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Report Overview

This quarterly report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of April, May, and June 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 April, May, and June.

April 8, 2025 – The City Council approved an Agreement with the County of Orange to receive Families and Communities Together (FaCT) Grant Funding.

April 22, 2025 – The City Council awarded a contract to Quality Fence Co. for the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project, Phase III (Cost: \$139,682.70).

May 13, 2025 – The City Council adopted a Resolution confirming the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District Advisory Board Report and levying an assessment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

May 27, 2025 – The City Council awarded a contract to Z&K Netsync Network Solutions to provide a next generation data backup solution (Cost: \$131,455.39).

June 10, 2025 – The City Council approved of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Measure M2 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

June 10, 2025 – The City Council adopted a resolution approving the City's Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2025- 26 and 2026-27.

June 24, 2025 – The City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Garden Grove Unified School District for the School Resource Officer partnership program.

June 24, 2025 – The City Council accepted the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP), City Project No. 1222000046/EA#OT410 - Phase 3, as complete.

City Manager's Office Highlights

Throughout the second 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

Agenda Reports Reviewed and Processed	111
Agendas and Minutes Prepared	18
Agenda Packets Compiled	35
Public Hearing Notices Published	23
Resolutions Processed	40
Ordinances Processed	1
Proclamations Processed	15

Council Liaison

Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled	429
Certificates Ordered / Delivered	217
Communications	8,261
Legislative Response Letters Drafted	12
Finance Enterprise Reconciliations	37
Trips Scheduled	4

Office of Community Relations

Total Translated Materials	37
- Vietnamese Translations	35
- Spanish Translations	1
- Korean Translations	1
CityWorks Publications Completed	2
Vietnamese Newsletters Published	2
Community Spotlight Scripts	5
Press Releases Issued	36
Social Media Posts	365

City Clerk's Office / Administration

Public Records Act Requests Received	213
Average PRAs per Month	72
Average PRA Turnaround Time	6.7 days
Bid Openings Conducted	2
Agreements Processed	8
Agreements Archived	13
Claims Received	29
Summons Received	2
PAFs Processed	0

Legislative Advocacy

The City Manager's Office coordinates an active legislative advocacy program focused on protecting the interests of our community and identifying resources available to enhance City services and programs. Our legislative efforts include researching and monitoring federal and state legislation, preparing letters and related communications in response to proposed legislation, and working with our legislative representatives and their staff to promote the interests of our community in alignment with the City's Legislative Advocacy Program. The City's Legislative Advocacy Program can be found on the City's website at https://ggcity.org/sites/default/files/legislative-advocacy-program-2023-24_0.pdf.

SUPPORT POSITIONS

AB 650 (Papan) Planning and Zoning Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation

AB 650 would allow local governments to begin the housing element update process six months early, provide greater certainty and reduce ambiguity in the housing element review process, and ensure that local government have adequate time to respond to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) review letters.

SB 74 (Seyarto) Infrastructure Grants

SB 74 seeks to establish an infrastructure gap-fund program to provide much-needed grants to local agencies for the development and construction of critical infrastructure projects.

SB 496 (Hurtado) Advanced Clean Fleets

SB 496 would create an Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Appeals Advisory Committee, ensure disaster service workers are able to effectively respond to emergency situations, and provide some much needed and common-sense reforms for compliance.

SB 454 (McNerney) State Water Resources Control Board: PFAS Mitigation Program

SB 454 would establish a statewide PFAS Mitigation Fund intended to help local water agencies, including cities, leverage funding to pay for cleanup of manmade PFAS contamination in drinking water and wastewater. This much-needed funding tool would help water and wastewater agencies pay for costs that would otherwise be covered by local ratepayers on their water and wastewater bills to help maintain water affordability.

AB 424 (Davies) Alcohol and Other Drug Programs Complaints

AB 424 would provide more transparency into how the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) processes complaints against licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities. AB 424 would require DHCS to notify individuals at three key points: when their complaint is received when the investigation concludes, and the outcome of the investigation. Currently, DHCS does not automatically provide this information. Instead, complainants must file a Public Records Act (PRA) request, which can take months—sometimes over a year—to receive a response.

SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and Drug Recovery or Treatment Facilities Investigations

SB 329 would require the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to complete timely investigations into complaints about alcohol or drug treatment facilities. While existing law requires DHCS to investigate complaints against licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities, it does not establish timelines for completing those investigations. SB 329 sets clear, reasonable deadlines—aligned with existing DHCS policy—to enhance public transparency and ensure providers are held accountable for delivering high-quality treatment and care.

AB 492 (Valencia) Alcohol and Drug Programs Licensing

AB 492 would require the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to notify cities anytime a new alcohol and drug treatment facility is approved in their jurisdiction. California has 2,043 alcohol and drug treatment facilities, nearly 70% of which are in Southern California. DHCS is not currently required to notify local governments when approving licenses, leaving cities in the dark about the operation of new facilities within their jurisdictions. This lack of communication can make it challenging to address community concerns, maintain public safety, and ensure that recovery and treatment programs are effectively integrated into local communities. AB 492 would enable cities to better coordinate services and identify emerging trends and potential gaps in the state's approach to treatment needs.

OPPOSE POSITIONS

SB 79 (Weiner) Transit-oriented Development

SB 79 disregards state-certified housing elements and bestows land use authority to transit agencies without any requirement that developers build housing, let alone affordable housing. SB 79 also defies cities' general plans and provides transit agencies unlimited land use authority on property they own or have a permanent easement, regardless of the distance from a transit stop. Transit agencies would have the power to determine all aspects of the development including height, density, and design, without any regard to local zoning or planning.

AB 810 (Irwin) Local Government Internet Websites and Email Addresses

AB 810 would require local agencies, special districts, school districts, joint powers authorities, and other political subdivisions to secure and deploy a new .gov or ca.gov domain no later than January 1, 2029. It would also require all employee email addresses to reflect the updated domain within the same time frame. AB 810 will result in confusion and compromise local communities' trust in their local leaders, creating frustration in administering a transparent and user-focused government website.

SB 16 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Housing Element

The state's flagship homelessness grant program, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant program, allocates funding to all 58 counties, 44 continuums of care, and cities with populations over 300,000. This means that only 14 cities in California are receiving direct state homelessness funding through HHAP. SB 16 would place additional reporting mandates on all but 14 cities, targeting cities that do not receive direct state homelessness funding.

AB 647 (Gonzalez, M.) Housing Development Approvals Residential Units

AB 647 would disregard state-mandated local housing elements and force cities to allow up to eight housing units — only one of which is required to be affordable — on lots with an existing single-family home or in an area zoned for eight units or less, without any environmental review or public input. AB 647 ignores local flexibility, decision-making, and community input, which are critical components that, when coupled with ongoing, dedicated funding, can help spur desperately needed housing construction in the state.

SB 634 (Perez) Homelessness Civil and Criminal Penalties

SB 634 would prohibit local jurisdictions from adopting or enforcing ordinances to address homelessness. As a result, SB 634 would severely limit cities' ability to respond to the growing homelessness crisis in communities across California.

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 Q2 2025:

2024 Micro-Surfacing Projects

The 2024 Micro-Surfacing Projects applied preventative maintenance measures to maintain streets and prolong the life of roadways on several street segments in the City including Knott from Lampson to Chapman, Lampson from Springdale to Knott, Valley View from the 22 Freeway to City Limits, Brookhurst from Hazard to Westminster, and Ward from hazard to Morningside.

