



A newsletter for and about County of Orange employees

September 2015



FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Message from
**CEO
Frank Kim**

You've heard the message and embraced the opportunity! I'm talking about choosing to participate in OC Healthy Steps. More than 12,000 of you have registered to complete your OC Healthy Steps, and that is huge.

THANK YOU for taking time to understand the program and the value it brings to you as an individual and to the County as a whole. The County's health care rates already have seen a slight drop because of the impact it has on medical and prescription claims. You'll see these new 2016 rates during Open Enrollment in late October.

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Meet Special Olympics World Games Gold Medalist Jeffrey Scott

How many people do you know who have won international sports gold, silver and bronze medals AND climbed one of the world's most significant peaks?

If the answer is at least one, then you may already know 12-year County employee [Jeffrey Scott](#), who works for OC Public Works in the Facilities Design & Construction Management group as a custodian.

Among his [accomplishments](#) Jeffrey has climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain with a 19,342-foot summit. He also recently climbed the medals podium at the Special Olympics World Games, held this summer in Los Angeles, where he proudly received a gold for doubles tennis and a bronze for singles.



Jeffrey Scott proudly wears his Special Olympics World Games medals.

But there's more. Jeffrey has traveled the world representing the USA at the Special Olympics, which is a major passion in his life. He was a silver medalist in singles tennis in the 2011 World Games, a bronze medalist in basketball in the 1999 World Games and a silver medalist in the pentathlon in the 1991 World Games. He has participated in local Special Olympics events since 1982, competing in basketball, track and field, volleyball, softball,

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OC Healthy Steps has inspired me to focus more on my own health, so I'm launching a CEO's challenge as part of a new program called Get Fit on Route 66. The program targets physical activity, and it's great for employees at ALL fitness and activity levels. Basically, we will track our minutes of physical activity and mark them collectively along a virtual Route 66. You will learn more about the program in the coming weeks from our colleagues in HRS. I can't wait to benefit from healthier habits in the spirit of fun and competition!

Thank you also for your input as I visit with agencies and departments throughout the County. I plan to continue making visits and listening, and I appreciate your willingness to share your thoughts and experiences.

Frank Kim
County Executive Officer

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bowling, bocce, floor hockey and Alpine skiing before making the switch to tennis.

He also was one of the athletes who represented the Special Olympics on a float in Huntington Beach's Fourth of July parade this year, sitting alongside such Olympians as volleyball player Misty May-Treanor, softball player Amanda Freed and decathlete Rafer Johnson.



Legendary tennis pro Pete Sampras was Jeff's doubles partner in the celebrity exhibition.

During the Games, Jeffrey was chosen to participate in a Celebrity Exhibition Doubles Tennis Match. His partner was tennis legend Pete Sampras, and Jeffrey received a Special Commemorative Medal for this event. And he met former tennis pro Michael Chang and Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps.

While Jeffrey says that meeting celebrities was among the best moments of the Games, nothing topped winning the gold. He said it left him with "tears of happiness."

He also says he loves working for the County because of the sense of satisfaction it brings, and he feels "we are one big family and it feels like my second home."

To read about Jeffrey in the Orange County Register, visit <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/wolffer-675133-scott-games.html>

*Editor's note – the County Connection staff thanks OCPW staff members **Shannon Widor**, strategic communications officer, and **Vanessa Chavez**, custodial services supervisor, for their contributions to this story. ■*

Tammy Osborn Honored for Life-Saving Medical Pets Program



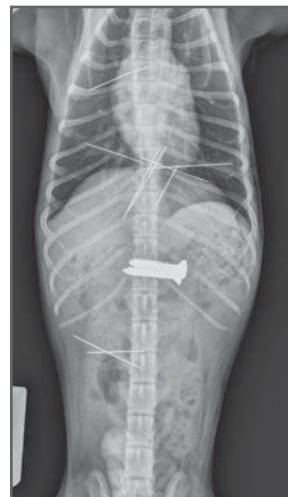
OC Animal Care's Tammy Osborn (left) receives the Meritorious Service Award from Dr. Dayna Wiedenkiller (right) from the California Veterinarian Medical Association.

A stray, 5-lb. Chihuahua was brought into the OC Animal Care shelter by a staff member who found him walking alone with a limp. The team had received a tip from an outside source about the pup, who they named Yoda: he may have been intentionally fed needles and screws.

