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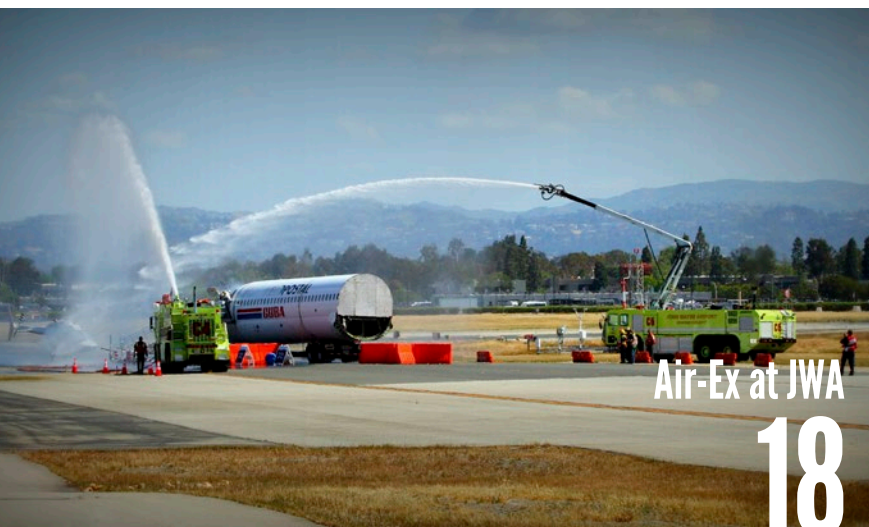
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# FRANKLY SPEAKING

a message from CEO Frank Kim



This month, we join counties across the nation to observe Mental Health Awareness Month. Leading the charge in mental health services for our County is the Health Care Agency. I love that the goal of HCA's awareness campaign this year is to erase the stigma related to mental health and encourage our County to improve our own mental health through acts of kindness. I'll be following along on social media and look forward to learning small behaviors that can make a big difference. You can learn more about their #UpliftOC campaign [here](#).

In addition, we chose to focus our **Employee Spotlight** this month on Health Care Agency Mental Health Specialist Chuck DeWitt. His passion and dedication to helping those who struggle with mental health will inspire you.

In the middle of the month, May 15, is national Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Orange County law enforcement will honor the sacrifice of the 52 peace officers who have paid the ultimate price at the Memorial Ceremony and Candlelight Vigil on Thursday May 25 at the Orange County Peace Officers' Memorial in Tustin. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

Last but not least, as May comes to a close, we will observe Memorial Day. More than just a County holiday, Memorial Day commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for our country. Join me in thanking the many County employees who have served in our military, and remembering those who have died for our freedom.

As we come closer to the end of our fiscal year, I will continue to provide updates on our County's fiscal health and 17/18 budget. I know we all feel budgetary impacts in different ways and that we are all doing our best to bring value to the County. I recognize your contribution and am immensely grateful.



- FRANK KIM



# MELANIE TEP

*Strategic Communications Specialist - OC Public Works*

"My boyfriend and I hiked to Black Star Canyon Falls near Silverado this past Saturday. The trail required some intense bouldering, but the view was definitely worth it!"

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# CHUCK DEWITT

*Mental Health Specialist*

*HCA Outreach & Engagement Team*

**His mobile office is a white SUV that drives up and down the bike path along the banks of the Santa Ana River flood control channel. Here's the story of how Chuck DeWitt helps people most in need.**

**H**omeless encampments can be seen out every window. His left arm rests comfortably, jutting outside of the white SUV as it rolls leisurely down the bike trail along the Santa Ana River flood control channel. Every 10 feet or so, the people living in the encampments call out to him. They call out for a variety of reasons- some looking for resources, some asking for forms and some just to say hello.

"90 percent of the people down here know me," says Chuck DeWitt, Mental Health Specialist for the

Health Care Agency Outreach and Engagement team. "I'm not out here telling them what to do, I'm here to help with whatever they need."

As a Mental Health Specialist, Chuck's focus is on providing resources related to mental health. He goes where the resources are needed the most and spends at least two days each week driving along the bike path adjacent to the Santa Ana River flood control channel. In 12 years with HCA, Chuck has seen a dramatic change.

"It's not just about mental health. We provide





"It takes a special breed  
to work out here."

-CHUCK DEWITT



## EMPLOYEE PROFILE





whatever resources we can,” Chuck says, after he gives a DMV identification card form to a man he’s given the same form to four times this month. “You have to be flexible, ready to readjust and just go with it.”

Chuck is part of an 18-person Outreach and Engagement Team at HCA in the Behavioral Health Services division. Consisting of clinical social workers and mental health specialists, the program provides services to underserved or isolated people at risk of developing behavioral health conditions. They provide education, assessment, short-term case management, educational and life skills classes, support groups, transportation assistance and in-person outreach. Chuck proudly talks about how the team collaborates and draws on one another to connect people to resources.

“We’re like a walking directory,” he says.

He’s able to help largely because he knows firsthand what it’s like to be in their shoes. Chuck readily shares that he has a “colored background” as he was once homeless and struggled with addiction. Now 66 years old, and sober for 15 years, Chuck says it’s his background that allows him to connect with the people he works with in a straightforward way.

“It takes a special breed to work out here,” Chuck said, adding that people don’t realize how tough their job is. He is constantly on the move walking from encampment to encampment, his puncture-resistant boots stepping over trash, needles and personal belongings. Chuck and the rest of the team do everything they can to help people overcome barriers.

One man waves Chuck down, seemingly both to say hello and to ask for a form. As Chuck’s partner Brigitte Juhasz, Clinical Social Worker, completes the requested form, Chuck asks the man if he remembers talking to him last week. The man sheepishly says he

does and promises that he is taking the form straight to the DMV this time. “When I see your face, I just want to ask for help,” the man tells Chuck.

The hardest part, Chuck admits, is twofold. The first is having to walk away when people won’t accept resources that could help. The second is being yelled at by the general public while doing their outreach work. Chuck says that they regularly hear frustrations from people along the flood control channel in businesses, residences or using the bike trail. They either blame him for the encampments being there or are angry that they’re providing resources to the homeless.

“Change takes time,” Chuck said. “It’s a slow process. But I want people to know that we are out here doing our best.”

At times, doing their best takes an emotional toll. Chuck pauses briefly in the middle of a story about a single father he helped into housing. He and his team didn’t want the man and his eight year old daughter to spend another night on the riverbed. They decided they weren’t leaving until he was housed. Choking back emotion, Chuck shares how the eight year old girl returned from school to the room they’d found, and gave him a big hug saying simply, “thank you.”

For more information on the Outreach and Engagement Team, visit their website- <http://www.ocalhealthinfo.com/bhs/about/pi/oes>

### 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 [jennifer.nentwig@ocgov.com](mailto:jennifer.nentwig@ocgov.com).

