

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
January 7, 2016

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PERFORMANCE REPORT

A copy of the 2014-15 Performance Report has been made available for you. (Additional copies are available in the City Manager's Office and on the City's website under the City Manager page.)

B. INVESTMENT REPORT

Kingsley Okereke provides the November 2015 Investment Report.

C. BEHIND THE BADGE – A CHRISTMAS STORY

A copy of the article from Behind the Badge reports on support provided by the GGPD to a family in need over the Christmas holidays.

D. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG

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

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager



New Equipment

City of Garden Grove Performance Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR NOV 2015

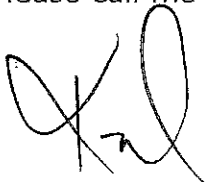
From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: Dec 22, 2015

Enclosed is the November 2015 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City investment policy. As of November 2015, the City invested 20.472% of its total portfolio in treasury securities and 51.948% in federally backed securities. 18.846% of the portfolio or \$36.824 million is invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) managed by the California State Treasurer. A portion of the investment portfolio is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of November 2015, 8.734% of the portfolio is restricted. Please see chart on attachment A.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner.

Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director .

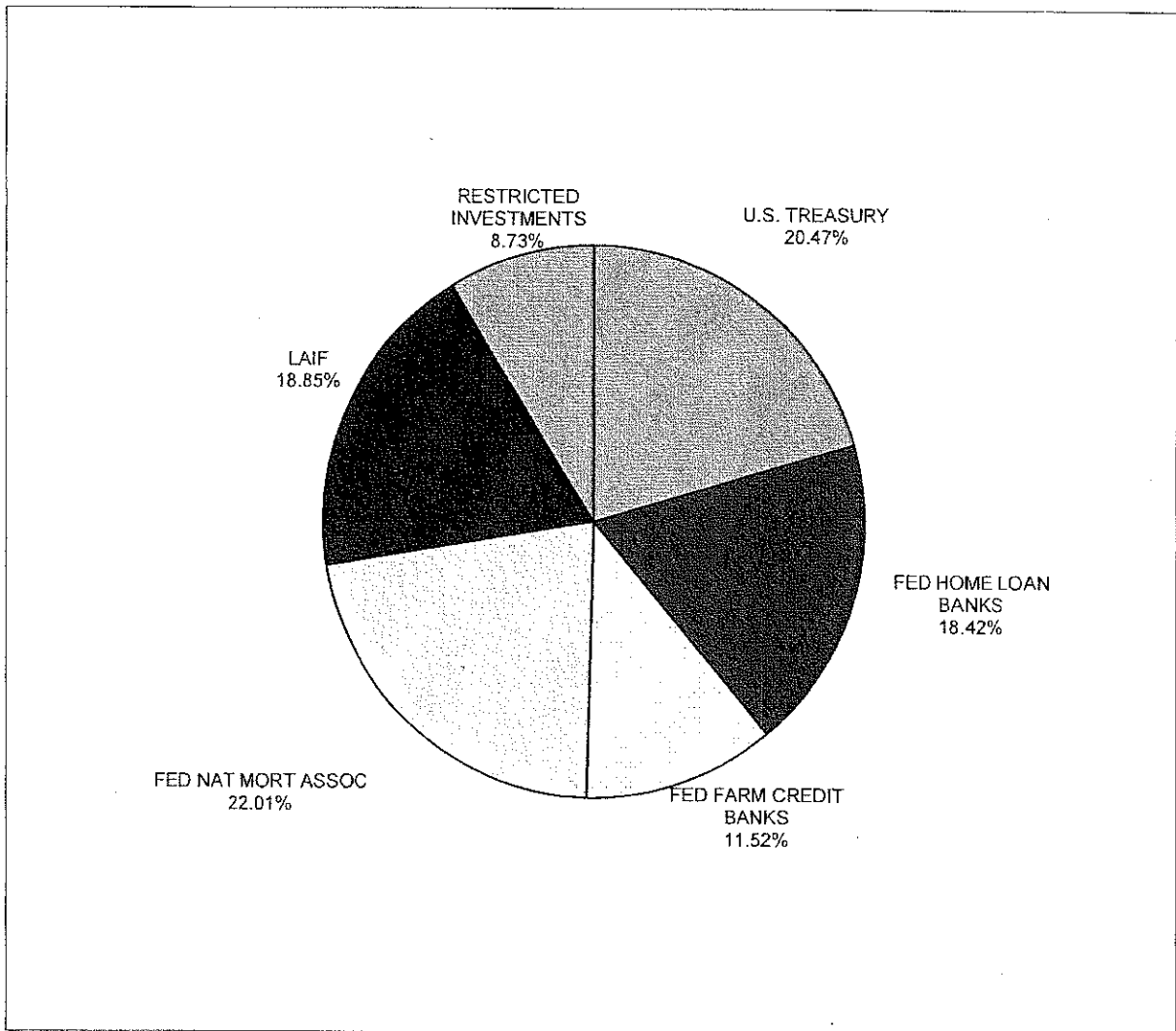
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Attachments
cc: Monica Neely

ATTACHMENT A

INVESTMENT SUMMARY November 2015

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>		<u>END. INV</u>	<u>% OF INV.</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$	40,000,000	20.472%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS		36,000,000	18.425%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS		22,500,000	11.515%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC		43,000,000	22.007%
LAIF		36,823,902	18.846%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS		17,065,568	8.734%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$	195,389,471	100.000%



WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES
November 2015

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat. 11/30/2015	Weighted Investment Amt	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(a / total a = c)	(b x c)
TREASURY							
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	02/29/16	91	1.68233%	1,531
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	4,000,000	06/30/16	213	2.24311%	4,778
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/16	244	1.68233%	4,105
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	08/31/16	275	3.36466%	9,253
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	10/31/16	336	3.36466%	11,305
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	943	1.68233%	15,864
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	1,005	1.68233%	16,907
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	1,066	1.68233%	17,934
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	974	1.68233%	16,386
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,217	1.68233%	20,474
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,217	1.68233%	20,474
CITY							
FHLB	1.360	*	4,000,000	09/06/16	281	2.24311%	6,303
FHLB	2.125	*	2,000,000	06/10/16	193	1.12155%	2,165
FHLB	1.300	*	6,000,000	11/30/16	366	3.36466%	12,315
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	557	1.68233%	9,371
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	606	1.68233%	10,195
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	648	1.68233%	10,902
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	466	1.68233%	7,840
FHLB	1.500	*	3,000,000	03/13/19	1,199	1.68233%	20,171
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	1,383	1.68233%	23,267
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	1,292	1.68233%	21,736
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,656	1.68233%	27,859
FFCB	0.400	*	3,000,000	02/01/16	63	1.68233%	1,060
FFCB	1.050	*	3,000,000	03/28/16	119	1.68233%	2,002
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	533	1.68233%	8,967
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	693	1.68233%	11,659
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	1,087	1.68233%	18,287
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	1,036	1.68233%	17,429
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	1,340	0.84117%	11,272
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/05/19	1,344	1.68233%	22,611
FNMA	2.170	*	2,000,000	09/15/16	290	1.12155%	3,253
FNMA	2.200	*	3,000,000	03/24/16	115	1.68233%	1,935
FNMA	5.375	*	3,000,000	07/15/16	228	1.68233%	3,836
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	696	1.68233%	11,709
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	1,033	1.68233%	17,378
FNMA	1.325	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	1,093	1.68233%	18,388
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	09/28/17	637	1.68233%	10,716
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	801	1.68233%	13,475
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	903	1.68233%	15,191
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	1,185	1.68233%	19,936
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	1,457	1.68233%	24,512
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/19	1,458	1.68233%	24,528
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	1,422	1.12155%	15,949
FNMA	1.800	*	3,000,000	06/30/20	1,674	1.68233%	28,162
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	1,388	1.68233%	23,351
LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER							
LAIF	0.500		36,823,902	11/30/15	-	20.65001%	0.000
			178,323,902		36,823	100.00000%	617
RESTRICTED							
UNION BANK -2008 Katella Cottages			175,517	11/30/15	-	1.02848%	0.000
US BANK -2006 SEWER			1,505,509	11/30/15	-	8.82191%	0.000
US BANK -2010 WATER			696,344	11/30/15	-	4.08040%	0.000
US BANK -2014 TARB			4,862,704	11/30/15	-	28.49424%	0.000
US BANK -2015 COP			9,825,496	11/30/15	-	57.57497%	0.000
			17,065,568		-	100.00000%	-
Investment Total			195,389,471			TOT WAM	563

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2015

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
LAIF	0.500		33,823,902.48		8,000,000.00		36,823,902.48		-			10/15/15
			33,823,902.48		8,000,000.00		36,823,902.48					
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	02/09/12	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,013,590.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00	4,023,440.00	08/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	03/15/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,016,510.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	6,016,820.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	6,016,380.00	11/02/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		30,000.00	3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,015,560.00	08/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,017,940.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,026,820.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	05/04/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		18,750.00	3,000,000.00	3,003,390.00	11/02/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	01/08/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,027,180.00	09/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375		3,000,000.00	11/05/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,873,570.00	
			37,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		40,000,000.00		48,750.00	40,000,000.00	40,157,300.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS												
FHLB	2.125	12/01/11	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00	2,015,900.00	06/10/15
FHLB	1.360	09/05/11	4,000,000.00				4,000,000.00			4,000,000.00	4,026,800.00	09/08/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		39,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,035,000.00	11/30/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00		
FHLB	1.000	06/25/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,004,620.00	08/09/15
FHLB	1.125	07/28/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,011,580.00	07/28/15
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,066,570.00	09/08/15
FHLB	0.875	01/08/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,001,710.00	08/10/15
FHLB	1.500	03/13/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,003,600.00	09/14/15
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,047,670.00	09/14/15
FHLB	1.625	06/03/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,015,390.00	08/18/15
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,999,700.00	
			36,000,000.00				36,000,000.00		35,000.00	36,000,000.00	35,230,540.00	

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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	1.500	10/12/11	3,000,000.00	11/16/15	3,000,000.00	11/16/15		22,500.00				11/16/15
FFCB	0.930	11/17/11	2,000,000.00	11/16/15	2,000,000.00	11/16/15		9,300.00				11/16/15
FFCB	0.400	02/01/13	3,000,000.00			02/01/16	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,000,810.00	09/03/15
FFCB	1.050	03/28/12	3,000,000.00			03/28/16	3,000,000.00			3,005,760.00	3,005,760.00	09/28/15
FFCB	1.000	05/16/12	3,000,000.00			05/16/17	3,000,000.00		15,000.00	3,005,160.00	3,005,160.00	11/16/15
FFCB	1.160	01/23/14	3,000,000.00			10/23/17	3,000,000.00			3,011,970.00	3,011,970.00	04/23/15
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			11/21/18	3,000,000.00		21,800.00	2,992,650.00	2,992,650.00	11/23/15
FFCB	1.590	10/01/14	3,000,000.00			10/01/18	3,000,000.00			3,019,990.00	3,019,990.00	10/01/15
FFCB	2.060	07/28/15	1,500,000.00			08/01/19	1,500,000.00			1,526,235.00	1,526,235.00	09/03/15
FFCB	1.500	06/11/15	3,000,000.00			06/05/18	3,000,000.00			2,885,210.00	2,885,210.00	09/03/15
			27,500,000.00		5,000,000.00		22,500,000.00		68,700.00	22,548,765.00		
FED NAT MORT ASSOC												
FNMA	2.200	11/17/11	3,000,000.00			03/24/16	3,000,000.00			3,018,320.00	3,018,320.00	09/24/15
FNMA	2.170	11/17/11	2,000,000.00			09/15/16	2,000,000.00			2,025,260.00	2,025,260.00	09/15/15
FNMA	5.375	05/09/13	3,000,000.00			07/15/16	3,000,000.00			3,099,190.00	3,099,190.00	07/15/15
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00			10/26/17	3,000,000.00			2,893,700.00	2,893,700.00	10/26/15
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00			09/28/18	3,000,000.00			3,002,490.00	3,002,490.00	09/21/15
FNMA	1.625	12/19/13	3,000,000.00			11/27/18	3,000,000.00		24,375.00	3,026,290.00	3,026,290.00	11/27/15
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00			08/28/17	3,000,000.00			2,896,470.00	2,896,470.00	09/28/15
FNMA	0.875	01/09/14	3,000,000.00			02/09/18	3,000,000.00			2,876,420.00	2,876,420.00	09/10/15
FNMA	0.875	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			06/21/18	3,000,000.00		13,125.00	2,974,770.00	2,974,770.00	11/23/15
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00			02/27/19	3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	09/27/15
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00			11/26/19	3,000,000.00		26,250.00	3,014,370.00	3,014,370.00	11/27/15
FNMA	1.625	05/27/15	3,000,000.00			11/27/19	3,000,000.00		24,375.00	3,008,620.00	3,008,620.00	11/27/15
FNMA	1.320	06/03/15	2,000,000.00			10/22/19	2,000,000.00			1,978,460.00	1,978,460.00	10/22/15
FNMA	1.800	06/30/15	3,000,000.00			06/30/20	3,000,000.00			3,008,670.00	3,008,670.00	09/16/15
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00			09/18/19	3,000,000.00			2,893,160.00	2,893,160.00	09/16/15
			43,000,000.00				43,000,000.00		88,125.00	43,096,110.00		
SUBTOTAL			177,323,902.48		10,000,000.00		178,323,902.48		244,875.00	141,500,000.00	142,032,715.00	

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CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS															
UNION BANK - 2006 Karelia Cottages (VanKampen)		11/30/15	175,516.58	-	-	-	-	11/30/15	-	11/30/15	175,516.58				
US BANK - 2006 SEWER		11/30/15	1,505,508.54	-	-	-	-	11/30/15	-	11/30/15	1,505,508.54				
US BANK - 2010 WATER		11/30/15	696,343.87	-	-	-	-	11/30/15	-	11/30/15	696,343.87				
US BANK - 2014 TARB		11/30/15	4,862,703.54	-	-	-	-	11/30/15	-	11/30/15	4,862,703.54				
US BANK - 2015 COP		11/30/15	9,625,495.92	-	-	-	-	11/30/15	-	11/30/15	9,625,495.92				
			<u>17,065,568.45</u>								<u>17,065,568.45</u>				
SUBTOTAL			17,065,568.45								17,065,568.45				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			17,065,568.45								17,065,568.45				

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			AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE		AMOUNT	DATE				

CASH IN BANK													
Ending Cash Balance													
COMMERCIAL BANK-Willowick		11/30/15	78,976.85										
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing		11/30/15	117,573.14										
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA													
Charge Back Account		11/30/15	17,427.41										
General Account		11/30/15	2,364,963.71										
Home		11/30/15	216.22										
Housing Authority (Accounting)		11/30/15	5,703.41										
Housing Authority Escrow		11/30/15	73,600.21										
Liability		11/30/15	45,947.47										
Workers Comp		11/30/15	115,433.21										
Successor Agency		11/30/15	73,928.18										
SUBTOTAL			2,883,769.81										

PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS													
Change Fund													
Finance		11/30/15	3,680.00										
Departments		11/30/15	3,000.00										
Police Dept-SIU		11/30/15	3,550.00										
Police Dept-Drug		11/30/15	30,000.00										
Police Dept-Reg		11/30/15	3,500.00										
		11/30/15	200.00										
SUBTOTAL			43,930.00										

GRAND TOTAL INVESTMENTS

11,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	198,327,170.74	244,675.00	141,599,000.00	142,032,715.00
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A Christmas story about love, loss and some caring support from the Garden Grove PD



Garden Grove PD Officer Mitchel Mosser holds 3-week-old Gabriel Barragan. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

By Greg Hardesty

[December 25th, 2015](#)

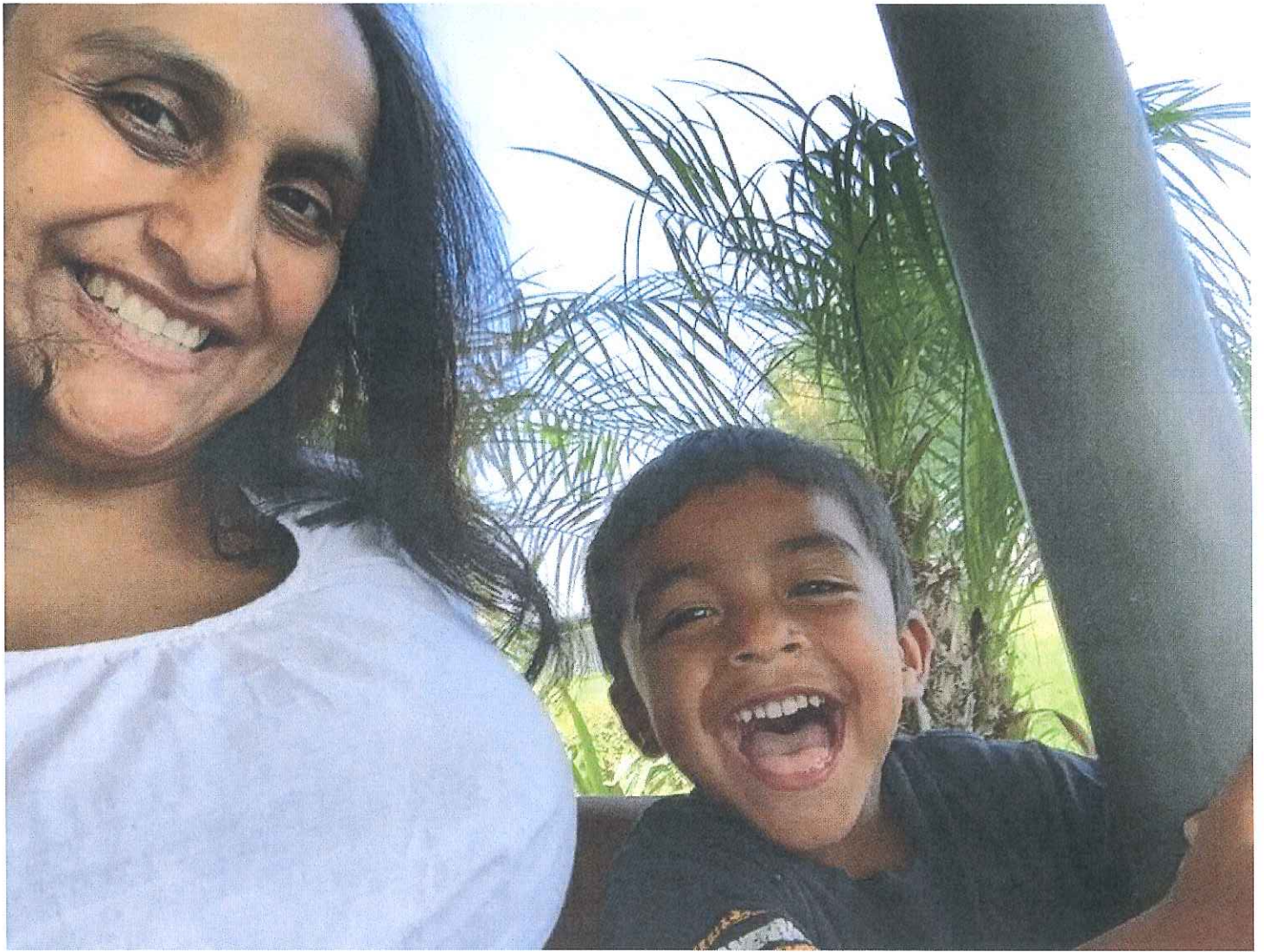
The little girl ripped open an early Christmas present — one of several courtesies of the Garden Grove Police Department.

