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Report Overview

This quarterly report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of January, February, and March in 2025. Our City continues to make great progress in key priority areas established by the City Council. These priorities encompass a focus on infrastructure, economic development, public safety, homelessness, code enforcement, and celebration of our community's cultural diversity. Our dedicated staff and community partners have worked hard to ensure that Garden Grove remains a great place to live, work, and play. We take pride in the notable progress achieved in the previous quarter and remain steadfast in our commitment to serving the needs of our community with excellence and integrity. Thank you for your support and trust in the City of Garden Grove!

Matters Before The Council

Below are highlights from the City Council meetings during the months of January, February, and March.

January 14, 2025 – The City Council recognized the goodwill ambassadors representing Anyang, Republic of Korea, as part of the 36th annual Garden Grove Sister City Exchange Program

January 14, 2025 – The City Council authorized the issuance of a purchase order to Advexure, LLC to purchase Unmanned Aerial Systems and support equipment for the police department's UAS program.

January 28, 2025 – The City Council accepted the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP), Project No. 1222000046/EA#OT410 –Phase II, as complete.

January 28, 2025 – The City Council approved a contract with Willdan Engineering Inc., for On-Call Animal Control Services.

February 11, 2025 – The City Council approved a contract with Quality Fence Co., for emergency fencing maintenance and repair services, under the Caltrans Delegated Maintenance Agreement.

February 25, 2025 – The City Council awarded a contract to Letner Roofing Co., for replacement of two buildings at the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center.

March 11, 2025 – The City Council approved the cooperative agreement with the City of Anaheim for the 2024 Arterial Streets Rehabilitation Project No. CP1376000.

March 11, 2025 – The City Council adopted the proposed legislative platform for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

March 24, 2025 – The City Council authorized the issuance of a purchase order to Olathe Ford for a new police department surveillance van.

City Manager's Office Highlights

Throughout the first quarter of 2025, the City Manager's Office continued to provide administrative support for City Council initiatives and inquiries from the public in the following ways:

City Council

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|---------------------------------------|----|
| Agenda Reports Reviewed and Processed | 78 |
| Agendas and Minutes Prepared | 22 |
| Agenda Packets Compiled | 30 |
| Public Hearing Notices Published | 2 |
| Resolutions Processed | 5 |
| Ordinances Processed | 0 |
| Proclamations Processed | 6 |

Council Liaison

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|--|-------|
| Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled | 284 |
| Certificates Ordered / Delivered | 56 |
| Communications | 3,418 |
| Legislative Response Letters Drafted | 0 |
| Finance Enterprise Reconciliations | 55 |
| Trips Scheduled | 7 |

Office of Community Relations

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Translated Materials | 0 |
| - Vietnamese Translations | 0 |
| - Spanish Translations | 0 |
| - Korean Translations | 0 |
| CityWorks Publications Completed | 2 |
| Vietnamese Newsletters Published | 0 |
| Community Spotlight Scripts | 3 |
| Press Releases Issued | 21 |
| Social Media Posts | 267 |

City Clerk's Office / Administration

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Public Records Act Requests Received | 228 |
| Average PRAs per Month | 72 |
| Average PRA Turnaround Time | 6.7 days |
| Bid Openings Conducted | 0 |
| Agreements Processed | 0 |
| Agreements Archived | 6 |
| Claims Received | 43 |
| Summons Received | 1 |
| PAFs Processed | 0 |

Investment Toward Infrastructure

In line with the City Council's priority of improving the City's aging infrastructure, the City developed and adopted a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, committing nearly \$173 million in funding over the next five years to improve citywide capital infrastructure. The Capital Improvement Plan focuses on allocating resources towards the enhancement of city streets, parks, facilities and other essential infrastructure.

The following major capital improvement projects are underway during Q1 2025:

2024 Residential Streets Rehabilitation – Near Beach Blvd

Status: 90% Complete

Anticipated Completion: April 2025



HSIP Grant - Traffic Signal Modifications

Status: 95% Complete

Anticipated Completion: April 2025



Traffic Signal Modifications at Various Locations

Status: 95% Complete

Anticipated Completion: April 2025

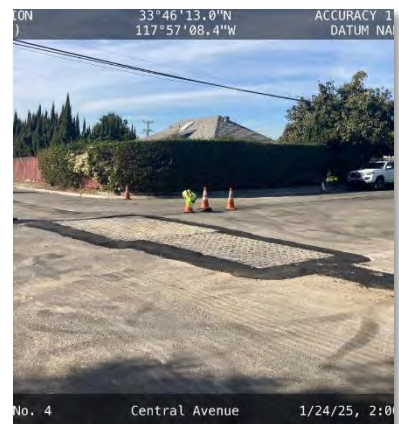
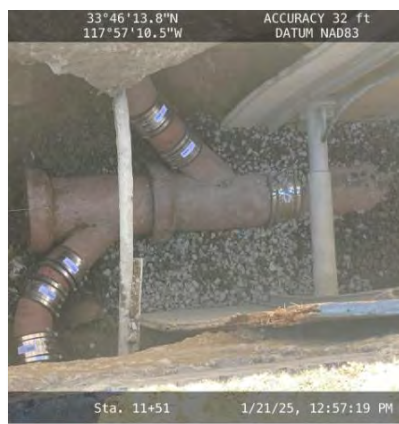


Sewer Main Replacement Project 4 - \$2.7M

The Sewer Rehabilitation Plan Phase 1, Sewer Main Replacement Project 4 (at Emerson Avenue, Russell Avenue, Andy Reese Court, Central Avenue, Imperial Avenue, Hope Street, Larson Avenue, Dakota Avenue and Flower Street) is one of many projects designed to address defective sewer pipe (sags, cracks and offsets) throughout the City. The sewer improvements will consist of approximately 5,100 feet of sewer pipes, includes both design and optional construction management/inspection services. Contractor is currently replacing sewer pipes in Brookhurst Street.

Status: 95% Complete

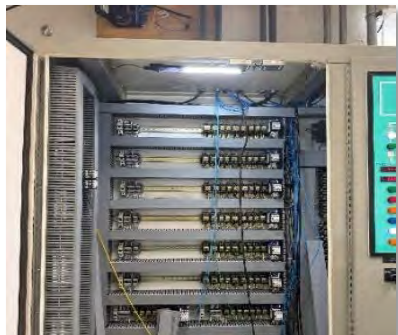
Anticipated Completion: April 2025



SCADA Implementation Project – Trask and Westhaven Reservoir/BPS SCADA Improvements Project - \$1,455,100

This SCADA project involves upgrading software and hardware to enhance operations at the Trask & Westhaven Reservoirs and Booster Pump Stations. The work includes demolishing and retrofitting PLC control panels, installing new control panels and chemical dosing skids, replacing select field instrumentation, valve controls, and engine control panels, as well as installing new conduits, conductors, and junction boxes. Currently, the contractor is focusing on the SCADA upgrade for the Westhaven Reservoir Booster Pump Stations.

