

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
May 8, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to inform about the 2025 Strawberry Ball.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
From: John Montanhez

Dept.: City Manager
Dept.: Community Services

Subject: 2025 Strawberry Ball
Date: May 1, 2025

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the 2025 Strawberry Ball taking place on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center hosts the Strawberry Ball, which is the unofficial kick-off to the annual Strawberry Festival. This year's event marks the 48th Anniversary of the Ball to be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. The highlight of the evening is the crowning of the Senior Man and Senior Woman Volunteers of the Year as the Strawberry Ball King and Queen.

DISCUSSION

Local non-profit organizations were given the opportunity to nominate outstanding older adult volunteers from within their respected organizations, which have made a positive impact in our community. Two outstanding volunteers were chosen to represent their organizations and reign as the 2025 Strawberry Ball King and Queen. Sue Catlin was selected as Queen, representing the Strawberry Festival Board, the Garden Grove Emblem Club #279, and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Women's Division. Joe Hammer was selected as King, representing the Rotary Club of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the year, they will serve as our ambassadors at City and senior events. Attached is the flyer with information for this event.

SUMMARY

The 2025 Strawberry Ball will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting Center and the Royal Crowns (past Strawberry Ball Kings and Queens) would like to invite the City Council and their guests to attend this event.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director



By: Amanda Cross
Human Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachment: 2025 Strawberry Ball Flyer



The City of Garden Grove
presents the 48th Annual

Strawberry Ball

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Community Meeting Center

Butterfield AB Room

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m.

*Introduction of the 2025 Strawberry Ball King & Queen
and Senior Volunteers of the Year*

\$20.00 per person

(Includes dinner, desserts & entertainment)

Advance reservations required

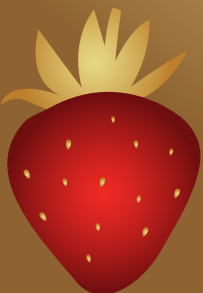
RSVP by May 15, 2025

Tickets available starting April 1st at

H. Louis Lake Senior Center

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

(714) 741-5253



WEEKLY MEMO 05-08-2025

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

April 24, 2025 - April 30, 2025

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

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  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 4/30/2025 4:22 pm PDT

A Today, we wore denim with purpose—standing in solidarity with survivors and raising awareness about sexual violence o...



Views	1,478
Reach	1,364
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	43

  **@CityGardenGrove**
Wed 4/30/2025 4:04 pm PDT

A Today, we wore denim with purpose—standing in solidarity with survivors and raising awareness about sexual violence o...



Impressions	262
Potential Reach	5,374
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 4/30/2025 4:04 pm PDT

A Today, we wore denim with purpose—standing in solidarity with survivors and raising awareness about sexual violence o...



Views	1,552
Reach	1,216
Engagements	65
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/30/2025 4:03 pm PDT

Today, we wore denim with purpose—standing in solidarity with survivors and raising awareness about sexual violence o...



Impressions	536
Reach	530
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 4/30/2025 9:48 am PDT

Today, we commemorate 4/30/25, as Black April — marking 50 years since the fall of Saigon. We honor the lives lost duri...



Impressions	593
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 4/30/2025 9:48 am PDT

Today, we commemorate April 30, 2025, as Black April — marking 50 years since the fall of Saigon. We honor the lives lost duri...



Views	6,497
Reach	5,543
Engagements	195
Engagement Rate (per View)	3%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Wed 4/30/2025 9:48 am PDT

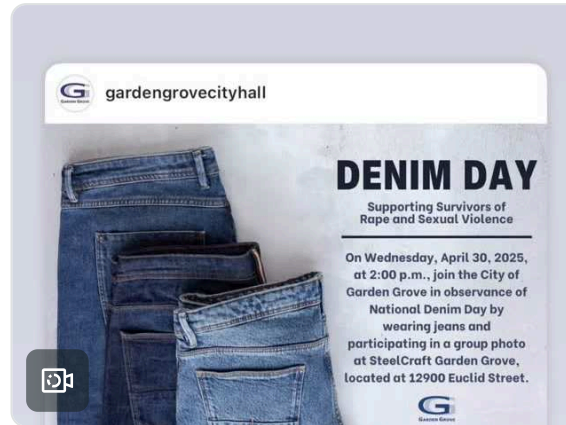
🕯 Today, we commemorate April 30, 2025, as Black April — marking 50 years since the fall of Saigon. We honor the lives lost duri...




Impressions	2,069
Reach	2,069
Engagements	115
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 4/29/2025 5:03 pm PDT

Join us tomorrow at SteelCraft Garden Grove!



Views	1,206
Reach	1,166
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	17

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Fri 4/25/2025 5:30 pm PDT

🗨 National Drug Take Back Day is **tomorrow, April 26**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The @gardengrovecityhall, in...



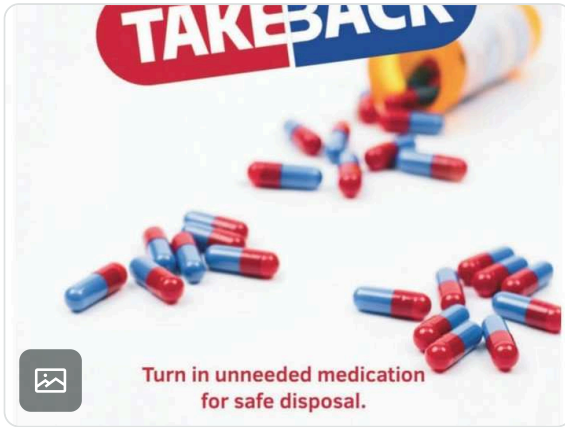
Views	604
Reach	483
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.8%



f Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/25/2025 5:30 pm PDT

📌 National Drug Take Back Day is **tomorrow, April 26**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The @gardengrovepd, in...



Impressions	462
Reach	443
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



X @CityGardenGrove

Fri 4/25/2025 5:30 pm PDT

📌 National Drug Take Back Day is tomorrow, April 26. The GGPD, in partnership with the @DEAHQ , will be...



Impressions	106
Potential Reach	4,769
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



📷 gardengrovecityhall

Fri 4/25/2025 2:30 pm PDT

Happy Arbor Day, #GardenGrove! 🌱 Today, we celebrate the value of trees and their lasting impact on our environment a...



Views	1,938
Reach	1,191
Engagements	44
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/25/2025 2:30 pm PDT

Happy Arbor Day, #GardenGrove! ❤️
Today, we celebrate the value of trees and their lasting impact on our environment a...



Impressions	1,665
Reach	1,591
Engagements	147
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 4/25/2025 1:34 pm PDT

Happy Arbor Day, #GardenGrove! ❤️
#FBF to Arbor Day 2024, when Garden Grove High School students and local...



Impressions	88
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 4/25/2025 11:38 am PDT

Let's Walk & Talk, #GardenGrove! Join Council Member Cindy Ngoc Tran, Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, and City Manager...

Make some new friends, and get your steps in! Join us on our walk along the way!

When: Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 8:00am to 9:30am

Start

- 1 Atlantis Play Center
13630 Atlantis Way
- 2 Bolea Grande High School
9401 Westminster Blvd
- 3 Garden Grove Shopping Plaza
13844 Brookhurst St
- 4 Donald S. Jordan Intermediate / AG Cook Elementary School
9821 Woodbury Ave
- 5 Return to Atlantis Play Center
13630 Atlantis Way

Impressions	117
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/25/2025 11:35 am PDT

Let's **Walk & Talk**, #GardenGrove! Join Council Member Cindy Ngoc Tran, Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, and City Manager...



Video Views	310
Impressions	608
Reach	592
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



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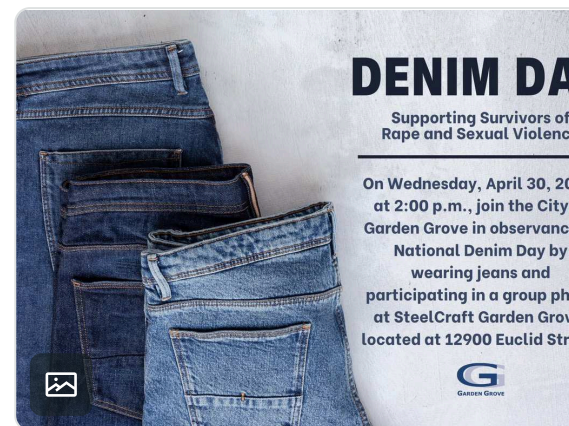
Views	3,101
Reach	1,907
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/24/2025 4:33 pm PDT

Join us next Wednesday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. for a group photo at SteelCraft Garden Grove, as we observe...



Impressions	146
Potential Reach	8,166
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



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Thu 4/24/2025 4:31 pm PDT

#DenimDay Stand in solidarity with survivors and help raise awareness about rape and sexual assault by making a...



Views	2,504
Reach	1,760
Engagements	30
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.2%



Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 4/24/2025 4:31 pm PDT

#DenimDay Stand in solidarity with survivors and help raise awareness about rape and sexual assault by making a...



Impressions	434
Reach	414
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%




@CityGardenGrove
Thu 4/24/2025 1:14 pm PDT

The deadline to nominate your home for Garden Grove Gems has been extended to Monday, April 28, so submit a photo of yo...



Impressions	75
Potential Reach	4,759
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 4/24/2025 1:10 pm PDT

Last chance to let your front yard shine!

🏡🌟 There's still time to nominate your home for Garden Grove Gems! The deadli...



Views	650
Reach	342
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.5%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Thu 4/24/2025 1:10 pm PDT

Last chance to let your front yard shine!