A baby doll.

“Now I have tons of babies!” Emily Barragan, 5, squealed in delight.

It was Dec. 23, and Emily was surrounded by her family, including brothers Matthew, 3, and Gabriel, almost 3 weeks old, at a relative’s home in Garden Grove.

In a season of giving for law enforcement, when police agencies in Orange County and around the country deliver gifts to needy members of the community, the visit Wednesday to the Barragan family was extra special.



In this July 2015 photo, Erika Barragan beams with her son Matthew, 3. Photo courtesy of Luis Barragan

That's because in the living room bursting with presents and love, someone was missing.

Erika Barragan couldn't be there to watch the smiles on her children's faces and see the joy in their eyes as they got lost in a happy world of toys and gadgets and stuffed animals — a fun and wondrous and magical place where sad things never happen.

For Erika Barragan, the most precious gift of all arrived Dec. 4 — her son, Gabriel.

It was her third child with husband Luis, whom she met at work in 2007. The two instantly clicked, fell in love and soon married.

At the time, both were working at the Target on Harbor Boulevard at Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove — she as a logistics specialist in the warehouse, he as a salesperson in the electronics section.



Members of the Barragan family with Garden Grove PD Officer Mitchel Mosser, including Luis Barragan holding his 3-week-old son, Gabriel, and his other two children: Matthew Barragan, 3, and Emily Barragan, 5. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

Luis would go on to work as a sales and IT specialist at Eide Industries, a company in Cerritos that makes outdoor shade structures.

Erika would remain at Target, she and her husband juggling their schedules to raise their young family — hardworking parents just doing their best to provide for their kids.

The Barragans were living with Erika's parents in Anaheim when Gabriel was born.

Erika looked radiant and felt great as she doted on Gabriel from her hospital bed.

Luis was overjoyed to have a second son.



Emily Barragan, 5, looks over the shoulder of her brother Matthew Barragan, 3, after he unwrapped a Christmas present from the Garden Grove PD for his 3-week-old brother, Gabriel.

Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

Emily and Matthew couldn't wait for their baby brother to come home.

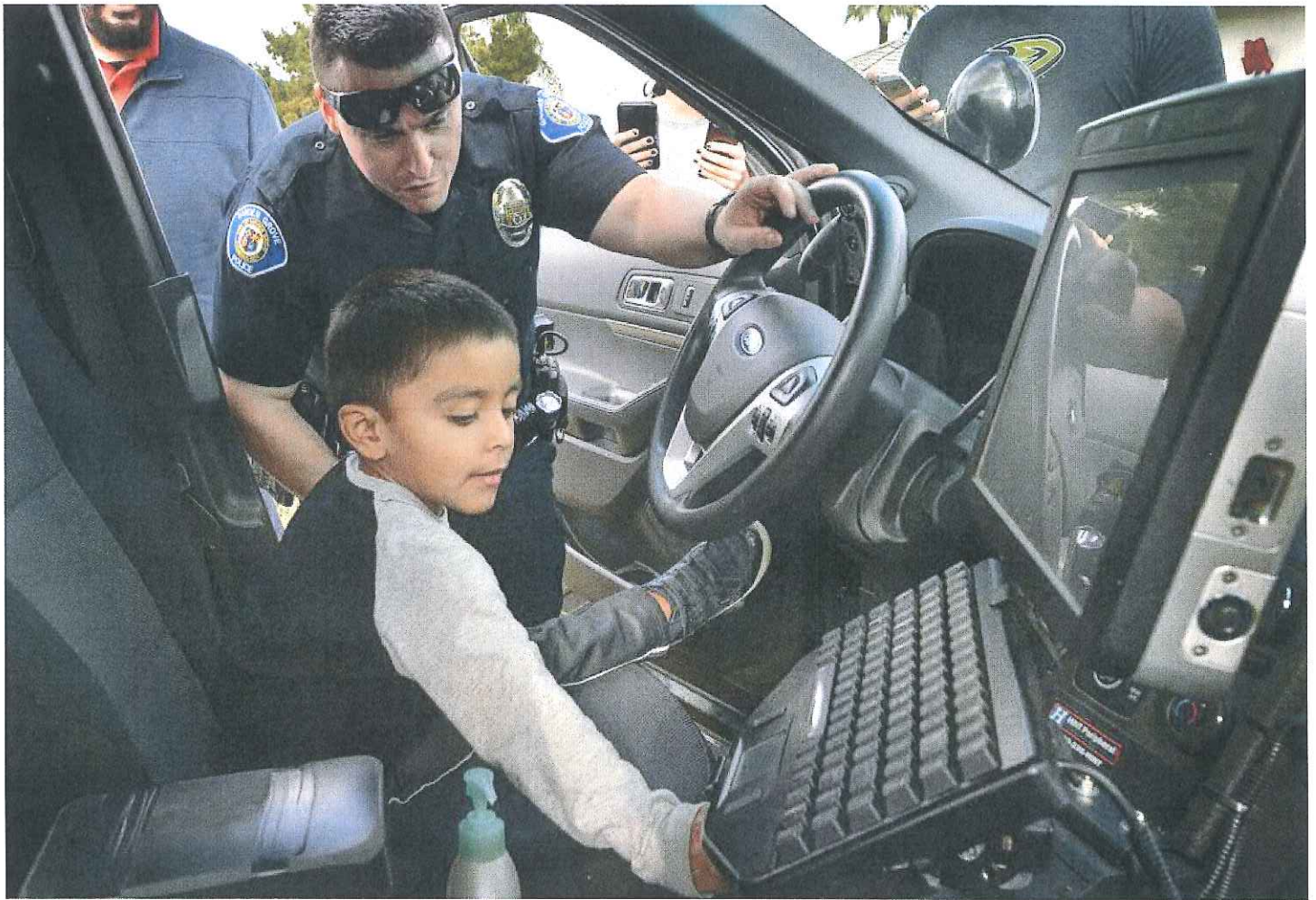
A couple days after being discharged from the hospital, Erika began feeling faint.

She felt nauseous and had trouble breathing.

Luis drove her to the ER at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange.

As doctors started running tests and ordering lab work, Erika suddenly flatlined.

For 30 minutes, doctors performed CPR.



Matthew Barragan, 3, gets to flip the switch for the siren in the patrol car of Garden Grove PD Officer Mitchel Mosser.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

They got a pulse, but Erika couldn't breathe on her own.

Late Tuesday night, Dec. 8, Erika's organs began shutting down, including her heart.

She was losing a lot of blood.

Despite several blood transfusions and other medical procedures, doctors told Luis that there was no hope — that they had done all they could to save Erika.

Erika was taken off life support a little after midnight and died Wednesday, Dec. 9.

She was 41.



Emily Barragan, 5, and her brother Matthew Barragan, 3, unwrap Christmas presents (including the big Teddy bear behind them) from the Garden Grove PD.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

“Look in my backpack!” Matthew told a visitor. “I fight bad guys!”

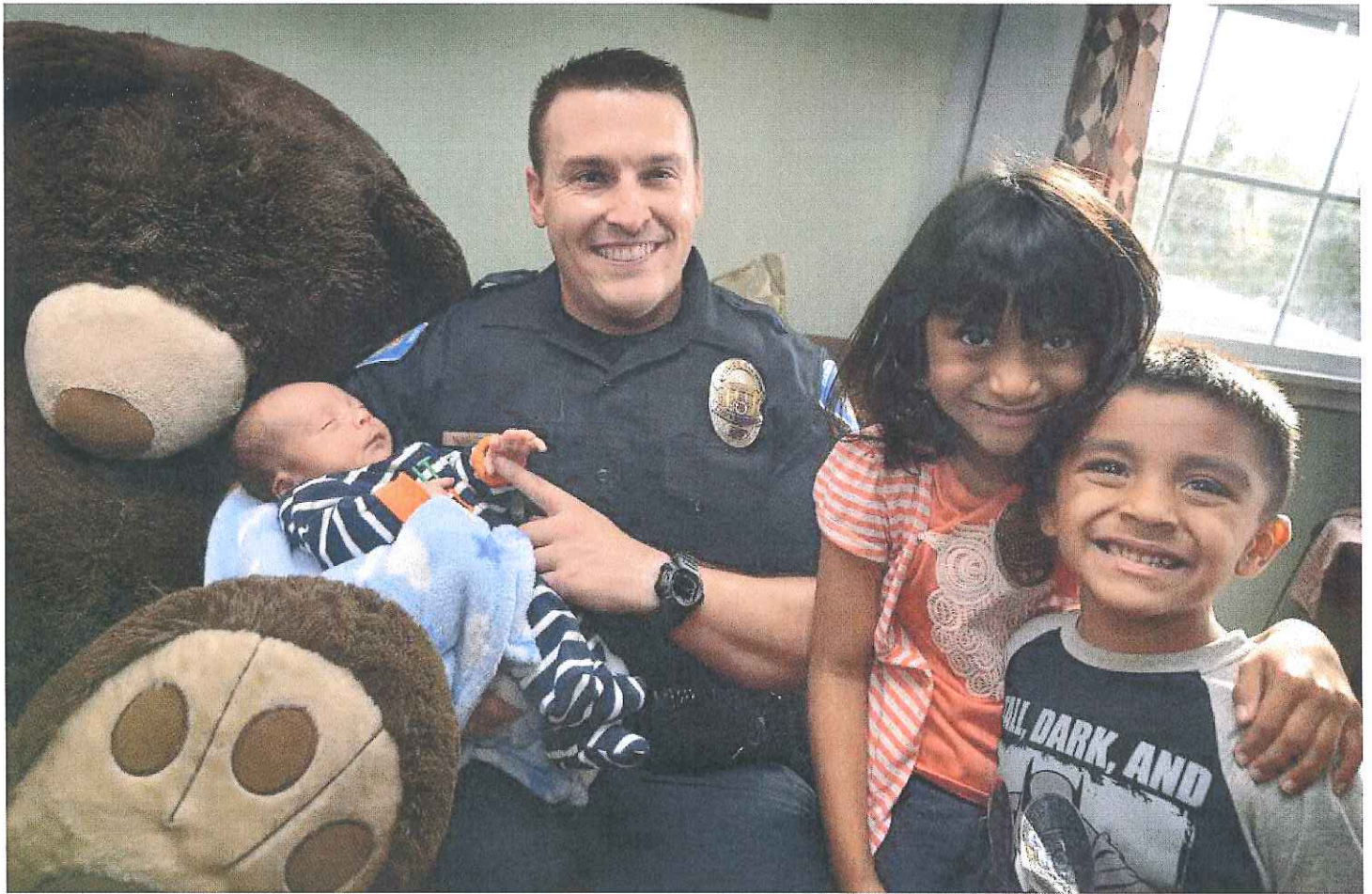
The 3-year-old is a huge Batman fan.

He also loves police officers.

So when the two Garden Grove officers rolled up to the house early in the afternoon on Dec. 23, Matthew was in heaven.

The boy hopped into a patrol car as officers showed him the gadgets and flipped on the lights.

Emily was too shy to get inside the police car.



Garden Grove PD Officer Mitchel Mosser with 3-week-old Gabriel Barragan, Emily Barragan, 5, and Matthew Barragan, 3.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

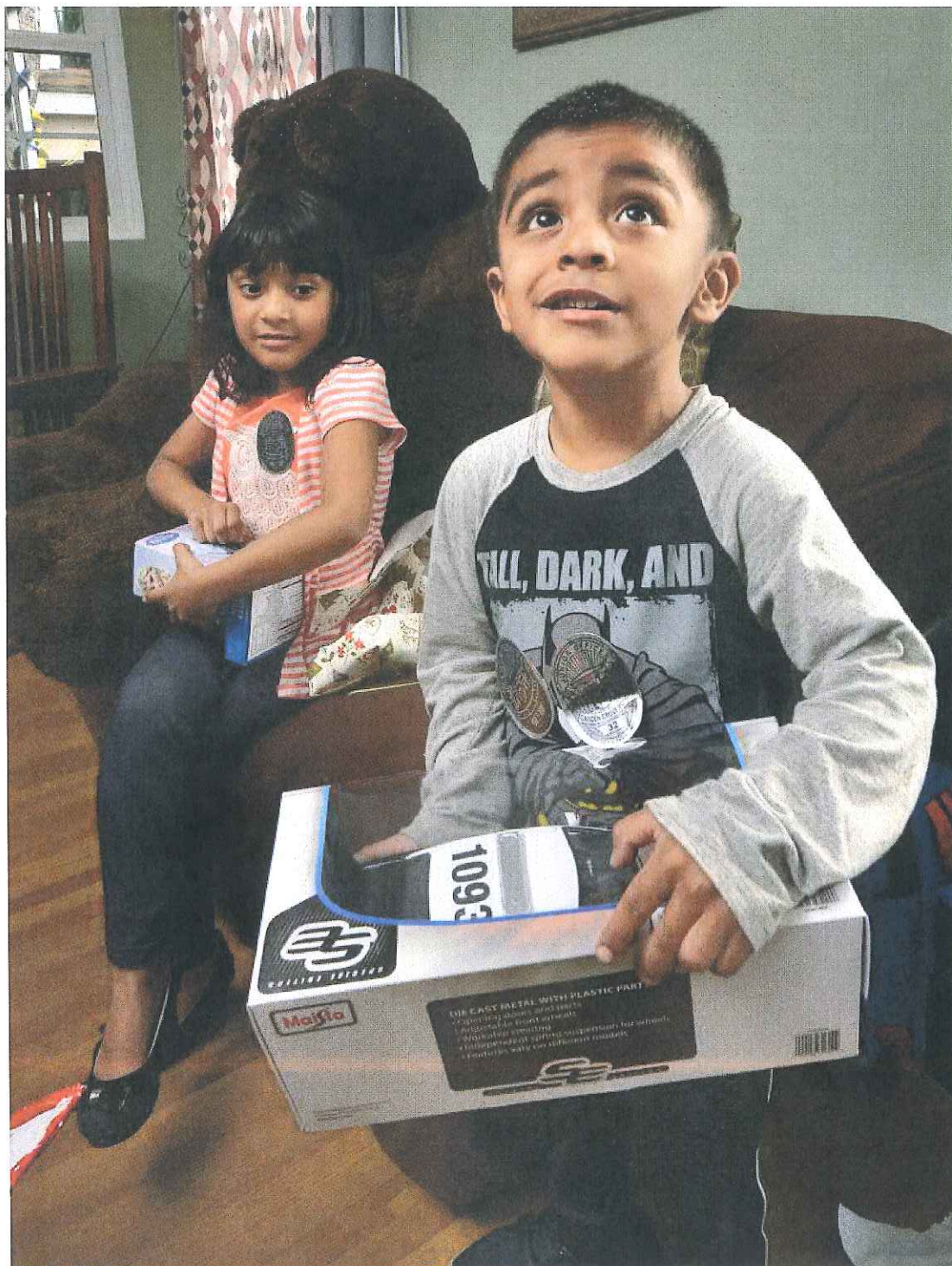
Soon, both Matthew and Emily were consumed in their new toys as relatives watched them in the living room of Patty Barragan's home.

