

# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE QUARTERLY REPORT

# Q1

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**GARDEN GROVE**

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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 2026. 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 month of January, February, and March:

January 13, 2026 -- The City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Stanton for street rehabilitation design plans for Western Avenue from Chapman Avenue to Cerritos Avenue.

January 27, 2026 – The City Council recognized Harold Yoak, 100-Year-Old Centenarian, for a lifetime of craftsmanship and service.

February 10, 2026 – Community Spotlight in recognition of employees celebrating 25-plus years of service with the City of Garden Grove.

February 24, 2026 – The City Council approved Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District - Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2025-26 Advisory Board Report, Approval of the FY 2026-27 Advisory Board Report and Budget, Adoption of a Resolution of Intention to Approve Modifications to the activities for FY 2025-26, and Adoption of a Resolution of Intention to Levy FY 2026-27 Assessments.

March 10, 2026 – Community Spotlight in recognition of the Sister City Association of Garden Grove Exchange Student Ambassadors visiting Anyang, Republic of Korea

March 10, 2026 – The City Council adopted a Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month

March 10, 2026 – The City approved the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 West Orange County Water Board Cost Sharing Budget.

March 24, 2026 -- Meeting cancelled.

# City Manager’s Office Highlight

Throughout the first quarter of 2026, 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

Agenda Reports Reviewed and Processed	107
Agendas and Minutes Prepared	24
Agreements Processed	2
Bid Openings Conducted	3
FPPC Filings – 87200 Filers	0
FPPC Filings – Committees	3
Oaths of Office Conducted	0
Ordinances Processed	2
Ordinances Archived	2
Ordinances Printed	2
Proclamations Processed	5
Public Hearing Notices Published	7

## City Clerk’s Office / Administration

PRAs (Excludes Subpoenas)	234
Average PRAs Per Month	72
Destruction Certificates Processed	2
Bid Openings Conducted	1
Agreements Processed	10
Agreements Archived	0
Claims Received	15
Summons Received	0
PAFs Processed	0

## Council Liaison

Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled	210
Certificates Ordered / Delivered	182
Communications	13,572
Legislative Response Letters Drafted	1
Finance Enterprise Reconciliations	30
Trips Scheduled	3

## Office of Community Relations

Total Translated Materials	35
Vietnamese Translations	34
Spanish Translations	1
Korean Translations	0
CityWorks Publications Completed	1
Vietnamese Newsletters Published	2
Community Spotlight Scripts	8
Press Releases Issued	24
Social Media Posts	324

# Investment Toward Infrastructure

## Harbor / Garden Grove Intersection Capacity Enhancement Project

The City of Garden Grove received OCTA's Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program (CTFP) funding in FY2022-23 for project design to widen through-lanes, add an additional northbound left-turn lane along Harbor Boulevard and a dedicated eastbound right-turn lane along Garden Grove Boulevard at the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Garden Grove Boulevard. Plans were completed in 2024 and the City was awarded an additional \$3.5 million through CTFP for the construction component of the project. Construction began in August 2025 and

**Status: 80% Complete**  
**Anticipated Completion: April 2026**



**Woobury Rd and Taft St Water Improvement Project - \$ 1,769,000**

This water main replacement project is one of the high priority fire flow capacity deficient areas identified in the 2020 Water Master Plan. Project consists of installing approximately 2,300 ft. of 12-in diameter pipe including hydrants, fittings and appurtenances, trenching, backfilling, compaction, and pipe disinfection and testing. Construction started in late February due to rain event and it is currently at 40 percent completion.

**Status: 40% Complete**  
**Anticipated Completion: June 2026**



**Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase II (SSRPP –II) Sewer Replacement Project 1**

The SSRPP-II –Sewer Replacement Project 1 includes Newhope St. from Banner Dr. to Paloma Ave., Banner Dr. from Newhope St. to west of Rockinghorse Rd., Stuart Dr. at Lemonwood Ln., Alley east of Lemonwood Ln., Barnett from Trask Ave. to north of Caltrans right-of-way (22-freeway), Trask Ave. east of Newhope St., and Taft from Garden Grove Blvd to Trask Ave. Each of the proposed sewer main will be connected into existing or new sewer manholes at the beginning and end of the alignment. The overall length of this project is approximately 4,100 linear feet of 8-inch diameter VCP sewer. Contractor is currently installing sewer mains in Taft Ave.

**Status: 20% Complete**  
**Anticipated Completion: September 2026**



**Well 19 Rehabilitation and PFAS Treatment**

This project originally began as a well rehabilitation effort for Well 19. Including procurement and installation of a new motor and pump, addition of SCADA capabilities, and other site improvements. As the design phase was near completion, the Orange County Water District (OCWD) proposed integrating the construction of the Well No. 19 Rehabilitation Project with the construction of the PFAS Treatment Project. This approach is intended to minimize schedule conflicts and logistical challenges by reducing the number of contractors on site.

**Status: 30% Complete**  
**Anticipated Completion: November 2026**



IX pad



Well Pedestal



# 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.

### Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Site Visits – Q1 2026:

Business	Address	Meeting Date	Industry	No. of Employees
GKDI Design International Inc	11388 Knott St	February 24	Industrial Design	5
Shawarma House	12531 Harbor Blvd	March 2	Food and Beverage	10
Amarith Farmhouse	12902 Brookhurst St # C	March 3	Food and Beverage	20
Bake and Che	10130 Garden Grove Blvd #101	March 3	Food and Beverage	100
Standard Finance	11088 Trask Ave #210	March 18	Business	1



## Vehicle Rebate Program

The City of Garden Grove’s Vehicle Rebate Program (VRP), which includes six franchised dealerships, was approved for a five-year extension by the City Council on July 9, 2024. The participating dealerships—Garden Grove Kia, Garden Grove Nissan, Garden Grove Hyundai, Simpson Chevrolet of Garden Grove, Toyota Place, and Volkswagen of Garden Grove—offer a \$500 rebate to residents and businesses purchasing new vehicles. Participating new car dealerships must document Garden Grove resident and business owner purchases using specific forms and submit them for reimbursement, which the City provides within 30 days. The VRP continues to support local economic activity and has successfully incentivized thousands of purchases, with the highest participation continuing to come from the 92840 zip code.



