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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Message from
**CEO
Frank Kim**

Everyone loves a great idea. And every great idea started as just that—the prospect of something cool that might grow into something big. To bring great ideas to fruition takes vision, planning, agility and perseverance.

There is no lack of great ideas at the County. We see them every day at every level, from folks improving service delivery on the front-lines to executives pushing complex projects through their last mile. That's why I've been frustrated at times when projects we've been toiling on for years languish or hit roadblocks just as we're gaining steam.

One of my visions as CEO has centered on a simple idea: Let's finish what we started.

We've had some tremendous success doing just that in the past several months, thanks to the creativity of the Board of Supervisors and each one of you. It's an impressive list:

We were stymied by a time-consuming process to take title from the Navy to property at the former Tustin Marine base for a new animal shelter. This is

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Dennis Gilson: OCW&R's Ultimate "Go-To Guy"

It's 6:15 a.m. After his 90-minute train ride in to work, **Dennis Gilson** is on the job, ready to do, train, teach, mentor, move, fix, organize, reorganize, problem-solve, reconfigure, respond, well, you get the picture.

Dennis is the offices services specialist for OC Waste & Recycling, and he is responsible for making sure that operations in the central office run – smoothly.

"If something is broken, I fix it. If something needs moving, I get it moved. If someone needs help, I help them," says Dennis, who joined the County in 1998 after a nearly 30-year career in the U.S. Marines.

Managing the OCW&R reception area is one of his responsibilities, which include training, monitoring, coaching and mentoring the staff as well as filling in for them on breaks. When training a new staff member, he says the key to success is to get them comfortable with being on the phone. He acquaints them with the technical information and "cheat sheets" they'll need to answer questions, but he focuses on the positive attitude people skills.

"I tell them the first step is to smile, then answer the phone," he says. "People calling in can read into the voice of the person answering it. We sometimes work with people on the phone who can be difficult. I have to make sure the staff can handle it."

Beyond reception duties, Dennis also schedules the driver who makes deliveries to and from the landfills, orders supplies, manages document storage, organizes the office floor plan, helps coordinate tech support and even assembles office furniture and work stations as needed.

OCW&R staff have come to depend on Dennis in infinite ways. But they almost didn't get him. After retiring from the military, Dennis applied for an

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Dennis Gilson

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something we'd been planning since before the base closed in 1999. Things were stuck in neutral so we contacted the South Orange County Community College District to propose a land swap. They were agreeable—and we now will celebrate breaking ground this summer on a new state-of-the-art animal shelter. Same base—just a different location.

One of our Board's priorities has been finding locations for a multi-service center that will serve the homeless in our community on a round-the-clock, year-round basis. We had two sites in mind, only to lose them to groundswells of opposition that eroded support. When we identified a location in Anaheim, we engaged the community, held multiple meetings and acted with purpose to keep the project on track. This year, we'll be selecting an operator to run the County's first year-round homeless shelter.

We've had so many other successes, from seeking a public-private partnership to complete long-envisioned improvements at Dana Point Harbor to upgrading the County's integrated emergency communications system, which was groundbreaking when first installed in 1996.

Finishing what we started demonstrates a commitment to producing results for the people of Orange County. It means figuring out a way to make things happen despite the unexpected.

It means remembering the great idea that triggered the effort to begin with—and staying with it no matter what until it's done.

Thank you for your energy and commitment and the great ideas you bring to the County every day.

Sincerely,

Frank Kim
County Executive Officer

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administrative position in the Sheriff's Department. Through his experience as an intelligence officer, he could type 65 words per minute. So he wasn't worried when the application process included a typing test. And he didn't flinch at seeing a keyboard without letters.

With fingers flying, he completed the test. Then he was told by the recruitment staff member that in spite of typing more words than any other candidate, he failed. "I didn't set my fingers on the home keys," he says with a chuckle.

So a couple days later he interviewed with the then Integrated Waste Management Department, and the rest is history. He recalls sitting in the reception area waiting for his interview, looking through some waste management informational materials and thinking, "This business is bigger than I thought." A few days after that he heard back from the Sheriff's Department. Typing test aside, they were interested in him, but Dennis had already found his post-military career.