Thanks to a program founded by OC Animal Care's **Tammy Osborn**, adoption partner coordinator, Yoda stood a fighting chance. "We immediately took an x-ray, and it was true," she said. "He had swallowed two metal screws that were still in his digestive tract and there were nine sewing needles actively migrating through other internal organs. We formulated a plan and rushed him right into surgery."

During the operation, a veterinarian used a magnet to extract a needle piercing Yoda's heart, which immediately stopped beating. The doctor massaged the heart for 15 seconds before moving on to a defibrillator. Thankfully, this brought the dog back to life and he went on to make a full recovery and was adopted into a loving home.

Little Yoda is just one of the 171 pets saved by Medical Pets Program, which Tammy



The x-ray image of Yoda's body.



Yoda post-surgery.

established in 2011. Earlier this year the [California Veterinary Medical Association](#) (CVMA) recognized Tammy and the program with a Meritorious Service Award. Chairman Todd Spitzer, 3rd District Supervisor, then presented her with a resolution at the September 1, 2015 Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting commending the achievement.

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" I was honored," said Tammy, who has dedicated more than 30 years of her life to animal advocacy. "It felt great to know that such a prestigious animal organization noticed and acknowledged all the hard work that went into my program. "

Tammy's job includes teaming up with rescue organizations willing to take in animals that are not ready for public adoption due to medical or behavioral issues. In some cases, animals like Yoda arrive to the shelter so seriously ill or injured that rescue groups are unable to pay the high costs associated with their care. Yoda's emergency surgery, for example, cost around \$9,000. Enter the Medical Pets Program – which covered 100 percent of the bill.

Tammy partners with the [Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care](#), local rescue organizations and individuals in the community to conduct fundraising efforts for the pets in her program, who receive life-saving medical treatment, foster home care during recovery and are then placed with compassionate, adoptive families.

Her deep affection for animals began as a child. "I had every kind of pet there is growing up. I also spent many hours as a kid hanging around the local pet store. I went there so often that the owner eventually hired me to clean cages and help the groomer!"

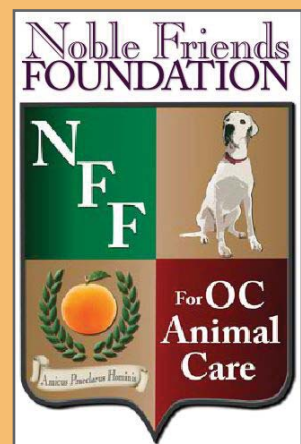
She went on to attend Cal Poly Pomona and earn a bachelor's degree in animal science. Before joining OC Animal Care, Tammy worked for eight years as a veterinary assistant in an animal hospital.

"One of our clients at the time had a relative who worked at the County shelter," she said. "She mentioned that they were hiring and I thought that it would be good, secure job for an animal lover like me and a real chance to make a difference."

For the past 21 years, Tammy has served in various capacities at the shelter. "I enjoy the variety of animals and like the challenge of doing my best to help as many animals as I can find new homes, or rescues that can help them find new families," she said. "But this job definitely has its hard days, too. Seeing abused and neglected animals can be very difficult, and they don't all make it to their happy ending. We make hard decisions every day about the animals in our care, and do our absolute best to help pets leave here happy and ready to start their new lives." ■

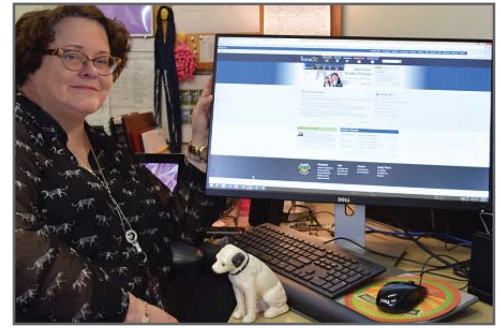
Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care

Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care is a 501c3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the ongoing support and improvement of OC Animal Care. To learn more or make a donation, visit <http://www.noblefriendsfoundation.org> or call (714) 943-5595.



Q+A With Lynne Halverson – Inside IntraOC

Since 2007, **Lynne Halverson**, program manager, OC Information Technology, has been driving solutions to support the County's varied business needs. She currently manages the Collaboration Services program, which includes IntraOC – our "new" intranet – as well as an initiative to develop and deploy agency/department Intranets on the SharePoint Online platform. She also manages the County's Business Continuity program and coordinates with the Data Center on disaster recovery for critical IT systems.



Prior to joining the County, Lynne, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in writing, worked in the private sector in banking and Web development. County Connection staff talked with Lynne about IntraOC and how she combines her passion for writing and communications with her experience in technology project management.