▲ Chuck DeWitt giving guidance and assistance to a local resident in the homeless encampment along the Santa Ana Riverbed

▼ A snapshot of the bike path along the Santa Ana River flood control channel, south of Angel Stadium



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# FITNESS WITH FRANK



More than 200 people joined CEO Frank Kim on Saturday, April 22 for Fitness with Frank at OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space. It was a real workout with more than five miles of hiking, but participants were treated to magnificent scenery, clear views and an abundance of wildflowers on the hike.

The next Fitness with Frank is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th at Aliso and Woods Park. For more information, contact Carolyn McInerney at [Carolyn.mcinerney@ocgov.com](mailto:Carolyn.mcinerney@ocgov.com).



# ADOPTING THE FUTURE







PHOTOGRAPH BY TRAVIS LARIVIERE / CEO COMMUNICATIONS

A new, modern OC Animal Care shelter is being constructed on a 10-acre parcel in Tustin. Learn more about the progress and what the new shelter will offer.

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

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## **PROJECT COMPLETION STATUS**






The new OC Animal Care shelter will consist of a two-story administration building that will house the cattery, exotic animals, veterinary services, customer service and animal control. Visitors will pass through the shelter lobby onto a curved promenade lined with five kennel pavilions, multiple dog play yards, a barnyard and “rabbitat.” OC Public

Works, on behalf of OC Animal Care, is managing the design and construction of the new Animal Care facility in the City of Tustin. This shelter will replace the current aging shelter in Orange built in the 1940s. Upon the completion of this project, the County of Orange will have a wonderful, new place for residents to adopt their forever pet.

## **RECENT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

-  **The main building foundation is complete.**
-  **Main building concrete walls are lifted and braced in place.**
-  **Second floor steel framing is installed with floor decking being lifted and ready to be installed.**
-  **Kennel Pavilion building foundations have been poured.**
-  **Beginning installation of Kennel Pavilion concrete block walls.**

## **PROJECT FEATURES**

-  **Indoor / outdoor temperature-controlled kennels to provide ample space and comfort for dogs in our care**
-  **Multiple dog exercise yards to facilitate enrichment and dog play groups**
-  **Cats will be provided large cages, group cat rooms and even “catios” for their lounging pleasure**
-  **Abundant use of natural light, superior ventilation and acoustical control**
-  **Design elements that translate into less stress for homeless animals**

*Dr. Jennifer Hawkins of OC Animal Care and Shane Silsby of OC Public Works lead a group of County officials and Board of Supervisors staff on a tour of the construction site at the new OC Animal Care shelter.*





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# AIR-EX

## John Wayne Airport Personnel and Mutual Aid Partners Conduct Successful Mass-Casualty Incident Exercise

On April 14, 2017, John Wayne Airport (JWA) conducted a full-scale, mass-casualty exercise involving more than 500 volunteers, observers, support staff and emergency responders. Staged on the west side of the airfield, the drill allowed Airport officials and emergency responders to test and practice operational capabilities in response to a simulated aircraft accident involving a 90-passenger, commercial service airplane and a four-seat helicopter.

“While it is our hope that we never experience any of the emergencies we train for, we are committed to providing the very best response to our passengers, tenants and our community,” said Airport Director Barry A. Rondinella. “Exercises like this are a key component of emergency response planning and preparedness. We are proud to work in concert with our partner agencies to ensure the Airport is ready in the event of an emergency.”

The airplane fuselage and helicopter were positioned on the airfield for purposes of staging “victim” passengers for the drill.

During the drill, Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) arrived on the scene and extinguished a virtual fire associated

with the crash. Emergency responders then evacuated and triaged volunteer “victims” who were taken to a simulated hospital by ambulance or helicopter, or to an on-site Passenger Reception Area. Volunteers, evaluators and observers in these locations were briefed by the airline, Airport staff, American Red Cross, Orange County Health Care Agency and other mutual aid responders on hospital operations and the support and assistance provided to passengers, crew and family/friends.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that commercial service airports conduct a full-scale, mass-casualty exercise every three years to maintain Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 139 Airport Certification.

In intervening years, JWA conducts tabletop exercises to review emergency response plans with its mutual-aid partners in a classroom setting. Subsequent to this year’s full-scale exercise, JWA will have an Airport recovery exercise in late May 2017 which will focus more specifically on Family Assistance Center operations and the long-term recovery efforts following this type of incident.







- ▶ (TOP LEFT) A 90-passenger airplane fuselage, used exclusively for this exercise, being doused in fire retardant and water
- ▲ (TOP MIDDLE) Local and regional fire engines lined up in preparation for the exercise.
- ◀ (LEFT) Emergency medical responders wheel a "victim" off the tarmac and out of harms way.
- ▼ (TOP RIGHT) A volunteer "victim" is carried off by firefighters to an on-site Passenger Reception Area.

In addition to John Wayne Airport, the following agencies participated in the drill:

- Orange County Sheriff's Department, Airport Police Services were first on scene with 30 Deputies and Sheriff's Special Officers, nine Sheriff vehicles and one helicopter, providing law enforcement support.
- Orange County Health Care Agency, Emergency Medical Services provided coordination and support of ambulance response, as well as coordination with the American Red Cross for patient location at hospitals.
- Orange County Fire Authority responded with more than 50 vehicles and 200 personnel from Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Station 33 at JWA, neighboring fire stations and their engines, medic units, command vehicles, a heavy rescue vehicle and various support vehicles, including one helicopter.
- American Red Cross, Orange County Chapter simulated the creation and functionality of a Friends and Family Reception Center and a Family Reunification Center in partnership with Alaska Airlines, and provided care and emotional support to victims and their families following the aircraft incident.
- Alaska Airlines represented the airline involved in the incident and simulated their response to volunteer passengers, families and friends.
- More than 40 ambulances, coordinated by Care Ambulance, responded and transported victims to a simulated hospital, as well as the Orange County Fire Authority, Orange County Sheriff's Department and Mercy Air with airlift operations.
- Representatives from Long Beach Fire, Newport Beach Fire, Costa Mesa Fire, Huntington Beach Fire, City of Orange Fire and Garden Grove Fire took part as evaluators and participants, enabling them to provide informed, unbiased feedback.
- More than 100 members of local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) participated as volunteer victims and in other volunteer roles.





PARTING SHOT #2

**LINDA MATHEWS**

*Recruitment Services Team, Human Resource Services*

"I took this shot [of the hillside flowers] in Newport at Crystal Cove.  
It was a beautiful day!"

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# STELLA SHAO

*Environmental Resource Specialist II, OC Public Works*

"I took the photographs at Caspers Wildness Park in March during a short hike after work. Everything is green and full of life."

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# Q & A

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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County Connection editorial staff talked with Kim Derrick, Program Manager in Employee Benefits, about the upcoming wellness period. The County's 2017-18 Healthy Steps program will launch on June 1.

