

# GEN INFO

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## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

## **ADMINISTRATION**



### City Receives \$30,000 of PPE Resources at no Cost

To support the City's transition into a safe in-person reopening and daily operations, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) invited cities to submit the Personal Protective Equipment PPE Resource Request Form to CalOES. Under the direction of the City Manager's Office, Jesse Zavala and Jason Huynh researched the PPE inventory, its usage, and staffing. The staff then responded by requesting surgical masks, N95 masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, goggles, gowns, nitrile gloves, and disinfecting wipes, accordingly. The PPE supplies will ensure staff and volunteer safety, especially during food distribution, front counter service, and other services involving direct interaction with the public. All local government emergency management agencies were authorized to request a 30-day sustainment supply of PPE. In total, the City requested approximately \$30,000 worth (current value) of PPE from CalOES, which was delivered at no cost to the City on Thursday, June 24.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES & RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### Recruitment

A recruitment for a full-time Public Works Director/City Engineer to lead the Public Works Department has been conducted. The first round of interviews were held on Tuesday, June 15. Three candidates were selected to move forward to the second and final round of interviews on Thursday, July 1. An offer has been accepted and the selected candidate is in the process of completing preemployment requirements.

The recruitment for several temporary part-time Recreation Leaders remains open until filled. The City will continue to accept employment applications and hold interviews until all vacancies are filled.

#### Loss Control Inspection

California JPIA and Alliant chose City Hall for a phase of loss control visits as part of the City's participation in the property insurance program. The loss control visit took place on February 24 and included a discussion and review of management loss prevention programs and documentation as well as a complete tour of City Hall to review special hazards. The tour consisted of a detailed review of areas handling/storing hazardous material and utilities (main electrical rooms, information technology rooms, air conditioning). Last month, the City received the final loss control visit report and all ratings were excellent and satisfactory, therefore there were no recommendations.

#### Summer Employee Luncheon

The Summer Employee Luncheon is back! Please join us for tacos on Thursday. July 29 at Stanton Central Park from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cynthia Guzman by Thursday, July 22 at cguzman@stantonca.gov or (714) 890-

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

• <b>Jul 9</b> • Jul 13	Movies Under the Stars Stanton Central Park City Council	• Jul 28 • <b>Jul 30</b>	Public Safety Committee  Movies Under the Stars  Stanton Central Park
• Jul 16	Movies Under the Stars Stanton Central Park	<ul><li>Jul 27</li><li>Jul 28</li></ul>	City Council Public Safety Committee
• Jul 19	Parks & Recreation Commission	· Aug 4	Planning Commission
<ul><li>Jul 21</li><li>Jul 23</li></ul>	Planning Commission  Movies Under the Stars  Stanton Central Park	• Aug 6	National Night Out Stanton Central Park
		· Aug 16	Parks & Recreation Commission



You are invited to attend!

## SUMMER EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON

Please join us for tacos and let us say thank you for all your hard work!

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021 11:30 AM - 1 PM STANTON CENTRAL PARK

Please RSVP to Cynthia Guzman at Cguzman@StantonCA.gov or (714) 890-4225 by Thursday, July 22, 2021.

## **FINANCE**

Michelle Bannigan, Finance Director



## **UTILITY USER TAX AUDITS**

#### **Update**

On July 9, 2019, the City amended its agreement for sales, use, and transactions tax services to subcontract a Utility User Tax (UUT) Audit Program with Azavar. Azavar is contracted to review and audit each UUT provider of electric, gas, telecommunications, and water services in the City. Staff recently met with Azavar's President to obtain a status of the UUT audits. The UUT audit of telephone providers has not been started yet. The initial review of Southern California Edison (for electric UUT) was completed in April and Azavar is awaiting SCE's response to the initial findings. The UUT audits of SCE (for gas UUT) and Golden State Water Company (for water UUT) is expected to be completed in July. Once Azavar completes their initial audit, they will then correspond back and forth with the providers until the UUT audits are ultimately finalized. Going forward, Azavar will be providing the City with updates on the UUT audit status quarterly.

## **FY 2020/21 ANNUAL AUDIT**

The City's auditors, CliftonLarsenAllen LLP (CLA) are beginning the City's annual financial statement audit for Fiscal Year 2020/21 during the week of July 12th. During this week, the auditors will be reviewing and testing the City's internal controls over various processes, including accounts payable, purchasing, payroll processing, cash receipting, and information technology. In addition, the City is required to have a financial and compliance audit performed in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 for the federal grants that were spent during Fiscal Year 2020/21. (The City spent approximately \$1.4 million in CARES Act funding in Fiscal Year 2020/21 that was passed through the State of California and County of Orange.)