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Impressions	1,066
Reach	987
Engagements	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%




Post Performance

April 24, 2025 - April 30, 2025

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

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 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depart...**
Wed 4/30/2025 5:56 pm PDT

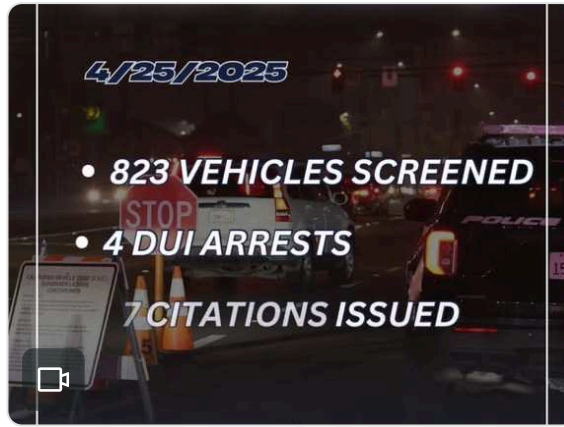
April is #SexualAssaultAwarenessMonth, and #GardenGrovePD is wrapping up the SAAM Law Enforcement Challenge hosted...



Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

 **Garden Grove Police Depart...**
Mon 4/28/2025 3:02 pm PDT

On Friday, #GardenGrovePD Neighborhood Traffic Unit conducted a DUI Checkpoint. A total of 823 vehicles were screened which...



Video Views	564
Impressions	1,318
Reach	1,286
Engagements	88
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%

 **Garden Grove Police Depart...**
Mon 4/28/2025 1:12 pm PDT

Weekend recap 4/24/2025 - 4/27/2025
#GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD
#SafeStreetsGG



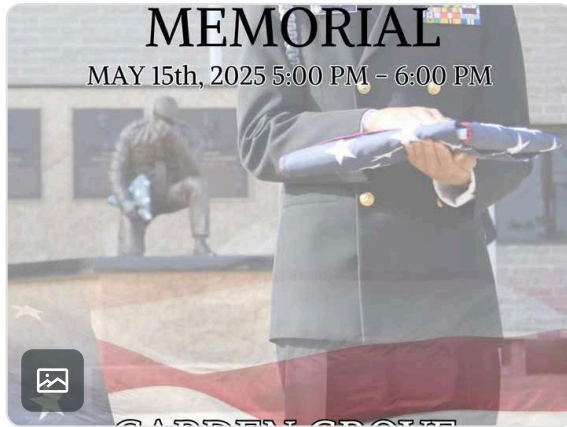
Video Views	863
Impressions	1,753
Reach	1,728
Engagements	246
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14%



Garden Grove Police Depar...

Thu 4/24/2025 9:11 am PDT

The Garden Grove Police Department invites you to join us on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 5:00 PM as we come together to honor an...



Impressions	2,215
Reach	2,141
Engagements	91
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Post Performance

May 1, 2025 - May 7, 2025

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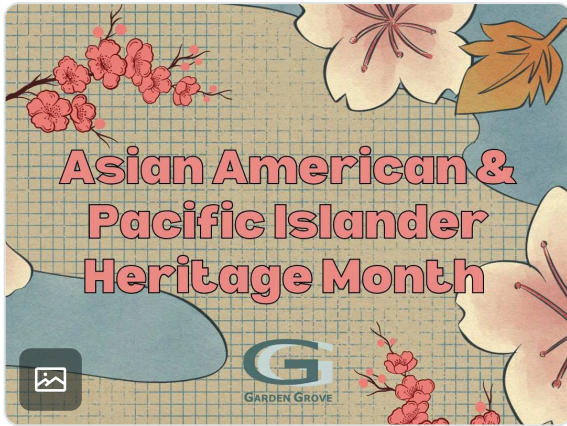
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Wed 5/7/2025 3:29 pm PDT

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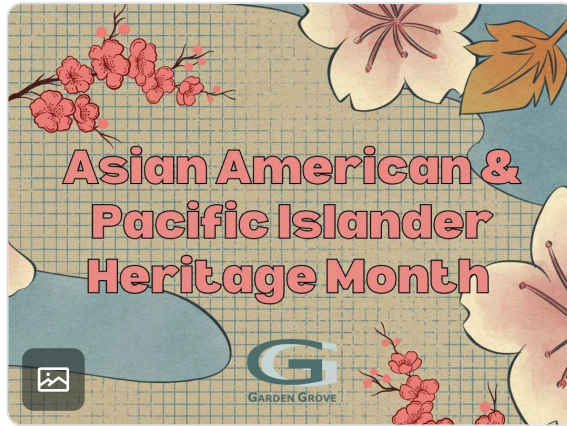
Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,753
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



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Wed 5/7/2025 3:28 pm PDT

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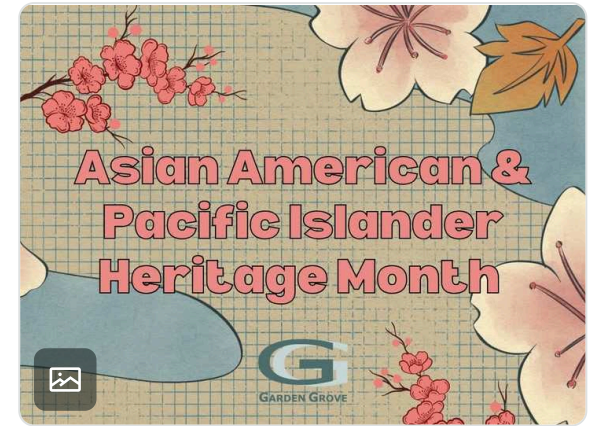
Views	480
Reach	390
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.4%




Garden Grove City Hall

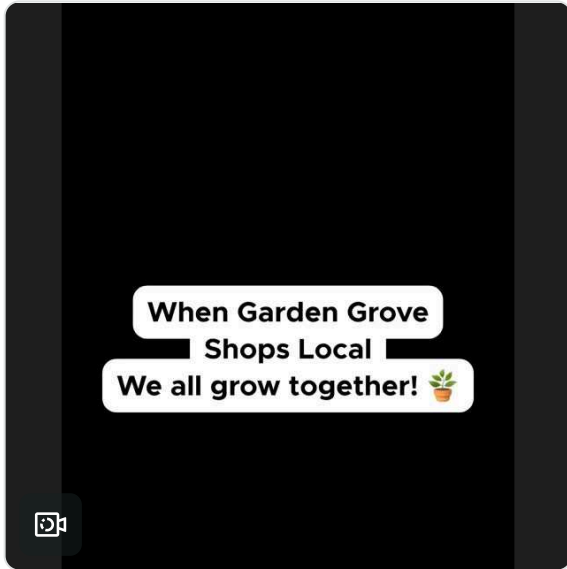
Wed 5/7/2025 3:28 pm PDT

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Impressions	442
Reach	442
Engagements	26
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 5/6/2025 10:18 am PDT




Views	1,170
Reach	1,088
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	84

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 5/6/2025 10:18 am PDT

and we're highlighting some of the local businesses that provide jobs, services, an...





Views	2,500
Reach	1,599
Engagements	45
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.8%

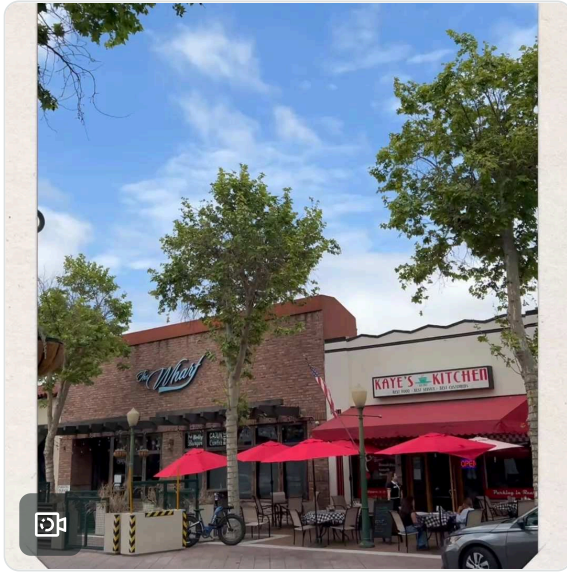
 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 5/6/2025 10:00 am PDT

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Video Views	131
Impressions	311
Reach	302
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 5/6/2025 10:00 am PDT




Views 1,329

Reach 1,236

Comments 4

Story Taps Back 29

  **@CityGardenGrove**
Tue 5/6/2025 10:00 am PDT

May is National Small Business Month, and we're highlighting some of the local businesses that provide jobs, services, an...



Video Views 14

Impressions 95

Potential Reach 4,753

Engagements 2

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 2.1%

  **@CityGardenGrove**
Mon 5/5/2025 5:18 pm PDT

Don't miss out on a summer full of fun at Camp Grove: Fun Under the Sun, running from June 9 through August 8, Monday...

2025 DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

WEEK	EXCURSION	CAMP FEE
Week 1: June 9 - June 13	John's Incredible Pizza (June 11)	\$160
Week 2: June 16 - June 20	Discovery Cube/Atlantis Park (June 18)	\$160
Week 3: June 23 - June 27	Krikorian Theatre Movie/ Pool Visit (June 25)	\$160
Week 4: June 30 - July 3 (No camp on July 4)	Medieval Times (July 2) *prorated camp fee due to 4 th of July holiday	\$165
Week 5: July 7 - July 11	L.A. Sparks Game (Thursday, July 10)	\$165
Week 6: July 14 - July 18	Dave & Buster's (July 16)	\$175
Week 7: July 21 - July 25	Knott's Berry Farm (July 23)	\$200
Week 8: July 28 - Aug 1	Disneyland (July 30)	\$255
Week 9: Aug 4 - Aug 8	Knott's Soak City (August 6)	\$195

*Camp fee includes non-optional excursion cost.
Childcare will not be provided if your child does not attend the excursion.
Fees will be prorated. No transfers. \$5 processing fee for cancellations.
Fund request must be made before the start of registered week.
No payments are accepted at camp.
Your child's spot is not guaranteed until fees for each week are paid in full.

