

CEO's Message



Facing Budget Uncertainty

Every one of you knows how difficult it can be to maintain a budget for your household. Just when you think you have it covered, the car breaks down or other unexpected major expenditures come along.

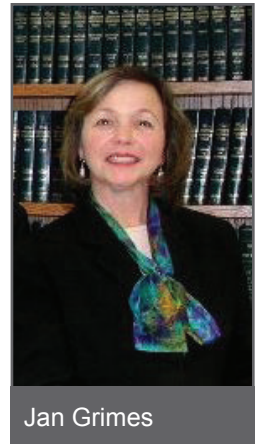
That's exactly what the County faces each year as it prepares an annual budget for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. While there are factors we can predict with reasonable certainty, other things are beyond our control and can have a major impact on our budget. The good news is that the slow and steady economic recovery has helped to reverse declines in some important revenue sources. Still, there are other

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Supervisors Select Auditor-Controller

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously April 16 to appoint Jan Grimes to serve as the County's Auditor-Controller.

Grimes, who was the Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller and has been leading the department on an interim basis, has over 34 years of experience working for the County of Orange and Auditor-Controller department. The Supervisors made the appointment after interviewing four finalists for the position, which has been vacant since the resignation of David Sundstrom in January 2012. In making their decision, Board members cited her established relationships with County managers and knowledge of the County's agencies and departments as well as her ability to provide continuity to the operations of the Auditor-Controller department as among her strengths.



Jan Grimes

Mrs. Grimes is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She is also a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) and a graduate of the Orange County Leadership Academy. During her career with the Auditor-Controller Department, she has held a number of managerial positions, including Director of Central Accounting Operations.

Auditor-Controller is one of the County's elected offices and the position will be subject to election in 2014. ■

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factors we cannot predict. One of these is the pending lawsuit filed against the County by the State of California over what is known as VLFAA funding. At stake is over \$70 million dollars a year, or more than 10% of the County's discretionary funding.

A ruling in the lawsuit will not be issued until after our new budget year begins July 1. Even then, an appeal may be filed by the side that loses the initial court case. It is difficult to plan for the County's needs when we don't know how much money we will receive, but that's exactly the task ahead of us. I appreciate the hard work of everyone involved in the budget process and know that the proposed budget we bring forward will be the best possible considering the uncertainties we face.

Thanks again for doing your best each day on behalf of all of the residents of Orange County. Together, we make a difference in our communities and help to make Orange County a great place to live, work and visit!

Bob Franz

Interim County Executive Officer

Hundreds Attend District Attorney's Victims' Rights March and Rally

DA'S VICTIMS' RIGHTS MARCH SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



Led by District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, more than 450 people march to the Old Orange County Courthouse on April 26, 2013. Please click here to view a slideshow of photos from the event.

The Orange County District Attorney (OCDA) hosted the 5th Annual Victims' Rights March & Rally on April 26th in remembrance of murdered victims, in celebration of surviving victims, and in honor of victims' rights.

More than 450 victims, family members, friends, law enforcement officers, and community leaders marched from the District Attorney's Office to the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana and laid flowers at the foot of a memorial wreath.

Keynote speakers included Rachel Alvarado, mother of murder victim Lanette Alvarado and Dr. Henry Nicholas III, brother of murder victim Marsy Nicholas. Rachel's daughter was murdered in her home by her former boyfriend as her children watched in horror. Rachel is raising her daughter's two children and found support and strength through relationships built through Parents of Murdered Children. Dr. Henry Nicholas III has been deeply committed to victim's rights since 1983, when his younger sister, Marsy, was brutally murdered. He is a passionate supporter of California's Marsy's Law, the landmark Constitutional Amendment passed by California voters in November 2008.

"We are a community of survivors, and there will always be more of us than criminals. We are never going to stop working
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to protect others from suffering, and we will continue to stand up for victims of human trafficking, murder, sexual assault, and all the crimes that you are here speaking out against today,” stated OCDA Tony Rackauckas.

This year, the OCDA announced the launch of the OCDA’s HEAT Unit, or Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit, which will use a four-pronged tactical plan to target the perpetrators of human trafficking and exploitation using new legal tools available under California’s Proposition 35, or the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act, passed in November 2012. ■

OC Parks Hosts Public Workshops to Discuss New Regional Park

OC Parks hosted the first of its planned public workshops at the former Marine Corp Air Station (MCAS) Tustin North Blimp Hangar last month as part of the general development process for a future regional park.