Q What drew you to the IT field?

A I never intended on ending up in IT. I was planning to be a writer. I needed a steady paycheck, so I took a job as a technical and policy writer for a community bank. That was right about the time PCs started to really take hold in the workplace. It seemed I was the only one at the bank willing to open up a PC to see what was going on – and going wrong! I stayed involved on the policy writing side by developing the bank's business continuity and disaster recovery programs, but eventually the bank encouraged me to get involved in systems administration. I later took a job with a Web development and professional services firm, where I worked in a whole other area of IT: Web-based application development. But I've never abandoned writing and communications; they are very much a part of what I do.

Q So IT kind of found you?

A In a way. Even though I didn't plan on ending up in IT, I think it was inevitable. My father was an engineer who first got involved in computers in the 1950s. I recall members of his project team coming over to our house when I was nine or ten and letting me play with the prototype for the first electronic cash register keyboard. I was playing with flowchart templates before I knew how to read. Discussions about systems and processes and computers were always going on in our house.

Q The names SharePoint and IntraOC seem to be used interchangeably. What's the difference? What's the appropriate term for the County's new Intranet?

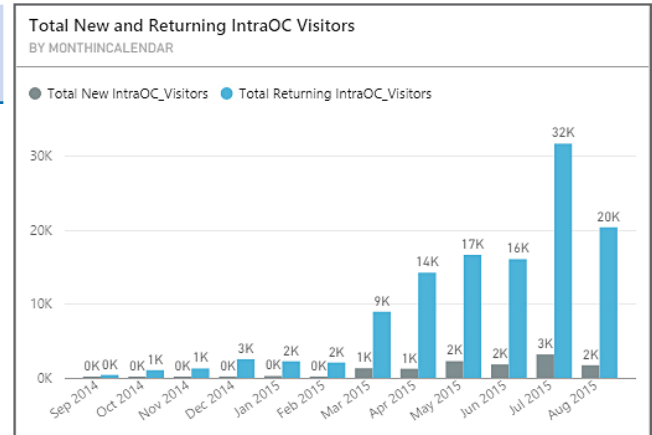
A IntraOC is the name of the County Intranet. SharePoint Online is the platform on which IntraOC is built. SharePoint Online is part of Office 365, Microsoft's suite of subscription-based applications and services that is hosted in the cloud. We could have built IntraOC on a number of different platforms. We selected SharePoint because it best met our needs. So, the appropriate name for the County's new Intranet is "IntraOC." By referring to it by that name, it's clear we're talking about that particular site – which just happens to be built on SharePoint Online.

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Q How well have departments – and employees – adapted to IntraOC?

A So far they are finding it easy to use and adapt to. The search functionality is really fast, and information is presented in a much more organized and logical fashion than it was on the “Blue Screen.” It’s going to take a little getting used to, but most of us are so accustomed to browsing the Internet and finding things on the Web that a modern, easy-to-use site like IntraOC isn’t going to pose a lot of challenges. Users will quickly find they already know how to use it. They just need to explore the site and get comfortable with it.



Q What’s the status of the conversion? All aboard?

A We’re really close. Eighteen agencies/departments have all of their staff licensed and able to access IntraOC. Another four have provided access to some staff members, and two of those eventually will enable access for their full organizations.

Q What would you say are the best, most employee-friendly aspects or features on IntraOC?

A The search functionality is high on the list. Also, the site’s look and feel are really clean, and the navigation is easy to follow. It’s great that the site isn’t static. Things change on it all the time – especially on the Home page. I think it’s a site people will want to come back to.

Q When is the old “Intranet Blue Page” going away?

A December 31, 2015. We’re thinking of holding a retirement party. The Blue Screen has been with us for almost 20 years. It deserves its retirement.

Q What are the most innovative uses of IntraOC that you have seen so far?

A I’ve seen a lot of collaboration between business and IT users to develop solutions to long-standing pain points, like ASR review tracking and Board directives tracking. The IntraOC team has worked with staff from a number of agencies/departments to develop a Public Records Act (PRA) application that will allow for Countywide tracking of PRA requests, both when they are received and what the responses are to them. Some of the work occurring on the Collaboration Group sites has been fun to see – there are people doing interactive maps, data analysis, project and task tracking – and the vast majority of them aren’t technical people. They’re just excited about seeing what they can do.

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Q What's your favorite aspect of IntraOC?