### Vehicle Rebate Program (VRP) Activity- Q1 2026:

Dealership	Q1 (Jan-Mar)
Garden Grove Hyundai	-
Garden Grove Kia	7
Garden Grove Nissan	25
Simpson Chevrolet of Garden Grove	22
Toyota Place	41
Volkswagen of Garden Grove	4

### Little Saigon Project

The Little Saigon project continues to advance through ongoing coordination with consultant teams and partner cities. Clarity of Place is conducting a Destination Opportunity Assessment, supported by community surveys and focus groups held in January 2026 to gather input on tourism and visitor activity. New City America completed outreach and analysis related to a potential district formation and recommended exploring cultural district certification following stakeholder feedback. Gensler has initiated work on architectural and urban design guidelines, including site visits and biweekly coordination meetings. Consultant reports and findings are currently in development and will be presented upon completion.

### Civic Center Revitalization Project

Significant coordination efforts were carried out over the past month. A Finish Strong kickoff meeting was held with Edgemoor, Clark, the City, and trade partners, followed by a site walk with Edgemoor, GGPD, the City, and the move coordinator. Coordination with Garden Grove IT continued, and design integrity was validated during a site visit with Roth Sheppard Architects. Additionally, a representative expert was deployed to evaluate the project's current status and advise on closeout and turnover best practices. Looking ahead, the team will coordinate the installation of dispatch center technologies with Garden Grove IT, Motorola, CSI, and S2N. Efforts will also focus on finalizing the detailed sequencing of the commissioning schedule and receiving Facility Grid access and prefunctional checklists for commissioning startup from the commissioning agent.

### Cottage Industries

Farm Block:

- The developer has executed a new lease with Saerok Coffee & Dessert, which will be located at 12945 9th St. The tenant is currently undergoing construction of their tenant improvements. During this process, they encountered some sloping issues, which are actively being addressed. They are projected to open in Q3 2026 opening.
- The developer executed a lease with a sushi operator, Rin Sushi for the space located at 12943 9th Street. The sushi operator has submitted plans to the City. They are projecting a Q4 2026 opening.
- The developer is replacing the jute shade sails above the amphitheater. Following the recent heavy rains, the existing fabric will be replaced with a lighter, UV-rated material.
- The developer has signed a contract with Munch Media to support the management team with social media and marketing efforts. As part of this initiative, the developer is working to update their website, and filming has already taken place to refresh their marketing materials.

Art Block:

- The nine remaining homes will be residential use with ADUs.
  - 12911 8th Street is approved.
  - 12912 7th Street received its ADU approval and will begin construction.
  - 12902 7th Street, their ADU plans have been approved.
  - 12932 7th Street, their ADU plans have been approved.
  - 12911 8th Street is currently in plan check.
- The four additional homes are in their drafting stage.



**The Clean California Medal of Honor Trail Project (CAMOH)**

The Clean California Medal of Honor Trail (CAMOH) Project is part of the Garden Grove Transportation Program’s commitment to improving parks and pathways, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for residents. The installation of fitness equipment along the trail supports the project’s goals and overall vision. Concrete pad installation provides the necessary structural foundation for this equipment.

Status: 0% Completion (*Starting*)

Anticipated Completion: June 30, 2026

**CAMOH Project Activity- Q1 2026:**

Scope Items	Key Details
Fitness Equipment	22 New Outdoor Pieces
Trail Enhancements	Benches, new trash receptacles, bicycle racks
Landscaping	Over 120,000 +sq ft of mulch installed across multiple locations along the trail

**Foods of Garden Grove**

During the first quarter of 2026, the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram account (@foodsofgardengrove) continued to function as a strategic economic development and place-based marketing tool. The platform generated 1,371,643 total views, 50,435 user interactions, and 2,720 new followers by year-end. The average engagement rate of 4.4% reflects consistent audience interest and effective alignment with local business promotion goals.

**Audience Reach and Engagement – Q1 2026:**

Metric	January	February	March
<b>Total Views</b>	165,000	1,000,000	194,000
<b>Views from non-followers (%)</b>	93%	98%	93%
<b>Total Followers</b>	8,300	8,400	8,400

A key initiative during the Q1 2026 performance was the account’s record-breaking visibility during Orange County Restaurant Week, supported by strategic creator partnerships and content highlighting long-standing local favorites. Collaborations with creators such as Bxventure, Phoebe\_eats, and Raymondcravings helped expand the reach of participating Garden Grove restaurants to broader Orange County audiences, while content tied to recognizable local establishments resonated strongly with both residents and new viewers. With 98% of February views coming from non-followers, the campaign demonstrated the account’s growing ability to position Garden Grove as a regional culinary destination and strengthen its brand authority within the Southern California food scene.

**Microbiz Program**

The City launched the MicroBiz Program on November 18, 2024, to help small businesses start or expand in Garden Grove. Focused on microenterprises, the program requires one-on-one technical assistance, including business planning, financial management, marketing, and workforce development. After completing the program, businesses may apply for a loan of up to \$50,000, based on need and capped at \$25,000 per full-time employee retained or hired.



**Program Highlights – Q1 2026:**

Program Activity	Q1 (Jan-Mar)
<b>Program Participation in Program</b>	18
<b>Full Loan Application</b>	4
<b>Loans Approved</b>	2
<b>Loans Funds Issued</b>	\$100,000

### Euclid Building Highlights

Farmers & Merchants Bank recently held its grand opening on March 18. The opening marks a key milestone for the property and enhances the mix of services available on-site. The building is currently 79% leased, reflecting steady occupancy.



### Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District are introducing a new shuttle service connecting local hotels to the Disneyland Resort, launching in the last week of March for a small per-guest fee. The service is intended to keep visitors conveniently linked to Disneyland while encouraging them to explore Garden Grove's attractions, dining, and shopping. Supporting 10 participating hotels, the shuttle will provide reliable transportation between accommodations and key destinations in the resort area. Three routes will operate throughout the day, improving travel times and reducing the need for personal vehicles. Funded by hotel assessments, the program aims to enhance the overall visitor experience, with schedules available through participating hotels.



# Addressing Homelessness / Housing

## Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) continues to collaborate with community partners to support residents in securing housing, employment, and additional income sources such as General Relief, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

City staff was present on-site with VOALA for the County’s Shelter Audit on March 26, 2026. The audit included an on-site inspection of the CCNC, as well as a review of policies, procedures, and client files to ensure compliance with the Orange County Standards of Care for Shelter Operators. In preparation, City staff conducted a pre-audit to assess readiness and identify any areas for improvement.

