



COUNTY CONNECTION

A newsletter for and about County of Orange employees

January 2016



FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Message from
**CEO
Frank Kim**



For many of us, the start of a new year is a time to think about the future and make resolutions. I hope you'll humor me for a minute as I do just the opposite – take a look back.

I was fortunate to have a very difficult, demanding job right out of college that gave me perspective at a young age. By the time I was 26, I was averaging around 60 hours each week working at a public accounting firm. Even though I was preparing taxes for some famous clients, and the money was great, I felt completely burned out and knew it wasn't the lifestyle I wanted.

I realized that the pursuit of wealth came with a cost and, for me, that cost was too great. What I was missing out on in my personal life was more valuable to me than a Wall Street career path. What I truly aspired to

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Genny Gallegos: HCA Nurse and Heartfelt Advocate

Genny Gallegos can point to the exact moment in time that led her to her professional calling. She was 18 years old and had taken her mom to the doctor, in part to provide English translation.

"The nurse was very rude because my mom needed translation," she recalls. I could tell she was irritated. Her facial expressions, her tone of voice and body language showed it. Then she got more irritated that I was unable to translate the medical terminology, which I didn't know at the time.

"From that experience I decided I wanted to be part of the medical field, to help and be an advocate for people in underserved populations," says Genny, who is a proud licensed vocational nurse (LVN) working for the Health Care Agency Child Health Clinic.

Genny earned her medical assistant certificate from Bryman College and in 2005 started working as a medical assistant for the County – her first choice of employers for the opportunity it provides her to help those in need. Later she went back to school part-time to advance her career by becoming an LVN. She completed the program at Pacific College, and in 2011 the County promoted her to an LVN position.

On the job, Genny and her Child Health Clinic colleagues see both sick and well children; all are low-income and uninsured. Her duties include getting weight, height, temperature and blood pressure readings; measuring head circumference; doing vision and hearing screenings; drawing blood for testing; teaching; counseling; and, the big one, administering immunizations.

She says the babies are easy, but she's learned tricks to help older kids and their parents – and her – get through the shots: "I tell the parents they have to keep their kids' legs between theirs so I don't get kicked! But I also tell them the best thing they can do is not lie, because the kids will be mad at

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Genny Gallegos

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own was my time – nights and weekends that were really mine to spend however I wanted.

It was time to make a change.

I heard that the County of Orange offered its employees stability, an opportunity to serve the community, earn a living wage, and – in some positions – people even took flex days. I applied for an opening in the Auditor-Controller's office and pitched myself as the best 45-hour-a-week employee they'd ever have. This may sound funny, but coming from a corporation where I felt like a cog in a machine grinding for top dollar – the chance to do my absolute best on the job, make a difference, and still have time to catch my breath sounded like music to my ears.

In the earlier stages of my County career, this clear balance in my personal and professional life made all the difference to my emotional well-being. Today, as County Executive Officer, I work just as many hours as I ever did back at the firm. But instead of feeling burnout, I'm inspired and excited because the time commitment is an investment in an organization I love – a living, breathing organization that has a heart.

And you're what makes it beat. You bring meaning to what we do every day. Thank you, and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Frank Kim

County Executive Officer

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them anyway and madder if they are lied to. They should tell their kids the shots are needed for school, even if they hurt."



Checking the inventory.

Genny also is responsible for the inventory of medical and vaccine supplies – both ordering and stocking. She follows a precise system so the nurses know which bottles to use in what order. The influenza vaccine is in good supply, and Genny says that while this is an "average year so far," HCA officials expect the flu bug to hit harder in January and February. There is an influenza rapid test, but Genny says that the best way to tell if you or your children have the flu is by duration.

"Influenza lasts much longer than the common cold, and the symptoms are more severe," she says, adding that "everyone should get a flu shot!"

Among her many duties, Genny also orders medical supplies and medications for other service areas of the clinic, including dental, family planning and travel/walk-in immunizations, and she's responsible for tracking equipment calibrations and checking and maintaining emergency kits.

"My days are busy and present a variety of opportunities to serve the public," she says.

If using her medical training is rewarding, then caring for the whole child and the families is heartfelt and joyful for Genny. Most of her patients "have so little. We take care of them and link them with help for the many needs they have."

So on their behalf she is grateful for the many donations that clinic staff members pass on, including toys received from [Operation Santa Claus](#). She also dearly values the opportunity to teach and counsel families, about topics ranging from immunizations to nutrition.

Does one patient stand out in her heart and memory?

"Yes. A little boy who we discovered couldn't hear. We did a screening and found an issue, but we were able to send him to a specialist. He had surgery that enabled him to hear."

For Genny, that result was "the ultimate job satisfaction."

