City of Garden Grove WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

July 25, 2024

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Matt West, Assistant City Manager

Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the August 15, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to inform about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center Family Bingo and Movie night.

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.

Matt West

Assistant City Manager

AFFP 144509 SP 070-2019 -Moore

Affidavit of Publication

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COUNTY OF ORANGE }

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I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the printer of ORANGE COUNTY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation, published ONCE WEEKLY in the city of GARDEN GROVE, County of ORANGE, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of ORANGE, State of California under the date of March 20, 1964, Case Number A-31502; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

July 24, 2024

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 24th day of July 2024.

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75 LEGAL OCN-CITY OF GARDEN GROVE P.O. BOX 3070 GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 15, 2024

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.

SITE PLAN NO. SP-070-2019 (REINSTATEMENT-2024) VARIANCE NO. V-023-2019 (REINSTATEMENT-2024)

A request to reinstate the approval of Site Plan No. SP 070-2019 to construct a 7,140 square foot third floor addition to an existing two-story 29,000 square foot medical office building, and to reinstate the approval of Variance No. V-023-2019 to deviate from the maximum stories and height permitted in the O-P (Office Professional) zone to facilitate the construction of the new third floor addition. The site is at 9191 Westminster Avenue in the O-P (Office Professional) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SITE PLAN NO. SP-141-2024 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-031-2024 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-493-00 (REV. 2024)

A request to expand an existing religious facility by incorporating an approximately 0.42-acre adjoining parcel into the development's site area, and constructing a new ancillary building. The Planning Commission will consider approval of (i) a Site Plan to construct a new 4,285 square foot two-story ancillary building to serve the existing religious facility site, along with associated site improvements; (ii) a Lot Line Adjustment to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) adjoining lots into one (1) lot to accommodate the religious facility expansion; and (iii) a modification to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-493-00 to allow the expansion of the religious use. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the subject religious facility, CUP-493-00, would be replaced by the modified Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-493-00 (REV. 2024). The site is at 8811 and 8791 Orangewood Avenue in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on August 15, 2024. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: July 22, 2024 PUBLISH: July 24, 2024 Orange County News 7/24/2024-144509

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim From: John Montanchez

Dept.: City Manager Dept.: Community Services

Subject: Magnolia Park Family Resource Date: July 25, 2024

Center Family Night

OBJECTIVE

To inform City Council about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center Family Bingo and Movie Night that took place on Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION

The goal of the event was to bring families together for an evening of fun and community engagement. The event was a resounding success, with over 80 families/325 individuals in attendance, coming together to enjoy an evening filled with fun, laughter, and social bonding. The event underscored the importance of fostering a sense of togetherness and community spirit.

The event featured hot meals provided by Bracken's Kitchen, arts and crafts for children, bingo game, and the movie "Elemental".

SUMMARY

The positive feedback received from families/participants highlights the event's impact in creating a welcoming and enjoyable evening for all. For some of the families it was their first time participating in such event and were grateful for the opportunity to enjoy a free activity with their children.

JOHN MONTANCHEZ

Community Services Director

Claudía Valdívía-Alvarez

By: Claudia Valdivia-Alvarez

Human Services Sr. Program Specialist

Attachment: Photos

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NEWS ARTICLES





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280 Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media











Monday, July 22, 2024

CITY RE-LAUNCHES 'FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE' PROGRAM SHOWCASING CITY'S BEST GLOBAL CUISINES

The City of Garden Grove re-launches its "Foods of Garden Grove" initiative, highlighting over 100 of Garden Grove's most acclaimed and customer-favored international food and drink establishments. The initiative, furthering the City's efforts to support its small-business community and championed by Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones, offers a virtual food tour from the City's recognized ethnic enclaves, including Garden Grove's Little Saigon and Orange County's Koreatown, as well as Latin eateries, local favorites, and Michelin Guide honorees.

"Garden Grove is a lively melting pot of colorful traditions, customs, people, and communities and our food scene reflects that local authenticity beautifully," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

Mayor Jones, a self-proclaimed foodie, has been an enthusiastic advocate for the program since it first launched in 2021 to help promote local restaurants at the height of the pandemic.

"From the beginning, this program has been a true labor of love bringing together our community and local businesses through the universal language of food."

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The re-launch aims to further highlight the expansive dining options that define Garden Grove's vibrant and diverse food culture, hometown spirit, and progressive vision for the future, leveraging Orange County's The Culinary CMO marketing firm to visually capture the very essence of local restaurants and their culinary teams.