A The fact that you don't have to be an "IT person" to use the site or to make use of the tools provided in SharePoint Online. The site is really what the employees make of it. Users can visit the site to get information if that's all they want to do, or they can engage by becoming content or site owners. The adoption of the Collaboration Groups section of the site has been great to see, too. We've fulfilled requests for more than 70 collaboration sites since we went live in December 2014. That's 70 groups of users from multiple agencies/departments that no longer need to rely on email to share documents, calendars, task lists, and other information. We have never had this capability before at the County on this scale.



Q Anything else you'd like to add?

A There's a lot more to come. The IntraOC team is working on the implementation of tools that will help automate site maintenance processes; provide in-context, interactive training to end users; and challenge users to complete various tasks and processes that will help them to learn more about SharePoint. We've also just kicked off an initiative to assist agencies/departments in setting up their own Intranets on the SharePoint Online platform. ■

IntraOC By the Numbers

8,788

NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY LICENSED TO ACCESS INTRAOC/SHAREPOINT ONLINE

31,769

NUMBER OF INTRAOC SITE VISITS BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN JULY 2015

10,116

NUMBER OF LICENSES PURCHASED BY COUNTY AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS TO ENABLE USER ACCESS TO THE MICROSOFT CLOUD, WHERE INTRAOC IS HOSTED

147

NUMBER OF LINKS ON THE "BLUE SCREEN" THE LAST TIME ANYONE COUNTED

55

NUMBER OF INTRAOC OPEN HOUSES AND ROADSHOWS HELD BY THE INTRAOC TEAM BETWEEN DECEMBER 2014 AND AUGUST 2015

7,000+

NUMBER OF SITES, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION THAT THOSE 147 LINKS LEAD TO

998

NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE ATTENDED AN INTRAOC OPEN HOUSE OR ROADSHOW

0

ABILITY TO SEARCH FOR ANY OF THOSE ITEMS FROM THE BLUE SCREEN

{ O.C. History 101 }

Journeys Through Orange County's Origins,
Obstacles and Opportunities

The Origins of Anaheim Trace Back to Vineyards

By Chris Jepsen

Angels, ducks and giant mice with red pants are all relative newcomers to Anaheim, Orange County's first incorporated city and one of California's first "planned communities."

If you trace the roots of Anaheim's beginning, you will find wine and vineyards. Los Angeles vintner John Fröhling and his San Francisco distributor, Charles Kohler, needed a more reliable supply of wine to sell. The two men, along with fellow German immigrant and wine dealer Otto Weyse and Austrian-born surveyor and civil engineer George Hansen, imagined a new cooperative vineyard colony in Southern California. In 1857, they gathered a larger group of mostly German immigrants in San Francisco, incorporated as the Los Angeles Vineyard Society, and sent Hansen to find appropriate land.



Bottling wine at the Bullard Winery, Anaheim, circa 1885.
(Photo courtesy Anaheim Heritage Center)

The Society purchased 1,165 acres of Juan Pacifico Ontiveros' old Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana for two dollars an acre, and they voted to name the colony Anaheim. "Heim" means home in German, and "Ana" was a

reference to the region's primary water source, the Santa Ana River. It would be the Germans' new "Home on the Ana." The Spanish-speaking locals simply called it Campo Alemán – The German Camp.

Before the first colonists arrived in 1859, Hansen prepared the land for them. He planned an irrigation system, which brought water down from the river, and he laid out the town along the angle of the main ditch. To this day, the heart of Anaheim still has this cockeyed orientation. Hansen divided the land into town lots and vineyard lots – all within the boundaries of North, South, East and West streets. He also oversaw the planting of 400,000 vines as well as some fruit trees. Additionally, he planted willows all around the town's perimeter, creating a living fence to keep out roaming animals. The "gates" on each side of town became landmarks.

A post office opened in 1861 and a school district was formed in 1867. Each vineyard owner had a share of the Anaheim Water Company, which owned the irrigation system and the streets. In 1864 the colonists established Orange County's first commercial port, Anaheim Landing, at Alamitos Bay. This provided not only a good way to receive goods (at a time when no railroads reached the area), but also an easier way to export wine. After a flood, the landing was moved in 1867 to what's still known as Anaheim Bay in Seal Beach.

Orange County's first newspaper, the *Anaheim Gazette*, was first printed in 1870 on an old press that had "come around the Horn" via sailing ship and had previously been used to print the pioneer *Los Angeles Star*.

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Anaheim incorporated in 1870, disincorporated in 1872, decided to become a city again in 1876, and finally incorporated permanently in 1878 by an act of the State Legislature.