**Q CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR ROLE AS PROGRAM MANAGER IN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS?**

**A** As part of my job responsibilities, I manage the County's StayWell contract, which encompasses portions of our wellness program. StayWell is the administrator our OC Healthy Steps program and website. I meet with them on a weekly basis, and right now our calls are focused on our **"Right This Weigh" challenge** we have going on as well as preparing for our upcoming OC Healthy Steps Wellness program period. I also work with our health plan vendors and the Benefits Management team to determine what wellness challenges and activities are needed and what newsletter articles would be most helpful based upon the health and wellness needs of our County employees.

**Q WHAT SHOULD COUNTY EMPLOYEES KNOW ABOUT THE UPCOMING WELLNESS PERIOD?**

**A** This year the Wellness program will be from June 1 through August 26. We'll have communications going out in the mail mid-May to announce the participation period dates and describe the activities that need to be completed.

One thing to note is that we send the mailers out to employees' home addresses. We encourage employees to keep their addresses up to date. In addition, we send out information and reminders through the County's "Global Address List" via

email. However, we realize that not everyone has a County email account; so we encourage employees to populate their StayWell account profiles with a good email address, even if that is a personal email address. (To update your account profile, go to the OC Health Steps [Healthy Steps website](#), click on "My Account," enter updates and click "Save.")

**Q WHAT IS NEW ABOUT THE HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM THIS YEAR?**

**A** When the 2017-18 wellness period launches on June 1, 2017 we will also be launching a new OC Healthy Steps website with a brand-new look and feel. The new website will be customizable, allowing you to move parts of webpages around to where you want them based on what is most important to you.

The current site has weight-tracking and step-tracking functions, but you have to enter the information manually. In the near future, participants will have the ability to connect with employees' fitness trackers automatically. The new website will be able to sync with your device and have your activity information populated automatically to the website. With these new features, it is our hope that employees will use the OC Healthy Steps website year-round, beyond the three-month wellness period.



# KIM DERRICK

## on the Summer 2017 Wellness Period



### **Q HOW CAN EMPLOYEES GO ABOUT COMPLETING THEIR WELLNESS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES?**

**A** There are three activities that employees need to complete to receive the Wellness Credit for 2018: a biometric screening, a health risk assessment, and a non-smoking attestation. Employees can complete their wellness activities, in any order, during the participation period from June 1, 2017 – August 26, 2017.

Employees can do their non-smoking attestation right away – it takes just a few seconds to attest to one of the non-smoking or stop smoking statements. Then they can do most of their health risk assessment without including the biometric data. Once they complete their biometric screening, the information will automatically populate into the health risk assessment.

Employees can get their biometric screening done in one of three ways – using their personal health care provider, going to a Quest lab or getting it done at an on-site screening. Information about the on-site screenings, Quest Lab appointments, and the Biometric Health Screening Confirmation form will be available on the OC Healthy Steps Wellness Program website on May 19, 2017.

### **Q WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR EMPLOYEES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM?**

**A** We encourage employees to participate so that they can receive their OC Healthy Steps Wellness Credit for 2018 and become aware of their risk factors and key numbers that impact their health (such as your cholesterol, blood sugar, and blood pressure), as well as to identify what they can do to

maintain or improve their health. Our employees have done a great job this last year in fact, the average number of health risks decreased by 4.5% from 2.22 to 2.12 with an estimated health cost care savings of \$1.3M. This is a 137% greater risk reduction than StayWell's norm of 1.9%

The program also won a 2016 National Association of Counties (NACo) National Achievement Award for our OC Healthy Steps Wellness Program in part due to the significant employee participation in the core and voluntary components of the program.

### **Q ONCE EMPLOYEES HAVE COMPLETED THE HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM, WHAT CAN THEY DO NEXT TO IMPROVE THEIR WELLNESS?**

**A** What's great about the StayWell website is that it has so many other resources available. For example, it has online self-directed coaching. Say you want to start eating better; there is a self-directed coaching on nutrition. If you want to reduce your stress, there is a self-directed coaching on stress-management. In addition, we have a wellness coach on-site, Holly Lattimer, who is a great resource. Some people really prefer in-person coaching, and Holly is available to meet with people across County departments and agencies. Whatever your goals, coaching can help guide you to take strategic steps to reach them. You can contact Holly at [holly.lattimer@cigna.com](mailto:holly.lattimer@cigna.com) or at 949-445-9219.

For information on the upcoming wellness period and additional health and wellness resources, visit [www.oehealthysteps.staywell.com](http://www.oehealthysteps.staywell.com).



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## Inconsistency in Availability and Marketing of Healthy Products in Orange County

Findings from a new [Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community](#) survey show that only 13 percent of stores in Orange County advertised healthy products on their storefronts, while 69 percent of stores marketed unhealthy products and the availability of e-cigarettes has grown nearly 21 percent since 2013.

These findings are part of new research on the availability and marketing of tobacco products, alcohol, condoms and healthy and unhealthy food options in California stores that sell tobacco. An OC Register article [here](#) talks about how e-cigarettes are easier to find in Southern California stores rather than fresh produce. Health supporters gathered in March to raise awareness about the results and educate retailers on how they play a critical role in our community's health.

"This survey found that our community's youth are exposed to many unhealthy messages and choices," said Amy Buch, Division Manager, Health Promotion Division. "Our Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) is committed to continuing to work with retailers and local partners to provide accurate information to help make the healthy choice the easy choice for our residents."

The survey is the largest of its kind and builds upon initial research released three years ago in March 2014. It provides insights into changes in the availability and marketing of the studied products from information collected in the summer of 2016 from more than 7,100 stores in all 58 California counties

including pharmacies, supermarkets, delis, convenience and liquor stores as well as tobacco-only stores.

For more county-specific data, read the full survey at [www.healthystoreshealthycommunity.com](http://www.healthystoreshealthycommunity.com). Visit our [TUPP](#) program to learn how they're working to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke in Orange County.



▲ Pictured (left to right) Tiffany Cantell Warren, Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Amy Buch, HCA Health Promotion Division, Michael Johnson, Pasadena Public Health Department, Teresa Blanco, Northgate Markets and Cynthia Harding, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

## Let's #UpliftOC this Mental Health Matters Month

Did you know that research shows performing simple acts of kindness is actually good for YOUR mental health?

Follow the OC Health Care Agency on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) during the month of May as we celebrate Mental Health Matters Month by shining the spotlight on simple behaviors our community members can implement in their everyday lives that will positively lift the spirits of friends, loved ones, and neighbors while simultaneously improving their own mental health and wellbeing. Show your support by sharing kindness on social media by using the hashtag (#UpliftOC)!

Every day, millions of people face stigma related to mental health and go years before receiving any help. Our goal is to amplify the voices of everyone who wants to put an end to stigma and show our support to help make a difference in someone's life.

So you've picked up a lime green ribbon, and you know it has something to do with mental health. But what, exactly? As HCA shares [here](#), this little accessory packs a big message and



wearing one is a simple way you can help #UpliftOC.

HCA employees will join community members from throughout California by taking part in the [Each Mind Matters](#) movement and wearing the color lime green to open an honest dialogue about mental health and participate in a variety of activities to spread awareness about the importance of mental health and share tips and resources for those in need.