Status: 76% Complete
Anticipated Completion: June 2025



PLC - Trask new Intrusion



Trask BPS - Murcal Panel Wiring

County Chapman and Dale Water Improvement Project - \$4,129,980

The project consists of replacing existing 6-inch AC water main along Chapman Avenue west of Dale Street with 8-inch PVC pipeline and replacing 4 or 6-inch AC water mains at Nearing Drive, Somers Drive, Fillmore Drive, Arthur Drive, Sandy Drive, Rockview Drive, Moen Street, Poest Street, Buchanan Drive and Augusta Drive with new 8-inch PVC water mains. The overall length of this project is approximately 9,700 LF. Contractor is currently installing pipes in Augusta Drive.

Status: 40% Complete
Anticipated Completion June 2025



Encourage Economic Development

Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Visitation

Garden Grove's Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program is designed to support local businesses, strengthen the economy, and promote job growth. Through business visits, the City aims to build relationships with business leadership, identify business needs, and provide targeted support to help Garden Grove businesses grow and stay rooted in the community.

This quarter staff met with the following businesses:

| Business | Address | Meeting Date | Est. in GG | Industry | No. of Employees |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. House Foods | 7351 Orangewood Ave | 3/10/25 | 1997 | Food Processing | 150 |
| 2. CA Fuel & Lubricants | 11621 Westminster Ave | 3/26/25 | 2004 | Wholesale Distributor | 100 |
| 3. McDonalds Franchisee | 10900 Katella Ave | 3/28/25 | 1957 | Food and Beverage | 250 |



Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) Update

City staff is developing a new Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) to guide growth and investment during FYs 2025-2030. Goals and objectives were debated to City Council on March 11th, while staff continues to work on the document during Q2 with a final strategy to be presented to City Council in June. The infographic below highlights the new goals and objectives:



Microbiz Program

The City launched the MicroBiz Program on November 18, 2024, an initiative designed to help small businesses start or expand their operations in Garden Grove. This program focuses exclusively on microenterprise businesses and includes a mandatory one-on-one technical assistance component for all participating businesses. Technical assistance covers the following topics (if necessary): self-esteem building; skill development; business planning and counseling; financial management and budgeting; workforce development; sales and marketing; and technology, among others.

Additionally, the MicroBiz Program will allow business owners to apply for a loan of up to \$50,000 once they have completed the required technical assistance component of the program. The loan amount will be based on the need of each business and will be capped at \$25,000 per full-time employee the business plans to hire or retain.



Program Highlights:

- 31 applications submitted: These businesses are actively participating in the program and completing the required technical assistance to become loan-eligible.
- 10 businesses actively working on a full loan application.
- 2 businesses have been approved for the loan, with a combined total amount of \$75,000.

Acquisition of 12381 Harbor Boulevard Property

On February 21, 2025, the City of Garden Grove closed escrow on the acquisition of 12381 Harbor Boulevard, a 7,841-square-foot parcel. Strategically located within the Grove District, the property sits adjacent to four other city-owned lots, creating a larger, contiguous site that enhances development potential. The \$858,888 purchase supports future development that will aesthetically enhance this major thoroughfare as well as strengthen the connectivity between key assets such as the Great Wolf Lodge, the upcoming Nickelodeon Hotel, and the Site-C Mixed-Use Development along Harbor Boulevard.



Garden Grove Plaza Lease Agreement and Development

No new leases have been secured in Q1 2025. The current vacant rate is 16.4% (see Garden Grove Plaza Stacking Chart). The rental rates for office spaces within the building range from approximately \$1.56 to \$2.50 per square foot per month.

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Garden Grove Plaza

12966 Euclid Street
Garden Grove, CA

Stacking Plan – September 13, 2024

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|-----------|
| Toscano Financial Services Suite 500 Lease 3,337 SF Exp: 7/31/2029 Start: 5/22/24 | CA Medical Evaluators Suite 508 Lease 2,133 SF Exp: 2/26/26 Start: 1/1/22 | VACANT Suite 550 BOMA 1,712 SF | Acute Data Suite 530 Lease 803 SF Exp: 1/1/26 Start:10/1/22 | Tony H. Vu Suite 520 Lease 1,615 SF Exp: 11/30/26 Start: 9/1/23 | VACANT Suite 510 BOMA 1,550 SF | Strive Health Suite 525 Lease 554 SF Exp: 2/28/25 Start: 3/1/24 | EasyFlex Suite 515 Lease 2,371 SF Exp: 11/30/29 Start: 12/1/24 | 14,075 SF | | |
| Law Offices of Choi & Choi Suite 400 Lease 2,068 SF Exp: 5/31/27 Start: 4/1/12 | VACANT Suite 450 BOMA 920 SF | T&T Group Suite 445 Lease 580 SF Exp: 11/30/26 Start: 10/1/23 | Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc. (OCAPICA) Suite 495 Lease 7,859 SF Exp: 8/31/26 Start: 7/1/23 | | | OCAPICA Suite 425 Lease 1,905 SF Exp: 10/31/24 Start: 10/16/23 | | 13,332 SF | | |
| Investel Resorts Management, LLC Suite 300/320/330 Lease 13,272 SF Exp: 11/30/25 Start: 6/1/17 | | | | | | | | 13,272 SF | | |
| Paul Joo Suite 210 (250 E&F) Lease 1,573 SF Exp: 4/30/28 Start: 12/01/12 | Mgmt. 250C 220 SF | James Nguyen 250D Lease 175 SF Exp: MTM Start: 4/1/18 | Kitchen CC 73 SF | Hung Nguyen 250A/B Lease 430 SF Exp: MTM Start: 1/1/15 | Wester n Internat ional Real Estate Suite 270 Lease 696 SF | Andrew Pham and Toan Tran Suite 275 Lease 662 SF Exp: MTM | VACAN T Suite 240 BOMA 1,074 SF | Pathways Community Services, LLC Suite 220 Lease 2,742 SF Exp: 6/30/28 Start: | Pathways Community Services LLC Suite 200/280 Lease 3,956 SF Exp: 6/30/28 Start: 7/1/23 | 11,601 SF |
| VACANT Suite 100 BOMA 3,291 SF | | Lucky Team Escrow Suite 110 Lease 1,035 SF Exp: 5/15/28 | | VACANT Suite 130 BOMA 2,041 SF | | Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach Suite 150 Lease 5,332 SF Exp: 6/1/36 Start: 6/1/25 | | | 11,699 SF | |
| Total Rentable Square Footage (“RSF”) per Stevenson Systems report dated 10/02/2019 – 64,402 RSF | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vacant | | | | 16.4% (10,588 sf) | | | | | | |
| MTM | | | | 3.0% (1,963 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2024 | | | | 3.0% (1,905 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2025 | | | | 21.5% (13,826 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2026 | | | | 20.2% (12,990 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2027 | | | | 3.2% (2,068 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2028 | | | | 14.4% (9,306 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2029 | | | | 8.9% (5,708 sf) | | | | | | |
| 2036 | | | | 8.3% (5,332 sf) | | | | | | |
| Bldg Mgmt | | | | 0.5% (293 sf) | | | | | | |