Patty Barragan, who works the front desk at a medical clinic in Newport Beach, has taken an unpaid leave of absence to care for Gabriel until Luis Barragan figures out what to do next.

"Newborns still need a mommy," said Patty Barragan, Luis' mom, as she cradled Gabriel.

Luis has taken time off work following his wife's death. He was planning to return Jan. 4, but there's another layer to this tragedy: Erika's mother, Ana, has terminal cancer. Now he's not sure what he will do.

For now, it's an hour-to-hour thing for him.



Three-year-old Matthew Barragan looks up at the Garden Grove PD officers after unwrapping a toy police car.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

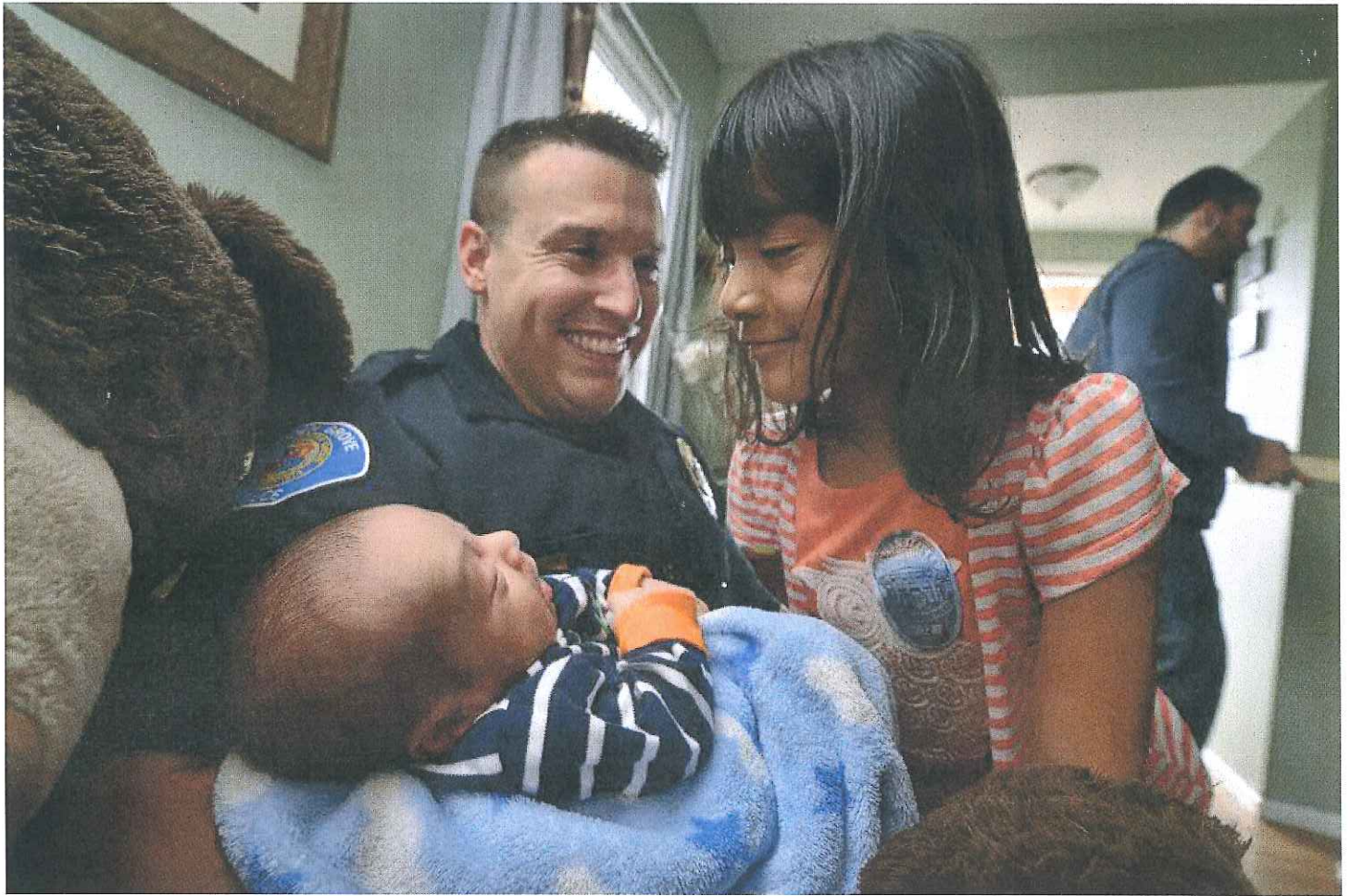
"I'm a mess," Luis said Wednesday. "But they (his children) are the reason I get up every day. And without (the GPPD), there would be no gifts under the Christmas tree this year."

Luis said Target, his employer and neighbors and friends have shown overwhelming support following the death of his wife.

Another aunt, Rosie Santana, set up a GoFundMe page ([gofundme.com/barraganfamilyfund](https://www.gofundme.com/barraganfamilyfund)) that so far has raised \$18,305.

Most of that money, however, was used for Erika's funeral and burial.

"The family now needs a safety net," Santana said.



Emily Barragan, 5, gets a close look at her 3-week-old brother Gabriel Barragan as he is held by Garden Grove PD Officer Mitchel Mosser.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

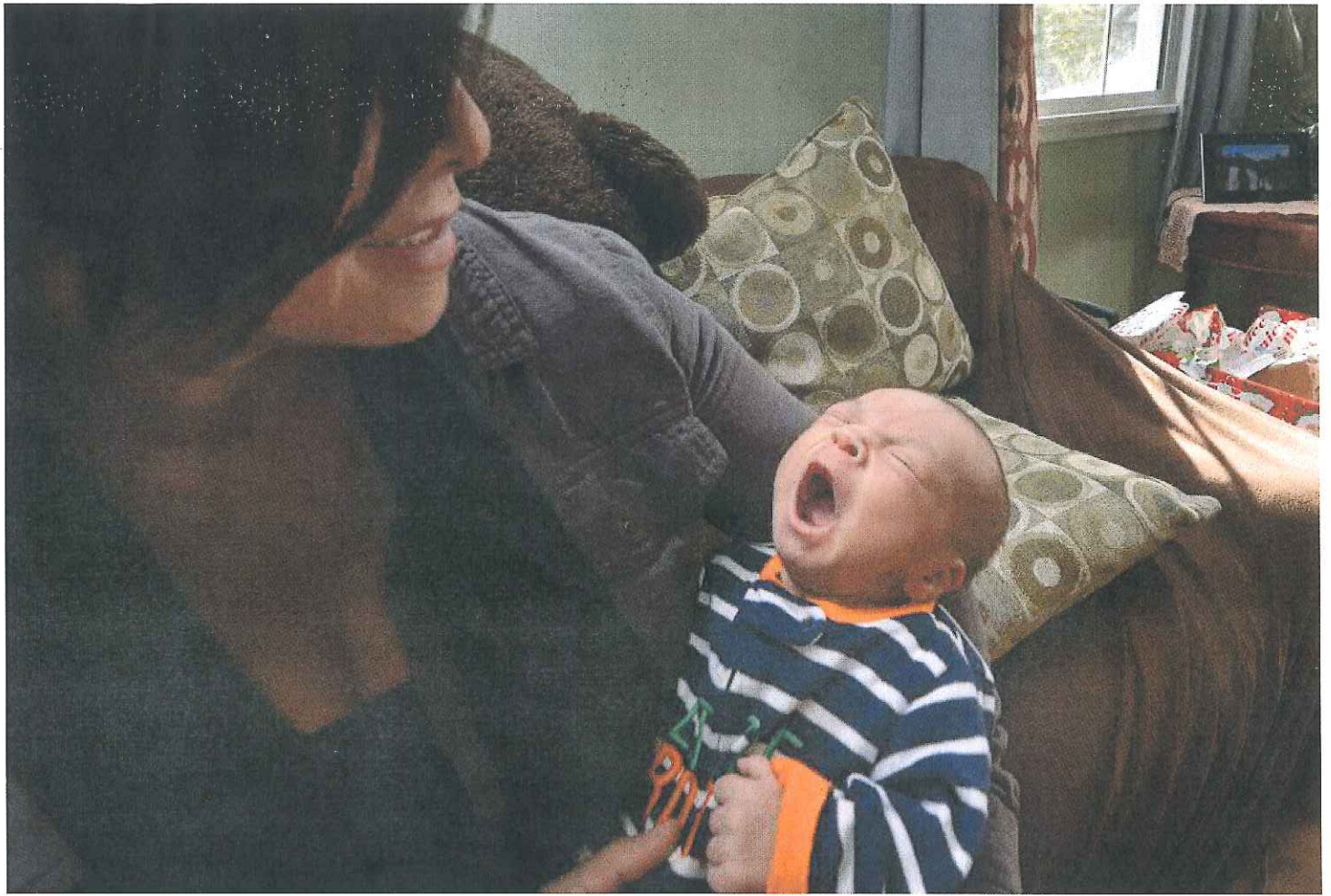
Erika died unexpectedly from an amniotic fluid embolism, relatives said. That rare condition occurs when fetal material enters the mother's bloodstream.

The GGPD caught wind of what happened and decided to help the Barragan family out in any way it could, said Cindy Nagamatsu Hanlon, manager of the Garden Grove PD's Community Liaison Division.

Officer Mitch Mosser and his patrol partner, who asked to remain anonymous, delivered the gifts Wednesday.

Mosser doted on the kids, and loved holding Gabriel.

"The Garden Grove PD does what it can to come together for the community," Mosser said. "It's an honor and a privilege, and we're the ones who appreciate them."



Rosie Santana holds 3-week-old Gabriel Barragan, the son of her nephew Luis Barragan.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

The Barragan family still is dealing with the shock of losing Erika.

Her memorial service was Dec. 18.

A couple of days after she died, Emily asked her father a question.

“Where’s mommy?”

Luis, 27, did his best to tell his 5-year-old what happened.

“Mommy got sick, and now she’s in heaven,” he said.

Emily had another question for her father.



Emily Barragan, 5, unwraps Christmas presents given to her and her two brothers by the Garden Grove PD.

Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

“But daddy,” she asked. “How is one parent going to take care of three kids?”

Luis thought for a second.

“I will try my hardest,” he told his daughter, “but I have a lot of people helping me.”

Wednesday, the focus was on Christmas – all the presents and the excitement stirred up by the visiting GGPD cops.

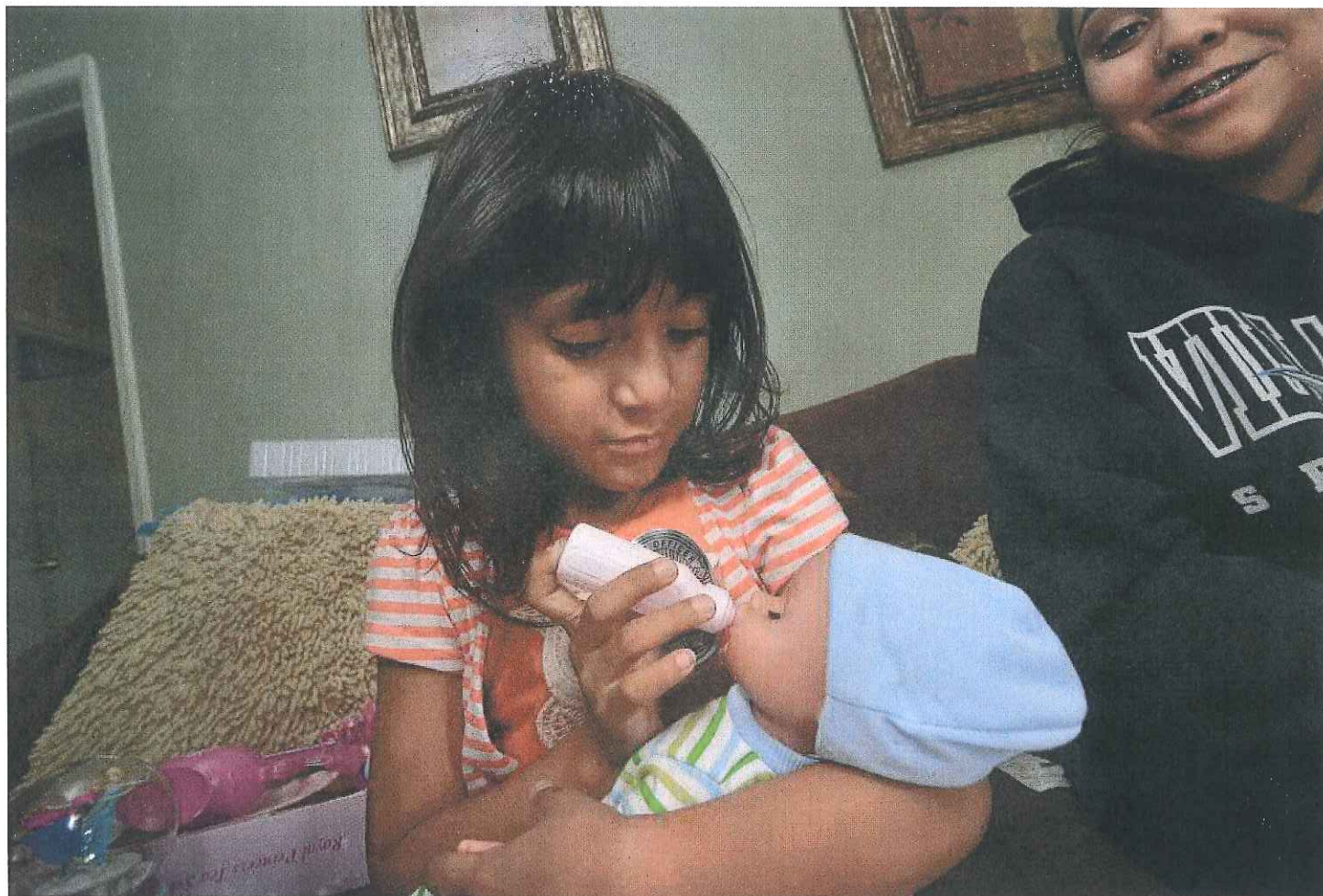
“Another snowball!” Emily said excitedly. “Now I have two!”

Matthew became fixated on a toy tool set and used a fake drill on just about everything in the room.

Emily then quietly retreated to a couch.

There, she cradled her new doll in her tiny arms and raised the bottle to her mouth.

A little girl playing mommy.