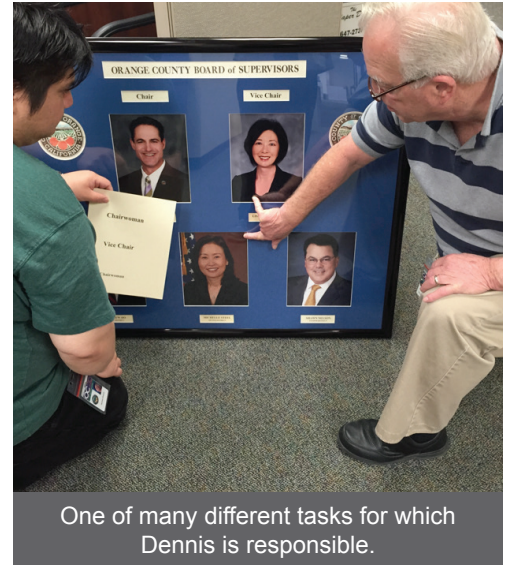
Though he has had opportunities to promote, Dennis says "My best spot is where I am. I can teach the new people, and they've all been successful. I bring the younger ones along and I tell them 'whatever job you have, you do it to the best of your ability.'"

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His teaching and mentorship help them meet their potential. A former trainee eventually became his supervisor for a while, and he's proud of that. His approach is built around trainees developing confidence and progressing.

About working for OCW&R, Dennis values both the environment within the agency and that its focus is on our environment.

"We work hard, but it feels relaxed," he says. "It's really nice to be in a business that helps. The old dump is long gone, and the landfills operate like a symphony orchestra. It's quite a feeling to be part of that."



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



CAUGHT SERVING

Caught Serving spotlights County employees at work, serving.



SSA staff have been Caught Serving in several locations:

Every Thursday, SSA's Eligibility Team members are deployed to the Civic Center to staff the Mobile Response Vehicle (MRV). This day, Eligibility Technicians (l-r) **Kristy Bleau** and **Perlita Flores** are conducting interviews and assisting with applications for benefits. The team conducts eligibility determinations for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, General Relief, and CalWORKs services and benefits. SSA also partners with Orange County Community Resources (OCCR) to implement the CalWORKs Housing Support Program which provides rapid re-housing to homeless families.

Inside the MRV, Data Entry Technicians **Rashad Salaam** (l) and **Romelia Harrison** perform essential enrollment functions.



SSA's MRV Eligibility Team includes (l-r) **Ashley Clark**, **Tawnya Reveles**, **Rocio Fregoso**, **Kristy Bleau**, **Kristina Khachatryan**, **Rashad Salaam**, **Romelia Harrison** and **Perlita Flores**.

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In the lobby of the La Palma regional office, Employment and Eligibility Specialist Trainee **Saira Calvillo** (l) and Intake Employment and Eligibility Specialist **Diana Corral** have been educating individuals about California's new Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC). They help working families understand amount of tax credit they are due and how to get it.



Among many who no doubt have caught SSA staff serving at one time or another was CEO **Frank Kim**. He shared his observation with SSA Director **Michael Ryan**: "While walking through the Civic Center today, I observed your staff working diligently to serve the homeless population. I must say that I found your staff to be very professional and patient as they went through their questions."



ALSO –

About 100 County employees, from multiple agencies and at various classifications, were Caught Serving during the January activation of the EOC. From communications and public information to procurement and logistics, they filled the roles of the Incident Command System. The activation lasted several days, and it likely will serve as a model for El Niño storm activations that are possible over the next few months. Click [HERE](#) to see the list of employees.

Send submissions - including photos - via email to ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com

County Employee Wellness Coach Can Help You Get to Where You Want To Be

- Why is it bad for your body to sit for long periods of time without taking a break?
- What's the No. 1 source of stress for employees?
- Is it possible to make time for the things you really want to do, when there is so much you have to do?
- Which fruits and vegetables are best purchased in the organic section?*

The answers to these questions and a virtually infinite number of issues related to your physical, emotional and financial wellness are available to you free of charge through the County's new employee wellness coaching program – the newest benefit available to all County employees, regardless of your health plan enrollment.

So, what is a wellness coach?

Susan Kolon, the County's wellness coach, starts to answer this by telling us what she is NOT: "I'm not a therapist, your mom, your manager or your watchdog. I will not tell you what to do. I will tell you how to get to where you want to be, based on what you want to achieve. I help you focus on the present and look to the future."

Whatever your goals, Susan can help guide you to take strategic steps to reach them. You can schedule a one-on-one appointment: email susan.kolon@cigna.com or call 714-587-8494. Or, you can walk-in – Hall of Administration, Room 104. Meeting with the Wellness Coach qualifies as permissible use of annual leave or sick leave subject to your supervisor's approval. All information shared between the coach and employees is confidential.

[READ MORE](#) about the County's wellness coaching program, including FAQs.

Coach Susan has a list of which fruits and veggies are best purchased as organics and which are fine to buy regular – and save money!



