

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**December 19, 2025**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES,  
BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

A. OC MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

Notification to potentially affected governmental agencies regarding application of pesticides by the OC Vector Control District (January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026)

• **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



## Public Notice

December 16, 2025

***Re: Notification to Potentially Affected Governmental Agencies Regarding  
Application of Pesticides by the Orange County Vector Control District (January 1, 2026– December 31,  
2026)***

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) is hereby notifying potentially affected governmental agencies of our continued application of mosquito control pesticides within Orange County pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Order No. 2016-0039-DWQ) [General Permit No. CAG 990004]. This permit is for discharges of biological and residual pesticides to waters of the United States, per those pesticide active ingredients approved for application within the provisions of the approved Pesticide Application Plan and the Notice of Applicability, as adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on March 1, 2016, effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2021, or until renewed. This notification is for applications made from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, for the suppression of vector populations and arbovirus transmission when non-chemical strategies are not feasible or effective. Each year the District will update interested agencies regarding the control products being used within the District's boundaries (see enclosed service area map).

The District is a public health agency charged with protecting the citizens of Orange County under Division 3 of the California Health and Safety Code (CAL. HSC. §2000-2910). The District carries out its mission with a balanced approach focused on protecting public health and the environment through an effective, county-wide Integrated Vector Management (IVM) Program. As part of the IVM Program the District applies mosquito control pesticides that primarily target aquatic, immature (larval) stages of mosquitoes to prevent the emergence of adult mosquitoes, which inflict painful bites and may transmit diseases such as West Nile virus. District personnel conduct larval mosquito control year-round in a variety of urban and natural habitats, such as unmaintained swimming pools, ornamental ponds, small containers, stormwater treatment systems, riparian corridors, tidal marshes, and seasonal and permanent wetlands. Adult mosquito control, if necessary, occurs typically in the warmer months near mosquito producing habitats, like seasonal and permanent wetlands, tidal marshes, and urban areas.

All mosquito control pesticides are applied only, when necessary, by licensed District personnel according to product label instructions and in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations. Proper applications maximize a product's effectiveness while avoiding or minimizing any adverse impacts to the public and environment. No special precautions need to be taken by your representative agencies as the District performs these ongoing activities. There are no known water use restrictions or precautions during treatment. Please refer to the District's website for all product labels and Safety Data Sheets.

The NPDES Permit requirements for listing of the Public Health Pesticides anticipated to be used specify that any pesticide product can be used that contain approved active ingredients, provided all pesticide label restrictions and instructions are followed. In addition, pesticides which fall under the "minimum" risk

pesticides have been exempted from FIFRA requirements, and a list of these can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/minimum-risk-pesticides/inert-ingredients-approved-use-minimum-risk-pesticide-products>.

The following tables list the active ingredients approved for the FIFRA regulated pesticides.

Active Ingredients for Larval Mosquito Control:

<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> (Bti)
<i>Lysinibacillus sphaericus</i> (Ls) formerly <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i> (Bs)
Methoprene
Monomolecular Films
Petroleum Distillates
Spinosad
Temephos
Pyriproxyfen * added under Draft Order 2022-XXX-EXEC

Active Ingredients for Adult Mosquito Control:

Deltamethrin
Etofenprox
Lambda-Cyhalothrin
Malathion
Naled
N-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide (MGK-264)
Piperonyl butoxide (PBO)
Permethrin
Prallethrin
Pyrethrin
Resmethrin
Sumithrin

For more information, please call (714) 971-2421 or visit the District's website ([www.ocvector.org](http://www.ocvector.org)).

# Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Service Area Boundary





**WEEKLY MEMO 12-19-2025**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



## Post Performance

December 11, 2025 – December 17, 2025


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


Included in this Report

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**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 12/17/2025 5:24 pm PST




Temporary Road Closure




On Saturday, December 20, streets near  124...




Views	2,088
Reach	798
Engagements	39
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.9%








**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 12/17/2025 5:24 pm PST




Temporary Road Closure




On Saturday, December 20, streets near  124...




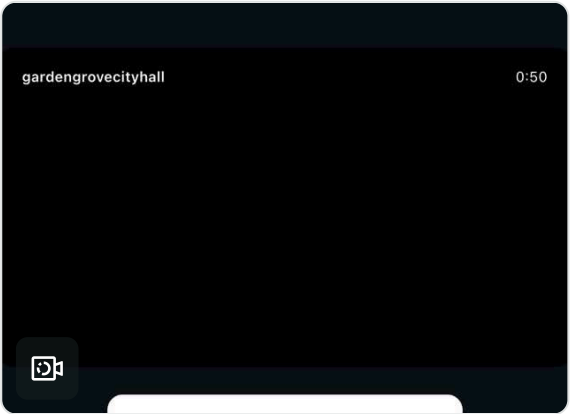
Views	1,603
Reach	1,073
Engagements	48
Engagement Rate (per View)	3%





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 12/17/2025 3:35 pm PST

Turn in your receipts at  
the Garden Grove  
Chamber of Commerce! 




Views	786
Reach	634
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	8





@CityGardenGrove


Tue 12/16/2025 3:27 pm PST


The Holiday Lights Gallery is officially LIVE, #GardenGrove!


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Impressions	70
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%




gardengrovecityhall


Tue 12/16/2025 3:25 pm PST


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Visit the Garden Grove Holiday Lights 2025...





Views	1,880
Reach	929
Engagements	49
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.6%




Garden Grove City Hall


Tue 12/16/2025 3:25 pm PST



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Visit the Garden Grove Holiday Lights 2025...






Views	8,626
Reach	6,144
Engagements	184
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 12/16/2025 10:09 am PST

JOB ALERT





Views954

Reach692


Comments0

Story Taps Back22




**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 12/16/2025 9:48 am PST

 Learn about the position and apply at [gg.city/cs](https://gg.city/cs). The deadline is , , : ..

#GG1956 #CommunityRelations  
#CityManagersOffice  
#CommunicationsSpecialist #nowhiring  
#jobopportunity #jobopening #jobsearch




Post Link Clicks0


Impressions29

Potential Reach4,744

Engagements0

Engagement Rate (per Impression)0%




**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 12/16/2025 9:48 am PST

Looking for a communications role with real community impact? 🙌

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Impressions45

Potential Reach4,744

Engagements3


Engagement Rate (per Impression)6.7%




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 12/16/2025 9:48 am PST


Looking for a communications role with real community impact? 🍷

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Views	5,988
Reach	2,831
Engagements	194
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.2%




**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 12/16/2025 9:48 am PST


Looking for a communications role with real community impact? 🍷

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Views	73,422
Reach	51,327
Engagements	1,920
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.6%





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Mon 12/15/2025 4:55 pm PST

It's not too late to win BiGG this 🎄 holiday season #GardenGrove shoppers! 🍷




Views	711
Reach	588
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	7






@CityGardenGrove

Mon 12/15/2025 3:25 pm PST





The proceeds will help provide gifts to underserved children and their seniors this holiday season!

