

Supervisors Start New Terms

Under bright blue skies, First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen and Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer took their oath of office on January 7th to begin new terms on the Board of Supervisors.



First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen was joined by her husband Tom Bonikowski and son Tommy while taking the Oath of Office from Patricia C. Bates, Fifth District Supervisor.

Before a crowd of several hundred spectators gathered at the Old County Courthouse, Supervisor Nguyen reflected on the past that had led her to elected office. "Those of you who know my life story know that this moment would not be possible in any other nation in the world but here in the United States, where an immigrant whose family escaped communism over 30 years ago could be elected as a County Supervisor for a County of 3.2 million people." Super-

visor Nguyen also expressed confidence that there is much more to be accomplished during the next four years. "I see a world of possibilities for the First District and Orange County."

For Supervisor Spitzer, the event marked a return to service on the Board of Supervisors after his previous experience as a Board member from 1997 to 2002. While discussing many of his priorities for the next four years, Supervisor Spitzer expressed optimism about what lies ahead for the County of Orange. "We're producing jobs like never before; the housing market is coming back. This will always be an amazing place to live, and there's an amazing future." ■



Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer received the Oath of Office from his wife, The Honorable Jamie Spitzer, Presiding Judge of the California Workers Compensation Appeals Board, while his son Justin and daughter Lauren (behind podium) looked on.

Supervisors Elect Chairman and Vice Chair for 2013

During their January 8 meeting, the Board of Supervisors elected their new Chairman and Vice Chair for the 2013 calendar year. The Board unanimously voted to select Fourth District Supervisor Shawn Nelson to serve as Chairman and Fifth District Supervisor Patricia C. Bates to service as the Vice Chair.

The duties of the Chairman include administering Board of Supervisors meetings and executing agreements approved by the Board along with other ceremonial duties. The Vice Chair is available to

step into the Chairman's position in the Chairman's absence. Supervisor Nelson will be serving his first term as the Board's Chairman, having taken office as Fourth District Supervisor in June 2010. Supervisor Bates has represented the Fifth District since 2007 and served as the Board's Chair in 2009.



Fourth District Supervisor Shawn Nelson is serving as Chairman of the Board for 2013, while Fifth District Supervisor Patricia C. Bates is the Board's Vice Chair.

The Board's 2012 Chairman, Second District Supervisor John M.W. Moorlach, provided an overview of the County's 2012 accomplishments during the Board's February 5th meeting. ■

County Launches Re-Designed Website

The County of Orange officially launched its re-designed website, www.ocgov.com, on January 3rd - which includes a fresh new look, enhanced features, and streamlined navigation.

"I want to express my gratitude to County staff for their hard work and perseverance in preparing our new site to go live," said Mahesh Patel, Chief Information Officer. "This achievement has been a model for successful teamwork, and we have all been rewarded with a site for which the County and our constituents can truly be proud."

Last April, the Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Civica Software to replace the County's existing web content management system after a competitive Request for Proposal process was completed. From an internal user standpoint, the Civica solution provides an application interface that is easier to navigate – making it simpler for staff to edit and update their websites without having to request assistance from Information Technology staff. The contract, which is expected to produce significant cost savings, also represents the County's first IT managed-services model that establishes quality control metrics for Civica's performance.

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Public Information and Information Technology staff from participating agencies and departments partnered with the vendor in the design process to consider important elements that would impact external users – the community members we serve. Committees discussed branding and information categorization, site “look and feel” and navigation, as well as business processing needs such as filing, registration, inquiry, search, payment, and subscription.

The resulting changes are already making the online experience more intuitive and visually pleasing for our employees and visitors alike. These include:

- Interactive maps for County libraries, facilities and parks
- Ability for rangers to update park status in real-time using their smartphones
- Library catalog search
- Foreign language translation
- Google search
- Simplified content organized into new top tabs: About the County, Agencies & Departments, Business, How Do I, Residents, Services and Visitors
- Popular and Resources tabs that provide quick links to our most sought after information
- Countywide and department-specific events calendars
- MyOC application that enables visitors to register and customize a personalized version of the website
- Searchable, sortable tables to make information more easily viewed ■



The County's website is visited more than 10 million times yearly, with nearly 30 million web pages viewed.