Videos and interviews are promoted digitally on the Foods of Garden Grove social platforms, including Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube, as well as the City's Foods of Garden Grove website, at ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove. Featured on the website is an integrated map and cuisine category search option.

A Foods of Garden Grove booth will be at the upcoming National Night Out community event providing program information and giveaways. National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in front of the Garden Grove Police Headquarters, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway. Information:

For more information, visit ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove, or contact the City's Economic Development and Housing Department at (714) 741-5135, or Erin Peacock, Peacock PR, at (949) 939-1872 or erin@peacock-pr.com.

Water element, new stage possible for new park

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON JULY 24, 2024 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



JANET PELAYO of Garden Grove's Community Services Department speaks about the potential for programming at the new Civic Center Park at Tuesday's open house at the Courtyard Center in Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photo).

By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune

Plans for the Civic Center Revitalization Project for Garden Grove came into sharper focus at Tuesday's open house in the Courtyard Center on Main Street.

City officials were on hand to brief members of the public on the \$152 million development – now under construction – that will bring a new three-story police building at Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway, an adjacent parking structure and a new park.

"I think input is always welcome," said Community Services Director John Montanchez, referring to the planned park. Construction of the police facility has removed the streams and

pools in the former park and displaced animals who made that their habitat. Many citizens and even three members of the city council have advocated for a water element, and that's under consideration. "The big issue is the budget."

Also on hand was Hongjoo Kim, designer for both the park and all the landscaping that will tie the project together.

Residents talking with Kim asked about the possibility of adding a water element – fountain, waterfall or even a splash pad – and without committing to the type or making a promise, he said "There's an 85 to 90 percent possibility" that the money for such feature would be available.

Somewhat more certain for the park is the addition of a permanent stage. The idea is to "activate the park" with various functions including concerts, festivals and other attractions that would take the space beyond just passive use.

Such a stage would circle back historically to a bandshell in the former Euclid Park (now Village Green) constructed by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) during the Great Depression and torn down in the late 1970s.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS July 25, 2024

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. Meeting minutes for the June 20, 2034 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
- 3. Notice of cancellation for the August 1, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
- 4. Meeting minutes for the July 25, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
- 5. League of California Cities articles from July 19, 2024 to July 25, 2024.
- 6. OCFA July 2024 Newsletter



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25, 2024 - September 5, 2024

Thursday	July 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC Free Summer Concert Series – Jimmy Buffet Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Friday	July 26		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	August 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC Free Summer Concert Series – Tijuana Dogs Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Tuesday	August 6	5:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	GG Police Department National Night Out 2024 11301 Acacia Parkway
Thursday	August 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
		12:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social, CMC AB Room \$2 Coaches Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Friday	August 9		Nomination Period ends City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	August 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 13	5:30 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	August 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 29		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Monday	September 2		City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Thursday	September 5	11:30a.m 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon CMC, AB Room

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

Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Cueva Commissioner Cunningham Commissioner Laricchia Commissioner Lindsay Commissioner Paredes Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: None

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</u> Led by Commissioner Paredes

Chair Lindsay opened the meeting in honor of Commissioner Randy Arbgast.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC - None

April 18, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Ramirez

Ayes: (6) Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes,

Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING - SITE PLAN NO. SP-137-2024 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-261-2024 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN TAFT STREET AND EUCLID STREET, AT 11000 AND 11100 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: BARGHAUSEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. (CHARLES MOSELEY)

Date: June 20, 2024

Request: A request for Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the

construction and operation of a new fueling station, including a new 11,800 square foot fueling canopy with fifteen dispensing units, each with two pumps, and related site improvements. The project includes the

relocation and demolition of the existing Costco Warehouse fueling station, and the demolition of an existing commercial building, currently occupied by Office Depot, to accommodate the new fueling station. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. 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:

Resolution No. 6089-24 was approved with amendments to the Conditions of Approval. Condition No. 82 was deleted and Condition Nos. 83 and 85 were revised and renumbered as shown below. Six people spoke on the project.

82. All lighting structures shall be placed so as to confine direct rays to the subject property. All exterior lights shall be reviewed, approved and shall be subject to verification by the Planning Services Division. Lighting adjacent to residential properties shall be restricted to low, decorative type, wall-mounted lights, or ground lighting system. Lighting in the common and parking areas shall be directed, positioned or shielded in such manner so as not to unreasonably illuminate the window area of nearby residences. Parking area lighting shall be provided during the hours of darkness the establishment is open at a minimum of two-foot candles of light, and one-foot candle of light during all other hours of darkness.

