

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**October 1, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

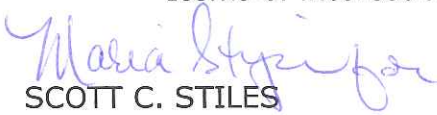
- A.**    RESPONSE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT, UNFUNDED RETIREE HEALTHCARE OBLIGATIONS-A PROBLEM FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES  
A copy of the letter from Mayor Nguyen in response to the Grand Jury report is attached for your review.
- B.**    RESPONSES TO THE ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT, JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES: ISSUES OF VIABILITY, CONTROL, TRANSPARENCY, AND SOLVENCY  
Copies of the letters from Mayor Nguyen and City Manager Scott Stiles in response to the Grand Jury report are attached for your review.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A.**    INVESTMENT REPORT  
Kingsley Okereke provides the August 2015 Investment Report.
- B.**    PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG  
A copy of the Public Records request ending October 1, 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



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September 23, 2015

Honorable Glenda Sanders, Presiding Judge  
Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Unfunded Retiree Healthcare Obligations-A Problem for Public Agencies?*

Dear Judge Sanders:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Unfunded Retiree Healthcare Obligations-A Problem for Public Agencies?* On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, I am providing responses to Findings F2, F3 and F4 and Recommendations R2, R3 and R4, as requested by the Grand Jury.

### **Response to Findings**

**F2:** *Twenty one out of the 32 agencies that provided June 30, 2013, data to the Grand Jury had not put aside funds in an irrevocable trust to help pay for the accrued actuarial liability of retiree healthcare costs in the future. This is an imprudent level of contribution.*

We disagree partially with this finding. The City of Garden Grove does not provide employees with retiree medical coverage per se. However, the City participates in the PERS retiree health benefit that mandates a city contribution/subsidy of \$119.00 per month per retiree as of June 30, 2014. The City funds this contribution on a pay-as-you-go basis annually. In addition, the City set aside \$1.00 million in an assigned contingency fund for this obligation beginning in FY2009.

**F3:** *Anaheim, Buena Park, County of Orange, Huntington Beach, Lake Forest, and Stanton were in compliance with the requirement to contribute a full 100% or more of their Annual Required Contribution in the FY 2012-13. The remaining 26 agencies were not in compliance.*

We disagree partially with this finding. (See response to F2 above.) Moreover, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 does not mandate agencies to contribute 100% of the Annual Required Contribution.

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**F4:** *All agencies surveyed (except Anaheim) do not disclose retiree health benefits as part of employee compensation per GAAP standards.*

We disagree wholly with this finding. (See F2 response above.) Employees become eligible to receive this benefit if they retire from the City of Garden Grove and are eligible for PERS pension, and enrolled in CalPERS health plan.

**Response to Recommendations**

**R2:** *The 21 agencies that have not contributed into an irrevocable trust fund to finance their retiree health obligations should begin to put aside monies to fund this obligation and reduce their unfunded public liabilities. (F.2.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. (See F2 response above.) The City funds this contribution on a pay-as-you-go basis annually. In addition, the City set aside \$1.00 million in an assigned contingency fund (not irrevocable trust) for this obligation beginning in FY2009.

**R3:** *The 26 agencies that are not recognizing the full amount of their Annual Required Contribution as expense in the current period and should comply with the requirement to do so. (F.3.)*

The recommendation has been implemented. The City complies with this recommendation consistent with GASB 45 implemented since FY2008

**R4:** *All agencies surveyed should recognize retiree health care benefits in employee compensation in conformity with GAAP. (F.4.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. (See F2 response above.) Employees become eligible to receive this benefit if they retire from the City of Garden Grove and are eligible for PERS pension, and enrolled in CalPERS health plan.

Sincerely,



BAO NGUYEN  
Mayor

C: Orange County Grand Jury



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RE: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*

Dear Judge Sanders:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*. On behalf of the City of Garden Grove, I am providing responses to Findings F1 and F3, and Recommendations R1 and R2, as requested by the Grand Jury.

### **Response to Findings**

**F1:** *Orange County has nine "inactive" Joint Powers Authorities that have no viable activity, revenue, expenditure, assets, or liabilities. The Grand Jury determined that these Joint Powers Authorities serve no benefit to the public or the taxpayers and have the potential for misuse or obfuscation of public funds.*

The City disagrees partially with this finding. The City agrees that the Orange County Regional Airport Authority, which Garden Grove is a member City, does not have viable activity or revenue; however, we disagree that the JPA has potential for misuse or obfuscation of public funds. We additionally agree that this JPA's purpose has been fulfilled and there is no longer a benefit to the taxpayers.

The Garden Grove Public Finance Authority (GGPFA) is a conduit entity used to facilitate debt financing for the City of Garden Grove and related entities. It provides for the financing of public capital improvements for members through the purchase by the Authority of obligations of a member pursuant to bond purchase agreements, and/or the loan of funds to a member. The GGPFA has enabled the issuance of several outstanding bonds with maturity extending through 2030. As a result, the JPA cannot legally be dissolved. The GGPFA will also be used in the future for other public financing activities.

**F3:** *Orange County has 18 vertical Joint Powers Authorities created by a city along with its redevelopment agency that no longer exists. The Grand Jury determined that these Joint Powers Authorities serve no benefit to the public or the taxpayers and have the potential for misuse or obfuscation of public funds.*

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The City disagrees wholly with this finding. The members of the GGPFA are the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Sanitary District, and the former Redevelopment Agency whose rights and obligations were assumed by the Successor Redevelopment Agency. Further, the GGPFA still has outstanding bonds and obligations facilitated by the JPA through a maturity date of December 2030.

### **Response to Recommendations**

**R1:** *All Orange County Joint Powers Authorities that are "inactive" should submit the official paperwork with the State of California requesting termination of their existence or provide at the next public meeting the justification for continuing the Joint Powers Authority. (F.1.)*

With regard to the Orange County Regional Airport Authority, the recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in FY 2015-16 until complete. The Orange County Regional Airport Authority is inactive and the City of Garden Grove will take the lead to terminate the JPA.

With regard to the GGPFA, the recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The GGPFA is active as indicated in the response to F1 above.

**R2:** *All Vertical Joint Powers Authorities created by a city along with its redevelopment agency should submit the necessary paperwork with the State of California requesting termination of their existence. (F.3.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The GGPFA is active as indicated in the response to F3 above.

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Dear Judge Sanders:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*. On behalf of the City of Garden Grove as a member agency of the Orange County Regional Airport Authority (OCRAA), I am providing responses to Findings F4 and F5, and Recommendation R3, as requested by the Grand Jury.

### **Response to Findings**

**F4:** *Vertical Joint Powers Authorities with a single controlling entity, such as a city council, have the potential to use this organizational structure as a shell company to avoid other legal constraints on the controlling entity and to obfuscate taxpayer visibility.*

The Orange County Regional Airport Authority is a "horizontal" JPA structural organization made up of multiple Orange County cities; therefore, we do not believe the finding is applicable.

**F5:** *Vertical Joint Powers Authorities in which the controlling entity transfers assets from itself to a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of obtaining additional funding, or signs a long-term lease to a Joint Powers Authority to obtain assets, are avoiding transparency and are not acting in the best financial interest of the taxpayers.*

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**Response to Recommendations**


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**R3:** *All Joint Powers Authorities should take the following actions to insure transparency to the taxpayers: 1) have an annual outside audit, 2) post the complete audit on their city website as a separate Joint Powers Authority entity, 3) send the audit to the County Controller and the State Auditor, and 4) ensure the required reports are filed annually to the County and the State. (F.4., F.5.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Orange County Regional Airport Authority effectively ceased operations in 2004 following the passage of the Orange County Measure W in 2003 which prevents an aviation reuse of the El Toro Station. The last activity in the accounts of OCRAA occurred in Fiscal Year 2004. A small cash balance totaling \$3,836.11 remains in the account and will be applied toward formal dissolution of the JPA.

Due to the lack of activity and limited fund balance, an annual outside audit is not warranted. The City of Garden Grove will take the lead to terminate the JPA's existence during Fiscal Year 2015-16.

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SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

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Dear Judge Sanders:

I have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency*. On behalf of the Garden Grove Public Financing Authority (GGPFA), I am providing responses to Findings F1 and F3 through F6, and Recommendations R1 through R4, as requested by the Grand Jury.

### **Response to Findings**

**F1:** *Orange County has nine "inactive" Joint Powers Authorities that have no viable activity, revenue, expenditure, assets, or liabilities. The Grand Jury determined that these Joint Powers Authorities serve no benefit to the public or the taxpayers and have the potential for misuse or obfuscation of public funds.*

The GGPFA disagrees wholly with this finding. The GGPFA has viable use and benefits to the public and taxpayers, and does not misuse or obfuscate public funds.

The GGPFA is a conduit entity used to facilitate debt financing for the City of Garden Grove and related entities. It provides a mechanism for the financing of public capital improvements for members through the purchase by the Authority of obligations of a member pursuant to bond purchase agreements and/or the loan of funds to a member. The GGPFA has enabled the issuance of several outstanding bonds with maturity extending through 2030; as a result, the JPA cannot legally be dissolved. The GGPFA will also be used in the future for other public financing activities.



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The GGPFA disagrees wholly with this finding. The members of the GGPFA are the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Sanitary District, and former Redevelopment Agency whose rights and obligations were assumed by the Successor Redevelopment Agency. Further, the GGPFA still has outstanding bonds and obligations facilitated by the JPA through a maturity date of December 2030.