John Wayne Airport Traffic Increases

Mirroring reports that the economy is slowly improving, John Wayne Airport (JWA) served more than 8.85 million passengers in 2012, a 2.9% increase over 2011.

“The addition of service to three new destinations in Mexico by AirTran and Interjet helped contribute to this growth,” said Alan L. Murphy, Airport Director. “The overall increase in passengers, how-

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The number of passengers utilizing John Wayne Airport in 2012 increased 2.9% over the previous year, with new international airline service and an improving economy among the reasons for the increase.

ever, reflects both the new international service and improvements in the general domestic travel market.”

The improvement was even stronger in December, when the number of passengers served by the airport increased 5.5% as compared to December 2011. The increase in passengers served by the airport followed the November 2011 opening of Terminal C, allowing JWA travelers to take advantage of the facility’s new gates and expanded concessions. John Wayne Airport is owned by the County of Orange and is operated as a self-supporting enterprise that receives no general fund tax revenue. The Airport serves more than 20 nonstop destinations in the United States, Mexico and Canada. ■

Orange County Leadership Academy Graduates Class 18



The 18th graduating class of the Orange County Leadership Academy takes part in commencement at Chapman University.

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The January 18, 2013 graduation of the Orange County Leadership Academy's (OCLA) 18th class raised the total number of County of Orange managers who have completed the seven-session program at Chapman University to more than 530.

Created in 2004, OCLA's approach teaches participants selected by their Agency/Department heads the differences between routine management and leading as a way of serving. Course-work utilizes both discussion and hands-on exercises to convey the importance of communication, teamwork and collaboration. To learn more, please visit <http://oclead.com/>.

Congratulations to the following graduates:

Olivia Oviedo
Assessor

Dave Horner
Health Care Agency

Charles Stanfield
OC Public Works

Cindy Wong
Auditor-Controller

Sally Romero
Human Resource Services

Christina Ronald
Probation

Christine Compton
Board of Supervisors, District 3

John Willard
Human Resource Services

Erik Wadsworth
Probation

Laura Cunningham
Board of Supervisors, District 3

Linn Livingston
John Wayne Airport

Jacqueline Cole
Public Defender

Trisha Ly
Child Support Services

Anna Plank
OC Community Resources

Shelly Dante
Public Defender

Esther Ruvalcaba-Cañedo
Child Support Services

Juanita Preciado
OC Community Resources

Margaret Masada
Public Guardian

Christina Aguilar
Clerk-Recorder

Sherry Toth
OC Community Resources

Denis Marin
Sheriff-Coroner

Marianne Van Riper
County Counsel

Stefani Waterman
OC Community Resources

Dominic Mejico
Sheriff-Coroner

Elsa Rivera
County Executive Office

Raymond Hull
OC Waste & Recycling

Manuel Roa
Social Services Agency

Theresa Stanberry
County Executive Office

Mahrooz Ilkhanipour
OC Public Works

Steve Sakamoto
Social Services Agency

Janet Holcomb
Health Care Agency

Pamela Middlebrook
OC Public Works

Jan Taraszkiewicz
Social Services Agency

Fahad Haider
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Routine Inspection Not Routine

January 16 started out like most days for Vinson de Guzman, a field representative for the OC Housing Authority. On his schedule for that day was a housing quality inspection in Laguna Beach, which is an annual requirement for housing units that participate in the Section 8 rental assistance program. However, that routine inspection would turn out to be anything but routine for de Guzman, who has been on the Housing Authority staff for seven years.