84-j. The applicant shall install evergreen landscaping on the south and east portion of the subject site adjacent to the residential lots for screening. The size, type and amount of landscaping shall be subject to approval by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ramirez

Ayes: (6) Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes,

Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING -AMENDMENT NO. A-039-2024 and CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-284-09 (REV. 2024) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, BETWEEN ACACIA PARKWAY AND GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12941 MAIN STREET.

Applicant: HTB, INC. Date: June 20, 2024

Request:

A request for approval of a Zoning Text Amendment to Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to billiard parlors and pool halls. The proposed Zoning Text Amendment would update portions of Chapters 9.04 and 9.18 of Title 9 of the City of Garden Grove Municipal Code to update definitions, permitted uses, and special operating standards for billiard parlors and pool halls, including amending the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone to allow billiard parlors and pool halls as an incidental use to "full-service dine-in eating establishment/restaurant", subject to a conditional use permit. Also, a request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-284-09 (REV. 2023) to permit an existing restaurant, located at 12941 Main Street in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone, to operate a billiard parlor with eight (8) pool tables as an incidental use, contingent upon the adoption and effectiveness of the proposed Zoning Text Amendment. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-284-09 (REV. 2023), would be revoked and become null and void, and replaced by the modified Conditional Use Permit.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Action: Resolution Nos. 6090-24 (A) and 6091-24 (CUP) were

approved. One letter of concern in regard to extended operating hours was submitted by Eron Kaylor (Heatherwood Apartments), however, the hours were not

modified.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Cueva

Ayes: (6) Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Paredes,

Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Commissioner Paredes recused himself from the following item due to conflict of interest as he lives next to the subject property.

PUBLIC HEARING - SITE PLAN NO. SP-111-2022(TE1) AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-190(TE1) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND BROOKHURST STREET AT 10201 AND 10231 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: MICHAEL DAO Date: June 20, 2024

Request: A request for approval of a one-year time extension for the approved

entitlements under Site Plan No. SP-111-2022 and Tentative Parcel Map

No. PM-2021-190, as modified by Minor Modification No. 1, which allows the consolidation of two (2) existing parcels into a single 1.86-acre parcel, and the construction of a five-story mixed-use development on the 1.86-acre site consisting of 5,312 square feet of retail space, 3,548 square feet for an art gallery use, 10,745 square feet of medical space, and 52 apartment units. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

Action: Resolution No. 6092-24 was approved. One person spoke,

and one letter of opposition was submitted by Steve Trivoli noting the high-density project would increase traffic and

safety concerns.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None Absent: (1) Paredes

Commissioner Paredes rejoined the meeting.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Laricchia asked about the status of stalled construction on two residential lots on Lampson Avenue/9th Street and College Avenue/9th Street. Staff responded construction delays were likely due to waiting on power from Southern California Edison as permits could not be issued without power.

Chair Lindsay asked how Main Street could be regularly maintained in regard to cleanup, replacing lightbulbs on tree lights, and fixing electrical outlets. Staff would contact the Main Street Commission to implement a discussion on possible solutions for keeping Main Street clean. Also, the Police Department would look into the Narcan refuse found in and around the Main Street area.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Planning Staff introduced two new Planning Aides, Zachary Hernandez and Adrian Andujo, and distributed lapel pins for the three-month long 'Plan, Build, Beautify Campaign'. Staff also noted the July 4th meeting would be cancelled and the next meeting would be held on July 18th.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:40 p.m.	
Judith Moore	
Recording Secretary	



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

AUGUST 1, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: July 25, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY

CHAIR

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING Garden Grove Community Meeting Center 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 8:59 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024)

Applicant: SON QUACH

Location: 12900 Main Street Date: July 25, 2024

Request: A request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to allow

an existing restaurant, AUM Beer House, to extend the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (ABC Type "47" License, On-Sale General - Eating Place) that is currently governed by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018, to a new permanent, 540 square foot (10'-10" x 50'-0") outdoor sidewalk dining area. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental

Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Son Quach, Larry

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Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1853-24

with an amendment to the Conditions of Approval to add and Condition No. 8 re-number the conditions accordingly. Condition No. 8 reads: Prior to permit issuance, the applicant shall provide a detailed plan showing the location of all street furniture, tree wells, building projections, proposed fencing and gates, and proposed clearance to ensure adequate access is maintained on the public sidewalk, in accordance with all applicable regulatory standards, including the California Building Standards Code. Should the proposed sidewalk dining area be altered in size or layout, a minor modification may be approved by the Community

Development Director.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



How new legislation could shape public safety

Jul 24, 2024

Benjamin Garza, a 2024 Ronald O. Loveridge Summer Fellow, recently graduated with a bachelor's in political science from the University of California, Riverside. He can be reached via LinkedIn.