Public Safety – Police



GGPD Calls for Service – Q1

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|---------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Calls for Service – Phone Calls | January | February | March | Q1 Total |
| 9-1-1 phone calls | 4,618 | 3,918 | 4,345 | 12,881 |
| Non-emergency phone calls | 10,226 | 8,793 | 9,406 | 28,425 |
| Total phone calls | 14,844 | 12,711 | 13,751 | 41,306 |

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| Calls for Service – Dispatched | January | February | March | Q1 Total |
| Citizen Generated | 4,279 | 3,780 | 4,129 | 12,188 |
| Officer Generated | 1,338 | 1,274 | 1,411 | 4,023 |
| Total Incidents Dispatched | 5,617 | 5,054 | 5,540 | 16,211 |

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| Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types | January | February | March | Q1 Total |
| Disturbing the Peace - Transients | 598 | 469 | 500 | 1567 |
| Audible Burglary Alarms | 214 | 173 | 154 | 541 |
| Welfare Check | 147 | 153 | 175 | 475 |
| Suspicious Person | 189 | 161 | 180 | 530 |
| Illegal Parked Vehicle | 149 | 143 | 151 | 443 |

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| Response Times | January | February | March | Q1 Average |
| Priority Calls (Average) | 5m 40s | 6m 40s | 5m 19s | 5m 53s |

Public Safety – OCFA



OCFA Calls for Service – Q1

| Calls for Service – Medical Aid | January | February | March | Q1 Total |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|
| Automatic Paramedic Alarm | 13 | 13 | 19 | 45 |
| Back to Bed / Lift Assist | 20 | 18 | 15 | 53 |
| Cardiac | 113 | 88 | 119 | 320 |
| Stroke | 169 | 170 | 185 | 524 |
| Diabetic Emergency | 10 | 9 | 20 | 39 |
| Respiratory | 190 | 155 | 116 | 461 |
| Fall / Injury / Trauma | 156 | 158 | 179 | 493 |
| Illness | 196 | 147 | 161 | 504 |
| Abdominal Pain | 72 | 70 | 87 | 229 |
| Seizure | 37 | 38 | 37 | 112 |
| Traffic Collision | 92 | 84 | 73 | 249 |
| Miscellaneous | 130 | 136 | 152 | 418 |

| Calls for Service – Fire | January | February | March | Q1 Total |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|
| Structure | 30 | 14 | 12 | 56 |
| Vehicle / Dumpster | 15 | 7 | 4 | 27 |
| Vegetation / Brush / Tree / Bush | 62 | 23 | 27 | 112 |
| Miscellaneous – Hazardous Condition | 108 | 88 | 73 | 269 |

| Response Times | January | February | March | Q1 Avg |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Priority Calls (Average) | 8m 21s | 8m 4s | 7m 35s | 8m 3s |

Address Homelessness & Housing

Homelessness Strategic Plan Update

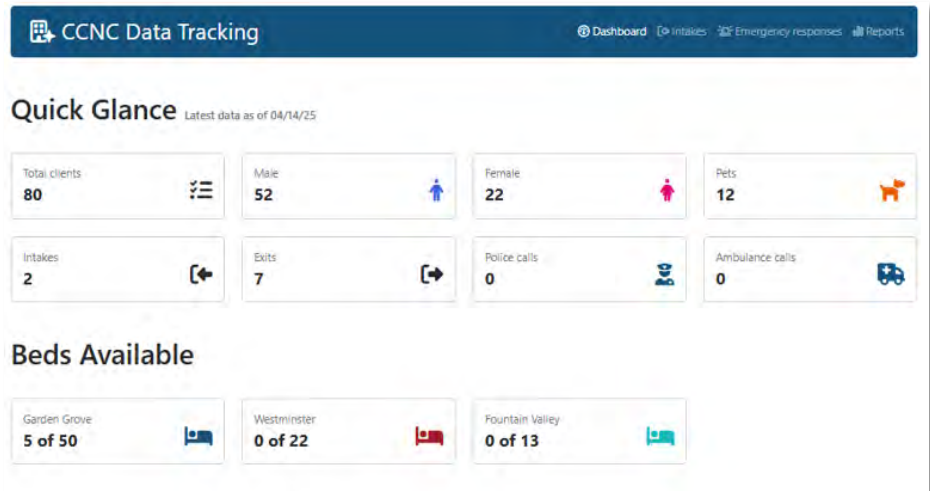
City staff is developing a new Homelessness Strategic Plan to guide efforts to increase housing security for the unhoused during FYs 2025-2030. Goals and objectives were debated to City Council on March 11, 2025 while staff continues to work on the document during Q2 with a final strategy to be presented to City Council in June. The infographic below highlights the new goals and objectives:



Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The CCNC hosted its first monthly community health clinic, organized in collaboration with Vituity and other local organizations, including Advance Beauty College, WAGS Pet Shelter, and TruConnect. Reflecting progress toward successful reintegration into family settings or securing housing solutions, there were 11 notable positive exits: 7 clients were reunified with family, and 4 clients entered a 90-day rehabilitation program.

In collaboration with the Illumination Foundation, two CCNC couples (four clients) are in the process of transitioning into the Stuart Apartment Permanent Supportive Housing development. Additionally, 28 clients gained employment, with 16 of them employed at Angel Stadium for the upcoming season. Three CCNC clients also enrolled in college or trade school.



These outcomes underscore the ongoing efforts to achieve meaningful and lasting impacts for the individuals served during this period.

Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP) Completion

The Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project has completed its fencing component, with only the rock installation at the Motel 6 location still pending. As part of the Delegated Maintenance Agreement, the City has entered into a contract with the Saylor Group for debris and litter removal; and with Quality Fence for emergency fencing maintenance and repair services.

Harbor/ SR-22 Off-ramp



Before



After

Harbor/ SR-22 (Motel 60)