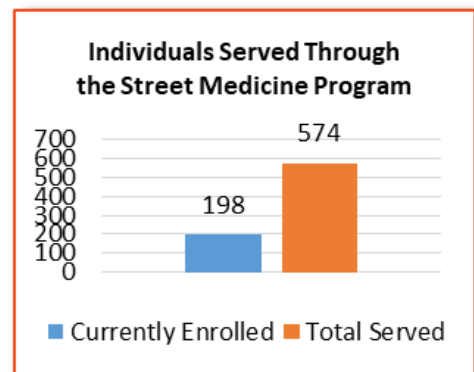
During the first quarter, the CCNC recorded 40 total intakes, primarily from Garden Grove (26), with additional participants from Fountain Valley (8) and Westminster (6). There were 37 total exits during this period, including 4 individuals who were successfully housed, 2 who returned to family, and 2 who were placed into permanent housing.

Employment and income stability efforts remain ongoing, with 15 participants currently employed. Additionally, 9 individuals are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, and 10 individuals are receiving General Relief.

Supportive services continue to be provided on-site, including biweekly visits from MindHealth Wellness. Workforce development services have been provided to 37 individuals, and 5 participants are currently enrolled in Guard Card training through AKI Security Training Center.

## 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, Healthcare in Action conducted outreach to 772 individuals, of which 574 individuals were served and 198 are still enrolled in the program.

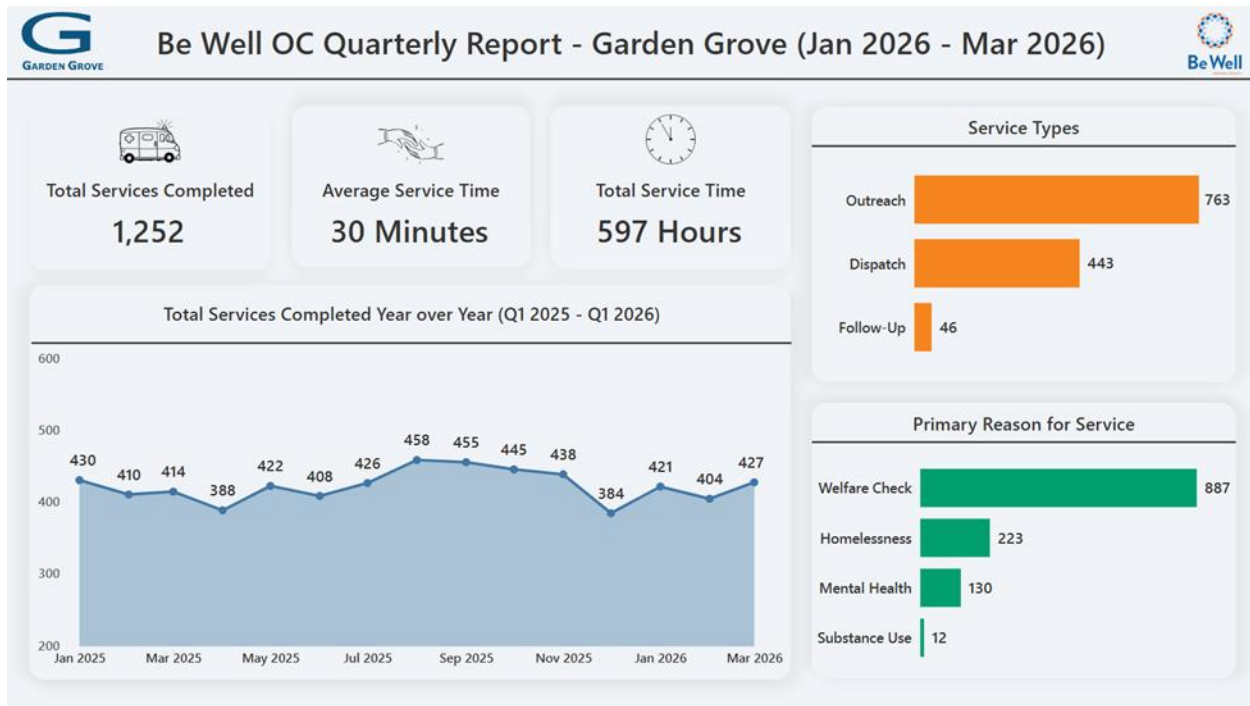


**Be-Well Orange County**

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 20,529 individuals with mobile medical and mental health services since October 2021.

**Be-Well OC Response Activity Summary – Q1 2026:**

Time Period	Individuals Served
October 2025	421
November 2025	404
December 2025	427
Q1 2026 Total	1,252
CY 2026 Total	1,252



**Brookhurst Place**

Brookhurst Place is a public-private partnership between the City of Garden Grove and New Age Brookhurst ("the Developer"), involving a multi-phase mixed-use development. During the first quarter of 2026, Phase II construction for Building 2 included completion of underground plumbing and partial foundation pouring. The project is currently undergoing revisions to the foundation plans. Construction of Building 2 is expected to advance in the second quarter of 2026 upon completion of the remaining foundation work.

### First Time Home Buyer Program

The City of Garden Grove’s First-Time Homebuyer (FTHB) Program continues to support aspiring homeowners through expanded income eligibility thresholds and increased loan assistance amounts. These enhancements help reduce upfront financial barriers and improve access to homeownership for low- and moderate-income households within the city. During the first quarter, the program advanced its goal of increasing homeownership opportunities, including the successful addition of a new homeowner through program assistance. To date, the program has supported 37 pre-approved applications.