When California's legislative session resumes on Aug. 5, lawmakers will be voting on bills with far-reaching impacts — from improving public safety to reducing rising retail theft. Cal Cities is backing several measures that would bolster local autonomy and community safety, and pushing back on a bill that would inhibit cities' ability to purchase affordable, best-in-class public safety equipment. Here are the top measures cities should watch that could directly affect city budgets and residents' quality of life.

From shattered glass to safe shopping: bills against retail theft

The Legislature introduced a whopping 30 bills in the first half of this year's legislative session that seek to address the spike in retail theft. But, last-minute political maneuvering and dealmaking in the waning days before summer recess whittled down the package. The now 11-bill package would reduce retail theft by addressing cross-jurisdictional issues, reducing repeat offenses, enhancing penalties, and cracking down on online fencing.

Legislators hope to enact comprehensive reform mostly through AB 2943 (Rivas and Zbur). This measure would allow police to arrest suspects without witnessing the crime, prohibit a nuisance action against a retailer for reporting crime, provide diversion programs, and increase the time under probation. However, the bill no longer includes the critical provision that creates a new crime targeting "serial" retail thieves or the multicounty aggregation provision that allows prosecutors to combine retail theft crimes under one offense.

Cal Cities will support the measure if the authors reinstate these provisions and change the bill to align with case law (*People v. Bailey*), allow police to use unsworn statements if they demonstrate probable cause, and clarify what successful probation looks like. Cal Cities supports the ten other measures in the legislative package.

Hanging over these discussions is <u>Proposition 36</u>, which would create a deterrent for repeat retail theft offenders and redirect some toward treatment rather than incarceration. The Cal Cities Board of Directors <u>voted earlier</u> this summer to support the initiative, which will be on the ballot in November. Proposition 36 encourages drug treatment and holds repeat retail theft offenders accountable by offering a balanced approach that combines accountability for offenders with vital support for those battling addiction.

Tackling two fronts: legislation on cannabis and fentanyl control

Lawmakers are also mulling over changes to California's drug laws, and Cal Cities supports several of the proposals. <u>SB 226 (Alvarado-Gil)</u> would make armed possession of fentanyl and other controlled substances an automatic felony. Cal Cities supports the measure.

SB 820 (Alvarado-Gil) would allow local jurisdictions to seize property and vehicles involved in unlicensed commercial cannabis activity — the same laws used for unlicensed alcoholic manufacturing. Cal Cities supports the measure because it addresses a critical issue: the quick recovery of illicit cannabis operations following enforcement actions. By authorizing the civil seizure of property and equipment, SB 820 aims to dismantle the infrastructure that enables these illegal activities. Cal Cities is in support of SB 820.

The Cal Cities-supported AB 2223 (Aguiar-Curry) would establish a lower legal THC level for industrial hemp, require testing, and ensure compliance with tax laws. The measure would also enhance enforcement measures against people who violate the standards. Enforcement efforts are already spread thin across state and local agencies with insufficient resources and competing priorities. Currently, hemp products are allowed to bypass the established regulatory framework for cannabis which includes the taxation of these products. By creating a consistent standard, AB 2223 would promote safe consumption habits, protect the legal market, and help cities manage cannabis-related issues more effectively.

Other bills to watch

Cal Cities is supporting two other enforcement-related measures. <u>AB 2309</u> (<u>Muratsuchi</u>) would allow city attorneys to independently prosecute misdemeanors related to state law, provided their city council passes an ordinance granting this authority. This measure will allow cities to prioritize misdemeanor offenses that are lower priorities for district attorneys, such as many of the retail theft and shoplifting offenses affecting cities statewide.

SB 1262 (Archuleta) would require county agencies to revoke an individual's post-release supervision if they violate the terms for the third time or commit a new offense. This bill builds on existing law by providing clear guidelines for revocation after repeated violations or new crimes, improving accountability and community safety.

One other bill that will impact cities' ability to secure cost-effective public safety equipment is SB 99 (Umberg) would require police departments to ensure that any military equipment they want to use is not banned by federal law. At first glance, the bill seems reasonable. However, it would also impact many Chinese-made drones commonly used by law enforcement for a range of public safety tasks. Cal Cities is opposed due to its unnecessary restrictions and burdens on local law enforcement agencies and the intrusion on local control.