Before

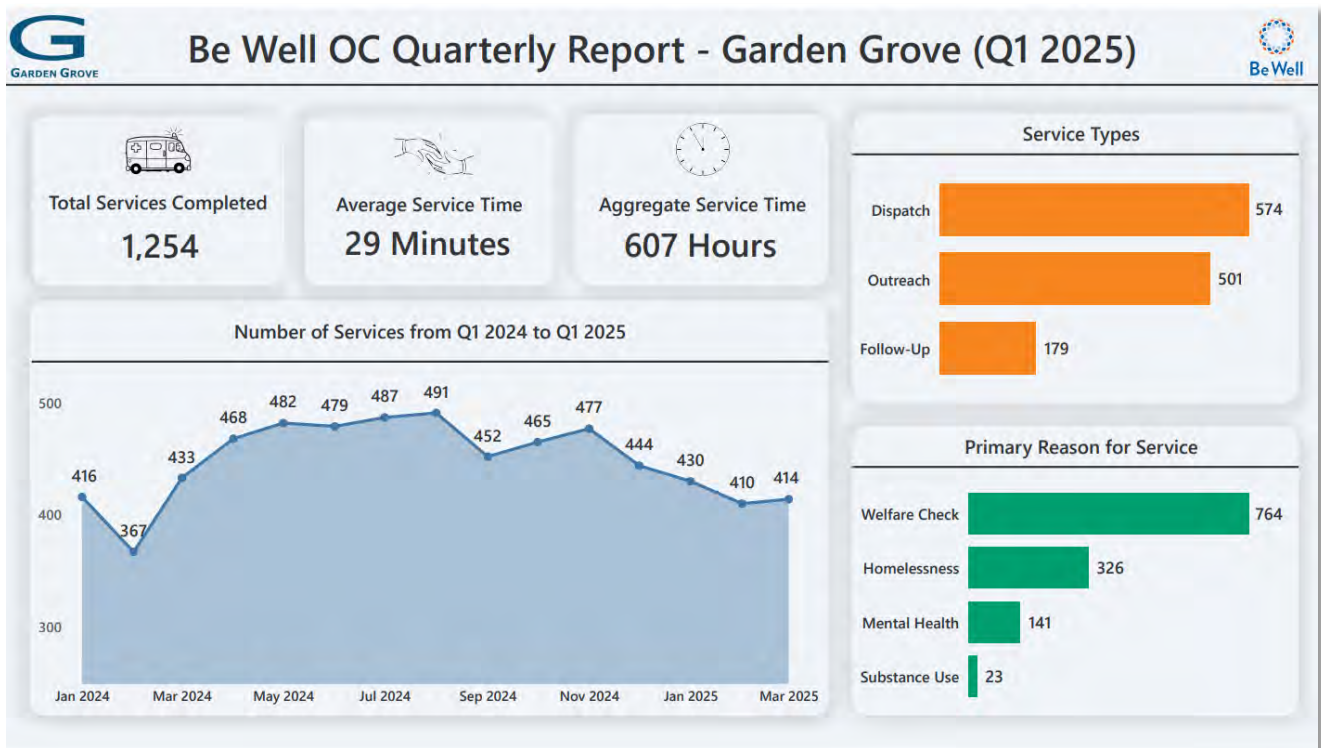


After

BeWell Orange County

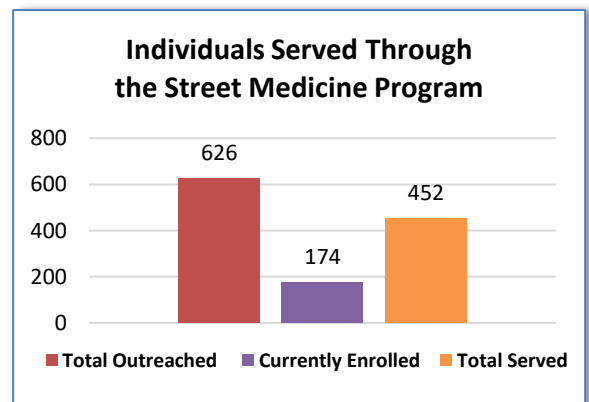
Garden Grove's Be-Well Mobile Response Team provides in-community assessment and stabilization for individuals experiencing substance abuse, psychological crises and homelessness. On July 25, 2023, the City Council approved the extension of the Be-Well Mobile Response Team contract for the next 5 years. The mobile response team has assisted 15,453 individuals with mobile medical and mental health services since October 2021.

- January – 430 individuals
- February – 410 individuals
- March – 414 individuals
- Q1 2025 Total – 1,254 individuals



CalOptima Street Medicine:

In partnership with CalOptima and Healthcare in Action, the City's Street Medicine Program delivers medical care to homeless individuals in our community using a medical van. Since its inception in April 2023, the target for the program was to serve a total of 200 individuals. As of March 2025, Healthcare in Action conducted outreach to 626 individuals, of which 452 individuals were served and 174 are still enrolled in the program.



First Time Home Buyer Program

Recent updates to the City's First Time Home Buyer (FTHB) Program have increased buyers' purchasing power by raising loan assistance limits and expanding income thresholds. These changes reduce upfront costs, making it easier to secure mortgages helping more low-and moderate-income families achieve homeownership in Garden Grove.

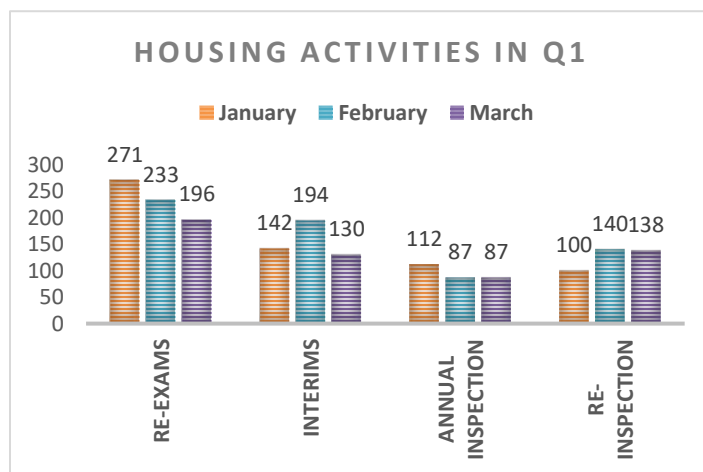
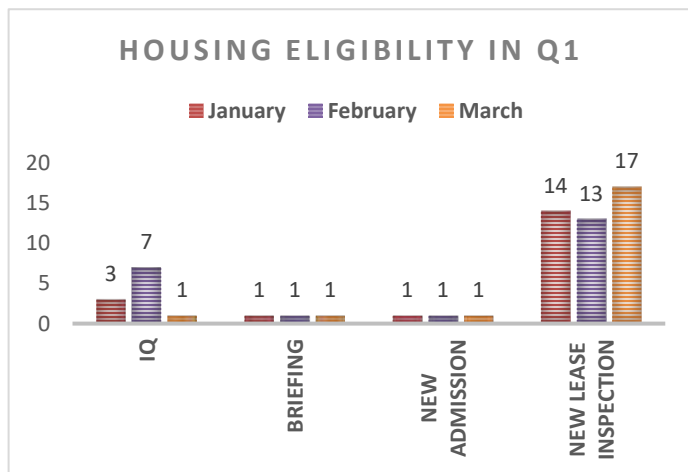
In the first quarter of 2025, one low-income household—earning below 80% of the area median income—successfully purchased a home in Garden Grove with support from the FTHB Program. A total of \$110,000 in loan assistance was provided to help cover the down payment and closing costs.

From January through March, City staff collaborated with NeighborWorks Orange County to host monthly *Homebuyer 101* virtual workshops. These sessions introduced potential applicants to the FTHB Program and provided opportunities to ask questions and learn more about the home buying process.

Housing Authority Quarterly Status Report

The Housing Choice Voucher Program supports low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities by subsidizing their monthly rent. Qualified participants contribute a portion of their adjusted household income, while the City's Housing Authority covers the remaining rent using funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Units rented through the program are inspected biennially to ensure they meet standards for safety, sanitation, and building codes. Approximately 2,362 vouchers are allocated for the Garden Grove Housing Authority.