PLEASE SEND PROFILE SUBJECTS FOR COUNTY CONNECTION!

Do you know someone who would make a good employee profile? We're looking for staff-level employees who love their job and carry the flag with enthusiasm both for their agency and the County as a whole. Send submissions to ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com

Workplace Violence Response Training Offers Critical Learning

It's a simple concept: Everyone should be able to feel safe as they carry on in life and at work.

But as the number of active shooting incidents continues to climb – 11.4 per year between 200 and 2013, according to the FBI – that concept is being severely tested. It is clear that we must both acknowledge the need for proactive training and preparation AND follow through by learning and preparing ourselves.

The County launched an employee training program focused on responses to active shooter incidents at the workplace. OCSD staff members **Shane Millhollon**, SWAT team leader, and **Heather Williams**, peer support and crisis response team coordinator, are teaching the two-hour course.

The course aims to empower and help employees to:

- Know what to do during an active shooter incident;
- Understand the law enforcement response to an active shooter/ mass casualty incident;
- Develop protocols in order to increase survivability and decrease the number of victims;
- Understand the psychological and physical impact of an active shooter incident; and
- Become aware of the resources available to help mitigate the lasting effects of trauma.



Serious business: Trainers Shane Millhollon and Heather Williams are all about preparation and response.

It also includes an FBI-produced video, titled [Run. Hide. Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event](#). Viewing the video is highly recommended, for those unable to attend the training.



As of publication time, there are four more sessions scheduled. They take place at the Sheriff's Training Academy, 15991 Armstrong Avenue, Tustin:

- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 – 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 – 9-11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.

Register through [Training Partner](#), Course #OCCEOAS108 – Employee Workplace Violence Response Training.

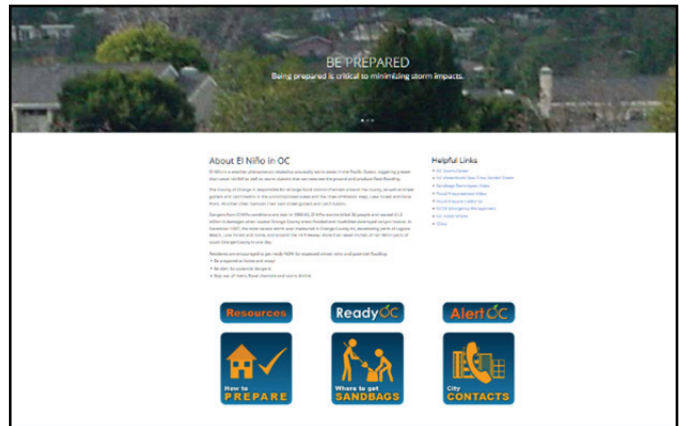
The session also will be available online, for individuals or teams to view. You can sign up via Training Partner.

"It is my hope that we will never be faced with a situation like the recent one in San Bernadino but, if we are, you could make a difference," said CEO **Frank Kim**. "Acts of violence may not always be thwarted, and each of us has a responsibility for our personal safety. If you see something that seems out of place, say something."

New El Niño Website Provides Resources, Encourages Preparedness

As multiple County agencies and departments collaborate and mobilize to be prepared – and to help the public prepare – for El Niño storms, the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, CEO and OC Public Works send the same message to County employees: act now and take responsibility for the preparedness of your home and family.

[OC El Niño Readiness](http://www.ocelnino.com) is a new website launched last month to help residents and employees plan and prepare. It features many useful links and resources, from where to get sand bags and how to use them to city non-emergency and public works phone numbers, hashtags and informational brochures.



The key message: heavy rainfall is expected, and with it can come flooding.

- Be prepared at home and away!
- Be alert for potential dangers!
- Stay out of rivers, flood channels and storm drains!

www.ocelnino.com

#ocelnino

ALSO – Here are links to some recent media coverage, following the Dec. 16 news conference about OC El Niño.

[KPPC Radio](#)

[Orange County Register](#)



A Sweet Fleet of Trikes Goes to Operation Santa Claus

How many IT professionals does it take to assemble a tricycle?

Doesn't matter – what matters is that at their December All-Hands meeting, OCIT staff assembled a fleet of 16 trikes as a team-building exercise and donated them to Operation Santa Claus. The executive team funded the effort, and the staff provided the man and woman power – using their non-dominant hand. Forcing the non-dominant hand to perform an unfamiliar task requires the brain to map new neural pathways. The idea was the brainchild of **Sheila Carter**, OCIT director of customer relationship management.



"I'm proud to work with such a great team," says CIO **Christina Koslosky**. "They're engaged and competitive in a constructive way, and everyone was excited to participate in an activity that had such a positive outcome. We'll remember this as our first annual holiday 'Non-Dominant All-Hands Meeting!'"