## *Motel Assistance Program Continues to House More Participants*

Since its launch in February, the Motel Assistance for Behavioral Health Homeless program continues to successfully house participants who are struggling with a mental illness or substance use issue and currently work with our Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Outreach and Engagement (O&E) team.

Our O&E team identifies participants who are working toward their behavioral goals and coordinates with contract providers to place them in a motel for up to seven days to support their recuperative care, linkage to behavioral health programs or after they are matched to a housing opportunity through the [Coordinated Entry System](#).

O&E staff had been working with a woman who was staying in the riverbed and was referred to the Courtyard. She was pregnant at the time and recently became ill, which resulted in a hospital visit and early delivery.

The participant shares how the program helped her and her baby:

“Because of BHS O&E team members Tammy Waitman and Araceli Vidales and the Motel Assistance Program, I was able to

stay in a motel room to recover from my emergency c-section and be close to the hospital to see my daughter. They got me a week’s stay, which was perfect timing because on the sixth day, my new apartment was ready and I moved in. This was such a blessing because if it hadn’t been for the motel stay, I would have been back on the streets. I thank staff and the Health Care Agency for their kindness and generosity for going above and beyond to help me and my baby.”

BHS O&E provides outreach services to individuals of all ages who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and struggling with a behavioral health condition. The team develops trusting relationships with homeless participants in any public area and works with them to reduce barriers to housing due to behavioral health impairments and facilitates linkage to available resources and support services. To learn more about the great work they do, visit the [Outreach and Engagement website](#) or call 800-364-2221.



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# JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

## *JWA Issues Call for Artists to Submit Work for Solo-Style Exhibitions*

John Wayne Airport (JWA) has issued a call for Orange County-related visual artists to apply for exhibition slots in JWA's Community Focus Space (CFS) program's exhibition calendar, beginning in October of 2018.

"With 10.5 million guests traveling each year, John Wayne Airport provides a venue unlike any other to feature local Orange County artists and showcase their talents to visitors and residents alike," noted Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Michelle Steel.

Each exhibition is approximately 30 days in duration and is presented by JWA at no cost to the artist. CFS exhibitions are located prior to the security checkpoints and adjacent to Baggage Carousels 1 and 4 in the Thomas F. Riley Terminal, and are accessible to passengers as well as the general public.

To qualify for consideration, artists must have been born, raised or educated in Orange County; or currently live, work or own property in Orange County; and live in any of the following counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara or Ventura.

Artist applications must be received by John Wayne Airport



no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 21, 2017. Artist application instructions and guidelines may be found at [www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/](http://www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/). Artists approved through this review process will be notified by the end of October 2017.

For additional information about the Community Focus Space program or this Call for Artists, please contact Jeffrey Frisch, John Wayne Airport Arts Program Coordinator at [jfrisch@ocair.com](mailto:jfrisch@ocair.com).

## *Airport SSOs Awarded Medals at 2017 OCSD Medal of Valor Ceremony*



On a busy Monday afternoon in November at John Wayne Airport, Orange County Sheriff's Department Special Officers **Carlos Castro**, **Rafael Ojeda** and **Spencer Sheflin** were dispatched to the curbside of Terminal 'C' for a medical aid call.

Rafael and Spencer responded to the scene while Carlos retrieved an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Rafael and Spencer found a man sitting in his car, unconscious and not breathing. The man's wife and son frantically were asking for help. The SSOs gently pulled the man from the car and placed him on the sidewalk.

After a quick assessment, the SSOs determined the man had no pulse and was not breathing. They began CPR just as Carlos arrived with the AED. The SSOs delivered a shock, assessed the man's vitals and continued CPR.

A few moments later, the victim took a sudden, deep inhale and started breathing on his own. The SSOs monitored the man until paramedics arrived and the man was taken to the hospital.

The quick and efficient work of the SSOs saved the life of the 63-year-old heart attack victim. The SSOs were awarded medals for Lifesaving at the 2017 OCSD Medal of Valor ceremony.

▶ Pictured (left to right) Barry Rondinella, Airport Director, **JWA**, SSO Spencer Sheflin, SSO Charlie Castro, SSO Rafael Ojeda, Captain Wayne Byerley, **OCSD**



## *OCSD Hosts Women's Fitness Challenge to Benefit Families of Fallen and Injured Officers*

More than 120 women from across Southern California gathered April 22 for the 2nd annual OCSD Women's Fitness Challenge to benefit Project 999, which aids families of fallen and injured officers in Orange County.

The group of women, which included law enforcement and fitness enthusiasts alike, braved the high temperatures and tough workouts in the name of charity and camaraderie. The CrossFit-inspired event challenged the women with exercises designed to test their strength, endurance and stamina, and raised more than \$6,000 for Project 999.

"It's bringing a lot of the community together, all different levels of athletes," said Deputy Jennifer Cole, organizer of the event. "It's great to see beginner athletes and then seeing those rock-star athletes as well. All of them know the money is going to a charity that we hold near and dear to our hearts."

The event also served as an informal recruitment tool to get women interested in careers with the OCSD, featuring different aspects of the department including the Mounted Enforcement Unit, K9 Unit, Harbor Patrol, Hazardous Devices Section and the Reserve Unit, among others.





# OC SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

## 2017 OC Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil

The Orange County Chiefs' of Police and Sheriff's Association and The Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council invite you to attend the 2017 Orange County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies at the [Orange County Peace Officers' Memorial Monument](#).

### MEMORIAL CEREMONY & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Thursday, May 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Orange County Sheriff's Regional Training Academy  
15991 Armstrong Avenue, Tustin, California 92782

Candlelight Vigil immediately follows after Peace Officers' Memorial. Both ceremonies are combined into ONE event.



# SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

## May is Foster Care Month: Let's Foster Together!



What makes children feel loved and safe? Simple things, really: someone to make their favorite food, tuck them in a warm bed at night, comfort them when they have a fever, and get them to school on time. Someone who loves them every day, no matter what.

On any given day in Orange County, there is an average of between 80 to 100 children who do not have access to a safe and loving home. These are children from your community. They may even be children you already know who attend local schools and participate in Little League or Girl Scouts. Resource families are desperately needed in our community to support sibling sets, children with medical/behavioral needs, and teens.

You may have heard of the term "foster parent" in the past, but now under a new streamlined process, families willing to open their hearts and homes to a child in need are called resource families. There are no extraordinary requirements to becoming a resource parent. And, while being a resource parent can be challenging at times, the Orange County Social Services Agency is committed to supporting and encouraging caregivers so they can give their best to these children.

Children in care are no different from children who are not in care. They learn and grow, like to play and hang out with friends their age, and need the love and stability that comes from being in a family environment. That is where you as resource parents can help; by providing that home and security for our children in care. To learn more about becoming a resource family please visit [oc4kids.com](http://oc4kids.com) or call (888) 871-5437.