Anaheim's wine sold well from coast to coast, and business thrived until 1884 when a mysterious disease began destroying the vines. What was called "the Anaheim disease" is now known as Pierce's Disease – a bacteria spread by insects. With no cure discovered, the vineyards were decimated within a few years and the local economy was forced to diversify into such industries as walnuts, citrus, leather tanning, fruit drying, milling, and beer brewing. Anaheim never really stopped growing, and today Orange County's first city is also its most populous and second largest in area. ■



West Center Street, now Lincoln Ave. in Downtown Anaheim, 1873. (Photo courtesy Anaheim Heritage Center)

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Human Resource Services News You Can Use

Take Charge of Your Open Enrollment for Annual Benefits

The Open Enrollment period for County health plans and County provided benefits begins October 30, 2015 and ends November 16, 2015. Employees are encouraged to take charge and make informed decisions about your County benefits. Here's how:

- Carefully read all communications mailed to you by Human Resource Services/Employee Benefits and the County of Orange Benefits Center.
- **Keep your mailing address current** in the County payroll system to ensure that you receive all of the important mailings. If your mailing address has changed please ask your agency HRS or Payroll department representative to update your address in the County payroll system no later than

September 11, 2015 so the change can be made in time for Open Enrollment.

- Pay close attention to the important mailings in early October containing your Personal Identification Number (PIN), which allows you to access the Benefits Center website.
- Mark your calendar with the Open Enrollment deadline or schedule an "appointment" with yourself to complete your Open Enrollment steps.

You will receive your Annual Open Enrollment package with ample time to review your Quick Start brochure and Summary of Benefits and Coverage. More information will be sent to you in the coming weeks. The HRS Benefits staff thanks employees for taking charge and looks forward to a successful Open Enrollment period. ■

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



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What will you do when disaster strikes? Does your family know what to do? Those are key questions at the core of discussions and efforts this month – September is National Emergency Preparedness Month, founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S.

The staff of the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Emergency Management Division encourages County employees and your families to prepare and plan for emergency and disaster events.

"It's about making a commitment to be a survivor," says **Sara Kaminske**, OCSD assistant emergency division manager.

Following a disaster, there is an overwhelming demand for first responders and emergency managers to reach people in distress. Getting to every person quickly following an emergency simply is not possible – especially if trees and power lines are down. It's imperative that we all take the necessary steps to prepare for emergencies. The more people who are prepared for a disaster, the quicker the community will recover afterwards.

National Emergency Preparedness Month is a time to prepare yourself, your family and your loved ones for any emergency. A good start would be to follow these important steps:

- 1. Get a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for you and those in your care, including water, non-perishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlights and a battery-powered radio. For a complete checklist of supplies, visit www.ReadyOC.org.
- 2. Make a Plan:** Discuss and agree on an emergency plan with those in your care, then document it. For sample plans see www.ReadyOC.org. Work with your neighbors, colleagues and others to build a community network of resilience.
- 3. Be Informed:** Information is available to assist you from federal, state and local resources. To find preparedness information:



Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications at www.AlertOC.com.



Access www.ReadyOC.org to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.



Contact the OCSD Emergency Management Division at (714) 628-7054 and ask for information about preparedness. ■

Around the County News, Events and Happenings



OC Animal Care Events Break Pet Adoption Records



Volunteer-favorite Jasmine, a pit bull mix, smiles alongside her new family as they prepare to take her home. Please [click here](#) to view a slideshow of photographs from Clear the Shelter.

Due in large part to the efforts of staff and volunteers, OC Animal Care set new pet adoption records this summer with two incredibly successful events: Clear the Shelters and Catopia.

More than 300 people lined up outside the OC Animal Care shelter in Orange at 6 a.m. on August 15 to take part in Clear the Shelters, hosted by NBC4 Southern California and Telemundo.

In total, 147 animals were adopted – 86 dogs, 54 cats and seven rabbits found new homes, and their adoptive families enjoyed a reduced fee of just \$17 that included spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinations, flea treatment and deworming. OC Animal Care joined this first-of-its-kind, nationwide initiative in which shelters across the country lowered costs associated with pet adoption to place needy animals with loving families.

Please click [HERE](#) to read the OC Register's Clear the Shelters coverage.

OC Animal Care's annual Catopia event took place just a few weeks prior to Clear the Shelters and was its most successful to date. Attendees adopted 80 cats/kittens and paid the \$17 promotional cost; they also received gift bags that included cat food, a pet blanket and kitty toys.