Status: 95% Complete

Anticipated Completion: July 2025

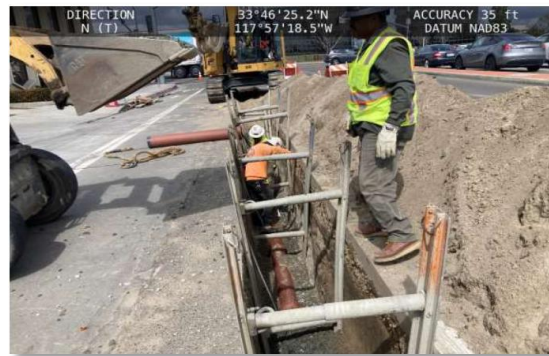


Sewer Main Replacement Project 4 - \$2.7M

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. At the end of Q2, contractor has completed all project work.

Status: 100% Complete

Anticipated Completion: June 2025



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

This project is one of the SCADA projects identified which will upgrade the SCADA software and hardware equipment to operate the Trask & Westhaven Reservoirs and Booster Pump Stations. This project consists of demolishing and retrofitting Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Control Panels, installation of new control panels, installation of new chemical dosing skids, replacement of select field instrumentation and valve controls, and replacement of engine control panels. New conduit, conductors, and junction boxes will also be installed. During Q2, contractor completed installation of the PLC panels, field instrumentation and valve controls at the Westhaven Reservoir and BPS site and is currently finalizing the chemical skid integration.

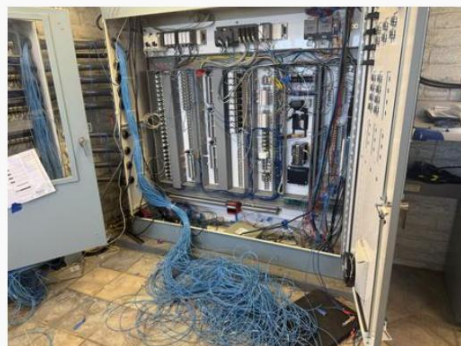
Status: 98% Complete

Anticipated Completion: July 2025

RP-WH and RIO-WH



RIO-WH - Right Door



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. During Q2, contractor has installed all water mains for the project. Remaining work includes connection to the existing main at various locations and abandonment of the existing mains.

Status: 80% Complete
Anticipated Completion July 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.

In Q2 2025, staff met with the following businesses:

Business	Address	Meeting Date	Est. in GG	Industry	No. of Employees
Kia Garden Grove	13731 Harbor Blvd	4/23/25	2010	Automotive	100
Winchester Interconnect	12691 Monarch St	4/24/25	1988	Aerospace Manufacturer	54
Toyota Place	9670 Trask Ave	5/28/25	1987	Automotive	150
American Metal Bearing Company	7191 Acacia Ave	6/20/25	1973	Bearing Manufacturer	50



National Small Business Month

On May 1, 2025, the City of Garden Grove launched a month-long campaign in celebration of National Small Business Month, aimed at promoting local businesses and reaffirming the City's strong commitment to economic growth and a pro-business environment. As part of the initiative, the City distributed branded "Support Garden Grove Small Business" decals featuring QR codes that directed users to a dedicated "Shop Local Garden Grove" landing page. The campaign also featured a series of engaging video spotlights highlighting local business owners, coupled with a coordinated media and social media strategy to amplify visibility and reach.

Participating businesses included Garden Grove Dental, Code Ninjas, Lovely Brows, DSK Pharmacy & Medical Supplies, Kitchen Land, Brother's Juicers, Narzio Waking Shoe, Bober Tea, Kaju Tofu, Pose Palace, Smile Blossom, Orange Golf, and Paige James Boutique.

The campaign's objectives were to increase awareness and visibility for small businesses, foster stronger community engagement, and build lasting relationships with local entrepreneurs to support ongoing and future economic development efforts.



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.

Please see the table below for VRPs by dealership for the 2025 Calendar Year (April–June)*:

Dealership	# of VRPs
Garden Grove Hyundai	12
Garden Grove Kia	10
Garden Grove Nissan	36
Simpson Chevrolet of Garden Grove	5
Toyota Place	54
Volkswagen of Garden Grove	3



*Data reflects VRP activity from April 1 to June 30, 2025.

Foods of Garden Grove

During the second quarter of 2025, the City's Foods of Garden Grove Instagram account (@foodsofgardengrove) demonstrated continued success in community engagement and digital outreach. The account reached a total of 63,869 views, reflecting strong visibility across the platform. With a following of 10,738 users, @foodsofgardengrove consistently engaged its audience, achieving an average engagement rate of 3.6%, which significantly exceeds the industry average of 0.94% for similar restaurant profiles on the platform. The content reached close to 1,000 viewers per post, with top-performing posts featuring vibrant food spreads. The engagement rate was 9.3%, which is higher than the industry average and successfully reached the intended audience.

Overall, the Instagram account continues to serve as a dynamic and effective platform for promoting local businesses and fostering community awareness through social media.

									
REACH	1.5K	REACH	450	REACH	577	REACH	1.6K	REACH	1.1K
LIKES	119	LIKES	21	LIKES	25	LIKES	70	LIKES	37
COMMENTS	17	COMMENTS	2	COMMENTS	3	COMMENTS	3	COMMENTS	2
ENGAGEMENT	9.3%	ENGAGEMENT	5.1%	ENGAGEMENT	4.9%	ENGAGEMENT	4.5%	ENGAGEMENT	3.6%

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.

2025 Program Highlights	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)
Program Participation in Program	31	36	-	-
Full Loan Application	10	11	-	-
Loans Approved	2	2	-	-
Loans Funds Issued	\$75,000	\$100,000	-	-

Public Safety – Police



GGPD Calls for Service – Q2

Calls for Service – Phone Calls		April	May	June	Q2 Total
9-1-1 phone calls		4,198	4,523	4,235	12,956
Non-emergency phone calls		9,168	9,725	8,692	27,585
Total phone calls		13,366	14,248	12,927	40,541

Calls for Service – Dispatched		April	May	June	Q2 Total
Citizen Generated		4,155	4,324	4,097	12,576
Officer Generated		1,201	1,316	1,011	3,528
Total Incidents Dispatched		5,356	5,640	5,108	16,104

Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types		April	May	June	Q2 Total
Disturbing the Peace - Transients		440	462	461	1,363
Audible Burglary Alarms		172	166	168	506
Welfare Check		186	190	167	543
Suspicious Person		182	193	187	562
Illegal Parked Vehicle		141	178	152	471
Abandoned Vehicle		142	117	115	374
Disturbing the Peace – Generic		112	117	114	343
Domestic Violence		125	144	148	417

Response Times		April	May	June	Q2 Average
Priority Calls (Average)		5m 42s	5m 36s	5m 27s	5m 53s

Public Safety – OCFA



OCFA Calls for Service – Q2

Calls for Service – Medical Aid

	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Automatic Paramedic Alarm	25	14	18	57
Back to Bed / Lift Assist	16	18	15	49
Cardiac	115	83	97	295
Stroke	178	155	165	498
Diabetic Emergency	10	20	17	47
Respiratory	135	142	125	402
Fall / Injury / Trauma	161	168	160	489
Illness	150	151	169	470
Abdominal Pain	84	81	72	237
Seizure	33	48	27	108
Traffic Collision	100	91	62	253
Miscellaneous	115	159	150	424