Photos courtesy Amy Abeling, OCIT

Volunteers Needed for Road Charge Study

The State of California is seeking 5,000 volunteers to participate in a pilot program toward developing a long-term revenue policy that is equitable and provides sustainable funding to maintain roadways and bridges. Road charging is under consideration as an alternative to the gas tax. Road charging means drivers pay to help maintain the roads based on the distance they travel or a period of time they use the roads, rather than the amount of gasoline they consume. We're consuming less gas, due to energy efficient vehicles, yet we continue to put wear and tear on the roads. So the funding generated to maintain California's roads decreases while the use drivers inflict on our roads increases. The study seeks to determine if road charging is a viable option to current funding mechanisms.

Interested? Want to learn more?

- Click to [volunteer](#) on the Road Charge Pilot Program website.
- Read more in Supervisor Lisa Bartlett's [5th District Newsletter](#).

California Road Charge Pilot Program

Exploring the Possibilities...
ONE MILE AT A TIME

Vehicles go farther with less fuel

Roads are fixed with fuel taxes at the pump

Roads and revenue to fix them are suffering

Why Study Road Charge?

Increased damage to all roads

Reduced buying power

California's economy

SIGN UP NOW! Limited Opportunity

www.CaliforniaRoadChargePilot.com

Click on the image above to view a PDF version.

Maintaining California's Economy
ONE MILE AT A TIME



Fitness with Frank closed out 2015 with two great events in December:

- Hike to Orange County's only redwood grove at Carbon Canyon Regional Park (12/5)
- Lunchtime walk at Angels' stadium on December (12/9)

In 2016, Fitness with Frank will continue with regular hikes at different OC Parks locations. Stay tuned for further details. For information about upcoming events and for photos and video of past events, please visit the Fitness with Frank webpage:

http://ocgov.com/gov/hr/eb/employee_wellness/fitness_with_frank.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Happy 2016 – the start of a new year is a good time to remember these top-three personal safety tips:

1. **Be aware of your surroundings.**

Mobile phones and other devices can focus our attention away from our surroundings. Don't lose that focus and find yourself caught off-guard.

2. **Mix up your routine.**

The danger in having a set schedule of day-to-day activities is that a pattern of your movements and actions can be established. Though your work arrival and departure times likely won't vary, you can vary the routes you take to and from your vehicle if equally safe alternatives exist.

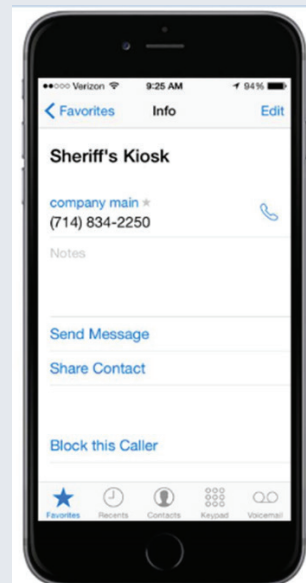
3. **Walk in pairs or groups.**

When possible, walk to and from your vehicle or other form of transportation in groups of two or more. Statistically speaking, people who walk in groups tend to be targeted as victims of crimes far less often than those who walk alone. If you do walk alone, have a plan in mind. Eliminate distractions that can hinder your awareness, and have your car keys ready to use.

An ultimate best practice is to program your personal and/or business mobile phone with important numbers. For those who work in or visit the OC Civic Center, you are encouraged to save the following key numbers in your phone:

- **Sheriff's Kiosk:** (714) 834-2250 – To report an incident in-progress or just occurred within the Walk of Honor area of the Civic Center.
- **SAPD Dispatch:** (714) 834-4211 – To report an incident in-progress or just occurred outside of the Walk of Honor area of the Civic Center.
- **Civic Center Awareness Hotline:** (714) 834-2051 – To report general Civic Center Awareness concerns.

911 – When in doubt, for life-threatening emergencies, call 911!





How Orange County Split from Los Angeles

By Chris Jepsen

The recorded history of what's now Orange County dates back to 1769, and this land was home to Indian people for thousands of years prior to that. But Orange County itself is a more recent invention.

On August 1, 1889, the southern portion of Los Angeles County (itself founded in 1850) broke away to become Orange County. On the day we separated, we had about 15,000 residents, three incorporated cities, and zero paved roads.

Our struggle to separate from L.A. began in 1870 with Anaheim mayor Max Strobel's proposal for "Anaheim County." It would be the first of many attempts to separate from L.A. over the next 19 years. We had the traditional American desire for self-determination. We thought our taxes were mostly going to the "big city" and that our voices weren't being heard. And we were certainly tired of interminable treks up the unpaved El Camino Real to conduct government business in Los Angeles.

