Stanford Avenue, although it has been rebuilt several times.

In 1895 a Seventh Day Adventist church (and later a school) was established on Ninth Street, followed by the Alamitos Friends Church on Magnolia Street, south of Chapman Avenue. Later renamed Garden Grove Friends Church, it was the first "Quaker" church to be established in Orange County in 1891. The campus is now home to the Lambertian Ministry Center, connected to the Christ Cathedral.

The First Baptist Church was established in 1897. It's now located next to the Village Green Park on Euclid Street.

Devotees of Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints – usually known as "Mormons" established a community on Buaro Street, which is the site of one of three LDS campuses in Garden Grove, one on Stanford Avenue (near Brookhurst Street) and another on Valley View Street.

Century Boulevard was home to a congregation of the Four Square Gospel Church, founded by celebrity evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson in the 1920s. It's now known as Living Word. It was highly visible because of the red neon cross on the steeple.

Pollo Campero gets approval

February 16, 2024



POLLO CAMPERO will be coming to Garden Grove (Pollo Campero).

Garden Grovers will soon have a new choice for fast food chicken.

On a 6-0 vote – with Asia Cunningham absent – the planning commission on Thursday night approved a site plan and variance for a Pollo Campero outlet on the south side of Chapman Avenue, east of Harbor Boulevard.

PMDG is planning to construct a 1,977-square foot restaurant pad building with a drive-through lane. The existing building will be demolished.

Pollo Campero serves fried and grilled chicken, salads and sides. It originated in Guatemala in 1971.

Also Thursday night, Josh Lindsay was elected chair of the commission and John Ramirez chosen to be vice chair.

VIET-BAO NEWS ONLINE

Thành phố và học khu Garden Grove hợp tác mang đến sự kiện nghệ thuật “Art in The Park”

16/02/2024

Thành phố Garden Grove, phối hợp cùng Học Khu Garden Grove (GGUSD) mang đến cộng đồng sự kiện nghệ thuật 'Art in the Park' tổ chức lần thứ 6 vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 9 tháng Ba, 2024, từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa, trong khuôn viên Village Green park, tại địa chỉ 12732 Main Street. Chương trình hoàn toàn miễn phí cho mọi lứa tuổi tham gia.

Các hoạt động tại sự kiện sẽ bao gồm xe nghệ thuật (Art Car), cơ hội vẽ trên một chiếc xe cổ biến thành một bức tranh nghệ thuật; một khu vui chơi tự do; triển lãm đồ gốm và các lớp học đàn ukulele

Sự kiện 'Art in the Park' cũng sẽ có các buổi biểu diễn trực tiếp của học sinh GGUSD, cũng như các tác phẩm nghệ thuật đương đại, bao gồm biểu ngữ 'RE:IMAGINE' cỡ lớn, trưng bày tác phẩm nghệ thuật của các em học sinh.

Triển lãm Nghệ thuật 'First Impressions' dành cho các em học sinh trung học của học khu Garden Grove thể hiện tài năng nghệ thuật mình, từ mẫu giáo đến lớp 12, một lần nữa sẽ được tổ chức tại Garden Grove Courtyard Center, ở Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xin liên lạc về Ban phục vụ cộng đồng tại (714) 741-5200, hoặc truy cập ggcity.org/artinthepark.

VIEN-DONG NEWS ONLINE

SỞ CẢNH SÁT GARDEN GROVE HIỆN ĐANG NHẬN ĐƠN TUYỂN NHÂN VIÊN

22/2/2024

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang nhận đơn trực tuyến cho các vị trí cảnh sát tuyên thệ (sworn) và không tuyên thệ (non-sworn.) Hạn chót nộp đơn là Thứ Hai, 4 tháng Ba, 2024. Để ghi danh, xin vào trang ggpd.org/join. Cơ hội việc làm cho các vị trí toàn thời gian (Full-time) và bán thời gian (Parttime) bao gồm cảnh sát viên (police recruit), sĩ quan cảnh sát (lateral police officer/Police officer), và học viên cảnh sát (police cadet.)

Garden Grove là một thành phố đa văn hóa với một cộng đồng ngày càng phát triển. Đối với các sĩ quan cảnh sát tuyên thệ, sở cảnh sát Garden Grove cung cấp các chương trình đào tạo chuyên môn xuất sắc trong các lĩnh vực điều tra tai nạn, huấn luyện chó, trấn áp băng đảng, điều tra, dịch vụ vị thành niên, tuần tra đường phố, vũ khí và chiến thuật đặc biệt, thực thi pháp luật, sau khi có đủ kinh nghiệm trong sở cảnh sát.

Garden Grove điều chỉnh những chính sách thích hợp cho cộng đồng. Thành phố cung cấp các phúc lợi bao gồm các khoản đóng góp cho bảo hiểm y tế, nha khoa và bảo hiểm mắt; Hiệp hội

Cảnh sát Garden Grove trả một phần chi phí y tế suốt đời; chương trình hoàn trả học phí; trả thêm nếu nói được song ngữ; ngày nghỉ có trả lương; phúc lợi về hưu thông qua CalPERS; và các cơ hội làm việc uyển chuyển trong toàn bộ phận.

Để đăng ký trực tuyến hoặc để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết và yêu cầu trong công việc, hãy truy cập ggpd.org/join, hoặc liên lạc ông Jason Johnson ở sở cảnh sát Garden Grove tại (714) 741-5922 hoặc jasonj@ggcity.org

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

February 22, 2024 - February 28, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/22/2024 5:22 pm PST

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the **2024 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception!** 🎓 By becoming...



Impressions	1,248
Reach	1,202
Engagements	61
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.9%



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Thu 2/22/2024 5:22 pm PST

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the **2024 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception!** 🎓 By becoming...



Impressions	1,136
Reach	929
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 2/22/2024 5:22 pm PST

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the **2024 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception!** 🎓 Help support...



