

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE QUARTERLY REPORT

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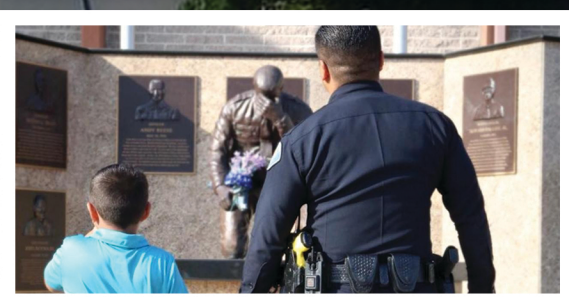


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Report Overview

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

April 14, 2026 -- The City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Action Plan for the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding.

April 28, 2026 – The City Council adopted the Resolution Designating Authorized Agents of the City for the Emergency Management Performance Grant for grant cycles: Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

May 12, 2026 – The City Council adopted the Ordinance No. 2975 amending Section 6.04.020 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to permit and regulate the keeping of pot-bellied pigs in residential properties.

May 26, 2026 – The City Council adopted the resolution ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency on May 22, 2026, concerning the expected failure of chemical tanks on property located 12122 Western Avenue.

June 09, 2026 – The City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Downtown Assessment District Budget; Adoption of a Resolution initiating proceedings for the levying of assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-27; Adoption of a Resolution approving the Engineer's Report; and Adoption of a Resolution of Intention fixing a time and date for a public hearing.

June 09, 2026 - The City Council adopted the Resolution amending the Garden Grove Successor Agency Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

June 23, 2026 - The City Council adopted the resolution for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Project List Funded by Senate Bill 1 – The Road to Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

June 23, 2026 – The City Council approved Measure M2's Fiscal Year 2026-27 Seven-Year Capital Improvement Plan and adoption of a Resolution updating the 2026 Pavement Management Plan.

City Manager's Office Highlight

Throughout the second 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	183
Agendas and Minutes Prepared	35
Agreements Processed	0
Bid Openings Conducted	0
FPPC Filings – 87200 Filers	0
FPPC Filings – Committees	0
Oaths of Office Conducted	0
Ordinances Processed	5
Ordinances Archived	5
Ordinances Printed	5
Proclamations Processed	14
Public Hearing Notices Published	8

City Clerk's Office / Administration

PRA's (Excludes Subpoenas)	280
Average PRA's Per Month	73
Destruction Certificates Processed	4
Bid Openings Conducted	4
Agreements Processed	11
Claims Received	26
Summons Received	3
PAFs Processed	0

Council Liaison

Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled	593
Certificates Ordered / Delivered	155
Communications	32,749
Legislative Response Letters Drafted	12
Finance Enterprise Reconciliations	36
Trips Scheduled	5

Office of Community Relations

Total Translated Materials	10
Media Alert Issued	2
Vietnamese Newsletters Published	2
Community Spotlight Scripts	6
Press Releases Issued	31
Social Media Posts	555

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: [legislative-advocacy-program-2025-26 1.pdf](#)

SUPPORT POSITIONS

AB 2002 (Haney) Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program Codification

AB 2002 would codify the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) grant program and preserve a critical housing program that helped foster effective regional housing planning and provide technical assistance for California's 541 cities and counties. AB 2002 would establish REAP 1.0 in statute, ensuring the Legislature can continue investing in the local planning resources necessary for cities and counties to meet housing goals and promote housing production.

AB 1708 (Solache) HHAP Pathways for Cities Act

AB 1708 would create a new pathway for cities with populations under 300,000 to access state homelessness funding. AB 1708 would require CoCs, before allocating funding to other sub recipients in their region, to accept applications for 30 days only from cities with populations under 300,000. This measure would strike a reasonable balance between access and accountability, requiring interested cities to commit to regionally coordinated action plans and adhere to state housing and encampment policies. AB 1708 would also require CoCs to prioritize applications from cities that have existing partnerships with non-profits, other cities, or have already leveraged state and local funding for existing projects in their communities. This would ensure that limited state resources are deployed efficiently and deliver measurable results in reducing homelessness.

AB 1821 (Pacheco) California Public Records Act

AB 1821 provides an important and practical clarification to CPRA response timelines. The bill's shift from "calendar days" to "business days" for initial determinations and extensions is a common-sense update that reflects the operational realities of local agencies. Under existing law, agencies must determine within 10 days whether a request seeks disclosable records, with a possible 14-day extension in unusual circumstances. Neither timeframe accounts for weekends or holidays when staff are unavailable. AB 1821 corrects this discrepancy by converting these periods to business days, helping agencies comply with the law more effectively and consistently.

SB 922 (Laird) Vehicles Local Agency Charges Use of Streets of Highways

SB 922 would provide needed clarity regarding a local agency's ability to recover the cost of maintaining and repairing streets used in the delivery of essential public services. Recently, a court decision has created uncertainty regarding these long-standing practices. As a result, cities are facing increased legal challenges to existing service-related fees, placing street maintenance funding at risk and creating uncertainty for local governments attempting to responsibly manage and maintain their transportation infrastructure. SB 922 would help address this uncertainty by clarifying that restrictions on local charges apply only to weight-based charges imposed for the privilege of using streets or highways. The bill further makes clear that fees for the provision of public services may recover the cost of street maintenance and repair associated with providing such services. This clarification would help reduce unnecessary litigation and allow cities to continue maintaining safe and reliable local streets.

AB 1941 (Gonzalez) Organized Metal Theft

AB 1941 which would enhance enforcement against copper wire theft by targeting repeat and organized offenders who steal, or traffic prohibited metal materials, and would establish a statewide data-sharing tool to allow for increased visibility into organized theft operations. AB 1941 would protect vital public infrastructure from ongoing damage by allowing prosecutors to bring enhanced charges for coordinated or repeated thefts and enable a more robust information sharing system to tackle this issue.

AB 2296 (Papan) Planning and Zoning Housing Element Regional Housing Needs Allocation

AB 2296 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. The bill would also require HCD to provide specific text and analysis that must be included in the housing element to remedy deficiencies, ensuring that local governments are not penalized when HCD identifies additional deficiencies not previously identified in prior review letters.

SB 758 (Umberg) Public Health Kratom and Nitrous Oxide

SB 758 would prohibit a licensed Cigarette and Tobacco retailer from selling nitrous oxide and would classify 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) as a Schedule I controlled substance, except as it naturally occurs in the Kratom plant.

OPPOSE POSITIONS

AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public Employees' Retirement Benefits

AB 1383 would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits and lead to increased pension liability for public agencies. The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) was designed to address a wide range of issues involving public employee pensions and was a major step in helping local agencies better manage future pension costs and prevent the California Public Employees Retirement System from sliding into insolvency. AB 1383 would upend many of the reforms put in place in 2013 by PEPRA.

SB 866 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention

SB 866 would require all but 14 cities to add extensive homelessness reporting requirements to their housing elements, targeting cities that do not receive state funding to address homelessness. Currently, the state's flagship homelessness grant program, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program, allocates funding to all 58 counties, 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs), and the 14 cities in California with populations over 300,000. To receive HHAP funding, grantees must submit a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan to the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department that includes specific system performance metrics. The data requirements in SB 866 would create significant administrative burdens for communities that already do not receive state financial support to address homelessness. The challenge of collecting and reporting this data may jeopardize our ability to achieve a compliant housing element and potentially subject us to legal action by the state.

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 will be completed in April 2026.

Status: 95% Complete

Anticipated Completion: August 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: 100% 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., 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 Newhope St.

Status: 80% 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: 50% Complete

Anticipated Completion: November 2026



Trask Reservoirs Rehabilitation Project

The project site is located at the northwest corner of Trask Avenue and Magnolia Street with two 5-million-gallon pre-stressed concrete reservoirs built in 1968 and 1998. The rehabilitation scope includes, but is not limited to, reservoir cleaning; concrete and sealant repair; safety improvements; interior pipe recoating; steel grating covers; cathodic protection improvements; instrumentation and control improvements, connection, and integration to the City's SCADA systems; disinfection; site lighting improvements; AC paving rehabilitation/replacement and concrete cross-gutter repair; and valve rehabilitation/replacement. Contractor is currently working on valve replacement and site lighting improvements.