Generally, Sacramento shot down our separation bills because the new state constitution had no provision for creating new counties. This let opponents claim that creating a new county was unconstitutional. This, in turn, made our fight for succession the bellwether for determining if new counties could be formed anywhere. If we succeeded, many other regions of the state would follow.

Various bills drew our proposed physical border at different points, from Coyote Creek to the Rio Hondo. Anaheim supported bills that drew the line farther north, making them the center and logical seat of the new county. Santa Ana supported the bills that drew the line farther south, for the same reasons. And each



4th Street, Santa Ana, 1887. (Photo courtesy Orange County Archives)

opposed the bills supported by the other. The two towns developed a heated rivalry.

The name Orange County was first proposed in 1872, before we had any commercial citrus. Oranges were still a rarity and were associated with sunny Spain and a coastal Mediterranean climate. The name was simply a ploy to draw people here.

By the late 1880s our booming economy – spurred largely by the arrival of the railroads – finally set the stage for our liberation. We finally had enough money and power to do some arm-twisting.

Leading local Democrats and Republicans joined forces for a serious lobbying effort, and with the support of San Francisco – which, even then, encouraged "sticking it to" Los Angeles – a bill was finally passed allowing a vote to create a new county. Anaheim was unhappy that the border was drawn at Coyote Creek. But the public still

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ratified the bill in the June election.

Today, we have 34 incorporated cities and a population of 3.1 million – a more than 22,000 percent increase since our founding.

Sorry, L.A.... You can't have us back.

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First County offices (rented), E. 4th and Spurgeon St., shown in 1895



Caught Serving

Caught Serving spotlights County employees at work, serving. Send submissions – including photos – via email to ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com



(l-r) **Tammy Waitman**, mental health specialist, and **Ingrid Leyton-Rios**, mental health worker II, of HCA's Behavioral Health Services Outreach and Engagement program (BHS O&E) were caught serving many of the homeless individuals at the County of Orange Armory Emergency Shelter Program in Santa Ana in late December. While they couldn't be photographed with the individuals they were helping, the pair conducted outreach with the night's residents in an effort to link them to needed resources and services.

They and other members of the BHS O&E team visit various locations throughout the County to connect with homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness who are dealing with behavioral health issues. Team members work to link them to treatment, prevention and other support services. They build trusting relationships, address individuals' barriers to accessing needed services, and collaborate with other service providers.

What does serving the homeless population mean to these County colleagues?

Ingrid: "It is very rewarding, and I am happy that I am making a difference in their lives."

Tammy: "It allows me to be of service by assisting individuals in discovering and removing the barriers that hinder them from achieving their desired goals creating a healthier life. The ultimate reward is seen as these individuals discover their inner strengths and begin to gain control of their lives through their healthier choices."

Ways To Serve

Volunteer – at the Fullerton or Santa Ana Armory Emergency Shelter locations. To learn more or to register, visit www.mercyhouse.net

Refer someone in need – by calling the BHS O&E toll-free line at 800-364-2221, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A clinician will assign the referral to team members who will follow up.

Around the County News, Events and Happenings



Exciting News! County to Build New OC Animal Shelter

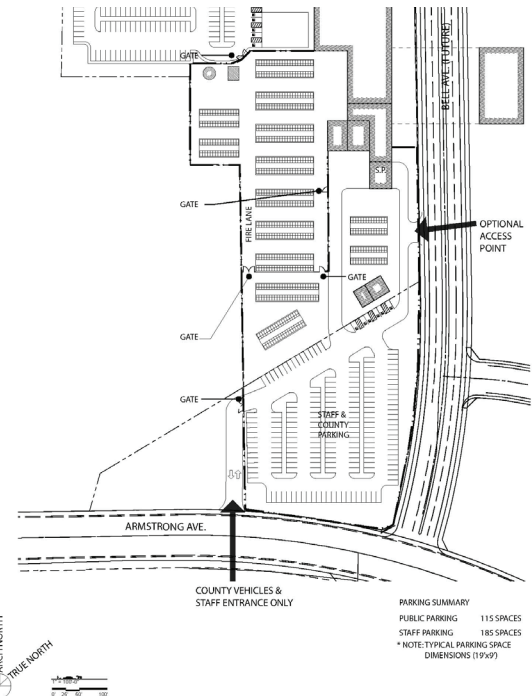
A new \$25 million OC Animal Care shelter will be constructed on 10 acres of land at the former Tustin Marine base under a concept that was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors last month.

The County will swap a piece of land it owns that is unavailable for immediate development with a similarly-sized and construction-ready parcel owned by the South Orange County Community College District.

The preliminary plan includes a 50,000-square-foot building as part of a facility that includes outdoor areas, kennels, a training center and more.