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Jennifer Lilley, Community and Economic Development Director

## SCAG SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

SCMI Grant Award

Staff submitted a grant application in April 2021 and received the fourth highest score and has been awarded \$125,000 to complete a City-wide Curb Management Plan. The project is scheduled to begin in September and will be completed within the year. As a direct result of the community and Council concern related to parking and quality of life, the project is intended to improve transportation safety conditions and overall quality of life for our residents. The outcomes include better parking management city-wide, parking support for the business community, increased safety, relieving curb space usage to improve alternative transportation options as appropriate, and working to identify multiuser curbs space options relieving the need and expense of additional onsite parking.

Screenshot of the SCAG Regional Data Platform

## **BUSINESS SUPPORT**

#### LetsTalkStanton.com

Last month the City's Economic Development Team launched its Business Support page on LetsTalkStanton.com. This web page contains several resources for business owners in the City including properties of interest, small business assistance programs, and connections to our Business Licensing Team. Because Let's Talk Stanton is an engagement platform, the Business Support page also includes a crowd sourced map of Stanton Businesses, allowing businesses to promote themselves, engage with others in the business community, and engage with the public. Staff plans to keep this page updated with Economic Development news, resources, and initiatives to encourage business retention, business attraction, and community education.

## **BUILDING**

## **BUILDING SERVICES**

### *Update*

We would like to welcome Senior Inspector/ Deputy Building Official, Alan Chambers contracted to begin working with the City of Stanton through Charles Abbott starting on July 19, 2021. Charles Abbott Associates requested the ability to substitute Alan for Fernando in an effort for their company to provide advancement and opportunities and allow their staff to grow. Alan has been working with the cities of Cypress and Los Alamitos and is excited to take on a larger Building Official role for CAA. While the city, staff and development community will miss having Fernando working with us to provide field inspections and plan checking responsibilities, this new role will allow him to use his new certifications and grow his experiences to further his personal and professional career goals.

## JUNE ACTIVITY

#### **Building Permits**

June construction activity is detailed below, This month we had a lot of permits for solar equipment. Jamboree is moving forward with Phase 2 for the Tahiti Motel and Stanton Inn & Suites working to renovate the buildings and improve the projects for permanent supportive

	June 2021	June 2020	Fiscal YTD	2021 Fiscal YTD
Permits Issues	64	50	812	649
Inspections	294	334	4203	3616
Plan Checks	53	17	505	44

## **PLANNING**

## PROJECTS IN PROCESS

#### 10775 Beach Blvd

This request is for the relocation of the Share My Coach, currently operating at 12200 Beach Blvd. Staff has completed the preliminary plan review and provided the applicant with project specific comments and next steps in the process. Staff looks forward to working with the applicant upon formal submittal.

#### 11632 Beach Blvd

This request is for the expansion and renovation of the current Dixie Hotel. The applicant is proposing façade renovations, site and landscaping improvements, and the addition of 18 hotel units. Staff has completed the Preliminary Plan Review and provided the applicant with project specific comments and next steps in the process. Staff looks forward to working with the applicant upon formal submittal.

## **KB HOME ASSEMBLAGE**

#### 7082 Kermore Ln

Staff has received a request for a Site Plan and Design Review for four new condominium units on Kermore Lane. Staff has completed its initial review and is working with the applicant to address outstanding items prior to the public hearing. The project is tentatively scheduled for a September Planning Commission Meeting.

#### 11140 Western Ave

This application is for the addition of a prefabricated 8,500 square foot building to be used by the existing construction business at this property. The application is currently under review by the Development Review Committee.

#### 10671 Rose St

This project is for the development of a new two-story single-family residence within the RL Single Family Residential Zone. The application is currently under review by the Development Review Committee.

On June 16, 2021 the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing for KB Home's proposed 36 united detached condominium project. After hearing public comment and asking questions of staff and the applicant, the Commission concluded that they would recommend approval to City Council if the following three areas of the project were addressed: a 25% reduction in 4 bedroom units, alternative solutions for ingress and egress on Katella Avenue and architectural improvements. Staff will review the revised plans once the applicant resubmits and will prepare for City Council public hearing on July 27.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Zenia Bobadilla, Community Services Director

## **EVENTS**

#### Movies Under the Stars Series

Our Movies Under that Stars Series begins this Friday at Stanton Central Park with a showing of the *Lion King!* Movies will begin at sunset, with pre-movie games and other activities for families. PIO staff will also be conducting a social media trivia giveaway to coincide with the movies each week, with our first winner selected this Wednesday on Facebook.