Status: 10% Complete

Anticipated Completion: September 2027



SCADA Implementation Project – Lampson, Magnolia, and West Garden Grove Reservoir/BPS SCADA Improvements Project - \$2,473,084

This project is one of the SCADA projects identified which will upgrade the SCADA software and hardware equipment to operate the Lampson, Magnolia, and West Garden Grove 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 Q1, contractor completed the SCADA upgrade at Well 27 and the Magnolia Booster Pump sites. Construction of the West Garden Grove SCADA upgrade will take place in early April.

Status: 70% Complete

Anticipated Completion: November 2026



New Murcal Panels



Well 27 PLC Panel

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 – Q2 2026:

Business	Address	Industry	No. of Employees
Eagle Community Credit Union	12934 Harbor Blvd	Bank	15
Open Bank	9622 Garden Grove Blvd	Bank	10
Bank of Hope	9580 Garden Grove Blvd	Bank	10
Hamni Bank	9820 Garden Grove Blvd	Bank	10

Vehicle Rebate Program

On July 9, 2024, the City Council approved a five-year extension of Garden Grove's Vehicle Rebate Program (VRP), which provides a \$500 rebate through six participating local dealerships for residents and businesses purchasing new vehicles. The program continues to support local economic activity and has encouraged thousands of vehicle purchases, with the highest participation coming from the 92840 zip code.

Vehicle Rebate Program (VRP) Activity- Q2 2026:

Dealership	Q2 (April-June)
Garden Grove Hyundai	-
Garden Grove Kia	12
Garden Grove Nissan	25
Simpson Chevrolet of Garden Grove	13
Toyota Place	60
Volkswagen of Garden Grove	1
Q2 2026 Total	111

Civic Center Revitalization Project

The second quarter of 2026 began with the installation of the photovoltaic and battery energy storage systems. In March, the building kicked off its commissioning startup, and tours were provided to City Council members. In April, furniture delivery and installation began at the Public Safety Facility. The PV panels, structure, and inverters have since been completed.

Punchlist walks commenced in June, covering Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, the parking garage, roof, and exterior. The general contractor has coordinated the factory startup of rooftop units. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy remains on schedule for issuance in July 2026, with move-in anticipated over two weekends in August 2026

Cottage Industries

Tenant activity in the Farm Block continues to progress. Saerok located at 12945 9th Street is moving forward with a slight delay due to the gas meter installation taking longer than anticipated. Cottage Kids located at 12933 9th Street is the most active. The operator is submitting plans to the City in early June for water, insulation, and deck fencing. Cottage Kids will include weekend pop-up events for kids as well as healthy kid's treats and bottled beverage options. The pop-up events will be open Thursday through Sunday. It is anticipated that a sushi operator will be opening soon at 12943 9th Street. They hope to pass OC Health and obtain an ABC license by end of summer. They hope to begin their tenant improvements in the next 30 days.

The developer will soon begin the tenant improvements for the homes in Art Block. She will begin constructing ADUs on three properties, begin renovating the main houses on four properties, and she continues to plan-check additional properties to get them through the permitting process. The developer has sold one residential property located at 12911 7th Street in the Art Block.

The Clean California Medal of Honor Trail Project (CAMOH)

The Clean California Medal of Honor Trail Project (CAMOH) is part of the Garden Grove Active Transportation Program's commitment to improving parks and pathways, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for residents. In continued pursuit of this commitment, the City completed construction of the concrete pads and installed 22 new pieces of outdoor fitness equipment along the trail. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on May 12 to celebrate the completion of the fitness equipment installation, and the City Council formally accepted the completion of the project on June 23.



For more information please visit: <https://ggcity.org/econdev/current-projects/medal-of-honor-trail>



Small Business Week

During the month of May, the City continued its efforts to support and promote the local small business community through outreach, partnership initiatives, and business engagement activities. In recognition of the vital role small businesses play in driving economic growth, creating jobs and enhancing community character, the City Council proclaimed May 3–9, 2026, as National Small Business Week. The proclamation recognizes the contributions of small businesses to job creation, economic vitality, and community character, while encouraging residents and stakeholders to support local entrepreneurs and businesses.



For more information please visit: <https://gqcity.org/econdev/small-business>

Foods of Garden Grove

During the second 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 356,700 total views, 4,224 user interactions, and maintained a strong emphasis on expanding its audience, with an average of approximately 88% of views coming from non-followers throughout the quarter. The account also reached 8,515 followers by the end of the reporting period, demonstrating sustained audience growth and continued alignment with local business promotion and community engagement goals.

Audience Reach and Engagement– Q2 2026:

Metric	April	May	June
Total Views	206,000	69,000	81,700
Views from non-followers (%)	95%	88%	80.6%
Total Followers	8,400	8,400	5,751

A key initiative during the second quarter was leveraging digital outreach to strengthen Garden Grove's economic vitality by increasing exposure for local businesses, encouraging community engagement, and supporting place-based marketing efforts.

Euclid Building – Primary Election Vote Center

The City of Garden Grove executed a license agreement with the County of Orange Registrar of Voters to establish a temporary Vote Center at the Euclid Building, located at 12966 Euclid Street, Suite 130. The Vote Center was set up on May 27, 2026 in preparation for the early voting period leading up to Election Day. County staff reported that although this location was a smaller Vote Center and had not previously been used as a voting site, it experienced higher voter turnout than several larger Garden Grove Vote Centers utilized in past elections. The increased voter participation was likely due in part to the site's proximity to City Hall, a location that is both familiar and convenient for residents. Garden Grove recorded a 35.1% voter turnout in the Primary Election, with 34,060 of the city's 97,093 registered voters returning ballots.



GG Districts	Ballots Issued	Ballots Returned	Voter Turnout
District 1	18,274	7,800	42.7%
District 2	17,595	6,117	34.8%
District 3	16,348	5,522	33.8%
District 4	16,335	5,553	34.0%
District 5	16,125	5,398	33.5%
District 6	12,416	3,670	29.6%
Total	97,093	34,060	35.1%

Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District

In April 2026, the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District (GGTID) launched a new shuttle service to enhance the visitor experience. The service connected guests staying at 10 participating hotels with popular destinations throughout the tourism district, providing a convenient and reliable transportation option.



Ridership	April	May	June
Riderships	19,101	15,730	13,410

Total: 48,241 (Average 530 per day)

This year, the Hyatt Regency Orange County proudly celebrates 40 years in Garden Grove. Since opening its doors, the hotel has welcomed generations of visitors and served as the setting for family vacations, special celebrations, business events, reunions, and countless memorable experiences. For four decades, the Hyatt Regency Orange County has been an important part of Garden Grove's hospitality community and tourism success.



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-Q2 2026:

Program Activity	Q2 (April-June)
Program Participation in Program	15
Full Loan Application	5
Loans Approved	0
Loans Funds Issued	\$0

For more information please visit: <https://ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/microbiz>

Site B2

During the second quarter 2026, the City reached a major milestone for the Site B2 Project with City Council's certification of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), approval of updated Conditions of Approval, and re-approval of the Planned Unit Development, satisfying the requirements of the court-ordered CEQA review and positioning the project to move forward. The next steps include filing the City's return to the Stipulated Writ with the court, completing the remaining property transfer and development agreement actions, and advancing toward project implementation.

Addressing Homelessness / Housing

Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) continues to collaborate with community partners to help residents secure housing, obtain employment, and increase income through programs such as General Relief, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

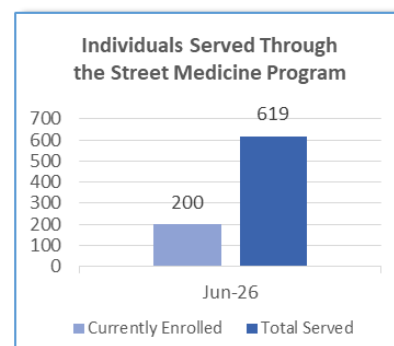
During the second quarter, the CCNC recorded 45 total intakes, including 27 individuals from Garden Grove, 8 from Fountain Valley, and 10 from Westminster. During the same period, 47 participants exited the program, including 6 who secured housing, 4 who were reunified with family, and 2 who transitioned to permanent housing.

Efforts to promote employment and income stability also continue. Currently, 9 participants are employed, while 11 are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, and 8 are receiving General Relief.

The CCNC continues to provide a range of on-site supportive services. MindHealth Wellness conducts biweekly visits, with 27 residents currently enrolled in its program. Workforce development services have been provided to 17 participants, and 2 residents 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. As of June 2026, Healthcare in Action conducted outreach to 819 individuals, of which 619 individuals were served and 200 are still enrolled in the program.