"We had to think creatively to move this critically needed project forward," said **CEO Frank Kim**. "We intend to fast-track this project so the new shelter is built quickly and is ready to open as soon as possible."

Groundbreaking on the new shelter is tentatively scheduled for June of 2016. Learn more [HERE](#).



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OP_5.4 CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

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TUSTIN, CA

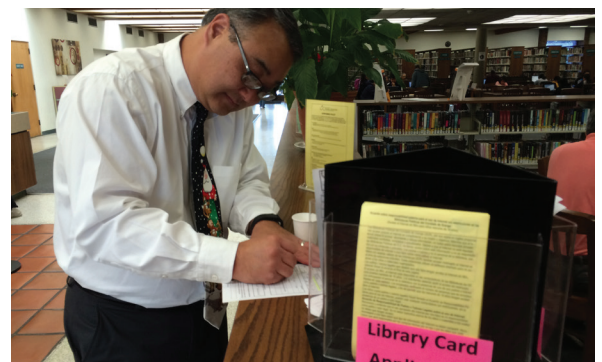


A conceptual layout of the new OC Animal Care shelter facility.

CEO Frank Kim Gets New Library Card

While visiting OC Public Libraries (OCPL) staff at the Westminster Branch Library last month, County Executive Officer (CEO) **Frank Kim** was excited to learn about the variety of materials available for free to patrons both in-person and online. So excited, in fact, that he signed up for a new library card on the spot!

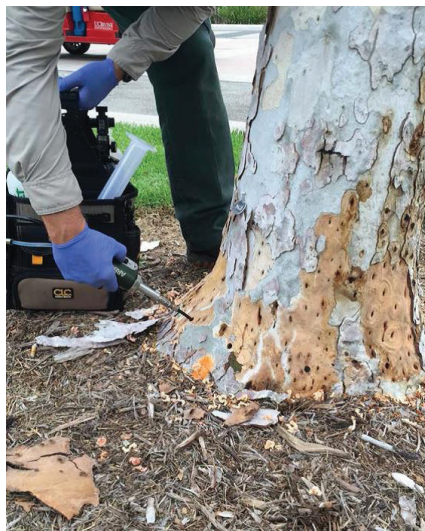
Did you know that OCPL cardholders can take advantage of a variety of online resources like digital popular magazines, driver's permit practice tests, job search services, genealogy research tools and new language learning software? Learn more [HERE](#). To join Frank in signing-up for an OCPL card, visit any [branch](#) or click [HERE](#).



County Executive Officer Frank Kim registers for a new OC Public Libraries card at the Westminster Branch.

Around the County continued

OC Parks: Treating Beetle-Infested Trees and Clearing Trash from Waterways



Preparing a tree for chemical injection

OC Parks staff members are hard at work, saving trees from the ravages of beetles and preventing trash from floating into the ocean.

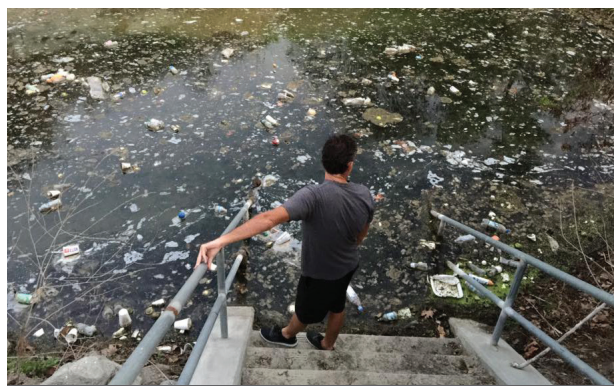
If you notice things like tubing, plungers and mechanical devices in the trees at OC Parks locations, no worries – staff is using the equipment as part of a process to identify, treat or remove trees that have been infested with two types of invasive and harmful beetles.

The Gold Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB) has already killed thousands of oak trees in San Diego and Riverside counties, and was found in approximately 60 coast live oak trees on County park land in northern Orange County. Currently GSOB appears to be controlled on OC Parks land. Learn more [HERE](#).

The Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) is another invasive beetle that attacks a variety of common native and landscape trees, leading to branch dieback and tree death. This can have a devastating effect on local trees, and you may see some being treated or removed in County parks. [Learn more HERE](#).

Other staff members are helping the County prepare for El Niño. They recently partnered with volunteer groups to help clean trash from local inland waterways before the expected rains wash it into the ocean. More than 60 volunteers took part in a day of service and collected 83 bags filled with more than 550 pounds of refuse from Sulfur Creek, Narco Channel, Aliso Creek and Laguna Niguel Lake.

To view a slideshow of photographs from the event, click [HERE](#). For upcoming opportunities that you can participate in to help the community and our environment, click [HERE](#) and look for listings marked “Stewardship.”