The territory covered by de Guzman includes a large area of South County, from Irvine to San Clemente. On this day he was accompanied by another Housing Authority staff member, who was being cross trained to conduct housing quality inspections. When they first arrived at the unit schedule for inspection, de Guzman noticed the door was ajar. After knocking, de Guzman thought he heard a noise but could not tell what the voice had said. Following protocol, they continued to knock and call the unit without response. Finally, de Guzman pushed the door open a little more and saw a man down on the floor. Going inside to assist him, the man told de Guzman he thought he had been on the floor for four or five days.

After briefly trying to communicate with the man, de Guzman called 9-1-1 and paramedics soon arrived at the location to provide medical assistance and transport the man to a local



Vinson de Guzman, a field representative for the OC Housing Authority, summoned assistance for an incapacitated man during a recent housing quality inspection

hospital for treatment. According to de Guzman, he'd never experienced anything quite like this while working in the field but he was happy to be able to provide assistance to someone in need. OC Housing Authority Manager John Hambuch noted that Vinson's actions were an extension of the organization's mission. "While 'Positively Transforming Lives' is part of OC Community Resources and the Housing Authority's Vision Statement, in this case we actually helped save a life," Hambuch said. "Vinson is compassionate about people, as demonstrated through his work, and his actions in this case are another example of his caring for those we serve." ■

Emergency Operations Center Training Available

The County of Orange "family" is one of the County's biggest resources during a disaster. It's during times of duress when the County's ever-ready, trained Disaster Service Workers are needed most.

When an emergency arises – such as a flood, fire or earthquake – the impact on the community can be devastating. It takes a team of dedicated professionals working together to lessen the effects of the disaster and to help rebuild the area. All County employees are designated Disaster Service Workers and may be called upon to participate in exercises for preparedness or

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activation of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

A variety of training opportunities are available to acquaint employees with the EOC and the positions that support EOC operations. A description of the courses and the training schedule are now available on the County's Training Partner website at <http://trainingpartner.ocgov.com>. In the Course Catalog section, the courses are listed under Countywide Training – Sheriff/Coroner. You will start with the "Introduction to SEMS/NIMS & EOC Orientation" course and others can be taken as your schedule allows.



County staff and representatives of other local agencies fill Emergency Operations Center positions that are essential to the County's effective response to disasters.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Bureau appreciates and encourages your participation in these important training opportunities. ■

Registration Opens for Literary Orange 2013



Literary Orange, an annual event presented by OC Public Libraries, offers attendees the opportunity to engage with an exciting array of authors while learning all about the writing process.

This year's daylong celebration will take place April 6th at the Irvine Marriott and will feature keynote speakers J.A. Jance and Tatjana Soli as well as the following panel discussion sessions:

- Agents Panel: The Business of Writing
- Children's Panel: The Illustrated Story
- Food Panel: Eat Your Words – Writers on Food and Culture
- Horror Panel: Dead and Loving It
- Inspirational Panel: Hope and Faith – Inspirational Fiction
- Literary Fiction Panel: Southland Stories
- Memoirs Panel: Triumph of the Human Spirit
- Mystery Panel: Sweet and Sinister
- Poetry Panel: A Visual Language
- Romance Panel: Love Between the Pages
- Young Adult Panel: The Awesome Age

Registration costs \$60 per person and includes morning refreshments and lunch. To learn more, please visit www.LiteraryOrange.org. ■

Upcoming Events



Spay Day USA
Saturday, February 23rd
10 am - 2 pm
OC Animal Care • 501 The City Drive • Orange

FREE
Spay/Neuter
for All Adopted
Dogs, Cats & Bunnies!

Join OC Animal Care in celebrating Spay Day USA! We invite you to come down to the shelter to see all of the wonderful animals we have available for adoption!