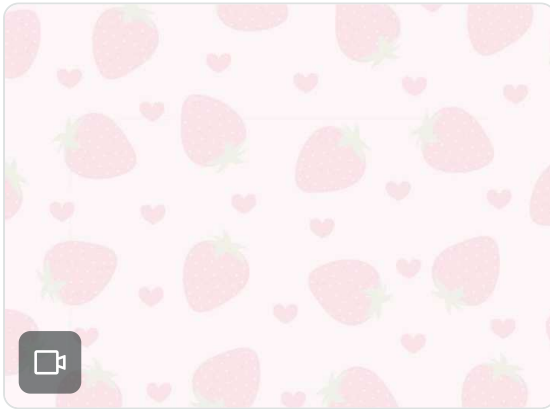
Impressions	215
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 2/26/2024 2:25 pm PST

Who's ready for a fin-tastic reveal!? The 🍓 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is thrilled to announce that Wing Lam and ...



Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Mon 2/26/2024 2:25 pm PST

Who's ready for a fin-tastic reveal!? The 🍓 @strawberry.festival is thrilled to announce that Wing Lam and Ed Lee, brothers and...



Impressions	1,739
Reach	1,664
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 2/26/2024 2:25 pm PST

The @GGStrawberryFst is thrilled to announce that Wing Lam and Ed Lee, brothers and co-owners of 🐟 Wahoo's Fi...



Impressions	155
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 2/26/2024 5:00 pm PST

It's almost time to turn your blank canvas into a masterpiece! 🎨 Let your imagination run wild, and sign up for Art ...



Impressions	686
Reach	664
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.3%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 2/26/2024 5:00 pm PST

🎨 Let your imagination run wild, and sign up for Art in the Park's Paint and Sip, an outdoor painting experience. For more in...



Impressions	174
Potential Reach	4,720
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



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Mon 2/26/2024 5:00 pm PST

It's almost time to turn your blank canvas into a masterpiece! 🎨 Let your imagination run wild, and sign up for Art ...



Impressions	949
Reach	893
Engagements	55
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 2/27/2024 9:10 am PST

🔍 Looking for a new passion, pastime, or event near YOU? The Winter and Spring 2024 Parks and Recreation Guide has a...



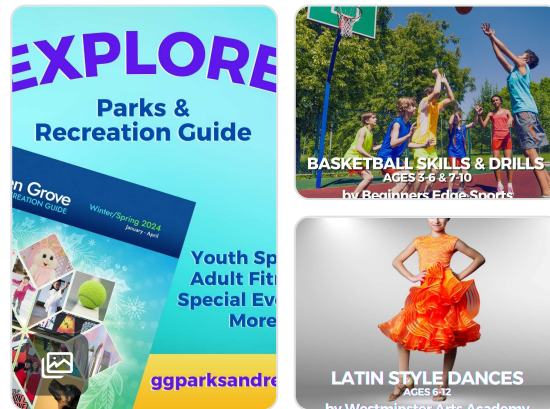
Impressions	803
Reach	750
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 2/27/2024 9:10 am PST

🔍 Looking for a new passion, pastime, or event near YOU? The Winter and Spring 2024 Parks and Recreation Guide has a...



Impressions	416
Reach	328
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%




Post Performance

February 22, 2024 - February 28, 2024

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report


 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Fri 2/23/2024 1:40 pm PST

Are you interested in a career in law enforcement, but too young to be an officer? Our #cadet program is just for...




Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sat 2/24/2024 2:00 pm PST

Yesterday, February 23, 2024, at 2:24 PM, #GardenGrovePD Officers responded to the area of Dale St / Orangewood Ave...



Impressions	6,620
Reach	6,620
Engagements	913
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.8%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Wed 2/28/2024 12:30 pm PST

Choose a career of courage, courtesy and commitment. #Officer \$6,839 - \$10,008 monthly #Lateral \$6,839 - \$10,008...



Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 2/28/2024 12:30 pm PST

Visit <http://ggpd.org/join> and submit your application by 5:00 PM, March 4, 2024. #GGPD32 #GardenGrove #JoinGGPD...



Video Views	603
Impressions	1,748
Reach	1,748
Engagements	128
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 2/28/2024 6:00 pm PST

Back in December 2023, #GardenGrovePD officers responded to the area of Buena St. / Keel Ave. referencing a shooting. After...



Impressions	2,065
Reach	1,969
Engagements	408
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	19.8%

WEEKLY MEMO 02-29-2024

NEWS ARTICLES



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Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES INVITED TO UPCOMING EVENT
ON POTENTIAL CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CIVIC CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

The City of Garden Grove, along with project developer Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate and design-builder Clark Construction Group, is hosting a small business outreach event for members of the small and local business community to learn more about contracting opportunities for the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project. The event will be held next Tuesday, March 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue. Please visit www.ggcity.org/civic-center to register.

The project team is seeking small local and minority subcontractors for the following: site services, grading, and excavation; miscellaneous concrete; reinforcing steel; masonry; miscellaneous metals; carpentry; waterproofing and roofing; lockers and accessories; toilet partitions; insulation; acoustic ceilings; framing and drywall; window shades; site utilities; landscaping; site concrete, curbs, and gutters; doors, frames, and hardware; building demolition; and casework and millwork.

-more-

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES INVITED TO UPCOMING EVENT ON POTENTIAL
CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CIVIC CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT
2-2-2

The Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project is the development of a new public safety facility for the Garden Grove Police Department, a new parking structure, and a redesigned Civic Center Park.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/civic-center or call the Economic Development and Housing Department at (714) 741-5130.

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New GGPD building, etc. will cost \$152 million, council is told

February 28



CONCEPT IMAGE of the new GGPD building, with parking structure (blue) and existing fire station (red).

The new Garden Grove Police Department building to be erected at the corner of Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street, along with other parts of Civic Center Revitalization project, will cost \$152 million, the city council was told at its meeting on Tuesday night.

Most of the money – \$140 million – will come from the sale of lease revenue bonds and the remainder – \$12 million in cash – from city coffers.

Representatives from Edgemoor, a Virginia-based development and design firm – Brian Dugan and Christina Solomon – addressed the council and spoke about the significance of the police structure and offered some details about its design, which is “almost ready for prime time,” according to Dugan.

They noted that the next step is a finished proposed exterior look for the three-level building and the streetscape. Edgemoor is tasked with overseeing the building of the GGPD building, an attached parking structure and a new public park planned to the east of the existing fire station now served by the Orange County Fire Authority.