Nearly 600 attendees participated in the event by touring the hangar and listening to presentations from OC Parks Director Mark Denny, Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer, and consultants LPA, Inc. They were invited to ask questions and provide suggestions regarding how the park will fit into its surroundings as well as the possible uses for the hangar and the other buildings that may be retained inside.

The proposed park will be located on an 84.5-acre parcel of land, which includes the historic blimp hangar, to be conveyed by the Department of the Navy to the County of Orange for park purposes. OC Parks is responsible for the planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance of the site.

Last February, the Board of Supervisors approved a Concept Plan for the proposed park and authorized preparation of the General Development Plan (GDP). A number of park planning principles are included in this plan and will be incorporated into the GDP, including:

- Developing a traditional urban regional park with features such as large turf areas, group



picnic areas with picnic shelters, and perimeter and internal walkways and trails.

- Adaptively reusing the North Hangar for a variety of non-exclusive activities, including special and community events, commercial filming, and blimp maintenance and repair.
- Incorporating sustainable elements in the proposed park’s design that include preservation of existing buildings and recycling of existing on-site materials.
- Considering partnership opportunities that expand recreational and educational activities within the proposed park.

The second workshop will take place May 22nd. For more information, please visit <http://ocparks.com/about/projects/tbh>. If you are unable to attend but are interested in providing input, please e-mail TustinMCAS@ocparks.com. ■

Crime Victims' Memorial Site Unveiled

CRIME VICTIMS' MEMORIAL SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer addressed those gathered at Mason Regional Park for the unveiling of the Crime Victims' Memorial Site.

The peaceful atmosphere of Mason Regional Park in Irvine will soon serve as the site of the Orange County Crime Victims' Memorial, fol-

lowing approval of the project by the Board of Supervisors.

To provide the public with an opportunity to view the site, and to begin the traditional of an annual observance at the location, Third District Supervisor Todd Spitzer hosted a candlelight vigil on April 24, which was attended by many whose lives have been impacted by crime. The memorial will be designed through a competition that was announced at the event by First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen. Competition applications and information will be available on the Supervisors and OC Parks websites beginning May 1 and the construction of the memorial will be privately funded.

Many who spoke during the event expressed their hopes that the memorial site will become a place of healing and solace for those who have been victims of crime. Just steps away from the lake at Mason Regional Park, the site is ringed by trees and features convenient parking for those who will visit the memorial. The event also provided attendees with the opportunity to visit information booths staffed by representatives of crime victims and public safety organizations in Orange County. ■

Golf for a Cause with Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus (OCS) invites you to attend the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on June 17, 2013 at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course in Mission Viejo. The event will feature a helicopter ball drop, shotgun start, barbeque lunch and "Hole-in-One Wins a Cadillac" contest sponsored by the Allen Family Auto Group.

OSC provides gifts to children served by the Social Services Agency, Health Care Agency, Probation Department, Child Support Services, and OC Community Resources. Many of these children and teens have experienced abuse, neglect, or abandonment and are placed in foster care or with relative care-givers; some display mental, emotional or physical challenges; others are homeless or living in temporary housing or group homes.

Families served do not have the means to provide gifts during the holidays. Last year, OSC distributed more than 42,800 donated gifts to infants, toddlers, children, teens, and families in need.

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OSC also provides birthday gifts year round to children in foster care. Assistance is needed and appreciated to help support this strong tradition of giving. You can help by:

- Sponsoring the Golf Tournament with a financial contribution. Donations may be made online at http://ssa.ocgov.com/volunteer/donations/osc_donation.
- Gathering a foursome together to play. The deadline for early registration is May 17, 2013. The cost of \$125 per golfer includes green fees, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, golf cart, range balls, golf polo shirt and tee favors.
- Donating individual items or gift baskets for the silent auction.
- Providing drinks or breakfast items for the event.

Please click [here](#) to view the Golf Tournament flyer and registration form. You may also contact Mona Gustafson at (714) 679-2438 or via e-mail at Mona.Gustafson@ssa.ocgov.com to learn more. ■

2nd Annual Operation Santa Claus Golf Tournament

Monday, June 17, 2013

Online Donations: http://ssa.ocgov.com/volunteer/donations/osc_donation

HOLE-IN-ONE WINS A CADILLAC
SPONSORED BY ALLEN FAMILY AUTO GROUP

Schedule

Time: 7:00 am - Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - Shotgun Start
1:00 pm - BBQ Lunch & Awards

Place: 26772 Avery Parkway
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Cost: \$125 Per Golfer

What you get: Green fees, continental breakfast, BBQ buffet, golf cart, range balls, golf polo shirt and tee favors

Format: Four-person team scramble

Opportunities: Helicopter drop, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and putting contest

Early Registration: Automatic entry to be one of four winners of 25 opportunity tickets

Deadline for early registration is Friday, May 17, 2013

Entry Form - See Reverse

For more information please contact:
Mona Gustafson
Phone: (714) 679-2438
Email: mona.gustafson@ssa.ocgov.com

Employees must use their own time to attend this event.