### National Night Out

National Night Out will be held on Friday, August 6 this year. Staff are in the planning stages and have confirmed our Touch-a-Truck portion of the event. OCSD, OCFA, Stanton Public Safety, and Stanton Public Works will be showcasing vehicles for the public to take pictures in and explore. A screening of the movie *Detective Pikachu* will begin around 7:30pm. Vendor booths and food trucks will also be present at the event to keep the public informed of safety-related outreach and programs within the community.

### July is Parks Make Life Better Month

Celebrate Parks Make Life Better month with us! Please see the attached calendar that is also in the Summer Stanton Express for a variety of recreation activities. Staff also launched a photo and drawing contest for the community to tell us why parks make their lives better, with the opportunity to win a variety of prizes. Be on the lookout for signs around Stanton Central Park pointing out our most photogenic spaces!



Flyers for our upcoming summer events

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

#### StantonCA.gov

**ADMINISTRATION** 

The wait is over! On Monday, June 28, we unveiled our new website (StantonCA.gov) to our community. Despite some launch day hiccups, staff and the design team were extremely proud of the final product. PIO staff and the PIO committee will continue to make improvements, edits and updates throughout the site to ensure that we continue to offer residents a user-friendly, up-to-date and visually appealing online experience.

#### Social Media Update (14 Days Overview)

#### **Facebook**

#### Followers (14 Days)

· 06/16/2021: 3,640· 07/07/2021: 3,652

#### **Top Posts**

- New Website
- · Facility Rentals Return
- · Happy Independence Day

#### Instagram

#### Followers (14 Days)

06/16/2021: 1,43407/07/2021: 1,454

#### **Top Posts**

- · Facility Rentals Return
- · Summer Movies Under the Stars
- Popsicles at SCP

#### **Twitter**

#### Followers (14 Days)

· 06/16/2021: 1,750· 07/07/2021: 1,761

#### **Top Posts**

- National Mosquito Awareness Week
- · Illegal Fireworks Notice



## **RECREATION**

#### Stanton Central Park

Staff continues to assist the community with inquires, classes and general park upkeep. We're looking forward to welcoming picnic shelter reservations beginning July 18 and the reopening of the splash pad in the near future. The community continues to enjoy the amenities at Stanton Central Park. Our popular attractions tend to be the Skate Park and walking trail.

#### Stanton Express & Contract Classes

Staff are currently in the planning stages for the 2021 Fall Stanton Express and are reviewing our first draft of this edition. We are excited to be able to offer Martial Arts, Youth Arts, and AARP Driver Safety classes to our community. Registration will begin August 10 with classes starting the week of August 23.

#### Sports Fields

The Department continues to follow guidance from the California Department of Public Health and is working closely with teams to ensure safety measures are in place. Staff are meeting with team representatives next week to discuss the upcoming season and changes to policy and payment procedures. We recently awarded the July – December season. We currently have Friday evenings available for reservations.

- · Current Number of Teams: 5
- · Weekly Participants: ~500
- · Weekly Hours of Play: 50

#### Meetings & Updates

The Stanton Collaborative meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30pm and puts a spotlight on different organizations who work in and serve our community.

## SENIOR SERVICES

#### **Update**

On Wednesday, June 16, senior services staff welcomed a participants for a showing of the musical *Hamilton*. Everyone was treated to a snack bar filled with concession stand favorites from popcorn, candy bars, water and fountain drinks. Our 14 enrollees had a fantastic time!

On Wednesday, June 30, staff hosted a "Thank You" event for all of this year's volunteers. Our volunteers have put in countless hours this year serving our community at our twice-weekly food distribution events. These days can be strenuous, but serve such a great service to hundred of residents each week. Volunteers were thanked with a brunch from Snooze, lawn games, goody bags and certificates of recognition from our Stanton City Council as well as other local elected officials.

#### Food Distribution

Senior food distribution continues to serve clients on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with meals from Orange County Meals on Wheels and produce and pantry items from Second Harvest Food bank. Distribution is run by both City staff and dedicated volunteers from our community as well as our CEAC members. Food distribution is truly a team effort and we are proud to have such a hard-working team.

#### Meetings & Updates

Staff continues to attend roundtable discussions with local Senior Center Directors, Meals on Wheels OC and the CPRS Aging Section to share success stories, discuss best practices and determine how to best serve our population. Topics continue to include protocols for senior center reopenings, changes in food distribution, and vaccine clinics. We are currently planning a county-wide senior conference for September 2021.