#### FTHB Program Activity – Q1 2026:

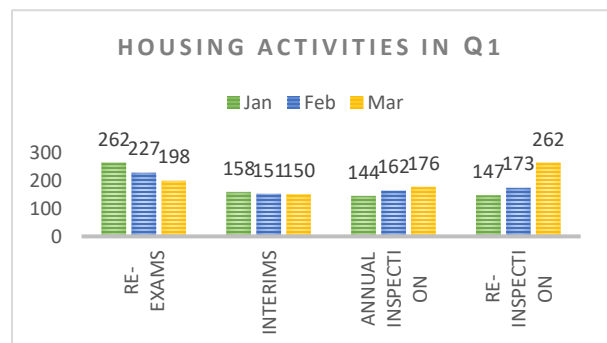
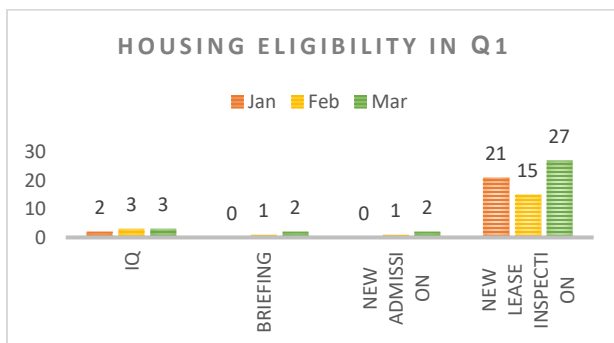
Program Activity	Q1 (Jan-March)
Pre-Approved	2
Homes Closed	1

To further support prospective homebuyers, City staff partnered with NeighborWorks Orange County (NWOOC) to continue hosting monthly virtual Homebuyer 101 workshops. These sessions provided participants with an overview of the home buying process, as well as information on the benefits and requirements of the FTHB Program.

### 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 (GGHA).

#### Below is the status report for the first quarter of 2026:



- 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 26, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued the Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2025–Calendar Year 2026 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program funding. The purpose of this funding is to support Public Housing Agencies in the recruitment and retention of FSS Program Coordinators who provide services aimed at promoting financial self-sufficiency among HUD-assisted households and reducing long-term reliance on federal assistance. GGHA submitted its FSS renewal application by the priority deadline of October 29, 2025. HUD subsequently awarded GGHA funding in the amount of \$154,777.00 as shown on the Notice of Award dated January 28, 2026, which will allow the agency to continue administering its FSS program in 2026

### **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting**

In compliance with HUD's requirement, GGHA established a Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) to assist in developing the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Action Plan, securing commitments of public and private resources for the operation of the program, and playing an overall advisory role to the program.



On January 14, 2026, the FSS PCC meeting was hosted by Higher Ground Youth & Family Services at its family resource center in Anaheim. Agency representatives provided an overview of their mission and key programs serving youth and families throughout Orange County.

The presentation highlighted Higher Ground's comprehensive, wrap-around services, including youth mentorship, after-school enrichment, workforce development, family support services, mental health and wellness programs, and human trafficking prevention education. The organization focuses on strengthening under-resourced communities by promoting resilience, educational achievement, and long-term economic stability.

The meeting concluded with a guided tour of the facility, which included designated spaces for youth programming, staff operations, and classrooms used for community workshops, trainings, and enrichment activities.

# Public Safety – Police



## GGPD Calls for Service – Q1

<b>Phone Call Totals</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>
9-1-1 phone calls	4,327	4,117	4,617	13,061
Non-emergency phone calls	8,893	8,546	9,242	26,681
Total phone calls	13,220	12,663	13,859	39,742

<b>Calls for Service - Dispatched</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>
Citizen Generated	3,956	3,867	4,307	12,130
Officer Generated	1,353	1,212	1,312	3,877
Total Incidents Dispatched	5,309	5,079	5,619	16,007

<b>Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>
Disturbing the Peace - Transients	461	406	497	1,634
Audible Burglary Alarms	199	188	191	578
Suspicious Person	168	157	167	492
Welfare Check	160	157	189	506
Illegal Parked Vehicle	152	136	158	446
Disturbing the Peace – Generic	86	75	113	274
Abandoned Vehicle	199	84	116	304
Domestic Violence	110	102	112	324

<b>Response Times</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Average</b>
Priority Calls (Average)	5m 46s	6m 38s	5m 56s	6m 7s

# Public Safety – OCFA



## OCFA Calls for Service – Q4

<b>Calls for Service – Medical Aid</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>
Medical Aid	1,046	962	956	2,964
Rescue	3	2	1	6
Hazardous Situations	25	21	26	72
Public Service	71	65	57	193
Non-Emergency	190	198	216	604
Law Enforcement - Support	1	2	2	5

<b>Calls for Service – Fire</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Total</b>
Structure	6	5	4	15
Vegetation / Brush / Tree / Bush	22	5	12	39
Vehicle	3	4	5	12

<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	1,367	1,264	1,279	3,910
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<b>Response Times</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Q1 Average</b>
Priority Calls (90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile) *OCFA Response Time Goal – 8m 30s	7:52	7:24	7:20	7:31

# Community Code Compliance

## Code Enforcement Staffing

In a continued effort to provide quality service to the City of Garden Grove, the Community Development Department and Human Resources have worked to fill vacant Senior Code Enforcement Officer and Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer positions. The Senior Code Enforcement Officer will assist with addressing more complicated cases and with staff development. Our Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer will assist in providing 7-day and evening coverage. Both vacancies have been filled, and staff began their services with the City in the first quarter of the year.

## Hotel / Motel Program

In an effort to continue the Code Enforcement Hotel / Motel Program, Code Enforcement staff, Garden Grove Police Department (Special Resource Team), Orange County Healthcare Agency, and Be Well OC conducted an inspection of the Morada Inn. The property owner voluntarily allowed staff access to the approximate 40 vacant rooms in the 124-room motel. The inspection found the rooms were well maintained with no major issues. Some repairs to balconies, and review of unpermitted electrical work and construction were observed. Staff will work with the owner to address any needed plan review and permits. Later this year, staff will coordinate an inspection of an additional hotel/motel in a continued effort to ensure that hotels/motels and their rental units meet minimum health and safety standards.