Below is the status report for the first quarter of 2025:



- **IQ:** initial qualifying interviews in which eligibility is verified
- **Briefings:** program briefings to issue a housing voucher
- **New Admission:** participants admitted to the program
- **New Lease Inspection:** initial inspections completed prior to tenant moving in the unit
- **Re-examinations:** re-examination interviews with current participants to determine continued eligibility
- **Interims:** interim changes in income or contract rent which necessitates an adjustment to the participant's portion of the rent
- **Annuals:** annual inspections conducted on units to qualify for rental assistance payments
- **Re-inspections:** inspections conducted on units that previously failed

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Grant Renewal Award

On September 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued the Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity to allocate the FSS program funding for FY24. This funding is used by Public Housing Agencies and Project-Based Rental Assistance Owners to hire and retain FSS Program Coordinators who help HUD-assisted residents achieve financial stability and reduce reliance on federal assistance programs.

The Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) had submitted its renewal application per priority deadline on November 1, 2024. On February 28, 2025, the proposed funding in the amount of **\$151,002** was awarded to the GGHA to continue administering the FSS program.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Success Story

In 2020, a participant, who wishes to remain anonymous for her safety, enrolled in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program while facing extreme adversity. She was a survivor of domestic violence, struggling to rebuild her life with three minor children while enduring ongoing harassment from her ex-boyfriend.

Determined to provide a stable future for herself and her children, she took on multiple jobs, including working as a beauty technician and an insurance agent. Despite the challenges, she remained committed to her goal of securing full-time employment. Through perseverance and hard work, she successfully balanced three different jobs, ultimately fulfilling her FSS goal and graduating from the program as of January 31, 2025, with an escrow disbursement of **\$14,722.64**.



Her achievements extend beyond a lump sum escrow check. She has officially signed off the Section 8 program as of February 28, 2025, marking a significant step toward self-sufficiency. Now, she is actively working toward homeownership within this year.

She expressed deep gratitude for the FSS program, stating that it provided the motivation she needed to set and achieve her goals. She also shared that, as a former portability tenant from another housing authority, her experience in Garden Grove was especially positive. She felt valued and supported by the high-quality customer service, which made her feel heard and seen throughout her journey.

Her story is a testament to the impact of the FSS program and the strength of individuals who refuse to let hardships define their future. As she moves forward into this new chapter of homeownership, her success serves as an inspiration to others facing similar challenges.

Community Code Compliance

Volunteer Program

The Community Development Department's Code Enforcement Division has steadily increased its volunteer staff. Volunteers assist the code staff with case intake, follow-up, and research. The Code Enforcement Division is actively accepting volunteer applications. For more information please visit: <https://ggcity.org/code-enforcement/volunteer>



Code Enforcement Staffing

After several interviews with multiple qualified individuals, the Code Enforcement team will be adding a new Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer. The Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer will assist in fulfilling the City's goal of providing code enforcement services on evenings and weekends. The officer is expected to join the team in the second quarter of the year.

Tobacco Enforcement

As of January, the Code Enforcement team brought on a contracted Tobacco Enforcement Officer. After accepting the Tobacco Grant through the California Department of Justice, Code Enforcement resumed its Tobacco Enforcement Program. State and local tobacco laws will be enforced through daily inspections and monthly operations. Any retailers that are in violation will be enforced upon accordingly. As of March 31, a total of 120 inspections have been made and 4 citations have been issued.



Community Development Statistics for Q1 2025

| Code Enforcement Activity | Statistical Data |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Open Cases | 693 |
| Closed Cases | 577 |
| Cases Pending Customer Requests | 394 |
| Active Cases | 2,275 |
| Top Commercial Cases | Tobacco License |
| Top Residential Cases | Build Code Violation |
| Reported Short Term Rentals | 16 |
| Red Tagged Properties | 24 |
| Cases Referred to City Attorney | 16 |
| Receiverships | 1 |
| Building Permits | Statistical Data |
| Applications Submitted | 2,124 |
| Plans Submitted | 606 |
| Permits Issued | 1,674 |
| ADU Permits Issued | 98 |
| Finaled Projects | 2,116 |
| Inspections | Statistical Data |
| Inspections Performed | 6,195 |

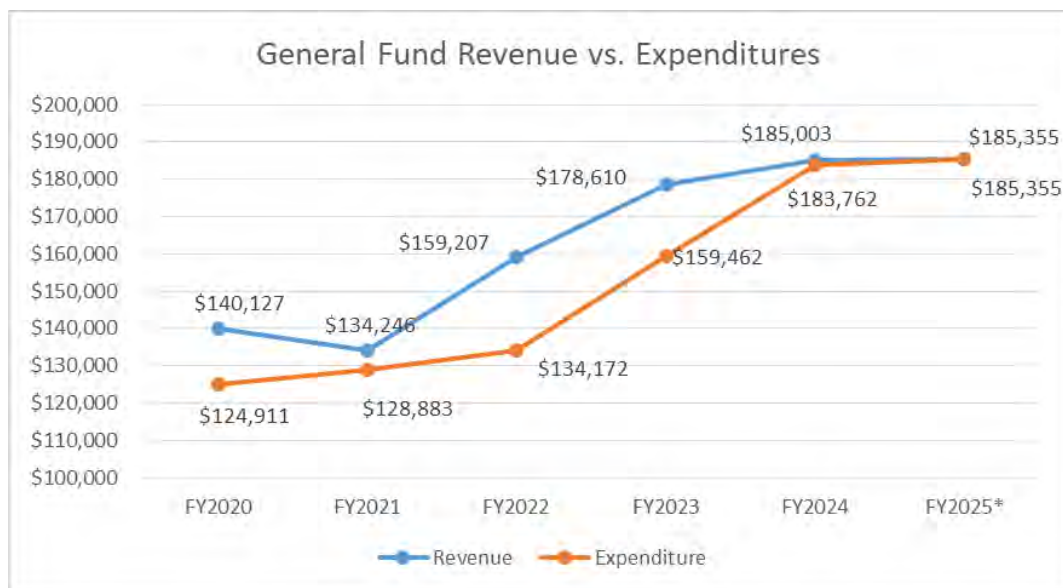
Maintain Fiscal Health

Biennial Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26

The City is in the process of developing its biennial budget for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. This process began with establishing baseline projections for both revenues and expenditures over the next two years, with a strong emphasis on the General Fund. Given that the General Fund supports over 70% of the City's essential governmental services (excluding water and sewer), its stability remains a top priority.