G. Grove, Hunt. Beach rated among 'happiest cities' in U.S.

February 27



HUNTINGTON BEACH and Garden Grove are among the happiest cities in the U.S, according to a new study (Pexels/Jill Wellington).

Garden Grove and Huntington Beach have been honored as among the "Happiest Cities in America" by the financial website [WalletHub.com](https://www.wallethub.com).

The rankings put Huntington Beach in 12th and Garden Grove in 14th. The other Orange County city making the the top 25 are Irvine (fifth) and Anaheim (25th).

Seven of the top 15 cities were in California, with Fremont in first, San Jose in third, San Francisco in seventh and San Diego in 15th.

Cities were evaluated based on emotional and physical well-being, income and employment, and community and environment.

The lowest-ranked city is Detroit in 182nd place. The lowest California city is San Bernardino (127th). The survey only considered "the largest cities" in the U.S.

A survey of the "Happiest States" by [WalletHub.com](https://www.wallethub.com) lists California in seventh place. Ahead of the Golden State are Utah, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey and Connecticut.

In last place is West Virginia.

2024 Strawberry Festival goes fishing with the Wahoo Brothers

February 23



THE WAHOO BROTHERS: Ed Lee, Wing Lam and Mingo Lee.

Fans of the popular Wahoo's Fish Taco eateries will get a chance to see the founders of the restaurant chain up close at the 2024 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival.

Wing Lam and Ed Lee will be the celebrity grand marshals of the festival parade, to be held on Saturday, May 25.

The festival, with the theme of "Celebrating Our Hometown," will be at the Village Green park, located at Main and Euclid streets in the downtown area of Garden Grove.

"I am honored to be asked, along with my brother to be celebrity grand marshals," said Ed Lee, co-owner of Wahoo's Fish Tacos. "The festival has provided my family and community with many years of memories, and we look forward to creating many more."

Mark Mahoney, president of the Festival Association, said of the Wahoo's brothers that "their entrepreneurial spirit, commitment to community and the success of Wahoo's Fish Taco make them an ideal representation of the values we hold dear."

The first Wahoo's Tacos was opened in Costa Mesa in 1988. The unique flavor of the tacos came from the unique heritage of the family, from China to Brazil to Baja Mexico.

Since the founding, the chain has grown to eateries all across Orange County and Southern California, as well as Colorado, Nevada (Las Vegas) and New Jersey.

The Strawberry Festival, established in 1958, is one of the largest community events in the Western United States. For more information, go to www.strawberryfestival.org .

Civic Center update planned

February 23, 2024



CONCEPTUAL map of a remade Civic Center for Garden Grove.

An update on the Civic Center Revitalization Project tops the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

A new two-or-three story police headquarters building is planned for the Civic Center area, currently bounded by Euclid Street, Garden Grove Boulevard, Seventh Street and Stanford Avenue.

In addition to constructing the new police HQ and adjacent parking structure, a new park is contemplated in the eastern area of the site.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting is the second reading and adoption of an ordinance clearing the way for a 30-unit townhome project at Central Avenue and Brookhurst Street on what was long the site of the Marie Callendar's restaurant.

The meeting will be held at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. at 6 p.m.

Baseball parade on Saturday

February 23, 2024



THE WEST GROVE Youth Baseball parade is an annual event

Baseball season is about to begin this weekend, at least for the younger generation.

On Saturday (Feb. 24) from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., various streets in Garden Grove will be closed for the West Garden Grove Youth Baseball Opening Day parade.

Major streets impacted are Lampson Avenue, from Valley View Street to Lamplighter Street, and Springdale Street, from Stanford Avenue to Belgrave Avenue.

The following streets will also be closed:

- Cerulean Avenue
- Topaz Street
- Trinette Street
- Amethyst Street
- Picket Avenue
- Taylor Circle
- Poplar Street

Residents and businesses have been notified in advance.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

The annual West Garden Grove Youth Baseball Opening Day parade begins at 8 a.m., in front of Edgar Park, at 6202 Cerulean Avenue. The parade will travel eastbound on Cerulean Avenue to Topaz Street, then head eastbound on Lampson Avenue before ending at Bell Intermediate School, at 12345 Springdale St.

For street closure information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5283.

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Housing sales 3rd hottest in US

February 23, 2024



THE HOUSING MARKET in Garden Grove was the third-hottest among mid-sized cities in the United States in 2023

It was once speculated that Garden Grove might be sitting on a fortune of underground petroleum, or “black gold.”

Now, it seems that Garden Grove homeowners are sitting on – or living – in a pile of real gold. According to Construction Coverage, which monitors the market for housing across the United States, Garden Grove ranks third out of 122 midsize cities in the nation in its “Hottest Real Estate Markets of 2024” report.

The Big Strawberry is topped only by Providence, Rhode Island and Fremont, California on the list. Other California cities in the Top 15 are Hayward (sixth), Irvine (eighth), Anaheim (11th), Escondido (14th) and Chula Vista (15th).

The reports states that, as of December 2023, the median home sale price in Garden Grove was \$925,000, representing a 16 percent increase over one year.

Fifty-three percent of Garden Grove homes sold over their asking price in 2023, and spent a median of 33 days on the market.

Criteria used in ranking the markets included not just the one-year change in median sale price, but also the share of homes sold above asking price, median number of days on the market, average sale-to-list percentage and share of listings with price drops.

NGUOI-VIET DAILY NEWS

SỞ CẢNH SÁT GARDEN GROVE HIỆN ĐANG NHẬN ĐƠN TUYỂN NHÂN VIÊN

24/2/2024

Thành phố Garden Grove hiện đang nhận đơn trực tuyến cho các vị trí cảnh sát tuyên thệ (sworn) và không tuyên thệ (non-sworn.) Hạn chót nộp đơn là Thứ Hai, 4 tháng Ba, 2024. Để ghi danh, xin vào trang ggpd.org/join. Cơ hội việc làm cho các vị trí toàn thời gian (Full-time) và bán thời gian (Parttime) bao gồm cảnh sát viên (police recruit), sĩ quan cảnh sát (lateral police officer/Police officer), và học viên cảnh sát (police cadet.)