Figure 1: Photo of Morada Inn



Figure 2: Photo of Staff inspecting rooms

**Community Development Statistic for Q1 for 2026**

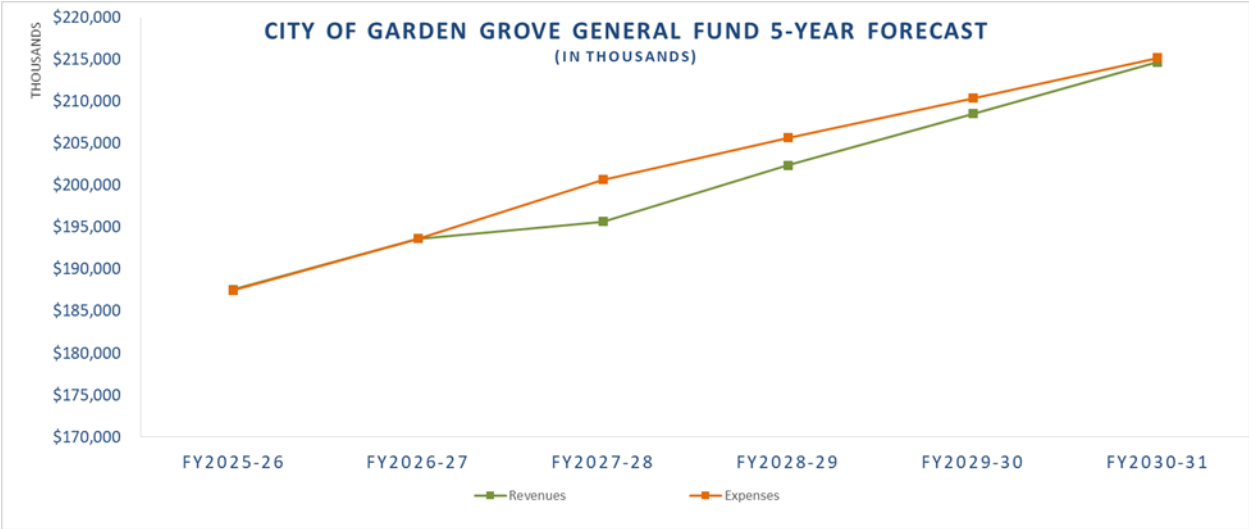
<b>Code Enforcement Activity</b>	<b>Statistical Data</b>
Cases Opened	737
Cases Closed	600
Cases Via Customer Requests	376
Active Cases	1751
Top Commercial Cases	Tobacco Visit/Retailer Inspection
Top Residential Cases	Overgrown Vegetation
Reported Short Term Rentals	17
Red Tagged Properties	4
Cases Referred to City Attorney	4
Receiverships	0
<b>Building Permits</b>	<b>Statistical Data</b>
Applications Submitted	2,175
Plans Submitted	512
Permits Issued	1,621
ADU Permits Issued	1,505
Finalized Projects	1,505
<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Statistical Data</b>
Inspections Performed	7,764

# Maintain Fiscal Health

Finance Update – Quarter Ended March 31, 2026

During the quarter ending March 31, 2026, the Finance Department is focused on the mid-cycle budget update. A five-year General Fund forecast was presented to the City Council at the February Council Retreat. By utilizing existing fund balance to support one-time expenditures in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, the City achieved a balanced budget for both years. However, based on current revenue and expenditure trends, the City is projected to experience a temporary budget deficit beginning in Fiscal Year 2027–28, lasting for at least three consecutive years.

The chart below illustrates projected General Fund revenues and expenditures over the next five years. Major tax revenues are expected to grow modestly, at approximately 2.5% to 3.0% annually, while charges for services are projected to increase by about 3.0% year over year. Expenditures, however, are anticipated to grow at a faster rate, driven in part by new funding needs such as maintenance for the new Public Safety Facility and Civic Center Park, expanded investment in the City’s pavement program, enhancements to park security, a citywide facility condition assessment, and other compliance-related requirements. As a result, projected deficits are estimated at \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2028, \$3 million in Fiscal Year 2029, and \$2 million in Fiscal Year 2030.

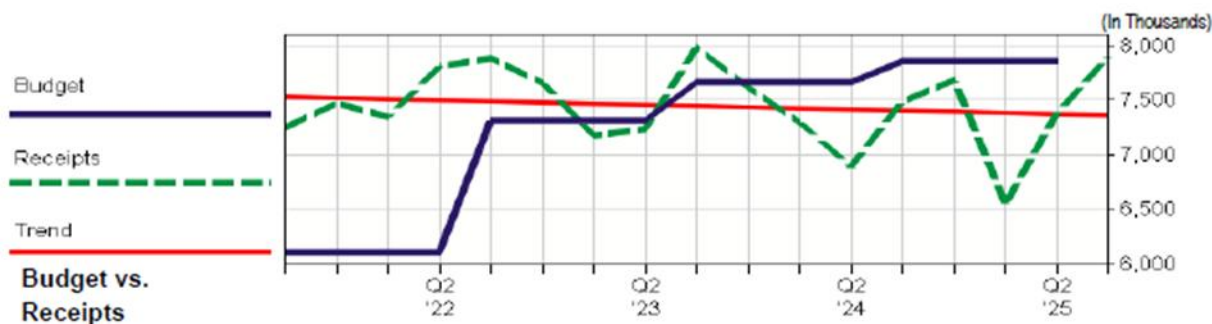


On the revenue side, industry experts project that sales tax will continue its downward trend into the second half of the fiscal year. However, receipts can fluctuate due to timing differences and adjustments to the County pool allocation. For the third quarter of 2025, Garden Grove experienced a modest increase of 1.3% compared to the same quarter in the prior year.

The building and construction sector posted a strong quarter. General consumer goods showed a slight year-over-year increase, consistent with statewide trends. In contrast, store closures negatively affected revenues from food and drug stores. The business and industrial sector continued to feel the lingering effects of tariffs, which have increased costs for many businesses and contributed to a mild slowdown in underlying demand. Revenue from fuel and service stations

declined slightly due to refinery issues and market volatility. The autos and transportation sector reported mixed results, with overall sales lower than the previous year. Meanwhile, revenues from restaurants and hotels declined, as higher menu prices masked relatively flat customer traffic and may have deterred some middle-income diners. Notably, the City's share of the countywide use tax pool increased by 7.3% compared to the same period last year.

The graph below illustrates budget versus actual receipts, along with overall trends over the past three years.



Source: HdL Companies

For property tax, the March 2026 projection estimates revenue growth of just under 5% compared to the prior fiscal year, consistent with the City's adopted budget. Approximately 90% of the City's total net taxable value is derived from residential properties. The top ten property taxpayers consist of commercial and industrial properties and account for about 5.1% of total assessed valuation. This composition helps mitigate the City's exposure to revenue loss from business closures or relocations.