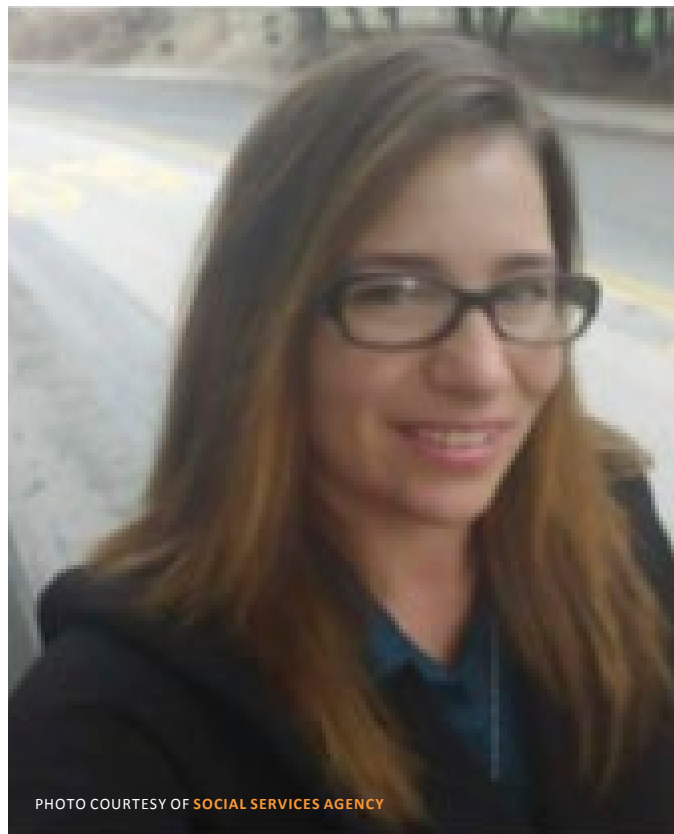


## *One Employee's Journey into the County Family*

The mission of the Social Services Agency (SSA) is to deliver quality services that are accessible and responsive to the community, encourage personal responsibility, strengthen individuals, preserve families, and protect vulnerable children and adults. One of SSA's main programs, the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is vital in adhering to this mission. And, while we are privileged daily to see our families succeed in the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work (WTW) program and achieve self-sufficiency, their successes are often not shared with our County family. As such, we wanted to share an incredible success story of one of our clients – a success that hits very close to home.

As you may already be aware, the Employment Preparation Program (EPP) is a component of the CalWORKs program and provides expanded subsidized employment opportunities. The goal of this program is to help CalWORKs clients that are participating in WTW gain valuable work experience through subsidized employment in public, non-profit, or private worksites. Several county departments, including SSA, have begun to utilize EPP participants in their various programs. The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program was one of the first SSA programs that welcomed the opportunity to become an EPP worksite after the County Executive Office shared its support for expanding EPP Worksites throughout County agencies.

In October 2016, through EPP, Cathryn Foltz began her journey with the County assisting IHSS clerical staff. Upon entering the program, Cathryn possessed a great deal of enthusiasm and quickly demonstrated her ability to learn and adapt to the fast-paced environment. In December 2016, after only two months in the program, Cathryn transitioned from an EPP participant to a contracted temporary employee through Lloyd Staffing Agency. As a temporary employee, she played a vital role in the IHSS Imaging Project and the completion of imaging over 27,000 IHSS active cases. Cathryn openly communicated her desire to be of service to others and become a permanent SSA employee, with specific aspirations to become a social worker. IHSS supervisors provided Cathryn with skill building opportunities such as resumé building, mock



▲ Social Service Agency's Cathryn Foltz

interviews, and mentorship. She then applied that knowledge in applying for jobs and participating in job interviews. Along the way, she faced a few barriers but she remained positive, receptive, and persistent on her quest to seek permanent employment.

We are thrilled to share that, effective February 17, 2017, Cathryn officially accepted a full-time position with Orange County's Clerk of the Board as a Board Services Specialist. We would like to congratulate Cathryn on persevering in the face of adversity, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. Her enthusiasm, drive, work ethic, and problem-solving abilities make her a great addition to the County family.



2017  
  
Annual  
Conference

# INTERSECTIONS

Connect   Align   Collaborate

## What Can We Achieve Together?

Over 20 years of working with vulnerable members of our communities has taught us that there is no such thing as a problem with a “simple” solution. We understand that job security affects food security, that stressors like hunger and lack of income can spiral into child abuse, and most importantly that no one agency can solve these complex problems alone.

### Breakout Sessions:

- ▶ **Mental Health and Substance Abuse**  
*Supporting Families Overcome Barriers*
- ▶ **School Attainment and Teen Health**  
*Creating Environments Where Teens Can Thrive*
- ▶ **Poverty and Family Stability**  
*Beyond Pantries: Breaking the Cycles of Poverty With Lasting Solutions*
- ▶ **Immigration and Strong Families**  
*Navigating Immigration Policy: The Current Landscape And How It's Affecting Families*
- ▶ **Homelessness and Mental Health**  
*Understanding the Interwoven Dynamics*
- ▶ **Family Violence**  
*Prevention Strategies For All Ages*
- ▶ **Understanding and Navigating County Systems**  
*Simplifying the Complicated*

**Use Tuition  
Reimbursement  
(EPRP) and County  
Time to Attend!**

**Thursday, May 18**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**[FaCTOC.org/FaCTConference](http://FaCTOC.org/FaCTConference)**

**Registration: \$45**

**Great Wolf Lodge  
12681 Harbor Blvd  
Garden Grove, CA 92840**

For questions regarding the 2017 FaCT Annual Conference or registration please send an email to [info@factoc.org](mailto:info@factoc.org) or call (714) 566-2878.

Families and Communities Together (FaCT) is a public-private partnership with support from Orange County Social Services Agency. Our mission is to identify and promote promising and best practices, provide training, identify funding and promote the regional network of Family Resource Centers as a community-based platform for child abuse prevention and family strengthening services.



# OC Public Works OPEN HOUSE

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

See How Public Works Connects Us  
**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

From 10am to 2pm  
at 2301 N. Glassell Street, Orange

**FREE Family Fun  
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Booths  
Exhibits  
Equipment**

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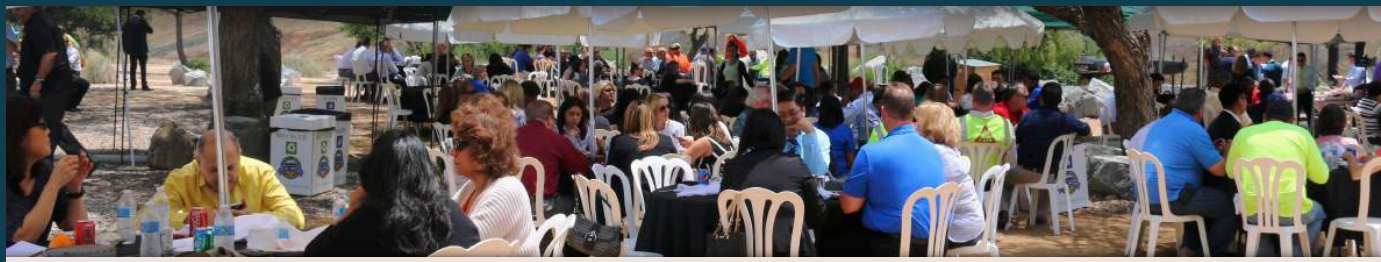
**[www.ocpublicworks.com](http://www.ocpublicworks.com)**



In Support of National Public Works Week:  
May 21 - May 27, 2017







# Dine AT THE Dump

It's not really a dump; it's a highly engineered, sanitary landfill.  
Come and see the many environmentally friendly features in place at Frank R. Bowerman landfill.  
Tours of the Frank R. Bowerman Landfill will be available.