Top economist to forecast California's future during annual conference keynote

Jul 24, 2024

Dr. Christopher Thornberg, who predicted the subprime mortgage market crash, is Thursday's keynote speaker

By Cal Cities Education staff

Dr. Christopher Thornberg will provide a comprehensive look at California's economic future at the 2024 Annual Conference and Expo. Attendees will gain insight into key indicators driving the state and nation's economic fortunes, as well as leading risks, such as ideologically driven political dysfunction.

Thornberg is the founder of Beacon Economics, an independent research and consulting firm dedicated to delivering objective analyses. The firm first made a name for itself as the only major West Coast forecaster to predict the subprime mortgage crisis and ensuing global financial crisis. It also predicted the rapid "V" shaped recovery from the pandemic and subsequent surge in inflation.

Beacon Economics has become one of the most respected research organizations in California, working alongside private industry, public agencies, and nonprofits. Thornberg holds a doctorate in business economics from the Anderson School at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he later taught in the MBA program. He also served as a senior economist with the Anderson Forecast.

As a thought leader, Thornberg speaks in front of tens of thousands of people every year, urging audiences to ask the right economic questions before accepting pervasive social and political narratives.

Early bird registration closes July 18

Early bird registration ends tomorrow July 18! Anyone who registers by July 18 will get \$50 off their full conference registration. Full conference registration includes access to all general and concurrent sessions, the expo, CitiPAC and diversity caucus receptions, and Wednesday's host city reception. After July 18, full conference registration for member city officials is \$700.

After registering, attendees will receive a confirmation email with a link to the hotel reservations page where they can access discounted hotel room rates and manage

their reservations, including modifications and cancellations. Hotels often sell out before the Sept. 20 deadline, so reserve yours or join the hotel waitlist!

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. For accommodation or accessibility inquiries, please contact Conference Registrar Megan Dunn. Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted. Scammers may contact you claiming to be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities has contracted with LiveCon as the official housing bureau/service for the 2024 Annual Conference and Expo. Official conference emails will come from addresses ending in @calcities.org or @live-con.com, or the actual hotel. Neither party will call you directly without prior communication.



Take your policy advocacy to the next level

Jul 24, 2024

The League of California Cities is accepting chair and vice chair applications for all seven policy committees. Applications must be <u>submitted online</u> by Aug. 9, 2024. Every year, Cal Cities convenes a member-driven policy development process. These policies directly guide Cal Cities' advocacy to promote local decision-making and lobby against statewide policies that erode local control. The strength of Cal Cities policy depends on the active involvement and expertise of city officials from all over the state. Cal Cities' seven policy committees play a central role in developing the organization's policies. During the winter, spring, and summer, the committees meet to review and recommend a position for bills and regulatory proposals. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Cal Cities Board of Directors for consideration.

If approved, these positions are official Cal Cities policy and become <u>part of Cal Cities'</u> <u>existing policy</u>. This document is updated every two years.

Approximately 60 city officials serve on each committee. To accurately reflect the state's diverse communities and perspectives, leaders from all regions are strongly encouraged to apply for both leadership positions. Appointed by the Cal Cities President, applicants will be reviewed for their leadership skills, policy awareness, and experience within Cal Cities. Each position is a one-year term.

Each committee meets at least three times annually — January, March, and June — and for orientation in January. This year, the January meeting will be in Sacramento and the March meeting will be in Burbank. Committee members will meet virtually for the June meeting. Cal Cities does not reimburse committee members for travel expenses associated with attending policy committee meetings.

A summary of each committee and the policy areas they oversee are below.

- **Community Services**: Reviews issues related to homelessness, childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, emergency/disaster preparation and response, cultural arts, and community and human services programs.
- Environmental Quality: Reviews issues related to air, water, and water quality, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), solid waste and recycling, hazardous materials, coastal issues, utilities, and wildfires.
- Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations: Reviews issues related to transparency, technology (open data), healthcare, elections and political reform, pensions, and workers' compensation reform, as well as other labor-related issues.
- Housing, Community, and Economic Development: Reviews issues related to general plans and zoning, housing, rent control, land use regulation, and development fees.
- Public Safety: Reviews issues related to law enforcement; fire and life safety
 policies, including emergency communications; and emergency services, including
 ambulance and disaster preparedness.

- Revenue and Taxation: Reviews issues related to finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs, and revenue sources at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Transportation, Communication, and Public Works: Reviews issues related to transportation planning, technology, funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and other related areas.

For more information, please contact <u>Meg Desmond</u>, associate manager, legislative administration. Leadership opportunities are also available for city officials working in California's coastal zone.