**F4:** *Vertical Joint Powers Authorities with a single controlling entity, such as a city council, have the potential to use this organizational structure as a shell company to avoid other legal constraints on the controlling entity and to obfuscate taxpayer visibility.*

The GGPFA disagrees wholly with this finding. The GGPFA is a legally authorized public entity that provides an effective mechanism to issue debt when needed. Moreover, the GGPFA is administered by a Board of Directors at publically noticed and held meetings.

**F5:** *Vertical Joint Powers Authorities in which the controlling entity transfers assets from itself to a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of obtaining additional funding, or signs a long-term lease to a Joint Powers Authority to obtain assets, are avoiding transparency and are not acting in the best financial interest of the taxpayers.*

The GGPFA disagrees wholly with this finding. The use of the JPA is an efficient and cost effective mechanism of capital financing for the City, its related agencies, and taxpayers. The GGPFA has no information that would support the finding of the Grand Jury that vertical Joint Powers Authorities in which the controlling entity transfers assets from itself to a Joint Powers Authority for the purpose of obtaining additional funding, or signs a long-term lease to a Joint Powers Authority to obtain assets, are avoiding transparency and are not acting in the best financial interest of the taxpayers.

**F6:** *32 of the Joint Powers Authorities identified in Orange County are not complying with the California State reporting requirements in code Section 6500 and SB 282 according to the latest information available from the year 2013.*

The GGPFA disagrees wholly with this finding. The GGPFA complies with the California State reporting requirements through its reporting in the City of Garden Grove's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

### **Response to Recommendations**

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**R1:** *All Orange County Joint Powers Authorities that are "inactive" should submit the official paperwork with the State of California requesting termination of their existence or provide at the next public meeting the justification for continuing the Joint Powers Authority. (F.1.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The GGPFPA is active as indicated in the response to F1 above.

**R2:** *All Vertical Joint Powers Authorities created by a city along with its redevelopment agency should submit the necessary paperwork with the State of California requesting termination of their existence. (F.3.)*

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The GGPFPA is active as indicated in the response to F3 above.

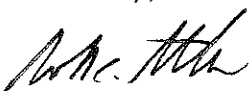
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The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The GGPFPA financial transactions are included in the annual audit of the City of Garden Grove by an outside auditor and disclosed in the footnotes of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is posted annually on the City's website and appropriate documentation is sent to the State.

**R4:** *The 32 Joint Powers Authorities that are not complying with the California State Law requiring annual reporting should become compliant by submitting their 2014 report by December 31, 2015, and submitting the required reports annually thereafter. (F.6.)*

The recommendation has been implemented. The GGPFPA believes it is in compliance in the context of submitting its reports through the City's annual CAFR.

Sincerely,



SCOTT C. STILES  
General Manager

C: Orange County Grand Jury

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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

From: Kingsley Okereke  
Dept: Finance  
Date: SEPT 21, 2015

Enclosed is the August 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 August 2015, the City invested 19.485% of its total portfolio in treasury securities and 56.706% in federally backed securities. 18.532% of the portfolio or \$37.093 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 August 2015, 5.277% 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

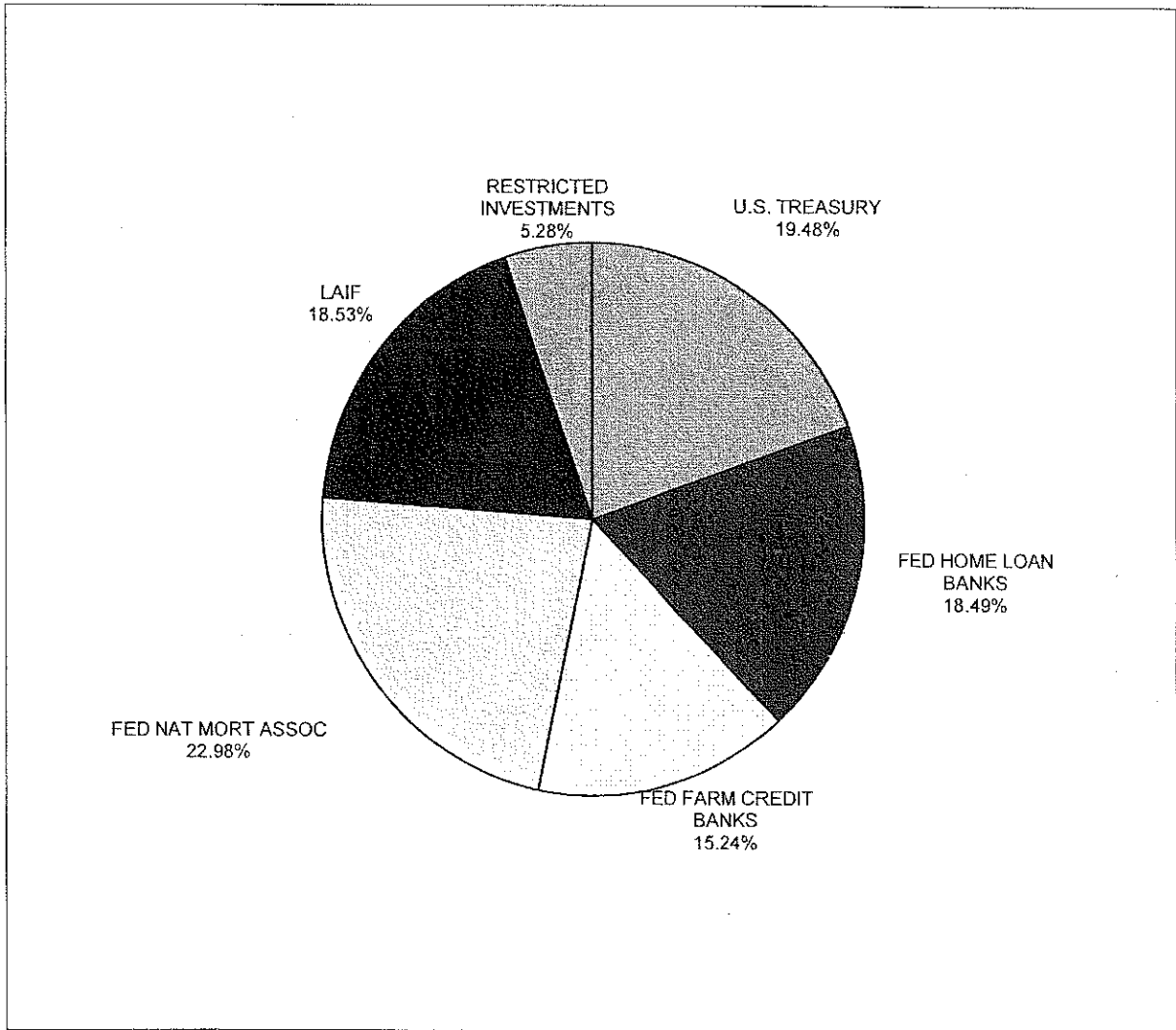
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Attachments  
cc: Monica Neely

# ATTACHMENT A

## INVESTMENT SUMMARY August 2015

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>		<u>END. INV</u>	<u>% OF INV.</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$	39,000,000	19.485%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS		37,000,000	18.486%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS		30,500,000	15.238%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC		46,000,000	22.982%
LAIF		37,093,192	18.532%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS		10,562,345	5.277%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$	200,155,537	100.000%



**WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES**  
**August 2015**

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat 8/31/2015	Weighted Investment Amt	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(a / total a = c)	(b x c)
<b>TREASURY</b>							
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	02/29/16	182	1.58234%	2,880
U S TREASURY	0.250	*	2,000,000	09/15/15	15	1.05489%	0.158
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	4,000,000	06/30/16	304	2.10978%	6.414
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/16	335	1.58234%	5.301
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	08/31/16	366	3.16467%	11.583
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	10/31/16	427	3.16467%	13.513
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	1,034	1.58234%	16.361
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/31/18	1,096	1.58234%	17.342
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	1,157	1.58234%	18.308
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	1,065	1.58234%	16.852
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,308	1.58234%	20.697
<b>CITY</b>							
FHLB	1.360	*	4,000,000	09/08/16	372	2.10978%	7.848
FHLB	1.625	*	1,000,000	09/28/15	28	0.52745%	0.148
FHLB	2.125	*	2,000,000	06/10/16	284	1.05489%	2.996
FHLB	1.300	*	6,000,000	11/30/16	457	3.16467%	14.463
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	648	1.58234%	10.254
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	697	1.58234%	11.029
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	739	1.58234%	11.693
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	557	1.58234%	8.814
FHLB	1.500	*	3,000,000	03/13/19	1,290	1.58234%	20.412
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	1,474	1.58234%	23.324
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	1,383	1.58234%	21.884
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,747	1.58234%	27.643
FFCB	0.370	*	3,000,000	10/14/15	44	1.58234%	0.696
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/16/15	77	1.58234%	1.218
FFCB	0.930	*	2,000,000	11/16/15	77	1.05489%	0.812
FFCB	0.400	*	3,000,000	02/01/16	154	1.58234%	2.437
FFCB	1.050	*	3,000,000	03/28/16	210	1.58234%	3.323
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	624	1.58234%	9.874
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	784	1.58234%	12.406
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	1,178	1.58234%	18.640
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	1,127	1.58234%	17.833
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	1,431	0.79117%	11.322
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	08/05/19	1,435	1.58234%	22.707
FNMA	1.625	*	2,000,000	10/26/15	56	1.05489%	0.591
FNMA	2.200	*	3,000,000	03/24/16	206	1.58234%	3.260
FNMA	2.170	*	3,000,000	09/15/16	381	1.58234%	6.029
FNMA	5.375	*	3,000,000	07/15/16	319	1.58234%	5.048
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	787	1.58234%	12.453
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	1,124	1.58234%	17.785
FNMA	1.325	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	1,184	1.58234%	18.735
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	728	1.58234%	11.519
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	892	1.58234%	14.114
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	994	1.58234%	15.728
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	1,276	1.58234%	20.191
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	1,548	1.58234%	24.495
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/19	1,549	1.58234%	24.510
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	1,513	1.05489%	15.960
FNMA	1.800	*	3,000,000	06/30/20	1,765	1.58234%	27.928
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	1,479	1.58234%	23.403
<b>LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER</b>							
LAIF	0.500		37,093,192	08/31/15	-	19.56462%	0.000
			189,593,192		39,907	100.00000%	633
							<b>Wtd. Avg. Mat.</b>
<b>RESTRICTED</b>							
U.S. BANK-2002 COP			-	08/31/15	-	0.00000%	0.000
UNION BANK -2008 Katella Cottages			175,517	08/31/15	-	1.66172%	0.000
U.S. BANK-2004 WATER			1,338,438	08/31/15	-	12.67179%	0.000
US BANK -2006 SEWER			1,505,509	08/31/15	-	14.25354%	0.000
US BANK -2010 WATER			696,309	08/31/15	-	6.59237%	0.000
US BANK -2014 TARB			6,846,573	08/31/15	-	64.82058%	0.000
			10,562,345		-	100.00000%	-
<b>Investment Total</b>			<b>200,155,537</b>			<b>TOT WAM</b>	<b>600</b>