Roll Year	Gen. Fund 1% Share Rev.	% Chg	Override Tax Rate Rev.	% Chg	VLFAA Property Tax Revenue	% Chg
2016-17	\$13,992,280		\$8,829,224		\$15,936,066	
2017-18	\$14,734,795	5.3%	\$10,605,209	20.1%	\$16,864,728	5.8%
2018-19	\$15,612,219	5.9%	\$11,322,251	6.7%	\$17,743,060	5.2%
2019-20	\$16,292,092	4.3%	\$11,777,390	4.0%	\$18,522,042	4.3%
2020-21	\$17,048,448	4.6%	\$12,452,195	5.7%	\$19,450,424	5.0%
2021-22	\$17,674,582	3.6%	\$12,980,806	4.2%	\$20,262,060	4.1%
2022-23	\$18,823,438	6.5%	\$13,923,147	7.2%	\$21,307,241	5.1%
2023-24	\$20,037,544	6.4%	\$14,811,579	6.3%	\$22,687,907	6.4%
2024-25	\$20,987,605	4.7%	\$14,994,794	1.2%	\$23,772,315	4.7%
2025-26	\$22,029,221	4.9%	\$15,654,260	4.4%	\$25,033,935	5.3%

Under Proposition 13, annual increases in assessed value are capped at 2%, regardless of market appreciation. Although property values have risen significantly over the past two decades, growth in property tax revenue has remained constrained due to this limitation. Because reassessments generally occur only upon a change in ownership, elevated mortgage rates in the current market have reduced property transfers, thereby limiting growth in the City's property tax revenues.

Sales and property tax revenues together account for nearly 70% of the City's total General Fund revenue, making them the primary drivers of overall fiscal health. As growth in these two major revenue sources begins to moderate, due to softer consumer spending trends, constrained property tax growth under Proposition 13, and reduced property turnover, the City faces increasing pressure to align its expenditure levels with a more tempered revenue outlook.

In response, the City is placing a strong emphasis on managing its expanded expenditure base. Over the past several years, spending has increased significantly, largely driven by major capital investments such as the accelerated street pavement program and the Civic Center Revitalization project. While these investments address critical infrastructure and service needs, they also introduce ongoing operational and maintenance costs that must be sustainably funded.

Consistent with the City Council's reaffirmation of its six strategic priorities, and its commitment to maintaining long-term financial stability, Finance has initiated the mid-cycle budget review process with a disciplined and forward-looking approach. This effort focuses on limiting new ongoing commitments, reassessing existing service levels, identifying efficiencies, and prioritizing core services. The goal is to proactively address anticipated structural imbalances and minimize additional funding needs over the next three to five years, while preserving the City's ability to respond to emerging needs and economic uncertainties.

# Community Outreach

## Office of Community Relations / Garden Grove TV3

During the first quarter of 2026, OCR and GGTV3 supported communications efforts that helped keep residents, businesses and visitors informed about key City initiatives, events and service updates. Key community-facing efforts included the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, park improvement projects at three neighborhood parks and Garden Grove Gems.

## Launch of Grove District Transit

On March 31, 2026, the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement



District officially launched Grove District Transit, a new shuttle service connecting participating Garden Grove hotels to the Disneyland Resort. OCR and GGTV3 planned the event and supported communications for the launch, helping promote the new service as a major visitor-serving initiative that improves access, supports the local hotel community and strengthens Garden Grove's position as a convenient place to stay.

During the first quarter of 2026, OCR and GGTV3 also supported public awareness of the following programs and updates:

- Community Cleanup Day events
- The City's annual compost giveaway
- The Eggscavation family event
- The annual Strawberry Ball
- Holiday facility and service schedules
- Cooling center operations
- Street closures for Flower Street and the Youth Baseball Parade
- Seasonal hiring opportunities
- The First-Time Home Buyer Program
- Recognition opportunities for local college graduates

## Social Media

During the first quarter of 2026, users showed the most interest in employment opportunities, community programming, and street closure information. Over \$800 was placed on boosted posts. The top five posts and their reach were:

- Flower Street on Historic Main Traffic Advisory – 37,375 (Organic)
- Job Openings – 28,947 (Organic)
- Job Openings – 28,482 (Organic)
- Job Openings – 24,420 (Organic)
- Community Cleanup Day – 23,235 (Organic)

NextDoor continued to be the social platform with the largest quarterly growth, followed by YouTube. Additionally, GGTV3 received over 40,000 video views on YouTube.



## Garden Grove TV3 Completed Productions

### 5 Live Events

- 5 City Council Meetings Livestreamed, Cablecast & Archived

### 14 Videos and/or Reels Produced

- 2025 Recap
- Happy Lunar New Year 2026, Garden Grove!
- Pioneer Park New Sign Unveiling
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Promo
- Eggscavation in Garden Grove 2026 Promo
- Pizza & Paws K9 Fundraiser Promo
- Around The Grove – Strawberry Festival Package Episode
- 2026 Employee Service Awards
- Building The Future Of Public Safety - GGPD Construction Update
- Garden Grove Gems Promo's (3 Videos)
- Garden Grove Gems News Story
- The Voice of Garden Grove News Story

# Community Events and Programs

## Little Saigon Project Community Engagement

On January 28 and 29, 2026, Clarity of Place, the destination assessment consultant, conducted five in-person focus group sessions in Garden Grove and Fountain Valley to gather input on Little Saigon. Additional virtual focus groups were held by Gensler, the urban design and architecture firm, on March 24, 25, and 30, 2026. These sessions engaged residents, business owners, and community stakeholders to inform the design guidelines for the Little Saigon Project. A project website is currently under development to provide additional information and updates.

Date(s)	Type	Location	Summary
Jan 28–29, 2026	In-Person	Garden Grove and Fountain Valley	5 focus group sessions conducted
Mar 24, 25 & 30, 2026	Virtual	Online	3 focus group sessions conducted



### **Municipal Management Association of Southern California Spring Forum 2026**

The Economic Development and Housing Department attended the MMASC Spring Forward Forum on March 26, 2026, held at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside. The forum convened public sector professionals from across Southern California for a full day of training, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing focused on innovation in local government. Through interactive sessions and peer engagement, staff gained exposure to practical tools and strategies to enhance service delivery, improve internal processes, and strengthen cross-agency collaboration. Participation in this regional forum supports EDHD’s ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and the application of innovative practices to better serve the Garden Grove community.