Emily Barragan, 5, feeds her new doll she named Aerial that was given to her as a Christmas present from Garden Grove PD officers.
Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge OC

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#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1506	12/22/15	Randall Barondess	List of all medical related businesses in the City of Garden Grove.	Revenue Management	01/04/16	
1505	12/22/15	Sam Ahn <i>Holiday Inn Express & Suites</i>	My name is Sam Ahn and I am a General Manager at Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Garden Grove located at 12867 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843. I would like to request copies of our TOT filed from the month of December, 2014 to the month...	Revenue Management	01/04/16	12/22/15
1504	12/21/15	Kasia Edlund <i>Ardent Environmental Group, Inc.</i>	Hello, I would like to request records related to underground storage tanks or hazardous material storage at the address 12821 Knott Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.	Fire Prevention Fire Admin	01/14/16	
1503	12/21/15	Andrea Martin	Copies of the minutes for city council meetings Discussion Regarding medical marijuana legislation presented by city manager stiles. November 24, 2015 and Update on new medical marijuana legislation. November 10, 2015		12/31/15	12/21/15
1502	12/21/15	Stephen M. Wontrobski	Ref: Public Records Review Request - BLS/ALS Ambulance Transport Charges Dear City Clerk: Public Records Review Request This is a Public Records Review Request. In this Public Records Review Request, the "City of Garden Grove" is meant L...	City Manager Fire Admin Fiscal Services City Clerk	01/14/16	
1501	12/21/15		On 11771 Moen street Anaheim, ca 92804 across the street pole/street light out. Please have it replaced. Street looks to dark	City Clerk	12/21/15	12/21/15

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1500	12/18/15	Amin Mohamed	Copy of the incident (G1306362) and arson report for a fire that occurred on July 9, 2013, at the property located at 12122 Peacock Court Apt L in Garden Grove.	Fire Admin	12/23/15	12/23/15
1499	12/17/15	<i>Med-Legal</i>	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS RE: JOSE HERRERA PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FOR A COPY OF THE SUBPOENA	Human Resources	12/22/15	12/21/15
1498	12/17/15	Rich Castillon <i>OCSD</i>	1: Endpoint anti-virus software used by IT on GG computers 2: Vendor where purchased 3: Purchase price	Information Systems	12/23/15	12/21/15
1497	12/17/15	Doris Johnson <i>Center for Contract Compliance</i>	This is a formal request for a copy of the awarded General Contractor, Sub-Contractors List, Multiple Prime Contractor's if any, Start & Completion Date, Bid Advertisement Date and Award Date for the following referenced project. Project: Item:...	City Clerk	12/23/15	12/17/15
1496	12/17/15	Andrew Fromm	I'd like to receive campaign contribution reports filed as form 460 from January 2013 to December 2015 for the sitting council members, Nguyen, Jones, Phan, Bui and Beard. Excel would be preferred if this file format is available. Thank you	City Clerk	12/18/15	12/17/15
1495	12/17/15	Wayne Combs	Citation Photo for citation # GG088161PE	Community Policing	12/23/15	12/23/15
1494	12/17/15	Philip LeMasurier <i>The Houston Company</i>	All building Permits for 11600 Monarch Street in Garden Grove. APN: 131-651-18 Please include Certificate of Occupancy and any permits for construction or repair work done. Email to lemasurier@thehoustoncompany.com or please contact me at 714) ...	Building Serv	12/23/15	12/21/15
1493	12/15/15	Moises Ambriz <i>Residence Inn Garden Grove</i>	There are two street lights that are out in front of 11931 S. Harbor blvd. After the sundown the area gets really dark and is of security concern.		12/16/15	12/15/15

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1492	12/15/15	Russ Bohse, CFI <i>Peek Investigations</i>	RE Incident: 13838 Brookhurst St., Garden Grove, CA 92843 (Structure Fire) Loss Date: 12/4/2015 Approx. 0900 Hrs. To Whom it may concern, Peek Investigations is representing Nationwide Mutual Insurance in a fire loss at the above location...		12/23/15	12/15/15
1491	12/15/15	Kent Harper <i>n/a</i>	I would like a list of every incidence in the past year or two when the city of Garden Grove reimbursed someone for towing & storage fees they had to pay when their car was towed & stored by one of your preferred towing companies. Please pay spec...	Police Admn Serv Risk Management	12/23/15	12/17/15
1490	12/14/15	Alejandra Medellin	Requesting a copy of my home floor plans for my current residence 12621 S ARLETTA CR GARDEN GROVE CA 92840	Building Serv	12/23/15	12/14/15
1489	12/14/15	Jose Luis Esguerra Santos	Police clearance of non criminal records.		12/23/15	12/14/15
1488	12/09/15	joanna t nguyen	can i get a copy of my public records, i cant seem to get into my own credit report and public record. theres so many answers that i dont even know where it came from. thanks	City Clerk	12/09/15	12/09/15
1487	12/08/15	James M. McKanna Esq.	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS Ref: Citation Number GG090012PE - Evan Muschetto Please see the attached subpoena	Engr Services Community Policing	01/15/16	
1486	12/08/15	Bruce Broadwater	I am requesting, through the Public Information Act, records regarding the promotion of employees in the Fire Department that circumvent the existing nepotism policy. Thank you.	Human Resources	12/18/15	12/14/15
1485	12/07/15	Craig Insana <i>LexisNexis</i>	Copy of the incident report for a building fire at the property located at 11732 John Avenue in Gaden Grove on November 26, 2015.		12/17/15	12/07/15
1484	12/07/15	Connie D. Parker <i>Kevoorkian & Madenlian, LLP</i>	Requesting medical records from Fire Rescue and transport relating to Accident of July 14, 2015. G15-196150. See attached.	Fire Admin	12/17/15	12/18/15

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1483	12/07/15		12331 Haga Street, Garden Grove, CA 92841: Request copy of any and all building permit records including demolitions, construction, tenant improvements, major sewer installations/removals, and certificates of occupancy, including open/unresolve...	Water Services Building Serv	12/17/15	12/17/15
			For the City Clerk: This is a brand new public records request.			
1482	12/04/15	Jim Lissner	The following records or materials are requested. All pertain to red light camera systems. 1. For each "intersection approach" or "approach" (defined as a red light camera or...	Community Policing	12/14/15	12/07/15
1481	12/04/15	NATALIE SILVA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON	A TREE BRANCH FELL ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FACILITIES. SEE ATTACHED REPORT REQUEST FOR INCIDENT INFORMATION.	Fire Admin	12/14/15	12/07/15
1480	12/04/15	The Van Pham	Copies of any code violations/photos relating to the property located at 13122 Fondren Street in Garden Grove.	Neighborhood Impr	12/14/15	12/04/15
1479	12/03/15	Amy Nguyen	Copies of any code violations/reports for the property located at 10702 Teal Drive, Garden Grove, 92843.	Neighborhood Impr	12/14/15	12/07/15
1478	12/03/15	Elizabeth Zhao Andersen Environmental - EFI Global Company	This firm is performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the property located at the following addresses: 13642, 13686, and 13692 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, California 92843 We are requesting any information from your department...	Fire Prevention Environmental Comp Building Serv	12/14/15	12/09/15
1477	12/03/15	Tommy Ouzoonian Athens Services	Please email me your current Street Sweeping agreement, the most recent addendum or extension, and the schedule of current rates. Thanks!	City Clerk	12/14/15	12/04/15

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1476	12/03/15	Robert Scales <i>Sanford, Olson & Scales, LLC</i>	I am requesting records from the Garden Grove Police Department of all incidents from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 involving an officer's use of force. For those incidents where an officer used reportable force, I would like copies of: 1) ...	Police Mgmt Police Admn Serv Police Support Serv	12/14/15	12/10/15
1475	12/02/15	Mark Lopez <i>CEO Public Finance/County Counsel Accounting</i>	Hi Kathy, I am currently working on a project for CEO Public Finance and I had a question regarding Garden Grove Sanitary District. Could you tell me if Garden Grove Sanitary District was ever separate from the City? If it was separate, is th...	City Clerk	12/14/15	12/02/15
1474	12/02/15	Richard V. McMillan	REQUEST FOR DISCOVERY Regarding: Case Number GG084626PE 1A John C. Zahn See Attached	Community Policing	12/14/15	12/17/15
1473	12/01/15	John Sarfati <i>County of Orange - Treasurer tax collector</i>	My name is John Sarfati with the county of orange treasurer's office, my email for any information to be sent is jsarfati@ttc.ocgov.com. I can be reached at 714 834 7604 Please note when replying on subject line my acct # 655318 We are in...	Revenue Management	12/14/15	12/14/15
1472	12/01/15	Craig	REQUESTING FIRE REPORT FOR GREASE FIRE IN KITCHEN LAST NAME IS AGUZAR ADDRESS IS 11732 JOHN AVE. , GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840 DATE OF LOSS IS NOVEMBER 26, 2015. REQUESTING FOR ALLSTATE INSURANCE. THIS IS AN ALLSTATE CUSTOMER. OUR CLAIM NUMBER IS...	Fire Admin	12/14/15	12/01/15
1471	12/01/15	dina nguyen	Hi, I would like to request any VIOLATION / UN PERMIT ATTACH ON HOME information		12/02/15	12/01/15

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				on the property that I will be purchase. 12771 Audrey Cir, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Thank You			
1470	12/01/15	dina nguyen		Hi, I would like to request any VIOLATION / UN PERMIT ATTACH ON HOME on the property that I will be purchase. 12771 Audrey Cir, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Thank You, Dina	Building Serv Neighborhood Impr	12/14/15	12/01/15
1469	12/01/15	Richard Ayres <i>Orange County District Attorney's Office</i>		DISCOVERY REQUEST Date of incident: October 17, 2015 Involving: Celia Reynolds SEE ATTACHED	Fire Admin	12/14/15	12/15/15
1468	12/01/15	Allison Paul <i>CIRB</i>		Good Morning Denise, We are currently seeking November 2015 issued building permit reports. Thank you very much for your continued assistance.	Building Serv	12/14/15	12/02/15
1467	12/01/15	Chris Davis <i>Market Force One</i>		please email the Nov new business list in Excel format Good Afternoon,	City Clerk	12/14/15	12/02/15
1466	12/01/15	Alicia S. Amaro <i>Level 2 Automation</i>		I would like to request a list of new businesses for the month of November 2015. Please include owners name and phone number. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you	City Clerk	12/14/15	12/02/15

Weekly Memo 1/07/16

**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

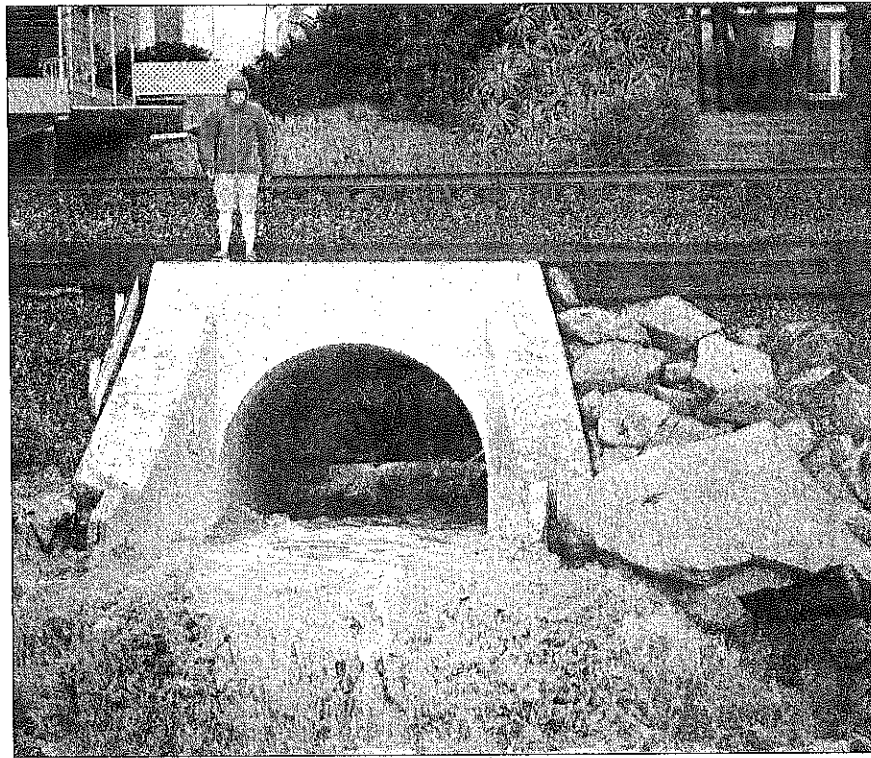
DELUGE BRINGS FLOODING, RESCUE, WATERSPOUT

Storm socks Orange County, keeping cleanup crews busy, but no serious injuries are reported.

By **SCOTT SCHWEBKE,**
TOMOYA SHIMURA,
ALMA FAUSTO and
LOUIS CASIANO Jr.
STAFF WRITERS

El Niño-powered storms swept through Orange County on Wednesday, flooding streets, producing a rare waterspout and sending some residents scrambling to protect their homes and businesses.

Cleanup crews worked across the county, from clearing roads of debris in Silverado Canyon to pumping water away from flooded houses in a Santa Ana neighbor-



DAVID BRO, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

A man stands above a pedestrian access tunnel in San Clemente to check out the surge of water flowing off a storm channel.

BY THE NUMBERS

3.93
inches of rainfall in Silverado Canyon

60
high temperature Huntington Beach

20
county workers sent to the canyons

6-8
homes flooded in Santa Ana

1
roof collapse at an Anaheim Hills business

10
feet, the height some waves reached

STORM

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hood. The downpour led to Knott's Berry Farm being closed for a second straight day.

By 9 p.m. Wednesday, Silverado Canyon had received 3.93 inches in a 24-hour period. Coto de Caza recorded 2.37 inches and Garden Grove had 1.65 inches.

Storms are expected again today, with most of the heavy rains anticipated in the morning. Showers will remain light in the afternoon into the evening, said Brandt Maxwell of the National Weather Service.

"With this El Niño, we are more likely to get another storm like this this year, so definitely stayed tuned" Maxwell said.

Friday should be mostly dry, with the rain dissipating by morning.

Intermittent sunshine that graced parts of the county in the morning Wednesday gave way to angry dark clouds and bands of heavy rain throughout the remainder of the afternoon.

A waterspout off the coast of San Clemente that briefly formed into a small tornado when it hit land didn't cause any damage, said Lt. Lloyd Downing of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The phenomenon, not usually associated with Orange County, formed around 1:05 p.m. and moved inland, where it was upgraded to a tornado, said Ivory Small, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Heavy rain led to at least one water rescue.

At around 12:20 p.m., Garden Grove police pulled a woman, who is possibly homeless, from a drainage canal on Taft Street near Ranney Avenue.

It's believed that the woman was using an area near the channel for cover when she was washed away by the fast-moving water, Garden Grove police Sgt. William Allison said. She was taken to Garden Grove Medical Center for evaluation.

The rescue should serve as cautionary advice, he added.

"In a 15-minute period, the water went from about a foot to about 4½-feet deep," Allison said. "We recommend nobody get anywhere near the drainage areas."

Buildings also weren't spared from the storm's wrath.

In Anaheim Hills, a collapsed roof at a commercial building prompted the evacuation of 100 people in-

side two businesses, one them a children's entertainment venue.

Authorities responded at around 1:20 p.m. to Pump It Up, 5397 E. Hunter Ave., where "the structural beams of the roof gave out," said Sgt. Daron Wyatt of the Anaheim Police Department.

"The weight of the water on the roof caused it to collapse," he said.

The roof of the other business in the building, Cristek Interconnects, an aerospace manufacturer, did not collapse.

No one was injured, and the building was sealed off.

Tustin High School's gymnasium also had roof problems, when a leak caused a boys basketball game between the school and Foothill High School to be postponed until today.

The rain also caused problems Wednesday afternoon in Santa Ana, where floodwaters rose up to 8 in-

ches above the curb in the 100 block of East Russell Avenue.

The Orange County Fire Authority responded at 1 p.m. to the area, where water had flooded yards and six to eight homes, Fire Authority Capt. Larry Kurtz said.

Fire crews used portable machines to pump the water into storm drains. Two OCFA bulldozers and a hand crew planned to put dividers and sandbags on the street to prevent further flooding, Kurtz said.

SILVERADO CANYON MOST VULNERABLE

For a second day, The Orange County Emergency Operations Center issued a voluntary evacuation order for Silverado Canyon residences east of 30311 Silverado Canyon Road.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Orange County Public Works sent about 20 workers into the canyons, about

15 of them in Silverado Canyon. The agency also deployed three trucks, a street sweeper, two bulldozers, a bucket loader and a backhoe, Operations Manager AJ Jaime said.

County crews equipped with pitchforks, shovels and brooms drove up and down Silverado Canyon Road on Wednesday, removing branches and rocks off the road and clearing drains in pouring rain and strong wind.

Since the 2014 wildfire, there have been five minor debris flows on Silverado Canyon Road, Jaime said.

Crews spent a few hours Tuesday afternoon removing a swath of mud, debris and water covering the road near the entrance to the U.S. National Forest, but had to do it over again Wednesday.

Another challenge of working in the canyons are the narrow roads and trails, which can slow down de-

ploying heavy equipment, Jaime said. Silverado Canyon is one lane each way, and many side roads aren't paved.

"We have staff that are really knowledgeable," Jaime said. "This is what they are prepared for. Sometimes they have to get up in the middle of the night to calls and they get out there with their rain gear and do their shoveling or whatever it takes."

Silverado has always been one of the most vulnerable areas to natural disaster in the county, with ravines and steep slopes.

But this cloistered community of about 2,000 people has been on edge since a wildfire in September 2014 burned 960 acres of trees and shrubs on steep slopes, exposing soil to be washed away by rain.

Authorities have said that it's only a matter of time until the community suffers severe damage from storm-caused landslides and flooding.

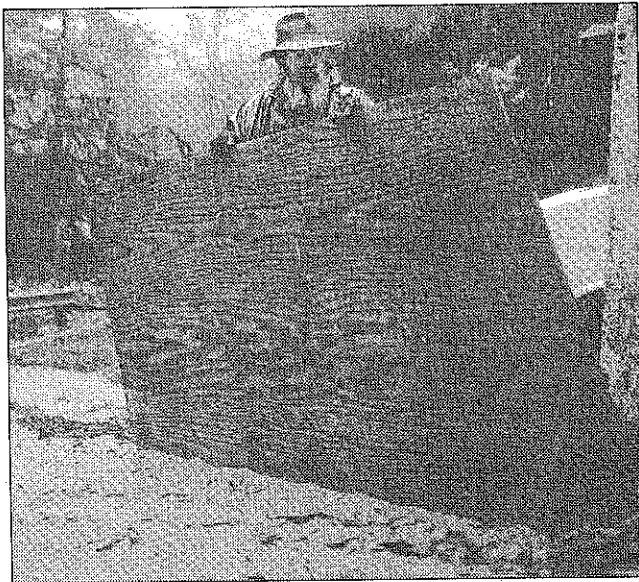
The problem is, nobody knows when.

"The biggest challenge is any sudden change in weather," OC Public Works spokesman Shannon Widor said.

Various public safety agencies are closely monitoring Silverado Canyon during this week's wave of El Niño rainstorms.