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An Update of What's Going on in Division 1

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Get to Know Assistant Fire Marshal Victor Steppe



Victor was born in Santa Ana but raised in Norco. He enjoyed playing ball sports at an early age but fell in love with playing the trumpet in the third grade. He was the drum major of his high school marching band for three years and marched drum and bugle corps for 2 years. In 1992 he joined the US Army where he was in the M1A2 Abrams as a loader and stationed in Fort Stewart Georgia. After the Army he become a General Manager of a steakhouse in Yucaipa. He likes to spend time with his brother and his family. He says that his brother owns a boat so technically he owns a boat.

What is the best concert you've ever been to?
Oingo Boingo in 1988 at the old Irvine
Meadows on Halloween Night.
What is your go to TV show? Arrested
Development. The long running subtle jokes
are the BEST.

Favorite sport/team? The Los Angeles Dodgers. Have you seen my brother's office? What would you otherwise be doing if you weren't working in the fire service? Bounty hunter. No explanation needed.

Describe a perfect day (not at work)? A day with sufficient productivity, socialization, and a bit of spontaneity.

If you had a time machine, and could meet anyone from the past, who would it be?

Leonardo Da Vinci. I'm pretty sure no matter what kind of conversation you had with him it would not be a boring one.

Morning coffee or evening cocktail? Day drinking at the pool isn't an option?

Favorite song? More Than A Feeling –
Boston. My older brother had an 8-track of this album and played it over and over.

Favorite movie? The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. It goes beyond the characters. Betrayal, warfare, patriotism, hypocrisy and generosity.

Even the score was a masterpiece.

Favorite book? Meditations - Marcus

Aurelius. I have kept going back to it over the
years and always take away something new.

If you won the lottery, what would be the first
thing you spent money on? A good lawyer!

Favorite thing you own? A 2013 Z51 Chevrolet Corvette

What do you spend the most money on? A 2013 Z51 Chevrolet Corvette

Where would you go with a free plane ticket? Australia. I would love to snorkel the Great Barrier Reef.

Do you believe in the existence of aliens? Yep, check out the Drake equation



Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATION



In an effort to ensure parents and caregivers install seats correctly, OCFA is offering free car seat safety inspections and installations, by appointment only, at locations throughout Orange County. This is a chance for a one-on-one session with a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. These experts will help parents and caregivers properly install a car seat into the vehicle.

To schedule a car seat installation in the Orange County Fire Authority service area, please visit **ocfa.org/carseatinstallations**.

For additional information or questions, contact your local **Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician** from the list below.

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Approximately
50-75% of
drownings happen
in open waters
such as the ocean,
lakes, rivers, and
ponds.

BEACH SAFETY



A day at the beach can be fun. However, swimming in the water can be dangerous if you don't know how to keep yourself from drowning Learn how to reduce the risks of drowning by following these beach safety tips!

Beach Safety Tips:

- Ask the lifeguard about rip currents and other hazards. If in doubt, don't go out.
- Obey the posted warning signs and flags.
- Check the weather, water and surf conditions.
- If someone is in trouble, get help from a lifeguard or call 9-1-1.

Swimming in the Ocean:

- Keep small children and inexperienced swimmers within reach.
- Learn to swim before venturing out into the ocean.
- Use boogie boards and surfboards with leashes and only use them in designated areas.
- Choose to swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

How to Survive a rip current:

- Remain calm and don't fight the current. Swim to the side to get out of the current.
- If you can't escape, tread water or float.
- If you need help, call or wave for assistance.

January – June Community Events



Garden Grove

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Westminster

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<u>Los</u> <u>Alamitos</u>

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Midway City

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Seal Beach

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Rossmoor

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Fire Prevention

January – April Completed Inspections

Garden Grove: 2,566 Los Alamitos: 425 Midway City: 118 Rossmoor: 18 Seal Beach: 306 Westminster: 1,114



Garden Grove Incident Responses

January - June 2024

1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 : City GGV - Call Type	Total
	Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	122
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	115
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	637
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	1042
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	81
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	916
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	942
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	909
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	453
Medical Aid - Seizure	238
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	937
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	515
Fire - Structure	90
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	51
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	135
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	558
Totals	7741

Los Alamitos Incident Responses

January - June 2024

1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 : City LAF - Call Type	Total
	Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	18
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	19
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	56
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	110
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	5
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	68
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	99
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	74
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	45
Medical Aid - Seizure	19
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	78
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	51
Fire - Structure	9
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	6
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	6
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	107
Totals	770