The Narco Channel at La Paz Road in Laguna Niguel before cleanup

Pardon our Dust! John Wayne Airport Begins Major Renovations



John Wayne Airport's Thomas F. Riley Terminal

Travelers at John Wayne Airport are likely to notice construction afoot as major improvements are underway to Riley Terminals A and B.

The project is expected to continue through 2019 and involves a variety of enhancements that include carpet replacement, lighting renovation, restroom refurbishment and seismic retrofitting of the 25-year-old facilities. The upgrades focus on safety, code compliance, comfort, convenience and aesthetics to bring the airport's two older terminals in line with similar enhancements designed into Terminal C and Parking Structure C, which opened in 2011.

To learn more, click [HERE](#).

Around the County continued

Celebrating 30 Years of Helping Children at Orangewood

County of Orange staff from the Social Services Agency (SSA) celebrated the 30th anniversary of the [Orangewood Children and Family Center](#) (OCFC) last month alongside more than 200 current and former residents as well as community leaders and supporters.

The facility, located in Orange, currently serves as an emergency shelter and multiservice center for Orange County's abused and neglected children and their families. Among the speakers at the special event was Jorge Cardenas, who shared that he was brought to OCFC as a child due to his parents' issues with substance abuse and their inability to care for him and his siblings. Although this was a traumatic experience, he was grateful for the services and care provided at OCFC. He shared that the staff at Orangewood strives to make a "chaotic situation better for the kids." Mr. Cardenas is currently attending California State University, Fullerton to obtain his master's degree in business administration.

ALSO...SSA partnered for the third year in a row with the Children's Action Network and the Dave Thomas Foundation to feature children waiting for adoptive homes in Orange County on the Annual CBS Home for the Holidays program. To view the segment, click [HERE](#).



Orangewood Children and Family Center

Probation Prepares Holiday Meals for In-Custody Youth



Tom Fleming shows off the Thanksgiving turkeys he roasted to perfection.

Most of us are familiar with the work that goes into holiday meal preparations, but what about feeding 300 hungry teenagers? For Christmas, Orange County Probation's food service staff cooked up 200 pounds of roast beef, 100 pounds of ham, 300 baked potatoes, plus corn, broccoli, dinner rolls and an apple crisp for dessert to warm the tummies and hearts of the in-custody youth at Juvenile Hall or one of the County's three camps for minor offenders.

Like all members of the department's food service team, Senior Institutional Cook **Tom Fleming** takes pride in presenting a wholesome meal, no matter the season.

"The best part about coming in early to cook," Tom says, "is I get to go home before the dishes need to be done!"

Hugh Nguyen, Karen Roper Named to OC Register's "100 Most Influential" List

In the second annual edition of its ["OC's 100 Most Influential"](#) list, the Orange County Register has included two County employees among 2015's "Game Changers," calling them "people who changed lives."

Clerk-Recorder **Hugh Nugyen** made the list in part for the kind of innovation and service shown by opening the Clerk-Recorder's office to the public on Saturdays. While he's proud of what the recognition means for his staff and the Clerk-Recorder operation, he was "caught off-guard" by his selection to the list.



"I am honored and humbled," says Nguyen, who came to the U.S. as a refugee in 1975. "This is just another example of the great opportunities this country offers those who come here and work hard. I hope this inspires others to dream big, work hard and stay humble."

The Clerk-Recorder Department has received two awards for its special Saturday office hours. Nguyen believes that government services should be easily accessible to all, and the Saturday hours extend that access.

In the [OC Register profile](#), Nguyen shares a "what's next" – touch screens at public terminals.



Karen Roper, director, OC Community Services, started working for the County after high school as a typist. In the 35 years since, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees and became a director in 2008. Much of her career has been devoted to the development and implementation of housing, human service programs, and systems of care that improve the quality of life for the residents of Orange County.

She was selected to the list, in part, for her tireless efforts to champion a year-round homeless shelter, which the Board of Supervisors approved last month. Roper deeply values the opportunities for career advancement afforded to her by working for the County, but she credits her staff and community partners for the many successes of her department.

"Everything I do as the director of OC Community Services involves my staff and our community partners," she says in the [OC Register profile](#).

Roper adds that her biggest challenge is to "Maintain perspective and not feel overwhelmed when there are so many of our residents living in poverty." As a result, she considers her work at the County to be "an honor," because she knows that "thousands of our residents are connected to life-changing resources and services."



Introducing Steps: Our New Employee Benefits Newsletter

Steps

1ST QUARTER 2016

Helping You Move
Toward a Healthier Future



To kick off 2016, Employee Benefits announces a new quarterly benefits newsletter, called "Steps."

