



GEN INFO

August 19, 2021



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Pictured: OCSD Helicopter Pilots posing with a participant of Stanton National Night Out



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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

HUMAN RESOURCES & RISK MANAGEMENT

Recruitment

A recruitment for two full-time/limited-term Outreach Coordinators for the Public Safety Services Department opened on Tuesday, August 3. These are both limited-term positions funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This recruitment will remain open until filled with the first review of applications on Tuesday, August 24. Ten applications have been received to date.

A recruitment for a full-time Associate Engineer for the Public Works department opened on Tuesday, July 13 in an effort to fill the vacancy due to former Associate Engineer Guillermo Perez's resignation. The employment application filing period closed at 5 PM on Tuesday, August 3. Twenty-four applications were received and are currently under review.

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. Five candidates were interviewed on Thursday, July 29. Two candidates were selected and have successfully completed all pre-employment requirements.

A part-time volunteer Intern position for the Finance Department is now open for applications. This recruitment will remain open until filled.

Please Welcome...



JOE AMES

*Public Works Director/
City Engineer*

Joe Ames joined Team Stanton on Monday, August 16 as our new full-time Public Works Director/ City Engineer. Joe joins us from the City of Mission Viejo with nearly twenty years of municipal public works and engineering experience. Joe holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Structural Engineering from the University of California, San Diego and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Colorado, Denver. We're excited to have Joe on board!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Aug 24 City Council
- Sep 1 Planning Commission
- Sep 1 **Blood Drive**
Stanton Community Center
- Sep 14 City Council
- Sep 15 Planning Commission
- Sep 17 **FRC Open house**
Stanton Family Resource Center
- Sep 20 Parks & Recreation Commission
- Sep 24 **Turning Silver Into Gold**
Stanton Senior Center

- Sep 24 **Symphony on the Go!**
Stanton Central Park
- Sep 28 City Council
- Oct 6 Planning Commission
- Oct 12 City Council
- Oct 18 Parks & Recreation Commission
- Oct 20 Planning Commission
- Oct 26 City Council
- Oct 30 **Halloween Festival**
Stanton Central Park
- Nov 3 Planning Commission

FINANCE

Michelle Bannigan, Finance Director



CALPERS

Update

The actuarial valuation reports for the City's four pension plans were issued by CalPERS this week and are attached for your information. The City's total unfunded actuarial liability increased by 14% from \$6.8 million as of June 30, 2019, to \$7.8 million as of June 30, 2020.

On August 25, Kerry Worgan, Supervising Pension Actuary with CalPERS, will be providing a presentation to the Orange County Chapter of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers.



CalPERS HQ

UTILITY USER TAX AUDIT

Update

Azavar is now providing the City with a quarterly update on the status of the utility user tax audits they are performing on behalf of the City. The most recent update is attached for your information.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Jennifer Lilley, Community and Economic Development Director



Food from Legend Hot Chicken, La Super Birria, and Birrieria Guadalajara

NEW EATS FOR STANTON

Feeling Hungry?

It has been a busy time for business licenses for new restaurants.

- **Legend Hot Chicken** is open at 7129 Katella Avenue for dine in and takeout specializing in serving the wildly popular Nashville Hot Chicken with signature sides.
- Another popular restaurant opening their second official location is **La Super Birria** soon to be open at 11241 Beach Boulevard. The restaurant is well known for their birria de Res, red tacos, birria tamales and birria ramen.
- **Birrieria Guadalajara** will be making Stanton their new home at 7931 Katella Avenue. This fast-food eatery has several locations throughout Southern California and is best known for their ramen birria and tortas.

The new restaurants will not only provide delicious food options for the Stanton business community and residents, but these local businesses will also create new jobs, renovate empty or vacant buildings, and revitalize our neighborhoods.

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 18, the Planning Commission will be engaged in a training on “How to Prepare Findings and Conditions of Approval”.

Training material is provided by the League of California Cities as part of the Planning Commissioners Academy held earlier this year. This training will give the Commission tips on refining projects through conditions, ensuring findings meet General Plan goals and policies and allow them to have more tools during the deliberation phase of entitlement review.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Zenia Bobadilla, Community Services Director



AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS (ARPA)