Seal Beach Incident Responses

January - June 2024

1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 : City SLB - Call Type	Total
	Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	176
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	157
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	132
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	302
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	10
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	200
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	516
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	216
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	149
Medical Aid - Seizure	26
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	148
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	132
Fire - Structure	18
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	10
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	12
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	118
Totals	2322

Westminster Incident Responses

January - June 2024

1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024 : City WST - Call Type	Total
	Incidents
Medical Aid - Automatic Paramedic Alarm	94
Medical Aid - Back to Bed / Lift Assist	65
Medical Aid - Cardiac (Chest Pain, Cardiac Arrest)	296
Medical Aid - Stroke (Unconscious, Altered Mental Status, Fainting)	606
Medical Aid - Diabetic Emergency	32
Medical Aid - Respiratory (Respiratory Arrest, Difficulty Breathing)	562
Medical Aid - Fall / Injury / Trauma / Bleed	665
Medical Aid - Illness (Sick Person, Illness)	580
Medical Aid - Abdominal Pain	300
Medical Aid - Seizure	107
Medical Aid - Miscellaneous (Choking, Headache, Pregnancy, Bleeding, Assault, Burn, Intoxication, Psychiatric, Environmental)	506
Medical Aid - Traffic Collision (Auto vs Auto, Auto vs Pedestrian)	309
Fire - Structure	51
Fire - Vehicle / Dumpster	26
Fire - Vegetation, Brush, Tree, Bush, Misc.	75
Miscellaneous - Odor Check / Hazardous Condition / Auto-Alarm	285
Totals	4559

ABC's OF WATER SAFETY



Water safety starts at home. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe!



Children and adults drown without a sound. No one should ever swim alone.

A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts, or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher, actively keeping their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts! Check the water FIRST!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms, and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.
- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping, and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries. Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

Drain Safety

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool and spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.



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WATER SAFETY BARRIERS



Identify your risks and have multiple barriers in place to keep children and adults safe from all water sources. Barriers buy time and offer protection if they are installed correctly and are in good working condition. The more barriers you install and maintain, the safer your family will be.



No single barrier provides 100% protection.

Multiple barriers must be in place so that if one fails, there is another to slow or prevent a child from reaching the water alone and unsupervised.



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Non-Climbable Fences

- Install a 4-sided isolation fence tall enough (4-5 feet) to prevent children from climbing over.
- Make sure the bottom of the fence is close enough to the ground to prevent a child from crawling under.
- Ensure patio furniture is kept away from the fence so a child cannot use the items to climb.

Self-Closing or Latching Gates

- Install a self-closing or self-latching gate with a locking mechanism.
- Gates should be installed so that they open outward, away from the pool.
- · Regularly inspect gates for damages to ensure a child's safety.

Pool and Spa Covers

- Purchase and use a pool and spa cover to protect children and pets.
- Covers for the pool and spa act as a horizontal fence should children or pets get near the water.

Alarms

- Having alarms on your doors, windows, and on the pool is important in case a child or pet comes in contact with water unexpectedly.
- Child wristband alarms and pet collars are available to purchase for additional protection. The base alarms are triggered as soon as the child or pet gets them wet, alarming others in the area.
- Purchase and use portable alarms that can be used at any pool, residential or community.

Indoor Barriers

 A child can drown in less than two inches of water. Purchase and install indoor barriers such as toilet latches, baby gates, and child-safe doorknob handle covers to ensure children cannot get into any rooms where water can be accessed.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Throughout Orange County there are dozens of beautiful trails that residents enjoy at night or on the weekends. Being prepared is the key to staying safe while enjoying outdoor activities. Use the safety tips below to help you plan and prepare before your next hike or bike ride.



Since 2018, the number of remote rescues in Orange County continue to rise with over 100 rescues taking place per year.
By the end of 2020, the number of rescues is projected to more than double!



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General Best Practices

- Drink water before, during and after your activity. The general rule of thumb is 1 liter or 32 ounces of water per hour, per person.
- Wear comfortable and breathable clothing that you can layer based on the weather. Ensure that you are wearing sturdy hiking shoes that provide ankle support.
- Pack a backpack for clothing, water, identification, gear and snacks. Don't forget to bring any medications or information on health-related issues you may have.
- Wear sunglasses that block 100% of ultraviolet rays and ensure that you are reapplying sunscreen every 2 hours or as needed.
- Consider taking a first aid class and carry a small first aid kit with you before you hit the trails.
- Ensure that your devices are charged or bring a portable charger for navigation, contact purposes or emergencies.