Click [HERE](#) for upcoming OC Animal Care event information or to search a database of adoptable pets.



OC Animal Care's Jackie Hoopes, kennel attendant, celebrates the adoption of 80 cats and kittens at Catopia.

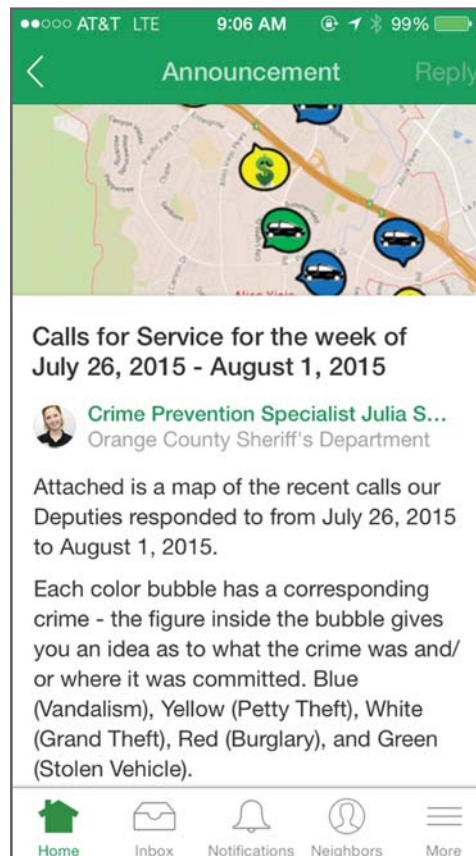
Around the County continued

Sheriff's Department Partners with Nextdoor

The Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) has partnered with [Nextdoor](#), a private social network for neighborhoods, in an effort to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents.

This collaboration will enable OCSD staff to share important safety updates, emergency notifications and news as well as service and program information with application users within the department's patrol jurisdiction. To date, 37 Orange County neighborhoods representing 77 percent of the county have launched Nextdoor websites. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by search engines. Interested in joining or starting your neighborhood's free Nextdoor website? Visit www.nextdoor.com and enter your address to begin.

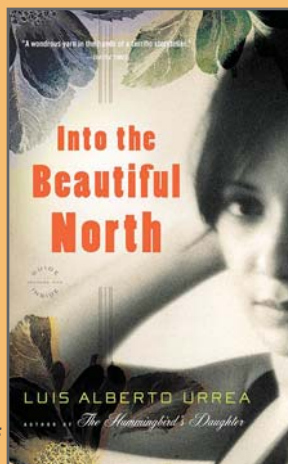


The Orange County Sheriff's Department uses the Nextdoor application to share information, such as this map illustrating what type of calls deputies recently responded to in an Aliso Viejo neighborhood.

Take "The Big Read" with OC Public Libraries

"Into the Beautiful North" by Luis A. Urrea

"Nineteen-year-old Nayeli works at a taco shop in her Mexican village and dreams about her father, who journeyed to the U.S. to find work. Recently, it has dawned on her that he isn't the only man who has left town. In fact, there are almost no men in the village—they've all gone north. Filled with unforgettable characters and prose as radiant as the Sinaloan sun, *Into the Beautiful North* is the story of an irresistible young woman's quest to find herself on both sides of the fence." *Excerpt from www.luisurrea.com.*



OC Public Libraries (OCPL) recently was awarded grant funding from the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) to host [The Big Read](#) – a community reading program designed around a single book. OCPL's selection is "Into the Beautiful North" by Luis A. Urrea.

This month and next, branches throughout Orange County will feature group discussions and engaging events tied to the novel's major themes and elements including film screenings, author appearances, writing workshops and more. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

Around the County continued

District Attorney Hosts Youth Education Conference

The District Attorney's (DA) office hosted the 16th Annual Summer Youth Education Conference last month to give local high school students interested in law enforcement a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to be a prosecutor, defense attorney, police detective and judge.

The week-long program included visits to government agencies including the Santa Ana Police Department, Ronald Reagan Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, the Sheriff Department's [Tactical Training Center](#) and [Coroner's Office](#), as well as [Juvenile Hall](#). Educational workshops were also presented by investigators, prosecutors and community agencies, and the more than 35 hours of hands-on learning culminated in a mock trial and graduation ceremony.

Applications for the program are accepted yearly and students ages 16 to 18 who exhibit an interest in learning about the legal and criminal justice system are selected to participate. To learn more, please click [HERE](#).