Do you want to be part of the action? Learn how you can donate at [ggcity.org/holiday-drive](http://ggcity.org/holiday-drive). The deadline to participate is this , . #GG1956




Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	33
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%







@CityGardenGrove

Mon 12/15/2025 3:25 pm PST







Today, the Garden Grove Rotary Club District...




Impressions	60
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%







gardengrovecityhall

Mon 12/15/2025 3:25 pm PST





Today, the @rotaryclubofgardengrove District...



Views	2,710
Reach	1,284
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.4%







**Garden Grove City Hall**


Mon 12/15/2025 3:25 pm PST




Today, the Garden Grove Rotary Club District...




Views	2,678
Reach	1,768
Engagements	119
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.4%





**@CityGardenGrove**

Mon 12/15/2025 10:31 am PST




**EMERGENCY WATER SHUTDOWN**


Water Services has an emergency water shutdown affecting the area near Hope Street, 15th Street, and 16th Street. The water is expected to be off until 12:00 p.m.


We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

#GG1956




Impressions	58
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.9%







**gardengrovecityhall**


Thu 12/11/2025 5:00 pm PST







From now until next Thursday, December 18,...






Views	2,448
Reach	934
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.6%






**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 12/11/2025 5:00 pm PST







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From now until next Thursday, December 18,...




Views	556
Reach	357
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.5%







**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 12/11/2025 5:00 pm PST



From now until December 18, spend \$50 at any Garden Grove business and save your receipts to be entered for a chance to win \$500, \$250, a...





Impressions	119
Potential Reach	4,745
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%





**gardengrovecityhall**


Thu 12/11/2025 2:41 pm PST



There's still time to show us your shine,  
**#GardenGrove!** ✨



Views	844
Reach	675
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	7



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@CityGardenGrove

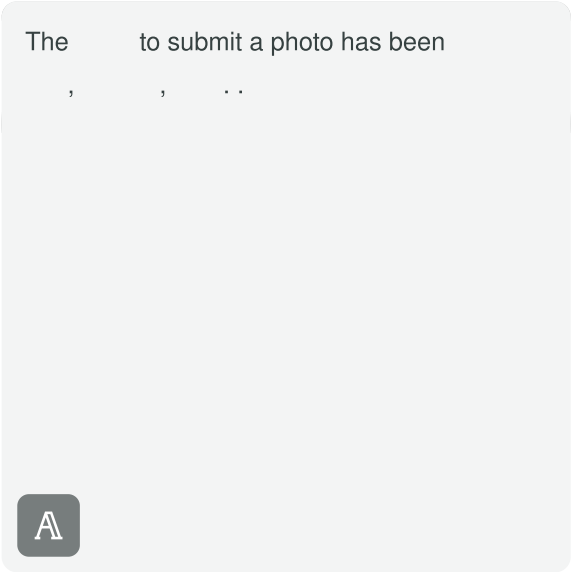
Thu 12/11/2025 2:32 pm PST

The        to submit a photo has been

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Impressions	53
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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@CityGardenGrove

Thu 12/11/2025 2:18 pm PST

 Last call, #GardenGrove homeowners! 🏡

Next Monday, December 15, is your last...



Impressions	99
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%



Instagram icon

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Thu 12/11/2025 2:17 pm PST


 Last call, #GardenGrove homeowners! 🏡

Next Monday, December 15, is your last...




Views	2,270
Reach	890
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.3%







**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 12/11/2025 2:17 pm PST



 Last call, **#GardenGrove** homeowners! 🏡

Next Monday, December 15, is your last...



Views	763
Reach	483
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per View)	3%






## Post Performance


December 11, 2025 – December 17, 2025

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department







Garden Grove Police Depart...


Wed 12/17/2025 1:13 pm PST

Last Saturday, our Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Driver's License checkpoint in honor of Pastor Eric Williams, who was tragically killed by a DUI...





Views	1,285
Reach	779
Engagements	96
Engagement Rate (per View)	7.5%






Garden Grove Police Depart...

Thu 12/11/2025 4:50 pm PST

 DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification   
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Views	89,011
Reach	54,904
Engagements	4,178
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.7%



## Post Performance

December 4, 2025 – December 10, 2025

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




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Wed 12/10/2025 5:29 pm PST

Upcoming Street Closure

On Fri., Dec. 12, from 2 PM to 10 PM, Santa Rit...



Impressions

54

Potential Reach


4,746

Engagements

4

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

7.4%

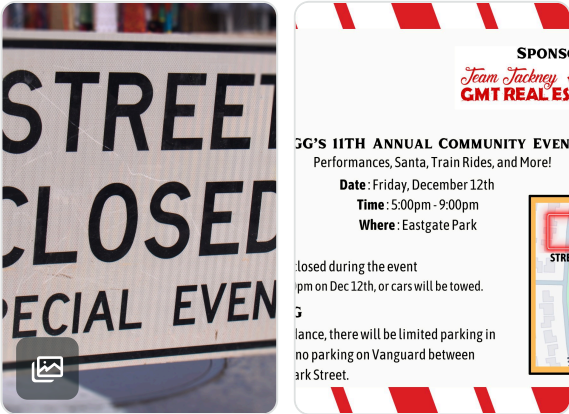


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Wed 12/10/2025 5:27 pm PST

Upcoming Street Closure

This Friday, December 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:...



Views

3,276

Reach


1,394

Engagements

63

Engagement Rate (per View)

1.9%




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Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 12/10/2025 5:27 pm PST

Upcoming Street Closure

This Friday, December 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:...



Views

10,237

Reach


6,635


Engagements

531

Engagement Rate (per View)

5.2%







@CityGardenGrove

Wed 12/10/2025 5:19 pm PST

🚧 Upcoming Street Closure On Fri., Dec. 12, from 2 PM to 10 PM, Santa Rita Ave., between Winton St. and St. Mark St., will be closed for the 11th...





GG'S 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

Performances, Santa, Train Rides, and More!


Date: Friday, December 12th

Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Eastgate Park


closed during the event  
pm on Dec 12th, or cars will be towed.


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no parking on Vanguard between  
ark Street.



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 12/10/2025 4:57 pm PST

🚧 Upcoming Street Closure

On Fri., Dec. 12, from 2 PM to 10 PM, Santa Rit...





GG'S 11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

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no parking on Vanguard between  
ark Street.



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—

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Wed 12/10/2025 11:35 am PST

Have you heard the latest Garden Grove Strawberry Festival news? 🍓 Watch for a sweet surprise! 🇺🇸



Views	954
Reach	678
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	8



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@CityGardenGrove


Tue 12/9/2025 2:00 pm PST

Visit the Garden Grove Holiday Lights 2025 webpage on Monday, December 15, to see all the dazzling submissions!