Garden Grove là một thành phố đa văn hóa với một cộng đồng ngày càng phát triển. Đối với các sĩ quan cảnh sát tuyên thệ, sở cảnh sát Garden Grove cung cấp các chương trình đào tạo chuyên môn xuất sắc trong các lĩnh vực điều tra tai nạn, huấn luyện chó, trấn áp băng đảng, điều tra, dịch vụ vị thành niên, tuần tra đường phố, vũ khí và chiến thuật đặc biệt, thực thi pháp luật, sau khi có đủ kinh nghiệm trong sở cảnh sát.

Garden Grove điều chỉnh những chính sách thích hợp cho cộng đồng. Thành phố cung cấp các phúc lợi bao gồm các khoản đóng góp cho bảo hiểm y tế, nha khoa và bảo hiểm mắt; Hiệp hội Cảnh sát Garden Grove trả một phần chi phí y tế suốt đời; chương trình hoàn trả học phí; trả thêm nếu nói được song ngữ; ngày nghỉ có trả lương; phúc lợi về hưu thông qua CalPERS; và các cơ hội làm việc uyển chuyển trong toàn bộ phận.

Để đăng ký trực tuyến hoặc để biết thêm thông tin chi tiết và yêu cầu trong công việc, hãy truy cập ggpd.org/join, hoặc liên lạc ông Jason Johnson ở sở cảnh sát Garden Grove tại (714) 741-5922 hoặc jasonj@ggcity.org

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
February 29, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the March 7, 2024 and Meeting Minutes for the February 15, 2024 and December 21, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from February 21, 2024 to February 29, 2024.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 29, 2024 – April 9, 2024

Monday	March 4	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	March 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	March 9	11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Art in the Park, Village Green Park 12732 Main St.
Tuesday	March 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	March 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 7, 2024 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Community Development Department at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public, who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR RAMIREZ
COMMISSIONERS ARBGAST, CUEVA, CUNNINGHAM, LARICCHIA,
PAREDES

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [February 15, 2024](#)
- C. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
 - C.1. Review of the [Code of Ethics](#)
 - C.2. Presentation on pertinent ethics, open meetings, land use, and housing laws and new legislation.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Commissioner Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Ramirez

SELECTION OF CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Arbgast nominated Commissioner Lindsay for Chair, with a second from Commissioner Ramirez.

Action: Motion approved with a 6-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (6) Arbgast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

Commissioner Lindsay assumed the duties of Chair.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Arbgast nominated Commissioner Ramirez for Vice Chair, with a second from Commissioner Lindsay.

Action: Motion approved with a 6-0 vote as follows:

Ayes: (6) Arbgast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

December 21, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Arbcast Second: Ramirez

Ayes: (5) Arbcast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Abstain: (1) Paredes
Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-133-2024 AND VARIANCE NO. V-041-2024 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHAPMAN AVENUE, EAST OF HARBOR BOULEVARD, AT 12542 CHAPMAN AVENUE

Applicant: PMDG, INC. (VANDANA KELKAR)
Date: February 15, 2024

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a 1,977 square foot restaurant pad building with a drive-thru lane, along with associated site improvements. Also, a request for Variance approval to deviate from the minimum 180'-0" lot frontage and 50,000 square foot lot size requirements for the Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – Tourist Commercial "B" (HCSP-TCB) zone. The existing 1,785 square foot building will be demolished to facilitate the proposed project. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6082-24 was approved.

Motion: Arbcast Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (6) Arbcast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2020-174 (REINSTATEMENT 2024) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHAPMAN AVENUE, WEST OF BROOKHURST STREET, AT 9852 CHAPMAN AVENUE

Applicant: SVAP II CHAPMAN, LLC
Date: February 15, 2024

Request: A request to reinstate the approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2020-174 to subdivide a 7.03-acre (306,411 square feet) property into two (2)

parcels to create a new 0.45-acre (19,459 square feet) parcel for a drive-thru restaurant pad building at the Pavilion Plaza West shopping center. The City of Garden Grove Planning Commission previously approved Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2020-174 on February 18, 2021 in conjunction with Site Plan No. SP-096-2021, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-200-2021, and Variance, No. V-032-2021, which facilitated the construction of the Pavilion Plaza West shopping center. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. No changes to the previously approved project are proposed.

In conjunction with this request, the City of Garden Grove Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the potential environmental impacts of the project were analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project adopted by the Planning Commission on February 18, 2021 and that no further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required pursuant to Section 21166 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6083-24 was approved.
Motion: Arbgast Second: Laricchia
Ayes: (6) Arbgast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2023 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Laricchia Second: Arbgast
Ayes: (6) Arbgast, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Lindsay inquired about the Cottages and Pepe’s as to when each of these will be open. Commissioner Lindsay inquired about the status of the existing Coco’s building; that possibly another restaurant will be built.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: There will be a meeting on March 7, 2024 regarding the Brown Act, Code of Ethics, and housing legislative update. Staff will send out an email as a reminder to be sure that there is a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:34 p.m.

Rosemarie Jacot

Rosemarie Jacot
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Cueva, Paredes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Arbgast.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

December 7, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Arbgast Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cunningham, Laricchia Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Cueva, Paredes

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2023 – SITE PLAN NO. SP-129-2023 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF BIXBY AVENUE, BETWEEN CARTHAY CIRCLE AND PEACOCK COURT, AT 9691 BIXBY AVENUE

Applicant: THE JAGER CO., LTD

Date: December 21, 2023

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a three-story, 27-unit residential apartment complex and associated site improvements on a 0.83-acre lot. The proposal includes three (3) affordable housing units for "very-low income" households. Inclusion of the three (3) very low-income units qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law,

and the project has been designed to incorporate certain concessions and waivers of development standards pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. All existing on-site improvements will be demolished to accommodate the proposed development. The site is in the R-2 (Limited Multiple Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects – of the state CEQA guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6073-23 was approved with amendments to the conditions of approval to read as follows:

78. Each dwelling shall be provided at least one (1) parking space within the garage. However, no two (2) different dwelling units shall share any tandem parking spaces. At least two (2) non-tandem parking spaces shall be available for guest parking at all times. A placard shall be posed to identify each parking space as "Reserved" or as "Guest".
92. As proposed by the applicant, the applicant shall implement and maintain a pet waste management program for the life of the project, which requires each tenant to identify their pets and provide DNA samples of their dogs so that in the event that there is uncleaned dog waste, identification of the responsible dog's owner can be made. The program shall utilize "Poo Prints®" or a similar program. The program shall include standard lease provisions obligating tenants to identify their pets and to provide a DNA sample of each of their dogs, and providing a process pursuant to which tenants that fail to clean up their pets' waste may be subject to fines imposed by the Project's management company and the payment of the costs for lab analysis of the abandoned waste from their dogs and associated clean-up costs. The specific program provisions shall be reviewed and approved by the City and included in the management plan approved by the City as part of the affordable housing regulatory agreement for the Project.
93. At least two (2) pet waste stations shall be installed within the project site. The exact location of the pet waste stations shall be identified in the detailed plan submitted by the applicant as part of the Building and Safety Plan Check process.