Calls for Service – Fire

	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Structure	16	18	14	48
Vehicle / Dumpster	4	6	15	25
Vegetation / Brush / Tree / Bush	18	18	22	58
Miscellaneous – Hazardous Condition	78	90	62	230

Response Times

	April	May	June	Q2 Avg
Priority Calls (Average)	7m 45s	7m 23s	7m 22s	7m 44s

Address Homelessness/Housing

Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC):

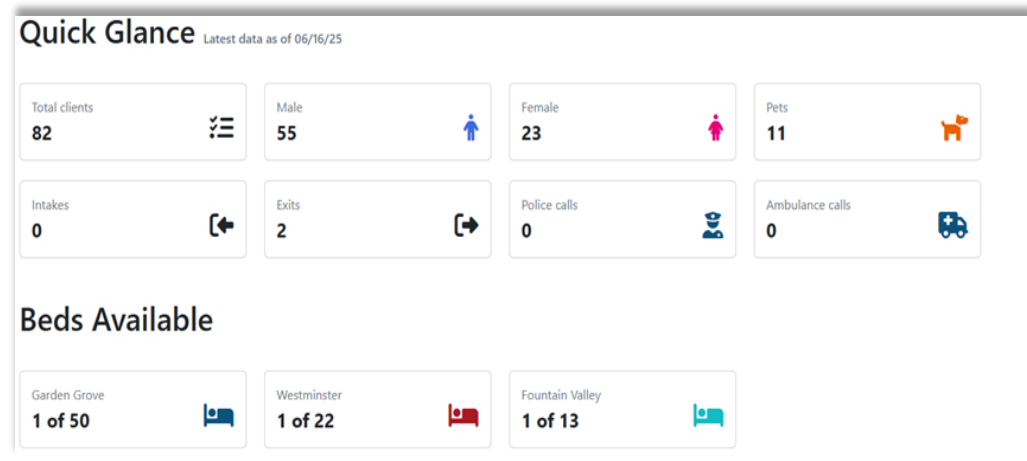
City staff developed a new 5-Year Homelessness Strategy (July 2025 – June 2020) to guide efforts to increase housing security for the unhoused. Goals and objectives were debuted to City Council on March 11, 2025 and staff finalized the document during Q2 with the final 2025-2030 Homelessness Strategy approved by City Council on June 24, 2025. The infographic below highlights the new goals, objectives and key performance indicators (KPI):



Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The CCNC hosted its second monthly community health clinic, organized in collaboration with Vituity and other local organizations, including Advance Beauty College, Be-Well Mobile Response Unit, Illumination Foundation, StandUp for Kids, Sentri Institute, WAGS Pet Shelter, and TruConnect. City Staff and VOALA are working with the County of Orange to bring additional workforce development and training opportunities to the CCNC, and a Case Manager from OC Workforce Solutions will be coming to the CCNC on June 26 to provide information about their workforce development programs. City Staff is working with OC Workforce Solutions to schedule their mobile unit to come to the CCNC to deliver services directly to clients once a month.

Reflecting progress toward successful reintegration into family settings or securing housing solutions, there were 5 notable positive exits: 2 clients exited into permanent housing, 2 clients entered a 90-day rehabilitation program, and 1 client was referred to recuperative care. Additionally, 5 clients gained employment and 2 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.

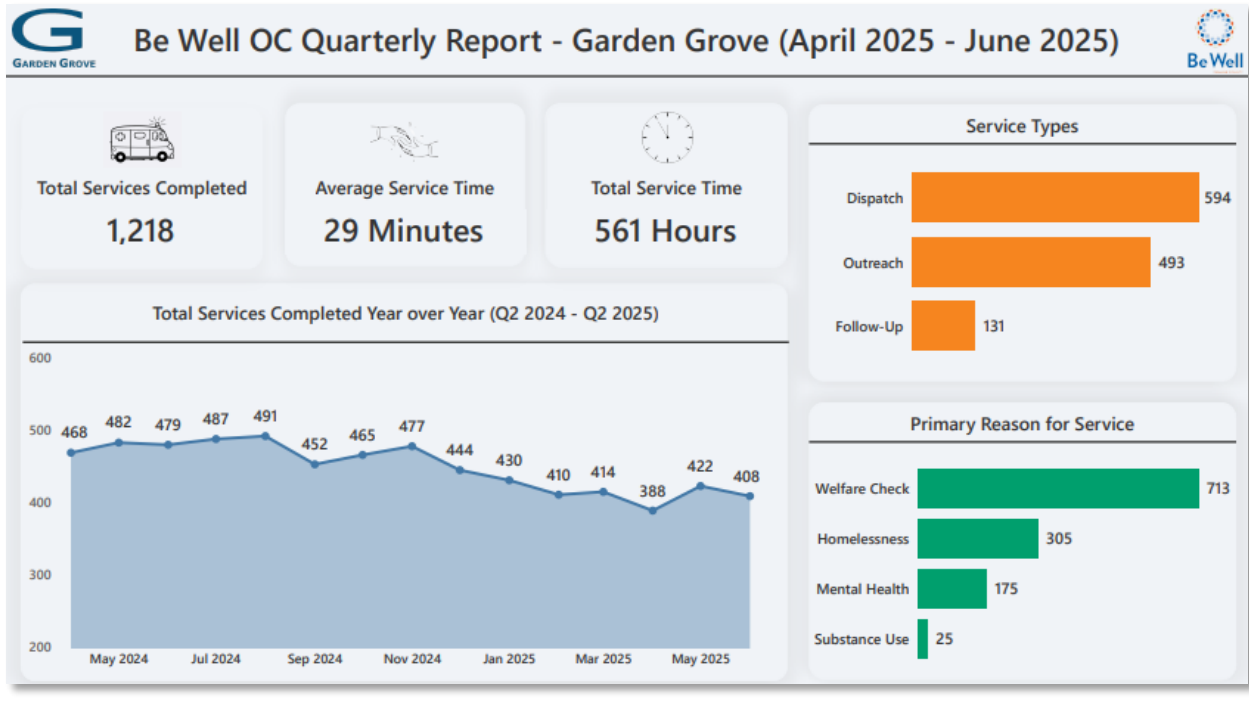
Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project Phase 3 (CFIP) Completion

Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project Phase 3 began on April 23, 2025 as an extension of Phase 2. With a similar scope, Quality Fence Co. removed existing chain link fencing and installed new fencing and gates beneath the 22 Freeway (SR-22) underpass at Newland Street, on both the east and west sides. Phase III was completed on time and within budget.

BeWell Orange County

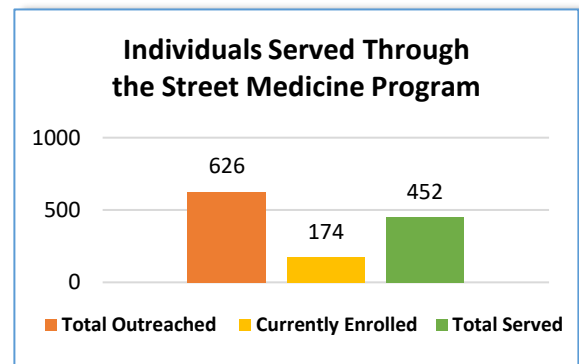
Garden Grove's Be-Well Mobile Response Team provides in-community assessment and stabilization for individuals experiencing substance abuse, psychological crises and homelessness. On July 25, 2023, the City Council approved the extension of the Be-Well Mobile Response Team contract for the next 5 years. The mobile response team has assisted 16,671 individuals with mobile medical and mental health services since October 2021.