This event is being held as a fundraiser for the 2017 Orange County United Way campaign.  
The pleasure of your company is requested to celebrate and support this worthy cause.

**Thursday, May 11, 2017**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**\$15 luncheon cost**

(Five Opportunity Drawing tickets will be included with each lunch ticket purchased)

Frank R. Bowerman Landfill  
11002 Bee Canyon Access Road, Irvine, CA 92602

RSVP by May 1st, 2017 / Carmen Saldana  
email: [carmen.saldana@ocwr.ocgov.com](mailto:carmen.saldana@ocwr.ocgov.com)



**Opportunity Drawing**  
**Tickets:**  
Suggested Donation Price  
  
(No Purchase Necessary-  
Donations Suggested)

**3 for \$5**  
**8 for \$10**  
**20 for \$20**



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**Heritage Hill**  
*Historical Park*

ocparks.com

# Rancho Days Fiesta



**Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person ages 3 and over**

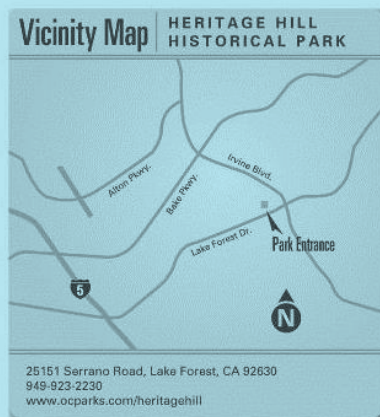
## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual RANCHO DAYS FIESTA

**Heritage Hill Historical Park, Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Come explore the rich history of Orange County's rancho era through hands-on activities, crafts, music, and dance.

### Activities and performances include:

- Native American and Folklorico dancing
- Early California ranching hands-on activities & exhibitors
- Piñata breaking, butter churning, and candle dipping
- Rancho-era music and crafts for children
- Charro horse riding and roping demonstrations
- Historic buildings open, courtesy of the Amigo de la Colina docents



### Admission

\$5.00 per person. (Free for children under 3.)





# RUTH WARDWELL

*Strategic Communications Manager, OC Waste & Recycling*

"The message of the OC Waste & Recycling/Discover Cube partnership called the Eco Challenge is that small changes really can make a big impact on our environment. This is the Discovery Cube message board at Main St. and the 5 Freeway in Santa Ana. OCWR staff encourages you to bring your kids to the Discovery Cube and visit the hands-on Eco Challenge exhibits."

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# OC HISTORY

JOURNEY THROUGH ORANGE COUNTY'S  
ORIGINS, OBSTACLES, AND OPPORTUNITIES



PHOTO COURTESY OF OC ARCHIVES

▲ (L to R) Capt. Nelson Holderman, Lt. A.K. Ford and Lt. Charles Swanner of Co. L, 1917. (Courtesy First American Corp)



# ORANGE COUNTY & THE GREAT WAR

BY CHRIS JEPSEN

**T**his spring marks the centennial of America's entry into World War I. More than 1,550 Orange Countians served in the armed forces during what was naively called "The War to End All Wars."

Orange County was braced for battle by late 1916. New Red Cross chapters in Fullerton, Santa Ana and Anaheim made surgical dressings, sweaters and socks for soldiers; gathered clothes for war orphans; and much more.

The United States entered the years-old conflict on April 4, 1917, after continued U-boat attacks and attempts by Germany to ally with Mexico and Japan against us. Within a week, 4,694 Orange Countians volunteered for military service – most of them ineligible.

On the home front, Orange County rationed meat, wheat, sugar, electricity and other commodities; provided ROTC programs; held parades for its fighting boys and opened a mill in Santa Ana to make Army blankets. Bond drives and other fundraisers for "our boys" were seemingly endless, and Orange County surpassed all Liberty Loan quotas. Liberty gardens were planted and the Orange County Farm Bureau was formed to increase food production. The American Protective League opened an Orange County Division to watch for suspected local German sympathizers. Store display windows were strewn with patriotic bunting, Huntington Beach's Pacific Coast Oilcloth factory was retooled to make American flags, and vast quantities of beans were grown to supply the military's mess halls.

Among the local California National Guard outfits engaged in "The Great War" was Santa Ana's Company L. They were ultimately sent to France, where they were spilt up to fill gaps in the First Army as men were killed or wounded.

One of Orange County's more notable war heroes was Company L's commander, Captain Nelson Holderman of Tustin. He was assigned to the 307th Infantry and was central to the "Lost Battalion's" famous stand at the Argonne Forest. Outnumbered, pinned down by enemy fire for five days, and under "friendly" artillery fire, they took enormous casualties. Holderman was wounded five times, but still "dragged himself

under heavy machine gun fire" to two of his wounded men and carried them to safety. The Americans refused to surrender and the Germans redoubled their attack. Holderman was out front, holding down the right flank and firing his pistol point-blank into oncoming waves of enemy infantry. He received another wound but stayed afoot and "inspired the brilliant defense that repulsed the Germans." For his heroism, Holderman was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and a Distinguished Service Cross.

Another example was Santa Ana's highly decorated Cpl. Jack Fisher, who acquired terrible injuries and PTSD while earning his heroic war record. He later became the Register's staff artist, a beloved figure in the community, the namesake of Fisher Park, and an important voice for disabled veterans.

By the war's end on June 28, 1919, more than 38 million people had perished in the conflict, including 54 from tiny Orange County. Locals celebrated the armistice by going outside and making as much noise as possible with bells, guns, fireworks, pots and pans. Effigies of Kaiser Wilhelm were burned and a large confetti-strewn parade was held through Downtown Santa Ana.