Wellness Coach Susan Kolon

The Wellness Coach's **TIP OF THE MONTH**

If you feel anxious, try this quick "relaxation at your desk" exercise to calm your brain and body:

- Stand or sit. Cross the right leg over the left at the ankles.
- Take your right wrist and cross it over the left wrist and link up the fingers so that the right wrist is on top.
- Bend the elbows out and gently turn the fingers in towards the body until they rest on the sternum (breast bone) in the center of the chest.
- Stay in this position.
- Keep the ankles crossed and the wrists crossed and then breathe evenly in this position even for one minute.

You will be noticeably calmer after that time.

MEET THE COACH EVENTS

Thursday, Feb 4	Tuesday, Feb 9	Wednesday, Feb 17
Social Services Agency	County Executive Office	Aliso Viejo Library
Eckhoff Building, Annex Auditorium	IT Data Center	TIME: 12-1 p.m.
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WELLNESS SEMINAR

Lunchtime Seminar
Wednesday, "The Benefits of Coaching"
Feb 24
 Hall of Administration,
 Board Hearing Room
 TIME: 12 p.m.

Route 66 Winners Announced

The Get Fit on Route 66 challenge wrapped at the end of December, and now the results are in:

- 1,320 employees registered for the challenge.
- 538 completed all 2,448 virtual miles.
- 31 people completed the route three times, which means they logged more than 7,344 miles.
- 121 people complete the route two times, logging more than 4,896 miles.
- Total miles logged: 2,667,452. That's about 107 trips around the earth at the equator.



The TOP FIVE employee finishers pictured with CEO Frank Kim from left to right:

Jackie Cadotte – OC Public Works
Levi MacDowell – Auditor-Controller
Mimi Lai – Health Care Agency
Alex Des Pres – Social Services Agency
Damon Riddle – Probation (not pictured)

The TOP THREE teams:

Many the Miles – Social Services Agency
 Orange Crush – Social Services Agency/Public Works
 AC Waist and Resizing – OC Waste and Recycling

A few comments from anonymous participants on what they likes about the program:

- Overall a positive message and having fun with competition.
- Like all the tips information about healthy diet and exercise.
- It was fun to be part of a team and cheer on my teammates.
- Helped me reach personal exercise goals on a daily basis.
- All the meal ideas and workout notes it offered.
- I like the team participation; it has helped to make me more motivated to get in some much needed exercise and walking.
- I liked getting the daily email reminder to log my progress. The map feature was nice because it gave some additional information about cities in the country I wasn't so familiar with.
- It motivated me to workout out even when tired. I did not want to let the team down. I got up early day to work out and even found time later each day to finish my 90 minutes. I've lost 10 pounds by adding this daily Teamwork.

ALSO:

Fitness with Frank Continues With Bi-monthly Hikes

The next hike is scheduled for February 27 at Caspers Wilderness Park. Please watch your email for details!



The Ultimate Safety Program - Prevention

Workplace safety messages to County employees these days address several areas, such as workplace violence response training, personal safety, situational awareness and more. These can be more focused on responses and less on prevention and often relate to behaviors and actions initiated by non-employees. But there is an area that addresses issues based within the workforce: preventing workplace accidents, injuries and loss.

That's the role of the County's Safety and Loss Prevention Program, which is part of the CEO's Office of Risk Management and is led by Rick Chan. (See Q+A in [October 2015 County Connection](#), Page 5)

From implementing the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) to coordinating earthquake drills, the Safety and Loss Prevention Program works to provide a safe environment for both County employees and members of the public who visit County facilities and receive County services. Safety staff members strive to ensure that all state and federal requirements are met or exceeded. They also provide corporate safety oversight, policy development, and support services. Among those support services are consultations, publications, and such training courses as Ergonomics in the Workplace, Defensive Driving, CPR and First Aid, and Forklift Training.

The staff also works with Agency Departmental Safety Representatives to help maintain safety standards and implementing safety programs in all County departments.

To learn more, contact the staff at 714-285-5500 or e-mail Safety@ocgov.com. The staff can provide a variety of trainings and resources to help serve your safety needs.

Also, watch County Connection for future stories and information on safety and loss prevention.



DID YOU KNOW?

**There is an
anonymous U-Tip
Safety Hotline –
(714) 285-5597**

**For questions about
workplace safety, the
general email address
is safety@ocgov.com**

OC History

Journeys Through Orange County's
Origins, Obstacles and Opportunities



Early Agriculture in Orange County

By Chris Jepsen

For most of Orange County's history, agriculture dominated our economy, culture and daily life. Our fertile soil, idyllic climate and resourceful citizens made it an ideal place to grow almost anything. We promoted ourselves as "Nature's Prolific Wonderland."