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES DATE	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
				DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT					
LAIF	0.500		39,593,191.92	7,500,000.00	10,000,000.00		37,093,191.92					04/15/15
			39,593,191.92	7,500,000.00	10,000,000.00		37,093,191.92					
U.S. TREASURY			SHARES/ UNITS HELD									
U.S. TREASURY	0.250	04/25/13	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00			2,000,000.00	2,000,200.00	03/16/15
U.S. TREASURY	2.250	02/09/12	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	31,875.00		3,000,000.00	3,028,140.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00	4,037,600.00	08/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	03/15/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,029,700.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	30,000.00		3,000,000.00	6,032,880.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	6,034,140.00	04/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,025,410.00	06/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,025,280.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	05/05/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	22,500.00		3,000,000.00	3,035,560.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,008,940.00	04/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	05/04/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,035,450.00	03/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	01/09/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,009,720.00	06/09/15
			39,000,000.00				39,000,000.00	64,375.00		39,000,000.00	39,299,290.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS												
FHLB	1.630	08/20/11	2,450,000.00		08/20/15	2,450,000.00		19,967.50		1,000,000.00	1,000,740.00	08/20/15
FHLB	1.625	09/07/11	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00			2,000,000.00	2,025,760.00	05/10/15
FHLB	2.125	12/01/11	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00			4,000,000.00	4,035,760.00	03/09/15
FHLB	1.360	09/06/11	4,000,000.00				4,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	5,050,160.00	05/01/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,009,000.00	06/09/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,018,390.00	07/28/15
FHLB	1.125	07/29/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,079,110.00	03/09/15
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,008,130.00	03/10/15
FHLB	0.875	01/09/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	2,998,500.00	
FHLB	1.500	03/13/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,051,120.00	06/15/15
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,019,740.00	
FHLB	1.625	06/03/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,001,630.00	
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00			3,000,000.00	3,001,630.00	
			36,000,000.00		2,450,000.00		37,000,000.00	19,967.50		37,000,000.00	37,299,950.00	

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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	0.360	01/14/13	2,500,000.00	08/14/15	2,500,000.00	09/14/15	3,000,000.00	4,500.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,960.00	08/14/15	
FFCB	0.370	01/14/13	3,000,000.00			10/14/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,008,730.00	04/14/15	
FFCB	1.500	10/12/11	2,000,000.00			11/16/15	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	2,003,400.00	05/18/15	
FFCB	0.930	11/17/11	3,000,000.00			02/01/16	3,000,000.00	6,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,001,650.00	08/03/15	
FFCB	0.400	02/07/13	3,000,000.00			03/28/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,014,010.00	03/30/15	
FFCB	1.050	03/28/12	3,000,000.00			05/16/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,012,810.00	05/18/15	
FFCB	1.000	05/16/12	3,000,000.00			10/23/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,015,240.00	04/23/15	
FFCB	1.160	01/23/14	3,000,000.00			11/21/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,005,860.00	05/21/15	
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			10/01/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,029,560.00	04/01/15	
FFCB	1.590	10/01/14	3,000,000.00			09/01/19	1,500,000.00	15,450.00	1,500,000.00	1,534,605.00	08/03/15	
FFCB	2.060	07/28/15	1,500,000.00	09/11/15	3,000,000.00	08/05/19	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,997,300.00		
	1.500		30,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		30,500,000.00	25,950.00	30,500,000.00	30,624,165.00		
FED NAT MORT ASSOC												
FNMA	1.625	12/07/11	3,000,000.00			10/25/15	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,006,840.00	04/27/15	
FNMA	2.200	11/17/11	3,000,000.00			03/24/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,031,770.00	03/24/15	
FNMA	2.170	11/17/11	2,000,000.00			09/15/16	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	2,033,320.00	03/16/15	
FNMA	5.375	05/08/13	3,000,000.00			07/15/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,129,150.00	07/15/15	
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00			10/26/17	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,002,850.00	04/27/15	
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00			09/29/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,006,480.00	03/20/15	
FNMA	1.625	12/19/13	3,000,000.00			11/27/18	3,000,000.00	13,125.00	3,000,000.00	3,037,650.00	05/27/15	
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00			08/28/17	3,000,000.00	13,125.00	3,000,000.00	2,999,220.00	08/28/15	
FNMA	0.875	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			02/08/18	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,988,210.00	08/10/15	
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00			05/21/18	3,000,000.00	20,625.00	3,000,000.00	2,981,460.00	05/21/15	
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00			11/28/19	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,026,370.00	08/27/15	
FNMA	1.625	05/27/15	3,000,000.00			10/22/19	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	2,995,470.00	05/26/15	
FNMA	1.320	09/03/15	2,000,000.00			06/30/20	2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00	1,980,660.00		
FNMA	1.600	06/30/15	3,000,000.00			09/18/19	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,005,940.00		
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,002,490.00		
			46,000,000.00		46,875.00		46,000,000.00	46,875.00	46,000,000.00	46,213,560.00		
SUBTOTAL			10,500,000.00		14,950,000.00		189,593,161.92	177,167.50	182,500,000.00	153,435,975.00		

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CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS

UNION BANK - 2008 Kalella Collages (VanKampen)		08/31/15	175,516.58	-	-	08/31/15	-	-	-	08/31/15	175,516.58	-	-	-	-
US BANK - 2004 WATER		08/31/15	1,335,437.75	-	-	08/31/15	-	-	-	08/31/15	1,335,437.75	-	-	-	-
US BANK - 2006 SEWER		08/31/15	1,505,508.54	-	-	08/31/15	-	-	-	08/31/15	1,505,508.54	-	-	-	-
US BANK - 2010 WATER		08/31/15	696,308.76	-	-	08/31/15	-	-	-	08/31/15	696,308.76	-	-	-	-
US BANK - 2014 TARB		08/31/15	6,846,573.08	-	-	08/31/15	-	-	-	08/31/15	6,846,573.08	-	-	-	-
			<u>10,562,344.71</u>								<u>10,562,344.71</u>				

SUBTOTAL

10,562,344.71

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

201,155,536.63

14,950,000.00

10,500,000.00



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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE			
<b>CASH IN BANK</b>											
			Ending Cash Balance								
COMMERCIAL BANK-Willowick		08/31/15	93,529.69				08/31/15	93,529.69			
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing		08/31/15	101,348.14				08/31/15	101,348.14			
<b>UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA</b>											
Charge Back Account		08/31/15	16,900.30				08/31/15	16,900.30			
General Account		08/31/15	2,879,465.55				08/31/15	2,879,465.55			
Home		08/31/15	216.22				08/31/15	216.22			
Housing Authority (Accounting)		08/31/15	1.40				08/31/15	1.40			
Housing Authority Escrow		08/31/15	93,196.29				08/31/15	93,196.29			
Liability		08/31/15	75,034.99				08/31/15	75,034.99			
Workers Comp		08/31/15	404,043.35				08/31/15	404,043.35			
Successor Agency		08/31/15	169,539.28				08/31/15	169,539.28			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>3,833,275.21</b>					<b>3,833,275.21</b>			
<b>PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS</b>											
Change Fund		08/31/15	3,680.00				08/31/15	3,680.00			
Finance		08/31/15	3,000.00				08/31/15	3,000.00			
Departments		08/31/15	3,550.00				08/31/15	3,550.00			
Police Dept-SIU		08/31/15	30,000.00				08/31/15	30,000.00			
Police Dept-Drug		08/31/15	3,500.00				08/31/15	3,500.00			
Police Dept-Reg		08/31/15	200.00				08/31/15	200.00			
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>43,930.00</b>					<b>43,930.00</b>			
<b>GRAND TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>			<b>10,500,000.00</b>		<b>14,950,000.00</b>		<b>204,032,741.84</b>	<b>177,167.50</b>	<b>152,500,000.00</b>	<b>153,435,875.00</b>	