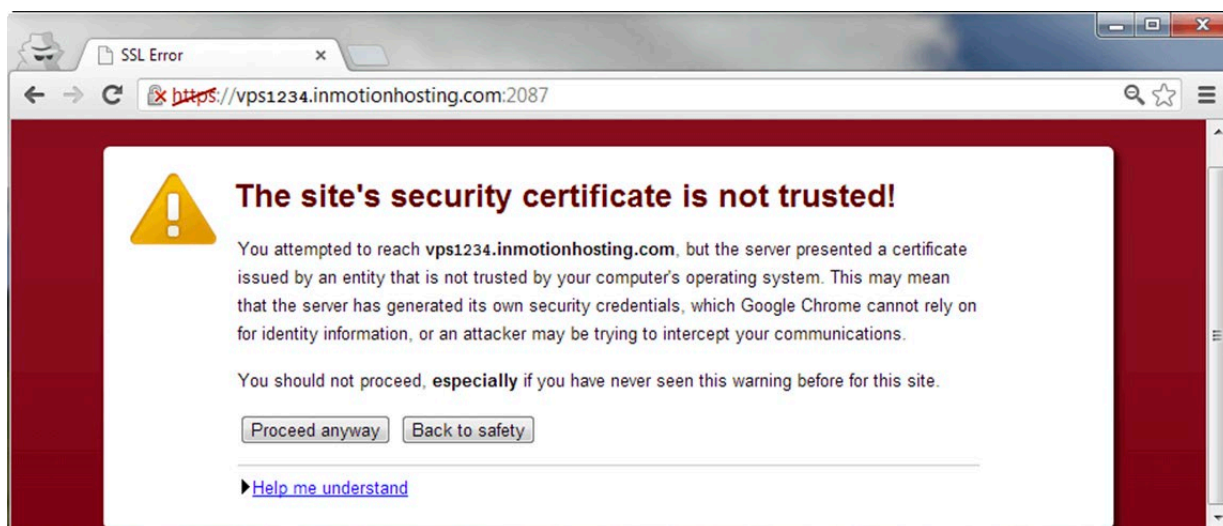
The County Archives has a small display about Orange County's involvement in WWI on exhibit throughout 2017 on the first floor of the Old Courthouse in Santa Ana.

CHRIS JEPSEN is the Assistant Archivist at the Orange County Archives, a function under the office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

Reach him at [Chris.Jepsen@rec.ocgov.com](mailto:Chris.Jepsen@rec.ocgov.com) or 714-834-4771 if you have questions about the Archives.



## Cyber Security Awareness - What is HTTPS?



Privacy on the internet has become a growing concern, especially when more people are using it for professional, personal business, socializing, and entertainment. Personal, sensitive and confidential information that is sent over the internet is not necessarily secure.

Many websites that we access have URLs that start with https. Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) is a protocol over which data is being sent between your browser and the website that you are connecting to. This means your connection is encrypted secure.

You may not realize it but you probably use HTTPS on a daily basis. Popular email services and online banking applications rely on HTTPS to ensure communication between your computer or mobile device (such as a smart phone) and their servers are encrypted. This is accomplished by validating a type of identification that IT professionals refer to as a certificate.

If the certificate is not validated, it means the website has failed to verify its identity to the user (you), the computer user trying to access the site. It is at this point; the user is then presented with an error that is certificate validation error.

Upon receipt of the error, the user may choose to proceed at their own risk, but this is not recommended due the risk of the connection not being with the website the user thinks they are attempting to access.

The HTTPS process still considered to be secure, but it is no longer as safe as it once was due to the increase in sophistication of hackers who are able to exploit communications between systems using various techniques.

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT FROM BEING A VICTIM OF EXPLOITED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SYSTEMS:

- Don't give out any private information to anyone that you do not know or who does not have any legitimate reason for it.
- Don't provide personal, confidential, or sensitive information online unless you know you are using a secure, trusted web page. Go directly to the website by entering in the web address from your browser (Internet Explorer or Google Chrome). Don't click on or copy and paste any links from unsolicited emails.
- Don't put any sensitive information in a location that is accessible from the internet.
- Whenever possible, use secure wireless networks when working with sensitive information over the internet.
- Ensure secure transactions are conducted over connections use HTTPS. If you login to an HTTPS site and you notice the letter S is stripped from the word HTTP, there is a good chance something is wrong.

If you have any questions, please email  
[SecurityAdmin@ceoit.ocgov.com](mailto:SecurityAdmin@ceoit.ocgov.com).



# PATRICK MARTIN

*Intern, Health Care Agency*

A beautiful sunset photo of Victoria Beach with the iconic medieval tower attached to the cliffside.

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## Workplace Safety - May Is Better Hearing Month

Did you know that the ear's malleus, incus and stapes (otherwise known as the hammer, anvil and stirrup) are the smallest bones in the human body and all three together can fit on a penny? So what is the risk for hearing loss.....approximately 30 Million Workers exposed to hazardous levels of noise in the work place experience permanent damage.

How? Hair cells found in the inner ear are small sensory cells that convert sounds we hear into electrical signals and send "sound energy" to our brain. Once damaged by levels of noise over 85 decibels (dB) for extended periods of time, the hair cells cannot grow back and permanent hearing loss is a reality. Noise-induced hearing loss levels to be aware of are:

- **90 dB** – Hair dryers, blenders, and lawn mowers
- **100 dB** – MP3 players at full volume
- **110 dB** – Concerts, car racing, and sporting events
- **120 dB** – Jet planes at take off
- **130 dB** – Ambulances and fire engine sirens
- **140dB** – Gun shots, fireworks, and custom car stereos at full volume

Warning signs that your workplace may be too noisy and a problem if:

- You hear ringing or humming in your ears when you leave work
- You shout to be heard by a coworker an arm's length away
- You experience temporary hearing loss when leaving work

If untreated, hearing loss can affect the quality of your life. The cost may result in strain relationships with family, friends, and co-workers; impact your earning power on the job; prevent your ability to understand what people are saying, and doing the things you used to enjoy. The good news is that exposure to noise and noise-induced hearing loss is **100 % preventable!**

Safety and Loss Prevention's Hearing Conservation Program provides information, guidance, and training to protect County employees from the harmful effects of noise in the workplace. Agencies/Departments that actively monitor their employees for hazardous levels of exposure are OC Animal Care, OC Parks, OC Probation, OC Public Works, OC Sheriff, and OC Waste & Recycling.

**For additional information concerning resources and training -  
Contact the Safety and Loss Prevention Program at:  
714-285-5500 or email [Safety@ocgov.com](mailto:Safety@ocgov.com)**

## SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

### SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

There is a new app available for the See Something Say Something campaign, a national effort funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). UASI is administered jointly in Orange County by the Santa Ana and Anaheim police departments in collaboration with county and city emergency preparedness officials. The website has a lot of useful information at [www.KeepOCSafe.org](http://www.KeepOCSafe.org), and the app is available at the AppStore.

### CIVIC CENTER SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Many safety improvements are underway for the Civic Center area. Security has been enhanced and lighting is being upgraded throughout the area with more efficient and effective products. The P8 or 405 parking lot (next to the HCA building) is undergoing lighting retrofits and will be fully enclosed by the end of June. Public parking will only be allowed in that lot during weekday business hours.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Sheriff's HOA Kiosk** - (714) 834-2250  
Incident within the Civic Center Walk of Honor

**SAPD Dispatch** - (714) 834-4211  
Incident outside the Civic Center Walk of Honor

**Civic Center Service** – [CivicCenterService@ocgov.com](mailto:CivicCenterService@ocgov.com)  
Concerns, Maintenance, Clean-up

### 9-1-1

When in doubt, for emergencies, call 9-1-1! When dialed from a cell phone, 9-1-1 calls are directed to local law enforcement.