- April – 388 individuals
- May – 422 individuals
- June – 408 individuals
- Q2 2025 Total – 1,218 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

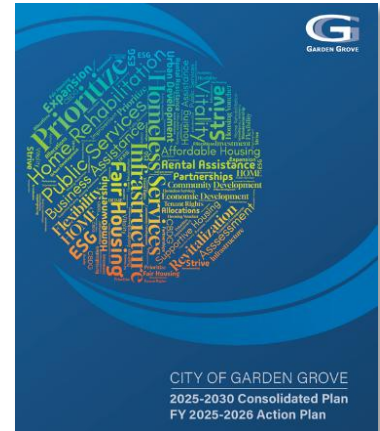
The City of Garden Grove's **First-Time Home Buyer (FTHB) Program** continues to support aspiring homeowners through expanded income eligibility and increased loan assistance amounts. These enhancements help reduce upfront costs and make homeownership more accessible for low- and moderate-income households across the city.

As of now, 28 applicants have been pre-approved for the First-Time Home Buyer Program based on their income eligibility. Each was issued a pre-approval letter to assist in the process of securing a home within the City of Garden Grove.

To provide educational resources for prospective homebuyers, City staff partnered with **NeighborWorks Orange County** to host virtual Homebuyer 101 workshops each month. These interactive sessions offered guidance on the home buying process and introduced interested residents to the benefits and requirements of the FTHB Program.

2025-2030 HUD Consolidated Plan

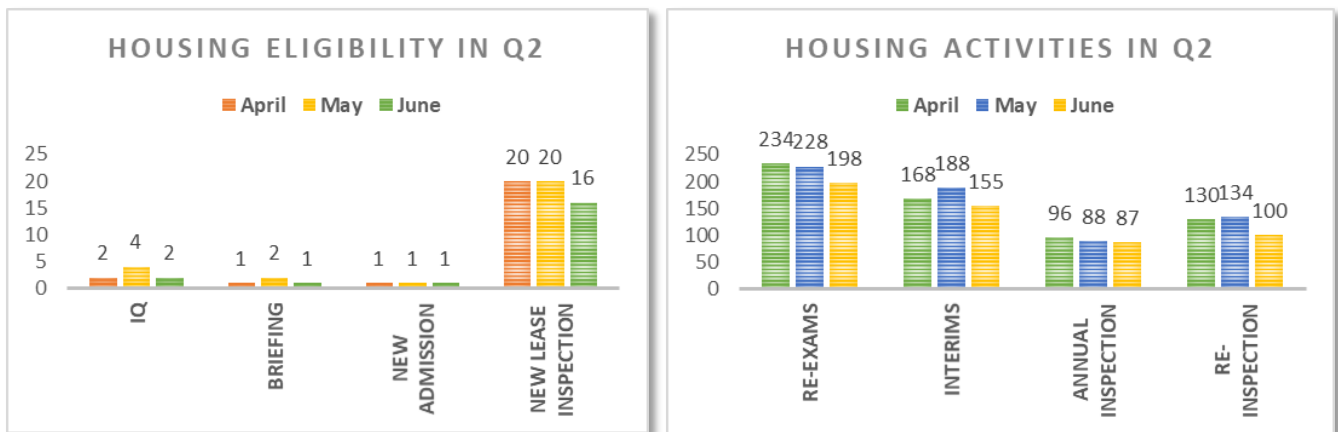
The HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan is a comprehensive planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for jurisdictions that receive federal funding through programs such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). It outlines the community's strategic vision for housing and community development over a five-year period. The plan identifies local housing needs, homelessness concerns, economic development goals, and non-housing community development priorities. The City's 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan was approved by City Council on April 22, 2025.



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 second 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) 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 April 9, 2025, a collaborative FSS PCC Meeting was held at the Community Meeting Center in the city of Garden Grove, bringing together three key community agencies: the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, and the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center. This meeting highlighted the strong partnerships among local organizations that are committed to supporting individuals and families across all stages of life, and also served as an opportunity for these organizations to share updates, coordinate efforts, and continue building a united network of care and resources that promote well-being, safety, and empowerment.

The Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center focuses on no-cost to low-cost programs aimed at youth enrichment, public safety, and encouraging community mobilization. The H. Louis Lake Senior Center serves residents aged 55 and older, offering a wide range of programs and services designed to enhance quality of life and foster social connection. Meanwhile, the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center was created by the city to address the growing need for family support and preventative services in the area.

The meeting concluded around 10 a.m., following by a tour at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, led by Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez, the City of Garden Grove Human Services Supervisor.



Community Code Compliance

Code Enforcement Volunteer Program

The Code Enforcement Volunteer Program has seen a great deal of success. Volunteers have been assisting Code Enforcement Officers in various tasks, such as inspecting properties, monitoring the City's vacant lots, and case follow-up. Over the past year, six volunteers have provided over 750 hours of service to the community. With experience under their belts, four volunteers have been hired as full-time and part-time code enforcement officers in other jurisdictions. The Code Enforcement Unit is constantly looking for more volunteers to assist staff. For more information, visit <https://ggcity.org/code-enforcement/volunteer>.

Hotel/Motel Clean Up

As part of the reinitiated Hotel/Motel Inspection Program, the Garden Grove Inn was inspected on Monday, April 21, 2025. The goal of the inspection was to document any substandard conditions to be remedied. Staff from Code Enforcement, the Police Department, Animal Control, the City Attorney's Office, Economic Development and Housing, Be Well OC, and the Orange County Healthcare Agency provided assistance at the inspection. Code Enforcement Officers are collaboratively working with the owner and operator of the Garden Grove Inn to ensure safety standards are met for all occupants.



Beautify Buena Clinton

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, Code Enforcement led a clean-up day in the Buena Clinton Neighborhood, in conjunction with some of the City's service groups. Code Enforcement Officers led groups in the neighborhood to distribute helpful resources and complete clean-up efforts. Although it rained during the event, staff was able complete some planned activities. To further the momentum and continue the beautification journey, Beautify Buena Clinton 2.0 is on the horizon. The planned event will focus on graffiti removal and additional bulky item pick-up.

Cone Enforcement

As part of the ongoing effort to maintain clear public right-of-way, Code Enforcement has patrolled neighborhoods to remove cones that are blocking the public right-of-way. Cones are retrieved, and the adjacent property is notified. Properties are notified that cones cannot be in the public right-of-way, and cones will be stored at the City's Public Works Yard for 30 days. To date, no cones have been retrieved.



Vacant Lots & Buildings

In an ongoing effort to combat blight in the City, Code Enforcement carefully monitors vacant lots and buildings. Code Enforcement Officers work closely with property owners to improve their lots and/or buildings by listing remedies to various code violations and inspecting properties on a weekly basis. The Code Enforcement Unit has seen many victories, such as improved properties and new development on vacant lots. One success is a 3-acre vacant lot found near Flower Street and Stanford Avenue which is now secured with a new security fence and has nightly private security patrols.



Before



After

First Responders Recognition

On June 3, 2025, the Code Enforcement Unit was recognized by the Garden Grove Masons Lodge No. 351 on their First Responders Recognition Night. The Garden Grove Masons honored the Code Enforcement Unit and other first responders by recognizing their excellence, dedication, and commitment to serving the community.



