

Supervisors Appoint Clerk-Recorder

The Board of Supervisors voted April 2nd to appoint Hugh Nguyen to the office of County Clerk-Recorder following the Board's interviews with eleven candidates for the position.

Mr. Nguyen has worked for the County of Orange since 1994, serving with the Clerk-Recorder's Office and the Office of the Clerk of the Board during his County career. Most recently, he held the position of Assistant Clerk of the Board. "We are very proud of and thrilled for Hugh Nguyen," said Board Chairman Shawn Nelson. "This is the culmination of 18 years of hard work and it's now our job to commit every resource we can to guarantee his success."



The Clerk-Recorder Department provides a variety of public services, including recording documents relating to real property transactions; maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates; issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department additionally files Fictitious Business Names as well as Notary Public oaths and bonds, and also oversees the Orange County Archives. ■

New Performance Audit Director Chosen

On March 19, the Orange County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the selection of Philip Cheng to head the County's Office of the Performance Audit Director.

Cheng brings to the position more than 20 years of experience in auditing and accounting. He most recently served as Auditor for the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, where he developed comprehensive and risk-based audit plans for the city's diverse operations. He has also served in public sector audit positions with the City of Las Vegas and the City of Calgary during his career, in addition to experience as an accountant and business manager in the private sector.

His professional credentials include designations as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified General Accountant (CGA). Cheng received Bachelor Degrees in Civil Engineering and Commerce from the University of Manitoba and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from National University. He is expected to begin his new duties later this month. ■

Community Indicators Report Published

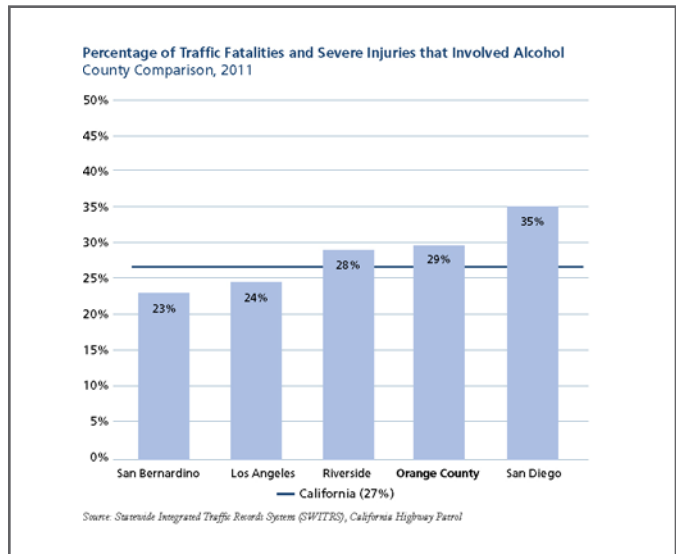
Did you know that 30% of adults ages 18-24 in Orange County are uninsured? Or that deaths among young children have decreased 27% since 2001? These are just two of the facts included in the 2013 Orange County Community Indicators report, which tracks a number of key indicators of health and welfare for County residents.

The report is published annually, with the County of Orange serving as one of the co-sponsors of the project. The full report is found on the County Internet at <http://ocgov.com/gov/ceo/resources/indicators/>, along with an archive of past reports.

Opening with a profile of the county that includes useful demographic information, the report features sections on the Economic and Business

Climate, Community Health and Wellness, Public Safety and the Environment. The report has been released annually since 2000 and indicators are selected on factors including whether they reflect broad Countywide interests which impact a significant percentage of the population. The report also compares Orange County to the state, nation or peer regions.

This year's report found that Orange County voters participated in the 2012 Presidential election at a higher rate than the statewide average and all but one peer county; that waste generated in Orange County and disposed in County landfills reached its lowest level since 1996; and that only 3% of sewage spills in 2011 resulted in an ocean water closure, down from an average of 8% of spills in the previous 10 years. ■



The Community Indicators report shows how Orange County is doing in comparison to other locations on issues that are critical to public health and safety.

Sheriff's Department Honors 2013 Medal Recipients

The Orange County Sheriff's Department commended the following individuals for their tremendous acts of courage, merit, and lifesaving at the 25th Medal of Valor Presentation Luncheon last month at the Hyatt Regency Irvine hotel:

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The Medal of Valor ceremony marks the culmination of a year of excellence and the opportunity for the community to join with the department, Sheriff Sandra Hutchens and the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council to recognize these outstanding men and women.