The first issue will be mailed to your home address at the end of January. In it you will read about exciting new wellness opportunities starting in 2016, such as personalized wellness coaching that will be available on-site, online, or by phone.

Each quarter you will find articles about current and upcoming benefit programs, along with tips and tools designed to help you meet your wellness goals.

Every issue will include resources and information in the areas of physical, emotional and financial wellness, as well as support and encouragement to take small steps towards a healthier future.

Events

Hugh Nguyen
Orange County Clerk-Recorder

Special Saturday Opening

Saturday, January 23, 2016
10:00am - 3:00pm



North County
Branch Office
201 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92832

Services Available:

Copies of property records
Birth, death, and marriage
certificates
Marriage licenses and ceremonies



Old Orange County
Courthouse
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Services Available:

Marriage licenses and ceremonies
Passport application processing
Archives
*Passport photos available for \$15



South County
Branch Office
24031 El Toro Rd., Suite #150
Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Services Available:

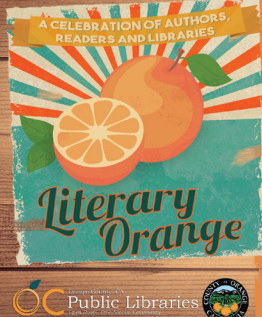
Marriage licenses and ceremonies,
Copies of property records
Birth, death, and marriage
certificates,
Passport application processing
*Passport photos available for \$15

Reservations for civil wedding ceremonies and passports are recommended due to limited space. Please call (714) 834-2500 for more information.

Free parking will be available at all three locations!

For more information regarding our services and fees, please visit our website at:

www.ocrecorder.com



APRIL 2, 2016
9:00AM - 4:00PM
AT THE IRVINE MARRIOTT
Tickets on Sale January 2016
\$65 Online and Mail-in
\$75 Day of Event

For more information: 714-566-3065
or visit **LITERARYORANGE.ORG**

Love Books?
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Meet your favorite author!
Enjoy breakfast, lunch
and afternoon dessert with
your fellow readers!

Keynote Speaker
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Melanie Benjamin
Debbie Macomber
J. Ryan Stradal

Service Awards

for the month of November



35 Years

Tony Chacon
OC Public Works

John Vulpo
Probation

Josephine Dirden
Social Services Agency

Rosalynn Lai
Social Services Agency

Phu Le
Social Services Agency

Lisa Vo
Social Services Agency

30 Years

Maricela Siqueiros
Child Support Services

Merrilyn Litsey
Clerk-Recorder

Mary Aguilar
Health Care Agency

Timothy Schindler
OC Public Works

Chanh Truong
Public Defender

Joy Folstad
Social Services Agency

Joann Nolen
Social Services Agency

Marjorie Rose-Hollins
Social Services Agency

25 Years

Katherine York
Auditor-Controller

Magda Gomez
Child Support Services

Patricia Rosas
Child Support Services

Maria Ruiz
Child Support Services

Carlene Goodwin
County Executive Office

Craig Cazares
District Attorney

Adell Woolf
District Attorney

William Zidbeck
District Attorney

Petra Zverina
District Attorney

Kathleen Murray
Health Care Agency

Jeffrey Nagel
Health Care Agency

Catherine Cox
John Wayne Airport

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OC Community
Resources

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OC Public Works

Rosemarie Higley
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Public Defender

Chris Tran
Public Defender

Russell Baldwin
Sheriff-Coroner

Zane Hathaway
Sheriff-Coroner

Charles Patton
Sheriff-Coroner

Soledad Alejandro
Social Services Agency

Cheryl Bowman
Social Services Agency

Rashid Dehnavi
Social Services Agency

Maria Fierro
Social Services Agency

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Yanghee Kim Social Services Agency	Carrie Lawson Social Services Agency	Debbie Lockett Social Services Agency	Brenda Merryman Social Services Agency
Martha Munoz Social Services Agency	Binh Nguyen Social Services Agency	Maria Padron Social Services Agency	Juliana Papana Social Services Agency
Francisco Perez Social Services Agency	John Rogers Social Services Agency	Maria Segovia Social Services Agency	Thu-Anh Sexton-Hogan Social Services Agency
Christine Snapper Social Services Agency	Kristie Tran Social Services Agency	Thanh-Xuan Tran Social Services Agency	

20 Years

Mark Geller District Attorney	Tracy Hughes District Attorney	Lori Smith District Attorney	A A Flores-Shakouri Health Care Agency
Becquie C Venus Health Care Agency	Jose Moreira OC Public Works	Daniel Hernandez Probation	Mark Brown Public Defender
Joshua Dietrich Sheriff-Coroner	Lillian Granillo Sheriff-Coroner	Darin Guy Sheriff-Coroner	Calvin Luong Sheriff-Coroner
Tricia Vandermarillerre Sheriff-Coroner	Paige West Sheriff-Coroner	C.J. Gillespie Social Services Agency	

To view the December list in its entirety, which also includes recipients of 5, 10 and 15-year Service Awards, please click [here](#).