General Fund Revenue and Expenditures

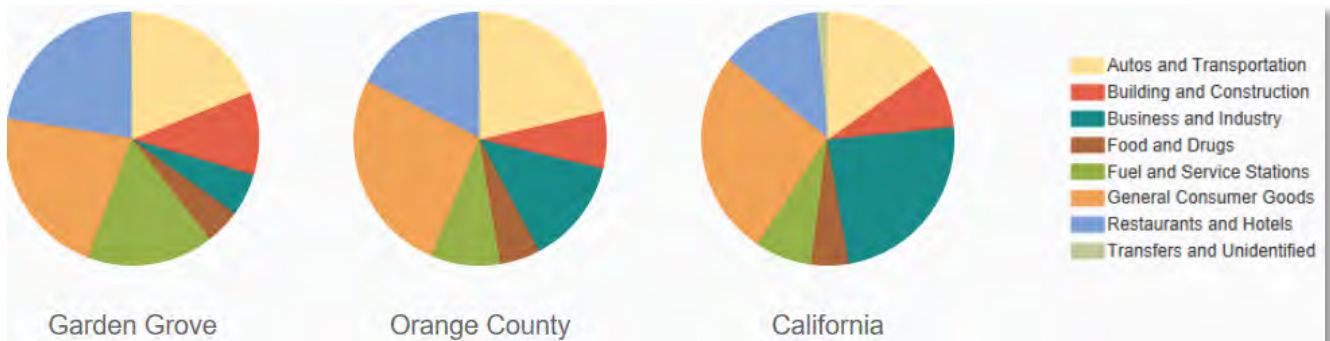
Recognizing the slowdown in revenue growth, the City focuses on managing its expanded expenditure bases. The recent sharp increase in expenditures was driven by a few major capital projects, including the accelerated street pavement program and the Civic Center Revitalization project. As the City Council reaffirmed the six priorities, a key baseline principle was also established: ensuring the City's financial health and long-term sustainability. This principle serves as the foundation for developing the upcoming biennial budget.



On the revenue side, industry experts project a statewide decline in sales tax revenue for the current year. However, Garden Grove's diverse tax base helps mitigate the impact. The decline is expected to be modest, approximately \$800,000 compared to Fiscal Year 2023-24. For FY 2025-26, sales tax revenues are anticipated to remain stable, followed by a slight increase of \$1.7 million in FY 2026-27, assuming no economic downturn.

Major Business Sectors

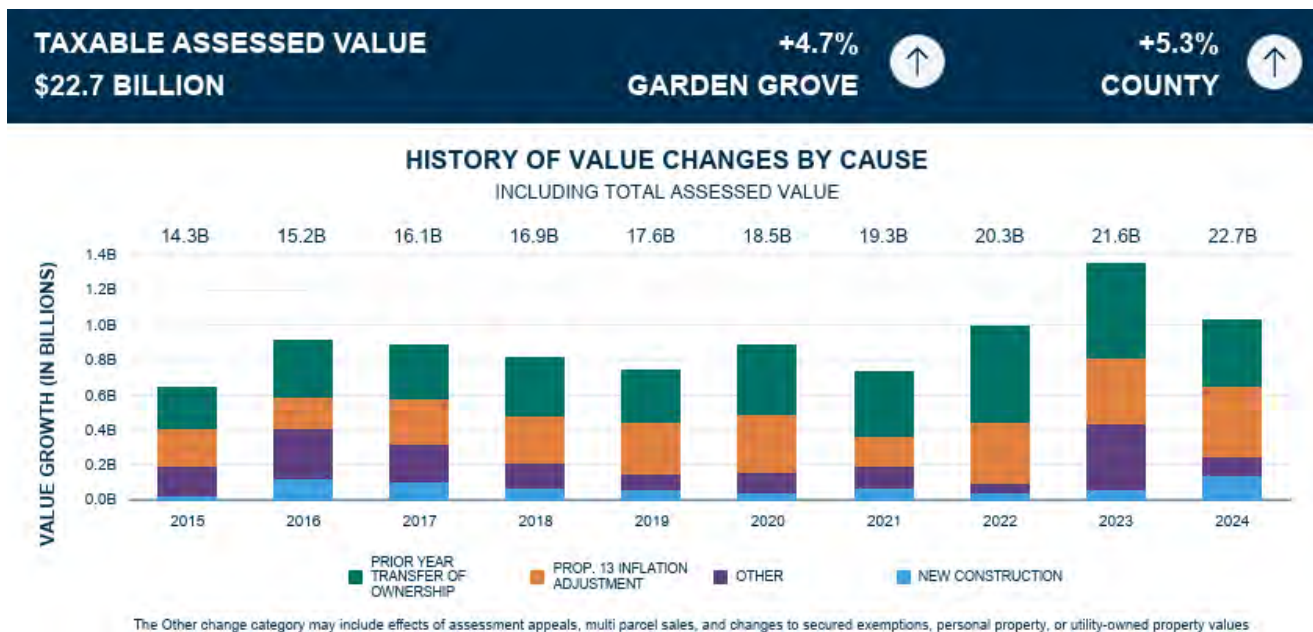
The chart below illustrates Garden Grove's major business sectors, compared to countywide and statewide trends. The City's largest sales tax generators include autos and transportation, restaurants and hotels, and general consumer goods. The absence of dominant businesses in any single sector has helped ensure the resilience of Garden Grove's sales tax base.



Property Tax

For property tax, the budget model incorporates a 3% annual increase, reflecting an expectation of continued but slower year-over-year growth. The City's overall taxable assessed value has risen by 4.7% over the past year. However, as shown in the chart below, property ownership transfers have declined significantly, contributing to the slowdown in revenue growth.

Under Proposition 13, annual property tax increases are capped at 2%, regardless of market appreciation. While property values have grown substantially over the past two decades, property tax revenue growth has remained limited due to this restriction. Since reassessments occur only when ownership changes, the decline in property transfers directly impacts the City's property tax revenue growth.



Baseline Budget

The baseline expenditure projections account for all known factors, including contractual increases, rising personnel costs due to new and upcoming labor negotiations, unfunded pension liabilities, and an inflation adjustment of \$50,000 per department for commodities. For the General Fund, baseline revenues slightly exceed baseline expenditures.

| | FY 2025-26 Projected (in \$'000) | | FY 2026-27 Estimated (in \$'000) | |
|--|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| SOURCES | \$ | 185,915 | \$ | 190,962 |
| USES (<u>BASELINE ONLY</u>) | | 184,548 | | 190,366 |
| BUDGET SURPLUS/(<u>DEFICIT</u>) | \$ | 1,367 | \$ | 596 |

Over the next few weeks, spending proposals beyond the baseline budget will be reviewed and evaluated. The City remains mindful of its financial challenges and will continue implementing effective strategies to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability.

Community Outreach

Office of Community Relations / Garden Grove TV3

In the first quarter of 2025, the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and Garden Grove TV3 (GGTV3) publicized several community initiatives, including the first of many clean-up events and a new program called “Walk and Talk” with your council member. OCR and GGTV3 also helped inform the community of popular community events such as Flower Street, the Disneyland Half Marathon, the Tet Festival, and the Youth Baseball Parade. Additionally, OCR and GGTV3 continued their collaboration on the Civic Center Revitalization Project to coordinate the upcoming topping out ceremony for phase 1 of the project.