OC Waste & Recycling and Discovery Science Center Hold Eco Challenge Poster Contest



Now through May 24th, Orange County children can participate in a special Eco Challenge poster contest presented by OC Waste & Recycling, the Discovery Science Center (DSC), and Angels Baseball for the chance to be an Honorary Bat Kid at a 2013 Angels baseball game.

"Our partnership with Angels Baseball and Discovery Science Center will help excite Orange County students to make better decisions in their daily lives," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Shawn Nelson.

Boys and girls between the ages of eight and fourteen can use their imaginations and get creative in designing a unique eco-themed poster. All entries must be based on one of the following four themes in relation to the Eco Challenge exhibit at DSC:

1. **Recycling** – Show how you make an effort to recycle in your everyday life.
2. **Reusing Materials** – Show how household items can be reused in multiple ways.

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3. **Reducing Waste** – Show how to reduce waste in your daily life.
4. **A Greener Future** – Show what an ecofriendly Earth would look like.

Entries will be judged based on originality, visual clarity, relevance to theme, artwork, and effectiveness of message. Five winners will be selected by a panel of judges and awarded the status of Honorary Bat Kid for one regular season Angels home game during the months of August and September. Each of the five winners will also receives four tickets to a predetermined Angels home game, complimentary parking, one Bat Kid uniform, one official baseball, one on-field credential for dugout access, and one professional field photo.

Please click [here](#) to read all rules and regulations, or visit www.DiscoveryCube.org/BatKid for more information. ■

Community Leaders Explore Ways to Combat Hunger in OC



County Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler addresses the group looking at ways to use donated prepared and perishable food to combat hunger in Orange County.

“Waste Not, Want Not! 2” was the theme for a community forum held April 19 at the Health Care Agency (HCA) to explore opportunities to combat hunger in Orange County by recovering potentially usable prepared and perishable foods.

County Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler led the meeting as participants strategized about the role each key stakeholder can play in combating hunger in the County, as well as implementing a pilot project. HCA Environmental Health Director Richard Sanchez also provided attendees with legal reference information on donated food.

According to the Orange County Food Bank, there are nearly 456,000 people at risk for hunger every month in Orange County and one

in five Orange County children face food insecurity. Requests for emergency assistance have skyrocketed during the economic downturn and product donations to local food banks have decreased during the same period. At the same time, Americans discard 40% of their food, valued at \$165 billion annually.

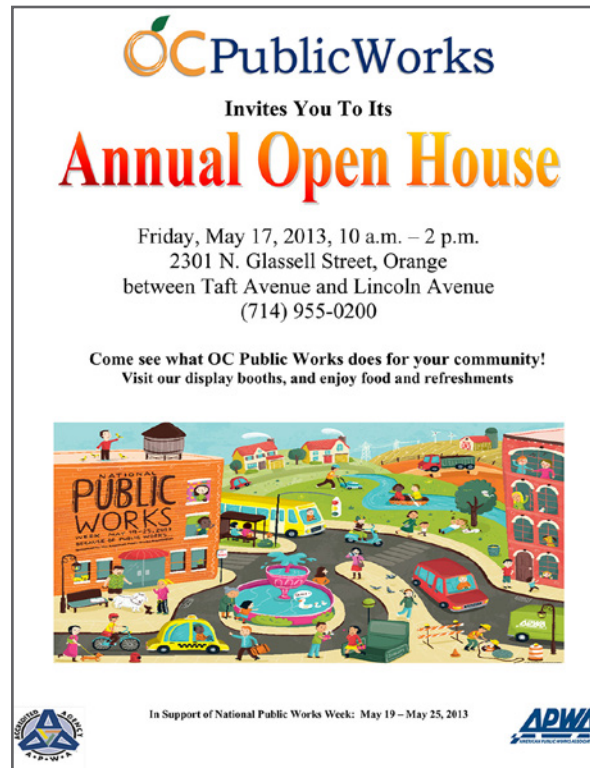


Richard Sanchez, HCA Environmental Health Director, provided information on legal issues associated with donated food.