Agriculture in Orange County began at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Under the direction of the padres, the Juaneño Indians produced wheat, barley, corn and beans. Livestock was also raised – primarily sheep and cattle. Inside the mission walls, vineyards and various non-native fruits and vegetables were grown.

According to local historian Stephanie George, the story of Orange County agriculture is cyclical and goes something like this:

- 1) We find a crop that grows well here.
- 2) Orange County becomes a leader in the production of that crop.
- 3) Blight, disease, or weather wipes out that crop.
- 4) We search for another profitable crop that can thrive here.
- 5) "Lather, rinse, repeat."

[The ranchos](#) (1780s-1860s) thrived raising cattle until floods, drought and legal expenses spelled their doom. With the loss of so many cattle, flocks of more drought-tolerant sheep became common.

Until significant irrigation systems were developed, farmers relied on rain and the changing seasons with mixed results. Dryland farming allowed for crops like barley, other grain, and deciduous fruits. The latter included apricots – grown extensively in the late 1800s and early 1900s – which were halved, pitted, preserved with sulfur, and dried in the sun on large trays before shipping.

[Anaheim was founded](#) as a vineyard colony in 1857. But in the 1880s the vineyards were decimated by Pierce's Disease, which infects and kills vines. By the 1890s, growers were turning to other crops, including walnuts.



Drying apricots on a Santa Ana farm, 1904.

Ironically, it was during this era that the railroads arrived and made it simple and affordable to ship our goods to a much larger market. Our economy boomed, but wine would no longer be among our many exports.

Prior to World War I, Orange County was the walnut producing capital of the world. But new insect threats in the 1910s and 1920s made walnuts less and less profitable.

In the 1890s and early 1900s, Orange County was the nation's leading source of celery. The crop grew well in the rich marshy soil around Westminster and Huntington Beach until a blight hit around 1905.

Vast fields of sugar beets and the first of five sugar factories came to Orange County in the 1890s. And from the early 1890s until the onset of weevils in the 1920s, chili peppers also were a major cash crop.

Commercial Valencia orange groves, which became our bread and butter for over half a century, did not appear here until 1875 – five years after the name "Orange County" was first suggested. The Valencia orange was later nationally popularized by Charles C. Chapman of Fullerton and became Orange County's primary crop,

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reaching a peak of 77,000 acres in production in 1948.

Ultimately, even citrus was caught in our “lather, rinse, repeat” cycle. It wasn’t just development and economics that took the oranges from Orange County in the decades after World War II. A virus called “quick decline” was also to blame. The crops that replaced citrus were rows of tract homes, orchards of condos and fields full of retail development – all of which seem impervious to darn near everything.

About the Author

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Sheep being herded through San Juan Capistrano, circa 1900. Today's El Adobe restaurant is in the background.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

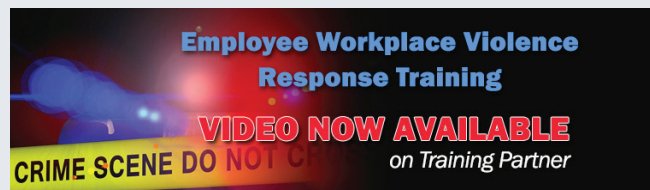
Violence Prevention Training Course Video Now Available on Training Partner

If you were not able to attend one of the live training sessions, presented by OCSD's **Shane Millhollon** and **Heather Williams**, you can access the video of the course right at your own desk or projected in a conference room for your work group.

The video is on [Training Partner](#). Once you log in, enter OCCEOAS109 into the search box, then click on Employee Workplace Violence Response Training Video. When viewing the video, you can pause then continue.

The two-hour course aims to empower employees to know what to do during an active shooter incident, understand the law enforcement response and more.

You **must** access Training Partner and view the video using **Internet Explorer**, versions 8 through 11. If you need assistance with Training Partner, contact your department's Training Partner administrator. Check the [list of administrators](#) if you don't know who your agency's is.



Course Catalog

Please enter the title or code you wish to search for in the course catalog.

Search	
Title/Code:	OCCEOAS109
Filter by Delivery:	Any/All
OK	

Click on the Folder TITLES or Course TITLES to open a Folder or Learning Event

Name	Code	Length	Delivery Method
Employee Workplace Violence Response Training Video	OCCEOAS109	2 Hours	Computer-based Training

AS ALWAYS - If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Sheriff's Kiosk in HOA
(714) 834-2250

SAPD Dispatch
(714) 834-4211

Civic Center Hotline
(714) 834-2051

Around the County News, Events and Happenings



Senegalese Documentary Will Feature Olinda Landfill and Broadrock Renewables Power Plant

When the US State Department contacted OC Waste & Recycling late last year to request a tour of the Olinda Landfill, staff offered them the usual welcome. But this was no ordinary visit. Olinda Landfill had been recommended by the US Environmental Protection Agency as a showcase for renewable energy from landfill gas.