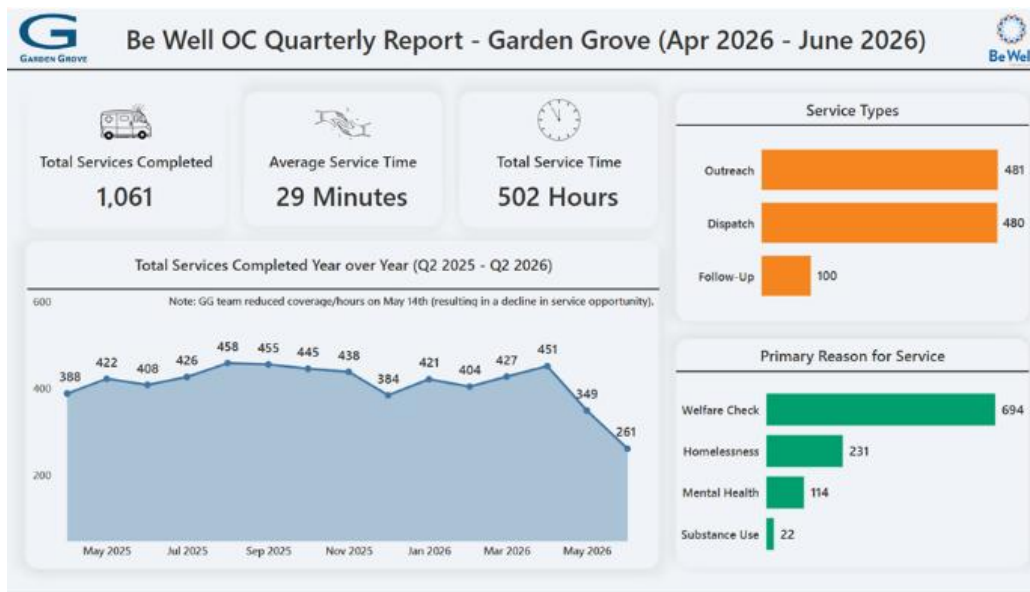


Be-Well Orange County

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 19,277 individuals with mobile medical and mental health services since October 2021.

Be-Well OC Response Activity Summary- Q2 2026:

Time Period	Individuals Served
April 2026	451
May 2026	349
June 2026	261
Q2 2026 Total	1,061
CY 2026 Total	2,313



First Time Home Buyer Program

The First-Time Homebuyer (FTHB) Program continues to expand access to homeownership by increasing income eligibility limits and loan assistance, reducing upfront costs for low- and moderate-income households. To date, the program has issued 44 pre-approvals, helping more residents move toward homeownership.

Program Activity- Q2 2026:

Program Activity	Q2 (April-June)
Pre-Approved Applicants	7
Households Assisted	1
Homes Closed	0

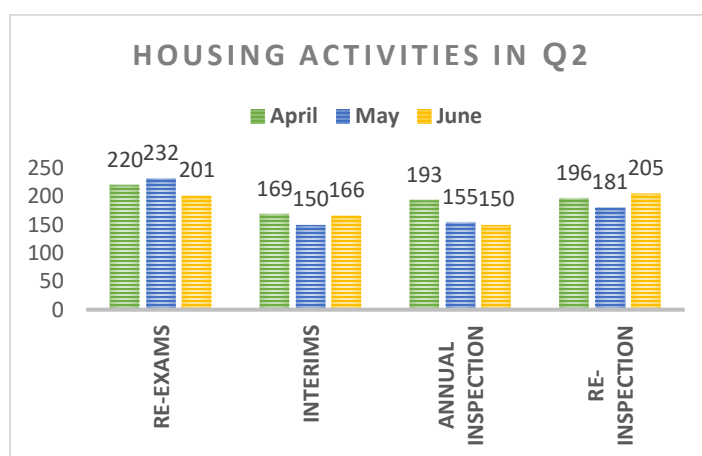
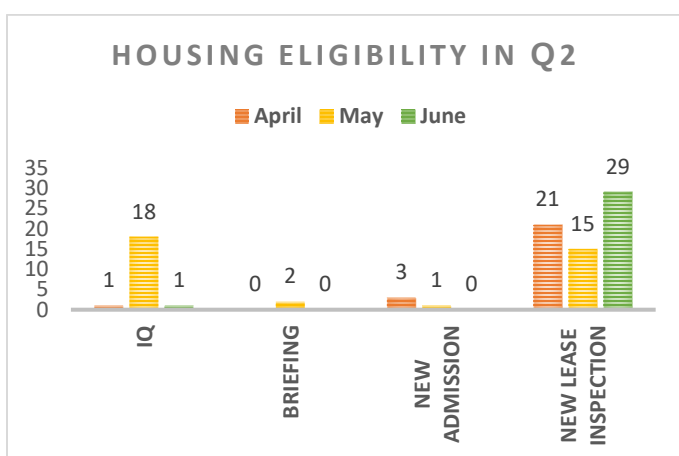
Staff also partnered with NeighborWorks Orange County (NWOC) to continue offering monthly virtual Homebuyer 101 workshops, providing prospective buyers with an overview of the homebuying process and FTHB Program eligibility and benefits.

For more information please visit: ggcity.org/fthb

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 2026:



Description of Performance Measures	
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.
Annals	Annual inspections conducted on units to qualify for rental assistance payments.
Re-inspections	Inspections conducted on units that previously failed.

Housing Authority Annual PHA Plan and Administrative Plan

In accordance with Section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA), as amended by Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) has prepared an Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The Annual PHA Plan and revised Administrative Plan was approved by Council on April 14, 2026.

Annual PHA Plan

A PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to public housing agency (PHA) policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. The purpose of the plan is to centralize key information for public housing residents, voucher participants and/or members of the public to easily access PHA policies and procedures regarding the administration of affordable housing programs, funded by HUD.

Administrative Plan

The purpose of the Administrative Plan is to outline the policies and procedures that govern the Section 8 Programs administered by Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA). The plan covers HUD policy, when necessary, and provides details on all discretionary policies pertaining to the operation of the Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV), Emergency Homeless Voucher program (EHV), Mainstream Voucher program and Project Based Voucher program (PBV).

GGHA Administrative Plan Summary of Changes Effective 5/1/2026

- **Household Changes:** Written approval from both the owner and GGHA is required before adding any household member. Unauthorized occupants are not permitted, and former adult members may not return.
- **Income & Reporting:** All changes (income, assets, household composition, and student status) must be reported in writing within 3 weeks with supporting documents. Interim reexaminations are processed for new income sources that increase the tenant portion by \$25 or more.
- **Family Obligations:** Families may not own the assisted unit, rent from immediate relatives, make unauthorized side payments, or engage in abusive behavior toward GGHA staff.
- **Repayment Agreements:** Repayment terms range from 12 to 36 months based on the amount owed (maximum 36 months). Modifications for hardship may be requested once, but total debt cannot be reduced or extended beyond 36 months. Repayment agreements are not offered in certain cases, including prior income-reporting violations or debts exceeding prosecution thresholds.

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 8, 2026, the FSS Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) meeting was held virtually and featured Take Charge America as the highlighted agency. Phil Heinemann, Chief Operating Officer, and Vanessa Paolone, Housing Counselor, provided an overview of the organization's services, including financial education, credit counseling, debt management, housing counseling, and student loan counseling programs.

The presentation highlighted the importance of financial literacy and long-term money management in supporting FSS participants' self-sufficiency goals. Representatives also shared available resources and counseling services designed to help individuals improve budgeting skills, reduce debt, and achieve greater financial stability.

The meeting was well attended by representatives from local housing authorities, community partners, as well as current GGHA FSS participants.

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Revised Action Plan Approval



On May 12, 2026, the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Revised Action Plan has been approved following its last revision in 2022. The updated plan incorporates new HUD regulations, along with refreshed demographic data and updated GGHA policies to better reflect current program operations and participant needs. These revisions ensure the program remains aligned with federal requirements while continuing to support participants on their path toward economic independence.

In addition, GGHA has officially launched a new FSS initiative "Milestone Matters" in June 2026 to recognize and celebrate small accomplishments achieved throughout the FSS journey. This added incentive aims to encourage continued engagement and motivation among participants as they work toward their long-term goals.

Orange County CES Stakeholder Focus Group

On May 29, 2026, the Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) participated in a stakeholder focus group as part of Orange County's Coordinated Entry System (CES) evaluation being conducted by Element Consulting Group on behalf of the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC). The focus group consisted of representatives from different local housing authorities, including GGHA, Anaheim Housing Authority, Santa Ana Housing Authority, and Orange County Housing Authority.