The county installed thousands of feet of concrete barriers and wood-silt fencing along Silverado Canyon Road last year. Jaime said such barriers have already stopped mud and water from flooding the road this week.

"I think they're doing an amazing job," said Alice Phillips, who's lived 46 years in Silverado Canyon,



MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ed Frost diverts water from his home as rain pummels Silverado Canyon on Wednesday.



LEONARD ORTIZ, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dolores Vargas, left, gets a hug from her daughter Natalie, 15, after rains flooded their Santa Ana home.

about the emergency response from the county and other agencies.

She said the community used to receive little help in the past. Warnings spread mostly by word-of-mouth among residents.

In the past 10 years, agencies began sending more crews to Silverado and providing information through multiple outlets, including AlertOC on cellphones and computers.

"It's easier to keep up with what's happening," Phillips said. "I feel more safe."

But there's a limit to what agencies can do. Residents are pretty much on their own to protect their property from flooding and mudslides.

Phillips said her private dirt road washed away after flooding in 2010, forcing her to walk 10 minutes in the mud just to get home from her entrance gate. She also totaled her truck after it got stuck in the creek when she was trying to install sandbags along her dirt road.

Like many residents in the community, Phillips said she doesn't fear for her safety at this point, but that could change if the area continues to get hit with rainstorms over the next few months.

RAINFALL TOTALS

Laguna Hills, 2.18 inches
Corona del Mar, 2.01
Costa Mesa, 1.97 inches
Lake Forest, 1.96 inches
Tustin 1.92 inches
San Juan Capistrano, 1.89 inches
Yorba Linda, 1.87 inches
Laguna Beach, 1.77 inches
San Clemente Pier, 1.62 inches
John Wayne Airport, 1.61 inches
Huntington Beach, 1.58 inches
Santa Ana 1.32 inches
Upper Aliso Creek, .54 of an inch

Source: National Weather Service, 24-hour period as of 9 p.m.

PREPPING FOR HIGH SURF

Along the coast, a high surf warning was issued Wednesday, where up to 10-foot waves were seen. Waves today are projected to increase to between 14 and 16 feet, said Small, the National Weather Service meteorologist.

Those warnings caused many along the coast to prepare for possible flooding.

On Wednesday afternoon in Huntington Beach, several residents clamored for free sandbags distributed at the city's corporate yard on Gothard Street.

Claudia Romero, 24, and her sister only managed to fill about five bags of sand to prevent flooding to the entrance of their home.

"(Claudia) originally wanted to get 15, but yeah we're not doing that right now since it's raining so hard," Mary Romero, 22, said with a laugh while trying to dodge the rainfall.

While some people seemed worried about possible flooding, others took the weather in stride.

Sandra Smith, 46, jogged on the sand Wednesday near Beach Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach while a group of seagulls congregated nearby.

"I've got a race coming so I have to keep practicing," she said.

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cruising city cut arrests, police say

No traffic deaths in December in Garden Grove

Traffic sergeant credits increased anti-DUI patrols and use of ride-hailing.

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in eight years, Garden Grove did not have someone die during a car crash in December, and a reason why may be a steady increase in police officers patrolling for those driving under the influence during the holidays, said traffic Sgt. Jim Fischer, Garden Grove Police Department.

From Dec. 18 to Jan. 3, the Police Department conducted two checkpoints and DUI saturation patrols – sending extra officers out to look specifically for drunken drivers.

During those 17 days, the department had 147 hours of satura-



From Dec. 18 to Jan. 3, the Police Department conducted 147 hours of DUI saturation patrols, arresting 17 people.

KEVIN WARN,
FILE PHOTO

tion patrols, arresting 17 people and stopping 126 vehicles on suspicion of DUI, Fischer said.

The number of arrests, he said, was down from previous years.

"We in Garden Grove," Fischer said, "believe that the education component from years of checkpoints and DUI saturations with a 'zero tolerance' approach has con-

tributed to the decrease of arrests specifically in Garden Grove."

During the two checkpoints, Fischer said police officials noticed an increase in designated drivers and those using ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft.

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None of the 17 arrests were made at a checkpoint, Fischer said. He noted that an increase in smartphone applications, mapping

checkpoints may have helped drunken drivers avoid the checkpoints.

The Police Department announces when it will have checkpoints to deter people from driving while drunk,

but it does not disclose where the checkpoints will be.

"On our last checkpoint, I Googled it and found our checkpoint along with others throughout the county

on different websites and our location was 100 percent accurate," Fischer said. "Impaired drivers can simply avoid the checkpoint by checking a number of apps (or) websites."

As a result, the department opted to saturate the city with more officers patrolling with an eye out for drunken drivers this holiday season rather than conduct a lot of checkpoints,

which, Fischer said, officials believe, along with education efforts, "may have contributed to the decrease in arrests and no fatalities."

CITY COUNCILS HEADING BACK INTO ACTION

It's time for elected officials to get back to work.

After having more than a month off, the city councils for Garden Grove, Stanton and Westminster are reconvening next week.

Council members in Garden Grove and Stanton meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Stanton City Council meets in the council chambers, 7800 Katella Ave.

The Garden Grove City Council is displaced while renovations continue at the Community Meeting Center - the building that houses the council chambers - and is instead meeting at the Courtyard Center, 12732

Main St.

The Westminster City Council meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in its chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd.

More information is available on each city's website or by calling the city clerk's office.

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Great Wolf hotel and water park

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hiring hundreds

GARDEN GROVE • Great Wolf needs to find a large pack of employees for when it opens Feb. 19.

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, the 603-suite hotel with a 105,000-square-foot water park on Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove, is about to undertake a massive hiring spree – ultimately employing 700 people.

The resort is hosting information sessions about the jobs Thursday and Tuesday.

“These information nights are designed for po-

If you go

When: 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Tuesday

Where: Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, 12681 Harbor Blvd.

Parking: Participants can pull into the off-site construction parking lot at 12222 Harbor Blvd. A shuttle will take people to the resort and back.

tential candidates who want to learn about what Great Wolf is and what our culture is,” said Phil Cunningham, the general manager for the Garden Grove location.

Open jobs include housekeeping and manning the front desk to lifeguards and engineers for the water park.

Of the 700 jobs being of-

fered, half will be full-time positions.

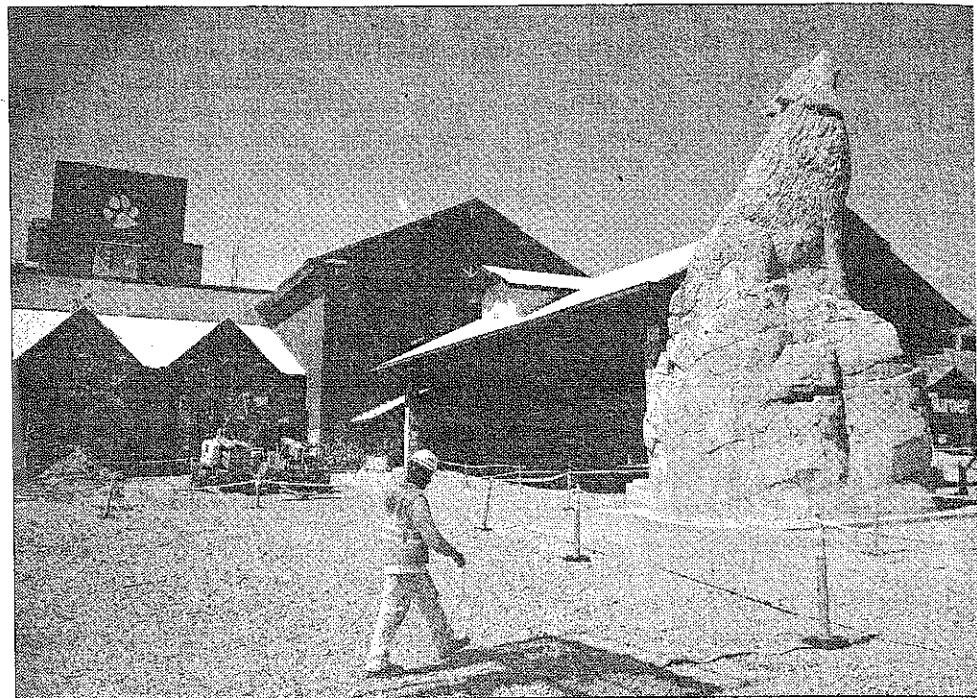
Great Wolf officials did not provide specifics on salaries for individual positions but did say the resort would pay above minimum wage, in line with positions they are hiring for, and offer competitive benefit packages.

Great Wolf officials will give 20-minute presentations at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. both days. Those who attend the presentations will have a chance to meet department managers and directors.

The resort will not interview or hire anyone that day; the company requires people to apply online. Great Wolf has already hired its management team and some supervisors.



**CHRIS
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STAFF
WRITER



NICK AGRO, FILE PHOTO

Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove, shown under construction last year, opens Feb. 19.

Garden Grove election plan halted

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Judge gives foes
of City Council
districting deal
a chance to make
their case in court.

By **CHRIS HAIRE**
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • An Orange County Superior Court judge on Tuesday set aside a settlement between Garden Grove and a former City Council candidate that would have drastically changed the way voters elect council members — giving opponents of the accord a chance to argue against it in court.

The settlement, agreed on in September after Rick Montoya sued Gar-



Montoya

den Grove by accusing it of violating the California Voting Rights Act, would do away with an independently elected mayor and create five council districts beginning in the November election. The council would pick the mayor.

But the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association wants to have six council districts and mayor elected citywide.

The association says a 1970s Garden Grove law establishing an independently elected mayor prevents the City Council from agreeing to the settlement without allowing residents a say in the matter.

“If the voters enact something, the City Council

can’t unilaterally undo that,” said Mark Rosen, a former councilman and the attorney for the association.

On Tuesday morning, Judge Frederick Aguirre agreed to temporarily nullify the terms of the settlement and set a hearing for Feb. 23, when the attorney for Montoya plans to argue that the California Voting Rights Act supersedes Garden Grove law.

“When you have any at-large positions, the minority vote is deluded,” said Kevin Shenkman, the attorney for Montoya. “We are 100 percent committed to making sure there are no more at-large elections in Garden Grove.”

Shenkman hopes to win a dismissal at the hearing and prevent a trial.

Omar Sandoval, Garden Grove’s city attorney, said the public meetings to discuss how to break up the city into districts will continue for now.

The California Voting Rights Act is meant to ensure that minority groups receive fair representation in city government. In recent years, district elections have been established across north Orange County cities and school districts.

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**ELECTIONS: How Garden Grove
council chosen in dispute**

Cities miss November water-cut targets

But almost all O.C. districts are on track to hit cumulative target by next month.

By **AARON ORLOWSKI**
STAFF WRITER

Almost every Orange County city is ahead of schedule to make cumulative water use cuts by a February deadline, but almost all of them failed to make water conservation targets for November, according to the latest data released Tuesday.

For the past six months, the State Water Resources Control Board has required urban water districts across California to cut water consumption between 8 percent and 36 percent, based on past per-person water use. The cuts are



We use less water for outdoor irrigation in the winter months and therefore there is less water to conserve."

ROB HUNTER
GENERAL MANAGER AT MUNICIPAL
WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY

measured against water use in the same period two years earlier.

While the El Niño-driven rainstorms on Tuesday helped perk up local trees, grass and gardens, the rain-

fall does little for long-term water supplies. The county gets about half its water from sources outside the region, namely Northern California, via the State Water Project, and the Rocky Mountains, via the Colorado River.

Much of the rain that falls in Orange County gets directed into storm drain channels that ferry it out to the ocean. Stormwater from the Inland Empire is more likely to replenish local aquifers as it flows down the Santa Ana River and into groundwater recharge basins in Anaheim managed by the Orange County Water District.

Water use cuts in November were far below targets, with only two of 31 Orange County districts meeting them: Santa Ana and the Irvine Ranch Water District.

At the same time, more than two-thirds of local districts are on track to make

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MORE ON CUTS

A look at local water suppliers' cuts. **LOCAL 5**

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the February deadline. Eight districts are behind. The most serious laggard is Newport Beach, which has a mandate to cut 28 percent and has only cut 20.1 percent since June, when the state conservation mandate started.

With temperatures dropping, it will only get more difficult to trim water use. The cooler months are when outdoor water use plummets and residents and homeowners can shave water consumption only by doing things such as taking shorter showers and flushing toilets less often.

"We use less water for outdoor irrigation in the winter months and therefore there is less water to conserve," said Rob Hunter, the general manager at Municipal Water District of Orange County.

In Orange County, water-sipping indoor appliances such as showerheads and

washing machines are already the norm, Hunter said. Well over 98 percent of toilets in Orange County are low-flow, for instance.

Today is the deadline to submit comments on the state water board's proposed adjustments to the conservation mandate. Presuming that the regulations are extended past the original February deadline, as is likely, the state board plans to adjust how much districts must conserve by adding conservation credits for drought-resilient projects such as recycling, and for population growth since 2013.

If the adjustments are enacted, most north and central Orange County districts could see their conservation mandates cut by several percentage points because of an expansion to the Groundwater Replenishment System - which recharges groundwater with highly purified sewer water - that came online last year. Some South County districts could see adjustments for major population growth.

O.C. water cuts

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

Supplier	Target	Savings in Nov.
Anaheim	20	9.2
Brea	24	8.6
Buena Park	20	19.9
City of Orange	28	24.6
East Orange County Water District	36	20.2
El Toro Water District	24	22.7
Fountain Valley	20	17.0
Fullerton	28	10.9
Garden Grove	20	0.2
Golden State Water Co. Placentia	24	16.1
Golden State Water Cowan Heights	36	15.2
Golden State Water Co. West Orange	16	13.7
Huntington Beach	20	18.2
Irvine Ranch Water District	16	18.3
La Habra	28	8.2
La Palma	20	16.3
Laguna Beach	24	17.0
Mesa Water District	20	5.6
Moulton Niguel Water District	20	8.2
Newport Beach	28	15.5
San Clemente	24	20.6
San Juan Capistrano	28	10.9
Santa Ana	12	12.7
Santa Margarita	24	6.8
Seal Beach	8	2.6
Serrano Water District	36	23.3
South Coast Water District	24	21.8
Trabuco Canyon Water District	28	15.8
Tustin	28	20.8
Westminster	20	17.3
Yorba Linda Water District	36	25.9

Source: Nov. 2015 water conservation report

STAFF GRAPHIC

Seniors bid farewell to 2015

And they toast 2016 at party held at center

By Loreen Berlin

The Garden Grove Senior Center, known as the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, was hopping with lots of fun last Wednesday morning as seniors danced, munched on sandwiches, soup and sweets at noon, followed by a champagne toast.

This was a New Year's Eve party (early, granted), senior-style.

Each Wednesday, seniors can dance to the music of a live band, "The Serenaders." They can also make reservations for a meal at lunch time and enjoy one another's company.

Lunch is a suggested donation of \$3.50 for seniors 62 years and older.

And these seniors dress up for special occasions, and so they attended this party dressed in their finest and cut a pretty good rug.

There are a lot of really good ballroom dancers who attend each monthly function the Community Services Department puts on under the direction of Juan Medina, recreation and human services coordinator.

And there's also the opportunity to participate in line-dancing, so no one is left out.

"Close to 120 people came out to the New Year's event," said recreation specialist Steven Gomez.

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From left, 2015 Senior Queen and King Yolanda Montano and Hazlette "Tsuki" Tsukiyama enjoy themselves at the New Year's Eve party.

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"Everyone had a good time."

"This is heaven," said one of the dancers, Fernando Barona. "The seniors come and relax and enjoy listening to this band."

"This is great exercise," said another dancer, Chun Cha Seraphin.

Gene McHenry said he comes to the Garden Grove Senior Center every Wednesday just to hear the band.

"I attend the Anaheim and Fullerton senior centers too, to hear this live band," he said.

The event culminated with an American flag salute, Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America" by those in

attendance.

"Many sincere thanks to staff and volunteers for another wonderful party; bless all of you with a wonderful year of health and happiness in 2016," said volunteer Sarah Goldstein. "And may all of your dreams and wishes come true."

The next big event at the Senior Center is the Valentine's Party, which costs \$10 and runs from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be dancing, food and entertainment by The Serenaders, followed in March by a Saint Patrick's Day Party and then Easter will be next.

Dances are held once a month, on special occasions such as Mother's Day and other holiday events according to Medina. But every Wednesday is dance time from 10 a.m. to noon.



Photos by Loreen Berlin

Seniors at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center in Garden Grove toast during a New Year's Eve party last week. From left, are Janet Reed, Chun Cha Seraphin, Fernando Barona and Gene McHenry.



Courtesy photo

Garden Grove firefighters prepare to knock down a structure fire in the 11000 block of Wentworth Place.

GG firefighters knock down structure fire

Damage to building and contents is estimated at \$30,000

The Garden Grove Fire Department was dispatched to the 11000 block of Wentworth Place for a residential structure fire last week.

On scene, firefighters found a single story house with heavy smoke coming from it. Crews initiated an attack of the fire and were able to confine the fire to the chimney and surrounding building construction.