Two journalists from Senegal came to Olinda Landfill to shoot footage for a documentary about environmental practices related to solid waste and wastewater. The Orange County stop was one of several places where the crew would shoot footage for their documentary to be aired this year in Senegal on RTS—Radio/TV Senegal.



ALSO – A partnership between OC Waste & Recycling and Inside the Outdoors has [received the state's highest environmental honor](#) – the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for 2015 (GEELA). The award recognizes Project Zero Waste, a K-12 service-learning program run by the Orange County Office of Education.

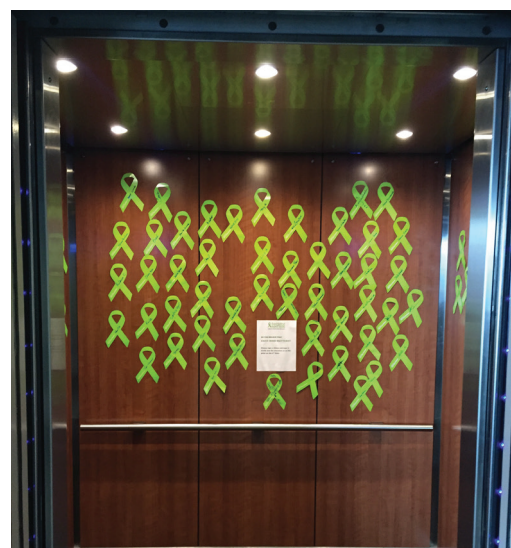
HCA Takes Lime Green Ribbon Pledge to Support Mental Health Awareness

Did you know that half of us will experience a mental health challenge in our lifetime?

Employees throughout the Health Care Agency showed their support for increasing mental health awareness by taking the Lime Green Ribbon Pledge during Mental Health Awareness Week, January 11-15, 2016.

Every day, millions of people face stigma related to mental health because they or their loved ones are facing a challenge. Many of these people feel isolated and alone, going years before receiving any help. HCA's goal in joining the [Each Mind Matters](#) movement was to amplify the voices of all people who want to put an end to this stigma, creating a community where everyone feels comfortable reaching out for the support they deserve.

Now is the time to change the conversation about mental health in Orange County. Begin the discussion regarding mental health and encourage those in need to seek assistance. For more information, visit: <http://www.mentalhealth.gov/talk/friends-family-members/>



The elevators at the Health Care Agency's offices located at 405 W. 5th St. in Santa Ana are filled with paper ribbons signed by staff who believe that each mind matters.

Around the County continued

Lots to do at OC Parks in February - Visit [OC Parks](#) for All Listings

Wilderness Access Day: Limestone Canyon – February 6 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Designated trails in Limestone Canyon will be open for self-guided trail use for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians in OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space. Registration required – visit www.letsgooutside.org/activities Driving directions will be provided after registration.

Family Bandito Bike Ride to Dripping Cave – February 13 9 - 11 a.m.

A ride to Aliso's most intriguing attraction to learn the mysterious legends of this famed bandit hideout and its previous inhabitants, the Acjachemen people.

Location: [Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park](#)

Special Instructions: Ages 8 and up who can ride 5 miles with 150-foot elevation gain.

Online registration is required; visit www.lagunacanyon.org/activities.



February 20, 21 - Irvine Park Railroad's 20th Anniversary Celebration 10 a.m.

Prices will roll back to the original 1996 prices, including \$2 train rides! Carnival games, hot dogs, sodas, ice creams, popcorn, bounce house tickets and cotton candy. FREE giveaways include Irvine Park Railroad balloons.

Location: Irvine Regional Park. 1 Irvine Park Road, Orange, CA 92869

Website: <http://www.irvineparkrailroad.com>

NOTE Employee Parking information:

At regional and wilderness parks with a gate arm:

- Show a current and valid County employee badge to the gate attendant and park in marked spaces only.
- These parks include Carbon Canyon Regional Park, Caspers Wilderness Park (day use only), Clark Regional Park, Craig Regional Park, Irvine Regional Park, Laguna Niguel Regional Park, Mason Regional Park, Mile Square Regional Park, O'Neill Regional Park (day use only), Santiago Oaks Regional Park and Yorba Regional Park.