Impressions 81

Potential Reach 4,753

Engagements 7

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 8.6%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Mon 5/5/2025 5:14 pm PDT

Camp Grove registration is now open!
 ☀️ Don't miss out on a summer full of field trips, games, and outdoor fun at Camp...



REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 7

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Views 1,604

Reach 1,266

Engagements 39

Engagement Rate (per View) 2.4%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
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Impressions 970

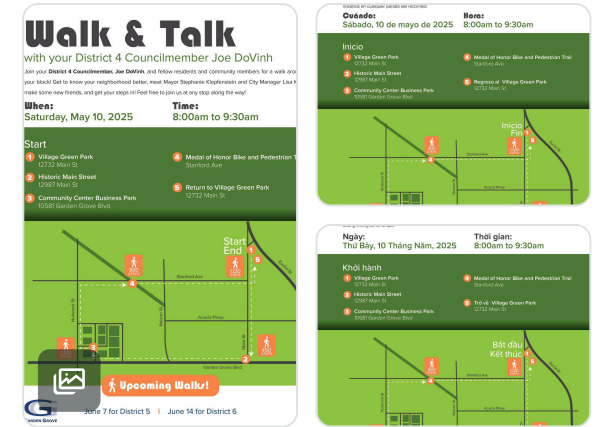
Reach 955

Engagements 43

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 4.4%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Mon 5/5/2025 12:09 pm PDT

👣 Get your steps in and let your voice be heard, #GardenGrove! 🗣️ Join Garden Grove City Council Member Joe DoVinh for a **Wal...**



Walk & Talk
 with your District 4 Councilmember Joe DoVinh

Join your District 4 Councilmember, Joe DoVinh, and fellow residents and community members for a walk along your local trail to show your neighborhood better. Meet Mayor Stephanie Hollibaugh and City Manager Luke B. (make some new friends, and get your steps in! Fee free to join us at any stop along the way!)

When: Saturday, May 10, 2025 **Time:** 8:00am to 9:30am

Start: Village Green Park (2728 Main St), Historic Main Street (2287 Main St), Community Center Business Park (1928 Garden Grove Blvd)

Stop: Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail (Stanford Ave), Return to Village Green Park (2728 Main St)

Upcoming Walk!

Quedaes: Sábado, 10 de mayo de 2025 **Horas:** 8:00am to 9:30am

Inicio: Village Green Park (2728 Main St), Historic Main Street (2287 Main St), Community Center Business Park (1928 Garden Grove Blvd)

Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail (Stanford Ave), Return to Village Green Park (2728 Main St)

Ngay: Thứ Bảy, 10 Tháng Năm, 2025 **Thời gian:** 8:00am to 9:30am

Khởi hành: Village Green Park (2728 Main St), Historic Main Street (2287 Main St), Community Center Business Park (1928 Garden Grove Blvd)

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Bắt đầu: Village Green Park (2728 Main St), Historic Main Street (2287 Main St), Community Center Business Park (1928 Garden Grove Blvd)

Views 1,002

Reach 509

Engagements 14

Engagement Rate (per View) 1.4%



@CityGardenGrove
Mon 5/5/2025 12:09 pm PDT

Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim will also join the walk!! ^{1.5M} ¹⁷
This Sat., 5/10 | 8AM-9:30AM 📍 Village...

Camine y Hable

Con su Concejal del Distrito 4, Joe DoVinh

Quándo: Sábado, 10 de mayo de 2025 **Horas:** 8:00am to 9:30am

Inicio

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- 2 Historic Main Street 12987 Main St
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- 5 Return to Village Green Park 12732 Main St

Inicio Fin

Batido

¡Próximor Caminador!

Đi Bộ và Trò Chuyện

cùng nghị viên Joe DoVinh tại Địa Hạt 4

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Khởi hành

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- 5 Trở về Village Green Park 12732 Main St

Bắt đầu Kết thúc

Buổi Đi Bộ Sắp Tới!

Impressions	67
Potential Reach	4,753
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



@CityGardenGrove
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Potential Reach	4,753
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



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Impressions	542
Reach	513
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.4%



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Fri 5/2/2025 12:00 pm PDT

Check out the 2025 Garden Grove Gems \$100 Home Depot gift card winners at ggcity.org/gems. While you're there, be su...



Views	758
Reach	600
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/2/2025 12:00 pm PDT

Check out the 2025 Garden Grove Gems \$100 Home Depot gift card winners at ggcity.org/gems. While you're there, be su...



Impressions	727
Reach	693
Engagements	48
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.6%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/2/2025 12:00 pm PDT

Check out the 2025 Garden Grove Gems \$100 Home Depot gift card winners at ggcity.org/gems. While you're there, be...



Impressions	89
Potential Reach	4,754
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 5/2/2025 9:00 am PDT

REMINDER: Take a moment to pause, breathe, and check in with yourself and those around you. ❤️ This...



Views	1,139
Reach	974
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/2/2025 9:00 am PDT

REMINDER: Take a moment to pause, breathe, and check in with yourself and those around you. ❤️ This...



Impressions	476
Reach	440
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



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Fri 5/2/2025 9:00 am PDT

REMINDER: Take a moment to pause, breathe, and check in with yourself and those around you. ❤️ This...



Impressions	66
Potential Reach	4,768
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 5/1/2025 4:59 pm PDT

The GGPD invites you to attend the 38th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial on Thursday, May 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00...



Impressions	112
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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Thu 5/1/2025 4:58 pm PDT

The Garden Grove Police Department invites you to attend the **38th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial** on Thursday, May 15,...



Views	707
Reach	556
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/1/2025 4:58 pm PDT

The Garden Grove Police Department invites you to attend the **38th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial** on Thursday, May 15,...



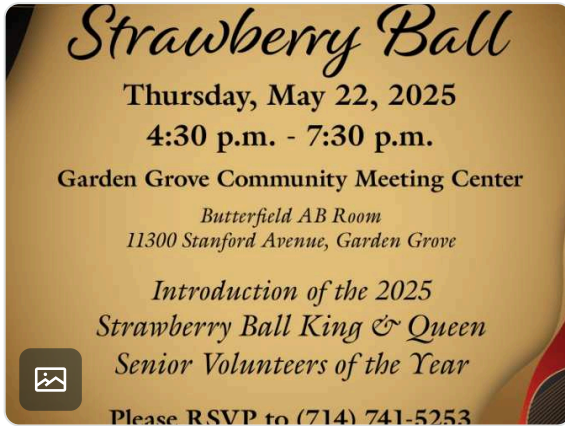
Impressions	467
Reach	456
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%



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Thu 5/1/2025 3:39 pm PDT

Join us as we honor the 2025 Strawberry Ball 🍓 King and Queen, Joe Hammer and Sue Catlin, for their dedicated volunteer...



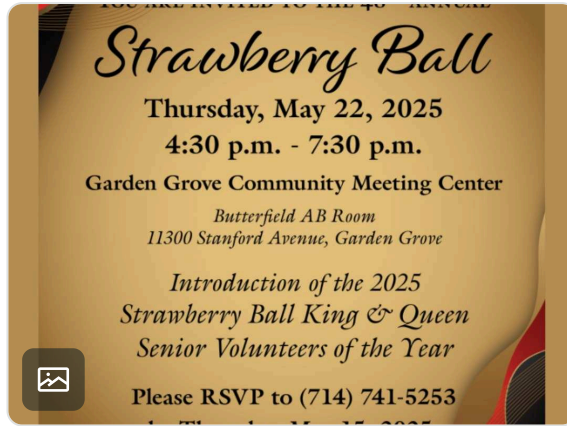
Impressions	72
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



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Thu 5/1/2025 3:35 pm PDT

Get ready to dance the night away at the 48th Annual Strawberry Ball on Thursday, May 22, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at th...



Views	2,324
Reach	1,808
Engagements	48
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/1/2025 3:35 pm PDT

Get ready to dance the night away at the 48th Annual Strawberry Ball on Thursday, May 22, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at th...



Impressions	1,852
Reach	1,796
Engagements	126
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%



Post Performance

May 1, 2025 - May 7, 2025

Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Wed 5/7/2025 2:30 pm PDT

Happy #NationalBikeAndRollToSchoolDay!
 🚲. This morning, #GardenGrovePD officers joined students, parents, and schoo...



Impressions	1,983
Reach	1,897
Engagements	130
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.6%



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Tue 5/6/2025 10:12 am PDT

At the 2025 California Peace Officers' Memorial, members of the #GardenGrovePD Honor Guard stood in...



Impressions	2,509
Reach	2,385
Engagements	338
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.5%




f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Mon 5/5/2025 6:08 pm PDT

Weekend recap 5/1/2025 - 5/4/2025
 #GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD
 #SafeStreetsGG




Video Views	1,513
Impressions	2,088
Reach	1,993
Engagements	463
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	22.2%

 **f Garden Grove Police Depart...**
 Mon 5/5/2025 2:16 pm PDT

Happy #CincoDeMayo! Don't let one bad decision turn your fiesta into an arrest-a. Plan ahead and bring a sober driver. Your...




Impressions	1,765
Reach	1,709
Engagements	105
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.9%

 **f Garden Grove Police Depart...**
 Mon 5/5/2025 9:45 am PDT

It's #NationalCorrectionalOfficersAppreciation Week and we're shining a spotlight on one...