Walk and Talk Around Your District with Garden Grove City Council Members:

In February, the office announced a new monthly community event called Walk and Talk, taking place on Saturdays for each Garden Grove district, with the district council member, Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, and City Manager Lisa Kim.

Other programs and community events publicized included:

- Sister City Association of Garden Grove's Student Exchange Program
- Garden Grove Gems
- Water Quality Notification
- Free Compost Giveaway
- Police and Recreation Recruitments
- Parks and Recreation Guide
- New Regulations for Oversized Vehicle Parking
- Eggscavation

Social Media

During the first quarter of 2025, users were most interested in community advisories, community events, and road closures. Eight hundred dollars was placed on three boosted posts. The top five posts and their reach were:

- 1) GGPD Silver Alert – 25,888 reach (organic)
- 2) UVSA Tet Festival – 16,820 reach (organic)
- 3) Women's History Month – 13,268 reach (organic)
- 4) Eggscavation – 6,931 reach (paid)
- 5) Disneyland Half Marathon Road Closures – 3,648 reach (organic)

NextDoor continued to be the social medium with the largest quarterly growth, followed by Instagram and YouTube. GGTV3 received over 36,000 video views on YouTube.



Garden Grove TV3 Completed Productions

GGTV3 opened a recruitment and hired Jake Moore as their new video production specialist.

6 Live Events: 6 city council meetings livestreamed, cablecast, and archived.

11 Videos and/or Reels Produced:

- Garden Grove has a New Mayor and Three New Councilmembers!
- Disneyland Half Marathon PSA
- Tet Festival 2025
- GGUSD Skilled Trades Career Pathway
- Garden Grove Gems 2025
 - Introduction
 - Nominate
 - Voting
- Walk & Talk for District 1 Promo
- Walk & Talk for District 1 Coverage
- National Night Out in Garden Grove
- Jeff Davis Retirement Video



Community Events and Programs

Fair Housing Workshop

Fair Housing Foundation held an evening workshop on Thursday January 23rd, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center. This workshop was for tenants, landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors, and management companies to learn about the following topics: new statewide laws, Federal and State fair housing laws, housing discrimination, modifications and accommodation, families with children, notices, evictions process, security deposits, habitability & repairs, rent increases, and lots more. Fair Housing Foundation also holds virtual workshops in English on Tuesdays for anyone who is interested in learning basic Fair Housing rights and responsibilities, specific concerns, and obligations and guidelines or have their questions answered by one of Fair Housing Foundation's knowledgeable staff. Everyone is welcome, including staff. Training is completely free of charge and open to the public.

Homeownership Education & Literacy Program Home Buyer Event

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, the City of Garden Grove hosted the Homeownership Education & Literacy Program (H.E.L.P) event at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center. This free, HUD-approved workshop connected first-time homebuyers with local non-profits, public agencies, and financial institutions to explore home buying resources and assistance programs. Attendees received expert guidance on navigating the path to homeownership, including valuable information on the City's First-Time Home Buyer Program and foreclosure prevention. The event empowered participants with the knowledge and tools needed to take confident steps toward achieving homeownership.



Art Easel Installation and GGUSD First Impression Art Gallery

The City, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), coordinated the installation of 20 oversized art easels at Village Green Park, transforming the area into an outdoor art gallery. GGUSD student's award winning artwork will be on display from February 26, 2025 until the week of March 24, 2025 and open to the community to enjoy, free of charge. Along with the oversized art easels display, GGUSD is hosting its 47th annual First Impressions Art gallery, which celebrates the artistic skills of hundreds of GGUSD students. The gallery is held at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center from Monday, March 10, 2025 through Thursday, March 13, 2025 and open to the community from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



GGTAC Teen Leadership Summit

On Saturday, March 29, 2025, the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) will host the inaugural Teen Leadership Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center. GGTAC and staff have planned a day filled with empowering, educational, and inspirational presentations that will be led by professionals in the fields of career planning, organization, money management, and mental health. City of Garden Grove teen clubs, like GGTAC, True Neighborhood Teens (TNT), and Strengthening Our Leadership (SOL) will be able to participate for free. Teen clubs from the cities of

Stanton, Cypress, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and GGUSD will be invited to participate for a \$10 fee, which will include a motivational key note speaker, three educational sessions, lunch, and special giveaways.

GEMS

The Garden Grove Gems program has returned for its fourth year. Garden Grove Gems gives homeowners and renters who reside within the six Garden Grove districts an opportunity to nominate their homes and participate in the online voting competition. The nomination period is April 1-24, 2025, followed by a voting period of May 5-19, 2025, with the results being announced the week of May 26 via press release and social media posting.

Courtyard Center Mural

In 2019, the Courtyard Center's exterior was enhanced by a full building mural as part of Re:Imagine Downtown Garden Grove. Six years later, the muralist, Ever Galvez, has returned to touch up some parts of the mural that had been affected by graffiti and added a few more designs to open spaces on the west side of the building. The artwork depicts the beauty of nature in a bigger than life format.



H. Louis Lake Senior Center:

International Week – The Center's third annual International Week, was held from January 28 to 30. It was an energetic celebration of cultural diversity, engaging over 68 seniors in a variety of enriching activities. Participants had the opportunity to explore cultural traditions and history through crafts, games, and performances, fostering cross-cultural understanding and community bonding. The success of this year's International Week emphasizes the importance of celebrating our rich cultural diversity, creating an environment where every participant feels valued and connected.

Valentines Events – The Center's Valentine's events in February 2025 provided over 60 seniors with engaging opportunities to celebrate the occasion. On February 13, the center hosted an evening Valentine's Dance from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, featuring pasta dinner, music and dancing, and roses to commemorate the holiday. The Center also hosted a free day party for Center participants. The party included interactive activities, flowers as well as handmade Valentine's Day cards made by youth from the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center. These events, contributed to a festive atmosphere, fostering community spirit and providing seniors with enjoyable experiences during the Valentine's season.



Movie Day – On March 11, the Center hosted a Movie Day attended by 47 participants who enjoyed a screening of "The Peanut Butter Falcon," a film that touches on themes of friendship, inclusivity, and personal growth. The event included movie concessions served by Buena Clinton parent volunteers.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – On March 17, 2025 the celebration was a resounding success with over 70 seniors who took part in the morning shenanigans. Seniors participated in interactive games, festive St. Paddy's day swag and prizes. Breakfast was graciously donated by Bracken's kitchen featuring green pancakes.

Educational Workshops – The Center also hosted a variety of workshops, presentations, and screenings this quarter. This included a Vietnamese Wellness presentation in partnership with OCAPICA (Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance) with 16 attendees. GGPD Community Liaison division provided outreach during the months of February and March. The Center also began a new partnership with Alzheimer's Orange County who featured memory screenings and brain health educational workshops. Fair Housing Foundation, Legal Aid of Orange County provided 1:1 clinics and CHIOC (Community Health Initiative of Orange County) provided health enrollment services.



Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center:

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center resumed youth programming after the winter break for both the After-school program, and the True Neighborhood Teens leadership program.