Trail Tips

- Keep an eye on the weather and know the conditions of the trails before you go out.
- Use the buddy system and never hike or bike alone. Consider leaving your plan detailed out at home with a responsible person. Call and check in when you start and finish your activity.
- Stay on the trail and stay alert to your surroundings.
- Use trails that fit your abilities and your health conditions. Do not take on too much if you have not prepared for the hike or the trail that you have chosen.
- Plan your hike or bike ride to avoid peak heat hours.

Your Division 1 Firefighters in ACTION





Garden Gove crews quickly put out a fire at a two-story home, holding it to the first floor

Chief Backoff and Director Kalmick at the Walt's Wharf fire in January





Engine 86 stopped to make sure an elderly citizen crossed the street safely



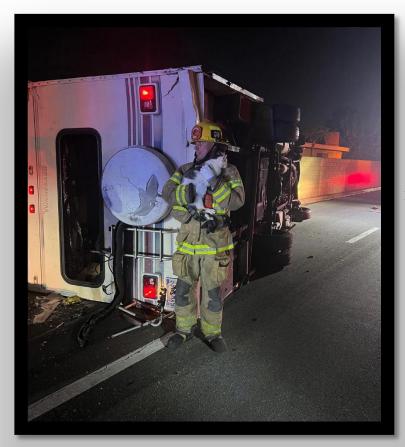


A two-vehicle collision in Garden Grove, jaws of life were used to extricate the driver of one of the vehicles



OCFA, City of Seal Beach, SBPD, and CERT volunteers came together to leave smoke alarm and home escape plan flyers at more than 1500 homes after a tragic fatality fire in the community





Engine 80 in Garden Grove rescued a cat from an overturned RV







The crew of Engine 25 from Midway City participated in a demonstration at OCFA's open house



Battalion 1 crews on a working fire in Leisure World, Seal Beach



Chief Moon and crews knocked down a fire in Garden Grove



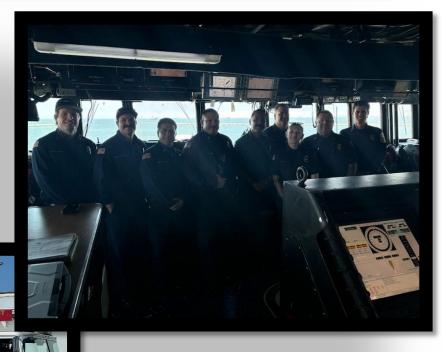


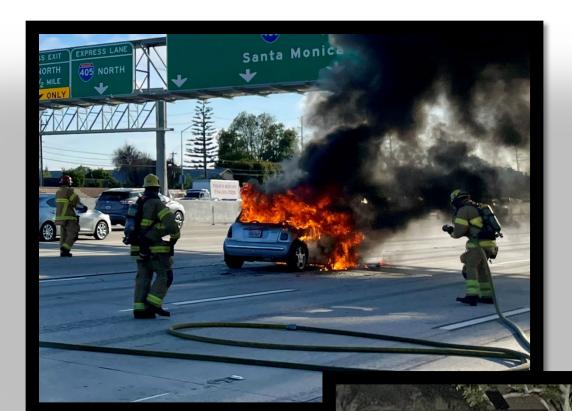


The crews of E44 and E48 attended shipboard training with the Naval Weapons Station in Seal Beach



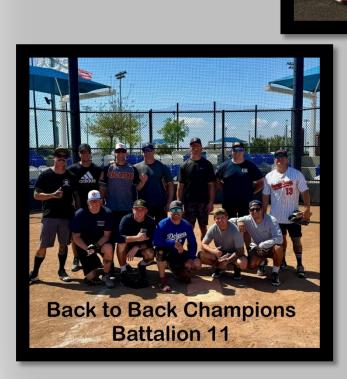




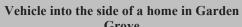


Vehicle fire on the 405 in Westminster

Hazmat spill in Garden Grove



Battalion 11 won the OCFA softball tournament ... Again!









Engine 80 and Truck 81 participated in Garden Grove's Strawberry Festival





Blake Campbell was recognized in Seal Beach as Battalion 1's Firefighter of the Year





Tustin Unified School District recognized the Incident Management Team that oversaw the Hangar Fire **Structure Fire in Midway City**



Rescuing a critically injured person from a tree in Garden Grove



Truck 81 rescued a dog that had gotten stuck in a wall



E384 from Garden Grove Station 84 assisting with fighting wildfires in the state





Bus and multiple cars on fire at Garden Grove storage yard