Impressions	2,236
Reach	2,231
Engagements	215
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.6%

 **f Garden Grove Police Depart...**
 Sun 5/4/2025 12:10 pm PDT

We're excited to launch our Wireless Aerial Support Program here at #GardenGrovePD! This cutting-edge program will boost offic...



Video Views	987
Impressions	1,428
Reach	1,382
Engagements	147
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.3%



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Thu 5/1/2025 5:30 pm PDT

Choose a career of courage, courtesy and co
If you think you've got what it takes to wear
#GardenGrovePD badge, visit...



Video Views	1,800
Impressions	2,592
Reach	2,552
Engagements	191
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%

WEEKLY MEMO 05-08-2025

NEWS ARTICLES



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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Friday, May 2, 2025



**JOIN GARDEN GROVE MAYOR PRO TEM DOVINH
FOR A "WALK & TALK" AROUND DISTRICT 4**

Get to know your elected officials and enjoy an active morning with neighbors and friends by joining Garden Grove Mayor Pro Tem Joe DoVinh for a "Walk & Talk" in District 4, on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim will also join the walk.

Participants can join at any stop along the route, below:

1. **Village Green Park** – Starting location, 12732 Main Street
2. **Historical Main Street** – 12987 Main Street
3. **Community Center Business Park** – 10581 Garden Grove Boulevard
4. **Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail** – Stanford Avenue
5. **Village Green Park** – Returning location, 12732 Main Street

"Walk & Talk" will be held once a month on Saturdays in each district in Garden Grove, with the next event taking place on Saturday, June 7, 2025 in District 5 with Garden Grove City Council Member Yesenia Muñeton. For upcoming dates and locations, visit www.ggcity.org/walk-talk.

For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/walk-talk or contact Shawn Park, Assistant to City Manager at (714) 741-5371 or shawnp@ggcity.org.

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Walk & Talk

with your District 4 Councilmember Joe DoVinh

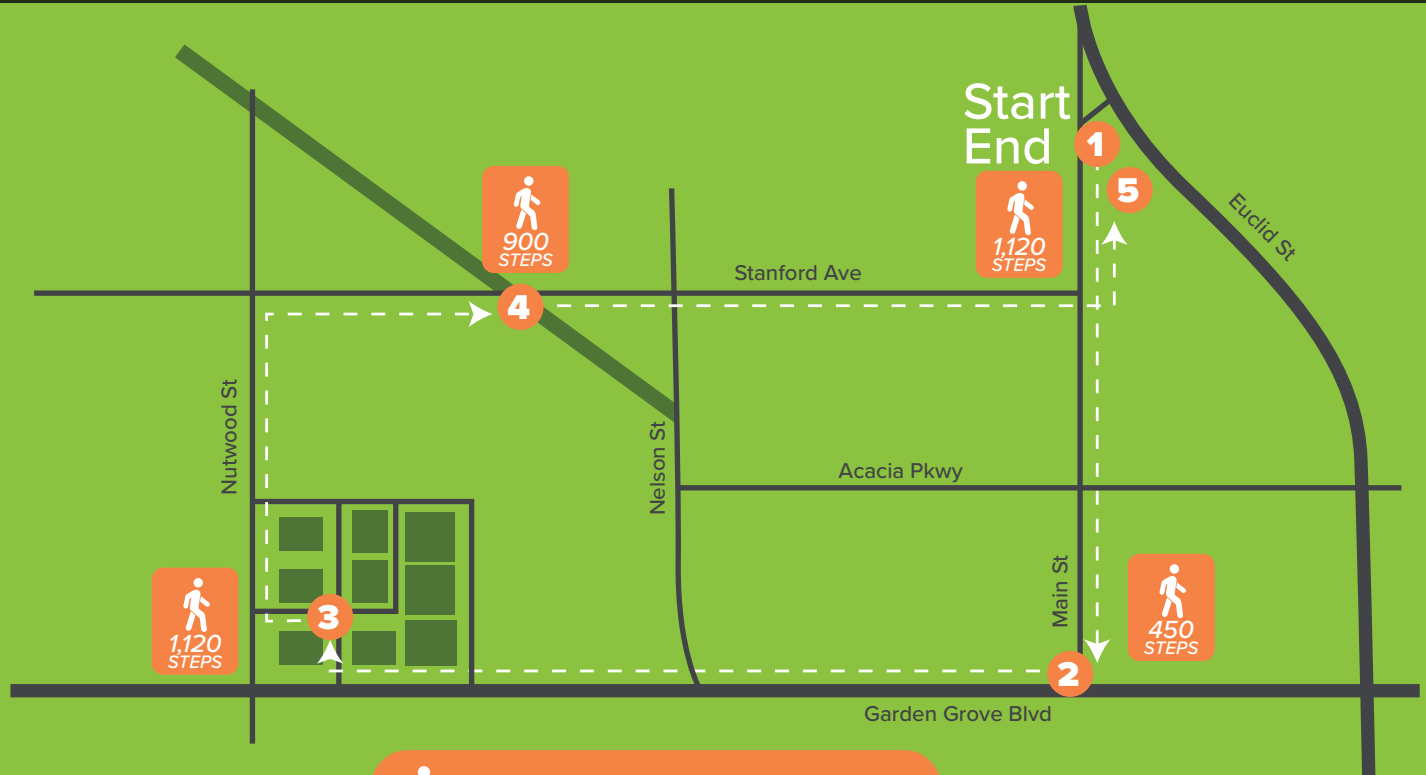
Join your **District 4 Councilmember, Joe DoVinh**, and fellow residents and community members for a walk around your block! Get to know your neighborhood better, meet Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim, make some new friends, and get your steps in! Feel free to join us at any stop along the way!

When:
Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time:
8:00am to 9:30am

Start

- 1** Village Green Park
12732 Main St
- 2** Historic Main Street
12987 Main St
- 3** Community Center Business Park
10581 Garden Grove Blvd
- 4** Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail
Stanford Ave
- 5** Return to Village Green Park
12732 Main St



 **Upcoming Walks!**



June 7 for District 5 | June 14 for District 6

Camine y Hable

Con su Concejal del Distrito 4, Joe DoVinh

¡Únase a su **concejal del Distrito 4, Joe DoVinh**, y a otros residentes y miembros de la comunidad para dar un paseo por su cuadra! Conozca mejor a su vecindario, salude a la alcaldesa Stephanie Klopfenstein y a la administradora municipal Lisa Kim, haga nuevos amigos y póngase en movimiento. ¡No dude en unirse a nosotros en cualquier parada del recorrido!

Cuándo:

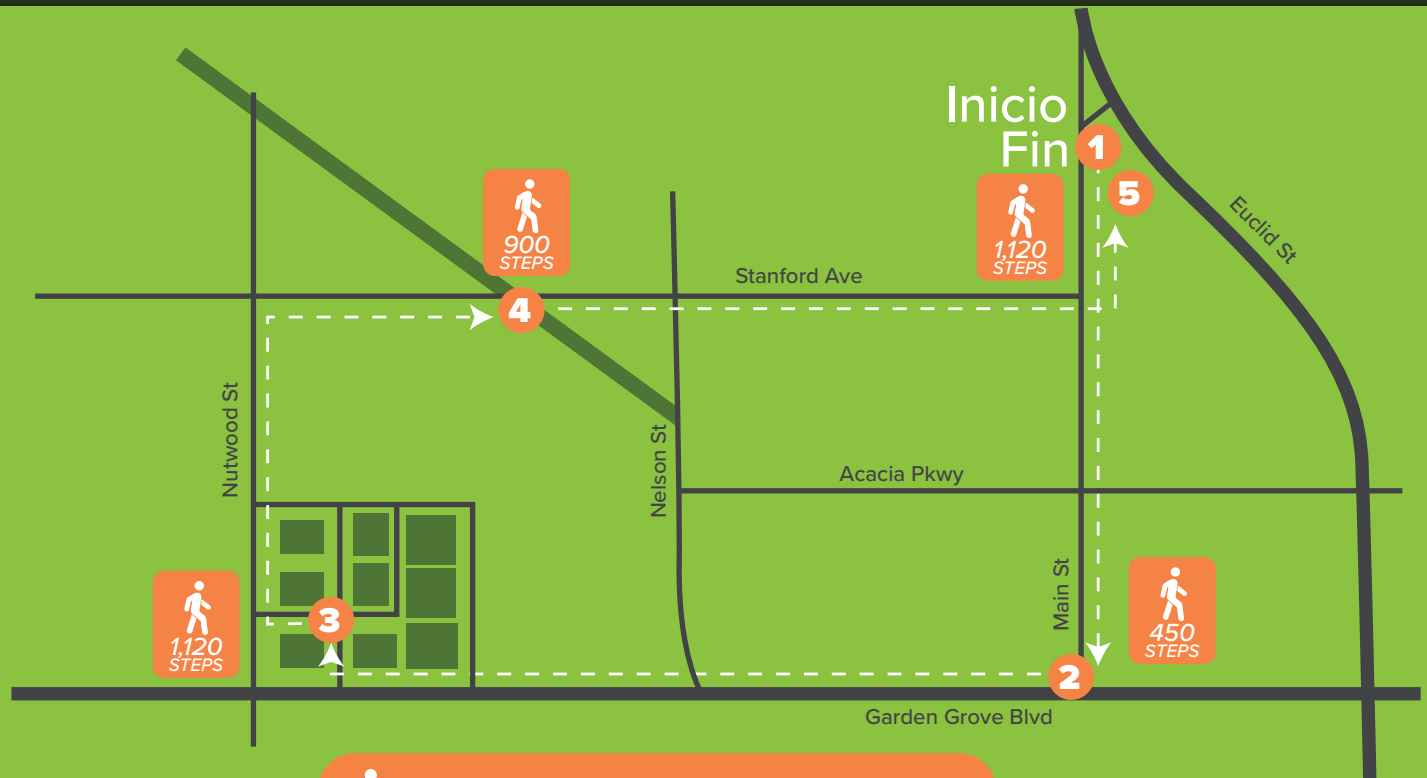
Sábado, 10 de mayo de 2025

Hora:

8:00am to 9:30am

Inicio

- 1 Village Green Park**
12732 Main St
- 2 Historic Main Street**
12987 Main St
- 3 Community Center Business Park**
10581 Garden Grove Blvd
- 4 Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail**
Stanford Ave
- 5 Regreso al Village Green Park**
12732 Main St



 **¡Próximas Caminatas!**



7 de junio para el Distrito 5 | 14 de junio para el Distrito 6

Đi Bộ và Trò Chuyện

cùng nghị viên Joe DoVinh tại Địa Hạt 4

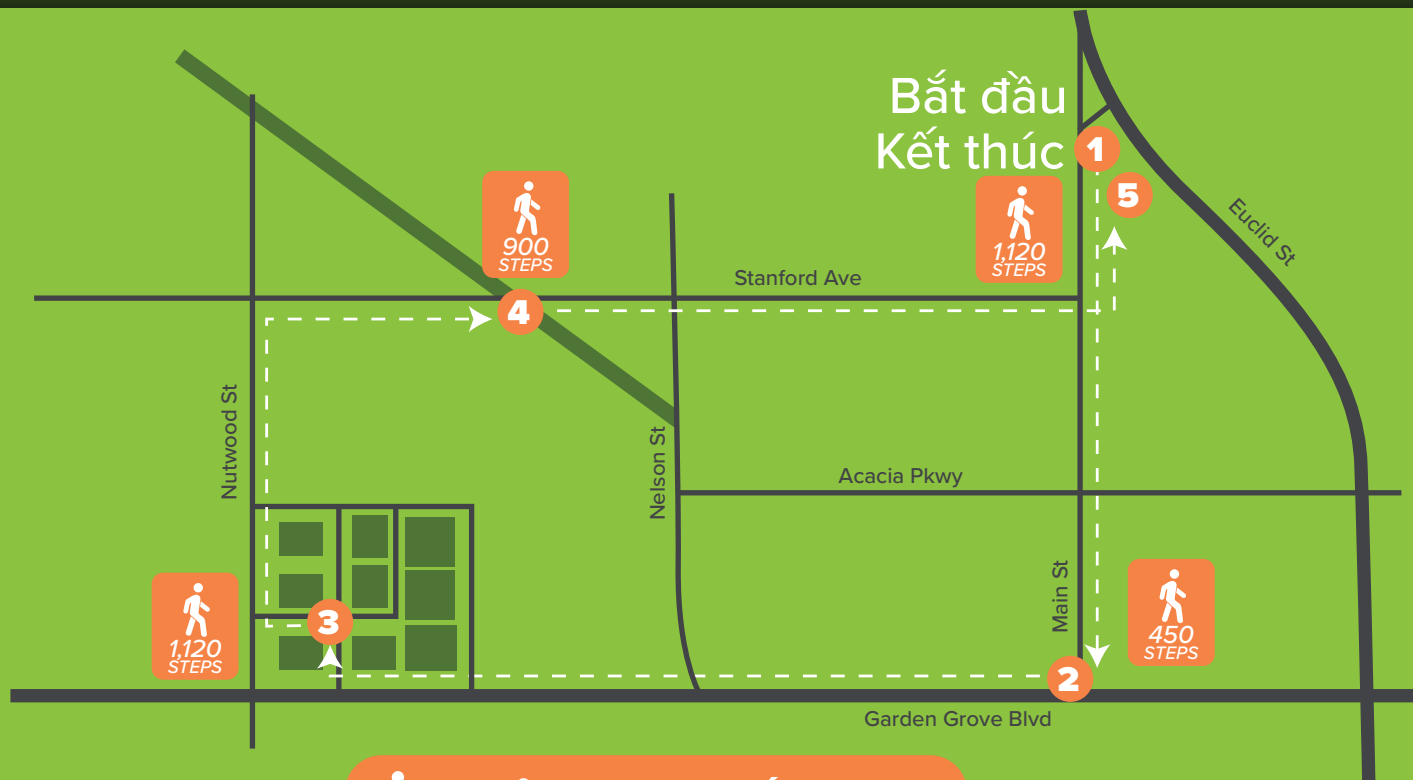
Tham gia cùng Nghị viên Joe DoVinh, tại Địa Hạt 4, và các thành viên trong cộng đồng trong buổi đi bộ vòng quanh địa hạt! Đây là dịp để gặp gỡ những thành viên trong khu vực, trò chuyện cùng Thị trưởng Stephanie Klopfenstein và Tổng quản trị Thành phố Lisa Kim, quen biết thêm bạn bè mới. Tham gia cùng chúng tôi ở bất kỳ địa điểm nào trên chặn đường chúng tôi sẽ đi qua!

Ngày:
Thứ Bảy, 10 Tháng Năm, 2025

Thời gian:
8:00am to 9:30am

Khởi hành

- 1** Village Green Park
12732 Main St
- 2** Historic Main Street
12987 Main St
- 3** Community Center Business Park
10581 Garden Grove Blvd
- 4** Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail
Stanford Ave
- 5** Trở về Village Green Park
12732 Main St



 **Buổi Đi Bộ Sắp Tới!**



Ngày 7 Tháng Sáu tại Địa Hạt 5 | Ngày 14 Tháng Sáu tại Địa Hạt 6

The Tribune

May 7, 2025

Extraordinary ‘Ordinary Days’

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 7, 2025 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



SASHA BAKER as Deb and Sean Hawkins as Warren in “Ordinary Days” at the Gem Theatre in Garden Grove (OMP photo).

By Thom deMartino
Orange County Tribune

While we might not be able to always see the big picture, we are all part of something bigger, greater and more beautiful than just ourselves.

Stage Review

The award-winning Gem Theater in Garden Grove is now presenting, for a limited run, the moving and inspiring musical “Ordinary Days”.

The second show in the Garden Grove venue’s new “Black Box” series, the One More Productions troupe takes a step away from the more lavishly-set shows to take an intimate look at four young people making their way through the hustle and bustle of modern New York City.

There’s the fiery Deb (Sasha Baker), in grad school and struggling with her thesis. Not trusting technology, she keeps all her copious notes in a bound notebook – which she promptly misplaces. Terrified, she’s looking all over to recover it... and she can only hope someone finds and returns it to her.

There’s the eager Warren (Sean Hawkins), following his bliss – by handing out flyers to strangers, featuring random gems of wisdom to inspire them. And while most crumple them and throw them away, the rare someone takes and keeps one... helping him feel like he’s making some kind of difference in the sprawling, intimidating city.



And then there's Claire and Jason (Courtney Hays and Caden Fraser), taking the next big step in their relationship by moving in with each other. But it's not long before their cramped quarters start to feel claustrophobic, and each finds themselves wondering if they've made the right choice... do they even really know each other?

But the world doesn't stop spinning, as each begins to be overwhelmed by their circumstances... can these disparate, ordinary stories and moments come together to become something bigger, brighter, more beautiful than just the sum of their parts?

Let's be honest – shows by the One More Productions troupe are always solid: but these Black Box shows have really been something special to watch.

Smaller in scope and more intimate than the Gem's bigger and better-known musicals, they've really brought something new, different and special to the renowned theater.

"Ordinary Days" is fast-paced, and instantly mesmerizing in how quickly the actors' lives, in how engaging and familiar they seem. We recognize something in ourselves, through them.

The minimal cast helps the viewer to fully appreciate the trajectories of their lives, and their individual dilemmas and struggles. The dynamics between the players are outstanding as well, whether it be Deb's manic energy versus Warren's unbridled enthusiasm, or Jason's affection for Claire versus her hesitance and second-guessing.

Splendid, moving performances by the players, along with beautifully executed musical pieces, help make this little show something you're going to want to experience before the curtain falls on this production's abbreviated run.

It's a charming, special treat for Gem theater-goers, and there's only two weekends left to check it out, so be sure to get out and see this extraordinary, beautiful and moving piece while you can

"Ordinary Days": Sasha Baker, Sean Hawkins, Courtney Hays and Caden Fraser star in this intimate look at four young people exploring the in and outs of the big city, and their relationships as well. Now playing through Sunday, May 18 at The Gem Theater 12852 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA, 92840. Call 714-741-9550 x221 or email boxoffice@onemoreproductions.com for ticketing information. Some adult language and content.

The Tribune

May 7, 2025

GGUSD Employees of Month for May honored by school board

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 7, 2025 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



HOLLY JEFFERSON, principal at Irvine Intermediate School by school board (Tribune photo).

By Jim Tortolano

Orange County Tribune

When top teachers and others in the Garden Grove Unified School District are honored as “Employees of the Month,” usually the accolades include stories of how educators shaped lives.

On Tuesday night, one of those cited for exemplary service actually was involved in saving a life.

At the meeting of the school district’s board of education, two principals were celebrated: Chris Ash of Eisenhower Elementary School and Holly Jefferson of Irvine Intermediate School.

Ash started with the GGUSD in 1996 and served as a teacher, then several posts in the district office, and then to Eisenhower Elementary as a principal, where he currently serves.

He was feted before the board and a capacity crowd in the board meeting room for his emphasis on student success and elevating the school’s use of technology.

Jefferson, who also joined the district in 1996, served as a teacher at Jordan and Lake intermediate schools, and then at Rancho Alamitos High School. She also served as head basketball coach at La Quinta and Rancho, then as assistant principal at Santiago and then Garden Grove high schools.

She's been principal at Irvine since 2022, where she's recognized as fostering " an exceptionally positive culture and climate."