94. As proposed by the applicant, the applicant shall installed a light fixture on the new relocated power pole in accordance with the Public Works Engineering Division and Southern California Edison required standards.

95. As offered and proposed by the applicant, prior to issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall contribute \$2,000.00 to the City to only be used towards implementing the Safe Route To School infrastructure recommendations for the Brookhurst Elementary School, as described in Section 6.8 and 6.9 of the Safe Routes to School Phase 1 Master Plan.

Also, staff confirmed that the site was not in a sewer deficient area; that a trip generation analysis was conducted indicating the project site would incur less daily trips during peak hours than the previous pre-school; that police calls for service in the project area were a mixture of random incidents occurring at no particular time; that per Condition No. 16, the applicant would provide a sidewalk on the front of the property; and that the three-story height did not exceed the height limit in the zone.

Other than the applicant, three people spoke in favor of the project, while four spoke in opposition citing concerns for student safety around the school, traffic issues such as accidents, speeding, insufficient parking, double-parking, overcrowding, increased traffic, no sidewalks, and that the balcony could be a potential shooter location.

Three letters of support were submitted by Californians for Home Ownership, The Kennedy Commission, and People for Housing, while one letter of opposition was submitted by Michael Torres.

Staff mentioned they could work with the Police to monitor the area and paint certain curbs red to improve visibility.

Motion: Arbgast Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Cueva, Paredes

Chair Lindsay called for a break at 8:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-250-2023, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ACACIA PARKWAY AND EUCLID STREET AT 11261-11301 ACACIA PARKWAY

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Date: December 21, 2023

Request: The City of Garden Grove is requesting Conditional Use Permit approval authorizing the construction and operation of a new police headquarters, which includes demolition of the existing police headquarters, construction of a new police headquarters building of up to 104,400 square feet to accommodate up to 221 police officers, construction of a new parking structure with up to 448 spaces, and construction of a new approximately 2.8-acre park within the City's Civic Center Area. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) & CC-OS (Civic Center Open Space) zones. The Planning Commission will also consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and an associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

Action: Resolution Nos. 6075-23 (CUP) and 6080-23 (MND-MMRP) were approved.

Staff stated that biological resources would be impacted at less than significant levels, adding that a nesting bird survey had been conducted and there are no candidate, sensitive, or special status species located on-site or in the immediate project vicinity. This includes the black crowned night heron, which is not protected under the federal Endangered Species Act, the California Endangered Species Act, or by local jurisdictions. Most birds, including the black-crowned night heron, will be protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code, regarding the protection of eggs, nests, and young during any construction related activities. The construction contractor would be required to comply with the law in regards to nests, eggs and/or young during the nesting season. In accordance with the law, precautions are required such as preconstruction nesting surveys prior to grading activities. Should eggs and/or young be discovered prior to grading activities, minimization measures intended to protect the eggs and/or young would be implemented in accordance with the law.

Three people spoke in opposition regarding the existing park's wildlife, especially the Black Crowned Night Herons losing their habitat. One person spoke in favor of a new police building.

Eleven letters were submitted with concerns for the disappearance of the park as a wetland habitat for various forms of wildlife, as well as being the home of the Black Crowned Night Heron.

Commissioners expressed that although the new park could enhance future Community Services programming, the park's amenities should differ from the Village Green Park's amenities, and possibly mirror elements of the existing park to the new park.

Motion: Arbcast Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arbcast, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Cueva, Paredes

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioners wished staff a Merry Christmas.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff also wished Commissioners Happy Holidays and introduced new Senior Planner, Monica Mercado-Rodriguez. Staff then added that the January 4th meeting would be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:08 p.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



Cal Cities puts local control at the forefront with 12 sponsored bills

Feb 21, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities is proactively working with lawmakers on a series of bills that advance cities' interests. The sponsored measures focus on wildfire preparedness, addiction treatment, emergency medical services, autonomous vehicle services, the Brown Act, and unfunded state mandates.

The 12 bills are just a preview of what's to come. Lawmakers introduced over 2,100 bills by Friday's bill introduction deadline. While it's not quite as many as last year's [record-breaking count](#), it's more than enough to keep the Cal Cities advocacy team busy.

To learn about the biggest bills for cities, sign up for next month's [new legislation briefing](#).

[Wildfire preparedness and organic waste programs among top environmental priorities for Cal Cities](#)

Cal Cities is sponsoring [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#), a bill that would make it easier for cities to remove vegetation in fire-risk areas next to urban communities by expediting environmental permits. If the California Department of Fish and Wildlife does not approve the permits within the proposed timeline, then the State Fire Marshal could authorize local vegetation removal efforts to protect life and property. The bill would also require two state agencies to overlay existing critical habitat maps with fire hazard severity zone maps to help local and state officials identify and streamline necessary permits.

Crucially, AB 2330 does not take a shot clock or automatic permit approval approach. Instead, it would maintain the state's permitting authorities, with a new step in the review process for these routine projects to ensure a balanced approval that prioritizes environmental review and community wildfire preparedness.

Cal Cities is also sponsoring a bill that would strengthen statewide efforts and provide greater accountability to remove organic waste and reduce methane emissions: [SB 972 \(Min\)](#). The bill would support local jurisdictions by further defining the state's existing assistance efforts. The measure would also require CalRecycle to report back to the Legislature on the progress of diverting organic waste from landfills and how to better align [SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) with the state's other climate goals — including zero-

emission vehicles and water conservation goals — where organic waste could be re-used.