A conference participant tries on a SWAT vest used by Sheriff's Department Deputy Phillip Cruz.

Drowning Prevention is Focus of New Countywide Task Force

As the hot weather continues, Orange County residents cool down in swimming pools and at the beach. Sadly, [preventable drownings](#) also continue – the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) reports receiving 49 drowning calls this year.



ORANGE COUNTY TASK FORCE
ON DROWNING PREVENTION

In response, the Health Care Agency, Social Services Agency, Sheriff's Department and Board of Supervisors Chairman Todd Spitzer are among County of Orange representatives joining the OCFA and many other civic and community organizations as well as individuals on the newly formed Orange County Task Force on Drowning Prevention. The task force links concerned professionals County officials in an effort to promote public awareness and enhance programs to reduce drowning incidents and fatalities.

Among task force member are Olympic medalists in swimming, foundation founders, individuals who have lost loved ones to drowning, medical professionals, lifeguards, swim instructors, association and organization board members and more.

See the list of task force members and read more about the effort [HERE](#).

Around the County continued

Canyon Fire Stops Short of OC Waste & Recycling Landfill – Twice

The [Santiago Canyon Landfill](#) was spared in two separate fires that approached but did not cross its borders in July. The first fire broke out along the 241 Toll Road on July 2, with flames headed directly toward the site but was quickly contained. Less than two weeks later, a second fire moved so close to the landfill that Orange County Fire Authority commanders actually set up shop there to gain a better perspective while deploying their resources.



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire near Santiago Canyon Landfill. [Click HERE](#) to view a slideshow of additional shots, all taken by OC Waste & Recycling's Larry Adams, senior equipment operator.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

More than 100 employees attended the second annual Civic Center Awareness and Personal Safety Training, held August 26 at the Hall of Administration Board Hearing Room. The voluntary session included presentations from CEO, HCA Behavioral Health Services, the OC Sheriff's Department, and the Santa Ana Police Department on personal safety strategies as well as how to report problems and concerns. Accomplishments of the Civic Center Employee Safety Committee over the past year were also highlighted.

Each presenter stressed the importance of immediate incident reporting and reminded employees about the **"SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"** approach for any suspicious, uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation. Reporting incidents quickly provides law enforcement officers with the information they need in order to respond.

The SAPD provided information on its Civic Center Patrol and the city's mobile phone applications, which can be used to report non-immediate concerns. OCSD staff presented a series of personal safety tips. HCA Behavioral Health Services staff shared valuable insights on behavioral health.

You can access the presentation materials online – [CLICK HERE](#). If you have questions or would like more information about employee safety in the Civic Center or the work of the Civic Center Employee Safety Committee, contact **Kari Schumaker** at Kari.Schumaker@ocgov.com or 714-834-2051.

■ **Important Numbers:**

Sheriff's Kiosk: 714-834-2250 – For active incidents in the Civic Center Walk of Honor area.

SAPD:

Santa Ana Police Dispatch – 714-834-4211 for non-emergency officer response requested)

Civic Center Patrol General Line – 714-245-8288 for general concerns

Civic Center Awareness Hotline: 714-834-2051 – for general concerns

When in doubt, for emergencies, always call 9-1-1! ■



County of Orange

Civic Center Awareness & Personal Safety Training

[Click](#) for a recap of the information presented at the 2015 Civic Center Awareness and Personal Safety Training.