Community Development Statistics for Q2 2025

Code Enforcement Activity	Statistical Data
Open Cases	643
Closed Cases	822
Cases Pending Customer Requests	594
Active Cases	1482
Top Commercial Cases	Sidewalk Vending / Unpermitted Vendor
Top Residential Cases	Unpermitted Construction
Reported Short Term Rentals	41
Red Tagged Properties	26
Cases Referred to City Attorney	15
Receiverships	1
Building Permits	Statistical Data
Applications Submitted	2279
Plans Submitted	714
Permits Issued	1783
ADU Permits Issued	130
Finaled Projects	1626
Inspections	Statistical Data
Inspections Performed	6603

Maintain Fiscal Health

Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Biennial Budget

The City adopted its FY2026 and FY2027 biennial budget on June 10, 2025. The budget advances six City Council priorities, all equally important:

- Homelessness – Implements comprehensive strategies to reduce homelessness, including expanding shelter capacity, enhancing outreach, and strengthening partnerships with regional agencies.
- Public Safety – Allocates nearly 70% of General Fund expenditures to Police and Fire services, ensuring Garden Grove remains a safe and well-prepared community.
- Infrastructure – Increases funding for roads, parks, and public facilities to address current needs and accommodate future growth.
- Economic Development – Supports initiatives to attract new investments, revitalize commercial corridors, and help local businesses thrive.
- Code Enforcement – Provides additional resources to maintain neighborhood quality through proactive code enforcement, property maintenance, and zoning compliance.
- Cultural Diversity – Continues funding for multicultural programs and events that celebrate the City's vibrant and diverse community.

Citywide revenue is estimated to be \$370.4 million for FY2026 and \$381.2 million for FY2027.

Citywide Revenue Estimates			
	FY 2025-26 (in \$000)		FY 2026-27 (in \$000)
Sales Tax	\$	59,943	\$ 61,649
Property Tax		70,055	72,629
Hotel Visitors Tax		28,000	28,560
Other GF Fees and Taxes ¹		29,586	30,790
Other Govt Revenues ²		31,953	31,990
Internal Service Revenues ³		21,074	21,285
Water Utility		51,703	56,061
Housing Authority		51,039	51,039
Sanitary District		16,803	16,803
Other Enterprise ⁴		2,436	2,436
Successor Agency		7,816	7,929
TOTAL	\$	370,408	\$ 381,171

¹ Includes business license tax, building/planning fees and permits, and sports and recreation fees.

² Includes federal, state and county grants, TID, gas tax, Measure M, and Accessibility funds.

³ Includes charges for Worker's Compensation, Fleet, Information Technology, Risk Management, Warehouse, Telecommunication, Communication Replacement, Building Rehabilitation internal service funds.

⁴ Includes Golf Course funds.

Due to economic uncertainties, tax revenue projections were prepared using conservative assumptions. Sales tax was budgeted with a 3% decrease from the current fiscal year, hotel visitors' tax was held flat, and property taxes, including the paramedic tax override, were projected to grow modestly by 3% year-over-year. Overall, tax revenues are expected to total \$186.5 million in FY 2026 and \$192.3 million in FY 2027, accounting for more than 50% of total revenues.

Citywide expenditure, including capital improvement program totals \$408.8 million for FY2026, and \$399.4 million for FY2027.

Citywide Proposed Spending		
	FY 2025-26 (in \$000)	FY 2026-27 (in \$000)
Fire	\$ 35,236	\$ 36,797
Police	91,577	94,891
Public Safety Subtotal	126,813	131,688
Public Works Non-Utility	64,928	53,813
Public Works Utilities ¹	70,944	70,465
Community Services	12,584	10,693
Community Development	8,585	8,541
Economic Development	79,821	77,995
Municipal Support:		
City Administration	5,338	5,411
City Attorney	1,188	1,188
Finance	13,302	14,142
Information Technology	5,716	5,665
Non-Departmental:		
Debt Service	8,753	8,756
Utilities	1,257	1,357
Other Departmental Subtotal	282,030	267,745
TOTAL ²	\$ 408,843	\$ 399,433

¹ Includes Water, Sewer, and Refuse funds

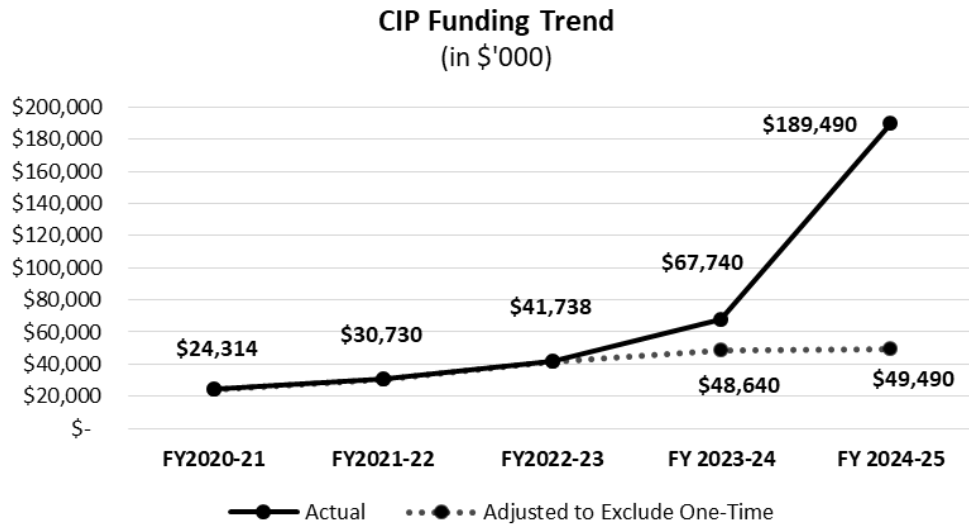
² Total includes capital improvement projects and transfer out.

The two-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget totals \$82.2 million, reflecting the City's continued commitment to investing in critical infrastructure and facilities. Excluding planned CIP expenditures, the FY 2026 and FY 2027 biennial budget is structurally balanced, with operating revenues matching operating expenditures. This demonstrates the City's prudent fiscal management approach, ensuring that day-to-day services are fully supported without relying on reserves or one-time resources.