# Requests Log

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1333	10/01/15	Bill Shao	Dawson St and Westminster Ave 1. Traffic Signal Timing Sheet(s) 2. Traffic Signal Design Plan or As-Built Request is for these records that were in-effect on Tuesday, August 13, 2013	Engr Services	10/12/15	
1332	09/29/15	LexisNexis	Copy of the incident report for a fire that occurred on July 6, 2015, at the location of 13122 Jefferson Street, A-D.	Fire Admin Fire Prevention	10/09/15	
1331	09/30/15	rex nguyen Boiler Room Bar and Grill	Floor Plan		10/09/15	
1330	09/29/15	Juan Gonzalez KTS Networks	phone bill for last 2 months internet provider bill for last 2 months desktop phone system maintenance bill last year	Fiscal Services Purchasing	10/09/15	
1329	09/29/15	Hannah	\$1000 fine for an administrative citation given to me 4-22-2015 is the record i am looking for. I paid this and sent to the corresponding P.O. box with Priority Mail Express service to insure A 100% safe delivery. A confirmation of the reception ...	City Clerk	10/09/15	09/29/15
1328	09/29/15	Kristen Shipps LexisNexis	Incident report for a car fire that occurred on September 14, 2015, near the location of Harbor Blvd. and the 22 Freeway.	Fire Admin	10/09/15	
1327	09/29/15	Tammy Sherrin Devonshire Village HOA	Copy of the Conditional Use Permit for Devonshire Village, 8545 Devon Lane, Garden Grove, CA 92844	Planning Serv	10/09/15	

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1326	09/29/15	Lyla Gray-Etherson <i>Property Solutions Inc</i>	· Permits, reports, and information for Underground or Aboveground Storage Tanks (UST/AST), oil / water separator or clarifier installation or removal any current or previous building at the property · Permits for flammable materials storage · Per...	Planning Serv Building Serv Real Property Environmental Comp Fire Prevention	10/09/15	
1325	09/29/15	tom	death certificate/autopsy report of my brother	City Clerk	10/09/15	09/29/15
1324	09/29/15	Sam Ahn <i>Kaon Investments. LLC.</i>	Maximum occupancy restriction for hotel guest room for Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 12867 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843.	City Clerk	10/09/15	09/29/15
1323	09/29/15	Sam Ahn <i>Kaon Investments. LLC.</i>	Maximum occupancy restriction for hotel guest room for Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 12867 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843.	Fire Admin Fire Prevention Building Serv	10/09/15	
1322	09/25/15	Ann Doan	Copies of the incident report for a fire that occurred on July 6, 2015, at the location of 13122 Jefferson Street in Garden Grove 92844.	Fire Admin	10/05/15	
1321	09/24/15	Jim Lissner	For the City Clerk:  This is a brand new public records request.  The following records or materials are requested. All pertain to red light camera systems.  B(1). For each "intersection approach" or "approach" (defined as a red light camera...	Community Policing Engr Services	10/05/15	
1320	09/23/15	Alexandra Moller	12001 Candy, Garden Grove - APN: 233 02 101 Looking to purchase this Duplex. Is this legally recorded as a duplex with the city or a single unit??	Building Serv	10/05/15	09/23/15

#	Received	Requester	Request	Division	Due	Closed
1319	09/23/15	Jeff Telander <i>Computer Service Company</i>	Any and all invoices, statements and/or billing summaries along with all supporting documentation submitted for payment by your traffic signal maintenance vendor Aegis ITS and/or Siemens ITS for the months of May 2015 through July 2015 along with ...	Fiscal Services City Clerk	10/05/15	
1318	09/22/15	Kara Chatham <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Copies of hazardous materials disclosures, environmental records, and violations relating to underground storage and/or hazardous materials for the property located at 13265 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92843.	Fire Prevention	10/01/15	09/24/15
1317	09/22/15	Kara Chatham <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Copies of hazardous materials disclosures, environmental records, and violations relating to underground storage and/or hazardous materials for the property located at 13217 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92843.	Fire Prevention	10/01/15	09/24/15
1316	09/22/15	Kara Chatham <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Copies of hazardous materials disclosures, environmental records, and violations relating to underground storage and/or hazardous materials for the property located at 13191 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92843.	Fire Prevention	10/01/15	09/24/15
1315	09/22/15	Kara Chatham <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Copies of hazardous materials disclosures, environmental records, and violations relating to underground storage and/or hazardous materials for the property located at 13183 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92843.	Fire Prevention	10/01/15	09/24/15
1314	09/22/15	Kara Chatham <i>AEI Consultants</i>	Copies of hazardous materials disclosures, environmental records, and violations relating to underground storage and/or hazardous materials for the property located at 13171 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, 92843.	Fire Prevention	10/01/15	09/24/15

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1313	09/22/15	Dan Escamilla <i>Legal Service Bureau, Inc.</i>	1) Any and all invoices received by the City of Garden Grove from Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart during the period of 9/22/14 through 9/22/15.  2) records of any and all payments made by the City of Garden Grove to Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart during ...	Revenue Management Fiscal Services	10/02/15	
1312	09/22/15	Matthew Sanchez <i>Partner ESI</i>	Copies of any open municipal, building, zoning or fire code violations for the properties located at 12925 Beach Blvd., and 7911, 7915, 7919, 7923, 7927, 7931, 7935, 7937, 7939, and 7949 Garden Grove Blvd. in the city of Garden Grove.	Fire Prevention Building Serv Neighborhood Impr	10/02/15	09/29/15
1311	09/22/15	Theodore Endres <i>law Offices of Steven D. Levine</i>	SUBPOENA FOR RECORDS  RE: CHELSEA RAE DEBINDER	Fire Admin	10/02/15	
1310	09/21/15	Douglas Flynn	Copies of all building code violations for the property located at 13352 Havenwood Drive in Garden Grove.	Building Serv	10/01/15	09/23/15
1309	09/21/15	Laura Cygan <i>EFI Global, Inc.</i>	Hello Denise,  EFI has been retained by Kemper Services Group to conduct an origin and cause investigation of the below stated loss. Please contact me regarding the cost of the following reports, when they are available:  __X__ F...	Fire Admin	10/01/15	
1308	09/21/15	TYNELLE FULLER ZONING-INFO	Please provide copies of any plans for current/pending road projects that will require additional right of way from the property at 7321-7441 Lincoln Way	Engr Services Environmental Comp	10/01/15	09/29/15
1307	09/21/15	TYNELLE FULLER ZONING-INFO	Please provide copies of any open/unresolved zoning, building, and fire code violations. Copies of Certificates of Occupancy Copies of final approved site plan, approved variances, special/conditional use permits, zoning cases, resolutions, ord...	Building Serv Planning Serv Fire Prevention Neighborhood Impr	10/01/15	09/29/15

**Weekly Memo 10/01/15**

**NEWSPAPER**

**ARTICLES**

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015

## Garden Grove joins Google's online push

Garden Grove and Google are now partners in trying to get local businesses listed on the Internet behemoth's search and maps functions.

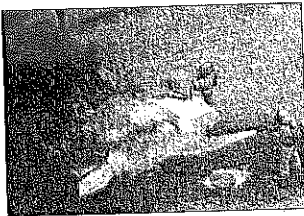
A part of Google's Let's Put our Cities on the Map initiative, Garden Grove is trying to encourage businesses in the city to improve their online presence.

To that end, Garden Grove is hosting a free Google workshop at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the Courtyard Center in Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.

Participants who choose to create a Google business website receive website hosting for free for one year.

Seating is limited. Information: 714-741-5280 or the city's website.

- Chris Haire



FILE PHOTO

Firefighters show how to stop a car fire at a previous Fire Service Day.

## Firefighters will display skills, gear

You can learn more about local firefighting on Saturday.

Fire Service Day will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the North Net Training Center, 2400 E. Orangewood Ave. in Anaheim.

The Anaheim, Garden Grove, Fullerton and Orange departments will host the event. There will be fire demonstrations as well as up-close looks at vehicles and equipment; you can meet the firefighters, too.

For nearly 40 years, the departments have developed training together through the North Net center.

There is also a simulation room, a test pit, and several classrooms - fire and rescue agencies from throughout the world have trained at the center.

Information: [anaheim.net/fire](http://anaheim.net/fire).

- Heather McRea

# THE FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL STAFF



CHRISTINE COTTER, FILE PHOTO

The Ware-Stanley house on Euclid St. in Garden Grove was built in 1891 by Edward G. Ware and is now part of the two-acre Stanley Ranch and Historical Museum property.

## TAKE A STROLL INTO THE PAST

Take a stroll down Strawberry Lane, amble through the an old-timey Garden Grove house and check out Walt Disney's original garage studio from 1923.

The Garden Grove Historical Society hosts free

tours of the Stanley Ranch Museum, at 12174 S Euclid St, at 1:30 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month - with the next one this week.

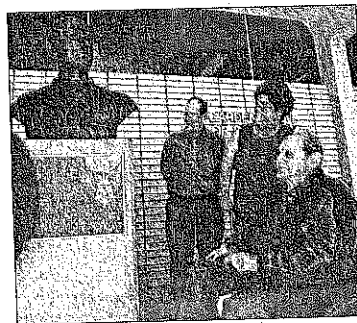
While there, you can check out Garden Grove's first post office, which

opened in 1877; the Electric Shoe Shop/Barber Shop; and Garden Grove's No. 1 fire engine, a 1926 American La France.