#GG1956 #GardenGrove #community #holidaylights#holidaydecor #holidays

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Impressions	44
Potential Reach	4,748
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%




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@CityGardenGrove


Tue 12/9/2025 2:00 pm PST

🔴 LAST CHANCE to be part of this year's Garden Grove Holiday Lights!

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Impressions	58
Potential Reach	4,748
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.9%




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Tue 12/9/2025 2:00 pm PST


🔴 to be part of this year's


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Views	1,000
Reach	520
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.7%






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Tue 12/9/2025 2:00 pm PST







to be part of this year's


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Views	810
Reach	536
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.2%






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Tue 12/9/2025 11:36 am PST




@sabrosomexicankitchen




Views	1,433
Reach	1,079
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	63






**gardengrovecityhall**


Tue 12/9/2025 10:27 am PST




Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Winter in the Grove! ❄️ And for the generous support that helped bring the magic to life! 🌟




Views	1,185
Reach	982
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	69







**gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 12/9/2025 10:17 am PST

'Tis the season for the most wonderful glow of the year! ✨




Views	1,429
Reach	1,171
Comments	2
Story Taps Back	27







**@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 12/8/2025 12:30 pm PST

Your support helps ensure every child and senior has the chance to unwrap a gift this holiday season. 🎁...



Impressions	36
Potential Reach	4,747
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%






**@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 12/8/2025 12:30 pm PST

Children: [gg.city/GGHolidaydrive](https://gg.city/GGHolidaydrive) and Seniors: [gg.city/GGHolidaydrive...](https://gg.city/GGHolidaydrive...)


🔗 Learn more at [ggcity.org/holidaydrive](https://ggcity.org/holidaydrive).

#GG1956 #HolidayDrive2025  
#communitynews #community #giveback  
#toydonation #childreninneed  
#holidayspirit



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	25
Potential Reach	4,747
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%








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@CityGardenGrove


Mon 12/8/2025 12:30 pm PST



🌟 Help brighten the holidays for local children and seniors in need by donating to the 27th Annual Garden Grove Holiday Drive!  ...




Impressions	57
Potential Reach	4,747
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%





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Mon 12/8/2025 12:30 pm PST



🌟 Help brighten the holidays for local children and seniors in need by donating to the 27th Annual Garden Grove Holiday Drive!  ...




Views	2,514
Reach	1,078
Engagements	49
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.9%





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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 12/8/2025 12:30 pm PST





🌟 Help brighten the holidays for local children and seniors in need by donating to the 27th Annual Garden Grove Holiday Drive!  ...



Views	12,013
Reach	8,487
Engagements	475
Engagement Rate (per View)	4%




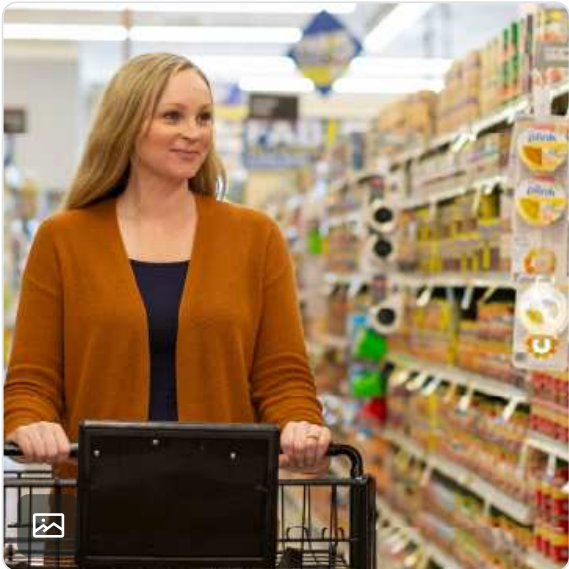




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Mon 12/8/2025 9:45 am PST







Views219

Reach117

Engagements2


Engagement Rate (per View)0.9%






**gardengrovecityhall**

Sat 12/6/2025 5:01 pm PST



The holiday magic continues with our live entertainment! 🎄🧑‍🎨





Views1,612

Reach1,196

Comments0


Story Taps Back116






**gardengrovecityhall**

Sat 12/6/2025 3:39 pm PST



It's timeeeeeee,  
Garden Grove!❄️ There's snow much to do!! Take a peek! ⭐



Views1,897

Reach1,436

Comments1

Story Taps Back31





Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 12/5/2025 5:33 pm PST



#FlashbackFriday to this year's Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, where we honored local graduates earning degrees in higher...



Video Views	794
Views	794
Reach	724
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per View)	1%





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Fri 12/5/2025 5:32 pm PST



#FlashbackFriday to this year's Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, where we honored local graduates earning degrees in higher...



Views	2,378
Reach	1,550
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.5%





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Fri 12/5/2025 2:34 pm PST





Views	1,175
Reach	803
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	195



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Fri 12/5/2025 2:34 pm PST



Views	1,130
Reach	828
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	135



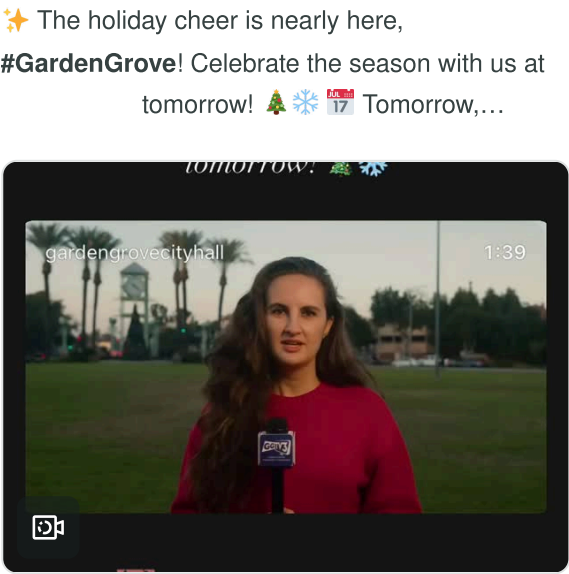
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Fri 12/5/2025 2:33 pm PST



Views	1,065
Reach	846
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	87





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Fri 12/5/2025 2:29 pm PST




Views	1,087
Reach	886
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	44







**gardengrovecityhall**  
Fri 12/5/2025 2:19 pm PST

✨ The holiday cheer is nearly here,  
**#GardenGrove!** Celebrate the season with us at  
tomorrow! 🎄❄️...




Views	4,798
Reach	2,552
Engagements	177
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.7%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Fri 12/5/2025 2:08 pm PST

✨ The holiday cheer is nearly here,  
**#GardenGrove!** Celebrate the season with us at  
tomorrow! 🎄❄️...