Service Awards

for the month of August



35 Years

Maria Lopez
Sheriff-Coroner

30 Years

Rita Segovia
County Executive
Office

May Vang
County Executive
Office

Elena Yoshizumi
Health Care Agency

Siraj Hussein
OC Community
Resources

Kathy Jo Miller
OC Community
Resources

Alan Tam
OC Public Works

Dick Harabedian
OC Waste &
Recycling

Mary Hong
Sheriff-Coroner

David Sawyer
Sheriff-Coroner

Marilyn Tarvis
Sheriff-Coroner

Dorson Ishino
Social Services
Agency

John Mannings
Social Services
Agency

Elizabeth Ramirez
Treasurer-Tax
Collector

25 Years

Patricia Aguirre
Auditor-Controller

Casie Ha
Auditor-Controller

Maria Berumen
Child Support
Services

Rachael Vargas
Child Support
Services

Carmina Estrada
Health Care Agency

Virginia Nevares
Health Care Agency

Lynn Tang
Health Care Agency

William MacDonald
John Wayne Airport

Jose Morales
OC Community
Resources

Guy Batterton
OC Public Works

Joel Samonte
OC Public Works

Arthur Agbayani
Probation

Linda Barry
Probation

Andrew Wu
Probation

Aurora Brinshot
Public Defender

Randy Dixon
Sheriff-Coroner

Bobby Earlywine
Sheriff-Coroner

Edward Espinosa
Sheriff-Coroner

Scott Fitch
Sheriff-Coroner

Richard Himmel
Sheriff-Coroner

Mark Jackson
Sheriff-Coroner

Tracy Morris
Sheriff-Coroner

Thomas Taylor
Sheriff-Coroner

Jeffrey Thompson
Sheriff-Coroner

Louis Viestenz
Sheriff-Coroner

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Craig Wiggins Sheriff-Coroner	Christopher Wilson Sheriff-Coroner	Luz Aguilar Social Services Agency	Carlos Cano Social Services Agency	Deanna Dang Social Services Agency
Stephanie Dang Social Services Agency	Veronica Garcia Social Services Agency	Patricia King Social Services Agency	Hugo Melendez Social Services Agency	Loanne Nguyen Social Services Agency
Michelle Nguyen Social Services Agency	Kim-Anh Pham Social Services Agency	Maria Reidler Social Services Agency	Tina Vo Social Services Agency	

20 Years

Karen Borrego Health Care Agency	Julie Oakley OC Community Resources	Timothy Pfeiler Probation	Meinardo Aguilera Sheriff-Coroner	Jonathan Bordeaux Sheriff-Coroner
Ronald Byers Sheriff-Coroner	Ronald Cagle Sheriff-Coroner	Douglas Claypool Sheriff-Coroner	Uvaldo Corvera Sheriff-Coroner	Michael Johnson Sheriff-Coroner
Gary Knutson Sheriff-Coroner	Jarrett Kurimay Sheriff-Coroner	Joseph Mauga Sheriff-Coroner	Jason Park Sheriff-Coroner	Robert Swanson Sheriff-Coroner
Nicholas Wray Sheriff-Coroner	Luiza Cole Social Services Agency	Glenna Murphy Social Services Agency		

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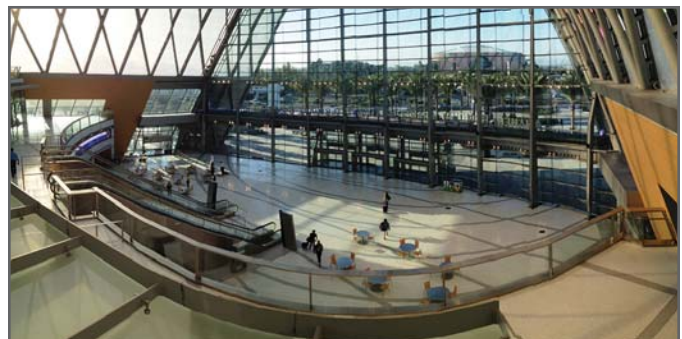
Maria Berumen, CSS child support officer, captured the explosions of an Angels post-game fireworks show. Lit up in the lower right background is the ARTIC transportation center.

Welcome to Parting Shot, a feature designed to close County Connection with must-see visuals from Orange County. Click on photos to enlarge.



The **County Connection** staff couldn't resist this shot of the reflection of the Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse Building, in the office building on the corner of Broadway and Santa Ana Blvd., taken from their HOA 3rd Floor office window. The view is to the south, overlooking Santa Ana Blvd.

The Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) is proving to be popular for Parting Shot submissions. **Michael Walsh**, SSA facilities services manager, shot this interior panorama during a tour of the facility arranged by the Orange County Chapter of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA-OC). On the tour he learned: "ARTIC's most notable innovation is its geogrid husk, composed of opaque pillowed ethylene tetrafluoroethylene (ETFE) membranes covering 200,000 square feet and one-tenth the weight of glass."



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Sylvia Trujillo, legal services assistant, Office of County Counsel, captured these contrasting sunset colors while she attended a softball tournament at Col. Bill Barber Memorial Park in Irvine. She writes: “I watched the interaction between teams and teammates and their connection and relationship to the field – the dirt, grass and the cheering of the spectators. Then I got to watch and cheer internally at a similar union overhead – the sky and clouds and sun.”

Have you taken a photograph of something cool and beautiful in Orange County? Would you like to submit it to Parting Shot for consideration? If so, send it via email to ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com. Please provide your job title and department and the details of the photo (location, what's happening, etc.) Please know that not all submissions will be used; decisions are at the discretion of the CEO Communications staff.

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