The most dramatic moment came when Drew Dinh, a counselor at Irvine, complained of some chest pains. Jefferson checked on him and quickly made the decision to rush him to the hospital with what proved to be cardiac problems.

At the hospital, the surgeon told them – Jefferson was by his side – that if there had been a delay of 10 minutes, he would have died.



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Monday, May 5, 2025



REGISTER TODAY FOR A SUMMER OF FUN AT CAMP GROVE

Registration is now open for the 2025 “Camp Grove: Fun Under the Sun” summer program for Garden Grove youth ages 5 to 12. The nine-week program runs June 9 through August 8, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Edgar Park, located at 12781 Topaz Street. Camp weeks are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit ggcity.org/daycamp.

A complete listing of camp weeks and fees follows:

- June 9-June 13: John’s Incredible Pizza \$160
- June 16-June 20: Discovery Cube/Atlantis Park \$160
- June 23-June 27: Krikorian Theatre Movie/Pool Visit \$160
- June 30-July 3, Medieval Times \$165
- July 7-July 11: LA Sparks Game \$165
- July 14-July 18: Dave & Buster’s \$175
- July 21-July 25: Knott’s Berry Farm \$200
- July 28-August 1: Disneyland \$255
- August 4-August 8: Knott’s Soak City \$195

Camp costs include weekly excursions, a T-shirt, and participation in daily activities and games.

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REGISTER TODAY FOR A SUMMER OF FUN AT CAMP GROVE 2-2-2

Camp Grove staff are qualified counselors who provide a safe and supportive environment for children to participate in summer activities, develop social skills, and interact with peers, all while ensuring the health and safety of every participant.

For more information and to register, visit ggcity.org/daycamp or call (714) 741-5200.

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FUN AND SAFE 9-WEEK SUMMER DAY
CAMP PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGES 5 - 12

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Edgar Park, 12781 Topaz St.
Garden Grove, CA 92845

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
MONDAY, APRIL 7**

2025 DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

WEEK	EXCURSION	CAMP FEE
Week 1: June 9 - June 13	John's Incredible Pizza (June 11)	\$160
Week 2: June 16 - June 20	Discovery Cube/Atlantis Park (June 18)	\$160
Week 3: June 23 - June 27	Krikorian Theatre Movie/ Pool Visit (June 25)	\$160
Week 4: June 30 - July 3 (No camp on July 4)	Medieval Times (July 2) *prorated camp fee due to 4 th of July holiday	\$165
Week 5: July 7 - July 11	L.A. Sparks Game (Thursday, July 10)	\$165
Week 6: July 14 - July 18	Dave & Buster's (July 16)	\$175
Week 7: July 21 - July 25	Knott's Berry Farm (July 23)	\$200
Week 8: July 28 - Aug 1	Disneyland (July 30)	\$255
Week 9: Aug 4 - Aug 8	Knott's Soak City (August 6)	\$195

- **Camp fee includes non-optional excursion cost.**
- Childcare will not be provided if your child does not attend the excursion.
- No fees will be prorated. No transfers. \$5 processing fee for cancellations.
- Refund request must be made before the start of registered week.
- No payments are accepted at camp.
- Your child's spot is not guaranteed until fees for each week are paid in full.
- **No annual passes will be accepted for excursions.**

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

Youth ages 13-17, interested in gaining skills in camp leadership can join this program for a fee of \$60 per week, with the exception of week 8 which is \$120.

C.I.T. applications must be received by Monday, May 5, 2025 by email or dropped off at City Hall.

REGISTER TODAY online at ggcity.org/daycamp

Call (714) 741-5200 for additional information.





CONTACT: Sergeant Jensen
Garden Grove Police Department
Public Information Officer
(714) 741-5414

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, May 1, 2025

GARDEN GROVE TO HONOR FALLEN OFFICERS AT THE 38TH ANNUAL POLICE MEMORIAL

The Garden Grove Police Department's 38th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial will take place on Thursday, May 15, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in front of the Garden Grove Police Headquarters, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway. The annual service honors the six Garden Grove police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty: Sergeant Myron L. Trapp, Officer Andy Reese, Officer Donald F. Reed, Officer Michael Rainford, Master Officer Howard Dallies Jr., and Lieutenant John Reynolds.

Garden Grove Police Department Captain Luis Payan will officiate the memorial and welcome this year's guest speaker, William Bedsworth, a former Orange County District Attorney's Office Justice.

The memorial will feature a flag-folding ceremony, memorial bell ringing, helicopter fly-over, and a 21-gun salute. The Bolsa Grande High School Choir will also perform.

On Thursday, May 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., east and west bound Acacia Parkway from City Hall to 7th Street; and north and south bound Civic Center Drive, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Acacia Parkway, will be closed. There will also be no parking along Civic Center Drive and Acacia Parkway from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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GARDEN GROVE TO HONOR FALLEN OFFICERS AT THE 38TH ANNUAL POLICE
MEMORIAL 2-2-2

Parking will be available at the following locations:

- Parking lot south of Garden Grove Masons Lodge No. 351,
11270 Acacia Parkway
- Parking lot east of the Garden Grove Main Library, 11200 Stanford Avenue

For more information, visit ggcity.org/police/memorial or visit the [Garden Grove City Hall](#) and [Garden Grove Police Department](#) Facebook pages.



38TH ANNUAL “CALL TO DUTY” MEMORIAL

MAY 15th, 2025 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**GARDEN GROVE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

11301 ACACIA PARKWAY, GARDEN GROVE



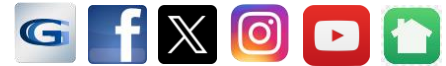
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Thursday, May 1, 2025



**SENIOR KING AND QUEEN TO BE RECOGNIZED
AT ANNUAL STRAWBERRY BALL**

On Thursday, May 22, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host the 48th Annual Strawberry Ball, a celebration honoring the 2025 Strawberry Ball King and Queen. The event will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Local seniors are invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 per person and include event entry, dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, a photo booth, live music, and dancing.

Recognizing the spirit of volunteerism, 2025 Strawberry Ball King Joe Hammer and Strawberry Ball Queen Sue Catlin will be honored for their devoted service to the community. Joe Hammer has served the community through his work with the Garden Grove Rotary Club, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, and Healthy Aging Center Acacia. Sue Catlin has dedicated years of service through her involvement with the Strawberry Festival Board, the Garden Grove Emblem Club #279, and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.

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SENIOR KING AND QUEEN TO BE RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL STRAWBERRY BALL 2-2-2

Advance reservations are required. Tickets must be purchased in person by Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (714) 741-5253 or visit ggcity.org/seniorcenter.

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The City of Garden Grove
presents the 48th Annual

Strawberry Ball

Thursday, May 22, 2025

*Community Meeting Center
Butterfield AB Room
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove*

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m.

*Introduction of the 2025 Strawberry Ball King & Queen
and Senior Volunteers of the Year*

\$20.00 per person

(Includes dinner, desserts & entertainment)

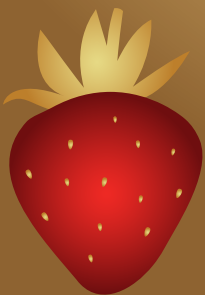
Advance reservations required

RSVP by May 15, 2025

Tickets available starting April 1st at

*H. Louis Lake Senior Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove*

(714) 741-5253





Contact: Mark Ladney
Public Works Department
(714) 741-5372/ markla@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025



BULKY ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES DROP OFF AND PAPER SHREDDING FREE AT MAY 17 EVENT

The City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Sanitary District, in collaboration with Republic Services, will host a community cleanup day, offering residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items, recycle household batteries, and obtain paper shredding services for free. The event takes place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Garden Grove Park, located at 9301 Westminster Avenue.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers, computers, and televisions are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Residents may recycle household batteries, such as AA, AAA, D, C, and old power tool batteries. Automotive batteries will not be accepted.

Paper shredding services will be available on a first come, first served basis to help safely dispose of personal documents. There is a limit of four boxes per vehicle.

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Bulky Items, Household Batteries Drop Off and Paper Shredding Free May 17 2-2-2

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, tires, and construction and demolition debris.

Cleanup days will be held at various locations throughout the city, every other month, with the next event scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Garden Grove Unified School District Main Office, located at 10331 Stanford Avenue.

Republic Services also provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. To schedule a pickup, please call (714) 238-3300.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Thursday, May 8, 2025



UPCOMING CHANGES TO PLANNING AND BUILDING FEES

Effective Tuesday, July 1, 2025, the City of Garden Grove will implement an updated schedule for planning and building fees. The updated fees will apply to all permit applications submitted on or after this date.

The updates are based on a recent User Regulatory Fee Study, which found that the City's General Fund has been subsidizing approximately \$1.7 million annually to support planning and building services. The updated fees will ensure that service costs are appropriately covered by the service users rather than relying on the City's General Fund. The last fee adjustment was in 2016.

The updated fee schedule is now available online, allowing applicants to compare existing and upcoming rates.