Forum participants included representatives from food banks, restaurants, grocers, theme parks, sports venues, manufacturers and educational institutions. Together, they discussed ways to recapture perishable foods and the barriers to salvaging them such as liability, logistics, costs and distribution. Working groups focusing on the restaurant/food industry, emergency food providers and support/funding/marketing, met to identify the resources each group can offer to food rescue efforts in the County.

For more information, visit the Orange County Food Bank at www.ocfoodbank.org or the OC Food Access Coalition at www.ocfoodaccess.org. ■

OC Public Works Open House Flyer



Get the 411 on OC Dana Point Harbor

1. OC Dana Point Harbor is a stand-alone County agency created in 2005 by the Board of Supervisors to efficiently manage the daily operations of Dana Point Harbor and implement the Harbor Revitalization Plan.
2. There are over 2,400 boats stored in the Harbor, as well as 15 eating establishments and more than 20 specialty shops in Dana Point Harbor.
3. Dana Point Harbor hosts 11 annual special events – Festival of Whales, Boat Show, Leukemia Cup Regatta, 4th of July fireworks, Whitey Harrison Annual Outrigger Canoe Classic Race, Tall Ships Festival, Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta, Coastal Cleanup Day, Turkey Trot, Holidays in the Harbor, and the Boat Parade.
4. Costs for operating and maintaining Dana Point Harbor are paid solely by revenues generated in the Harbor with no support from the General Fund.
5. The Dana Point Harbor Revitalization Plan is expected to break ground in 2014.

To learn more about OC Dana Point Harbor, please visit:

<http://ocgov.com/gov/dph/>



Service Awards

For the Month of April

30 YEARS

Phillip Stephen Azevedo
OC Community Resources

Peter Hillebrecht
OC Community Resources

Brian Young
OC Public Works

Markay Eason
Probation

Raul Vasquez
Probation

Michael Krueger
Sheriff-Coroner

Paul Kingsley
Sheriff-Coroner

25 YEARS

Judy De Leon
County Executive Office

Jan Eickholt
County Executive Office

Grace Scott
County Executive Office

Karen Schatzle
District Attorney

Beatriz De La Torre
John Wayne Airport

Ira Stein
John Wayne Airport

Bonifacio Vasquez
OC Community Resources

Angel Aguilera
OC Public Works

Charles Beal
OC Public Works

Ricardo H. De Guzman
OC Public Works

Douglas Zeissner
OC Public Works

Anna Ruiz
Probation

Karla Siefkes
Probation

Lowell Smith
Probation

Wendy Zane
Probation

Ruth Rodriguez
Sheriff-Coroner

Minerva Wilson
Sheriff-Coroner

Anju Sapra
Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

Winifreda Ward
Assessor

Lisa Do
County Executive Office

Faith Castillo
District Attorney

Elizabeth Arroyo
Health Care Agency

Emma Chavez-Valle
Health Care Agency

Darlene Davis
Health Care Agency

Susana Escobar
Health Care Agency

Steven Johnson
Health Care Agency

Estefana Martinez
Health Care Agency

Barbara Mizerek
Human Resource Services

Joan Villanueva
Human Resource Services

Juanita Smithey
OC Public Works

Rick Tran
Probation

Darlene Carpenter
Probation

Carolyn Cofield
Probation

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20 YEARS CONTINUED

Troy Crellin
Sheriff-Coroner

Joseph Ferrante
Sheriff-Coroner

James Gagen
Sheriff-Coroner

William Gutierrez
Sheriff-Coroner

Timothy Jilek
Sheriff-Coroner

Frank Martinez
Sheriff-Coroner

Darrin Mills
Sheriff-Coroner

Zina Price-Thompson
Sheriff-Coroner

Gene Rodriguez
Sheriff-Coroner

Donald Santucci
Sheriff-Coroner

Leticia Torres
Sheriff-Coroner

Antonio Velasquez
Sheriff-Coroner

Richard Reyes
Sheriff-Coroner

Kevin Martin
Sheriff-Coroner

Mark Egge
Sheriff-Coroner

Tom Lee
Sheriff-Coroner

Gerardo Marquez
Sheriff-Coroner

April Cunningham
Social Services Agency

Lori Evans
Social Services Agency

Will Scott
Social Services Agency

Ana Wences
Social Services Agency

Bert Perez
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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