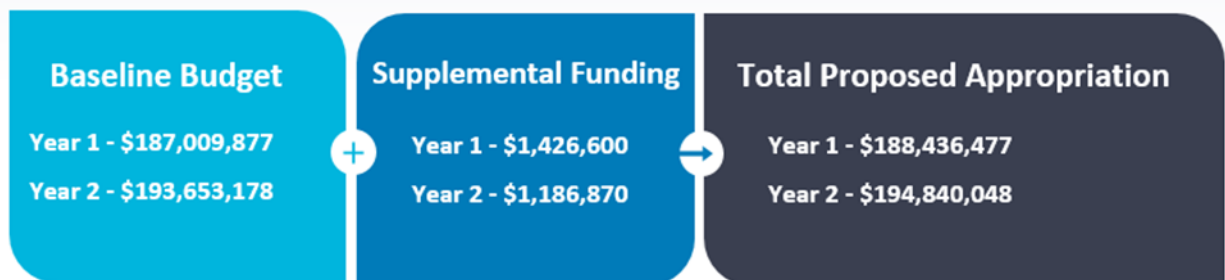
The adopted five-year CIP is shown below:

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan					
	FY 2025-26 (\$000)	FY 2026-27 (\$000)	FY 2027-28 (\$000)	FY 2028-29 (\$000)	FY 2029-30 (\$000)
STREET IMPROVEMENTS					
Arterial	\$ 22,500	\$ 10,600	\$ 8,296	\$ 7,684	\$ 7,914
Residential	1,700	3,300	2,264	2,295	2,327
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS					
Citywide Intersection	-	500	500	500	500
PARK IMPROVEMENTS					
Woodbury Park Expansion	500	-	-	-	-
Garden Grove Park Pickleball Courts	950	-	-	-	-
Park Master Plan Improvements	925	300	600	-	-
Citywide Park Light Pole Replacement	50	50	50	50	50
Park Irrigation System Replacement	120	120	-	-	-
HOUSING PROJECTS					
St. Anselm Affordable Housing	2,000	-	-	-	-
HOME Projects	550	550	550	550	550
FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS					
Citywide Facility Replacement	1,379	1,200	-	-	-
WATER IMPROVEMENTS					
Water Master Plan Improvements	11,355	8,300	14,500	4,500	3,500
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS					
Sewer Master Plan Improvements	6,762	8,500	7,100	8,500	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 48,791	\$ 33,420	\$ 33,860	\$ 24,079	\$ 16,341

Funding for the CIP has grown consistently over the past five years. Excluding major one-time allocations, such as the \$13.5 million for the Accelerated Pavement Program and \$5.3 million for the Tri-City Navigation Center in FY 2024, and the \$140.0 million from bond proceeds for the Civic Center Revitalization project in FY 2025, average annual capital funding has increased by nearly 20% year over year during this period.



Given ongoing fiscal and economic uncertainties, the General Fund budget was developed using a baseline budgeting approach. This method assumes that current funding levels are adequate to maintain existing services, with adjustments made only for inflation, mandated or contractual obligations, and known operational changes such as staffing modifications or program enhancements. This prudent strategy underscores the City's commitment to long-term financial stability while ensuring uninterrupted delivery of critical services.



A total of 26 supplemental requests were approved as part of the budget. Of these, 16 requests—totaling \$2.6 million over the two-year period—are fully or partially funded by the General Fund. These enhancements support various priorities, including adding new staff positions, expanding contractual support, launching new programs, and investing in technology to improve operational efficiency and service delivery.

Adopted General Fund revenues are projected at \$187.6 million for FY 2026 and \$193.6 million for FY 2027, representing a modest increase of approximately 5% compared to FY 2025. This growth is primarily driven by newly adopted development-related user fees. Excluding one-time and capital expenditures, the General Fund budget remains balanced for both fiscal years.

	FY 2025-26 (in \$000)		FY 2026-27 (in \$000)	
TOTAL SOURCES	\$	187,584	\$	193,628
TOTAL USES		188,436		194,840
Less:				
One-time Contractual	\$	760	\$	912
Capital Spending		111		300
		(871)		(1,212)
TOTAL ONGOING USES		187,565		193,628
BUDGET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$	19	\$	-

Looking ahead, the City will continue to navigate a dynamic financial landscape shaped by inflationary pressures, rising pension obligations, and global economic uncertainties, while upholding the City Council’s guiding principle of maintaining financial health and sustainability.

Community Outreach

Office of Community Relations / Garden Grove TV3

State of the City Address

In the second quarter of 2025, the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and Garden Grove TV3 (GGTV3) presented the State of the City program, featuring the inaugural address by Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. Centered around the theme “Powered by Garden Grove,” the program celebrated the community’s shared vision and collective energy that continue to drive the city’s progress and future growth.



Planning and Building Fees

During the months of April, May, and June, OCR and GGTV3 worked with the Community Development Department to inform the community about the updated Planning and Building fees, which took effect on July 1, 2025.



Ceremonies

On June 10, OCR hosted its 12th annual Garden Grove College Graduates’ Reception, recognizing nearly 40 local college graduates and awarding over \$5,000 in sponsored opportunity cash prizes, gift cards, giveaways, and services.

On April 8, OCR supported the Office of Economic Development during the topping out ceremony for Phase I of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project, which includes a new public safety facility for the Garden Grove Police Department and a parking structure.

Other programs and community events publicized included:

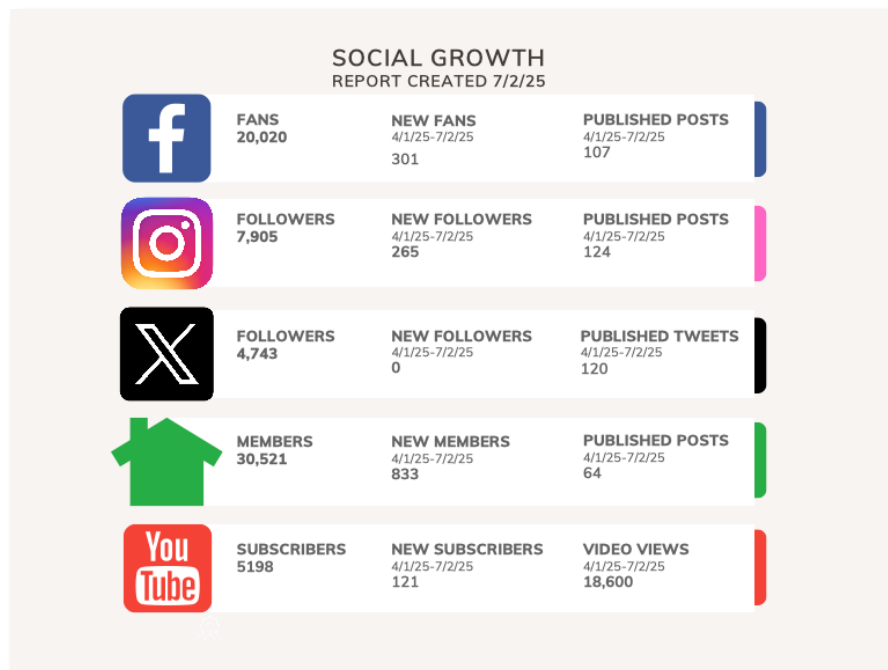
- Foods of Garden Grove Live
- Temporary Basketball Court Closure at Magnolia Park
- No Illegal Fireworks
- Temporary Closure of the Garden Grove Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail
- Free Summer Concert Series
- Home Repair Grant Program
- City Council "Walk & Talk"
- 50 Years of Little Saigon's Resilience
- Free Temporary Pump Track
- Community Cleanup Days
- Summer Day Camp
- Garden Grove Gems
- 38th Annual Call to Duty Memorial
- 48th Annual Strawberry Ball
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Micro-Surfacing Project
- Summer Parks and Recreation Guide
- Compost Giveaway

Social Media

During the Q2 of 2025, users were most interested in community programming, job openings, and traffic advisories. Over \$2,000 was placed in boosted posts. The top five posts and their reach were:

- 1) Garden Grove Strawberry Festival – 188,236 Reach (Organic)
- 2) April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – 149,296 Reach (Organic)
- 3) Garden Grove Gems – 116,922 Reach (Paid)
- 4) Day Camp – 55,271 Reach (Paid)
- 5) Human Resources Job Opening – 51,644 Reach (Organic)

NextDoor continued to be the social medium with the largest quarterly growth, followed by Facebook and Instagram. GGTV3 received over 18,000 video views on YouTube.