Medal of Valor

Retired Captain Andy Romero

Distinguished Deputy

Investigator Daniel Salcedo

Medal of Courage

Investigator Sean Dumas

Deputy Jeremy Buffong

Deputy Manuel Duran

Deputy Isaac Felter

Deputy Matthew Parrish

Deputy Michael Stout

Deputy William West

Medal of Merit

Investigator Joseph Ferrante

Investigator Kenneth Olszewski

Investigator Margie Sheehan

Investigator Lavinia Vega

Reserve Deputy Jay Wasserman

Medal for Lifesaving

Lieutenant John MacPherson

Sergeant John Murray

Investigator Sean Dumas

Deputy Timothy Africano

Deputy Jeremy Buffong

Deputy Larry Costa

Deputy Manuel Duran

Deputy Timothy Estes

Deputy Ronald Fugate

Deputy Marc Hale

Deputy Rick Jurado

Deputy Felipe Martinez

Deputy Adewale Olukoju

Deputy Shannon Parker

Deputy Destonn Poythress

Deputy Adam Sandler

Deputy Michael Stout

Deputy Victor Valdez

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The Medal of Valor is awarded for extraordinary bravery and heroism, above and beyond the normal demands of law enforcement services, in response to a criminal situation involving extreme danger. This year, the Medal of Valor was awarded to Retired Captain Andy Romero for an incident that occurred in 1973, sixteen years before the first Medal of Valor Ceremony was held. Romero, then a Deputy Sheriff, apprehended an armed gunman following a brief gun battle after the gunman had just shot and killed two detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. This was the only double murder of peace officers in the history of Orange County.

To learn more, please visit <http://ocsd.org/news/details?NewsID=1581&TargetID=88>. ■

More Than 3,000 Orange County Food Establishments Receive Awards of Excellence



The Health Care Agency's Food Protection Program focuses on the inspection of retail food facilities in order to promote the safe and sanitary preparation and service of foods, prevent foodborne illness, and protect consumers from adulterated food products.

Public Health's Environmental Health Division has issued 3,274 Award of Excellence certificates to local food facilities, representing an increase of almost 30 additional food facilities from the previous year.

From a qualifying group of 9,839 food facilities throughout Orange County, these establishments were recognized by Environmental Health's Food Protection Program for their outstanding food safety and sanitation practices during 2012.

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The annual Award of Excellence was created to provide an incentive for food establishments to consistently meet or exceed health and safety standards for food facility operations. In 1999, the first year of the program, 584 food establishments received the Award. With increased outreach and improved compliance to food safety laws, the number of recipients has grown significantly since its inception.

Included in the Award of Excellence Program are food facilities such as restaurants, catering establishments, meat/seafood markets, retail bakeries, supermarkets, supermarket/bakery combinations, and public and private schools with food production service.

A complete list of all recipients and award criteria is available online at <http://ocfoodinfo.com/award>. For more information about the Health Care Agency's Food Protection Program, please visit <http://ocfoodinfo.com/>. ■

MADD Honors OCDA Attorneys for Exceptional Prosecution of Drunken Driving Cases

The Orange County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) honored 11 Orange County Deputy District Attorneys last month for their time and effort in prosecuting driving under the influence (DUI) cases in 2012.

MADD hosted the 26th Annual Law Enforcement and Prosecutor Recognition Luncheon to honor Orange County prosecutors and police officers for their outstanding contributions to the prosecution of DUI cases. The luncheon was held at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda. At the luncheon, 11 Orange County District Attorney (OCDA) prosecutors were recognized for their support to victims and their families and diligent efforts in criminal prosecution of DUI defendants. Each was nominated by their OCDA supervisor or a MADD victim advocate.



Honorees were verbally recognized and received a framed certificate at the luncheon. Pictured from left to right are (back row) Lydia Kim, Raymund Diaz, George Turner, Jeffrey Kirk, and Nancy Hayashida, as well as (front row) Beth Zuber, Anna McIntire, Robin Park, Troy Pino, and Bryan Clavecilla.

Defendants of the cases prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Troy Pino and Deputy District Attorneys Bryan Clavecilla, Raymund Diaz, Nancy Hayashida, Lydia Kim, Jeffrey Kirk, Anna McIntire, Robin Park, Caroline Smith, George Turner, and Beth Zuber faced charges ranging from misdemeanor driving under the influence to felony murder. The efforts of the prosecution resulted in the defendants' convictions with sentences as high as 15 years to life in state prison.

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MADD is a nationwide, non-profit organization that works to stop drunken driving, support victims, survivors, and families affected by drunken driving, and prevent underage drinking. The Orange County Chapter of MADD was formed in 1981 and offers services and education to the local community, including youth programs, victim services, and special events. MADD works closely with Orange County law enforcement agencies to support the prosecution and apprehension of those who put the public at risk by driving under the influence of alcohol. ■

Record “Passport Day” Crowds Prompt Additional Event

Do you have a busy schedule?
Parents - Can't find the time to get a passport for your child(ren)?