At regional, wilderness and beach parks with pay and display machines (no gate arm):

- Place a current and valid County employee badge face up in a visible location on the vehicle dashboard and park in marked spaces only.
- Please make sure to remember to display your badge or you may be cited for a violation.
- These parks include Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, Aliso Beach Park, Capistrano Beach Park, Dana Point Harbor, Laguna Coast Wilderness Park, Peters Canyon Regional Park, Riley Wilderness Park, Salt Creek Beach Park and Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. “

JWA's Javi's Recognized by USA Today



Among many fine eateries at John Wayne Airport, Javi's was nominated for "Best Airport/Bar Restaurant Staff" in USA Today's [10 Best Reader's Choice Awards](#). Voting is easy – just click [HERE](#). When flying through JWA, guests have more than 30 shopping and dining options.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

News You Can Use

Important Tax Document Information – Form 1095 Will Be Mailed To You

The County of Orange Benefits Center will be sending an important tax document to your home via U. S. Mail on or before March 31, 2016. You will need to retain it for your income tax purposes.

The Individual Mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or health care reform law states everyone must have basic health insurance coverage or face a penalty. Form 1095 verifies the employer provided health coverage offered to you by the County and the enrollment information for you and your dependents.

In some situations you may receive one form from the County AND one directly from your health plan. In most cases you do not need to have your form before you complete your tax return, simply retain your Form 1095 with your other income tax documents for recordkeeping purposes.

If you have questions, please call County of Orange Benefits Center at 866-325-2345 to speak with a benefits specialist.

Want to Advance Your Education? Universities Offer Reduced Tuition to County Employees

The following universities have partnership agreements with the County of Orange to offer reduced tuition to employees. One-hour lunch time seminars have been scheduled with each university at the Hall of Administration, Room 169, from 12-1 p.m. on these dates:



February 4



February 11



February 18



February 25

If you are interested in attending, please complete and submit the ["2016 Reduced Tuition Partnership Survey."](#)

For more information on reduced tuition opportunities, visit University [Partnership Information](#) or contact **Todd Daniel** at 714-834-7340.

Note:

Participating in this voluntary event beyond your scheduled lunch will require use of annual leave. Prior to attending and using annual leave/balances, please obtain supervisor approval. Partnerships with educational institutions to provide reduced tuition rates do not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or favor on behalf of the County of Orange of any particular institution. Employees should evaluate whether a particular institution meets their educational needs. The views and opinions of the universities do not necessarily reflect those of the County of Orange and the County's partnership with an educational institution is not meant to convey or endorse any particular view or opinion.

Events

Join OC Animal Care During the Month of February in Celebrating...

Adopt a Shelter Rabbit Month!

OC Animal Care • 561 The City Drive • Orange • 92868

FREE
Spay/Neuter,
Microchip & Goodie
Bag With all Rabbit
Adoptions!



Hop down to OC Animal Care during February to check out all of our cuddly cuties! With all of the adorable rabbits we have available for adoption, you'll be sure to find some bunny to love!



For more information please visit our website at www.ocpetinfo.com or call 714.935.6848
You can also follow us at: [f OC Animal Care](#); [@OCAnimalcare](#); [OCAnimalcare](#)

Spay Day USA

Saturday, February 20th

10 am - 2 pm*

OC Animal Care • 561 The City Drive South • Orange
* Discount applies until 5pm

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



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

For more information, please visit our website at ocpetinfo.com or call (714) 935-6848
Follow us at: [f OC Animal Care](#); [@OCAnimalcare](#); [OCAnimalcare](#)

Attention 91 Freeway Commuters: Full Closure Scheduled February 19-22

Even though what's being called "Coronageddon" will happen on a weekend, here's a heads-up for employees who commute via the 91 Freeway – a full closure of eastbound and westbound 91 between the 71 and I-15 will occur from Friday, February 19, 2016 at 9 p.m. to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4 a.m. Visit the [91 Steer Clear](http://91SteerClear.com) website for details.



LOVE YOUR HEART

The County of Orange Health Care Agency and several community partners have joined together to celebrate "Love Your Heart" – a one-day event that empowers participants to take charge of their health by knowing their numbers.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS available
Thursday, February 11, 2016
at the times and places below:

City	Location	Time	Street Address
Anaheim	Northgate Corporate Office	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	1201 N. Magnolia Ave., Anaheim, 92801
Anaheim	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	720 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, 92801
Anaheim	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	920 S. Euclid St., Anaheim, 92802
Costa Mesa	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	380 E. 17th St., Costa Mesa, 92627
Foothill Ranch	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	26751 Portola Pkwy., Foothill Ranch, 92610
Fullerton	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	1121 N. Harbor Blvd., Fullerton, 92832
Huntington Beach	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	10081 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, 92648
Huntington Beach	Oakview Family Resource Center	12 – 2 p.m.	17281 Oak Lane, Huntington Beach, 92647
Irvine	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	6300 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, 92620
La Habra	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	580 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, 90631
Laguna Hills	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	25539 Paseo De Valencia, Laguna Hills, 92653
Lake Forest	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	23716 El Toro Rd., Lake Forest, 92630
Lake Forest	South OC Family Resource Center	12 – 2 p.m.	23832 Rockfield Blvd., #270, Lake Forest, 92630
Orange	Friendly Center Family Resource Center	12 – 2 p.m.	147 West Rose Ave., Orange, 92667
Orange	Wellness Center	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	401 South Tustin St., #C, Orange, 92668
Placentia	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	710 W. Chapman Ave., Placentia, 92870
Placentia	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	710 N. Rose Dr., Placentia, 92870
San Clemente	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	811 Avenida Talega, San Clemente, 92673
Santa Ana	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	1120 S. Bristol St., Santa Ana, 92704
Santa Ana	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	1010 S. Main St., Santa Ana, 92701
Santa Ana	Northgate Market	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	770 S. Harbor Blvd., Santa Ana, 92703
Santa Ana	Health Care Agency Clinic	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	1725 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, 92706
Seal Beach	Ralphs Pharmacy	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	12470 Seal Beach Blvd., Seal Beach, 90740
Stanton	Stanton Family Resource Center	12 – 2 p.m.	11822 Santa Paula St., Stanton, 90680

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Service Awards

for the month of January



35 Years

Sheryl Caspersen
Sheriff-Coroner

Blanca Ramos
Sheriff-Coroner

Lyly Tran
Social Services Agency

Oanh Tran
Social Services Agency

30 Years

Tonya Riley
Auditor-Controller

Richard Biggs
District Attorney

Adee Cohen
Health Care Agency

Salvador Gutierrez
OC Public Works

Sylvia Sanchez
Probation

Steven Sentman
Probation

Michael La Russa
Sheriff-Coroner

David Chewiwie
Sheriff-Coroner

Dan Daniels
Sheriff-Coroner

Khushru Dubash
Sheriff-Coroner

Kathleen Raley
Sheriff-Coroner

Aaron Richard
Sheriff-Coroner

Stephen Torres
Sheriff-Coroner

25 Years

Marty Merck
Airport Operation

Sylvia Lozano
Auditor-Controller

Carol Swe
Auditor-Controller

Steve Otting
County Executive Office

Mai Chiem
Health Care Agency

Kathleen Doan
Health Care Agency

Janey Hinkston
Health Care Agency

Joyce Lim
Health Care Agency

Maria Cabrera
OC Community
Resources

Candice Gallette
OC Community
Resources

Mary Ann Hutton
OC Community
Resources

Emily Jackson-Yano
OC Waste & Recycling
Enterprise

Shawn Small
Probation

Ka Sandra Williams
Probation

Heide Aguirre
Sheriff-Coroner

Jason Keller
Sheriff-Coroner

Colleen Erwin
Social Services Agency

Mae Jorgensen
Treasurer-Tax Collector

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20 Years

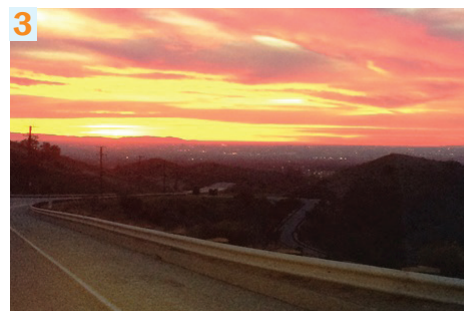
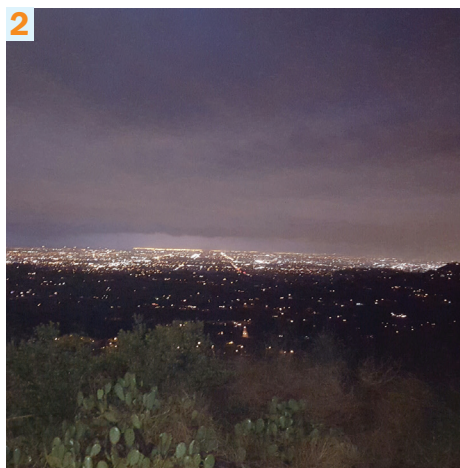
Anita Davis Clerk Of The Board	Tan Vinh Health Care Agency	Yvonne Etter OC Community Resources	David Jones OC Public Works
Henryk Lojewski OC Public Works	Christopher Lillja Probation	Alberto Miramontes Probation	Christina Ronald Probation
Khai Tu Probation	Michelle Avila Public Defender	Julie Chaparro Public Defender	Wayne Davis Public Defender
Lisa Eyanson Public Defender	April Gilbert Public Defender	Irene Pai Public Defender	Patricia Reid Sheriff-Coroner
Abelardo Barlahan Sheriff-Coroner	Tracy Harris Sheriff-Coroner	Merl Mireles Sheriff-Coroner	Diane Ramos Sheriff-Coroner
George Ruvalcaba Social Services Agency			

To view the January 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, captured through the lenses of County employees. Click on the photos to enlarge.