Information: 714-530-8871

- Chris Haire

The Tibor Rubin Branch Library, getting the handicapped access renovations it needs, was dedicated in honor of Rubin, right, in March.



FILE PHOTO

## Tibor Rubin Library will get handicapped access upgrades

The Tibor Rubin Branch Library is not set up too well for those with disabilities.

But it soon will be.

The library at 11962 Bailey St., in west Garden Grove, was built in the mid-1980s and is about to get the Americans with Disabilities Act renovations it needs.

The City Council approved a

\$199,400 contract with R. Dependable Construction last week. The work should be done sometime next year.

The library is named after a long-time Garden Grove resident, who is also a Holocaust survivor and Medal of Honor recipient.

- Chris Haire

## Garden Grove starts new tourism website

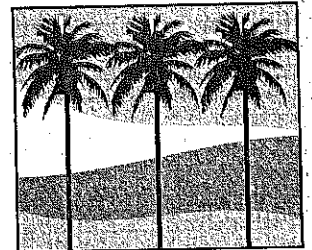
Banking off of Anaheim, Garden Grove is trying to bring in that sweet, sweet tourism money.

Garden Grove has launched a new website promoting its Grove District Anaheim Resort area, a stretch of Harbor Boulevard with nine modern hotels, several restaurants and event centers - and minutes away from Disneyland.

The site, [grovedistrictanaheimresort.com](http://grovedistrictanaheimresort.com), has detailed information about the hotels - from the Hyatt Regency to soon-to-open Great Wolf Lodge - the restaurants and various activities tourists can enjoy.

The city wants to attract those who are visiting Disneyland to its Harbor resort district.

- Chris Haire



**GROVE DISTRICT**  
ANAHEIM RESORT

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Garden Grove has launched a new website for its Grove District Anaheim Resort area, a stretch of Harbor Boulevard.


**BRAINIAC**
**PETER LARSEN** >>

 Contact the 'Brainiac' at [brainiac@ocregister.com](mailto:brainiac@ocregister.com) or call 714-796-7787. Selected questions will be answered here and at [ocregister.com/gardengrove](http://ocregister.com/gardengrove).

# RARE ECLIPSE BRINGS OUT NEIGHBORS, A RARE EVENT

It's a moment that doesn't happen, enough, at least as far as Brainiac is concerned. People stepping outside of their houses, day or night, sharing a moment of community together on the sidewalk, in the street.

But then along came the moon, big and red and low in the horizon. A supermoon on a Sunday night. And next came the shadow of the earth moving between the sun and the moon, creating a rare kind of eclipse that won't return until 2033.

Brainiac and Missus and the Lil Brainy and the Brainy Dog all went out to gaze at the dimly lit lunar orb.

At first it was just us in the quiet of the night. But slowly, other voices arose up and down the sidewalk. Neighbor **Jack** and his grandson **D.J.** walked across the street to join us where we stood.

In the distance you could hear a few people shooting off fireworks — not particularly a good idea given the drought and dryness of the vegetation — but something about the night felt like a celebration.

We tried to remember other times when the doors have opened and the neighbors all have gathered. There aren't all that many that come to mind.

The annual Indian Village garage sale sponsored by **Lia Marie**, the realtor who sold us our home. But that's a day that brings as many outsiders into the neighborhood, looking for bargains, prospecting for treasure, so does it really count?

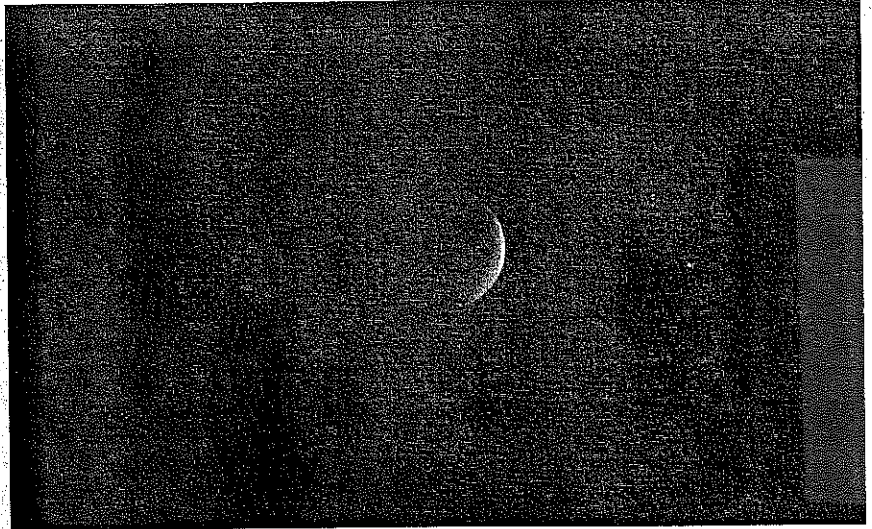
We had a friend in Los Angeles by the unlikely name of **Beeper** whose Mid-Wilshire neighborhood always threw a block party on the Fourth of July, getting permission to close off both ends of their street so kids could parade on patriotically decorated bicycles and families could bring tables into the street to eat dinner with their friends and neighbors.

It was a lovely tradition, we always thought, and we wonder: Do any of you in your neighborhoods have similar such moments of shared community? Let us know via the contact information listed above, perhaps we'll write about it in a future column, perhaps we'll stop by and see if there's any patriotic apple pie left at the end of your block party or neighborhood event.

## AND NOW THIS ...

We've written about the Strawberry Bowl in Garden Grove before, and how it started booking movie and music a year or so ago. The fall season kicks off again this weekend and October is looking like a busy month for fun under the stars.

The film series gets going on Friday with "Shakespeare in Love," the Oscar-winning movie starring **Gwyneth Paltrow**, **Joseph Fiennes** and **Geoffrey Rush**. Other movies slated for the month include **Humphrey Bogart** and **Ingrid Bergman** in "Casablanca," the **Audrey Hepburn** classic "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and just before Halloween, **Vincent Price** in "Theater of Blood."



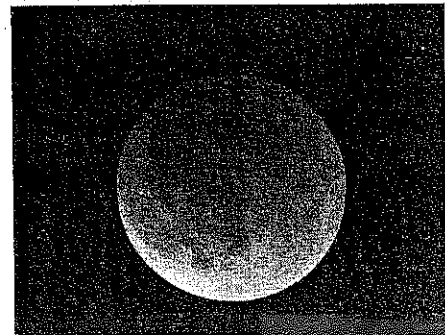
STEVEN GEORGES, CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

The lunar eclipse, with a little sliver of white light still on the edge, rises through the trees Sunday night.

The music is mostly tribute bands and kicks off with DSB, a Journey cover band, on Saturday. Other acts included in October range from the Cured, a Cure tribute act, Cosmic Thing, a B52s cover troupe, and Rusty Johnson's American Dreams, a jazz concert featuring players young and old.

For all the details on the Strawberry Bowl programming go to [Thestrawberrybowl.com](http://Thestrawberrybowl.com).

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The supermoon rises over Orange County on Sunday in total eclipse. It has been nearly 30 years since a supermoon is combined with a lunar eclipse, no

MARK RIGHTMIRE, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Gardening club to hold plant sale

Garden Grove Journal / Register  
Oct. 1, 2015

Winter is coming, and the California Organic Gardening Club is ready to help residents prepare for winter gardening.

### If you go

**When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Woman's Civic Club of Garden Grove, 9501 Chapman Ave. (near Gilbert Street)

**Cost:** Plants will start \$2 for individuals  
**Information:** [calorganic.org](http://calorganic.org)

The club is holding its fall plant sale featuring organically grown vegetable plants that are good for the upcoming season. Bok choy, broccoli, cauliflower, and lettuces will be among the offerings.

The California Native Plant Society and the

Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society will also be on hand with drought-tolerant ornamentals.

The California Organic Gardening Club meets the second Wednesday of each month.

—Heather McRea



## WOMAN SUSPECTED OF DUI IN CRASH THAT INJURED POLICE OFFICER

ORANGE • A police officer whose car was waiting at a red light Monday night was struck when an apparently intoxicated woman missed her turn and crashed into

the patrol car, officials said.

The patrol officer was working shortly before 9:35 p.m. and was in a

McLean

marked police car northbound on South Yorba Street. He planned to make a left turn on East Chapman Avenue, police Lt. Fred Lopez said.

But before he could do so, Stephanie Marie McLean, a 55-year-old from Orange in a silver BMW C300, got in the way.

McLean was driving east on East Chapman Avenue and failed to make a south-

bound turn onto South Yorba Street.

"She did not successfully maneuver the turn and plowed into our police car," Lopez said.

The unidentified police officer was injured and hospitalized, but released Tuesday morning.

California Highway Patrol investigators responded to the scene and arrested McLean on suspicion of felony driving under the influence.

She was released from Orange County Jail on bond at 5:42 a.m. Tuesday, according to jail records.

- Alyssa Duranty

## KAYE'S KITCHEN RESTAURANT IN GARDEN GROVE DAMAGED IN FIRE

GARDEN GROVE • A local diner was damaged Monday night in a fire that sent one firefighter to the hospital, officials said.

Garden Grove Fire Department officials responded shortly after 9:35 p.m. to Kaye's Kitchen, 12939 Main

identified, coroner officials said.