The independent Little Hoover Commission released a [critical analysis](#) of California's organic waste laws last June. SB 972 seeks to address some of the concerns outlined in the report and is one of over a dozen related bills introduced this year.

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative affairs lobbyist, and Zack Cefalu, legislative affairs and policy analyst*

Transparency and oversight top of mind in renewed effort to strengthen recovery housing

Cal Cities is sponsoring four addiction treatment bills in response to a [potential investment](#) in behavioral health care. Broadly speaking, the measures aim to reduce the overconcentration of drug and alcohol recovery facilities in residential areas and provide reasonable oversight that ensures the safety and success of those receiving services. [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#) would require licensed treatment facilities to publicly disclose any violations by the facility or program on their website. [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#) would codify existing case law from 2019, which determined that unlicensed recovery homes operating as part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere may be considered unlawful business use within a residential zone.

The other two proposals will be amended into existing measures by March 11. A bill by Sen. Tom Umberg would allow cities to investigate and enforce existing licensing laws after getting approval from the state. Asm. Diane Dixon is working on a measure that would require the state to notify cities when they approve a license within their jurisdiction and implement distance requirements from other licensed facilities.

Drug and alcohol recovery facilities are loosely regulated in California. Cities and [lawmakers](#) alike have voiced concerns about the overconcentration of recovery homes in certain areas, as well as the [misuse of residential homes](#) by profit-driven treatment centers. Cal Cities' sponsored bills would help address those concerns while protecting residents and helping ensure high-quality treatment.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative affairs lobbyist, and Betsy Montiel, legislative affairs and policy analyst*

Cal Cities-sponsored bill would clarify prehospital emergency medical authority

Cal Cities is taking another run at [AB 1168 \(Bennett\)](#). Introduced [last year](#), the bill would clarify that a city or fire district has authority over emergency ambulance services even if it enters into an agreement with a county for the joint exercise of powers for emergency ambulance services.

In 1980, the state implemented a law regulating emergency medical care and created the Emergency Medical Services Authority as the lead agency for emergency ambulance services. This system balances the need for consistent coordination at a statewide level with the need for more granular coordination at the local level. The law recognized that need with a section explicitly allowing cities to administer emergency ambulance services within the city unless they consent to give up their authority over emergency ambulance services — also known as 201 rights.

Since then, the courts have ruled that cities lose their rights when joining a joint powers authority (JPA), an entity composed of multiple public agencies. In [City of Oxnard v County of Ventura](#), a court found that Oxnard did not have 201 rights because it had already given up its right to a JPA that administers emergency ambulance services in the area.

AB 1168 would clarify the law's original intent regarding JPAs and help return 201 rights to Oxnard. This bill is currently pending on the Senate Inactive File as stakeholders discuss the provisions with the Newsom Administration.

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative affairs lobbyist*

[Transportation bills would restore local control and protect local revenues](#)

Cal Cities is joining forces with the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council to co-sponsor [SB 915 \(Cortese\)](#). The bill would allow local officials to determine how and when autonomous vehicle services should be deployed in their communities, not the state.

The state's haphazard approval of driverless vehicles sparked a backlash in San Francisco and elsewhere after a series of traffic snarls and accidents. In one incident, a pedestrian was run over and dragged by a Cruise vehicle. The San Francisco Fire Department indicated that autonomous vehicles interfered with emergency responders over 70 separate times in 2023.

SB 915 would simply allow cities to pass the same rules they already [enforce for taxicabs](#). It would also allow local law enforcement and first responders to intervene when a driverless vehicle interrupts an emergency response.

Additionally, Cal Cities is teaming up with Asm. Kate Sanchez and other local government associations on a bill that would provide flexibility for cities struggling to meet the state's unfunded Advanced Clean Fleet mandate. The measure is part of a larger legislative and regulatory relief effort by Cal Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Special Districts Association.

The Advanced Clean Fleet rule aims to speed up California's transition to a net-zero economy. However, it has forced many cities to buy medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (such as street sweepers) regardless of their costs, availability, or supporting infrastructure. Due to the lack of availability, unscrupulous manufacturers and retailers can charge whatever they like and manipulate the price of these vehicles.

Some are selling vehicles that are 400 to 600% higher than their internal combustible counterparts and have a significantly reduced driving range. A municipality may need to buy two or even three zero-emission vehicles to cover the range of one gas-powered vehicle. The Sanchez proposal would recognize that cities must be prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars and would provide temporary delays if the price of these vehicles is higher than usual.

- *Damon Conklin, legislative affairs lobbyist*

[Brown Act modernization, ethics training, and Cities Week](#)

Cal Cities and other local government associations are co-sponsoring [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#), which would make it easier for people to serve on local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions. Asm. Blanca Pacheco introduced AB 817 last year, but it did not advance to the Senate. The narrowly tailored measure would allow members of local non-decisionmaking legislative bodies to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into a private location — just like members of [state advisory bodies](#).

Many local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions face ongoing [recruitment and retention challenges](#). AB 817 would build on pandemic-era rules that helped boost accessibility. The bill includes a 2026 sunset date and requires an in-person location for public comment. It does not include an in-person quorum requirement for members, as this would place a disproportionate burden on the people the bill is trying to help.

Another measure, [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#), would help ensure that a state-mandated ethics course remains [available online](#) for local officials. Many local officials rely on this resource to meet their training requirements. However, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) may no longer be able to provide the program due to budget restraints. The bill — co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the FPPC, and others — would statutorily require the FPPC to continue providing this resource.

Cal Cities is also working with Asm. Pacheco on [ACR 137 \(Pacheco\)](#). The resolution would proclaim April 14-20 as Cities Week, and encourage all Californians to get involved in their communities and engage with their local government. Cal Cities is sponsoring the resolution, which will coincide with this year's [City Leaders Summit](#).

[Next steps for city leaders](#)

Lawmakers must wait 30 days before they can bring their bills to policy committees, after which they have until April 6 to be heard in their house of origin. In the meantime, sign up for Cal Cities' [new bills briefing](#) to learn about the biggest bills impacting city leaders this legislative session.