### **Small Business Development Center AI Event**

The 4th Annual A.I. Business Summit attracted over 200 attendees, including business owners, entrepreneurs, and workforce partners, demonstrating strong interest in A.I. adoption and innovation. Mayor Klopfenstein opened the event by emphasizing the City’s commitment to helping local businesses access emerging tools and stay competitive. Across six sessions, presenters shared practical A.I. applications for marketing, customer engagement, and operations, while City staff highlighted resources such as the Microbiz Loan Program and Grow Garden Grove Fund. The summit strengthened connections with the business community while actively equipping attendees with the training, tools, and direct access to resources needed to adopt emerging technologies and compete in a rapidly evolving economy.



## City Financing Webinar

The City hosted an online webinar on March 10, 2026, in partnership with the Orange County Inland Empire SBDC and Grow America, highlighting financing options and technical assistance available to small businesses. More than 20 participants attended, engaging with presenters and receiving follow-up materials to support continued access to funding resources. The event directly connected local entrepreneurs to capital pathways and hands-on advisory support, equipping them with concrete next steps to secure funding and move their businesses forward.



## Honoring 50 Years of Service: Garden Grove Housing Authority Community Spotlight Recognition

The GGHA was featured as the Community Spotlight at the City Council meeting on February 24, 2026 in recognition of its 50th anniversary, celebrating five decades of service since its founding on June 10, 1975. Over the years, the Housing Authority has supported the community by administering more than 2,300 housing vouchers, maintaining a utilization rate above 95 percent, and managing over \$43 million in annual HUD funding. Its programs have primarily served seniors, individuals with disabilities, and working families, while continuing to respond to strong demand for affordable housing. The recognition highlights the agency's many accomplishments, including state and federal awards, successful programs such as the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, and ongoing efforts to expand housing opportunities. This milestone reflects the Housing Authority's continued commitment to serving Garden Grove residents and improving access to stable, affordable housing.



## Park Security Pilot Program

This program launched the week of March 16, 2026, with Lyons Security Services providing dedicated, uniformed security services at the following parks: Garden Grove Park, Magnolia Park, Chapman Sports Complex, Eastgate Park, Pioneer Park, and Haster Basin Park. Security staff will monitor park activity, report issues, and coordinate with City staff and public safety when needed:

Daily schedules will vary by park location, but coverage will generally occur during the following hours: Monday through Friday: 10 AM to 9 PM; Saturday and Sunday: 9 AM to 8 PM

The pilot program will operate for a minimum six (6) month term and will not exceed one (1) year or continue beyond available funding, and is intended to reduce vandalism, drug use, unauthorized overnight camping, and other activities that contribute to park and restroom

closures. The program will help keep restrooms and public amenities open, clean, and safe for community use. Staff will monitor the program during the pilot period and evaluate its effectiveness in improving park conditions and the overall visitor experience.



### **Courtyard Center**

On Saturday, March 7, the Courtyard Center (12732 Main Street) welcomed the community for a vibrant Open House event. This inviting venue—ideal for gatherings of up to 100 guests—showcased its charm and versatility as a premier banquet space. The event drew a steady flow of visitors, many of whom stopped by after enjoying the First Impressions Art Gallery next door at the Activity Center, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere throughout the day.

### **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 was displayed from March 2, 2026 through March 30, 2026 and open to the community to enjoy, free of charge. Along with the oversized art easels display, GGUSD hosted its 48th annual First Impressions Art gallery, which celebrates the artistic skills of hundreds of GGUSD students. The gallery was held at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center from Monday, March 19, 2026 through Thursday, March 12, 2026 and open to the community from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



### **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. Garden Grove residents, faith leaders, and community members were invited to attend and enjoy a program, which included, a heartwarming message from Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, the Community Spirit Award presentation, a message of unity from our keynote speaker Pastor James Scheller, and performances from the Christ Cathedral Academy Youth Vocal Ensemble.

### **GGTAC Teen Leadership Summit**

On Saturday, February 28, 2026, the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) hosted the 2026 Teen Leadership Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center. GGTAC and staff planned a day filled with empowering, educational, and inspirational



presentations that were 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) were able to participate for free. Teen clubs from the cities of Stanton, Cypress, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and GGUSD were invited to participate for a \$10 fee, which included a motivational key note speaker, three educational sessions, lunch, and special giveaways.

### **H. Louis Lake Senior Center**

#### **International Week**

The Center hosted a three-day International Week celebration from January 27 through January 29, highlighting food, art, and cultures from around the world.

On Tuesday, participants pinned their countries of origin on a world map, creating a visual display



of the Center's diverse community. The day also included a tea tasting featuring selections from China, Japan, India, and West Africa, along with a brief presentation on the history of tea. On Wednesday, participants were encouraged to wear cultural attire and enjoyed performances by a Japanese Taiko drumming group and Danza Azteca. The celebration concluded with interactive games, including a currency-matching trivia activity and Lotería.

### **Valentine's Day Celebration & Dance:**

The Center marked Valentine's Day with two days of festivities. On February 11, 61 participants took part in themed activities, including writing valentines, a holiday word scramble, and a timed game challenging participants to scoop heart-shaped marshmallows into a bucket.

The Valentine's Day Dance followed on February 12, welcoming 78 participants for an evening of music, socializing, and a catered dinner from Cortina's Italian Market. Guests enjoyed heart-shaped pan dulce for dessert and a themed photo booth to commemorate the event.



### **Lunar New Year Celebration**

A total of 66 participants took part in the Center's Lunar New Year celebration on February 20. Activities included writing wishes for the New Year and placing them in red envelopes with a lucky coin, which were displayed on a decorative tree. Traditional refreshments such as mandarin oranges, moon cakes, and fortune cookies were shared. The highlight of the celebration was a lion dance performance by Thiên Ân Performing Arts.

### **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

The Center hosted a festive St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17, welcoming 58 participants. The event featured a themed "green" breakfast, including spinach-dyed scrambled eggs, with Irish music playing throughout the morning. Participants enjoyed interactive games such as guessing the number of gold coins in a jar, St. Patrick's Day Plinko, and a gold coin toss, with prizes awarded to the winners.



### **Movie Day**

Participants gathered on March 24 for a screening of *Thelma*, a comedy-drama about a 93-year-old grandmother who sets out across Los Angeles to recover money lost to a phone scam. As with previous movie days, attendees were provided with popcorn, candy, and soft drinks, creating a relaxed and social atmosphere.

### **Workshops and Presentations**

The Center hosted a range of workshops and presentations throughout the quarter, connecting participants with valuable information and community resources.