True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) – TNT is thriving by engaging teens in a variety of positive activities within their community. An average of 19 teens regularly attend weekly meetings and activities. In the month of January, the teens began a "Careers & Pathways" lesson where teens learned the different routes they could take after high school. This included the differences between a traditional 2 year and 4 year college, vocational schools and career exploration.



In February, TNT along with Buena Clinton's afterschool program collaborated to hand make 75 Valentine's Day cards for the seniors at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. Continuing to help support the seniors, TNT participants provided a photo booth for the Senior Center's Valentine's Day dance. TNT members participated in their first secret Valentine's social, in which teens received surprise gifts from each other and exchanged gifts (similar to a Secret Santa).

TNT was vital in the event planning and leading the photo, face painting and game booths. Teens planned for weeks to help create props and signs for this event.

Part of the continuing efforts to thank the teens for their continuous efforts in helping the community, the Center staff coordinated a Paint Night and Video Game Day.

Educational Workshops – One of the Center's core strategies is community engagement. This quarter the center hosted a variety of topics during their community engagement "Cafecito" meetings, this included presentations from Code Enforcement, Garden Grove Police Department's the dispatch supervisor, Gang Unit and Liaison Division, as well as an Immigration Rights Workshop in partnership with CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights). The Center also hosted a variety of Workshops including a presentation and clinic offered by Fair Housing Foundation as well as a walk-in clinic.

This quarter a new spring semester started for classes provided by Santa Ana College; Digital literacy held Monday evenings, and a Strength and Self-Defense class on Wednesday evenings. A combined total of 51 students are registered so far this quarter. The center also hosted paper art and jewelry making classes offered by volunteer instructors.

Women's Empowerment Workshop – The Center's Masters in Social Work (MSW) interns hosted a successful Women's Empowerment workshop series with 15 participants. The series focused on gratitude, mental wellbeing, family dynamics, coping strategies, and self-esteem.

Mobile Resources – The Center also hosted a variety of monthly mobile resources with community partners including Orange County Public Mobile Library and Alta Med's mobile dental clinic.



Developmental Screening – The Center hosted a Developmental Screening on March 21, 2025 in partnership with Family Support Network featuring free milestone assessments for families with children ages 0-5. Screenings included fine and gross motor skills, speech, behavioral, dental, vision, and hearing serving 30 children.

Community Action Partnership (CAPOC) – The Center’s partnership with CAPOC included the diaper program servicing at total of 146 individuals/ 133 families this quarter. The center also hosted its last Clementine food pantry this quarter unfortunately due to funding reductions at CAPOC. This quarter an average of 230 individuals/ 55 families each month received groceries.

Spring Event – The Center concluded the month with its annual spring event with over 300 attendees. This event has become a community favorite featuring a visit from the Easter Bunny, games, community resources, music, photo booth, egg hunts, and a family scavenger hunt, ending the evening with an opportunity drawing for those who participated. A free dinner was provided in partnership with Bracken’s kitchen.



Magnolia Park Family Resource Center:

Support Groups – This quarter Magnolia Park held a variety of support groups. A Teen Girls Group was held Thursdays, February 13 to March 20, 2025. This six week series focused on psychoeducational group for girls’ ages 14-17yrs. The group provided a positive, open and safe environment for teen girls to express themselves, learn, and grow together. The goal was to equip them with tools to navigate challenges while fostering self-love, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

Empowerment Group for Adults – An Empowerment Group for Adults took place Thursday mornings, February 20 to March 27, 2025. This is a six week psychoeducational group focused on setting healthy boundaries, healthy relationships, positive self-esteem and self-care. Participants re-discovered their own voices as they give and receive support from others.

A Personal Empowerment Program was offered in partnership with Interval House. This program is a 10 week psychoeducational group for adults’ ages 18+ designed to provide survivors of domestic violence and/ or those at risk for domestic violence with the education and empowerment to build healthy relationships and decrease and/or prevent abuse in intimate relationships.

Fathers Peer Support Group – A Fathers Peer Support Group met monthly January 21, February 27 and March 27 where fathers can connect with other dads to share experiences, challenges, and advice related to parenting, offering a safe space to discuss issues and learn from each other's perspectives, without judgment, to strengthen their fatherhood journey; essentially, a group where dads can provide mutual support and guidance based on their own lived experiences as fathers.

Educational Workshops – The Center also offered a variety of Educational Workshops. Including Nutrition, Parenting, Teen Dating Violence and Immigration Rights.

A Nutrition & Diabetes Prevention series was offered Tuesdays, February 18th to April 1st. MPFRC has partnered with Children's Hospital of OC (CHOC) to provide a six week in-depth program that is filled with lessons, games and fun activities that teach healthy eating and behaviors.



An English Parenting Classes in partnership with Olive Crest was offered Thursdays, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 in the evening. This six week parenting class focused on parents of teens/adolescents. The Active Parenting Course is designed for parents of preteens and teens. It provides parents with the skills needed to use effective discipline, teach responsibility, and communicate with their children. Each session shows parents how to handle sensitive issues such as drugs, sexuality, and violence.

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. The Center offered Teen Dating Violence Awareness workshops for parents and teens in partnership with Human Options. The workshops provided parents and teens to learn more about healthy relationships and to bring awareness of teen dating violence. Youth workshops were held on Wednesday, February 5 and the workshop for parents was held on March 28.



A Know Your Rights Workshop was offered on Wednesday, February 19th in partnership with in partnership with CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights).



Food Distribution – The Center in partnership with Community Action Partnership offers the Clementine Food Distribution program. This monthly food distribution is held on the 1st Wednesday (February 5 and March 5) of the month for families with children ages 0-18 years. Unfortunately this program will be phased out after March due to funding reductions with Community Action Partnership.

Diaper Program 5th Anniversary – On Saturday, March 22, 2025 Community Action Partnership celebrated the 5th Anniversary of their Diaper Program. The event took place at Magnolia Park. In partnership with the Magnolia Park FRC, and surrounding cities the event featured a free diaper distribution, resources for families as well as giveaways such as; toys, clothing, and baby supplies for families that reside in Garden Grove and surrounding cities.

Grown UP Garden Grove Task Force – Magnolia Park/City of Garden Grove is the lead agency for funding, for the last five years, and establishing the Growing Up Garden Grove Task Force. Most

recently in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG). The Task Force has partnered with several agencies to provide educational workshops for parents with young children 0-5yrs of age this included a Well Fed Workshop held on Friday, February 21, 2025 in collaboration with the Priority Center. As well as an Early Child Mental Health workshop on Friday, March 7 with the BGCGG.

1st Quarter Activities – MPFRC has also hosted a variety of other activities this quarter, including a Women's Book Club. This group meets biweekly the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The Center also hosts AltaMed Dental Mobile Clinic. AltaMed is on site monthly (1/21, 2/18 & 3/18) to provide low cost/free dental services for children and families of all ages. The Center also offers MediCal and CalFresh application assistance on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month to help families apply for government benefits.