For more information, please visit our website at ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 535-6848



DON'T MISS THE 6TH ANNUAL South County Senior Summit

Honored by
ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR
PATRICIA C. BATES
ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
AGE WELL, SENIOR SUPPORTS
LIVING WITH DIGNITY

"Dignity, Safety, and Independence: Educating Older Adults and Honoring Veterans"

Featured Speakers:
Dr. Sonoma Olsen, General Practitioner, 2013 Senior Health Award
Dr. Michael Pines, Director, Senior Services Agency
Julie Schwan, Legal Counsel, County of Orange
Karen Roper, CEO, Community Services
Tony Panchasakul, General Manager, County of Orange
Alicia Zach, Adult Services Manager, Orange County Public Library
Dr. Marilyn Ditty, Chief Executive Officer, Age Well Senior Services

Friday, February 22 - 9 AM to 12:30 PM
Registration begins at 8 AM
Laguna Woods Village, Clubhouse 3
20822 Avenida Sevilla, Laguna Woods, 92653
Enter at Gate 3 (Side Arroyo off Highway between 40 & 50th St.)
RSVP required by February 15 - Call (949) 945-3030 or (714) 967-7500 to RSVP.
Extra parking available at Clubhouse 1

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH!
WIN FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES!



How to reduce death & injuries due to DUI in Orange County
Orange County 2013 DUI Summit

WHY A DUI SUMMIT?
The 2013 DUI Summit is being hosted by Orange County Superior Court, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County & Southern California, Concordia University Center for Public Policy, MADD, and Orange County Health Care Agency to make awareness of the Orange County DUI problem to city leaders, and stakeholders. This event will provide facts, resources and technical assistance to help implement policy and safety change.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
This conference is intended for city decision makers including Mayors, City Council members, Chiefs of Police, City Managers, Legal and Judicial System professionals, and community leaders.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND?
• Obtain Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) data for Orange County cities and County of Orange
• Learn how cities and Orange County will be monitored through a community indicator report
• Obtain resources & solutions on how to reduce DUI

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED?
• Successful Ordinances
• Orange County DUI Data
• DUI Solutions (What works and what doesn't)
• Responsible Beverage Service
• Checkpoints & Saturation Patrols
• DUI/Arrest Campaigns
• Law Enforcement Strategies to Reduce Drinking & Driving

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
• Office of Traffic Safety
• Police Chiefs
• MADD
• (All Field Experts and City Officials
• District Attorney's Office

HOW TO REGISTER:
RSVP by February 24th, 2013
Registration required and available at:
www.2013duisummit.org

February 27, 2013
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Concordia University
DePauli Auditorium
1530 Concordia
Irvine, CA 92612
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided.
For information contact:
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Brought to you by: Orange County Superior Court, Sheriff's Office, MCA, Alameda County & Southern California, MADD, Orange County Health Care Agency and Concordia University Center for Public Policy

Hosted by: 

Get the 411 on the Probation Department

1. The Probation Department is a criminal justice agency that has provided community protection to the residents of Orange County since 1909. As part of the County's criminal justice services, Probation's primary focus is on adult and juvenile offenders who are charged with or convicted of crimes.
2. When juvenile or adult defendants are charged with law violations, the Probation Department conducts criminal investigations and provides information for the Juvenile and Criminal Courts to make sentencing decisions. While being processed by the Courts, defendants may be released or they may be detained in custody.
3. The Probation Department provides detention for juveniles at Juvenile Hall, Joplin Youth Center, the Youth Guidance Center, and the Youth Leadership Academy. In addition to providing a safe environment, these institutions offer a variety of treatment services in collaboration with other agencies. If the Court orders an adult offender to serve a commitment, that custody time is served in a correctional facility operated by the state, the Sheriff, or a city.
4. The Probation Department's Collection Officers aid crime victims by collecting more than \$2 million per year in restitution from probationers. Overall, they collect more than \$8 million annually in restitution, welfare fraud repayments, family and child support, court fines, and reimbursements for the cost to operate juvenile institutions and provide probation supervision.

To get more of the 411 on the Probation Department,
please visit <http://ocgov.com/gov/probation>.