Local and state electeds call for federal leaders to step up and end the cross-border sewage crisis at the Tijuana River

Feb 21, 2024

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, *legislative affairs lobbyist (environmental quality)*

It's not just water flowing into the Pacific Ocean from the Tijuana River. Cloudy wastewater and sewage particulate matter are also being flushed into the ocean and sometimes the air. After a [decade of advocacy](#) from affected cities, a contingent of state legislators have introduced [a joint resolution](#) supported by Cal Cities urging Congress to provide \$310 million to clean up the river.

Cross-border pollution has plagued people, the environment, and local economies for decades. A [grim report](#) from San Diego State University found the crisis will have large and far-reaching impacts. The pollution has already led to a resurgence of pathogens and antibiotic-resistant bacteria once thought eradicated in California, as well as 700 consecutive days of beach closures. Flooding and extreme storms have only [exacerbated the contamination](#).

"The sewage crisis has evolved into an existential threat to San Diego communities, constituting a public health ticking time-bomb that currently poisons the very air, water and economy of the border region," [said Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre](#), who has been spearheading efforts to secure funding.

[How we got here](#)

For decades, sediment discharge, trash, and sewage have run through the Tijuana River Valley, much of it generated near the international borders of Mexico. Formed in 1889, the now-named International Boundary and Water Commission recognized these border sanitation issues as early as 1944.

Since then, federal and state lawmakers have passed several environmental laws, including the federal Clean Water Act and California's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The two laws protect navigable waters and prohibit discharging pollutants unless regulators approve the necessary environmental permits.

Additionally, the California Coastal Act guarantees maximum public access to the coastline and the federal Resource and Conservation and Recovery Act gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the power to control hazardous waste. Despite these laws, cross-pollution has worsened.

Without greater state and federal action, lawmakers could set a precedent for all of California's coastline. The lack of financial and technical support to address these longstanding issues could [threaten state and federal environmental laws](#). Last August, Gov. Gavin Newsom sent letters to the federal government requesting assistance, calling it a crisis that Congress and President Joe Biden must address. President Biden in October proposed \$310 million in emergency supplemental funding.

[Next steps](#)

The Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee heard [AJR 12 \(Alvarez\)](#) on Feb. 20. During the hearing, Aguirre provided lead testimony and Cal Cities voiced support for AJR 12. The resolution is also supported by all [18 mayors](#) in San Diego County.

The bill will move next to the Assembly Floor and then to the Senate for a vote in each house before moving forward as a formal resolution to Congress. Cal Cities will carry its support position on AJR 12 to Washington later this year.



Legislative leaders introduce bill targeting organized retail theft

Feb 21, 2024

Cal Cities is reviewing the measure's impact to cities

By Jolena Voorhis, legislative affairs lobbyist

Lawmakers have introduced at least 30 bills aimed at reducing retail theft this year. But a bill backed by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Asm. Rick Zbur has gained the lion's share of attention. The proposal, [AB 2943](#), is similar to a plan [put forth by Gov. Gavin Newsom](#) earlier this year.

Cal Cities and other members of a [retail theft coalition](#) are actively reviewing AB 2943 and will issue a position in early March.

Also known as the California Retail Theft Reduction Act, the proposed bill focuses on the following areas.

- **New penalties.** Creates a new crime of retail theft with intent to sell, punishable for up to one year in county jail for individuals who have stolen over \$950 worth of goods.
- **Aggregation.** Prosecutors can add up the value of different thefts committed in the past three years, and any property possessed by another person acting in concert with the first person to increase penalties.
- **Organized Retail Theft Statute.** Extends the Organized Retail Theft Statute's sunset date until 2031.
- **Multi-jurisdictions.** Provides that theft over the \$950 threshold includes acts committed in multiple jurisdictions.
- **Diversion and supervision.** Allows the courts to divert people convicted of shoplifting and petty theft to collaborative courts or rehabilitation programs instead of probation.
- **Police arrest authority.** Allows police to arrest suspected shoplifters even if they did not physically witness the crime.
- **Fencing and resellers.** The author intends to require larger retailers to periodically report specific theft data and to strengthen laws to prevent stolen goods from being sold online.

Lawmakers discussed Proposition 47 at a press conference announcing the bill. The 2014 ballot initiative raised the threshold for misdemeanor shoplifting to \$950. Asm. Kevin McCarty, who chairs the Assembly Public Safety Committee, said that he is working on legislation that would propose amendments to Prop. 47.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee intends to hold a hearing on all retail theft proposals sometime in April. The [Assembly Select Committee on Retail Theft](#), chaired by Asm. Zbur, plans to hold at least [one more hearing](#) this year. Cal Cities will be present at both hearings, underscoring its calls to the Legislature to take swift action to address the [spike in retail theft](#).

Cal Cities and the retail theft coalition are also discussing several other legislative solutions that increase public safety without returning to the days of mass incarceration. The coalition — made up of local government, business leaders, and law enforcement organizations — is urging policymakers to center any discussions on retail theft around three core pillars: prevention, enforcement, and supervision.



Cal Cities Board adopts new bill positions, reviews progress on ballot measure battle

Feb 28, 2024

By Rachel Vincent, *director of strategic communications and marketing*

The first Cal Cities Board meeting of the year focused on advocacy priorities for 2024, including defeating the [California Business Roundtables ballot measure](#) in November. Board members noted that defeating what Cal Cities and other opponents are calling the “Taxpayer Deception Act” will take a statewide, all-hands-on-deck approach. Dave Mullinax, a regional public affairs manager for the Channel Counties Division, told the Board about the steady progress Cal Cities has made in recent months to mobilize member cities. Close to 200 cities have already passed resolutions opposing the ballot measure.

The Board also reviewed progress made on legislative priorities [set by the Board](#) late last year: local revenues, climate change, public safety, and homelessness and housing.

Legislative Director Jason Rhine and his team of lobbyists updated the Board on the [12 bills Cal Cities is sponsoring](#) this session. The measures would advance cities' interests across a wide range of issues, including wildfire preparedness, addiction treatment, emergency medical services, autonomous vehicle services, the Brown Act, and unfunded state mandates.

The team also identified some trends that emerged out of the nearly 2,100 bills introduced by the Feb. 16 bill introduction deadline. [Public safety](#) is still a huge area of focus for this year, as are local housing laws — in particular fees and permitting.