During the discussion, GGHA shared its experiences with CES, including strengths of the system, challenges encountered in serving local housing authority clients, and recommendations for improving coordination, resource alignment, and service delivery. Local housing authority representatives participation helped ensure that the experiences and needs of local housing authorities were represented in the evaluation and future planning efforts.

Public Safety – Police



GGPD Calls for Service – Q2

Phone Call Totals	April	May	June	Q2 Total
9-1-1 phone calls	4,140	4,836	4,230	13,206
Non-emergency phone calls	9,078	11,541	8,971	29,590
Total phone calls	13,218	16,377	13,201	42,796

Calls for Service - Dispatched	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Citizen Generated	4,292	4,409	4,539	13,240
Officer Generated	1,383	1,150	929	3,462
Total Incidents Dispatched	5,675	5,559	5,468	16,702

Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Disturbing the Peace - Transients	461	462	570	1,493
Audible Burglary Alarms	172	166	151	489
Suspicious Person	155	198	194	547
Welfare Check	196	193	137	526
Illegal Parked Vehicle	146	143	153	442
Disturbing the Peace – Generic	112	102	110	324
Abandoned Vehicle	128	115	111	354
Domestic Violence	103	128	117	348

Response Times	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Priority Calls (Average)	5m 40s	6m 17s	5m 41s	5m 53s

Public Safety – OCFA



OCFA Calls for Service – Q2

Calls for Service – Medical Aid	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Medical Aid	943	999	908	2,850
Rescue	1	2	2	5
Hazardous Situations	12	8	8	28
Public Service	41	47	46	134
Non-Emergency	204	223	212	639
Law Enforcement - Support	3	2	3	8

Calls for Service – Fire	April	May	June	Q2 Total
Structure	9	2	5	16
Outside	8	20	13	41
Transportation	5	6	2	13
Special	2	0	0	2

Total Calls for Service	1,228	1,311	1,242	3,781
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Response Times	April	May	June	Q2 Average
Priority Calls (90 th Percentile)	7m 57s	7m 46s	7m 22s	7m 43s
*OCFA Response Time Goal – 8m 30s				

Community Code Compliance

Beautify Cellini



Beautify Cellini was held on Saturday, May 2. The event brought together over 40 volunteers from Republic Services, the Woman's Civic Club, and Garden Grove High School. Efforts included clean-up and property maintenance at the Women's Civic Club, bulky item pick up, and storm drain channel clean up. While the physical improvements

were centered at key locations, the lasting impact of the event is expected to be felt throughout the entire Cellini neighborhood. The event demonstrated strong collaboration across City departments and community partners, continuing to build momentum for neighborhood beautification and community pride initiatives.



Food Truck and Street Vending Update



Throughout the 2nd Quarter, Code Enforcement staff continued proactive evening and weekend food truck and sidewalk vendor education and enforcement. Code Enforcement Officers advised sidewalk vendors on prohibition on sidewalk vending when appropriate approvals and permits have not been not acquired. Code Enforcement Officers also inspect food trucks operating within City limits to ensure they have appropriate County permits and City business licenses. Food trucks are also required to abide by time and distance requirements.

Minor Decoy Operation

On June 20, 2026, Code Enforcement partnered with the Garden Grove Police Department to conduct a proactive tobacco enforcement operation utilizing minor decoys to ensure compliance with the City's flavored tobacco and nitrous oxide regulations. Twelve tobacco retailers identified through complaints, prior violations, and compliance history, were inspected. Three businesses were found in violation after selling flavored tobacco products and/or nitrous oxide to an underage decoy.



Citations were issued to both the employees involved and the business owners. One business was also found operating without a City business license and possessing illegal tobacco products in a back room. During the operation, Code Enforcement staff provided education to all retailers regarding State and City prohibitions on flavored tobacco products and the City's nitrous oxide regulations. Additional joint enforcement operations with GGPD are planned to continue improving compliance and protecting public health and safety.

Community Development Statistics for Q2 for 2026

Code Enforcement Activity	Statistical Data
Cases Opened	346
Cases Closed	484
Cases Via Customer Requests	449
Active Cases	1,559
Top Commercial Cases	Tobacco Visit/Retailer Inspection
Top Residential Cases	Storage of Debris
Reported Short Term Rentals	37
Red Tagged Properties	10
Cases Referred to City Attorney	8
Receiverships	1
Building Permits	Statistical Data
Applications Submitted	2,221
Plans Submitted	610
Permits Issued	1,713
ADU Permits Issued	98
Finalized Projects	1,640
Inspections	Statistical Data
Inspections Performed	7,629

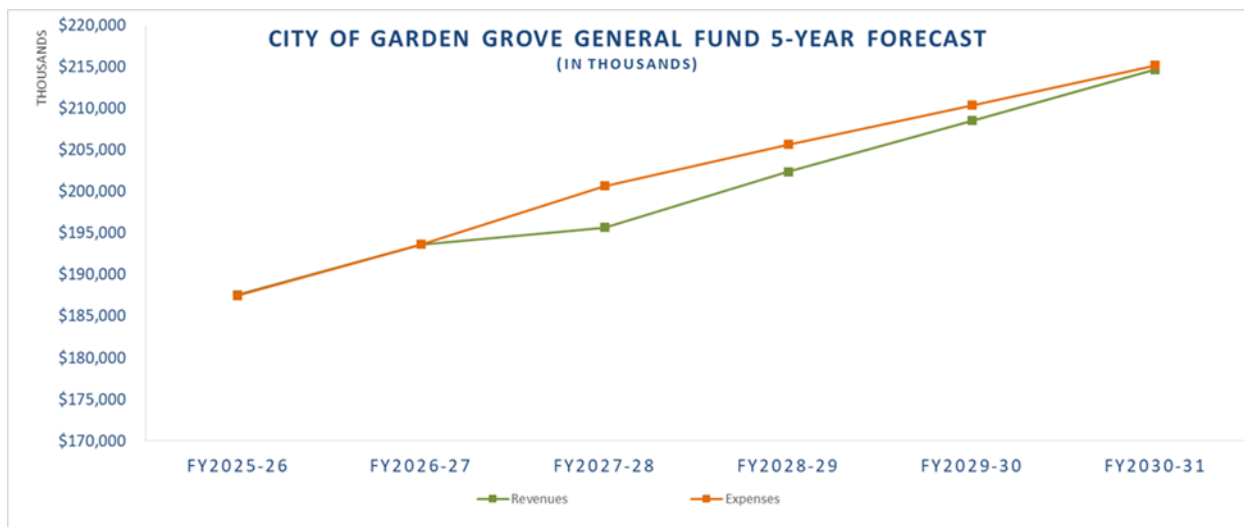
Maintain Fiscal Health

Finance Update – Quarter Ended June 30, 2026

The Amended Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget was adopted on June 9, 2026. Incorporating actual operating results from the first year of the biennial budget cycle, along with updated economic and revenue forecasts, the amendment process allowed the City to better align available resources with current programs, capital projects, and operational needs.

Based on the latest economic forecasts, tax revenue growth is expected to remain relatively modest over the next several years. Factors including inflationary pressures, global economic uncertainty, and housing affordability challenges may continue to impact economic growth throughout Orange County and the region.

A five-year General Fund forecast was prepared utilizing the most recent economic assumptions and revenue projections. Through this mid-cycle budget update, the City has maintained a structurally balanced budget. However, current projections indicate that the General Fund may experience temporary operating deficits over the next three to four years due to slowing revenue growth, continued cost escalation, and increasing demands on City services.



The Amended Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget increased appropriations by approximately \$3.4 million from the originally adopted budget. The primary drivers of this increase were the implementation of the Citywide Cost Allocation Plan, resulting in a budget impact of \$1.9 million, and departmental supplemental budget requests totaling \$1.6 million.

The increased appropriations are supported by several offsetting revenue sources and funding adjustments. The Citywide Cost Allocation Plan generates approximately \$1.5 million in reimbursements from other operating funds. The Police Department anticipates approximately \$1.1 million in additional parking citation revenue, and the City's investment portfolio continues to benefit from a favorable interest rate environment, resulting in an estimated \$700,000 increase in investment earnings.

Combined with previously approved one-time funding sources included in the Adopted Budget, these resources enable the City to maintain a balanced Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget while continuing to support strategic priorities and essential services.