For other County locations, the area's local law enforcement dispatch number would be the important number. Again, when in doubt, in an emergency dial 9-1-1.



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**COMIC ORANGE**

**May 20th**  
**11am - 2pm**

**11am**

- Drawing Workshop**  
Learn how to draw comics!  
*All ages welcome!*  
Limited to first 50 participants.
- Caricature Artist & Face Painting**  
11am-1pm

**12pm**

**Activities**

- Crafts
- Meet and take photos with Star Wars and Avengers costumed characters
- Opportunity drawings

**1pm**

**Keynote**  
**Kevin Fagan!**

Artist and creator of the popular comic strip *Drabble*!

**FREE FAMILY FUN**

**COME IN COSTUME (optional)**

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(949) 936-4040

Irvine Heritage Park Library


OC Public Libraries presents:

## Eastern European Genealogy

with **Michelle Sandler**

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
**at the Laguna Woods City Hall**


**Michelle Sandler** is the current Vice President of Programming for the Orange County Jewish Genealogy Society. She has a Bachelor's Degree in History, and a Master's in Library Science. Michelle has been involved in Jewish Genealogy for 33 years, in various capacities.



**In this presentation Michelle will discuss:**  
What is an Index? What is a Soundex?  
Ellis Island Changed Our Name  
All Our Records and Towns Were Destroyed in Europe •Nobody In The Family Knows Anything About Our Past •There's No Paper Trail to Follow •Talking to oldest family members •How to look up US census records, naturalization records, ships' arrival records, maps and gazetteers, and searching for records from the Old Country. Michelle will also address genealogical translation guides, bibliography, and close with questions.

**OC Public Libraries 2017 Genealogy Speaker Series**

**Laguna Woods City Hall** 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods 92637  
Seating is limited. Please RSVP  
ocpl.alisoviejo@occr.ocgov.com or call 949-360-1730



OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

## BILINGUAL STORYTIME



**Matt de la Peña**




**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**  
**LA HABRA LIBRARY**


Meet Matt de la Peña, a New York Times Best Selling and Newbery Medal-winning author, for a Bilingual storytime featuring his picture book, "Last Stop on Market Street." De la Peña currently lives in Brooklyn, NY where he teaches creative writing and visits high schools and colleges throughout the country.

**La Habra Library**  
221 East La Habra Blvd. La Habra, CA. 90631  
562-694-0078

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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

## MEET BESTSELLING AUTHOR

**Julia Alvarez**



**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**

Born in New York and raised in the Dominican Republic, she is a poet, fiction writer, essayist and author of world renowned books including "How the García Girls Lost their Accents" and "Something to Declare."

Copies of "In the Time of the Butterflies" available for purchase.  
Early arrival suggested.

**Irvine Heritage Park | 14361 Yale Ave | 949-936-4040**  
Hours: M - Th: 10 - 8 | F - Sun: 9-5




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ELENA SANTA CRUZ

**Social Services Agency**  
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**OC Public Works**  
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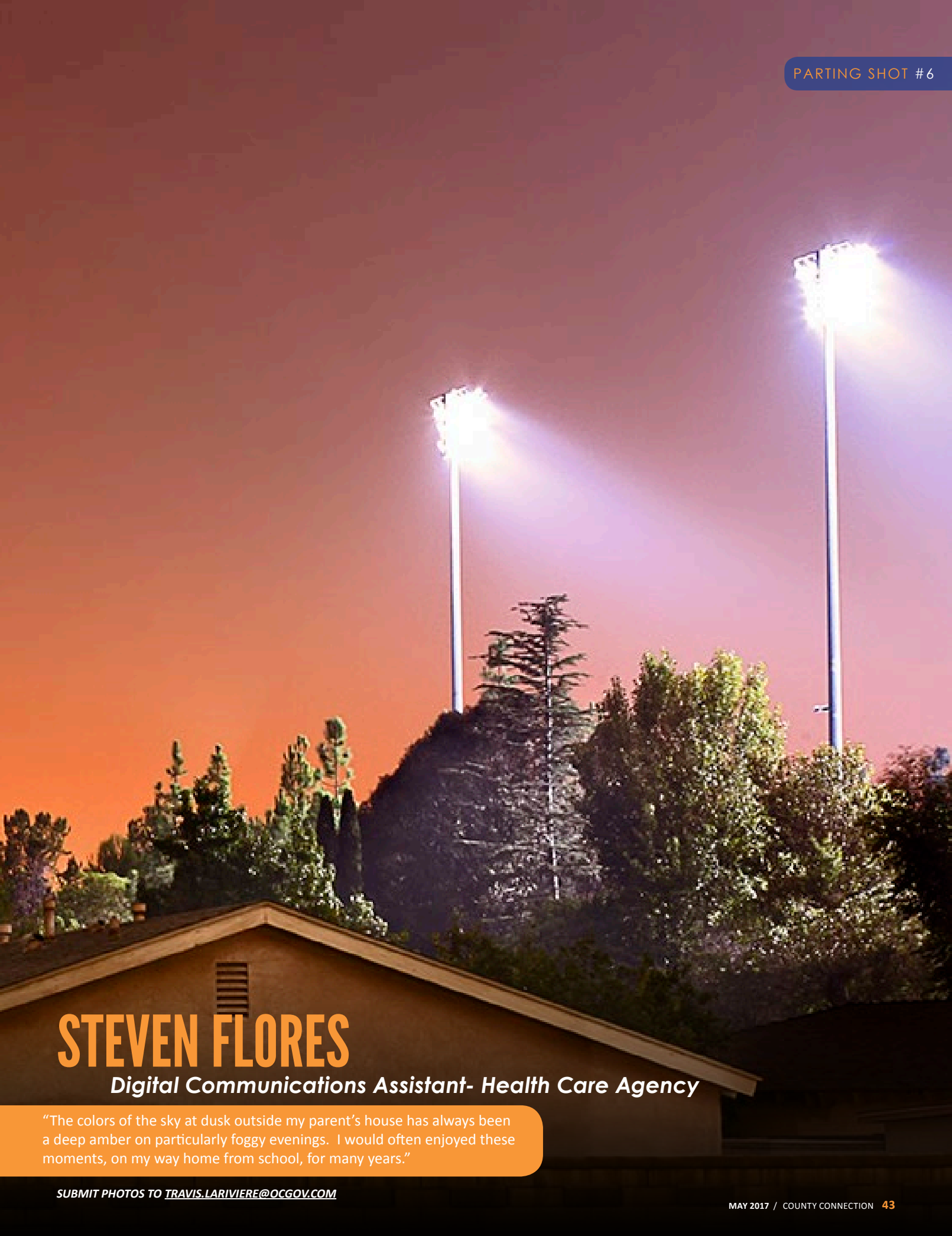
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