Video Views	2,259
Views	2,259
Reach	2,096
Engagements	101
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.5%




**@CityGardenGrove**  
Fri 12/5/2025 2:08 pm PST

Get ready to brighten the night during the tree lighting and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

 Tomorrow, 12/6 | 3PM-7PM  
 Village Green Park | 12732 Main St  
 [ggcity.org/winterinthegro...](https://ggcity.org/winterinthegro...)




Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	54
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%




@CityGardenGrove

Fri 12/5/2025 2:08 pm PST


: [youtu.be/3xqSjZ-qz0U](https://youtu.be/3xqSjZ-qz0U)

🌟 The holiday cheer is nearly here, **#GardenGrove**! Celebrate the season with us at Winter in the Grove tomorrow! 🎄❄️

Experience the magic and enjoy FREE unlimited snow slides at the Snowtopia attraction, craft-making for kids, and more!



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	169
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%




@CityGardenGrove


Fri 12/5/2025 2:08 pm PST

' ? ! Tune into our at [ggcity.org](https://ggcity.org) tomorrow, December 6, starting at 4:15 p.m. for all the festive fun! 🎉

**#GG1956 #GGTV3 #WinterintheGrove**  
**#communityevent** #holidayevent #holidays #winter




Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	43
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%




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Fri 12/5/2025 11:31 am PST

Celebrate the season by showing us your home's sparkle! 🌟



Views	946
Reach	772
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	11







**Garden Grove City Hall**


Fri 12/5/2025 11:28 am PST

Turn your holiday shopping into ,  
#GardenGrove! 📺🌟  
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Video Views	0
Views	0
Reach	0
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	—







**gardengrovecityhall**


Thu 12/4/2025 3:30 pm PST

❄️🌟 Can't make it out? Bring Winter in the Grove to you!  
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Views	5,555
Reach	2,046
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.8%






**Garden Grove City Hall**


Thu 12/4/2025 3:30 pm PST

❄️🌟 Can't make it out? Bring Winter in the Grove to you!  
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Views	2,636
Reach	1,716
Engagements	75
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.8%






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@CityGardenGrove

Thu 12/4/2025 3:30 pm PST

❄️🌟 Can't make it out? Grab a cozy blanket and tune in as we stream the holiday event LIVE on [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org). Enjoy all the seasonal magic of Wint...

Impressions	84
Potential Reach	9,795
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.5%



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@CityGardenGrove


Thu 12/4/2025 12:48 pm PST

Upwards, partnered with the State of California, is offering childcare financial assistance to eligible OC families with children ages 0-12. Eligible...

*Parents:*  
You may qualify for free or low-cost care in Garden Grove, CA!  
Apply today for a state-funded scholarship to help cover child care expenses.

*Padres:*  
¡Puede calificar para cuidado infantil gratuito o de bajo costo en Garden Grove, CA!  
Solicite hoy una beca financiada por el estado para ayudar a cubrir los gastos de cuidado infantil.

Impressions	58
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.9%



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Thu 12/4/2025 12:43 pm PST


Upwards, in partnership with the State of California, is offering childcare financial assistance to eligible Orange County families with children...

*Parents:*  
You may qualify for free or low-cost care in Garden Grove, CA!  
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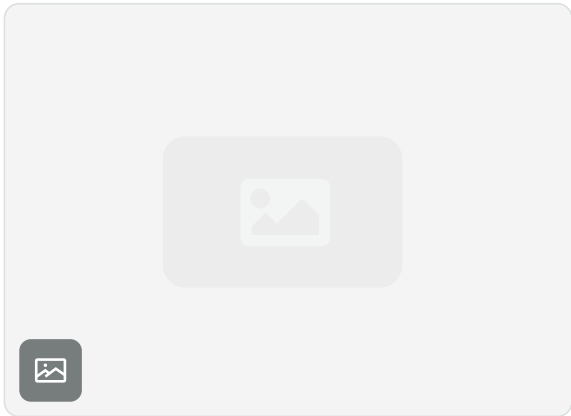


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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, December 1, 2025



## FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR HOME REPAIRS

The City of Garden Grove announces that applications are now open for the Home Repair Program, providing new funding for eligible homeowners. Homeowners can apply for the Home Repair Program from Dec. 1, 2025, through Dec. 15, 2025.

The Home Repair Program supports minor health, safety, and accessibility-related improvements. Homeowners must contribute at least \$500 towards the project, and major repairs are not eligible. Projects that exceed the \$5,000 grant amount may be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the homeowner's ability to fund the remaining costs.

Eligible interior and exterior repairs include, but are not limited to, window replacement, electrical repairs, pest control, exterior painting, plumbing repairs, heater replacement (HVAC), handicap accessibility modifications, and repairs to correct building or safety code violations. Applicants must meet all program income and application requirements to qualify. Due to limited funding, approximately 10 eligible applicants will be selected through a blind raffle.

Homeowners seeking to repair or replace a roof should visit the City's Re-Roof Loan Program webpage at <https://gg.city/re-roof> contact Dana Yang at [danay@ggcity.org](mailto:danay@ggcity.org).

For more details on the Home Repair Program, visit <https://gg.city/home-repair>.

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025



## **CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE DURING HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays from Thursday, December 25, 2025, to Thursday, January 1, 2026, the City of Garden Grove facilities and services listed below will adhere to the following schedules.

### **Garden Grove City Hall**

Garden Grove City Hall will be closed from Thursday, December 25, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026.

### **Resource Centers**

The Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, H. Louis Lake Senior Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026.

### **Recreational Facilities**

The Garden Grove Sports & Recreation Center and Atlantis Play Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, Thursday, December 25, 2025, Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026. Both facilities will remain open on all other days. For more information, visit [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com).

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## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE 2-2-2

### **Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping services will not be provided on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. For more information on street sweeping, call the Parking Enforcement and Street Sweeping mainline at (714) 741-5382.

### **Trash Services**

Trash pickup will not be provided on Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026. If your trash pickup is scheduled for Thursday or Friday, the service will be delayed by one day.

Republic Services will provide free pick up of holiday trees for three weeks, beginning Friday, December 26, 2025, through Friday, January 16, 2026. Trees must be out by 7:00 a.m. on regular trash collection days. Artificial and flocked trees are not recyclable and are not eligible for the free collection but may be disposed of in the regular trash container or by scheduling a bulky item pick up.

For questions about holiday tree pickup or bulky item pickup, call Republic Services at (714) 238-3300 or visit [republicservices.com/gardengrovecalifornia](https://republicservices.com/gardengrovecalifornia).

### **Garden Grove Animal Care Services**

Garden Grove Animal Care Services will continue to operate on a normal daily basis except for Thursday, December 25, 2025, and Thursday, January 1, 2026, when only emergency services will be available by calling the Garden Grove Police Department Dispatch at (714) 741-5704.