#### FRC Update

Staff organized an "Under the Sea" themed Kid's Night Out (KNO) program at the Family Resource Center on June 25. Twenty participants enjoyed plenty of under the sea activities planned by staff and enjoyed delicious dinner from Chic-Fil-A. Kid's Night Out is a free event held once a month throughout the school year and alternates being held at the Family Resource Center and at Stanton Central Park.

With the start of the new fiscal year, staff are looking forward to beginning the planning phases of our upcoming FRC Improvement Project. The awarded funding gives us the opportunity to completely remodel the interior of the building and we are excited to offer the community brand new, welcoming look and feel.

#### Information & Referral Services

Staff are busy providing clients with helpful resources during these tough times. The month of June was especially busy with calls for Mental Health services and our virtual parenting classes. Currently contacting the waitlist for Mental Health services and exploring options to connect with other services and augment our internal capacity. Also, contacting our parenting class interest list to have them start class Monday, July 12.

I&R staff are also completing a virtual resource guide for staff and partners. This virtual guide will contain local resources for a wide variety of issues and experiences that our client may be facing and will be accessible by all FRC staff and FaCT partners. The move to a virtual guide also allow for partners to upload new and updated information from anywhere they may be, keeping our resources updated up-to-the-minute.

#### Meetings & Updates

Case Management meetings returned this week after a few weeks off to close the Fiscal Year. Meetings continue to be held virtually every Thursday and are attended by City staff and partner organizations, with in-person meetings being held the first Thursday of every month. After these meetings, Case Management clients are provided with a framework for support and services specifically selected to meet their family's needs and continue to be supported by FRC partners until the entirety of their needs are addressed.

The FRC Coordinator, Dianna Valtierra is working closely will our FaCT partners to prepare for the return of inperson services. Moving forward, clients will have the option to continue with virtual services or meet with their provider in-person. Group classes will remain virtual for the time being, but we are looking into providing hybrid options to attendees in the near future.

The Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC) held its last meeting for the fiscal year on Monday, June 28. The group talked about things that worked and didn't work during our past 16 months. In recent weeks, CEAC members have been writing personal stories to share with each other in a booklet titled "Stories of Hope and Courage." CEAC members each received a copy in either English or Spanish and enjoy the opportunity to get to know the group and their stories.

Cut along the lines and hang this calendar somewhere you won't forget!



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announcement Photo Contest begins! Check PMLB month out our social media for a

Challenge: Take

a silly family

photo!

#SelfieSaturday

Parents: Teach

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your family your favorite childhood game!

#SelfieSaturday Challenge: Take a photo with your pets

Download the App and start plants in your **PictureThis** identfying

Join us at SCP from 12-2pm for

Facebook: MUTS

#MindfulMonday:

Visit a park to practice your

yoga moves

Trivia Question

popsicles!

basketball game at Premier Park Play a family

neighborhood

Weekend Storytime in the Park at 10:30am

Head over to SCP for

Send us your

Challenge: How many Stanton parks can you visit?

#SelfieSaturday Challenge: Show us you playing your favorite #SelfieSaturday Challenge: Show place in Stanton us your favorite Don't Forget:

our photos and day to send in Visit our Social Media to see all of your entries This is the last drawings!

Thank you for a #StantonParks MakeLifeBetter great

month!

contests!

Independence Day! Enjoy Happy safely!

your family to make a craft from recycled Challenge and enjoy lunch at your favorite

Pack a picnic

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Facebook: MUTS materials!

Stanton park

MakeLifeBetter drawing for the #StantonParks Trivia Question

Contest!

Join us at SCP Facebook: MUTS Trivia Question

#MindfulMonday:

Try a few minutes of quiet

Cream Day: You

National Ice

know how to

celebrate

meditation

Challenge your family to learn a new game or

sport

from 12-2pm for Mind: Visit the **Exercise your** popsicles!

Stanton Library for a new book Facebook: MUTS

Trivia Question

Take a tour of

How many can the Butterfly Garden at SCP

**Hollenbeck Park** 

Hopscotch at

chalk and play

Grab some

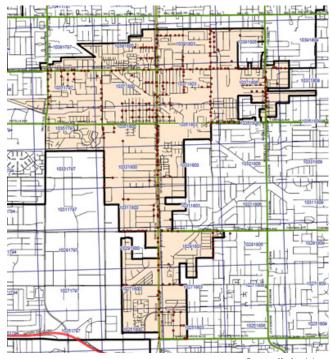
you find?

to the photo and drawing #TennisThursday - Visit the courts at SCP!

## SO CAL EDISON STREET LIGHT UPGRADES

#### *Update*

Staff has been working with SCE on the conversion of the remaining fluorescent streetlights throughout the City of Stanton. SCE owns 302 streetlights that will be converted to LED stating July 12th. The conversion will take about a week to complete.