Moving Our Community Forward

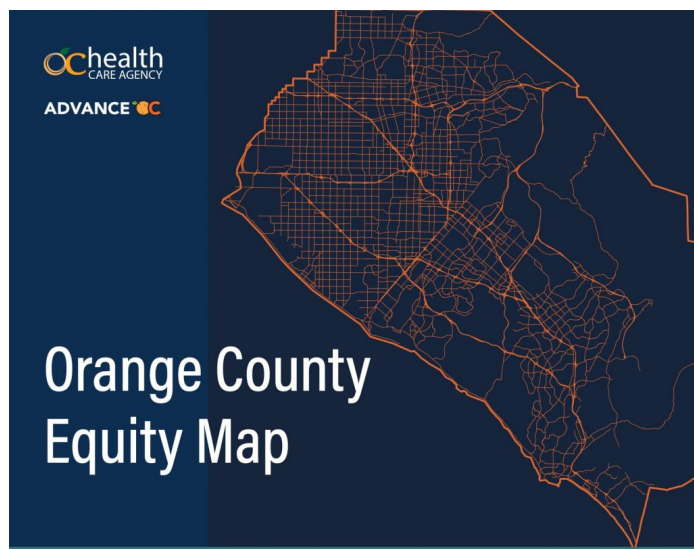
A request for proposal seeking services for a Community Needs Assessment was posted on Thursday, August 12. The City Council has directed staff to take the necessary steps to ensure that we act responsibly and equitably in expending these funds by seeking input from residents. The City's goal is to use the ARPA funds to enable the City and community to recover from the pandemic, while improving long-term resiliency by addressing key priority areas.

STANTON COLLABORATIVE

Updates

The Stanton Collaborative will meet in person on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 12:30 pm in the Stanton Community Center. The Collaborative will welcome Advance OC, whose mission is to use innovation and strategic philanthropy to address inequities in Orange County communities. They will train attendees on navigating the recently released OC Equity Map.

This interactive map outlines Orange County into 580 census tracts and displays the scores from the Social Progress Index (SPI), CDC Health Indicators, and population demographic data as well as overlays additional information that can be customized for a variety of different cases. This data will inform allocation of future grant funds as well as the City's plan moving forward to address impacts from COVID-19.



Please visit AdvanceOC.com/Orange-County-Equity-Map to access the map.



Event-goers got to meet first responders, learn about their job and the tools they use to keep our community safe.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

A Night of Fun and Community Building

On Friday, August 6, Community Services staff hosted our annual National Night Out event. Event-goers had the opportunity to meet local law enforcement members and explore their amazing vehicles. The Orange County Sheriffs and Fire Authority showed off their fire engine, SWAT and K-9 unit, Bomb Squad and even Duke the helicopter!

A special shoutout to our Public Works and Public Safety departments for attending and showing off their graffiti and squad trucks. Carnival games, cotton candy, and food trucks also kept everyone entertained before the screening of Detective Pikachu. This event was a great opportunity for our community to engage with law enforcement and learn about public safety resources.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We Hope You Can Join Us!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Make a difference in someone's life by joining us on Wednesday, September 1 to donate blood! This blood drive is hosted by Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva in partnership with the American Red Cross. The drive will be at Stanton Community Center (7800 Katella Avenue) from 10 AM-4 PM.

Make an appointment to donate today at RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code SQS.

FRC OPEN HOUSE

Join us at the Stanton Family Resource Center (FRC) on Friday, September 17 to learn about all the family programs and services the City has to offer. Come meet the organizations that work together to provide resources to our community! This event will be at the Stanton FRC (11822 Santa Paula St) from 5:30-7:30 PM.

SYMPHONY ON THE GO!

Pacific Symphony's Symphony on the Go! is performing a free outdoor chamber music concert at Stanton Central Park! Join us on Friday, September 24 at 7 PM for a fun 45-minute concert. These free and family-friendly concerts are just right for classical music fans and those who have never experienced a Symphony concert.

Stanton Central Park

Our picnic shelters are booked every weekend. Our next available Saturday is October 16. Our Story Time in the Park has continued to grow throughout the summer. Children enjoy singing and listening to stories by staff from the OC Stanton Library.

The OC Public Libraries recently began hosting a mobile site at Stanton Central Park and Harry Dotson. Beginning in September, they will host mobile services at Stanton Central Park and Zuniga Park. Staff is doing an amazing job providing resources such as checking out books, providing Wi-Fi, crafts, and story time.

Staff is planning programs for the Fall and brainstorming programs for 2022. With school back in session, our splash pad is set to shut off after Labor Day Weekend, Tuesday, September 7.

Turning Silver Into Gold

Senior Conference

Come aboard for a virtual voyage and discover the local treasures the Stanton Senior Center has to offer at the "Turning Silver into Gold" Conference. Topics include arts and culture, lifelong learning, navigating dating and optimizing aging. This event will be held at the Stanton Senior Center (7800 Katella Ave) on Friday, September 24 from 8 AM-12 PM.

Food Distribution

Meals on Wheels continues to supply food for our clients on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Please see our August numbers to date:

- MoW Grab N Go: **2,694 meals**
- MoW Home Delivered Meal Program Meals: **318**
- MoW Senior Participants: **502**
- MoW NEW Senior Participants: **2**
- Second Harvest Food Bank: **413 households served**

HUMAN SERVICES

Family Resource Center

The OST Program is set to start this fall from 3-6pm. The program serves ages 6-12 and offers afterschool care for parents. Our Senior Recreation Leader, Alexis Soto, is planning activities and coordinating with contractors for the start of the program. Anyone interested can contact the FRC to join the list.