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## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE 3-3-3

### **Water Services**

During the holiday closure, water bills will not be due, and services will not be cut off. Water bill payments can be made online at [ggcity.org/water](http://ggcity.org/water), by phone at (888) 867-2992, or dropped off in the payment box outside Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway (cash will not be accepted).

### **Parking Citations**

Parking citations due during the holiday closure may be paid online by visiting [pticket.com/gardengrove](http://pticket.com/gardengrove) or by mailing a check or money order to P.O. Box 409 Tustin, CA 92781. For more information, call the Parking Enforcement and Street Sweeping mainline at (714) 741-5382.

### **Garden Grove City Council**

The next scheduled Garden Grove City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (714) 741-5040.

### **Emergency and Non-Emergency Services**

For police or fire emergencies, call or text 9-1-1. For safety emergencies, such as water main breaks or downed signals, and non-emergencies, call the Garden Grove Police Department Dispatch at (714) 741-5704.

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

## **FINAL DAYS FOR GARDEN GROVE SHOPPERS TO WIN 'BIGG' THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Garden Grove shoppers have until Thursday, December 18, to participate in the City of Garden Grove's end-of-year Buy in Garden Grove (BiGG) campaign, Black Friday Goes BiGG, which offers chances to win \$500, \$250, a one-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, and a restaurant gift certificate.

The deadline to submit receipts is 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18. Please note that the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce will close early on Wednesday, December 17, at 3:30 p.m.

To qualify, shoppers must submit receipts totaling \$50 for purchases made at Garden Grove businesses, including restaurants, retail shops, gas stations, and grocery stores, to receive one raffle ticket for the prize drawings. Receipts must be dated between Friday, November 28, 2025, and Thursday, December 18, 2025, and submitted to the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at 12866 Main Street, Suite 102.

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## FINAL DAYS FOR GARDEN GROVE SHOPPERS TO WIN 'BIGG' 2-2-2

Shoppers will receive one raffle ticket for every \$50 spent. An additional raffle ticket will be issued for purchases made at participating BiGG businesses, Foods of Garden Grove restaurants, or Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce members. Raffle tickets are available only at the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and will not be distributed at business locations.

The five winning raffle ticket numbers will be announced on Monday, December 22, on the City's and Chamber's websites and social media platforms. Participants must be at least 18 years old, and each winner is limited to one prize.

For more information on BiGG or Black Friday Goes BiGG, including restrictions, visit [ggcity.org/bigg](http://ggcity.org/bigg), or contact the Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280 or the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at (714) 638-7950.

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Shoppers who save their Garden Grove receipts from Black Friday, November 28, 2025, through Thursday, December 18, 2025, can win "BiGG" while supporting local businesses.

Visit [ggcity.org/biggs](http://ggcity.org/biggs) or [gardengrovechamber.com](http://gardengrovechamber.com).



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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, December 8, 2025

## **SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH AND SENIORS BY DONATING TO THE 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN GROVE HOLIDAY DRIVE**

From now through Thursday, December 18, 2025, the community can assist local youth and seniors in need during the holidays by supporting the City of Garden Grove's 27th Annual Holiday Drive.

Donors are encouraged to give new and unwrapped toys, board games, sports equipment, gift cards and other essential supplies, which will be distributed to local youth and seniors in need. Donations can be dropped off at:

- Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, at 12661 Sunswept Avenue
- Magnolia Park Family Resource Center, at 11402 Magnolia Street
- H. Louis Lake Senior Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue
- Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway

Gifts can also be purchased online through the Amazon holiday registry and shipped directly to Garden Grove City Hall. For children's gifts, visit [gg.city/GGHolidaydrive](https://gg.city/GGHolidaydrive) and for senior gifts, visit [gg.city/GGHolidaydriveSeniors](https://gg.city/GGHolidaydriveSeniors).

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be made payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation and mailed to Holiday Drive, c/o GGCF, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842. Tax receipts are available upon request.

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## Support Local Youth and Seniors by Donating to the Garden Grove Holiday Drive 2-2-2

In addition, from now through December 11, 2025, tickets can be purchased for the Holiday Drive Raffle to win a \$200 gift card. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5, or 25 for \$20, and are available at Garden Grove City Hall.

One winner will be selected and announced at [ggcity.org/holiday-drive](https://ggcity.org/holiday-drive) on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. All proceeds benefit the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Drive.

Part of the City's Community Services Department, the family resource centers and H. Louis Lake Senior Center support local underserved seniors, families and individuals with low to no-cost programs, resources, and services.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/holiday-drive](https://ggcity.org/holiday-drive), call (714) 741-5776, or email [ggholidaydrive@ggcity.org](mailto:ggholidaydrive@ggcity.org).

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# GARDEN GROVE HOLIDAY DRIVE



**November 3, 2025 - December 18, 2025**

Donate gifts to local children and seniors in need.

## **DROP-OFF SITES:**

### **Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center**

12661 Sunswept Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92843

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

11402 Magnolia Street  
Garden Grove, CA 92841

### **Garden Grove City Hall**

11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

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

11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92840



Purchase a children's gift from  
the Amazon holiday registry.

[bit.ly/GGHolidaydrive](https://bit.ly/GGHolidaydrive)

Purchase a gift for seniors from  
the Amazon holiday registry.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Friday, December 5, 2025



## **SANTA RITA AVENUE CLOSED DECEMBER 12 FOR JINGLE JAM EVENT**

Santa Rita Avenue, between Winton Street and St. Mark Street will be closed on Friday, December 12, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Jingle Jam holiday event. There will also be no parking on Vanguard Avenue, between Winton Street and St. Mark Street. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly.

The Jingle Jam event will be held at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Residents in the area should expect an increase of pedestrian traffic during event hours. Residents have been notified in advance.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be on site during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

For more information on the street closure, please contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

For event information, email [teamtackney@gmtrealestate.com](mailto:teamtackney@gmtrealestate.com).

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025



**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES DURING KING SHOCKS  
TOY DRIVE EVENT**

On Saturday, December 20, 2025, various streets in Garden Grove will be temporarily closed for the King Shocks Toy Drive community event. The streets surrounding the perimeter of King Shocks, located at 12472 Edison Way, will be closed from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 20. Streets include:

- Lampson Avenue, from Knott Street to Monarch Street
- Edison Way, from Belgrave Avenue to Lampson Avenue
- Industry Street, from Lampson Avenue to Chapman Avenue
- Belgrave Avenue, from Industry Street to Knott Street

The King Shocks Toy Drive community event will be held on Saturday, December 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commuters should expect heavier traffic in the area. Businesses in the surrounding area have been notified in advance.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be on-site during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes.

For more information on the street closure, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

For event information, visit [www.kingshockstoydrive.com](http://www.kingshockstoydrive.com) or @kingshockstoydrive on Instagram.





# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, December 4, 2025



## WINTER AND SPRING PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE OFFERS CLASSES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

The Winter and Spring 2026 Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Guide is now available for viewing at [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com). The guide provides a multitude of programs, classes, activities, and special events through Thursday, April 30, 2026. Residents and visitors are encouraged to register for classes in advance to avoid class cancellations. To view the guide and to register, visit [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com).

Serving as the City's main source for recreational classes, the digital publication features a listing of youth sports and creative arts, adult activities and fitness, special events, and more.

Follow the City's social platforms on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [X](#), formerly known as Twitter, to see announcements on programs, services, events, and job opportunities.

For more information, visit [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com) or call (714) 741-5200.

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The Tribune  
Dec 9, 2025

# New look 'Flower Street' OK'd

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 9, 2025 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



THE FLOWER STREET event on Garden Grove's Main Street is one of several Tet events (Tribune photo).

**By Jim Tortolano**  
Orange County Tribune

The fourth annual Flower Street event will be back to Garden Grove's historic Main Street in February but on a slightly different schedule and a slightly different location.

On a 7-0 vote, the city council on Tuesday approved a request from the Vietnamese Sport Association of Southern California for temporary street closures in the downtown area for the event from Friday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 15.

This year's event will cover the area from Acacia Parkway to Stanford Avenue.

In year's past the event was held Saturday and Sunday on Main between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway and impacted businesses on one block of shops, offices and restaurants.

For 2026, the event – a traditional Vietnamese cultural event featuring colorful displays of flowers – will held on Friday to Sunday one block north of the 2025 pageant.

Also on Tuesday night, the council elected George Brietigam (District 1) as mayor pro tem (vice mayor) for 2026.

The Tribune

Dec 7, 2025

# 3 days of Flower Street asked

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



TRADITIONAL DRESS is part of the “Flower Street” event (Tribune photo).

A request to close a portion of historic Main Street for three days for the annual Flower Street event goes before the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The Vietnamese Sport Association of Southern California is asking approval for the closing of Main Street between Acacia Parkway and Stanford Avenue starting on Friday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, Feb. 15 with operating hours each day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Also requested is “partial use of Village Green Park for a small performance stage and vendor booths that include food vendors, sponsors and a flower marketplace.”

Flower Street is a traditional Vietnamese event which features flower structures, music and contests.

Also on the agenda is selection of a new mayor pro tempore (vice mayor) for the coming year. The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

The Tribune

Dec 2, 2025

# ‘Shroud of Turin’ replicas in OC

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON DECEMBER 2, 2025 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**NORA CREECH**, director of Othonia North America, points to a replica of the Shroud of Turin at a new interactive museum dedicated to the shroud, Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at the Christ Cathedral campus in Garden Grove, Calif. (AP Photo/Krysta Fauria).

**By Deepa Bharath**

Associated Press

**GARDEN GROVE (AP)** — An interactive museum dedicated to the Shroud of Turin, which some say was Jesus’ burial cloth, opened its doors to the public Wednesday at the Christ Cathedral campus in Southern California.

“The Shroud of Turin: An Immersive Experience,” a \$5-million exhibit in Garden Grove featuring 360-degree projection room theaters, Shroud of Turin replicas, interactive kiosks, and a life-size sculpture of Christ, was conceived over a span of three years and funded through private donations.

The content was created primarily by Othonia, Inc., a Rome-based group dedicated to the examination of the shroud, one of the most studied artifacts in history. The original — a 14-foot-long, 3.5-foot-wide (4.3-meter-long, 1 meter-wide) cloth — is kept in a bulletproof, climate-controlled case housed in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin, Italy.

The California museum — covering 10,000 square feet (930 square meters) — contains a life-size laminated visual of the shroud stretched over a wall. It shows the faint image of a man with wounds similar to those of Christ.

## **The cloth is a powerful symbol for Christians**

The Vatican has called the cloth a powerful symbol of Christ's suffering while making no claim to its authenticity. Many experts stand by carbon-dating of scraps of the cloth that put it in the 13th or 14th century, but many faithful — some accomplished scientists among them — say the results might have been skewed by contamination, calling for larger samples to be analyzed.

Many insist that the cloth contains pollen from Jerusalem and is woven in a pattern that was unique to the first century.

The cloth, considered a relic by many Christians, was most recently on display in the spring of 2015. While the shroud may never leave Turin, the new exhibit will remain at least through 2030 on the Christ Cathedral campus, next to the famous glass tower and sanctuary erected by televangelist Robert H. Schuller that is now home to the Catholic Diocese of Orange at Chapman Avenue and Lewis Street in Garden Grove.

The Most Rev. Timothy Freyer, an auxiliary bishop at the diocese, said he hopes the exhibit will reinforce for visitors the power of God's love for all.

"My hope is that people of faith will have stronger faith, people who are doubting will come to belief and people with no faith will begin the questioning process and then come to faith," he said.

One of the highlights of the immersive experience is a re-creation of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning, with museum visitors sitting in the tomb and watching the shrouded body disappear in a flash of light.

The exhibit also features replicas of the spear believed to have pierced Christ's chest and the helmet of thorns placed on his head.

Philip Rizzo, a parishioner at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Huntington Beach who was part of a group that got a preview, said seeing these items up close created a powerful visual representation of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

Also, he said, witnessing the extensive scientific research conducted on the cloth makes the artifact more relatable.

"We're tangible beings, not just spirit and light," Rizzo said. "Science really helps make that connection."

## **The subject of extensive research**

While some scientists have criticized the eagerness of Christians to authenticate the cloth, the new exhibit had its origins in such curiosity. Its main proponent was August Accetta, a gynecologist who opened up the Shroud Center of Southern California in 1998 and has studied the cloth's mystery for over three decades.

Accetta said it was the Shroud of Turin that converted him from agnostic to Catholic. His Shroud fascination continued after meeting John Jackson, a nuclear physicist, who in 1978 led a 40-person team of scientists as part of the Shroud of Turin Research Project. Their study determined that the cloth was not a manufactured work of art, but contained human bloodstains and that no known physical, chemical or biological process could adequately explain how the image on the Shroud was formed.

Accetta believes, as some other scientists do, that the image was created by a burst of radiation and that a massive amount of energy is required to create the image without burning the cloth.

"On the shroud, you see four centimeters of anatomically correct information encoded in two microns, which is about half the thickness of a strand of hair," he said. "We can't even begin to understand that, let alone reproduce it."



To him, the only explanation — as the interactive exhibit illustrates — is that the body of Christ became light and the shroud simply collapsed, leaving the fine imprint of his face on the white linen.