Streetlight Map

## KATELLA AVENUE CORRIDOR

OC Public Works

Katella Ave is shared by multiple cities throughout the corridor, and OC Public Works has reached out to all agencies for their involvement in reaching seamless results. OCPW is piloting this project to help reduce the cost of having multiple contractors at adjacent job sites and minimize traffic impacts. The project will take place around the Katella and Magnolia intersection which was part of the FY 20/21 Citywide Street Improvement Project. Construction is targeted to begin in August.

## **VIA'S STREETS**

#### New Gas Mainline Replacement

Southern California Gas Company will be replacing their existing gas mainline in the Via's neighborhood. The existing gas mainline is deficient and cannot be repaired. Each resident will receive a new service replacement. The project with be at no cost to the city and it is expected to start within the next couple of months. Residents will be notified by SoCal Gas before the project begins.

## FY 20/21 CITYWIDE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

#### *Update*

The FY 20/21 Citywide Street Improvement Project consists of a grind and overlay & slurry seal treatment on several arterials, residential streets, and alleys throughout the city. Staff is targeting having a full set of plans for bid by late June. That would give us time to bid the project in July 2021 and begin construction in late August or early September 2021 right before the rain season. Golden State Water Company was notified of the project and will replace broken lids for water meters or valve covers at no cost to the city.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**

James Wren, Public Safety Services Director

## **HOMELESSNESS**

## *Update*

Stanton's Outreach Coordinators, Damian Fonseca and Angel Palencia worked through the weekend to establish connectivity with various service providers. The City will now have services provided seven days a week.

The Outreach Coordinator has had continued success assisting the homeless community during the past few weeks. Please see below for some success stories.

- Stanton's Outreach Coordinators engaged an individual who has been experiencing homelessness in Stanton for years. The participant has been hesitant about connecting to homeless services during previous engagements but reconsidered during this meeting. The individual expressed how he was interested in a shelter and iob resources. The Outreach Coordinators provided him with connectivity to an employment agency providing the individual with immediate employment. Additionally, the Outreach Coordinators were able to get the participant into the Buena Park Navigation Center on the same day of engagement while also accompanying and providing the participant with transportation to his first day of work.
- Based on a referral from a concerned resident, the **Outreach Coordinators** received a call for assistance regarding a severely disabled individual who needed medical aid. The Outreach Coordinators immediately began the evaluation process to provide the individual with connectivity and transportation to a higher level of care. The Outreach Coordinators collaborated with a Recuperative Care Case Manager and Foot Hill Hospital to have the participant assessed by a physician. Once the participant was evaluated, he was deemed appropriate for recuperative placement. The participant is now receiving wrap-around service through a recuperative care agency.
- A referral was made from City Council to the Outreach Coordinators regarding a military veteran searching for shelter and supportive services. After making contact, the Outreach Coordinators discovered that the participant had an Honorable Discharge status. The Outreach Coordinator immediately contacted Orange County's Veterans Intake Coordinator through 211. The Veterans Intake Coordinator provided the participant with shelter options and connections to permanent supportive services available through Veterans Affairs.



Outreach Coordinator Client



#### Firework Update

Code Enforcement completed its campaign against the use of illegal fireworks. As anticipated, there was a relatively high level of fireworks activity. Feedback from the City's contract partners including the OCSD and OCFA is still being gathered regarding activity levels on the 4th of July. Based on the initial reports there was a single vehicle fire and no injuries.

#### Public Works/Public Safety Collaborate

Public Safety and Public Works have continued to focus on problem areas through town. For example, Starr Street has been a difficult area for issues such as prostitution, illegal dumping, and other criminal activity. Public Works and Public Safety frequently collaborate by conducting daily reviews of the area related to illegal dumping and other criminal activity. Improved signage and modified parking restrictions have reduced the number of vehicles in the area and increased visibility.

#### Improving Mobility

Public Safety continues to receive complaints from members of the community with disabilities that are having trouble safety moving throughout the city. In the past reporting period City staff has responded to private residences with overgrown vegetation as well as businesses that have blocked access to wheelchairs. In each of these cases the issue was resolved immediately with full compliance by the cause of the obstruction.

#### Encampment Update

Public Safety spends a significant amount of time per week clearing areas of town that have been areas that have seen homeless activity in the past. The picture below shows a vacant lot where a sizable homeless encampment grew overnight causing multiple reports from concerned citizens. Through the efforts of Code Enforcement Officer Munoz and Public Works the area was returned to its previous condition.