The Fair Housing Foundation provided sessions on January 12, February 23, and March 23, covering fair housing services, federal and state laws, housing discrimination, reasonable accommodations, and rent increases. The March session also included a clinic offering individualized assistance. CalOptima presented on January 21 and returned on March 11 with a PACE presentation and resource tabling, providing information on healthcare programs and services. The Garden Grove Police Department presented on January 26 and March 30. The January session focused on personal safety in public and online, while the March presentation covered how to call the police and what information to provide.

### **Partnerships**

The Center continued to strengthen community partnerships to expand services and opportunities. Santa Ana College (SAC) offered classes including Mobile Device Literacy, Active Aging, Chair Yoga twice weekly, and Aerobics Training, supporting both learning and physical wellness.

In February, the Orange County Public Library launched a monthly Mobile Library service at the Center while the Main Library undergoes renovations. Bracken's Kitchen continued to provide free breakfast every Tuesday and prepared a themed green meal for St. Patrick's Day.

### **Senior Support Services**

The Center's Social Support Program continued to provide vital services, including case management, assessment and care coordination, and connections to community resources. Programs supporting participant well-being remained a key focus. Mindfulness Walking, developed by interns and held on Friday mornings, encouraged physical activity and stress reduction. Time of Remembrance was offered throughout February and March to support participants experiencing grief. Ongoing programs included Caring Connections workshops on Thursdays, mat yoga led by a yoga-certified MSW intern, and Mejor Juntos for Spanish-speaking participants.

## **Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center Classes, Presentations, and Resources**

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center began the New Year with a strong lineup of Spring semester classes offered in partnership with Santa Ana College. This semester introduced new courses including Cardio con Ritmo, an engaging exercise class, and a new mobile device literacy class, along with the continuation of the English Conversation course into its second semester. A total of 66 students are currently enrolled across these classes.



Several informative presentations were held this quarter, including presentations from CHIRLA, the Fair Housing Foundation and Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) Vietnamese Outreach team. The Center also launched an ongoing partnership with Vituity Cares, providing free monthly medical screenings for residents. During February and March, over 20 residents benefited from these services.

Additional enrichment activities included jewelry-making workshops and Cafecito community meetings featuring presentations from the Garden Grove Police Department, the Community Services Deputy Director regarding improvements to Jardin de los Niños Park, and the Fair Housing Foundation.



### **Youth Programs**

Youth programs resumed this quarter with the return of the After School Program (ASP). This spring, 29 students in grades 1–6 enrolled. Staff provide homework assistance and led engaging enrichment activities to support academic and social development.

Teen programs remained highly active. In February, True Neighborhood Teens (TNT)

volunteered at the Senior Center Valentine's Dance, where they hosted a photo booth for attendees. ASP participants and teens also created over 80 handmade Valentine's cards for older adults at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

In March, TNT volunteered at Bracken's Kitchen, assisting in the preparation of 650 pounds of ingredients and packaging 1,520 meals. Teens also established a Yearbook Committee, where they are developing design and storytelling skills using Canva while reflecting on their program experiences and community impact.



Additionally, TNT launched a Teach N Talk Series, featuring guest speakers who presented on topics such as career development, media literacy, healthy relationships, and stress management. A total of 25 teens participated in these sessions.

### **Special Events**

The Center hosted its annual Spring Celebration on March 26, 2026. The event featured dinner provided by Bracken’s Kitchen, egg hunts for children ages 0–12, a family scavenger hunt, and a community resource fair. Participating organizations included Code Enforcement, Garden Grove Police Department, Jamboree Housing, Santa Ana College, AltaMed Dental Services, and Vituity Cares Clinic. Families also enjoyed face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny, with activities led by the Center’s teen leadership group, True Neighborhood Teens.

### **Magnolia Park Family Resource Center**

#### **Growing Up Garden Grove (First 5 OC Programs)**

Growing Up Garden Grove is funded by First 5 OC focused on supporting families with children ages 0–5 through early learning opportunities and family engagement. The City has subcontracted with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove (BGC GG) to lead implementation, with two staff members stationed at the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center.

This quarter, a variety of activities and services were offered:

#### **Family Engagement Activities**

Cafecitos continued to meet bimonthly, providing parents of young children with opportunities to engage in discussions on early learning and education, access community resources, and build peer support. Participation has steadily increased, with 10–12 parents attending regularly.



A Parent & Me Valentine’s Day Craft event was held on February 5, offering two sessions. Families participated in hands-on activities that supported early childhood development, fine motor skills, and social interaction, while strengthening parent-child bonding (15 families).

On February 12, a Learning Link Outdoors Activity was hosted in collaboration with Garden Grove Unified School District and the Learning Link Program at Skylark School. Families engaged in activities promoting movement, motor skill development, and parent engagement (20 families).

A Read Out Loud Literacy Event in partnership with OC Public Libraries took place on February 23, celebrating Lunar New Year through crafts, music, and interactive learning activities that supported early literacy and cultural enrichment (11 families).

On March 2, the Center hosted a Read Across America event in collaboration with the local library. Families participated in story time, outdoor play, and literacy-based activities focused on letter and name recognition (11 families).



A Parent & Me Spring Activity was held on March 11 and March 13, where families created egg maracas and baby chick crafts, encouraging creativity, hands-on learning, and parent-child interaction (16 families).

### **Psychoeducational and Support Groups**

- The Power of My Voice: A four-week group (January 28 – February 28) focused on identifying and implementing healthy boundaries (8 participants).
- Grief & Loss: A six-week group (February 3 – March 10) provided a supportive space for participants to process emotions, build coping strategies, and connect with others (5 participants).
- Personal Empowerment Program (PEP): An ongoing 10-week program supporting survivors of domestic violence in building confidence, self-sufficiency, and resilience (15 participants).
- United Dads: A monthly fathers group held on January 23, February 27, and March 20, focusing on parenting skills, emotional intelligence, and strengthening family relationships (6–8 participants per session).



### **Educational Workshops**

- Active Parenting Classes: A six-week virtual series (February 5 – March 12) focused on school-age parenting strategies including communication, discipline, and building self-esteem (10 participants).
- Know Your Rights: A two-part workshop (March 6 and March 13) providing guidance on family preparedness planning and strategies to manage stress and anxiety related to the current immigration climate (18 participants).