The Rev. Robert Spitzer, founder of the Magis Center, a nonprofit that uses science to defend the Catholic faith, said the cloth bears “perfect blood stains down to the edges,” which does not happen when a shroud is simply pulled off a dead body. The stains should be smeared and fragmented if that were the case, he said. Like Accetta, Spitzer says the etching on the cloth was likely caused by particle radiation.

“And then one 10,000th of a second after the discharge begins, whap! These blood stains are transferred perfectly onto the cloth,” Spitzer said. “The only explanation is that body has to disappear. I mean — like Frodo’s ring — it’s gone.”

### **Where science meets faith**

Spitzer added that he does not need a relic to explain his faith because that comes from his belief in Scripture and Christ’s resurrection.

“But it’s given me a little deeper insight into God and how he works,” he said.

Nora Creech, director of Othonia in the U.S., said the Rome-based organization was founded by the Rev. Hector Guerra, who dreamed of creating 100 exhibits globally. He built the first flagship exhibit in Jerusalem and others in Rome, Poland, Mexico and the U.S. This latest one is the first to feature an immersive experience, which was created by a California-based studio.

Creech said they decided to begin the movielike immersive experience with Christ’s life story from birth to crucifixion and end with the resurrection and the message that “Jesus is still with us today.”

“One of the quotes in the movie is that the cross received Jesus alive and turned him over to the shroud, dead. The shroud received Jesus dead and turned him over to us alive in the Eucharist,” she said.

Rudy Dichtl, one of the scientists who formed the 1978 research team, still remembers every moment spent touching and holding the cloth in his hands. He said he and the other scientists walked into the project with the understanding that they would leave the moment they saw the cloth was a forgery or a manufactured piece of art. Their research found that it was not.

“We saw the cloth as something that had the potential to be the burial cloth of Christ,” he said.

Dichtl, a Catholic, said as a scientist he acknowledges there is limited evidence in science to conclusively say the cloth was the one that covered the body of Christ.

“But as a Christian,” he said, “I do believe it is the burial cloth of Christ.”

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# Nonprofits Host Food & Toy Drives For Orange County's Struggling Families

BY HOSAM ELATTAR



Credit: JULIE LEOPO, Voice of OC

Ahead of the winter holidays, many local nonprofit organizations, elected leaders and food pantries are hosting distributions to ensure kids have a gift this season along with food on the table.

This [Saturday](#), Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee, in partnership with Community Action Partnership OC, ICNA Relief and United Across Borders, will hold a holiday toy distribution at Loara High School in Anaheim from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

The distribution will be on a first come first serve basis and a child must be present to receive a toy.

Iman Halwani, the manager for ICNA Relief's food pantry, said this year the pantry has been very busy following a government shutdown that temporarily [interrupted CalFresh benefits](#)

"We are receiving a huge amount of calls. People need food, especially when it's cut off and after ICE activities people are afraid to go out, afraid to apply for CalFresh," she said.

"We are still receiving a huge increase in families who are asking for food."



Chaffee's distribution comes about a month after he hosted a Thanksgiving food distribution in November in Fullerton where over 1,100 cars pulled up to get produce and \$25 gift cards.

In Santa Ana, the Seva Collective Food Pantry will also hold a distribution this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Villa Fundamental Intermediate school next to the Santa Ana Unified School District office to give out food, toys, clothes, blankets, books and gifts.

"We're hoping to do a small part to help alleviate some of the struggle that people are having this year," said Bandana Singh, the head of the pantry, in a phone interview earlier this month.

Singh also said the need for food has shot up again particularly in the later part of this year.

"We did see our numbers go up. So first there were the ICE raids and people weren't going to grocery stores and other places. Then with the CalFresh issue people were coming more also, so the need was definitely higher than it has been except for COVID times," she said.

Singh said heading into next year they expect a higher need as they struggle to source food.

"The tricky part is that there's also been a scarcity in actually food procurement on our end," she said. "But we've, knock on wood, been fine, and we hope to continue to be able to serve as many families as possible in the new year."



Volunteers sort through donations at the Seva Collective food distribution at the Santa Ana Unified School District on Nov. 22, 2025. Credit: ERIKA TAYLOR, Voice of OC

On Saturday, Families Together of Orange County will hold their 20th Christmas Together event to give out 30,000 toys at the Anaheim Convention Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. According to a news release, more than 50,000 people are expected to show up.

According to the [website](#), registration for the event has closed.

On Sunday, Anaheim City Councilman Carlos Leon, in partnership with the nonprofit We Give Thanks and Casa Garcia, is hosting a toy distribution at Servite High School from 2 – 4 p.m.

On Monday, Santa Ana Councilwoman Jessie Lopez and Santa Ana Unified School Board Member Valerie Magdaleno will host a toy giveaway from 3-5 p.m. at Valley High School.

The giveaway is in partnership with the school district's Family and Community Engagement team and United Across Borders.

Last weekend, CalOptima held a holiday toy, diaper and food distribution as well as a health resource fair at their offices in Orange.

Santa Ana Mayor Valerie Amezcuca and Council members David Penaloza and Phil Bacerra also held a toy drive and holiday food drive-thru distribution this past weekend as well.

Share Ourselves, a community health center, also hosted their 56th annual adopt a family gift distribution this month to help families in need during the holidays get a personalized wishlist of toys and gifts.

Christy Ward, CEO of Share Ourselves, said in a news release that the decades-long tradition has helped bring the community together.

“At a time when so many families are facing hardship, this program brings light, dignity, and joy into homes across Orange County,” Ward said in a Dec. 3 news release.

“We’re deeply inspired by every donor and volunteer who helps make the holiday season brighter for our neighbors.”

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**December 19, 2025**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Meeting minutes of the November 25, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Special meeting.
3. Notice of cancellation of the December 11 and December 25, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from December 2 to December 19, 2025



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 18, 2025 – January 23, 2026

	December 18		Garden Grove Holiday Drive For information call (714) 741-5776 or email: ggholidaydrive@ggcity.org
Thursday	December 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	December 23	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 <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	December 25- January 1		City Hall Closed – Holiday Closure
Tuesday	January 6	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 8	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 8	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC
Friday	January 9		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	January 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	January 19		City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday	January 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



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

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 9:02 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-285-2025

Applicant: ONIKU BROTHERS OC, LLC  
Location: 12761 Harbor Blvd., #I-1  
Date: November 25, 2025

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing restaurant with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale Beer And Wine - Eating Place) License and a recommendation that the Zoning Administrator revoke all previous Conditional Use Permits granted for the tenant space, including Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-224-2022, which was never exercised and expired. 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.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1863-25

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE**  
**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 4, 2025

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



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DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



## Cities need certainty to keep delivering essential services to California families

*Dec 5, 2025*

Contact: Kayla Sherwood  
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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Rancho Mirage** — The League of California Cities Board of Directors today adopted the organization's 2025-26 Advocacy Priorities with a clear message to the state: Cities are a smart and essential investment for a strong California.

"The looming state deficit will make state budget decisions tough, but we cannot let that slow us down from delivering the critical services our residents need," said **League of California Cities President and El Cerrito Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Quinto**. "Cities are a smart investment for the state, and we stand ready to push back on any efforts to raid funding for local programs to make up for the deficit."

Nearly 100 city leaders who serve in leadership positions in Cal Cities participated in meetings over the last month to chart the organization's priorities for the coming year.

"As families grapple with affordability challenges, there must be certainty in cities' ability to deliver the essential services that families rely upon," said **Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman**. "Cal Cities is focused on promoting and protecting cities to ensure they remain the engines of California's economy and stay strong for their residents."

The 2025-26 Advocacy Priorities are as follows:

1. **Protect and enhance local revenues and expand economic development tools.**

Californians are deeply concerned about affordability. Cities must safeguard local revenue streams, oppose unfunded mandates, and pursue new economic development tools that bolster local economies.

2. **Strengthen partnerships with the state to improve public safety.**

The progress cities have been making to strengthen public safety must be sustained. Cities call on the state to respect the will of the voters and provide the resources needed to fully implement Proposition 36. Cities support sustained investments in police, fire services, and public works as a foundation of public safety.

3. **Secure investments to prevent and reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.**

Secure ongoing funding to bolster all cities' efforts to support unhoused residents and strengthen state and regional partnerships to expand access to wraparound services.

Secure ongoing funding to accelerate the construction of affordable housing and reform the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process.

Ensure cities have the flexibility and local decision-making authority to meet their community and state housing goals, as well as reduce homelessness.

4. **Strengthen climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness.**

Support city efforts to prepare, prevent, and adapt to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change, including wildfires, drought, sea level rise, and other extreme weather events. Increase transparency and access to insurance policies, especially following a natural disaster.

Cal Cities will begin working immediately to advance this work in the state Capitol.

*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.*



# Gain insight and practical solutions at the Planning Commissioners Academy

*Dec 2, 2025*

*By Cal Cities Education Staff*

Understanding the state's ambitious, shifting planning laws can be challenging for planning commissioners of all tenures. Whether you're a first-time commissioner ready to learn about the fundamentals or a seasoned pro seeking more information on emerging issues, the Planning Commissioners Academy has you covered.

Taking place March 11-13 in Anaheim, the academy provides city officials with information about the basic legal and practical framework that planning commissioners work in and helps foster relationships with fellow planning commissioners. All planning commissioners will bring back practical, applicable knowledge to their cities.

This year's academy will cover a range of topics, such as parking, planning commissioners' role in housing production, housing laws, and other legislative updates. The academy will also include introductory and advanced sessions on the California Environmental Quality Act. More information is available in the "schedule at a glance" section of the [academy webpage](#).

## **Registration and hotel information**

Registration for the full academy starts at \$700 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city. Conference registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast. The deadline to register is March 4. Afterward, officials must register on-site if space is available.

The 2026 Planning Commissioners Academy will be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel, located at 1855 S. Harbor Blvd. in Anaheim. The Sheraton is 12 miles from John Wayne/Orange County Airport and 14 miles from Long Beach Airport.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees. The discounted hotel rate cut-off is Feb. 17. Hotels often sell out prior to the deadline, so reserve early!

For more information, visit the [Planning Commissioners Academy](#) webpage. Please direct all registration questions or comments to Event Registration Specialist [Megan Dunn](#). Please direct any other questions to Event Program Manager [Kayla Boutros](#).





## Federal efforts to speed up broadband permitting miss the mark

*Dec 2, 2025*

*By Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (infrastructure)*

Both the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Congress have intensified efforts to accelerate broadband deployment by revisiting and potentially restructuring the nation's broadband permitting frameworks. While these initiatives emphasize speed and cost reduction for private sector providers, they raise significant concerns for cities due to their cost and scope.

In a [letter to the FCC](#), Cal Cities and others urged the agency to instead work with states and cities to develop incentive-based models that reward providers who commit to rural buildout and infrastructure resilience.

Cal Cities has long championed efforts to increase timely, safe, and cost-effective broadband deployment. In fact, increasing access to broadband internet was one of Cal Cities' core advocacy priorities for many years. However, many of these proposed changes would widen, not close, the digital divide — especially in rural areas.

### FCC initiates new permitting reform proceeding

Early indications suggest the FCC's efforts to reform broadband permitting will focus on four areas:

- Limit local discretion over broadband and wireline siting decisions.
- Change the Spectrum Act and the Telecommunications Act, including updates to small-cell and collocation frameworks.
- Enact uniform national standards for environmental and historic preservation reviews, potentially narrowing local and tribal oversight.
- Create additional federal shot clocks, fee caps, or categorical exclusions, similar to reforms the industry has long championed.

Cal Cities and the [National League of Cities](#) both submitted letters urging the agency to consider how changing the rules — especially for small wireless facilities — can impact wildfire prevention, flood control, and traffic management. It is imperative that cities retain their authority to review construction in the public right-of-way, coordinate across agencies to prevent service disruptions, ensure compliance with environmental and historic preservation laws, and protect public infrastructure.

## House subcommittee advances sweeping permitting bills

Concurrently, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology [marked up](#) over two dozen bills aimed at streamlining various broadband permitting processes. Several measures that advanced out of committee would substantially curtail what lawmakers frame as “regulatory barriers” at the state and local levels.

Echoing the FCC’s efforts, these bills would pressure cities to process increasingly complex applications on shortened timelines, preempt local review authority, tack on new federal standards for fees and applications, and undermine community planning processes. Congress has framed the reforms as essential to national competitiveness and closing the digital divide.

Many of the proposals would shift the impacts of broadband deployment onto local governments. For example, broadband projects often directly impact local roads and underground conduits. Rigid federal timelines that ignore local staffing and conditions, combined with an inability to enforce safety requirements, could compromise cities’ ability to plan for and respond to wildfires and floods.

### Local government concerns

These actions signal a coordinated federal effort to resolve frustrations raised during the last several years over the broadband permitting process, magnified by billions of dollars in recent federal investments. However, this approach risks overriding nuanced local planning and procedural safeguards that protect public safety, aesthetics, and community character.

Preemptive federal mandates ignore real challenges to broadband deployment and undermine cities’ ability to ensure responsible deployment. Rural areas, for example, must contend with limited construction seasons, steep topography, wildfire hazards, and workforce constraints. Additionally, fee caps and administrative mandates shift costs onto local taxpayers while reducing the resources needed for effective, timely permitting. Limited public engagement can lead to resident frustration and contentious community relationships.

As Congress and the FCC push forward, Cal Cities and local governments will continue to advocate for collaborative, balanced approaches that expand broadband access without sacrificing local control.