Garden Grove TV3 Completed Productions

9 Live Events

- 6 City Council Meetings Livestreamed, Cablecast & Archived
- 38th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial
- 65th Annual Strawberry Festival Parade
- 2025 State of the City Luncheon

10 Videos and/or Reels Produced

- Walk & Talk for District 3 Promo
- 38th Annual "Call to Duty Memorial" Promo
- Doig Intermediate School Mural Project Reel
- College Grads Reception Promo
- Strawberry Festival Parade Promo
- National Pet Adoption Day Reel
- Strawberry Festival Reel
- Garden Grove is a Destination
- 2025 Garden Grove City Council Members Introduction
- Powered by Garden Grove



Community Events and Programs

50 Years of Little Saigon's Resilience

Garden Grove partnered with Westminster, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, the OCIE SBDC Network, and the Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce to host the “50 Years of Little Saigon's Resilience” event on June 5, 2025, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove. This commemorative gathering celebrated the achievements and enduring spirit of Vietnamese Americans over the past five decades, while also providing valuable resources from the OCIE SBDC Network and featuring a distinguished lineup of panelists from various industries who shared their insights and experiences. The event drew an impressive turnout, with over 800 attendees and participation from 16 local restaurants.



International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference

The City of Garden Grove exhibited at ICSC Las Vegas from May 19-21 2025, joining 25,000 industry professionals for three days of high-impact deal-making. The city's team held 35 targeted meetings with national retailers and developers, welcomed hundreds of prospects to the booth, and showcased the top 12 retail opportunities available in key commercial and resort corridors. Major projects in the Grove District, including the upcoming Le Méridien and Kimpton hotels, were highlighted—reinforcing Garden Grove's position as a premier destination for growth and investment in Southern California.



CALED Conference

The City of Garden Grove's Economic Development team was honored with a prestigious Award of Merit from the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) at the 2025 annual conference held on May 7-9 in Ontario, CA. The City's Foods of Garden Grove program (FOGG) was recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions to economic development and its positive impact on the community. Celebrated for its innovative approach to promoting local restaurants and supporting small businesses, FOGG reflects the City's ongoing commitment to building a vibrant and inclusive local economy.



Recreation Division

Eggscavation – The annual Eggscavation took place on Saturday, April 19, drawing nearly 1,000 attendees. Ticket holders enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon that included egg hunts, carnival games, a petting zoo, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, and much more. The event continues to be a seasonal favorite for families across the community.

Pump Track at Garden Grove Park – In celebration of Bike Safety Month, a free temporary pump track was installed at Garden Grove Park. The track was open daily from May 19–25, operating from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., offering a new, fun, and engaging activity for riders of all ages.

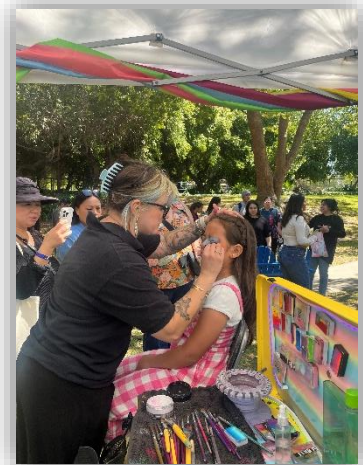
Summer Youth Basketball – The Summer Youth Basketball program officially kicked off on June 8 and saw a full return to pre-pandemic participation levels. A total of 250 youth participants, ages 6 to 14, registered for the season. These athletes were organized into 26 teams, coached by 24 dedicated volunteer coaches. The season runs from June 2 through July 19, with each team scheduled to play eight regular-season games, followed by playoffs for qualifying teams.

Summer Aquatics – Gary Hall Pool began its spring swim lesson session on April 28, which continued through May 22. After a short break, the summer swim season launched on June 2 and will run through August 7. Recreational swim is available daily from 1:45–3:15 p.m., with evening swim sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Magnolia Park Pool also opened for summer swim lessons, operating from June 2 through August 7. Recreational swim is offered Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 1:45–3:15 p.m., with night swim sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Swim lesson registration is offered bi-weekly to ensure equitable access to this high-demand program. Lessons typically sell out within the first day of each registration cycle, making it the department's most popular summer offering.

Woodbury Park Pool remains closed for the season due to the ongoing Woodbury Park Improvement Project.



Camp Grove (Summer Day Camp) – Camp Grove, the City's 9-week summer day camp, began on June 9 and will run through August 8. The program includes weekly excursions to major attractions such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and an L.A. Sparks basketball game at the Crypto.com Arena in Downtown Los Angeles. Camp Grove is nearing full capacity, serving up to 60 campers (ages 5–12) along with 6 Counselors in Training (CITs) (ages 13–17) per week.

Free Summer Concert Series

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) kicked off summer with a free concert at the Garden Amp - Garden Grove's outdoor amphitheater, home to a variety of year-round concerts and musical programs. The event was free for Garden Grove residents and featured 80's iconic music in Careless Whisper, the George Michael Tribute, and Blonde Ambition, a Madonna Tribute. For the past three years, the GGCF has provided for this free entertainment at the Garden Amp drawing in residents from all over.

Continuing with the music theme, the Free Summer Concert Series began on June 19. This summer, there are six concerts at Eastgate Park - all free, courtesy of the Garden Grove Community Foundation. (See lineup attached) Each concert features a fantastic band, savory and sweet food trucks, informational booths, and fan-favorite kettle corn and lemonade.

Ric V. Lerma Memorial Golf Classic

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) held its annual fundraising golf tournament on May 14. The annual event is a joint-effort with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce with proceeds going toward programming and resources to enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors of Garden Grove.

H. Louis Lake Senior Center

Regal Cinema Field Trip – On April 8, the Center organized a special field trip to Regal Cinema for a screening of “A Working Man”. Seventeen seniors participated in the outing, enjoying both the cinematic experience and the opportunity to socialize outside the Center.

Spring Events – The Center welcomed the new season with two cheerful spring-themed events. On April 11, a Spring Cookie Decorating Workshop brought together 15 participants for a fun and interactive session where they crafted their own festive treats. Just a few days later, on April 16, the Spring Celebration gathered 60 older adults for a lively egg hunt throughout the Center and a creative paper stained glass craft activity. These events embraced the spirit of the season, encouraging creativity, playfulness, and community connection.

Cinco de Mayo – On May 5th, 59 participants gathered in the Center's Dining Room to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. The event featured chips and salsa, along with Manzanita Sol soda for refreshments. Participants also enjoyed a festive atmosphere with Latin music and played Pin the Tail on the Donkey.

Mother's Day & Father's Day Celebrations – The Center hosted two special events to recognize Mother's Day and Father's Day. On May 7th, 98 participants attended the Mother's Day celebration, which included a DJ, giveaways, photo booth, and refreshments such as Porto's Bakery treats and cheesecake. Participants danced, took photos, and enjoyed the festive atmosphere. For Father's Day on June 11th, 60 participants gathered in the Dining Room for coffee and donuts. The event also included music and a coffee mug giveaway.





Strawberry Ball – The 48th Annual Strawberry Ball took place on Thursday, May 22, serving as the unofficial kick-off for the Strawberry Festival in Garden Grove. The event was attended by 189 community members who gathered, socialize and celebrate the crowning of the 2025 Strawberry Ball King, Joe Hammer, and 2025 Strawberry Ball Queen, Sue Catlin. Guests enjoyed live entertainment from the 5 Star Band, which provided a lively soundtrack throughout the evening. A catered dinner featuring lasagna from Cortina’s Italian Market was served, followed by a strawberry cake dessert provided by Katella Deli.

Additional activities included a photo booth for capturing memories, gift card raffles, and plenty of dancing, making the event a memorable celebration for all.

Summer BBQ – The Center kicked off the summer season with a barbeque on June 18. Eighty participants enjoyed hot dogs with all the fixings, along with baked beans and macaroni salad generously donated by Bracken’s Kitchen. For dessert, guests were treated to a variety of ice cream floats. Entertainment included music and table games like Go Fish, tic-tac-toe, and hangman, creating a relaxed and social atmosphere to start the summer.

Workshops and Presentations – This quarter, the Center continued to offer a variety of educational and support services for participants. Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) hosted a Spring Trivia session and a “Coffee with a Cop”, giving participants a chance to connect with local officers in a relaxed setting. The partnership with Alzheimer’s Orange County remained active, with two workshops each month on topics such as “Normal Aging vs. Warning Signs of Dementia” and “How to Have a Conversation with Your Doctor,” along with ongoing memory screenings. In addition, the Center continued to offer a monthly legal aid clinic through Legal Aid of Orange County, health enrollment support from the Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC), and a Fair Housing Foundation Walk-In Clinic in June 2025.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center

Safety – April 2, the Center hosted in partnership with the Garden Grove Police department opportunities to engage residents, owners and managers in the Buena Clinton neighborhood. Starting with a Vietnamese resident meeting on April 2. The GGPD liaison division hosted it’s quarterly Garden Grove Responsible Effective Apartment Team Meeting (GGREAT) on April 16. The meeting engages apartment, owners and managers and informed them of the upcoming code enforcement neighborhood project taking place on April 26, 2025 as well as patrol officers providing information on the crime reporting ways they can support safety within the community.



April 26, Center partnered with the Community Development department to host the first “Beautify Buena Clinton” event. The Center was responsible for event layout, coordinating a resource fair, prizes and food. Code enforcement took the lead with coordination of clean-up activities that included graffiti

removal, minor repairs, bulky item pick up. Other departments included Public Works and the Garden Grove Police. Unfortunately due to rain the event was cut short but over 100 residents withstood the rain and participated. Clean up efforts were postponed and completed on Saturday, June 21.

Community Involvement – The Center also concluded semester long spring classes in partnership with Santa Ana College including a Digital Literacy, Core Strength and Self Defense, and Conversational English Classes. The center also hosted “Cafecito meetings” to engage the wider community about various resources. Presentations included Catholic Charities, Garden Grove Police Department.

The Center with the support of it’s two Master’s in Social Work interns hosted a Women’s Group and Social Emotional learning lessons for youth within the After-School program that focused on friendships and honesty.

Recreational classes such as jewelry and paper art classes were also offered throughout the quarter.

Youth Enrichment – The Center wrapped up school year programming that included the After-School program with over 30 children 1-6th grades who attend daily M-Th to receive homework assistance, engaging recreational and social activities throughout the school year. True Neighborhood Teen (TNT) leadership program ended the school year with 26 unduplicated teens enrolled this fiscal year. Teens volunteer and support numerous events at the Center, the After-School program and the Senior Center. The Center also concluded the Kids Café, snack program in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank that averaged 25-30 snacks daily.



The Futuro Brillante Scholarship is an annual scholarship that has been awarded to an outstanding *student* in the Buena Clinton area for over 10 years. The Parent Council (Concilio de Padres) help support the fund to provide a \$500 scholarship for a youth in the community. This year the Center modified the application process to be completely digital. This year’s winner was Joceline Elizalde, a recent graduate of Santiago High School who will be attending USC’s Business Management program in the Fall. Jocelyn will serve 10 hours of community service as part of the scholarship and will be recognized with a check and for her accomplishments.

The Center summer programming started June 9 and will go through July 24 for seven weeks of summer programming for youth and teens. The summer day camp has over 42 children 1-6 grade enrolled. A teen camp for 7-8th grades is offered in the afternoons currently at 10 participants and over 20 VolunTEENs who are taking time this summer to volunteer daily to help plan, lead recreation activities. The program includes a free summer lunch and snack program open to any youth under the age of 18.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

Spring Event – On Friday, April 10th, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) hosted its “Spring into Fun” event to commemorate Blue Ribbon Month. The Blue Ribbon represents child abuse prevention and awareness. The event was one of many activities that were offered by MPFRC to promote family strengthening and resiliency. This event brought together 125 families/551 individuals. This was the largest turn out the Center’s had for this annual event to date. Activities included a resource fair, arts & crafts, an egg hunt, and carnival games, door prizes/giveaways and free refreshments/snacks.



Annual Women’s Recognition Event – On Thursday, May 1st the Center hosted its annual Women’s Event at the Courtyard Center. This Center’s Community Engagement Action Council (CEAC) helps put this event together to celebrate Magnolia Park FRC female clients and recognize their



accomplishments. Participants are identified and nominated by FRC staff and partner agencies. It’s an opportunity to honor and celebrate their achievements and growth they have made throughout the year. Women had an opportunity to enjoy a catered dinner provided by Bracken’s Kitchen, share words of inspiration, as well as a keynote speaker that focused on resiliency and attachment. A total of 30 women that participated in the event.

Early Childhood Programming – Growing Up Garden Grove is a program that is funded by First 5OC to target families with children 0-5 and early learning. The City has subcontracted with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove (BGCGG) to take the lead with this grant. Two BGCGG staff are out stationed at Magnolia Park FRC to provide services. Some of the activities that were offered this quarter included:

- Atlantis Playground fieldtrip- Tuesday, April 29, 2025- parents and their children had the opportunity to visit Atlantis Play Center
- Workshop: Developing Good Bedtime Routine, Tuesday May 6, the non-profit organization, The Priority Center provided a workshop for parents that focused on the importance of developing bedtime routines for children. They learned about
- Mommy & Me Activity- Friday, May 9 - mothers and their young children came together to create flower bouquets.

- Car Seat Safety Check Up Event June 4- community car seat checkup and resource fair event was provided at Bryant School in partnership with SafeKids OC, Garden Grove PD and GGUSD.

On Friday, June 27, the Magnolia Park FRC collaborated with Family Support Network to provide free developmental screenings for children ages 0-5yrs. Children are assessed/screened by early intervention specialist in the areas of development such as fine & gross motor, speech & language, vision, dental, health, behavior/emotional, and hearing. The program is open to all Orange County residents with goal to serve Garden Grove families at the Center.



Movie Night – On Friday, June 6, MPFRC collaborated with the Recreation Division to host a family movie night at Magnolia Park. The event included the viewing of “Inside Out” as well as free dinner provided by Bracken’s Kitchen, children’s activities, and a small resource fair. Families also received free bags of popcorn to enjoy while watching the movie. The event brought together approximately 90 families/303 individuals.

Parent Involvement – Since 2021, Magnolia Park FRC has taken a thoughtful and proactive approach to increasing father involvement and engagement in its services. Since launching its efforts, MPFRC has created opportunities for fathers to participate in parenting classes, monthly peer support groups, and father/child bonding activities. A father/child activity is scheduled for June 27 that will include a group outing to an Anaheim Angels Game.