A search of the house confirmed that all residents were evacuated. It took firefighters approximately 10 minutes to knock down the fire. Damage to the structure is estimated at \$25,000 and \$5,000 to the contents. There was no reported injury to residents or firefighters.

An investigation of the fire revealed the cause of the fire to be attributed to the residents

burning pallets in the fireplace the night before which exceeded the capacity of the chimney and surrounding material.

This subsequently smoldered and ignited. The Fire Department would like to emphasize that burning a large amount of combustible material such as pallets or a Christmas tree should not be done in a fireplace for this reason.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Garden Grove Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide citizens, public agencies and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input for the Garden Grove Housing Authority Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and express opinions regarding the Garden Grove Housing Authority Annual Plan.

The Annual Plan will be available for public view by Monday, February 22, 2016 at:

Garden Grove Housing Authority
11277 Garden Grove Boulevard,
Suite 101-C
Garden Grove, California 92840

The Garden Grove Housing Authority's business hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office is closed every other Friday with business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the open Friday.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: Tuesday, March
22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Com-
munity Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Gar-
den Grove, California 92840

All written testimony must be received no later than March 22, 2016, at 12:00 noon. Any person or organization may file written testimony on the Annual Plan with the City Clerk's Office, located in City Hall at 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
Secretary

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1185

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide Four New and Unused 2016 Ford Fusion SE Mid-Sized Four Door Sedans. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 6, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
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City of Garden Grove
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Garden Grove shop upholds tatau tradition

A-Town clients commit hours for an authentic Polynesian tattoo.

GARDEN GROVE • Not widely practiced, the tattooing art of tatau has been a right of passage for men and women in Samoa for centuries, and a small shop in Garden Grove is one of a few places statewide where it is offered.

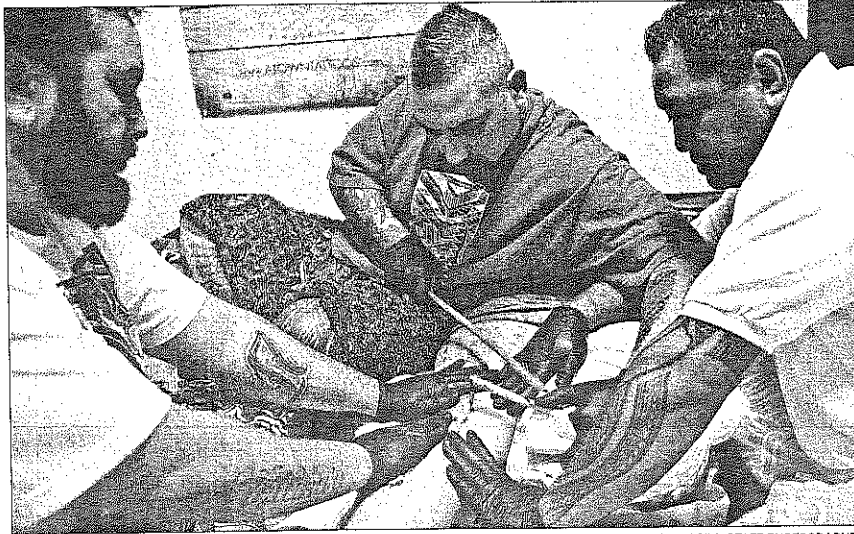


JOANNA CLAY
STAFF WRITER

It's a painful process. Hours and hours pass as the tattooist and a team labor over the skin, using a traditional tool made from wood, turtle shell and boar's tusk. The tool looks like a mallet, but instead of a wooden head, there's a row of little teeth that are dipped in ink and pushed into the skin when the tool is tapped by hand against the body.

In California there appears only one place to get such a traditional tattoo - at A-Town, which is tucked away in a strip mall off Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. The rights to tatau were recently bestowed upon the shop's owner by one of Samoa's most prominent tattooing families, the Sulu'ape.

Owner Si'i Liufau, 39, is half Samoan and has done about 60 traditional Samoan tattoos over the last



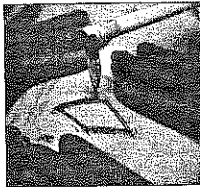
Si'i Liufau, center, owner of A-Town Tattoo, and his assistants work on giving a client a traditional Polynesian woman's tattoo at his Garden Grove shop. The tattoo, called a malu, runs from the upper thigh to below the knee.

few years, after traveling to Samoa repeatedly and learning from the Sulu'ape family. Before that, he did mostly black and gray ink tattooing and portraiture.

"It's really a privilege to be around traditional tattooing," said Liufau, who grew up in Anaheim and Garden Grove. "We look at Polynesian tattooing as the pioneers."

The male tattoo, called pe'a, runs from the mid-back down past the knee. There's a version for women called the malu, which goes from the upper thigh to below the knee.

The man's tattoo can cost up to \$10,000 and takes



Liufau uses a modernized version of traditional tools to create authentic Polynesian tattoos.

up to 45 hours to complete. It's a big no-no in the culture to not finish the tattoo.

There's a common format to the tattoos, which usually have symbols important to the Samoan cul-

ture, such as the canoe, Liufau said.

"They're the leader within their family, their community... They're the leader of their own canoe," he said. "That's the main thing that spread the culture throughout the Pacific, the canoes."

Instead of using the traditional tools, for health safety Liufau fashions a modern version from stainless steel and plexiglass, which he makes for each customer. It takes about 30 minutes to craft the tool.

Much of the traditional process remains, however. It takes three to four helpers to work on one person;

some are there to stretch the skin. It's all done free-hand. The man or woman lies on the floor on a mat, not in a chair. They wear traditional dress, called a lavalava, which looks like a sarong. Many times families come and feed the tattoo artist and observe.

When it's done, turmeric and coconut oil are rubbed on the tattoo. There is a blessing. An egg is cracked on the person's head. "It's a symbol of rebirthing and new life," Liufau said.

Ria Tuvalu, 30, of Garden Grove recently spent 10 hours on the mat getting her malu.

"My grandma thought it

would be good blessing for our family to have it done," she said. "It's like no pain that I've ever felt. It really made me evaluate my whole life."

Albeit painful, Tuvalu said it's an honor in Samoan culture, one she saw on her grandparents and her aunts.

"When I see it on women, I think beauty and grace all in one," she said.

Customers don't have to get the traditional pe'a or malu. They can get smaller pieces, such as an arm or a leg band. And they don't have to have a connection to Polynesia.

"That's something that's really exciting," Liufau said. "It's really an honor to ask for our cultural artwork even though they're not Polynesian."

Along with his pe'a, Liufau has many Western-style tattoos, such as an octopus, his children's names and a portrait of his father. He said the combination of new and old world on the body is reflective of today's diversity.

"Whether it's Polynesian, Samoan or Western tattoos... it's an expression of oneself," he said.

Liufau is working on a photography exhibit of tatau for the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, which will be opening July 30. He's doing a 90-minute documentary to supplement the exhibit, which will be screened at the museum's opening.

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Garden Grove teen shot in head dies at hospital

Police say a
passenger in a car
of gang members
fired at another
vehicle.

By **ALYSSA DURANTY**
STAFF WRITER

SANTA ANA • A 19-year-old man shot in the head early Sunday morning in an apparently gang-related attack later died at the hospital, police said.

Phung Dinh Le of Garden Grove was driving around 2 a.m. Sunday with his friends westbound in the 2800 block of West Edinger Avenue when a car full of gang members pulled alongside them, police Cmdr. Jeffrey Smith said.

"A light-colored compact vehicle pulled up alongside the victim vehicle, and

words were exchanged," Smith said. "A passenger from the suspect vehicle fired a handgun at the victim vehicle, striking one of the passengers."

It was unclear how many people were in either car.

Officials said Le was shot in the head and taken to UC Irvine Medical Center in Orange in critical condition. He was taken off life support at 3:47 p.m. Sunday, and his organs were donated.

No arrests were initially made. Police are asking anyone with information about the attack to contact the Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-847-6227. Information can be provided anonymously.

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GARDEN GROVE

Yarn jackets: The Police Department, the Costa Mesa nonprofit Knots of Love and the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove recently turned yarn used as an art display during the open-streets event to create blankets, caps, beanies and jackets for the city's homeless. They made 11 blankets, 17 caps and beanies, a shawl and seven jackets.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

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Dec. 24, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

"Funny Girl": The Gem Theater's first production of the 2016 season is "Funny Girl," a musical about an ugly duckling transforming into a Hollywood starlet. It will run Fridays through Sundays from Feb. 12 to Feb. 21. The relatively short, two-week run is part of One More Production's seventh annual Hearts for the Arts Fundraiser. Information: 714-741-9550, ext. 221.
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Register
Dec. 28, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Public records: The city has received more than 500 public-record requests since April, when it launched an online portal that makes it easier to submit and view requests for public documents. The city received 70 requests in October, the most of any month. So far in December, the city has received 41 requests.
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Dec. 31, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Sculptures: The city made \$345 for its arts-in-public-places program during an auction of palm-fruit animal sculptures last week. The sculptures - of a giraffe, swans, birds - had been on display since October's open-streets event. Glenn Mann, known as the Guerilla Gardener, created the sculptures.

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Dec. 25, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Director vacancy: The city is still looking for a new director for the Community and Economic Development Department, a position that has been vacant since Susan Emery left Garden Grove in early September to work for the city of Irvine. Garden Grove is undergoing a national search to replace Emery, who worked for the city for 21 years.

Chris Haire, 714-704-3707

Register
Dec. 29, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

State of the City: The State of the City Luncheon, when Mayor Bao Nguyen will give a speech on the accomplishments of 2015 and the challenges facing Garden Grove in 2016, is scheduled for noon Jan. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 11767 Harbor Blvd. Tickets are \$40. Information: 714-638-7950.

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GARDEN GROVE

BIGG winner: Elaine Truong is the winner of the 2015 Buy in Garden Grove Black Friday contest. From the day after Thanksgiving until Dec. 18, those who shopped at Garden Grove stores received a raffle ticket for every \$50 in register receipts they turned into the Chamber of Commerce. For winning, Truong received \$500.

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Dec. 26, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

DUI patrols: Until Sunday, the Police Department will have increased patrols looking for those who are driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. On Saturday, the department will do saturation patrols - meaning it will have a high number of officers looking specifically for those who may be driving drunk.

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Dec. 30, 2015

GARDEN GROVE

Winter recess: The Garden Grove Unified School District's spring session begins Monday. Students have been on winter recess since Dec. 21. The next official holiday for the district is Jan. 18, when it observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Spring break is the week of April 11. Information: ggusd.us
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GARDEN GROVE

Council meetings: The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. The City Council typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. It hasn't met since Dec. 8 because of the winter holidays. The meetings are not in the council chambers because of renovations at the building where they are housed.

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GARDEN GROVE

Tree collection: The city will pick up Christmas trees for free until Friday. The trees must be out at the curb by 6 a.m. on regular trash collection days. Flocked trees are not recyclable and are not eligible for the free pickup. But they may go in the regular trash. Residents can also schedule a bulky item pickup.

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GARDEN GROVE

College: The Garden Grove Unified School District is hosting a Cash for College workshop at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Garden Grove High School, 11271 Stanford Ave. The free workshop, open to all Orange County high school seniors and their parents, will help students understand how to apply for financial aid. Registration is in Room 333.

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GARDEN GROVE

El Niño: The city has set up a hotline, at 714-741-5270, and a Web page, accessible via the city's website, to provide advice about preparing for El Niño. Those two resources will help you learn where to get sandbags, how to make an emergency kit, what to do during a flood, and how to properly evacuate.

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Dec. 31, 2015

Man shot, killed in Orange ID'd as Garden Grove man, 23

By ALMA FAUSTO
STAFF WRITER

A man who was fatally shot in Orange on Tuesday was identified by coroner's officials as 23-year-old Bryan Aguirre of Garden Grove.

About 11:30 a.m., officers were called to the 2000 block of East Palmyra Avenue after someone reported hearing shots, Sgt. Phil McMullin of the Orange

Police Department said on Tuesday.

When officers arrived, they found Aguirre with a gunshot wound to his upper body.

He was taken to Orange County Global Medical Center in Santa Ana, where he died.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact the Orange Police Department at 714-744-7444.

2015: Oh, what a year it was!



Photo by Loreen Berlin

Garden Grove held its tree-lighting in downtown over the Christmas holiday. Here, the Voice of Garden Grove leads carolers in singing traditional Christmas songs.

A look back: Great Wolf Lodge coming to Garden Grove

Indoor water park could be best in the Southland

By Loreen Berlin

Anyone who's seen the TV show "Undercover Boss" knows about the Great Wolf Lodge and how customer service is the No. 1 priority.

And now, coming to Southern California, and right here in Garden Grove, is the first Southern California Great Wolf Lodge, set to open in early 2016, at 12681 Harbor Blvd. in Garden Grove (just north of Garden Grove Boulevard on north Harbor).

Guests were welcomed at a hard-hat tour recently by Great Wolf General Manager Phillip Cunningham.

"We are the curators of incredible traditions and Garden Grove will be the beneficiary of what we have learned in the past from our visitor destinations, which are pure family fun," he said, noting that the project is, "On time and on budget."

Garden Grove Mayor Pro tem Steve Jones said, "The Great Wolf Lodge team has been a terrific business partner in carrying out this unique endeavor for the city."

Jones said the City Council and city recognized Great Wolf's exceptional product of leadership in the hospitality industry and thus created a public/private partnership.

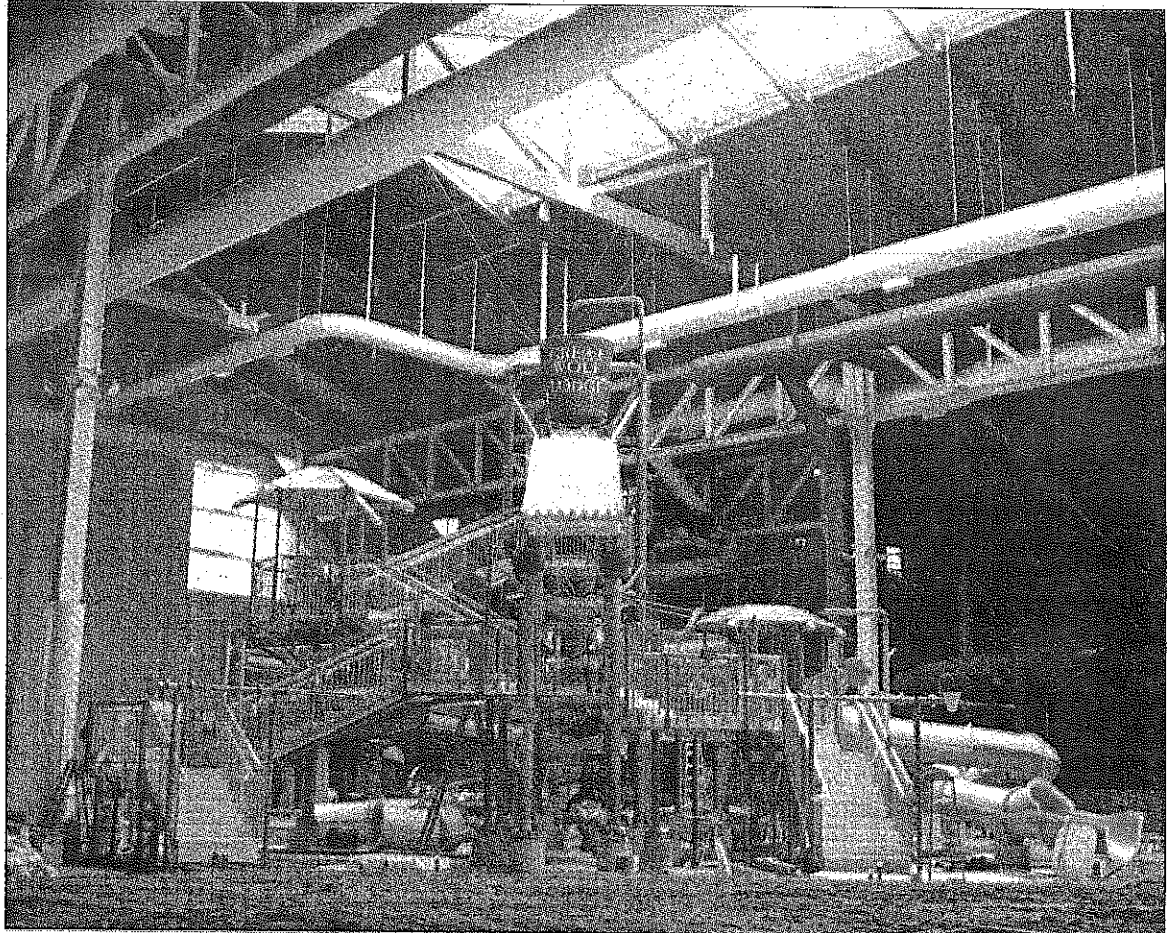


Photo by Loreen Berlin

A look at the inside of the Great Wolfe Lodge

"Without a doubt, our most important partnership in any major city development such as this, is our community," Jones said. "What this lodge brings to our community in terms of value is both tangible and intangible."