For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/community-development-user-fee-update or contact the Planning Services Division at (714) 741-5312 or the Building and Safety Division at (714) 741-5307.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
May 8, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the May 15, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Committee Meeting
3. Meeting Minutes for the May 1, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Committee Meeting
4. League of California Cities articles from May 2, 2025 to May 8, 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8, 2025 – June 12, 2025

Thursday	May 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 8	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	May 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 15		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	May 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 16		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	May 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 22	4:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	48 th Annual H. Louis Lake Senior Center Strawberry Ball, CMC – AB Room
Friday	May 23-26		65 th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, Village Green Park
Saturday	May 24	8:00 a.m.	Sister City Strawberry Stomp 5K, Historic Main Street
Monday	May 26		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Board Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 30		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 12	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting @ CMC, AB Room



AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

MAY 15, 2025 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Department of Community & Economic Development at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS ASHLAND, BEARD, CUEVA, FLANDERS, LARICCHIA,
LINDSAY, RAMIREZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [May 1, 2025](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [AMENDMENT NO. A-042-2025](#)

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REQUEST: A City-initiated Zoning Text Amendment to various provisions of Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code. The proposed amendment would update portions of Chapters 9.04 (General Provisions), 9.08 (Single-Family Residential development standards), 9.12 (Multifamily Residential development standards), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space development standards), 9.18 (Mixed Use regulations and development standards), 9.32 (Procedures and Hearings), 9.54 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units), and 9.60 (Special Housing Regulations) to conform to changes in state law and city policies, and to make clarifications and typographical corrections. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Amendment is categorically and statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-042-2025(A) and Amendment No. A-042-2025(B) to the City Council.

D. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. Presentation on pertinent housing and land use laws.

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Ashland
Commissioner Beard
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Flanders
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Ramirez, Lindsay

Commissioner Lindsay joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Flanders.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

April 3, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Ashland

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Laricchia, Lindsay

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-157-2025 AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-036-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRASK AVENUE AND MAGNOLIA STREET AT 9032 AND 9062 TRASK AVENUE.

Applicant: IN-N-OUT BURGERS, INC.

Date: May 1, 2025

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a 778 square foot freestanding outdoor dining patio structure at an existing restaurant, In-N-Out Burger, and to reconfigure the existing drive-thru lane and parking area. The project includes the demolition of an existing vacant

restaurant building, formerly occupied by Mae’s Café, to accommodate additional drive-thru vehicle queuing and parking spaces. Also, a request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) adjoining parcels into one (1) parcel to accommodate the proposed improvements. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: In order to re-evaluate the design of the site plan, the applicant, who was not present, requested that the item be continued to the June 5, 2025 meeting. Staff read the report summary into the record and the public hearing was opened for testimony. With the public hearing open, the Planning Commission moved to continue the item to the June 5th date.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Laricchia, Lindsay
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-155-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ACACIA AVENUE AND PALA DRIVE AT 7191 ACACIA AVENUE.

Applicant: LEISHAN CUBIT
Date: May 1, 2025

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to add 1,806 square feet of building area to an existing industrial building to accommodate additional mechanical equipment. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6112-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ashland

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Laricchia, Lindsay,
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Ramirez

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the May 15, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:18 p.m.

Rosemarie Jacot
Recording Secretary



Sponsored sea level planning bill heads to appropriations

May 7, 2025

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor, and Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

A measure sponsored by Cal Cities that would make it easier for cities to develop mandated sea level rise plans now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would create an early consultation process between cities developing sea level rise plans and the California Coastal Commission, as well as a state fund to support planning efforts.

Under current law, coastal and bay cities must develop sea level rise plans by 2034 and get those plans approved by the state. The 61 cities in the coastal zone must incorporate these plans into their Local Coastal Plans (LCP) for approval by the commission. Coastal cities must have a certified LCP to retain permitting authority for coastal developments.

[AB 996 \(Pellerin\)](#) would create the California Coastal Planning Fund in the state treasury to fund sea level rise plan development by the 61 coastal cities and 55 bay cities. Part of the fund would be set aside for the state to review and approve sea level rise plans. Additionally, AB 966 would allow cities to engage the commission early about new or amended LCPs to ensure a complete and timely formal review.

The bill also states that existing sea level rise information or plans may meet one or all the components of the mandated sea level rise plans. Some cities have already done extensive work to assess sea level rise vulnerability. The provision clarifies that cities do not need to undertake duplicative planning if the existing materials meet the requirements. This aligns with the bill's intent to encourage early consultation to ensure timely compliance for sea level rise plan updates as part of the LCP certification process.

What can my city do to support AB 996's passage?

The Assembly Natural Resources Committee approved AB 996 with unanimous support in late April. The bill now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, where it will be heard on May 14 and is a likely candidate for [the suspense file](#). Coastal and bay cities can voice their support to the Assembly Appropriations by submitting a letter based on Cal Cities' [sample letter](#) by Monday, May 12.

Please contact your [regional public affairs managers](#) with questions on how to make your voice heard.



California Supreme Court decides waivers are not a shield from liability for public roadway injuries

May 7, 2025

By Sheri Chapman, general counsel

Last week, the California Supreme Court ruled that a cyclist who was injured after striking a pothole during an organized bike ride may pursue a claim against the city of Oakland. The court held that signing a waiver did not shield a city from liability for injuries allegedly caused by dangerous street conditions. It concluded that the waiver was unenforceable, as it relieved the city of liability for violating statutory duties related to public safety.

Along with other associations, Cal Cities filed an amicus brief in the case, urging the court to uphold the waiver and citing important public policy considerations.

Case background for lower court rulings

In 2017, the plaintiff participated in an organized group training ride for an AIDS/LifeCycle fundraising event. He signed a release, waiving liability and assuming the risk of injury. A provision of the agreement discharged event organizers, as well as the owners/lessors of the course or facilities used in the event, from liability for negligence.

The plaintiff sued Oakland after becoming injured during the training ride. He alleged a dangerous condition of public property claim under Government Code section 835, arguing the waiver was invalid because it involved a matter of public interest.

California Civil Code section 1668 prohibits contracts that exempt anyone from responsibility for fraud, willful injury to the person or property of another, or violation of law — willful or negligent.

The trial court and the court of appeals found the waiver was enforceable, stating the cycling event was a non-essential sports activity that did not affect the public interest within the meaning of Civil Code section 1668.

Supreme Court decision

The state Supreme Court agreed to hear the case and reversed the appellate court's ruling. It found the release was "against the policy of the law" under Civil Code section 1668, to the extent it relieved the city of liability for "negligently violating a statutory duty relating to public safety" in Government Code section 835. Therefore, the agreement was unenforceable.

The city warned that invalidating the release could force it to close public premises to recreational activities or impose regulatory and indemnification requirements that would make recreational events harder to host and more expensive.

The court did not rule on the merits of the plaintiff's claim — only on the enforceability of the waiver. In further legal proceedings, the city may still litigate its defense of primary assumption of risk: that the plaintiff assumed the risk of a type of injury that is inherent in long-distance bike rides on public roads.

The decision in *Whitehead v. City of Oakland*, along with the court's recent ruling in *New England County Foods v. Vanlaw Food Products*, underscores the narrowing scope of enforceable liability waivers in California.

City officials with questions about the impact of this ruling should consult their city attorney.



Warehouse clean-up bills advance with positive changes for cities, but more work is needed

May 7, 2025

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

Two measures that would address a [controversial warehouse standards law](#) from last session advanced in the local government committees last week. Cal Cities successfully secured important revisions to the bills, [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#), and urged the authors to [adopt additional changes](#).

Signed into law last year, [AB 98 \(Carrillo, Juan and Reyes\)](#) created restrictions on new or expanding warehouses and a sweeping, costly statewide mandate that requires all cities to update their circulation elements to account for these changes — including truck movement. Cities that fail to do so could face \$50,000 fines every six months from the Attorney General — no questions asked.

Lawmakers fast-tracked the bill after months of closed-door meetings that excluded cities and other stakeholders. They introduced the measure mere days before the final bill deadline by [cutting and amending](#) an existing one. To get it through, the authors promised to rework the hastily crafted measure this year.

What changes did Cal Cities secure?

Cal Cities secured revisions that would help cities and counties realistically meet the new requirements. Under the law, some cities must update their circulation elements to account for truck routes as early as 2026. The rest must update their elements by 2028. The two clean-up bills now include a provision that protects local governments from penalties if they are working in good faith to follow the law.

This will provide enforcement relief to all cities, but specifically those in the “warehouse concentration region” — referring to the cities in and counties of San Bernardino and Riverside — that need to complete their updates by the end of this year.

The authors also added provisions that give cities with 50,000 or fewer residents and counties with 100,000 or fewer residents until 2035 to complete these requirements. This would benefit smaller jurisdictions with less resources.

What other amendments is Cal Cities seeking?

Despite these changes, local governments need more help to meet this new rule. Cal Cities is urging the Legislature to approve the following proposals:

- Allow local governments to develop a plan or ordinance rather than mandating a truck traffic update in the circulation element.

- Completely exempt a city or county from the circulation element update if it is not approving new or expanded logistics use projects in its community. If that changes, the city or county would need to update its circulation element according to the law.
- Clarify that the circulation element update does not trigger in that same timeframe as existing law, which already requires local governments to update their circulation elements with proactive measures for bicyclists and pedestrians. This lack of clarity increases the likelihood that cities will be fined because they must now complete two circulation element updates within strict timelines.
- Revise the bill's definition of local roads, which it arbitrarily defines as serving 50% commercial traffic. The definition could unintentionally prevent industrial development in rural areas that are in fact away from sensitive receptors.

Cal Cities will continue to advocate for these changes to help cities comply with the law.

What else do cities need to know about AB 98?

Lawmakers are expected to make additional amendments to both AB 735 and SB 415, which are moving forward to the appropriations committees. Expect more updates from Cal Cities on the clean-up conversation. Please contact your [regional public affairs managers](#) with questions, including how to make your voice heard.



Early action by city officials stalls two housing bills for 2025

May 7, 2025

Lawmakers could revive both bills next year

By Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

Two housing bills, [AB 647 \(González, Mark\)](#) and [SB 677 \(Wiener\)](#), failed to receive enough votes to move out of their respective policy committees thanks to early action by Cal Cities and city officials. As a result, the two measures are done for this year — but could return next year in the second half of California’s two-year session.