Service Awards are announced in each edition of County Connection in the month immediately following work anniversaries, not in the month of the anniversary. If you believe there has been an error or omission in reporting your years of service, please email Navminder.Kaur@ocgov.com.

PARTING SHOT!

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



1. Nadine Romero, executive secretary to the CEO, snapped this ground-level view from center field to home plate during the Fitness with Frank Wednesday Walk at Angel Stadium, December 9. The group walked a two-mile route that included the perimeter path all the way around the field.

2. Alex Redd, ASR coordinator for OC Community Resources, submitted this shot he took of his nephew and brother-in-law at Corona Del Mar Beach, one of a series of family photos. He writes: "This was by far my favorite shot of the day because of the story that it told: the relationship between father and son and the enjoyment their family gets from the beach and the California way of life."

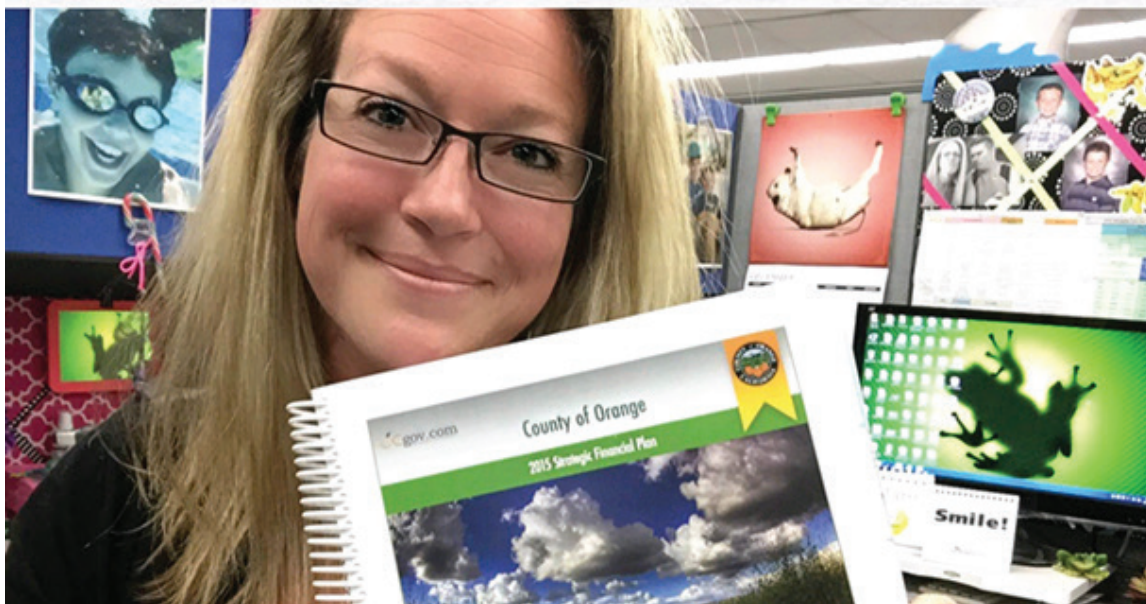
3. Kalea Perez, information processing specialist, Probation Department, shot this while taking a walk on her lunch break. She works at the Joplin Youth Center, located off Rose Canyon and Santiago Canyon Road atop Trabuco Canyon. She writes, "Sometimes you can see all the way out to Catalina Island. It is very peaceful up here, great place to clear your head from all the noise."

4. Hyeyoung Oh, civil engineer, OCPW/OC Construction, captured this shot at Newport Back Bay after his morning run.

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BONUS Parting Shot



Beyond the benefit of providing visual enjoyment to readers, the Parting Shot column has become useful to the Budget Office. For the cover of the County's 2015 Strategic Financial Plan document, the Budget Office staff selected a shot submitted by **Trish Daniels**, SSA eligibility technician. Originally included in the [April 2015 Edition](#), the shot is a view of Yorba Linda from a hiking trail off Stage Coach Road in Anaheim Hills.

"Photography has been a passion for me since childhood," Trish says. "It's flattering to see that one of my photos was chosen for the cover of the County's 2015 Strategic Financial Plan Book. I love that others can enjoy the same beauty I found that stormy afternoon, trekking through the mud, just so I could capture the breathtaking landscape of my hometown. I'm honored and humbled at the recognition my photo has received, and it inspires me to share more of the remarkable beauty Orange County has to offer."

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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