"Tangible is how it spurs im-

mediate growth in our local economy through job creation (700 employees) and increased tourist spending and the project ensures a solid financial future for Garden Grove," said Jones.

Jones also said the new project confirms the unyielding spirit and

drive of Garden Grove to keep moving forward.

"Garden Grove is a constantly growing and evolving city that recognizes and makes use of its many strengths, which includes low housing-costs, an exceptional

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

Pictured with one of the two new fire engines the Garden Grove Fire Department recently received are (from left) are Engineer Jose Camberos, Capt. Cheyne Maule and Firefighter/Paramedics Jordan Jemiola and Kicker Vencill.

GG Fire Department adds 2 new engines

The engines are state of the art, beefing up the city's public safety commitment

LOOK:

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school district and its cultural richness, to name a few."

And of course, Garden Grove beginning next year, will offer a one-of-a-kind water park resort to many visitors who come to the area.

"I know I echo the sentiments of our Mayor Bao Nguyen and our City Council Christopher Phan, Phat Bui, and Kris Beard, when I say we are thrilled to reach completion of this milestone project for early next year," said Jones.

New City Manager Scott Stiles said, "This project is just phenomenal; it's an outstanding project; congratulations and I can't wait for its opening."

The employees/tour-guides had such enthusiasm during the private hard-hat tour last week that it's obvious they love their jobs, and it was contagious as they explained every facet of the new adventure and had guests do the company's traditional hand claps, foot stomps and "howling" like a wolf.

There was even a contest between two of the touring groups to see who could howl the best and loudest.

The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California is truly going to be a unique vacation "destination" all its own for guests of all ages - with a focus on children and what entertains them.

In the bottom level, where the

84-degree indoor Great Water Park is located, is also lots of additional fun for kids and their families, which includes slides, different pools and activities that continue throughout the lodge with the lodge's interactive adventure games, that start and continue to the kid's sleeping rooms.

There's "Story Time" in the evening for pajama-clad guests, with Great Wolf Lodge characters onboard for the stories, a kids spa and a place for the young ladies and their moms to have a "Scoops," sugar-whip strawberry moisturizing body scrub spa to daily activities, some of which include MagiQuest, Scoops, Kid Spa, Ten Paw Bowling Alley, Mini Golf and seven dining options.

And it's all under one roof, so guests can play at the lodge, eat, shop, rest and sleep there.

The third-floor is set up away from distraction for conferences and business meetings.

Here are some Lodge stats:

The lodge is a 100,000-square-foot of indoor water park, with 10 unique water slides and five pools; there are 603 suites, which includes the "exclusive" Great Wolf Kids suite (a cabin inside the room) that houses bunk beds and a TV monitor on which to play a myriad of MagiQuest games with special lighted wands.

Wolf Lodge is currently taking reservations for March 2016, with a 25-percent discount if those reservations are made by the end of September.

By Loreen Berlin

Established in 1926, the Garden Grove Fire Department is a full-service agency, serving not only Garden Grove, but Westminster, Stanton and Cypress and has an automatic aid-agreement with surrounding cities through computer-aided dispatch; this allows communities to receive the closest and fastest response time, depending on availability and time of day for each agency.

Garden Grove recently received two new engines, which have been fully outfitted with regular firefighting equipment along with a full complement of paramedic equipment, designed to hold more paramedic equipment, according to Capt. Randy Abrahamson.

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

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

months later.

"It all starts with a specification order that's very detailed as to how we want the fire engines built to our own precise requirements," said Abrahamson. "Pierce makes custom fire apparatus to customers' specifications. Our engines began in January 2014 and were delivered by Pierce in June 2015."

Abrahamson said they went through numerous specification changes in the process. "We tell them what we want and they tell us what they are able to do," he said.

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

"The engine is an empty box. We customize them the way we want our equipment mounted and stored," said firefighter/paramedics Jordan Jemiola and kicker Vencill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Thursday, January 7, 2016

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR STAR WARS HALF MARATHON

The 2016 Star Wars Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, January 17, rain or shine. Thousands of runners, joggers, and walkers are expected to participate in the 13.1-mile event, which encompasses various streets in Anaheim and Garden Grove. Streets affected will experience temporary road closures between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Please note the following temporary road closures in Garden Grove.

Commuters are encouraged to plan accordingly.

- Harbor Boulevard (5:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.): restricted access between Katella and Chapman Avenues.
- Chapman Avenue (5:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.): closed eastbound between Euclid Street and Harbor Boulevard. Westbound lanes will be open.
- Euclid Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed between Chapman Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Main Street (5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): restricted access between College Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Acacia Parkway (5:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.): closed between Grove Avenue and Euclid Street.
- Stanford Avenue (5:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed eastbound between 9th and Euclid Streets. Westbound lanes will be open.

Temporary Road Closures for Star Wars Half Marathon
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- 9th Street (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed between Stanford Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.
- Garden Grove Boulevard (5:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.): closed westbound between 9th Street and Harbor Boulevard. Eastbound lanes will be open. Additionally, westbound Garden Grove Boulevard will have restricted access between Euclid Street and Century Boulevard.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes. Residents and businesses in the affected areas have received prior notice.

Spectators dressed in cosplay and street performers will be cheering the runners on in several specified locations: corner of Stanford Avenue and Euclid Street; Village Green Park, located at Euclid and Main Streets; near Home Depot, located on Garden Grove Boulevard; and Harbor Town and Country Shopping Center, located on Harbor Boulevard. The community is invited to cheer on the runners as they travel down Garden Grove's main thoroughfares.

The Star Wars Half Marathon runs in conjunction with Disneyland Resort's 2nd annual Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, hosted by runDisney. The weekend events include the Star Wars Half Marathon, Star Wars Rebel Challenge, Star Wars 10K, Star Wars 5K, runDisney Kids Races, and runDisney Health and Fitness Expo.

For more information on the Star Wars Half Marathon Weekend, visit www.rundisney.com/star-wars-half-marathon.

For information on Garden Grove street closures, contact the Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit at (714) 741-5898.

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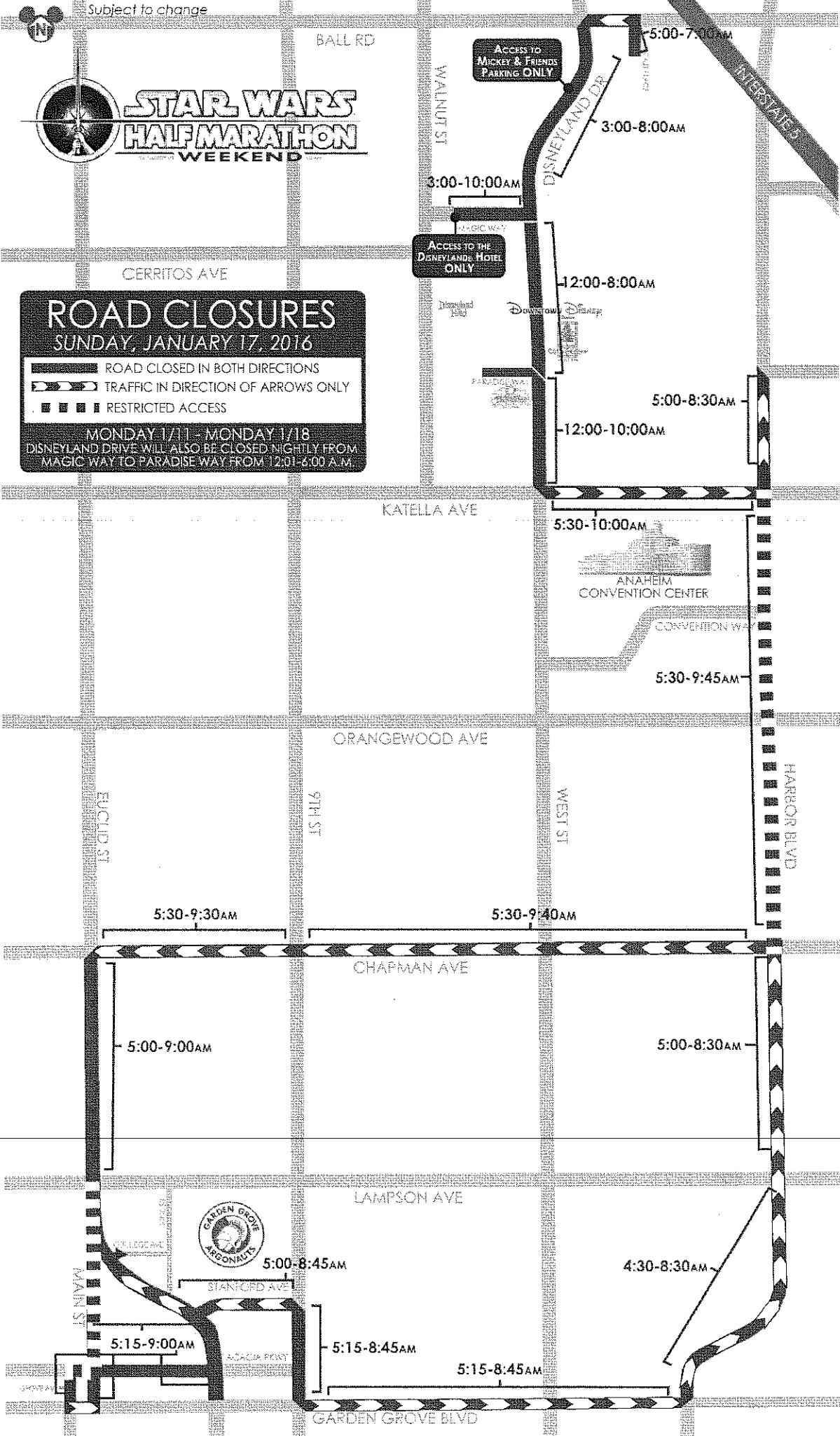
STAR WARS HALF MARATHON WEEKEND

ROAD CLOSURES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

- ROAD CLOSED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
- TRAFFIC IN DIRECTION OF ARROWS ONLY
- RESTRICTED ACCESS

MONDAY 1/11 - MONDAY 1/18
DISNEYLAND DRIVE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED NIGHTLY FROM
MAGIC WAY TO PARADISE WAY FROM 12:01-6:00 A.M.





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Thursday, January 7, 2016

CITY HALL CLOSED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016. Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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Tuesday, January 5, 2016

**GARDEN GROVE'S SENIOR CENTER
HOSTS "PJ PARTY"**

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host a "PJ Party" on Thursday, January 14, 2016 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Senior Center Dining Room, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Seniors are invited to wear their favorite pajamas for a day at the annual party packed with fun, food, and activities. Lunch will also be available for a suggested donation of \$3 per person. The event is sponsored by Applied General Agency Inc.

For more information and reservations, please call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Tuesday, January 5, 2016

CITY READY FOR FIRST EL NIÑO STORMS OF 2016

Residents Encouraged to be Prepared for Upcoming Storms

With early preparations and safety measures already in place, the City of Garden Grove stands at the ready for 2016's first round of El Niño rainstorms to hit Southern California this week. The City encourages all residents to stay informed and take necessary actions to lessen the consequences of flooding that may occur as a result of high-intensity rainstorms.

Since 1988, following El Niño in 1997, the City's Public Works Department has completed 13 storm drain projects, cleaned out flood channels, and sealed as many residential streets as possible in anticipation of another El Niño season.

During the latter part of 2015, the Garden Grove Police Department conducted outreach efforts to assist a number of homeless living in the dangerous Orange County flood channels.

The Garden Grove Fire Department has established an El Niño webpage, available on the City's website www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, with information and safety guidelines in case of flooding. A flood zone map is also accessible via the City's website.

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CITY READY FOR FIRST EL NIÑO STORMS OF 2016
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Up to ten free sandbags are available to Garden Grove residents only at the following fire stations: No. 2, 11805 Gilbert Street; No. 3, 12132 Trask Avenue; and No. 4, 12191 Valley View Street. Residents are requested to bring their own shovels. Sandbags will be delivered to disabled or elderly residents by appointment only by calling (714) 741-5375.

A recorded El Niño hotline has been established to provide important information and resources 24-hours a day. The hotline number is (714) 741-5270.

Visit the City and Fire Department Facebook and Twitter for the latest information and updates. Download the City's free Mobile App at Google Play or the Apple Store, to receive instant emergency notifications.

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Monday, January 4, 2016

MAYOR BAO NGUYEN TO REVEAL THE 'STATE OF THE CITY' AT ANNUAL ADDRESS

The New Year brings a fresh start for Garden Grove as Mayor Bao Nguyen delivers his official address at the State of the City luncheon on Wednesday, January 27, 2016. The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, at 11767 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$40 per person through Friday, January 22. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Mayor Nguyen will discuss his goals relating to the role of local government, community engagement, business partnerships, and economic growth, among others. The Mayor will inform attendees of upcoming events, major developments, and other areas of progress in the city.

A complete transcript of the Mayor's speech will be available on the City of Garden Grove website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us following the event.

For tickets and information, contact the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at (714) 638-7950, or visit www.gardengrovechamber.com.

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Wednesday, December 23, 2015

POLICE OUTREACH OFFERS SAFETY, SUPPORT TO FLOOD CHANNEL HOMELESS

The cold, December day started early for about 20 members of the Garden Grove Police Department, en route to the Orange County Flood Control Channel on the east side of Brookhurst Street, at 13th Street. With El Niño's dangerous release of record rainfall likely to hit soon, the flood control channel was the place to be—and not to be.

Certainly not for a number of homeless, living within the channel's cold and dark underground tunnels. Vast water highways that once fed by El Niño's unrelenting storms, will carry hundreds-of-thousands of gallons of rain water and debris through a dangerous, high-speed course.

At the channel, the officers, part of the Garden Grove Police Department's Homeless Task Force, are met by members of the department's Community Liaison Division, along with representatives from five local social service agencies. For all of them, this would be one of many efforts to locate, identify, and offer shelter and services to those willing to accept help. This time, however, with a driven urgency to beat El Niño.

Abutting the channel lie miles of homes, many of whose owners had complained to police about transients jumping the walls to steal exotic fruits from their backyard trees. Other concerns came from adjoining businesses about accumulated trash, much of which was piled at the entrance to the tunnels.

Police Outreach Offers Safety, Support To Flood Channel Homeless
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Within moments, police officers scaled down the rocky embankments and into the dry channel. Identifying themselves as the Garden Grove Police Department, they removed cardboard boxes blocking the tunnel entrances to make entry into the dark passageways.

Meanwhile, the social services group and bilingual community liaisons were setting up a temporary staging area where the transients would be personally interviewed and offered services, ranging from temporary shelters to Veteran's assistance.

One by one, occupants were led out of the tunnels by the officers and escorted to the staging area. Other transients in known areas were also brought to the area to be provided help and services.

Many of the individuals were identified as "regulars" whom despite having already received services, returned to the streets, mainly as a result of drug addiction.

Of the dozen homeless that were brought to the area and offered services, only two accepted assistance. Several were arrested for trespassing.

With the tunnels now unoccupied, the channels would be cleared out of all trash and debris by County crews in preparation of the Godzilla storms.

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Monday, December 21, 2015

RE-PURPOSED YARN PROVIDES WARMTH TO HOMELESS IN GARDEN GROVE

On Tuesday, December 8, the Garden Grove Police Department, a local non-profit organization called Knots of Love, and the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove provided hand-made blankets and clothing for the homeless population in Garden Grove.

In 2013, Knots of Love, in partnership with the City's "Re:Imagine Downtown" campaign covered trees, statues, waste containers, and bus shelters in Civic Center Park with multi-colored knit and crocheted yarns as part of a temporary art display. Yarns taken from the Civic Center display were cleaned and re-used to create colorful blankets and shawls for the homeless. Eleven blankets, 17 caps and beanies, seven jackets, and a shawl were presented to the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove for distribution to those in need.

Based in Costa Mesa, CA, Knots of Love donates hand-knitted and crocheted caps to individuals undergoing chemotherapy; burn victims; brain surgery and head trauma patients; and individuals with Alopecia. For more information, go to their website at www.knotsoflove.org.

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Re-purposed Yarn Provides Warmth to Homeless in Garden Grove

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The First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove, located at 11832 South Euclid Street, is one of two churches in Garden Grove that offers showers to the homeless, serving about 50 people every Tuesday and Thursday. Hot meals are offered on a daily basis at a Garden Grove site by various churches except on Fridays, when volunteers from local churches go to parks to hand-deliver sacked meals. Volunteers are always needed for the Shower Plus Ministry, and donations are accepted Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To volunteer or donate, contact Pastor Cheryl Raine at (714) 534-2269.