Francis Taesali, 34, of Anaheim had been hiding from police under a construction vehicle when he shot himself in the head, investigators said.

On Thursday evening, Taesali was driving a stolen vehicle in Buena Park when a patrol officer ran a check of the license plate near West Lincoln and South Dale avenues. After Taesali refused to pull over for a traffic stop, a chase ensued through the city and in Anaheim.

At some point, Taesali attempted to get onto the eastbound 91 from Brookhurst Street in Fullerton by driving onto the off-ramp in the wrong direction. After fleeing the vehicle, he ran across several traffic lanes into a construction area, where he hid and subsequently died.

Investigators closed off portions of the freeway, prompting traffic to become backed up for miles.

In 2003, Taesali pleaded

St., and found smoke rising from the business upon arrival, fire Capt. Thanh Nguyen said.

Firefighters battled the blaze for about 15 minutes, and during the process one firefighter suffered a minor injury and was taken to UCI Medical Center in Orange for treatment.

Officials were able to contain the blaze to the restaurant. Investigators later determined that the fire was accidental and caused by cooking equipment that was left on.

Authorities estimate that the blaze caused about \$100,000 worth of structural damage and about \$50,000 worth of contents were destroyed.

- Alyssa Duranty

## ANAHEIM MAN WHO APPARENTLY KILLED HIMSELF AFTER CAR CHASE IS IDENTIFIED

ANAHEIM • A man who led Buena Park police on a chase before apparently taking his own life on the 91 freeway last week has been

guilty to first-degree burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and several other felonies.

He pleaded guilty in 2005 to second-degree robbery and firearm possession by a felon. He also pleaded guilty in June to a misdemeanor domestic violence charge.

- Louis Casiano Jr.

## PHOTOGRAPHER ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING GIRL FACES FELONY CHARGES

ORANGE • A professional photographer accused of sexually assaulting a girl and possessing child pornography was facing multiple felony charges Tuesday.

Christopher Andrew Brown, 42, of Orange has been charged with felony possession and control of child pornography, sexual penetration by a foreign object, oral copulation of a minor and forcible oral copulation, according to the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Brown is being held in lieu of \$500,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court for arraignment on Oct. 16.

Between June 2014 and August 2015, Brown is accused of meeting the girl and offering to take photographs of her. During that time, he is accused of taking sexually explicit photos of the girl and sexually assaulting her, prosecutors said.

A relative of the girl contacted the Orange County Sheriff's Department and reported the crime. The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Department with assistance from the Los Angeles Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Brown is also accused of possessing and controlling child pornography on his personal computer and an external hard drive.

If convicted, Brown faces up to nine years in prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration.

- Kelly Puente

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## Activists want state to honor South Vietnam

Group seeks to have Oct. 26 be proclaimed Republic of Vietnam Day.



**CHRIS  
HAIRE**  
STAFF  
WRITER

ster and Santa Ana and proclaim Oct. 26 to be Republic of Vietnam Day.

The constitution of the Republic of Vietnam, also

known as South Vietnam, went into effect Oct. 26, 1955, and Garden Grove resident Lac Tan Nguyen is leading the coalition of Orange County activists to get that day memorialized by the California Legislature.

Though these types of resolutions are largely symbolic, Vietnamese American activists say having such a day would show that officials are empathetic to the pain still felt by one of the most prominent ethnic communities in California. After the 20-year Vietnam War ended in 1975, many South Vietnamese fled and settled in California, with the two largest concentrations of Vietnamese residing in Little Saigon and in San Jose.

"We are asking the state to recognize the just cause of the Republic of Vietnam," Nguyen said. "After 40 years, it's time to ask local and state officials to recognize and memorialize the sacrifices of the (Vietnamese) people."

Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen, whose city passed a similar resolution in 2014 about a month before he won his election, said it would be "wonderful" if California made Oct. 26 Republic of Vietnam Day, but he added he would like to see more action to meet the needs of the community.

"I think people would be happy, but it's just another resolution," he said. "If they really wanted to recognize the community, the Legisla-

ture would do something real. What about the youth or the discrepancy in health care?"

Leaders of the Steering Committee for the Republic of Vietnam Day Resolution also are asking San Jose and several Orange County cities near Little Saigon, including Anaheim, Stanton, Irvine and Fountain Valley, for similar proclamations.

"As a Vietnamese refugee who fled Vietnam on a wooden boat across the South Asia Sea, I personally understand the struggle that the Vietnamese people have endured since the fall of Saigon," Sen. Janet Nguyen, R-Garden Grove, said in a statement. "Consequently, I will review the proposal once we get an official request."

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### GARDEN GROVE

**New website:** The Grove District Anaheim Resort, a one-mile stretch of Harbor Boulevard comprising 10 modern hotels, has launched a new website to provide information for travelers, such as nearby restaurants and attractions and hotel features.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Library upgrades:** The Tibor Rubin Library, at 11962 Bailey St., is getting Americans with Disabilities Act renovations after the City Council approved a \$199,400 contract with R. Dependable Construction last week. The work should be done sometime next year.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**Document available:** The city has posted its settlement agreement in the Montoya v. City of Garden Grove lawsuit in full on its website. The settlement says Garden Grove will move to district elections by 2016. The easiest way to access the settlement document is by clicking the link that is posted on the city's website.

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### GARDEN GROVE

**College fair:** About 100 public and private universities will have representatives at an annual college fair for students from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bolsa Grande High School, 9401 Westminster Ave. The event, hosted by the Garden Grove Unified School District, is open to all district high school students and their parents.

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# Community Calendar

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

**Ready, young Rembrandts?**  
Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this

class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

**Cartoonist lessons offered**  
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task, follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. **see CALENDAR, next page**

# Water park set to open in March

## Great Wolf Lodge offers hard-hat tour to show off features

By Loreen Berlin

Anyone who's seen the TV show "Undercover Boss" knows about the Great Wolf Lodge and how customer service is the number one priority of the company.

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 last week by Great Wolf Lodge 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

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out this unique endeavor for the city."

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

"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 immediate 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."

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 school district and its cultural richness."

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 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 tour guides showed 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 park 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.

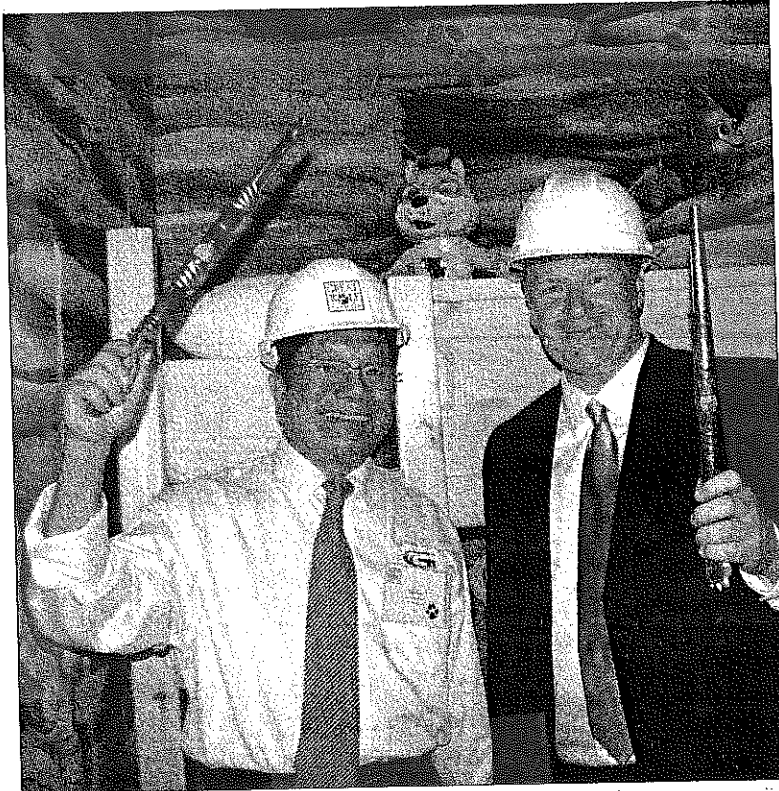
In the bottom level, where the 84-degree indoor Great Water Park is located, is also lots of additional fun for kids and their families, which includes slides, different pools and activities that continue throughout the lodge with the lodge's interactive adventure games that start or continue to the 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" (yes, that's three "o's") sugar-whip strawberry moisturizing body scrub spa. There are other exciting family activities, some of which include MagiQuest, Ten Paw Bowling, 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 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 taking reservations for March 2016, with a 25-percent discount if those reservations are made by the end of September.



# Residents subjected to fraudulent fire inspections

## Fire Department warns citizens about scams

Each year, the Garden Grove Fire Department and others in California require businesses to undergo a fire inspection to ensure the safety of the business and its occupants.

The Fire Department has become aware that businesses who are not associated with the department and not certified and licensed, are representing themselves as members of the department. These individuals are conducting inspections for a fee, or performing work that is not authorized by the business. It has been reported by businesses and other fire jurisdictions that these individuals use intimidation to gain access into an establishment.

Garden Grove inspectors will always be in uniform with a Garden Grove Fire Department badge, and carrying department identification. Business owners are being warned that the Department will never ask for a fee to be paid at the time of the inspection so do not pay for anything on site. Owners and their representatives

always have the right to ask for identification or refuse entry if they question the legitimacy of the company or individual.

The Fire Department has paired with the Police Department and neighboring jurisdictions, to educate the community, and to go after these individuals that may leave the public exposed to fire dangers.