Take advantage of this special Saturday opening provided by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department!

The passport processing office is located in Room 202 of the Old County Courthouse,
 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in Santa Ana.

As part of a national “Passport Day in the USA” event, the Clerk-Recorder processed a record number of passport applications on Saturday, March 9th. Department staff processed 65 passports and sold 55 photos, as compared to 37 passports and 22 photos from last year’s Passport Day.

Because the event was so successful, the Clerk-Recorder has scheduled a follow-up Passport Day for Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

Saturday hours make it easier for parents to complete the application process for their children’s passports because both parents must be present to sign for children younger than 16.

To save time, passport applications can be filled out in advance online at www.ocrecorder.com. Walk-ins are welcome to complete the process,

but appointments are encouraged by calling (714) 834-2588. As an added convenience, passport photos are available on the spot for \$15. Routine passport applications generally take five weeks to process. Requirements for applying for a passport include: Evidence of citizenship (certified Birth Certificate, Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship), one passport photo and current government-issued photo identification.

Passports for those aged 16 and older cost \$135, paid in two separate fees: \$110, sent to the U.S. Passport Service with the application, and \$25 for processing, paid to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. For those aged 15 and younger, the cost is \$105 in two separate fees: \$80.00, sent to the U.S. Passport Service with the application, and \$25 for processing, paid to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. Fees to the U.S. Department of State must be paid by check, money order or cashier’s check. ■

Essentials for Young Lives Campaign

Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens is serving as Chairperson again this year for the Essentials for Young Lives Campaign, a community-wide effort to collect much needed items for homeless infants and toddlers in Orange County.

The drive to collect diapers, baby food, baby wipes and other hygiene products is led by a non-profit organization, HomeAid Orange County, in partnership with the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. This year's drive is scheduled for May 2-11, with collection boxes to be delivered to County facilities during the week of April 29th.

Donations collected during the Essentials for Young Lives drive are distributed to sixteen organizations in Orange County that serve homeless families. The drive is held in May around Mother's Day to help replenish the supplies these organizations need to serve mothers and their young children. Families represent 63% of those living in Orange County shelters and are considered to be among the fastest growing segments of the homeless population.

To learn about the drive and how you can help, visit www.essentialsforyounglives.org.

OC Animal Care - Pet Fair 2013



Safe Communities Meeting



Safe Communities Meeting

April 17 6-8 pm

Lakeview Senior Center • 20 Lake Rd., Irvine 92604
near Alton and Lake

Learn about **Early Warning Signs**
to help make a **Safer Community**

Who should attend?
Parents, caretakers,
neighbors, community leaders,
educators, medical professionals.
Everyone is welcome!

RSVP online today!
(not required)
Questions? Call 714-834-2077

Brought to you by:

- Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer
- Health Care Agency
- Irvine Mayor Steven S. Choi, Ph.D.
- Tustin Mayor Al Murray

Logos for Orange County Health, OC Human Relations, and other partners.

Get the 411 on OC Public Works

- OC Planning Services issued 3,922 Building, Grading, and Discretionary permits in FY 2011-2012 totaling \$136,000,000 in valuation.
- OC Public Works removed 1,432,842 square feet of graffiti from the Orange County Flood Control District and throughout the County's right-of-way in 2012. The projected total square footage of graffiti to be removed in 2013 is 1,660,570. That is a 15% increase over last year due to the hard work of our Graffiti Abatement crews.
- The Santa Ana Regional Interceptor (SARI) project is one of OC Public Works' largest public works projects in decades and involves relocating four miles of sewer line. OC Public Works Construction has installed over 12,300 feet of fiberglass reinforced pipe. Upon completion, a total of 20,661 feet of pipe will be installed.
- The Seven Oaks Dam is the largest earthen flood control dam in the U.S. The dam is over a ½ mile long and 550 feet tall.
- OC Facilities Parking Administration manages County parking including:
 - 7 multi-story parking structures
 - 10 surface parking facilities
 - \$2 million in annual public parking transactions
 - 9,000 employee keycards
 - 8,399 parking spaces

To learn more about OC Public Works, please visit: <http://ocpublicworks.com/>



30 YEARS

Steven Franks
OC Community Resources

Maria Barriga
OC Community Resources

Carolee Condon
OC Public Works

Vivian Daniel
Probation

25 YEARS

Debra McCormick
Auditor-Controller

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Child Support Services

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Health Care Agency

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Health Care Agency

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Probation

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Sheriff-Coroner

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Sheriff-Coroner

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Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

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Auditor-Controller

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John Harkins
District Attorney

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Health Care Agency

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Social Services Agency

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Social Services 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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