Two staff members from the Family Resource Center attended the Suicide Prevention Training 2-hour workshop hosted by Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services on Friday, July 30. This training was sponsored by FACT and highlighted the nature of suicide, suicide-related statistics, suicide risk factors and warning signs.

Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC)

CEAC held its second monthly meeting on Monday, August 16 with 15 members in attendance. The focus of the meeting was to set goals for what they would like to see in the community for the coming year to develop an action plan. Members were also informed of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Total Service Enrollment:

- Counseling Services: **3 Sessions**
- Personal Empowerment Program: **7**
- Case Management: **11**
- Family Support Services: **11**
- Parenting Education: **12**
- Information and Referral Services: **92 individuals**

Social Media Update

14 Days Overview



Facebook

Followers:

- 08/04/2021 3,388
- 08/18/2021 3,709

Top Posts:

- Fall 2021 Stanton Express Registration
- Beach Blvd. Weeknight Closure
- Turning Silver into Gold



Instagram

Followers:

- 08/04/2021 1,493
- 08/18/2021 1,541

Top Posts:

- Beach Blvd. Weeknight Closure
- Storytime in the Park
- Turning Silver into Gold



Twitter

Followers:

- 08/04/2021 1,763
- 08/18/2021 1,774

Top Posts:

- Blood Drive
- Turning Silver into Gold
- Fall 2021 Stanton Express Registration

PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICE

PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

Joe Ames, Public Works Director & City Engineer

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

With the expiration of the recycling compliance consultant contract, Public Works will be releasing a request for proposal for recycling compliance consultant services soon. Of particular importance is compliance with State Senate Bill 1383. State Senate Bill 1383 requires residents

and business owners to divert organic waste (food waste and green waste) from landfills for recycling by January 1, 2022. It also requires the City to purchase minimum quantities of compost and mulch for use in parks, medians, and open spaces in support of creating a green waste recycled

material marketplace and to implement an edible food recovery program for restaurants and supermarkets within the City. After review of submitted proposals, staff will request City Council award a consulting contract to the recommended consultant.

FY 20/21 CITYWIDE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Update

The FY 20/21 Citywide Street Improvement Project consists of a grind and overlay, or slurry seal treatment on several arterials, residential streets, and alleys throughout the city. Due to staff shortages, there has been some delay in getting the design plans completed and the project out to bid. The design firm will be submitting 90% design plans shortly, and City Council authority to advertise for construction will be sought in September. 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.

SCE STREET LIGHT UPGRADES

Update

Southern California Edison (SCE) completed conversion of its remaining fluorescent streetlights to LED throughout the City of Stanton. The LED lighting now matches the City's LED streetlights. SCE owns 302 streetlights.

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

James Wren, Public Safety Services Director

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Homelessness Updates

- The Outreach Coordinators have collaborated with OC Behavioral Health to facilitate medical treatment for those impacted by homelessness. This collaboration has led to providing medical care to six individuals this week. The most common type of care provided was wound care that was needed primarily due to infections from intravenous drug use.
- After contact from an elected official, the Outreach Coordinators were able to provide shelter at a motel for an individual who needed help. Outreach Coordinators are currently working on connecting the individual to additional supportive services. The individual has expressed a commitment to taking the necessary steps in exiting life on the streets permanently.
- Over the past two weeks, Outreach Coordinators have assisted five individuals in applying for the County's Rapid Rehousing Program. The process is currently coming to a close, and the individuals will officially enter the program within the month. This increases the total of program participants to eight.
- Outreach Coordinators have partnered with the OC Behavioral Health Liaisons, OC Sheriffs, and OC Public Works to conduct outreach and clean up on the flood channels that run under the city over the past month. This operation is an ongoing collaborative effort to patrol the waterways, offer services and ensure that encampments do not reestablish. It is important to continue this effort as it is an area of concern during the winter months. Measurable rain and debris in the flood channels can be problematic to the flood control system.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NEIGHBORING CITIES

Clean-Up Efforts

The Cities of Stanton, Garden Grove, and Westminster have been working together on addressing homelessness issues along Beach Boulevard and the 22 Freeway. This cooperative effort aimed to extend services to individuals within the homeless community and facilitated code enforcement. With the assistance of CalTrans, staff was able to conduct a major clean-up of the area. Due to the successful execution of this project, plans to repeat the effort will be implemented on an as-needed basis.



Motorhomes parked on Pacific Avenue

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Updates

- Public Works Staff installed "No Overnight Parking" signs on Pacific Avenue near the City Yard. This street had become a popular area for motorhomes which have negatively impacted the surrounding community. While the issue persists, the number of motorhomes in the area has decreased drastically.
- Staff has made the monitoring of maintenance and operations of various automobiles along Beach Boulevard a priority. Significant progress has been made in this area despite irregular cooperation from business operators.
- During the efforts made to remove the remaining batteries from Ace Hybrid, a second fire occurred. The Orange County Fire Authority has deemed the area as a hazardous material site and will be involved in the clean-up process.