“Preying on hard-working citizens in our city and anywhere else is morally wrong, and we will not tolerate it,” said Fire Chief Tom Schultz.

In its campaign to educate the public, the department is proactively reaching out to businesses with information to avoid falling for these questionable practices that may endanger the public. In addition, the Police Department will be investigating potential fraud cases, and going after these individuals and companies.

Owners are requested to contact the Fire Department at 714-741-5629 if they have questions, or go to [www.gardengrovefire.org](http://www.gardengrovefire.org) to find more information.

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## Jobs available at GG Police Department

The Garden Grove Police Department, a nationally-accredited law enforcement agency, is currently accepting online applications for police recruit, lateral police officer, and several other positions. Applications are available at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/hr](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/hr). The closing date for applications is Oct. 21, by 5 p.m.

According to Lieutenant Bob Bogue, who manages the department's Professional Standards Division, this is an excellent opportunity for those interested in law enforcement and starting a career with the Garden Grove Police Department.

“Our department is strongly committed to increasing the num-

ber of community-based police officers. We are expecting an excellent turnout for our recruitment process based on an increased awareness among the public about the importance of Community Policing and expressed interest from citizens who aspire to become police officers,” he said.

All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens who are eligible for, and have applied for citizenship. Bilingual language skills are highly desirable.

For more information on positions, application process, filing deadlines, and requirements, contact the City of Garden Grove's Human Resources Department at [ggjobs@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:ggjobs@ci.garden-grove.ca.us).



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**Ongoing**

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

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# Case of West Nile Virus reported in GG

Vector Control will post warning signs around city as a result

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OC-MVCD) has advised Garden Grove city officials that one human infection of West Nile virus has been reported in Garden Grove.

Additionally, 11 mosquito traps set by the OCMVCD in Garden Grove found mosquitoes infected with the West Nile virus.

As a result of these latest findings, the district will be posting signs at the entries, and other prominent locations, of all Garden Grove parks. The signs will warn the public of mosquitoes infected with West Nile virus being found in the location, along with precautions to avoid being infected.

According to the OCMVCD, similar actions are also being taken in Fullerton, La Habra, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim.

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## VIRUS:

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OCMVCD makes the following recommendations to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes:

- Eliminate any standing water around your house;
- Make sure all window and door screens are in good condition;
- Wear a repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR 3535;
- Contact the Orange County

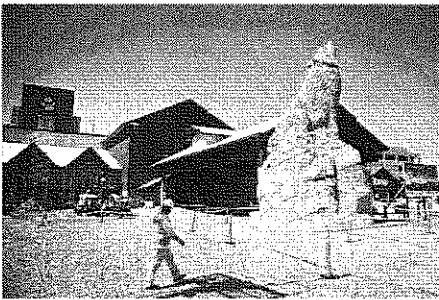
Mosquito and Vector Control District to report dead birds or neglected pools.

More information regarding West Nile virus can be found at the OCMVCD website (the 2015 West Nile virus Activity Map is updated regularly) at <http://www.ocvcd.org/WNVThreatGauge.php>.

Information can also be found on the OC Health Care Agency's website: <http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/dcepi/epi/disease/wn>

## **\$250 million Garden Grove hotel, water park to open in March**

BY CHRIS HAIRE  
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Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, a 603-suite hotel and 105,000-square-foot water park, is now accepting reservations with rooms available starting in March.

Reservations range from \$260 to about \$600, depending on the suite and when customers visit.

The \$250 million Garden Grove resort is on schedule for completion and on budget, said Chad McWhinney, CEO of Great Wolf developer McWhinney.

It will be Southern California's first indoor water park and the largest of Great Wolf's 14 facilities. The resort will bring in an estimated \$8 million annually in tax revenue to the city, which would be the most from any Garden Grove hotel.

Construction began in May 2014. Some rooms are finished and furnished. Fort Mackenzie – a multilevel tree house water fort – is installed in the park.

Resort officials gave an inside look into the seven eateries that will occupy space inside the resort, including Bear Paw Sweets & Eats and Dunkin' Donuts.

"This is a new, flashy property for us," said Ruben Rodriguez, whose second day as Great Wolf CEO was Wednesday. "It makes us a coast-to-coast brand."

Only hotel guests will use the water park and its 565,000 gallons of water that, Arthur pointed out, amount to less than it takes to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool.

Garden Grove officials have said they aren't worried about Great Wolf's water usage, pointing out it will operate a state-of-the-art recycling system with mechanized pumps, filters and tanks to purify the water before circulating it back into the park's common water areas. An estimated 11,000-plus gallons will be lost a day, via dripping bathing suits and evaporation.

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# Does sunny Southern California really need an indoor water park?



Brady MacDonald · Contact Reporter

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**C**alifornia's first indoor water park will debut in mid-February when the oft-delayed \$300-million woodsy-themed Great Wolf Lodge finally opens in the Disneyland area.

During a press preview on Wednesday, I walked through the framed and airtight Great Wolf Lodge Southern California hotel and entertainment complex still under construction in Garden Grove about a mile from Disneyland. Crews continue to work on the project, with exposed drywall, plywood, insulation, ductwork and I-beams still present throughout the 328,000-square-foot building. None of the rustic mountain cabin theming was in place yet in the public areas of the hotel. The rooms, which run from \$250 to \$600 depending on the season, have a cozy log cabin design with wilderness and outdoors themes.

The water park remains further from completion, with a water play structure and a few slides already in place. A pile of dirt sits at the center of the 75-foot-tall complex that is about the size of a college or pro football indoor practice facility.

## **IN THE LOOP: Sign up for our weekly theme parks newsletter**

In the works since 2010 when the project was first announced, the 105,000-square-foot indoor water park in Garden Grove will be the largest in Great Wolf's history and among the biggest in the world. Of course, it will be dwarfed by the world's largest indoor water park: Germany's 710,000-square-foot Tropical Island, housed in a former blimp hangar. And at approximately 2 1/2 acres, the Garden Grove indoor water park will be far smaller than a typical 15- to 20-acre outdoor water park.

Although the Los Angeles area boasts a 73% chance of sunshine throughout the year, according to the National Weather Service, none of the local water parks operate very far outside the summer season. Knott's Soak City, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor and Raging Waters San Dimas typically run

a weekends-only schedule in September before closing down for the season.

Great Wolf operates 12 other water park hotels in colder North American climates that promote the year-round destinations as “weatherproof fun.” The Wisconsin-based chain has built several hotels near theme parks and water parks, including locations near Cedar Point and Kings Island in Ohio, Busch Gardens Williamsburg in Virginia and Schlitterbahn Kansas City. The first Great Wolf Lodge opened in 1997 in Wisconsin Dells, a tiny Wisconsin town with 18 water parks that rightly proclaims itself the “water park capital of the world.”

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Like all Great Wolf lodges, the California water park will be for use only by those staying at the hotel, although day passes will be available for visitors of registered guests. A digital wristband will provide access to the water park while also serving as a room key and electronic wallet.

The indoor water park will feature a mat racer slide, tube slides, body slides, wave pool, lazy river, interactive play structure and kiddie water playground. Among the highlights in Garden Grove: A six-story funnel slide, a surfing simulator and a trapdoor-launched 360-degree looping slide. The marquee attraction is expected to be a Slideboard that combines a Guitar Hero-like video game with a water slide.

Unlike the Great Wolf Lodges in Pennsylvania and Ohio, the Garden Grove hotel won't be getting a hydromagnetic water coaster that propels raft riders over whoop-de-do hills and down high-speed drops.

With the continuing drought in California, Great Wolf will undoubtedly face questions about water usage when the 565,000-gallon park opens next year. Officials say the indoor park will recirculate up to 90% of its water and experience less evaporation than outdoor parks.

The Garden Grove property expects to use 149,500 gallons of water per day, according to a 2010 report obtained by the OC Weekly. That translates to more than 50 million gallons of water per year.

Billed as a family-friendly resort, the Garden Grove hotel will include several non-water-park-related activities, including a motion simulator ride, miniature golf, video game arcade, miniature bowling alley and kids spa. Wiley the wolf and five other costumed characters will make regular meet-and-greet appearances.

The opening of the new lodge also brings the first MagiQuest live-action role-playing game to California. Using infrared-emitting magic wands, players conduct a dozen interactive scavenger hunts throughout the hotel, including a battle with a dragon. The MagiQuest wands will also

animate small animatronic animals in some hotel suites. Mercifully, there is an override switch for parents with the noise-emitting creatures automatically switching off at 11 p.m.

The 600-room suites-only lodge will also feature seven dining options, including sit-down restaurants, a bakery and a Dunkin' Donuts.