Service Awards

For the Month of January

35 YEARS

Thuyet Nguyen
Health Care Agency

Raul Herrera
OC Community Resources

Akiye Yuasa
Social Services Agency

30 YEARS

Susan Novak
Clerk of the Board

Betty Ostrow
Clerk-Recorder

Alan Murphy
John Wayne Airport

Kari Rigoni
John Wayne Airport

Marri Derby
Public Defender

Carol Barnes
Sheriff-Coroner

Theodore Boyne
Sheriff-Coroner

Frank Denison
Sheriff-Coroner

Scott Hitt
Sheriff-Coroner

Martha Garcia
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

James Gorzo
Child Support Services

Camille Hill
District Attorney

Mary Meloch
District Attorney

Stephan Sauer
District Attorney

Rick Nagle
OC Community Resources

Anna Plank
OC Community Resources

Allen Robinson
OC Community Resources

Janet Van Reenen
OC Community Resources

Faranak Yazdi
OC Community Resources

Mark Johnson
OC Waste & Recycling

Joseph Woods
OC Waste & Recycling

Wanda Haaland
Probation

Elia Madrigal
Probation

Marco Perez
Probation

Raymond Yarbrough
Probation

Sophie Aldana
Sheriff-Coroner

John Asplund
Sheriff-Coroner

Wayne Byerley
Sheriff-Coroner

Roy Llewellyn
Sheriff-Coroner

Gregory Seachrist
Sheriff-Coroner

Miles Schuler
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Wagner
Sheriff-Coroner

Wendy Aquin
Social Services Agency

Donna Avise
Social Services Agency

Isabel Geraurd
Social Services Agency

Lisa Liera
Social Services Agency

Maureen Loya
Social Services Agency

Louie Mecado
Social Services Agency

Yen Thu Nguy
Social Services Agency

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25 YEARS CONTINUED

Lauren Singletary
Social Services Agency

Kathleen Clodfelter
Health Care Agency

Patricia Monroe
Health Care Agency

Claire Leveille
OC Public Works

Kelly Brazao
Probation

Julie Harmon
Probation

Christie Ingebretsen
Probation

Ted Mangum
Probation

David Morales
Probation

Joseph Ortiz
Probation

Lawrence Wheeland
Probation

Eduardo Concon
Sheriff-Coroner

Richard Mendez
Sheriff-Coroner

Margaret Peters
Sheriff-Coroner

Maude Thomas
Sheriff-Coroner

Christopher Wax
Sheriff-Coroner

Norma Acuna
Social Services Agency

Jorge Baquedano
Social Services Agency

Julio Escamilla
Social Services Agency

Alba Fierro
Social Services Agency

Salvador Franco
Social Services Agency

Adriana Garcia
Social Services Agency

Lorena Gonzales
Social Services Agency

Hong Gordon
Social Services Agency

Eva Guerrero
Social Services Agency

Sarah Guidi
Social Services Agency

Maria Jaques
Social Services Agency

Fabiola Lopez
Social Services Agency

Nam Luu
Social Services Agency

Joao Martins
Social Services Agency

Elidia Mejia
Social Services Agency

Linda Mock
Social Services Agency

Jasmina Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Olivia Padilla
Social Services Agency

Yvelyse Santiago
Social Services Agency

Eugenia Vargas
Social Services Agency

Raquel Vargas
Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

Nancy Ishida
Auditor-Controller

Sergio Burgos
Child Support Services

Marcela Mandagie
Child Support Services

Esther Ortegon
Child Support Services

Robin Winder
Child Support Services

Debra Nweke
Clerk-Recorder

Kathleen Long
County Executive Office

Verona Borba
Health Care Agency

COUNTY OF ORANGE

MISSION STATEMENT

“Making Orange County a safe, healthy,
and fulfilling place to live, work, and play,
today and for generations to come, by providing
outstanding, cost-effective regional public services.”

Click [here](#) to read the full mission and values statement.

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