	General Fund	
Estimated Revenue in Adopted Budget	\$	193,627,775
Additional Revenue Sources:		
Citywide Cost Allocation Plan Overhead Charges	1,483,173	
Parking Enforcement	1,100,000	
Investment Income	717,383	
Woodbury Park Pool Program Expansion	63,000	3,363,556
Revised FY2026-27 Revenue Estimate		196,991,331
One-time Funds Approved in Adopted Budget		1,212,300
Amended Total Sources	\$	198,203,631

The table below summarizes the Amended Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund budget, reflecting approved budget adjustments and updated funding allocations:

	General Fund	
Adopted Budget - FY2026-27	\$	194,840,054
Proposed Mid-Cycle Amendments:		
CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities		(110,814)
Cost Allocation Plan Implementation		1,910,730
Supplemental Requests		
Council Chamber Security Enhancement	137,500	
Municipal Yard Facility Condition Assessment	126,500	
Public Safety Building Custodial Contract & Staffing	498,411	
Public Safety Building Maintenance Program	160,000	
Park Security Program Extension	340,000	
Employee Training, Health & Wellness Program	113,900	
Woodbury Park Pool Program Expansion	39,220	
Vehicle Rebate Program Additional Funding	67,500	
Citywide Property Tax	36,000	
General Election Additional Funding	44,630	1,563,661
Total Proposed Mid-cycle Amendments		3,363,577
Proposed Amended Budget - FY2026-27	\$	198,203,631

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Adopted Budget was amended by a net increase of \$13.9 million. The amendment includes \$14.7 million in supplemental funding requests to support City Council priorities and operational needs, \$1.5 million resulting from the implementation of a Citywide Cost Allocation Plan, and various administrative, grant, and budget adjustments that collectively resulted in a net reduction of \$2.3 million.

FY2026-27 Mid-Cycle Budget Amendment		
		Amount
Supplement Requests		\$ 14,659,795
Cost Allocation Plan Implementation		1,468,562
Administrative Adjustments		
CalPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities	676,700	
CIP Adjustment - Drainage Project Acceleration	(787,381)	
Successor Agency ROPS Admin Cost Reduction	(625,912)	(736,593)
Grant Adjustments		
Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant from BSCC	(1,151,300)	
Housing Grants Realignment (CalHOME and Permanent Local Housing Allocation)	(870,810)	
CalRecycle Grant Reduction	(240,305)	
CDBG Grant Allocation Adjustment	498,208	
CalTrans Grant - Fencing Project	308,260	
AB109 State Funding	250,000	
Community Services Grants Allocation Adjustment	219,615	
Other Federal Grant Allocation Adjustment	57,220	(929,112)
Capital Improvement Program Adjustments		
Street and Storm Drain Projects Re-prioritization	(700,000)	
Traffic Improvement Project Adjustment	(700,000)	
Sewer Capital Projects Re-priorization	789,700	(610,300)
Total Amendment to the Adopted FY2027 Budget - All Funds		\$ 13,852,352

A total of 23 supplemental budget requests totaling \$14.7 million were approved as part of the continuation year budget. These additions to the originally adopted budget support the advancement of City Council priorities and strategic initiatives, including:

- Homelessness – \$235,000: Funding to continue implementing comprehensive strategies and programs aimed at reducing homelessness and supporting vulnerable populations.
- Public Safety – \$1.4 million: Funding to support the operation and maintenance of the new Public Safety Facility and the continuation of the Park Security Program.
- Infrastructure – \$10.0 million: Investment in critical infrastructure improvements, including street improvements, City facility enhancements, and water system projects.

- Economic Development & Support of Local Businesses – \$3.5 million: Funding includes \$900,000 for Tourism Improvement District improvements, \$68,000 for the vehicle rebate program, and \$2.5 million for the First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program to support economic vitality and community investment.
- Code Enforcement & Community Improvement – \$55,000: Funding to expand community programs within Recreation and Housing programs.
- Cultural Diversity – \$241,000: Investment in employee training initiatives and preparation efforts related to the general election.

FY2026-27 Mid-Cycle Supplemental Funding	
	Amount
<u>Public Safety</u>	
Park Security Program Extension	\$ 340,000
Officer Wellness Equipment and Supplies	350,000
<u>Code Enforcement & Community Development</u>	
Woodbury Park Pool Program Expansion	39,220
Housing Authority Contractual and Operating Cost Increase	16,000
<u>Economic Development & Support of Local Business</u>	
Vehicle Rebate Program Additional Funding	67,500
Garden Grove Tourism Promotion Corporation (GGTPC) Transit System	600,000
First-Time Home Buyer Program Extension through CalHOME and PLHA Grants	2,487,303
CalHOME Re-Roof Loan Program	330,300
<u>Infrastructure</u>	
Harbor Blvd Street and Median Improvement through GGTPC	301,964
Network Access Control and Multi-Factor Authentication Implementation	210,000
Public Safety Building Custodial Contract Service	498,411
Public Safety Building Maintenance Program	160,000
Fleet Maintenance Cost Increase	380,000
SB1383 Compost Procurement Additional Costs	10,000
Longsdon Landfill Improvement	140,000
Council Chamber Security Enhancement	550,000
Municipal Yard Facility Condition Assessment	253,000
Street Rehabilitation Projects	3,950,000
Water Improvement Projects	3,500,000
<u>Homelessness</u>	
Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) Contractual Cost Increase	234,887
<u>Cultural Diversity</u>	
Employee Training, Health and Wellness Program	113,900
Citywide Property Tax	64,750
General Election Additional Funding	62,560
	<u>\$ 14,659,795</u>

As part of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget amendment process, the Finance Department implemented several key initiatives to enhance the City's financial management practices, including the adoption of a Citywide Cost Allocation Plan and the re-engineering of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budgeting process.

The Citywide Cost Allocation Plan provides a more accurate and equitable methodology for allocating administrative and support service costs to the funds and programs that benefit from those services. The plan enhances the City's ability to recover eligible indirect costs associated with grant-funded programs, including the Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program and other federal and state grant programs that permit overhead reimbursement. In addition, the plan improves transparency and accountability by establishing a centralized approach for budgeting administrative costs within the General Fund while appropriately allocating costs to benefiting programs.

The Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Biennial Budget represented a significant milestone, as it was the first time in the City's history that the Capital Improvement Program budget presentation aligned with the Government Finance Officers Association's recommended best practices. Building upon this achievement, the Finance Department continues to enhance capital project management through improved project-level tracking within the City's ERP system and the establishment of consistent citywide standards for budgeting, monitoring, and reporting capital projects. These enhancements provide stronger project oversight, improve financial reporting capabilities, and ensure capital investments are strategically aligned with the City's long-term infrastructure priorities.

The Finance Department remains committed to continuous improvement of the City's budget process and budget document, with the goal of creating a comprehensive financial management tool that extends beyond a legally required spending plan. Through ongoing enhancements, the budget will continue to support informed decision-making, strengthen operational accountability, and promote long-term fiscal sustainability.

Community Outreach

Western Incident and Recovery Efforts:

During the second quarter of 2026, the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and Garden Grove TV3 (GGTV3) kept City staff and the community informed about the Western Incident and ongoing recovery efforts.

OCR worked with the Information Technology Department to develop a dedicated “Hazardous Materials Incident” webpage and coordinated with City departments and partner agencies to provide timely updates, resources, and recovery information.

Key communications included updates on the City’s request for a U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan, requests for resident and business feedback on the emergency response, cleanup activities at GKN Aerospace, formal correspondence sent to GKN Aerospace, the opening of a Businesses Recovery Center in Garden Grove, and the rescheduling of cleanup activities at GKN Aerospace.

Special City Council Meetings:

OCR and GGTV3 supported the City Council in conducting three special meetings for the Western Incident on May 26, June 4, and June 9, providing communications, live coverage, and meeting support.

Other Programs and Community Events Publicized:

- DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Summer Parks and Recreation Guide
- Garden Grove Gems
- Little Saigon Community Design Workshop
- Compost Giveaway
- Camp Grove
- 49th Annual Strawberry Ball
- Ribbon Cutting for the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail Enhancements
- 39th Annual Call to Duty Memorial
- Construction Career Development Panel
- Memorial Day Service Schedules
- Memorial Day Weekend Road Closures
- 2026 State of the City Address
- Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade and Strawberry Stomp Postponed
- Home Repair Program
- Summer Concert Series
- No Illegal Fireworks
- Keys to Homeownership Fair
- Golf Cart parade Road Closures

Social Media

In the second quarter of 2026, users were most interested in news, information, and updates relating to the Western Incident. Over \$1,000 was placed in boosted posts for campaigns like the Summer Parks and Recreation Guide, Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, and Garden Grove Gems. The top five posts and their reach were:

1. Evacuation Orders Reissued - 149,798 Reach (Organic)
2. Evacuation Orders Lifted - 149,122 Reach (Organic)
3. Strawberry Festival Parade and Stomp Postponed - 145,860 Reach (Organic)
4. Critical Incident Update - 143,528 Reach (Organic)
5. Shelter Locations Update - 128,285 Reach (Organic)

Instagram was the social medium with the largest quarterly growth, followed by Facebook and NextDoor. GGTV3 received over 4,000,000 video views on YouTube.



Garden Grove TV3

Live Events: 8

- City Council Meeting 4/14 – Live Event
- City Council Meeting 4/28 – Live Event
- City Council Meeting 5/12 – Live Event
- City Council Meeting 5/26 – Live Event
- Special City Council Meeting 6/04 – Live Event
- City Council Meeting 6/09 – Live Event
- City Council Meeting 6/23 – Live Event
- 39th Annual Call to Duty Memorial – Live Event

Videos and/or Reels Produced: 19

- “Around the Grove” Episode 4
- Garden Grove Gems Voting Promo
- 2026 College Graduates’ Reception Promo
- Celebrate National Small Business Week Reel
- “Call to Duty” Promo
- Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein May 23 GKN Message
- GGPd Chief Amir El-Farra May 23 GKN Message
- Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein May 24 GKN Message
- Korean May 24 GKN Message
- Spanish May 24 GKN Message
- Vietnamese May 24 GKN Message
- Hazardous Materials Incident Press Conference Coverage
- Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein May 28 GKN Message (Community Needs Assessment Survey)
- Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein June 3 GKN Message (Special City Council Meeting)
- Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein June 17 (Business Recovery Center Opens)
- 2026 Little Saigon Community Design Workshop Reel
- Pre-Movie Reel June 5
- Garden Grove 70th Anniversary Video
- 2026 Thank You to Garden Grove City Staff Video

Community Events and Programs

Little Saigon Project Community Engagement

On April 25, Gensler, the urban design and architecture consultant, in collaboration with the Cities of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Santa Ana, hosted an interactive Community Design Workshop in Garden Grove to gather public input on the Little Saigon Project. The workshop provided residents, business owners, and community stakeholders with an opportunity to share their lived experiences, identify community priorities, and express their vision for the future of Little Saigon.



A second Community Workshop was held on June 20 in Fountain Valley and was facilitated by Gensler in partnership with the Cities of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Santa Ana. To further engage the public, the workshop featured interactive design boards that allowed participants to review and vote on various design concepts and layout alternatives. Feedback collected during the event will help inform the project's design guidelines and future planning efforts.

The following are the dates and activities associated with the Little Saigon community outreach efforts:

Date(s)	Type	Location	Summary
April 25, 2026	In-Person	Garden Grove	Community Engagement Boards
June 20, 2026	In-Person	Fountain Valley	Community Workshop Part II



For more information please visit: <https://ggcity.org/jobs-first-saigon-grant>

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Las Vegas 2026

On May 18–20, the Economic Development and Housing Department participated in the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Las Vegas 2026 Conference, one of the nation's premier retail and commercial real estate events. Staff met with retailers, developers, brokers, and investors to promote Garden Grove's business-friendly environment, available commercial properties, and economic development initiatives while showcasing investment opportunities at the City's exhibit booth.

Participation in ICSC expanded Garden Grove's visibility among national retailers and industry professionals, strengthened key relationships, identified business attraction opportunities, and provided valuable market insights to support future investment, redevelopment, and long-term economic growth.



Orchard Grove Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Orchard Grove Apartments on June 23, 2026, marking the completion of a major affordable housing preservation and rehabilitation project. The initiative consolidated and renovated 15 aging multifamily properties into a single, professionally managed community with 78 affordable apartment units, preserving 60 existing at-risk units and adding 18 new affordable units. The project also included ADA-accessible upgrades, new amenities, and a 55-year affordability covenant, ensuring long-term housing opportunities and stability for extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households in Garden Grove.



Pacific Southwest Regional Council of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (PSWRC-NAHRO) Annual Conference

From May 26–29, 2026, Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) staff attended the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (PSWRC-NAHRO) Annual Conference in Santa Barbara, California. The multi-day conference brought together housing and community development professionals from across the Pacific Southwest region to participate in educational workshops, training sessions, networking opportunities, and exhibitions highlighting the latest innovations, best practices, and resources in affordable housing and community development.

During the conference, GGHA was honored with the 2026 PSWRC-NAHRO Partnership Innovation Award. The award recognized the successful collaborative efforts between the Orange County Community Housing Corporation (OCCHC) and the Garden Grove Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. This partnership has strengthened support services and expanded opportunities for participating families by connecting them with resources that promote economic self-sufficiency, housing stability, and long-term success.



Award Nominations

The Economic Development and Housing Department submitted the following award nominations during the reporting period to recognize outstanding projects, programs, and businesses that demonstrate innovation, excellence, and community impact.

Organization	Award Category
Orange County Business Journal	Family-Owned Award
ACCOC 2026 Annual Leadership Summit	Golden Hub of Innovation Awards
International Economic Development Council	Promotional Award



Woman of Distinction Reception

In April 22, representatives from the City attended the First District Women of Distinction Reception, which recognized women for their leadership, service, and contributions to the community. The event celebrated honorees from local government, business, and community organizations whose efforts have positively impacted the region. City representatives were among those recognized for their contributions and service.

Eggscavation

The annual Eggscavation event took place on Saturday, April 4, drawing nearly 1,000 attendees. Ticket holders enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon that included egg hunts, carnival games, a petting zoo, adopt-a-chick, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, and much more. The event continues to be a seasonal favorite for families across the community



Summer Youth Basketball

The Summer Youth Basketball program officially kicked off on June 6 with league registrations reaching capacity participation levels. A total of 200 youth participants, ages 6 to 14, registered for the season. These athletes were organized into 21 teams, coached by 21 dedicated volunteer coaches. The season runs from June 6 through July 25, with each team scheduled to play six regular-season games, followed by two playoffs for all teams. Staff also provided a mini-basketball clinic for ages 4 to 5, which focuses on teaching the fundamentals of basketball, like dribbling, passing, rebounding, and shooting. Participants meet every Saturday for 40 minutes for six weeks from June to mid-July.

Summer Movie Series

The Outdoor Movie Series kicked off the summer on June 5 at Magnolia Park and in collaboration with the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center. Over 250 participants enjoyed a free dinner provided by Bracken's Kitchen, free kettle corn, games, crafts, trivia, and a screening of the movie Zootopia 2.

Summer Aquatics

Gary Hall Pool began its spring Learn-to-Swim session on April 27, which ran through May 21. Following a brief break, the summer aquatics season began on June 1 and will continue through August 6. The department's primary summer aquatics offerings include Learn-to-Swim lessons, Recreational Family Swim, and facility rentals.

Recreational Family Swim is offered daily from 1:45–3:15 p.m., with evening swim sessions available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Magnolia Park Pool also opened for its summer aquatics season on June 1 and will operate through August 6. Recreational Family Swim is offered Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 1:45–3:15 p.m., with evening swim sessions available Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Swim lesson registration is offered on a bi-weekly basis to provide equitable access to this high-demand program. Registration for each session typically fills within the first day, making Learn-to-Swim the Community Services Department's most popular summer program.

Woodbury Park Pool remains closed due to the ongoing Woodbury Park Improvement Project. The renovated facility is anticipated to open later this summer.

Free Summer Concert Series

The Garden Grove Community Foundation (GGCF) kicked off summer with the Free Summer Concert Series that began on [June 18](#). This summer, there are six concerts at Eastgate Park - all free, courtesy of the Garden Grove Community Foundation. Each concert features a fantastic band, savory and sweet food trucks, informational booths, and fan-favorite kettle corn and lemonade.

Camp Grove (Summer Day Camp)

Camp Grove, the City's 9-week summer day camp, began on June 8 and will run through August 7. The program includes weekly excursions to major attractions such as Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Great Wolf Lodge, and an L.A. Sparks basketball game at the Crypto.com Arena in Downtown Los Angeles. Camp Grove is operating at full capacity, serving over 50 campers (ages 5–12) along with 6 Counselors in Training (CITs) (ages 13–17) per week.



Human Services Division continued to enhance the quality of life for Garden Grove residents by providing comprehensive programs and services that supported older adults, youth, and families. Through strong community partnerships, educational and recreational programming, nutrition services, health and wellness initiatives, and family support resources, the Division remained committed to fostering healthy, connected, and resilient communities. Staff also continued to strengthen collaborative efforts with local organizations to expand access to essential services and create meaningful opportunities for residents throughout the City at the three centers, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center

Loteria Family Night

On April 23rd the Center hosted a Loteria Family Night, bringing together families for an evening of fun, engagement and resource sharing. The event featured traditional Mexican bingo with prizes for winners, raffle opportunities, dinner provided by **Bracken's Kitchen** along with community resources, family friendly games, arts and crafts led by True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) leadership program. During the event the Parent Advisory Council hosted a fundraiser that allowed participants to customize bags with iron-on designs. Proceeds fund the Futuro Brillante Scholarship that provides educational opportunities for local students.



Educational Workshops, Presentations and Classes

Community education continued to remain a priority throughout the quarter with Presentations and workshops from local community partner organizations. Presentations included immigration resources presented by CHIRLA (20 attendees), a weeklong Menopause Education Series provided by Master's of Social Work (MSW) interns (23 attendees), and a Financial Empowerment series provided by Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CapOC) (12 attendees).



Santa Ana College (SAC) offered a variety of classes ending their spring semester on May 20th and beginning Summer Session on May 26th. Classes included Conversational English classes, Mobile Device Literacy and a new Cardio con Ritmo class that offers exercise combined with music and dance. A combined total of 65 students were enrolled this Spring Semester.

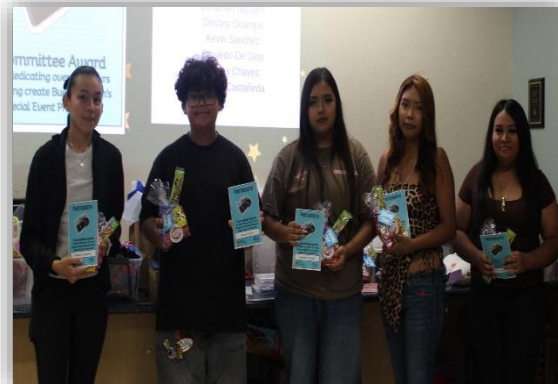
- Orange County Public Library offered their monthly on-site mobile library. Residents of all ages can receive a library card and check out books. A total of 432 individuals served this fiscal year.
- AltaMed continued to provide free on-site dental services through its Mobile Dental Unit for adults and children who are uninsured or underinsured. A total of 142 individuals received dental services during the fiscal year. In response to increased community demand, AltaMed expanded its on-site visits from once per month to up to three times per month during the summer, increasing access to much-needed dental care for local residents.
- Vitivity Cares offered free health screenings for uninsured or underinsured Garden Grove residents. The partnership began in November, 5 clinics were held this fiscal year for a total 26 individuals this quarter and an annual total of 71 residents served this fiscal year.
- Monthly Cafecito meetings continued to connect residents with valuable information and community resources. Presentations included Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC), Alzheimer's OC, Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD), Fair Housing Foundation and Job Corps for a combined attendance of 120 participants this quarter.
- In partnership with CAPOC the Center provided free diapers to families with small children. This quarter 140 children/125 families were served for a total of 559 children/ 520 families this fiscal year.



Youth Programs

The After-School program concluded in early May, serving a total of 33 participants during the 2025-2026 school year. The program provided a safe and supportive environment where children received homework assistance, participated in interactive games and enrichment activities, and developed positive social connections outside of the classroom.

The Center's True Neighborhood Teens (TNT) leadership program welcomed 15 new members during the second quarter, bringing total enrollment to 58 teens for the fiscal year. Throughout the year, participants developed leadership skills through volunteer service, civic engagement, and community-building activities. Teens supported events both within the Buena Clinton neighborhood and throughout the City, including Eggscavation, Lotería Family Night, and activities at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. The program concluded the school year with an end-of-year celebration recognizing participants' contributions and accomplishments.



Summer programs at the Center launched June 8th and include a 7 week summer day camp for children 1-6th grades, Mondays through Thursdays. As well as a teen camp for youth 7-9th grades in the afternoons and VolunTeen program for youth 10th -12th grades to gain valuable transferable employment skills working with children in a day camp setting planning games and activities. Activities include arts and crafts, music, Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), water games, and a field trip.

Community Involvement

Community parents continued to play an active role in supporting programs and special events through volunteer service at both the Buena Clinton Youth & Family Center and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center. During the second quarter, parent volunteers organized a fundraiser at Lotería Family Night and assisted with several events at the Senior Center, including the Mother's Day Celebration and Summer Kick-Off BBQ.

Funds raised through support the Futuro Brillante Scholarship, which awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating youth from the Buena Clinton neighborhood. Four students applied for the scholarship this year, and Briana Nodal was selected as the 2026 recipient in recognition of her achievements and commitment to her education.

The Center continued its partnership with Second Harvest Food bank offered the Kids Café snack program served a total of (1772 meals) with the support of parent volunteers and staff. The summer lunch and snack program kicked off this summer in early June providing a comprehensive lunch and snack for youth under 18 years of age.

Case Management/Counseling

The center offers case management and counseling services with the support of Master's in Social Work Interns and the support of a consultant who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Services include information and referrals to community resources, comprehensive case management goals addressing areas of housing, financial needs, crises intervention, behavioral, parenting, mental health, insurance along with employment/ financial literacy goals. In total this year 373 individuals received linkages to community resources, 35 clients received case management/counseling services.

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

Community Events

Spring into Fun

In recognition of April as Blue Ribbon Month, dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse prevention, Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) hosted its annual "Spring into Fun" event on Thursday, April 2, 2026. The Blue Ribbon symbolizes child abuse prevention and awareness. This event was one of many activities offered by MPFRC to promote family strengthening and resiliency.



The event brought together approximately 100 families, totaling 315 individuals. Families enjoyed a variety of activities, including a resource fair, arts and crafts, an egg hunt, carnival games, a balloon artist, door prizes and giveaways, and free refreshments and snacks. The event provided opportunities for families to connect with community resources while participating in a fun and engaging environment that supports positive family experiences and child well-being.

Women's Recognition Event

On Thursday, May 1, the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center hosted its annual Women's Event at the Courtyard Center. This year's theme, "Women Without Borders," celebrated the strength, resilience, and achievements of women from diverse backgrounds. The event was organized by the Center's Community Engagement Action Council (CEAC) to honor female clients of the Magnolia Park FRC and recognize their accomplishments throughout the year.



Participants were identified and nominated by FRC staff and partner agencies based on their engagement in services, personal growth, and commitment to achieving their goals. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the women's dedication, perseverance, and active participation in programs and services.

The evening featured a multicultural theme highlighting the rich cultures and traditions of North America, Central America, and South America. Attendees enjoyed a delicious multicultural dinner catered by Bracken's Kitchen, door prizes, and an inspiring presentation by Andrea González focused on diversity, resiliency, purpose and impact. A total of 38 women participated in the event, making it a meaningful evening of recognition, empowerment, and community connection.

Strong Dads/Strong Kids Fitness Day



On Saturday, May 16, 2026, 15 fathers and their children came together for the Strong Dads Strong Children activity. This activity was designed to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen family bonds, and create lasting memories. Participants enjoyed a variety of fitness activities that encouraged teamwork, physical activity, and fun while providing opportunities for dads and children to learn more about one another.

The event also featured a healthy lunch, giveaways/door prizes, and engaging water games that kept families active throughout the day. To conclude the event, participants enjoyed

recreational time in the pool, making for a fun-filled and meaningful experience that celebrated the important role fathers play in the lives of their children.

Tobacco Prevention Smoke Free Park Event- Thursday, June 4, 2026

MPFRC's Community Engagement Council (CEAC) and the SOL Teen group have been collaborating with OC's Health Care Agency on the Smoke Free Park initiative by helping with park clean up and participating in advocacy and leadership trainings. This event was to showcase the projects and activities the groups have accomplished the past years. There were approximately 50 individuals/family members that attended the event.

Movie in the Park- Friday, June 5, 2026

MPFRC collaborated with the Recreation Division to host a family movie night at Magnolia Park. The event not only included the viewing of "Zootopia 2" but also free meals 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 103 families/331 individuals.

Developmental Screenings

On Friday, June 26, 2026 Magnolia Park FRC is once again collaborating with Family Support Network to provide free developmental screenings for children ages 0-5yrs. Children will be 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.

Educational Workshops/Classes/Groups: Several workshops, classes and groups were offered this quarter, including;

- Conflict to Connection Group- 6 week group for adults to learn more about anger management and conflict resolution. This was in partnership with Human Options, Inc.
- Power of my Voice Group- 6 week group for women that focused on self-esteem and setting boundaries. This was also in partnership with Human Options Inc.
- Active Parenting- partnered with Olive Crest to provide a 6 week parenting series geared for parents of teens/adolescents. There were 10 parents that completed the series.
- Financial Empowerment- collaborated with Community Action Partnership OC (CAPOC), to provide a 5 week series that focused on setting financial goals, credit scores, identify theft, spending plans and reducing expenses. There were 14 parents that participated in the series.
- United Dads Group- This is an ongoing group just for dads. Topics this quarter included; April 23rd "Parenting and emotional regulation techniques", May 28th "Creating positive and meaningful families memories/experiences", June 18th "Being present father despite a busy schedule and other responsibilities".
- Sexual Assault Awareness presentation- April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). On April 29th, MPFRC's therapist from Human Options provided an educational presentation to the teen group to increase awareness and understanding of sexual assault, consent, healthy relationships, and personal boundaries. Teens learned strategies to recognize warning signs of abuse, prevent sexual violence, and support peers who may be experiencing abuse.
- Alta Med Mobile Dental Clinic- AltaMed continues to be onsite to provide free dental exams for adults and children. They have increased their time at MPFRC from one time per month to 1-3 per month to accommodate additional needs during the summer.

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 to take the lead with this grant. Two BGCGG are out stationed at Magnolia Park FRC to provide services. Some of the activities that were offered this quarter are:

- Cafecitos- This group meets bimonthly and provides parents of young children with an opportunity to engage in conversations about early learning and education, access community resources, and build mutual support. Participation and engagement have steadily increased, with 10–12 parents attending regularly.
- Pop Up Literacy Event- Thursday, April 16, 2026- A community-focused early literacy event was hosted at Orangewood Church in partnership with local agencies, including the

Stanton Public Library, Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), and Orangewood Church. The event brought together families with young children to promote school readiness and a love of reading through interactive literacy activities, educational resources, and family engagement opportunities. Attendees connected with community partners, received information on early learning programs, and participated in activities designed to support children's language and literacy development. The total attendance was 20 families/total 45 participants.

- Spring Fun Obstacle Course- Wednesday, April 22, 2026- Children participated in different activities that promoted gross motor skills and movement. There were 15 parents and their children that joined the event.
- Outdoor Learning Link- Thursday, April 23, 2026: In collaboration with Garden Grove USD and the Learning Link Program at Skylark School, an outdoor Spring Fun learning activity was hosted at Magnolia Park. Children and their parents participated in a variety of engaging activities designed to promote fine and gross motor skills, encourage movement, and foster meaningful parent engagement (15-20 families).
- Water Safety Class- Wednesday, May 6, 2026- As summer approaches and families spend more time at pools, water safety becomes especially important. Children's Hospital of OC (CHOC) provided a workshop on water safety, "Three Tragic Seconds: Drowning Prevention", a free community education class designed for parents and caregivers. Parents learned about the risks of drowning, where and how drowning incidents and the importance of maintaining clear supervision of children around water.



Car Seat Check Up- Wednesday, June 3, 2026: A community car seat checkup and mini resource fair was provided at Skylark Preschool Campus in partnership with SafeKids OC, GGUSD and GGPD. Several agencies such as Olive Crest, OC Reads, WIC, and CHOC participated in the resource fair. A total of 22 car seats were checked during the event.

Kid Builder Event- Saturday, June 6, 2026: This was a free family event that provided interactive play-based activities, developmental learning opportunities, and family resources to help children ages 0-5 build skills language, learning, healthy, safety, physical development, and social-emotional growth. This event was in collaboration with Boys and Girls Club, First 5OC and other community partners such as First 5OC, CHOC, and Children's Home Society (CHS).



H. Louis Lake Senior Center

AMC Orange 30 Field Trip

On April 8, the Center organized a field trip to AMC Orange 30 for a screening of the science fiction film Project Hail Mary. Thirteen participants attended the outing, enjoying both the movie experience and the opportunity to socialize with friends outside the Center at the Block of Orange. Transportation was covered by the senior Mobility Grant with OCTA.

Spring Events

The Center welcomed the spring season with two special events designed to encourage creativity and community engagement. On April 16, 37 participants attended the Spring Celebration, where they participated in an egg hunt throughout the Center, helped decorate the holiday tree with spring-themed decorations, and enjoyed coffee and pastries. Earlier in the month, one of the Center's interns hosted a Spring Cookie Decorating Workshop, bringing together 15 participants for a hands-on activity where they decorated festive spring-themed cookies.

Cinco de Mayo

On May 5, 51 participants gathered to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Guests enjoyed traditional refreshments including aguas frescas and pan dulce while listening to traditional Spanish music. Participants also took part in a themed game, Pin the Tail on the Donkey.

Mother's Day & Father's Day Celebrations

The Center hosted special events to recognize both Mother's Day and Father's Day. On May 7, 117 participants attended the Mother's Day celebration. The event featured a live DJ, lunch service, and pastries from Porto's Bakery. Mothers also received giveaways, such as a fan and was able to decorate make up bags with the support of Buena Clinton Parent Volunteers. Participants enjoyed an afternoon of music, dancing, and socializing.

The Father's Day celebration took place on June 10. 55 participants enjoyed the celebration, where fathers ate nachos and received a special giveaway that included wallet with a personalize message.



Strawberry Ball

The 49th Annual Strawberry Ball took place on May 21, where a total of 185 community members attended the event to celebrate the crowning of the 2026 Strawberry Ball King, JJ Jauregui, and Queen, Dr. Dawn Miller. Guests enjoyed a catered dinner from Cortina's Italian Market followed by a strawberry cake for dessert. The evening also featured live music courtesy of the 5 Star Band, dancing, a photo booth, and raffles.



Summer BBQ

The Center kicked off the summer season with its annual Summer BBQ on June 24. 81 older adults gathered to enjoy grilled hot dogs with all the fixings, along with baked beans and macaroni salad generously donated by Bracken's Kitchen. Buena Clinton Parent volunteers helped with food service. To commemorate America's 250th anniversary, guests enjoyed rocket pops for a fun throwback summer treat. The afternoon featured music and a variety of table games, including word searches and matching games, providing participants with an enjoyable opportunity to socialize and celebrate the start of summer.

Workshops and Presentations

The Center continued to offer educational workshops and presentations throughout the quarter. Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) presented a Financial Wellness Series focused on financial safety and fraud prevention. A total of 60 participants attended the series, gaining valuable information on protecting themselves from scams and strengthening their financial security.

Partnerships

The Center continued to strengthen partnerships with community organizations to expand services and opportunities for older adults. Santa Ana College (SAC) continued offering classes at the Center, including Mobile Device Literacy, Active Aging, Chair Yoga, and Aerobics Training, supporting both lifelong learning and physical wellness. A second Chair Yoga class was added to Wednesday and Fridays starting in May, highlighting the popularity of this exercise class among Center participants. The Orange County Public Library's Mobile Library service remained a valued resource, providing convenient access to books, materials, and library services while the Main Library undergoes renovations. Bracken's Kitchen continued to support the Center through its weekly breakfast program, providing free meals to participants and helping foster social connection within the community. Community Legal Aid SoCal continued its monthly visits to the Center, providing participants with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a legal services representative and receive assistance on a variety of legal matters. The Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC) also continued offering monthly enrollment services,

assisting older adults with accessing benefits and programs such as Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, and other supportive services. These partnerships help ensure participants remain connected to important community resources and benefits.

Senior Support Services

The Center's Social Support Program continued to provide case management services, care coordination, and connections to community resources for older adults throughout the quarter. Case Management interns concluded their Mindfulness Walking Series in April, encouraging participants to engage in regular physical activity while promoting stress reduction and emotional well-being. Interns also facilitated a Seeds of Remembrance program focused on grief support. Nine participants took part in the series, which concluded with a meaningful butterfly release ceremony to honor loved ones and reflect on the healing process. A total of 17 participated in this program receiving Information and community linkages, case management and counseling services.