Cal Cities led the charge in opposing both measures, which would have significantly impacted local land use authority and ignored state-mandated housing elements certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

AB 647 would have required cities to approve up to eight housing units in nearly all single-family zones, so long as only one unit was affordable. The proposal disregarded state-mandated housing elements and would have forced cities to approve projects without environmental review or public engagement. With 35 cities [formally opposing the bill](#), Asm. Mark González held the measure, knowing he likely did not have enough votes.

SB 677 would have nearly doubled the size of the units that could qualify for a fast-tracked lot split on an existing single-family zone under [SB 9 \(Atkins, 2021\)](#). It would have also blocked cities from collecting impact fees on SB 9 projects less than 1,750 square feet. After a marathon hearing and several hours of waiting, the bill had a final vote of 4-3, with Senate Housing Chair Aisha Wahab voting no and three abstentions on the committee.

The next major deadline for bills to continue moving this year is May 23, when the Senate and Assembly appropriations committees will hear hundreds of bills with potential fiscal impacts on state and local governments. Known as [suspense file day](#), this dreaded deadline is when hundreds of bills die with little explanation in committee and thus miss the next legislative milestone.

Although AB 647 and SB 677 are dead for the year, a lot of work remains: The Legislature is considering [many other housing bills](#) this session. Please continue to contact your state representatives or [regional public affairs manager](#) on any bills of interest to your jurisdiction.



Bill Talk: Two wins and nine bills to act on

May 7, 2025

A weekly update from Cal Cities, sorting through the state bill buzz

By Cal Cities Staff

Before we get into what's coming up, let's talk about what just happened. Last week, in a win for cities, lawmakers pressed pause on two flawed housing proposals, [AB 647 \(González, Mark\)](#) and [SB 677 \(Wiener\)](#). Both measures would have [upended the state-mandated housing element process](#) yet again. However, the Legislature operates on a two-year cycle, so both bills could resurface next year.

Up this week are a slew of measures, including those related to homelessness, housing, warehouse siting, fiscal sustainability, and more. Two of the bills are sponsored by Cal Cities.

By the way — it's almost suspense file time, the magical, twice-annual appropriations process where lawmakers quickly decide the fate of hundreds of bills. This year could be a bit bloodier than usual due to some rather turbulent economic headwinds and [federal budget maneuvers](#). If you want to make your voice heard, be sure to join Cal Cities for [a webinar on May 12](#) about the biggest bills facing this make-or-break moment.

- By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

Key homelessness measures move to appropriations

Two notable homelessness bills are headed to Senate Appropriations. On May 5, the committee placed [SB 569 \(Blakespear\)](#) on the suspense file. Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would increase communication between Caltrans and local governments when addressing encampments on state-owned property. The bill would require Caltrans to establish a dedicated city liaison to coordinate the removal of encampments and enhance communication with cities to address homelessness.

The following Monday, May 12, the committee will review [SB 16 \(Blakespear\)](#), a measure that seeks to create additional reporting mandates for all but 14 cities. SB 16 would require cities that do not receive [HHAP funding](#) to provide detailed reports on available homelessness resources, actions taken to connect individuals to those resources, and various data points in their housing elements.

Cal Cities opposes the measure unless amended and is requesting changes that would include smaller cities in an existing regional planning process. This would accomplish the same goal — allowing transparency on the same system metrics that SB 16 includes — but through the same regional process already used by California's largest cities.

- Betsy Montiel, legislative analyst

Housing bill pushes on past chair's objections

The Senate Local Government Committee passed [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) on April 30, with Sen. Scott Weiner [rolling the chair a second time](#), who recommended a no vote. The bill would force cities to approve housing up to 7 stories near public transit stops, regardless of zoning laws. It would

also give transit agencies full land-use authority over residential and commercial development on property they own, without any requirement to build housing.

The bill now heads to the Senate Appropriations Committee for a May 12 hearing. Cities should submit [opposition letters](#) to help prevent the bill from moving forward.

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

Warehouse clean-up language introduced

Legislators officially introduced changes to a [problematic warehouse standards bill](#) crafted behind closed doors last year. The Assembly and Senate Local Government Committees heard the twin bills, [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#), last week. Cal Cities, alongside counties, planners, and business property groups, testified that the clean-up language so far is helpful, but more progress needs to be made.

The original law places restrictions on new or expanding warehouses and imposes a sweeping, costly statewide mandate by requiring all cities to update their circulation elements to account for these changes. The new proposal would give cities with 50,000 or fewer residents until 2035 to complete the circulation element update with truck routes for logistic use developments. It would also create a good faith enforcement provision for local governments working to meet the planning requirements, avoiding the \$50,000 fines every six months.

Cal Cities will continue to [push for further changes](#) that increase flexibility for cities, redefine some hastily crafted definitions, and narrow the bill's scope to cities with warehouses instead of all cities. The Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees are set to hear [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#) in early May.

-Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

Short-term rental bill passes out of Senate Judiciary

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) on Tuesday with near unanimous support. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would help cities more efficiently enforce their short-term rental ordinances and ensure they receive the correct amount of transient occupancy taxes from short-term rentals.

-Ben Triffo, legislative advocate

Clean fleets reform advances

The Senate Appropriations Committee placed a bill co-sponsored by Cal Cities on the suspense file on May 5. [SB 496 \(Hurtado\)](#) would create a formal appeals process for denied extension requests, broaden the definition of emergency vehicles, and remove the "pay to play" requirement for extensions under the Advanced Clean Fleets rule. The bill sailed out of both Senate environmental and transportation committees last month with unanimous support. Cal Cities also joined a coalition of local government organizations, emergency response organizations, and business organizations in supporting [AB 911 \(Carrillo\)](#). The measure would recognize telecommunications vehicles as critical to community infrastructure and therefore exempt from the regulation. The Assembly Transportation approved the measure with a vote of 14 yes and two abstentions. It now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee for consideration on May 7.

-Damon Conklin, legislative advocate

Co-sponsored Brown Act modernization legislation moves forward

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved [SB 239 \(Arreguín\)](#) on Tuesday. Sponsored by a broad coalition — including Cal Cities — the measure would make some public meetings more accessible by removing the in-person requirement in the Brown Act for some local advisory bodies. These groups frequently weigh in on issues impacting seniors, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and homeless youth. However, many struggle to make a quorum or have trouble recruiting and retaining members.

SB 239 would exclude some groups, such as law enforcement, budget oversight bodies, and elected officials. It would also require an in-person location for each meeting. Both the legislative body that establishes an advisory body and the advisory body itself would need to approve the waiver. During the pandemic, people who could not attend in-person meetings before could meet remotely, increasing their access to leadership opportunities and providing agencies with more diverse feedback.

- Johnnie Pina, legislative advocate- Johnnie Pina, legislative advocate

A quick reminder

Bill Talk is a weekly breakdown of the biggest bills, policy committee hearings, and legislative deadlines that city leaders need to know about. To get this list a few days early, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#). To access old Bill Talks, visit the [archive page](#). Cal Cities also maintains a live [list of all sponsored/hot measures](#). Lists of all tracked bills are available on [individual policy pages](#).



Help pick the 2025 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence winners

May 7, 2025

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities needs your help picking the 2025 [Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program](#) winners! The program honors the outstanding efforts and innovative solutions made by city governments to improve services and residents' quality of life. Winners are recognized at the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo, *Western City* magazine, a statewide press release, Cal Cities' website, and presentations made at city council meetings.

Volunteer judges are vital to the success of the program, which brings positive attention to cities and provides opportunities for city officials to learn from one another.

This year, Cal Cities is recruiting 66 volunteers to serve as judges for 11 categories. Once selected, judges will receive login credentials for the Helen Putnam web portal, where they can access the award applications and submit scores. Juries will convene in June via Zoom for a short meeting after reviewing the applications to determine the winners.

To serve as a judge — and to get an early look at some great innovations you can use in your city — [email Melissa Tualla](#) the jury you'd like to serve on by May 16. Award categories include:

- Community Services and Economic Development; meets June 10 at 10 a.m.
- Economic Development through the Arts; meets June 10 at 11 a.m.
- Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, & Community Involvement; meets June 10 at 1 p.m.
- Health and Wellness Programs; meets June 10 at 2 p.m.
- Housing Programs and Innovations; meets June 10 at 3 p.m.
- Intergovernmental Collaboration; meets June 11 at 9 a.m.
- Internal Administration; meets June 11 at 10 a.m.
- Planning and Environmental Quality; meets June 11 at 11 a.m.
- Public Safety; meets June 11 at 1 p.m.
- Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation; meets June 11 at 2 p.m.
- Ruth Vreeland Award, Engaging Youth in City Government; meets June 11 at 3 p.m.

Please do not volunteer for categories your city entered. For questions, email [Melissa Tualla](#).



Lawmakers, city leaders, and advocates gather in Santa Ana to call for legislative reforms to alcohol and drug treatment facilities

May 7, 2025

Contact: Rachel Vincent
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sacramento — A bipartisan group of state lawmakers, city officials, and a patient advocate will join the League of California Cities for a news conference calling for increased oversight and transparency over sober living and treatment facilities to protect residents and hold bad actors accountable.

The news conference will feature two state lawmakers authoring legislation seeking to reform alcohol and drug treatment facilities. City officials will also share their experiences when these unlicensed and unregulated facilities operate in their communities, and a patient advocate with lived experience in a treatment facility will provide her perspective on the need for reform.

What: Recovery housing legislation news conference

When: Friday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Outside the entrance of Santa Ana City Hall 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, 92701

Speakers:

- Senator Catherine Blakespear, author of SB 329
- Assembly Member Laurie Davies, author of AB 424
- Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcuca
- Mission Viejo Mayor pro Tem and California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force Co-Chair Wendy Bucknum
- Sequoyah Thiessen, Patient Advocate
- Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.