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Thứ Năm, 7/1/2016

GARDEN GROVE CUNG CẤP BAO CÁT (SANDBAGS) CHO CƯ DÂN

Tình trạng mưa bão đang kéo dài mấy ngày qua tại quận Cam, gây nên đường xá ngập lụt. Vì vậy, Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ cung cấp 10 bao cát miễn phí cho cư dân Garden Grove tại các địa điểm sau:

- Municipal Service Center, 13802 Newhope Street (dành cho những người tàn tật)
- Fire Station #2, 11805 Gilbert Street
- Fire Station #3, 12132 Trash Ave
- Fire Station #4, 12191 Valley View Street

Những bao cát sẽ được phân phát cho người dân tại các trạm Cứu hỏa. Xin đem theo giấy tờ để chứng minh là cư dân Garden Grove. Cư dân đến lấy cát xin mang theo xẻng và bao để xúc. Để biết thêm chi tiết, vui lòng liên lạc về số phone (714) 741-5375 hoặc Sở Cứu Hỏa Thành phố (714) 741-5270, hoặc tại website của Thành phố là www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us để biết những thông tin cập nhật phòng chống bão El Nino.

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Thứ Tư, 6/1/2016

THỊ TRƯỞNG BẢO NGUYỄN

CHIA SẺ NHỮNG HƯỚNG ĐI MỚI TRONG NĂM 2016

Thị Trưởng Thành Phố Garden Grove Bảo Nguyễn khởi đầu năm mới bằng buổi ăn trưa thông lệ hàng năm (State of the City luncheon), được điều hợp bởi Phòng thương mại Thành Phố (Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce). Buổi ăn trưa sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Tư, 27/1/2016 tại khách sạn Embassy Suites Hotel, địa chỉ 11767 Harbor Boulevard. Buổi tiệc sẽ được bắt đầu vào lúc 11:00 giờ trưa, và lệ phí bữa ăn là \$40/người.

Thị trưởng Bảo Nguyễn sẽ trình bày những mục tiêu liên quan đến vai trò của một nhà chính quyền địa phương, mối quan hệ với cộng đồng, với các đối tác kinh doanh và ngành giáo dục. Thị trưởng cũng chia sẻ những sự kiện sắp tới, các dự án phát triển quan trọng và các khu vực đang tiến triển trong Thành phố.

Bài phát biểu của Thị trưởng sẽ có trên trang web của Thành phố Garden Grove tại địa chỉ www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us sau sự kiện này.

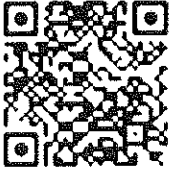
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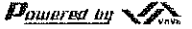


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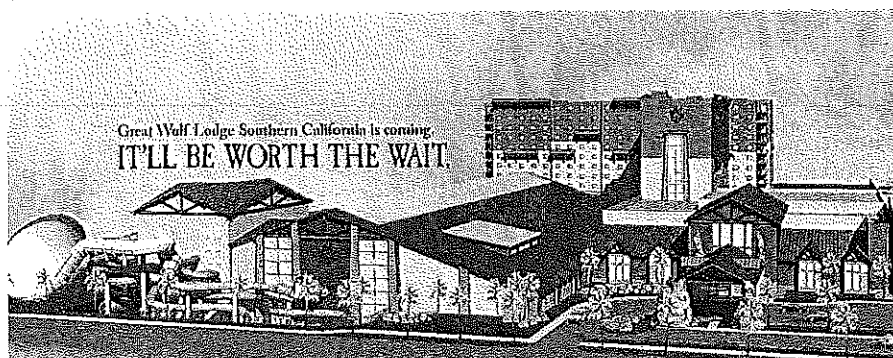
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Khách sạn Great Wolf tuyển dụng 700 nhân viên

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Bản thiết kế khu resort Great Wolf tại Nam Cali.

GARDEN GROVE - Khách sạn Great Wolf đang mở đợt tuyển dụng một lượng lớn nhân viên, để chuẩn bị cho dịp khai trương vào ngày 19 tháng 2 sắp tới. Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, một khách sạn lớn gồm 603 phòng và công viên nước rộng 105,000 square-foot, nằm trên đường Harbor tại thành phố Garden Grove, sẽ tuyển dụng đến 700 nhân viên cho nhiều công việc tại khách sạn.

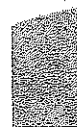
Khách sạn này sẽ tổ chức các buổi cung cấp thông tin về đợt tuyển dụng, vào ngày thứ Năm và thứ Ba tới. Các vị trí tuyển dụng bao gồm nhân viên dọn phòng, nhân viên tiếp tân, bảo vệ, kỹ sư cho công viên nước, và nhiều công việc khác. Trong số 700 công việc, có một nửa là việc làm toàn thời gian.

Người đại diện của Great Wolf không cho biết chi tiết về mức lương và các công việc dành cho cá nhân, nhưng nói rằng công ty sẽ trả lương cao hơn mức lương tối thiểu đối với vị trí mà họ tuyển dụng, đồng thời công ty cũng cung cấp nhiều phúc lợi dành cho nhân viên.

Vào 2 ngày thứ Năm và thứ Ba, các buổi hướng dẫn sẽ bắt đầu lúc 6 giờ và 8 giờ tối, trong đó, các nhân viên của Great Wolf sẽ dành 20 phút để giới thiệu về công ty và khu resort sắp khai trương. Ngoài ra, những người muốn xin việc làm sẽ có cơ hội được gặp gỡ các vị trưởng phòng và các giám đốc.

Great Wolf sẽ không phỏng vấn hay thuê mướn bất kỳ ai trong các buổi hướng dẫn. Công ty yêu cầu rằng những người muốn xin việc sẽ phải nộp đơn trên mạng. Great Wolf hiện đã có sẵn đội ngũ quản lý và giám sát.

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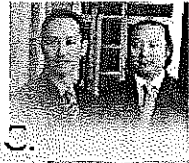
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

January 7, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
 2. Agenda for the January 14, 2016 Zoning Administrator meeting.
 3. Notice from the OCTA of a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed 2016 Bus Service Plan.
 4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated January 5, 2016.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7, 2016 – January 22, 2016

Thursday	January 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Friday	January 8		City Closed
Saturday	January 9	9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Free Group Training on the New Fitness Equipment Eastgate Park (Hosted by OC PICH, John Martinez and Greenfield Fitness)
Tuesday	January 12	5:30 p.m.	Reception for Anyang Korea Sister City Exchange Students, Courtyard Center
		6:00 p.m.	Study Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	January 13	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Thursday	January 14	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		10:00 a.m.- Noon	"PJ Party" hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center H. Louis Lake Senior Center Dining Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Courtyard Center
Sunday	January 17	5:30 a.m.	2 nd Annual Star Wars Half Marathon Disneyland Resort - Anaheim/Garden Grove (Harbor Blvd./Garden Grove Blvd./Main St./Euclid St./Chapman Ave.)
Monday	January 18		City Hall Closed
Thursday	January 21	10:00 a.m.	Tom's Farm Excursion coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Thursday	January 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Friday	January 22		City Hall Closed



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

Thursday, January 14, 2016
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-050-2015

APPLICANT: Thanh Ly
LOCATION: 13135 Brookhurst Street

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

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-057-2016

APPLICANT: Angelo Tavlarides
LOCATION: 12942 Main Street

REQUEST: To allow the transfer of ownership of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General) License for an existing restaurant, Louie's on Main Street. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

c. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-056-2016

APPLICANT: Daniel Sonenshine, c/o Far West Restaurant Group, LLC
LOCATION: 9737 Chapman Avenue

REQUEST: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new 1,884 square foot restaurant, Wing Stop, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303 Class 3 – New Construction.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

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Public Hearing Notice

Dear Orange County City Clerks, City Mayors, City Managers, City Public Works Directors, and Colleges and Universities:

The Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed 2016 Bus Service Plan.

Monday, January 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

**Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters
600 South Main Street, Board Room – First Floor
Orange, California 92863**

All persons having an interest in these matters are invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board of Directors with verbal or written comments/recommendations. If you wish to file a written comment, submit to:

Orange County Transportation Authority
Clerk of the Board
550 South Main Street
P.O. Box 14184
Orange, CA 92863-1584

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boardofdirectors@octa.net

Please contact the Clerk of the Board with any questions regarding this hearing or request for special accommodations at boardofdirectors@octa.net or 714.560.5676.

Sincerely,

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

Jan. 5, 2016
Issue #1

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Medical Marijuana Clean-up Legislation Moves Forward

Assembly Member Jim Wood (D- Healdsburg) on Monday, Jan. 4, amended AB 21 to address a provision in his AB 243, one of the three bills Gov. Jerry Brown signed in 2015, that comprise the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. The provision in question, if allowed to remain unchanged, will prevent local governments from enacting ordinances or other regulations regarding medical marijuana cultivation. Without this critical clean-up bill, the provision will preempt local governments from enacting any kind of local cultivation regulation if they do not have one in effect as of March 1, 2016. *For more, see Page 2.*



Bipartisan Proposal to Fund Efforts to Combat Homelessness and Assist California's Low Income Residents Launches 2016 Legislative Year

Two news conferences on Monday, one in Los Angeles, and the other in Sacramento, on the bipartisan Senate budget proposal to tackle homelessness dominated the start of the Legislature's New Year. Headlined by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León and former Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, the press events rolled out a \$2 billion bond proposal to build housing for mentally ill homeless to be funded by Proposition 63 (2004), the 1 percent tax levied on Californians earning more than \$1 million annually to pay for mental health programs. The Senate leader projects that the "No Place Like Home" Initiative will fund 10,000 or more housing units throughout California. *For more, see Page 2.*



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

The League of California Cities® is inviting members, partners and stakeholders to submit session proposals for the 2016 Annual Conference & Expo. *For more, see Page 3.*

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This effort reflects a commitment that Assembly Member Wood, one of the Assembly's leaders on the issue, made in a Sept. 11, 2015 letter to delete this provision from law. He issued the letter after being alerted to the harm that the pre-emption provision would cause local governments, many of whom may be working to craft regulatory ordinances but need more time than that allotted by the March 1 deadline. Other cities are in the process of researching the issue to determine whether there is sufficient support locally for either some form of local regulation of medical marijuana, or an outright ban on cultivation and sales. Yet another group of cities have expedited the enactment of bans in recent weeks.

The League of California Cities® strongly supports AB 21 and the bill will be on the League's 2016 Hot Bill list. The local pre-emption provision must be eliminated from statute, as it directly contradicts local control. It also conflicts with a critical component of AB 266 (the key measure among the trio of last year's bills enacting medical marijuana regulation), that of dual licensing. Dual licensing requires both state and local governments to authorize medical marijuana business operations in any specific jurisdiction, and is modeled after the regulatory structure in Colorado.

The League intends to spare no effort to get AB 21 to the Governor's desk; however, the bill's outcome is not certain. It would be prudent for local governments that have not already done so to take steps to protect themselves from state pre-emption in the area of medical marijuana cultivation.

In a series of webinars and local informational briefings for city and local law enforcement officials, the League has advised its members that the best way of preserving their local regulatory authority in the area of medical marijuana cultivation is to enact a cultivation ban that is in effect as of March 1, even if only as a placeholder ordinance, and even if it must be done on an urgency basis. This will ensure that after March 1, locals will be free to revisit the issue at their leisure, and craft a different type of regulation if there is local will to do so.

Bans are advised for two additional reasons:

1. A local moratorium may not be sufficient to be considered a bona fide local regulation for purposes of avoiding state pre-emption; and
2. Developing local regulations that have been vetted both by city attorneys and local residents, with an opportunity for input from both groups, may be a time-consuming process that goes well past the March 1 deadline.

Additional information about the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act is available on the League's website at www.cacities.org/medicalmarijuana.

'Homeless' Continued from Page 1...

The initiative seeks to help the homeless through supportive services and housing as well as at-risk low income Californians. Funding will come from Prop. 63 and \$200 million from the state's General Fund over four years.

There are an estimated 114,000 homeless Californians, approximately 22 percent of the nation's entire homeless population. California's homeless population has swelled as funding for affordable housing, mental health, drug treatment, job training and other services has shrunk with cities on the forefront of this crisis. The League board of directors in November adopted three strategic priorities for 2016, one of which focuses on improving housing affordability and addressing homelessness.

According to the Senate's news release on Monday, this initiative repurposes Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act bond funds in an effort to leverage additional local, state and federal funding. In brief, the proposal would provide:

Housing

- \$2 billion bond to construct permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons with mental illness.
- \$200 million, over four years, to provide supportive housing in the shorter-term, rent subsidies, while the permanent housing is constructed or rehabilitated.
- Support for two special housing programs that will assist families:
 - The "Bringing Families Home" pilot project, a county matching grant program to reduce homelessness among families that are part of the child welfare system.
 - The CalWORKs Housing Support Program, which provides housing and support services for CalWORKs families in danger of homelessness.

Income Support and Outreach

- An increase in Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) program grants which provide income support for the aged, blind, and disabled poor who cannot work. (Rates of homelessness are higher for persons with disabilities who cannot work; SSI/SSP is intended to help them make ends meet, and a large portion of grants usually goes toward rent.) These increases will assist about 1.3 million low-income Californians (72 percent with disabilities and 28 percent who are elderly).
- A one-time investment to incentivize local governments to boost outreach efforts and advocacy to get more eligible poor people enrolled in the SSI/SSP program. (The federal government covers 72 percent of the total costs of the SSI/SSP program, so state and local benefits are multiplied significantly for each newly eligible recipient.)

Next Steps

The Senate initiative comes just days before Gov. Jerry Brown is set to release his proposed FY 2016-17 state budget proposal. The League will be thoroughly analyzing the details of No Place Like Home and Governor Brown's budget. Budget analysis will be released late on Thursday. The No Place Like Home initiative will be reviewed by the League's policy committees and board of directors. As additional information on this bipartisan proposal become available, the League will continue to keep members updated.

'AC Proposals' Continued from Page 1...

The event will be held Oct. 5-7 at the Long Beach Convention Center. This is a great opportunity to engage city officials and local government stakeholders on important ideas and issues.

Session Proposal Submission Information

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

Session proposals are due Jan. 8.

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

Please contact Katie Sacco with any questions.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Finances Affordable Housing Projects in Santa Clarita and Long Beach

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA issued \$116.8 million in tax-exempt multifamily bonds that helped finance affordable housing projects in the cities of Long Beach and Santa Clarita.

Long Beach: Springdale West Apartments

Springdale West Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 406 multifamily affordable housing apartments by Springdale West Preservation, LP. The project sponsor is Preservation Partners Development. Springdale West will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide 10 one-bedroom, 292 two-bedroom and 104 three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents in Long Beach.

CSCDA and Preservation Partners Development partnered with Citibank to provide tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Springdale West. The rehabilitation will include new exterior and interior walls, flooring, roofing, kitchen appliances and heating. The financing of Springdale West will maintain the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants for 55 years.

Santa Clarita: Bouquet Canyon Senior Apartments

Bouquet Canyon Senior Apartments is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 264 multifamily affordable housing apartments by Vintage at Bouquet Canyon, LP. The project sponsor is Vintage Housing. Bouquet Canyon will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide 183 one-bedroom and 81 two-bedroom apartments to low-income senior residents in Santa Clarita.

CSCDA and Vintage Housing partnered with Citibank to provide tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Bouquet Canyon. The rehabilitation will include new interior and exterior lighting, new flooring and carpeting in all units and common areas, new interior and exterior paint in all units and common areas, new energy efficient appliances and water conserving plumbing fixtures in all units, new roof covering, new kitchen cabinets and countertops in all units, new bathroom fixtures in all units, new windows, a new security system and refurbishment of all existing community areas. Additionally a computer room and movie theater room will be added as well as new outdoor furniture and a new sports court. The financing of Bouquet Canyon will maintain the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants for 55 years.

Background

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

Finance Officers Invited to Attend CDIAC Workshops

The California Debt & Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) is hosting two educational seminars, the first on advanced investments in late January and the second on disclosure in mid-February, that may be of interest to city finance officers.

[Advanced Public Funds Investing: The Analytics of Investment Selection and Portfolio Decision-Making](#)

Jan. 27-28, The Mission Inn, Riverside

In the summer of 2015, CDIAC produced a series of webinars titled *The Public Fund Investment Portfolio*. The series provided a thorough examination of the types of instruments that are permitted for local government investment under California Government Code 53601. CDIAC is collaborating with the California Municipal Treasurers Association to present this two-day seminar designed to build on the webinar series by providing a more advanced analysis of each instrument's features and risks in the context of a portfolio structure. The January seminar will cover the more advanced concepts underlying sound public portfolio decision-making and include a practicum allowing seminar participants to put concepts into practice through an investment portfolio case-study simulation.

The cost is \$250. [Register online](#).

Municipal Market Disclosure and the Importance of Disclosure Policies

Feb. 18, Franklin Templeton Investments Headquarters, San Mateo

Since 2010, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has predicated several enforcement actions at least in part on the failure of issuers to maintain sound disclosure policies. In addition, the SEC's Enforcement Division has repeatedly placed heavy emphasis on issuers maintaining sound disclosure policies. In August 2015, the National Association of Bond Lawyers published guidelines to assist issuers in the development and administration of disclosure policies. This February seminar intends to continue that dialogue by providing participants with an understanding of the purpose, structure, and content of disclosure policies, as well as practices that help issuers implement and maintain them.

The cost is \$150 for public officials and \$250 for private. [Register online](#).

For questions or comments regarding these two seminars, please call (916) 653-3269.