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Friday, September 25, 2015

**CITY APPROVES DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS FOR 2016**  
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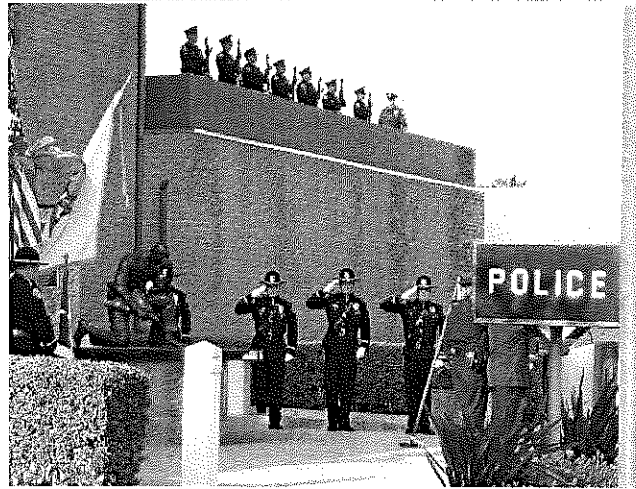
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Cảnh sát Garden Grove

Sở cảnh sát Thành phố Garden Grove cần tuyển thêm người để đào tạo, gia nhập vào đội ngũ cảnh sát cho các chức vụ thuộc bộ phận văn phòng (Police office Aide) và Sĩ quan cảnh sát (Reserve Police Officer). Các thông tin chi tiết có sẵn tại website [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/fr](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/fr). Hạn chót nộp đơn là ngày Thứ Tư, 21 Tháng Mười, 2015 lúc 5:00 giờ chiều.

Trong thời gian sắp tới, Sở cảnh sát cần tuyển dụng nhân viên cảnh vụ để gia nhập vào hàng ngũ cảnh sát Thành phố. Sĩ quan cảnh sát và cảnh viên văn phòng sẽ làm việc chặt chẽ cùng những nhân viên cảnh vụ, tham gia vào những dự án, chương trình huấn luyện pháp lý tại Sở cảnh sát. Các sĩ quan cảnh sát là những người đứng tuyển đầu trong cộng đồng, đảm đương một vai trò dân sự quan trọng là làm cho Thành phố an toàn hơn. Trong các nấc thang công tác, cảnh sát viên có nhiều cơ hội thăng tiến, được thăng cấp, được lựa chọn nhiều công tác khác nhau. Các ứng cử viên phải thể hiện tính đạo đức, và phải vượt qua buổi kiểm tra background check theo thông lệ nếu muốn trở thành cảnh sát.

Theo Trung úy Bob Bogue, quản lý của bộ phận Professional Standards Division, đây là một cơ hội tuyệt vời cho những người quan tâm trong việc thực thi pháp luật và bắt đầu một sự nghiệp với Sở Cảnh sát Garden Grove. Sở cảnh sát cần tuyển dụng thêm nhiều nhân viên nói được song ngữ và các ứng cử viên phải là công dân Mỹ hay thường trú nhân hợp pháp.

Để biết thêm thông tin về các chức vụ được tuyển dụng, hoặc những yêu cầu của công việc, xin vui lòng liên lạc với Bộ phận Nhân sự (Human Resources) của Garden Grove tại [ggjobs@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:ggjobs@ci.garden-grove.ca.us).

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## Garden Grove sắp khai trương Great Wolf Lodge và công viên nước

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Buổi giới thiệu khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge và công viên nước trong nhà, dành cho giới truyền thông, diễn ra lúc 11 giờ sáng Thứ Tư, 23 Tháng Chín, tại địa chỉ 12681 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840. Dự án được dự trù hoàn tất vào Tháng Hai, 2016.



"Chàng Gấu" biểu tượng của hệ thống Great Wolf Lodge chào đón mọi người. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

"Khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge và "công viên nước trong nhà" sẽ đem lại nhiều thích thú cho mọi gia đình cư dân, cũng như du khách đến thăm địa điểm này. Đồng thời cũng sẽ đem lại nguồn tài chính lớn cho thành phố Garden Grove," Nghị Viên Steve Jones, phó thị trưởng Garden Grove, tuyên bố.

Bà Kim Schaefer, tổng giám đốc Great Wolf Resorts, cũng có mặt và xúc động khi được giới thiệu trước giới truyền thông: "Bí mật khiến chúng tôi thành công là sự lắng nghe và trao đổi với khách hàng để càng ngày càng cải thiện. Đây sẽ là một trung tâm thu hút nhiều du khách đến miền Nam California. Chút nữa đây quý vị sẽ được hướng dẫn đi xem các công trình đang được tiến hành."



Cảnh khu trung tâm giải trí nước. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Trước đó là phần diễn văn của ông Chad McWhinney, sáng lập viên và tổng giám đốc công ty xây dựng McWhinney; cũng như của ông Phil Cunningham, quản lý tổng quát khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge Nam California.

Quan khách và giới truyền thông được chia thành nhiều nhóm, dưới sự hướng dẫn của một nhân

Thực hiện bản khảo sát này để chúng tôi hiểu rõ hơn ý kiến người tiêu dùng của bạn!

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Dùng ATM phải cẩn thận, không tiền vẫn có thể bị trộm

Đây là một công trình của Great Wolf Lodge tại Nam California, rộng 105,000 sqft, có các trò chơi nước bên trong nhà dành cho gia đình, chỉ cách khu giải trí Disneyland vài con đường.



Căn nhà nhiều tầng trên cây với gấu nước ở từ nóc xuống tầng ngăn ga lông nước. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Ông Scott Maupin, phó chủ tịch điều hành hoạt động của dự án, hướng dẫn nhóm "Đầu chân gấu xanh lá cây" đi xem khu "Hungry a Wolf" có phục vụ pizza và 24 giờ các trò chơi Arcade trên lầu hai. Kế đến là khu chơi Mini Golf trong ánh sáng như phòng trà (black light). Mọi người thích thú đi qua khu "Magic Button" với chiếc đĩa thần, mở valise kho tàng châu báu. Chỉ cần nhấn nút điều khiển rất dễ dàng.

Kế đến là khu chơi bowling "Ten Paw Alley" gò có tám sân. Mọi người đi qua một chỗ bán quần áo tắm và lên trên lầu ba để xem các phòng mẫu.

"Đây là phòng lớn nhất, có hai phòng và hai giường ngủ, một phòng khách. Phòng này giá \$259 một đêm gồm cả vé vào các khu trò chơi nước, và hiện đang nhận đặt phòng," cô Jessie Vandenhouten, giám đốc truyền thông, nói với nhật báo Người Việt.

Cô cho biết "các trò chơi cũng như phòng ngủ tại đây thật là tuyệt vời. Gia đình và con em sẽ thích thú ở lại đây. Chúng tôi rất hạnh diện là một thành viên."



Phó Thị Trường Steve Jones (trái) và Nghi Văn Phát Bùi của Garden Grove. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Sau đó, mọi người được đưa đến xem một "Wolf Dens" hai phòng ngủ, phòng trẻ em là giường tầng và có trang bị cây đĩa thần để bật, tắt TV hay bật đèn. Khi về lại có thể đem theo con gấu về





Các trò chơi gồm "Fort Mackenzie," căn nhà nhiều tầng trên cây, cơ cầu dây và đặc biệt trên nóc nhà là một gầu đựng nước, cứ mỗi bốn phút là lại đổ hàng ngàn ga lông nước xuống. Rồi "Totem Towers," "Wolf Tail," hay "Mountain Edge Raceway" và nhiều trò chơi khác nữa.

Khách sạn cũng có nơi hội họp rộng 20,000 sqft và các nhà hàng bên trong. Đặc biệt là món "Dunkin' Donuts" phục vụ suốt ngày.

Tùy thời điểm trong năm, khu giải trí theo chủ đề, gồm "Howl-O-Ween" vào Tháng Mười; "Snowland" cho Tháng Mười Hai.

Sau cùng là phần ăn trưa trước khi chia tay.

Nghị Viên Phát Bùi chia sẻ: "Đây là một trong bốn dự án lớn nhất của Garden Grove. Tôi tin là cư dân cùng gia đình sẽ rất thích các môn giải trí đầy tính cách gia đình và có 12 địa điểm tương tự trong nước Mỹ."

Khách sạn Great Wolf Lodge và công viên nước trong nhà sẽ khai trương vào Tháng Hai, 2016, gồm 600 phòng và đặc biệt là các trò chơi nước quanh năm. Ban tổ chức cho biết khách đặt phòng trễ nhất là 30 Tháng Chín, sẽ được giá đặc biệt, giảm 25% nhưng phải nói mã số "SOCAL" khi giữ chỗ.

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# City Approves District-Based Elections 2016

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**Friday, September 25, 2015**

9/28/15 Update: Copy of the complaint (<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/city-files/montoya-vs-gg-summons-complaint.pdf>) and the final settlement documents (<http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/city-files/montoya-vs-gg-stipulation-for-settlement%20after-mediation-fully-executed.pdf>) in the Montoya litigation.

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## Mission

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## Vision

The vision of Garden Grove is to be a safe, attractive, and economically vibrant city with an informed and involved public. We are a diverse community that promotes our unique attributes and preserves our residential character.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

October 1, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the October 8th Zoning Administrator meeting.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1, 2015 – October 15, 2015

Thursday	October 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
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		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting Courtyard Center
Thursday- Sunday	October 8-11		One More Productions presents "Little Shop of Horrors", Gem Theater
Friday	October 9		Shakespeare Orange County presents Cinema Under the Stars, "Shakespeare in Love" Festival Amphitheater
Saturday	October 10	3:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets Event Civic Center and Main Street
Tuesday	October 13	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Food for Thought Luncheon Wyndham Hotel, 12021 Harbor Blvd.
		5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	October 14	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center
		2:30 p.m.	Employee Flu Shots, For Reservations call x5004 Human Resources
Thursday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center



**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall  
11222 Acacia Parkway

October 8, 2015  
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-049-2015

APPLICANT: Tieu Family Corporation  
LOCATION: 13265 Harbor Boulevard

REQUEST: To operate an existing restaurant, New Island Seafood, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the HCSP-TZS (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan – Transition Zone South) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT