

OC Parks Honored for Lake Improvements

Efforts to improve the quality of lakes at nine of the facilities operated by OC Parks have earned the department an Award of Excellence from the California Park and Recreation Society.

OC Parks received the award in the Park and Facility Maintenance Management category for a Lake Management Program instituted in 2010. Many of the lakes at nine regional parks were built decades ago before the development of best practices to improve water quality and maintain healthy bodies of water. In addition to their potential scenic beauty, the lakes provide fishing and other recreational opportunities and are important to the overall experience for park visitors.

Through a contract with a qualified specialty firm, OC Parks has actually reduced its maintenance expenses while achieving significant improvements. By taking a holistic approach to lake management, water quality has improved, lakes have been dredged to enhance boating opportunities and steps have been taken to improve habitat for the fish and waterfowl that call the lakes home. Park staff has also benefitted from the contractor's knowledge and expertise and has received greater insight on what is necessary to sustain these improvements.

The end result has been a decrease in complaints from the public and a number of compliments on the improvements. By taking a regional view on the maintenance of lakes in the OC Parks system, the public's enjoyment of the parks has increased, wildlife habitat has improved and an important award has been bestowed on OC Parks for their creative approach to solving a maintenance challenge. ■



Water clarity and quality has improved at Mason Regional Park's lake under a new maintenance program, creating an inviting home for waterfowl.



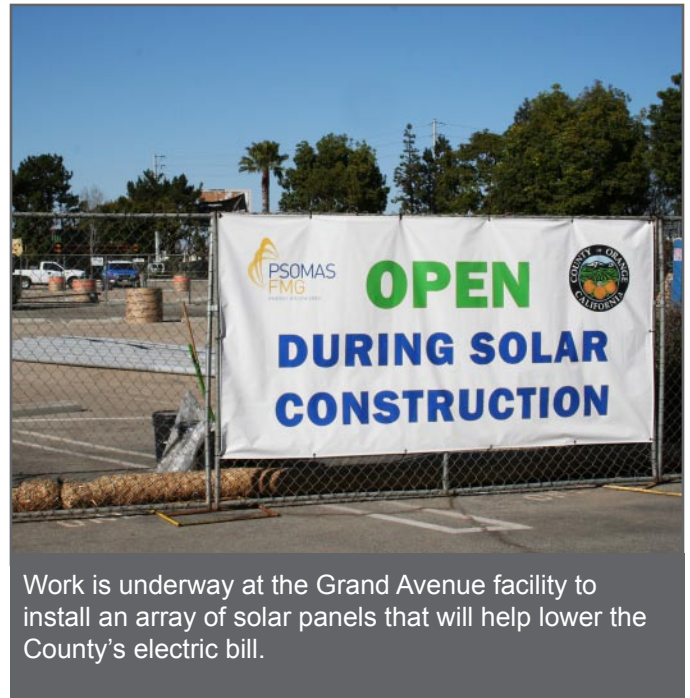
A three acre lake at Craig Regional Park provides an ideal setting for fishing, model boating and bird watching.

Solar Installation Project Underway

The abundant sunshine that makes Orange County a special place to live will be put to good use generating electricity at five County facilities.

Work is already underway at the County Operations Center, 1300 S. Grand Avenue in Santa Ana, to install shade structures topped with solar panels in the parking lot. The project is part of a power purchase agreement between the County and Psomas FMG that is expected to save the County about \$5 million over the next 20 years when compared to normal electricity rates. Additional installations are planned at locations including the County's fleet facility on Collins Avenue in Orange, at the Sheriff's Training Center on Katella Avenue and at the Musick jail facility.

These solar installations are an important part of achieving the County's overall goals to reduce energy costs and lessen our impact on the environment. So far, projects like the County's cogeneration facility in the Civic Center, solar installations and lighting retrofits have reduced the County's annual electricity bill from \$17 million to approximately \$12 million and additional savings are anticipated. Third District Supervisor Bill Campbell has actively supported the County's solar initiatives, making them part of his goals as Board Chairman during 2011.



Work is underway at the Grand Avenue facility to install an array of solar panels that will help lower the County's electric bill.

The structures at the Grand Avenue site should be up by the end of March with work to install shade structures and solar panels to continue at the other sites. A solar celebration is planned for June 28 as the installations near completion. The project is under the direction of OC Public Works with Kari Schumaker serving as project manager. ■

Six Million Documents and Counting!

Orange County's Clerk-Recorder Department is celebrating the electronic recording of the six millionth property document since 1997, the year the County launched a groundbreaking electronic recording system now available to counties statewide. The landmark document, a grant deed submitted by Fidelity National Title, was electronically recorded at 8:39 a.m. Thursday, February 2.

Orange County is a recognized national leader in electronic recording. Each year, nearly two-thirds of all property documents recorded locally are transmitted electronically by 150 authorized users—without a single known security breach. In 2008, Orange County joined with Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties to launch a multi-county electronic recording delivery system based on Orange County's successful model. Electronic recording allows title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others to record property documents electronically in multiple counties from a single computer screen. Sacramento, Santa Barbara and San Mateo counties also are partners in the multi-county system, known as SECURE.

Electronic transactions may seem passé now, but the change from paper to

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electronic filing in 1997 was revolutionary: Documents were processed in a matter of seconds that before took days to be hand-delivered, inspected and scanned. It was no longer necessary to re-type information from documents into separate data screens, reducing the possibility for human error. Rejected documents could be swiftly corrected and resubmitted. The resulting efficiencies in staff time produced other benefits, freeing employees to be redeployed elsewhere in the office so other service requests could be processed faster. ■

Supervisors Appoint New Department Heads

The Orange County Board of Supervisors filled two key vacancies in February, appointing Frank Ospino to serve as the County's Public Defender and Susan Novak to the post of Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Ospino had served the County as Interim Public Defender since August of 2011. He previously held the progressive positions of Deputy Public Defender, Senior Deputy Public Defender, Assistant Public Defender, and Senior Assistant Public Defender over the course of his 24-year career with the department. "Frank has risen through the ranks of the Public Defender's office and worked closely with the previous Public Defender to prepare himself for this leadership position. We believe he will continue the tradition of providing effective representation to the clients of the Office of the Public Defender," said Chairman John M.W. Moorlach, Second District Supervisor.

Ospino received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and has a bachelor of arts in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Orange County Bar Association, the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, and the California Public Defenders Association.

Ms. Novak was named Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in 1997 and had been serving as Interim Clerk of the Board since the retirement of Darlene Bloom. "Susan has the knowledge and experience needed to lead this important office and the Board looks forward to



working with her in this new capacity," said Chairman Moorlach.

During her 28 year career with the County of Orange, Ms. Novak has also held positions with the Social Services Agency, County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller's office. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from California State University, Fullerton and is a graduate of the Orange County Leadership Academy. ■

A Preview of Coming Attractions

PET ADOPTION

Thinking about adopting a pet? Mark Saturday, March 24 on your calendar and plan to attend the "Forever Friends for Free" event at OC Animal Care. During this special event from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., hundreds of adorable animals will be available for free adoption. Funds raised by the Angels Baseball Foundation during an event at Angel Stadium last August make it possible to offer up to two free adoptions per household. The cost of a dog license and microchip for the pet is not included. For more information and a preview of pets currently available for adoption, visit www.ocpetinfo.com. ■



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Hundreds of adorable animals will be available for FREE* adoption!
*Please note that the free adoption does not include the cost of the dog license or microchip.
- Limit two animals per household

Thank you to the generous support of those who attended the "Angels for Animals" event at Angel Stadium on August 6, 2011! Without your charitable contributions, this event would not be possible!

For more information, please visit our website at www.ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848



**COUNTY OF ORANGE
GREEN FAIR
2012**

Time: May 17, 2012 10am – 2pm

Location: Santa Ana Civic Center Plaza
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Website: ocgreenfair.com

E-mail: ocgreenfair@ocgov.com

Join us at our 3rd Annual Green Fair as we continue the exciting momentum in raising public awareness of environmental concern. The County's Mission is to raise awareness regarding environmental concerns on how consumers can reduce their impact on the earth by selecting sustainable, eco-friendly products and services, reducing energy consumption, conserving water and limiting their dependence on fossil fuels.

This event is free to the public and will feature green products and services from approximately 80 vendors. In addition we will be hosting the following activities:

- food!
- Vendor Exhibits
- Educational Exhibits
- Art Walk
- Food
- Giveaways
- Door Prizes
- Networking
- And more...
- networking!
- prizes!

SAVE THE DATE

WASTE FREE
One space for trash

GREEN FAIR

For the third year, the County of Orange will host its annual Green Fair in the Civic Center Plaza on Thursday, May 17. The Green Fair helps to raise awareness of how County employees and the community can reduce their impact on resources by selecting sustainable, eco-friendly products and services, reducing energy consumption and conserving water. Vendor and educational exhibits will line the Civic Center walkway, while an Art Walk will display works of art with an environmental theme. The free event is scheduled from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with more details available at ocgreenfair.com. ■

A Preview of Coming Attractions (Continued)

GOLF TOURNAMENT

A golf tournament to benefit Operation Santa Claus will be held June 18 at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club in Mission Viejo. Operation Santa Claus was started in 1962 to provide gifts to children who are abandoned, neglected, abused or placed in foster care, and disabled adults served by the County of Orange Social Services Agency, Health Care Agency, Probation Department, Child Support Services and OC Community Resources. Last year Operation Santa Claus distributed more than 42,000 gifts to individuals and families in need. Since the golf tournament will be held on a Monday, County employees who are scheduled to work that day but wish to participate must receive approval from their supervisor or manager and utilize leave time for the absence. For more information on the tournament contact Deanna Azevedo at Deanna.Azevedo@ssa.ocgov.com or (714) 245-6254. ■

Inaugural County of Orange
Operation Santa Claus Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

Registration and sponsorship information coming soon

Monday, June 18, 2012

Day after Father's Day

ARROYO TRABUCO
GOLF CLUB

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Get the 411 on the Internal Audit Department

- The Internal Audit Department (IAD) reports directly to the Board of Supervisors and meets quarterly with the Audit Oversight Committee (AOC). All auditors are CPA's with most possessing multiple professional certifications.
- The IAD conducts a comprehensive, interactive countywide Risk Assessment for the purposes of developing the Annual Audit Plan. The AOC first approves the Audit Plan and then it is presented to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting.
- Who audits the Auditors? California Government Code and the audit profession require auditors be audited every 3 years. This audit is called a Peer Review or Quality Assessment. The peer review assesses an audit department's adherence to over 150 professional auditing standards. IAD has passed, without exception, four peer reviews in the last 11 years.
- The IAD runs the OC Fraud Hotline (714) 834-3608 as part of its ongoing fraud detection and prevention effort. The Hotline is monitored live for calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and anonymous claims can be submitted on-line at: <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Internal Audit/OC Fraud Hotline>.

To learn more about the Internal Audit Department, please visit:
<http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Internal Audit>



30 YEARS

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Assessor

Brian Frick
OC Community Resources

Deborah Sledge
Probation

Barbara Murphy
Sheriff-Coroner

Clint Standiford
Sheriff-Coroner

Nancy Nunez
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

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Randolph Pawloski
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