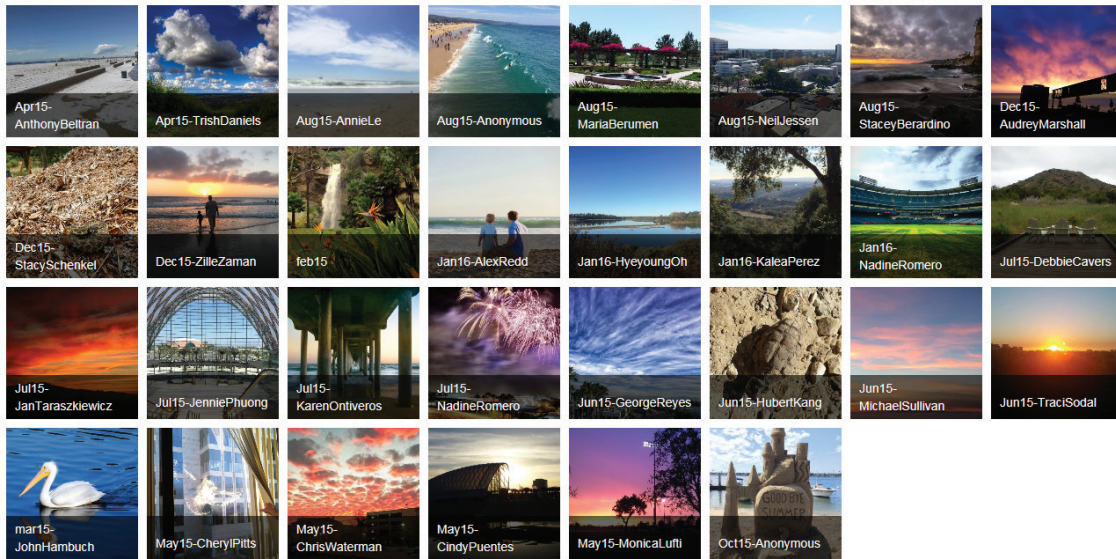


1. **Kiki Cason**, HCA Environmental Health Specialist II, HCA Environmental Health, Plan Check Division, captured this otherworldly, one-of-a-kind shot on the job during an inspection of the new Great Wolf Resort Water Park in Garden Grove. She writes: "We had the opportunity to follow the contractor up the slide called 'The Tornado.'" The inspection relates to drowning/accident prevention as well as sanitation, including water filtration and disinfection, adequate restrooms and shower facilities.
2. **Bobbi Papa**, SSA eligibility technician, was among many to work shifts at the EOC during the January storms. She snapped this at about 5:30 p.m. on January 6. She writes: "The view from the Santiago Canyon EOC location is phenomenal any time of day, but it's a special treat to see at night." Bobbi's EOC role was messenger, distributing communications and press releases to the hotline and other staffed positions.
3. **Isaac Novella**, OC Waste & Recycling administrative manager, Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, took this beauty on his way home from work just after the first major storms of the year. He writes: "The photo is south-facing, looking over Irvine and the main haul road that leads up to the landfill. The mountain range towards the left of the sunset is Catalina Island. It was too beautiful to not capture."
4. **Michael Thomas Farole**, SSA Procurement Services, buyer II, captured this sunrise at State College Blvd. and Chapman on his daily walk to the SSA office after riding Metrolink to the Orange station and transferring to the OC bus 454. He writes about one clear advantage of using public transportation: "The sunrises and sunsets are very nice from the train. I have been a full-time Metrolink rider since 1996."
5. **Vida Mofidi**, M.P.H., microbiologist, HCA Public Health Laboratories, snapped this sunset at Huntington Beach. She writes: "There's a natural circular rainbow at an unusual spot. See if you can find it!"

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Parting Shot Gallery Now on IntraOC!



Now you can see a collection of all the [Parting Shot photos](#) submitted by employees since the feature launched in February 2015. Enjoy the gallery, and keep the shots coming!

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 travis.lariviere@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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