The Board accepted the recommendation to support [SB 251 \(Newman\)](#), which would penalize political candidates who knowingly falsify statements of a material fact with fines. The Board also moved to oppose [AB 797 \(Weber\)](#). That measure would require cities and counties to create an independent community-based commission on law enforcement officer practices by Jan. 1, 2026.

In her report, Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman noted that Cal Cities has already made strong progress on its goals this year because “we hit the ground running.” In early January, the board officers came to the Capitol to meet with more than a dozen key lawmakers, including some of the new leadership in the Assembly and the Senate.

National League of Cities President David Sander (Rancho Cordova, mayor) reported on NLC's priorities for 2024 to the Board. The two organizations are celebrating major milestones this year: Cal Cities is celebrating 125 years as the voice of California cities and NLC is turning 100.

“Cities are the labs of democracy,” Sander said. “Local governments have to get it done, so they do, and that gives them lots of opportunities to innovate.”



Running for the Legislature? This Cal Cities program can help

Feb 28, 2024

The [application window](#) for the 2024 [California Civic Leadership Institute \(CCLI\)](#) opens on March 1. Now in its 19th year, the Cal Cities-led program helps city officials and other local government officials succeed if elected to the state Legislature.

The year-long program gives legislative candidates a broad, in-depth understanding of critical issues affecting the state and creates lasting bonds between rising political leaders. The CCLI includes a two-day educational boot camp, a policy field trip, and other educational opportunities.

CCLI graduates also become part of an exclusive alumni network and are recognized at Cal Cities events. Twenty-three current members of the California Legislature, three California Constitutional Officers, two members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senator Alex Padilla are CCLI graduates.

Any mayor, council member, or city staff member actively running or exploring a run for the state Senate or state Assembly may apply to the program. Applications are also accepted from elected officials serving counties, special districts, school boards, or tribal governments.

Space is limited. Applications must be submitted [online](#) by 5:00 p.m. on March 15. Selected applicants will receive confirmation notices by the end of April. For questions about the CCLI or application process, please contact Regional Public Affairs Manager Sara Sanders at sanders@calcities.org or (916) 548-9030.



East Palo Alto passes a momentous milestone: zero homicides in 2023

Feb 28, 2024

Guest article by Jackie Krentzman, freelance writer and editor

#LocalWorks

In 1992, East Palo Alto made national headlines — for the wrong reason. Its homicide rate spiked to 42 murders, the highest per capita rate of any city in the U.S. Now 30 years later, East Palo Alto (pop. 28,000) achieved another notable landmark. For the first time, its homicide rate was zero.



The trajectory from the nation’s “murder capital” to one of the safest cities is a story of smart community policing, good governance, and widespread community resolve.

The Silicon Valley city had struggled with gangs and the crack cocaine crisis for years, which drove up all crime rates — particularly violent crime. Its location next to a freeway and the Dumbarton Bridge made it a crossroads for gang members and drug dealers from all over the Bay Area looking for an easy escape route.

Police Chief Jeff Liu, who joined the force as a beat officer in 2000, witnessed the startling turnaround and is one of the many people at the vanguard of these enormous changes.

“When I first started, East Palo Alto was a very different city,” he said. “There were drug dealers on many corners. Gang activity and violent crimes were prevalent. I remember when working patrol in that era there were times we were sent to a shooting every single day. It became normal. And it is not a good thing to be adept at responding to shootings.”

The factors that brought about this remarkable turnaround are myriad, says Council Member Ruben Abrica. He has lived in the city for 45 years — making him a “founding member” of the 40-year-old city — and served on the council since 2004.



East Palo Alto Police Chief Jeff Liu (left) with Council Member Ruben Abrica (right).

He cites rooting out corruption in the city’s police force in the 1990s, a laser focus on community policing instead of punitive and aggressive approaches, working with nonprofits and the faith community to develop support services targeted to youth and gang members, and the resolve of the tight-knit community to change the narrative.

The first step was changing how the police policed and restoring trust. Residents in the city, which morphed from predominately Black to [predominately Latino](#), historically did not trust law enforcement.

“We put a great emphasis on not just on adding more police officers, but on what would they do differently,” said Abrica.

Liu said when he joined the force it began emphasizing creating authentic ties between the department and the community. The department wanted community members to see it as a partner in the citywide fight to reduce crime. Beat officers began chatting with youth on street corners or attending their basketball games.

“You can’t solve a crime with no witnesses coming forward,” he said. “They don’t talk to you because they don’t trust or know you. By building those relationships, citizens become more willing to give you info, which greatly increases our effectiveness in solving crimes.”

The next step was offering programs like midnight basketball and soccer leagues, part-time jobs, and violence prevention programs to youth before they got attracted to gangs or drugs.

The city also began working with the community on violence prevention and the national [Operation Ceasefire](#) partnership. One pivotal local organization spearheading much of this work was [WeHOPE](#), founded by Pastor Paul Bains and his wife Cheryl in 1999. Bains, the longtime pastor of Saint Samuel Church, was born and raised in the city. Frustrated with the rising violence and a lack of city resources, he leveraged his deep community ties and strong relationships with youth to help bring people together to address the crisis.



Pastor Paul Bains (left) has been a chaplain for the police departments of East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, and Mountain View since the early 2000s. Photo courtesy of WeHOPE.

“People were fed up,” he said. “There was the will to make change that cross[es] ethnic, racial, and age lines.”

Since its founding, WeHOPE has partnered with over 200 corporations, government agencies, and community groups to develop life skills and job training, housing, and emergency food and shelter. One of its focal points is job training for formerly incarcerated people attempting to reenter or enter the workforce.

Bains and partners like Friar Lawrence Goode of St. Francis of Assisi Church also focused on personal intervention — starting with the grandmothers.

“Grandmothers often had the motivation and the respect of younger family members,” Bains said. “So, when violence happened, the chaplains and pastors would come and talk to family on both sides, to try to broker peace, and move youth into programs with a positive focus.”

Chief Liu, like many East Palo Alto employees and residents, is proud of the enormous progress the city has made. Wanting to reward valuable partners and encourage people to stay the course, he has ordered 500 large coins emblazoned with a golden goose egg on the front — representing zero homicides — and a thank you for keeping the community safe message on the back.

“I plan to give them out to people who contributed to this milestone,” he said. “Although I’m not sure if 500 will be enough!”

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