



# COUNTY CONNECTION

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COVER PHOTO - Goats at the OC Zoo in Irvine Regional Park enjoy a festive pumpkin treat.

# FRANKLY SPEAKING

a message from CEO Frank Kim



**FRANK KIM**

Who doesn't love a good ghost story this time of year? As we head into Halloween, our Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen has a special treat and maybe a trick for readers on [Page 9](#).

If you or your loved ones plan to go trick-or-treating on Halloween, check out the safety tips on [Page 24](#). I hope your night is filled with the right amount of candy and spookiness.

While children in costumes are more likely to be adorable rather than terrifying, what can be scary are cyber threats to County systems. With October as [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#), OC Information Technology has put together important information on how we can all prevent disruption to the services we provide to Orange County's more than 3 million residents.

Some of those services comes from staff like Ann Osorio who watch what is brought to the Prima Deshecha Landfill to make sure hazardous waste is disposed of correctly, among other programs. Find Ann's story on [Page 4](#).

Please protect yourself and loved ones with a flu shot provided for free to all County employees. You should have received an email with a schedule of when and where the shots will be provided. If you have more questions, please contact Employee Health Services at [EHS@ochca.com](mailto:EHS@ochca.com) or (714) 565-3780.

And lastly one of the scariest things of all, I had a visit from Darth Vader himself as I celebrated my birthday recently. I'd like to thank all of the County family for all their well wishes.





# ANN OSORIO

**JOB TITLE:**  
Supervising Waste Inspector

**YEARS WITH  
THE COUNTY:**  
29

**DEPARTMENT:**  
OC Waste & Recycling

**BEST PART OF YOUR JOB:**  
That our team is so tightly knit  
and together

**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 [jamie.cargo@ocgov.com](mailto:jamie.cargo@ocgov.com).





As a Supervising Waste Inspector, Ann Osorio, along with her team, ensures that materials entering OC Waste & Recycling landfills comply with all federal, state and county laws that regulate Class III Landfills. This means no commercial hazardous waste of any kind or household hazardous waste containing corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive ingredients can be disposed of at the landfills.

Ann works at OCWR's Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano, which also houses one of the County's four Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers (HHWCCs). OC residents can bring household waste such as paint, cleaning or garden products, and e-waste to the HHWCCs for proper disposal free of charge. The HHWCCs include a Materials Exchange Program. Similar to the "take a penny, leave a penny" concept, the program allows residents to take or leave items such as paints and cleaning chemicals that are still usable.

But Ann and her group spend their time on the active lift of the landfill, where all the action is. There, commercial and public customers can dispose of non-hazardous municipal waste such as household items, construction or demolition waste, yard waste, treated lumber and appliances. The team monitors what comes in and acts as customer service representatives, answering questions and making sure customers know what they should be doing with hazardous waste.

Ann's OCWR career began nearly three decades ago when she started as a Fee Station Attendant. She applied for the position via the County bulletin board because she knew of the great benefits and retirement features provided by government jobs. After a year and a half of working in the fee booth, she promoted to Waste Inspector where she was able to be more hands-on in the field.

Over the years Ann has seen many changes at the landfill, including fewer household items being disposed. More people tend

to donate those items to thrift or consignment stores, saving room at the landfill. She has also seen many changes to the surrounding area. Foremost among them is a housing development and a high school within a half-mile from the landfill. There also is a new arterial roadway — Avenida LaPata — that cuts through the center of the landfill.

Last year was a big year for discoveries at the Prima Deshecha Landfill. In June, excavators found a pre-historic whale fossil that paleontologists estimate is 4 million to 7 million years old. By the end of July, several more bones had been unearthed, as well as a still intact whale skull.

And last fall there was a discovery of a different — and much cuter — kind. In October a waste inspector spotted two kittens in a trash load. He saw movement and initially thought it was rodents. It was quite the opposite — two 3-week-old kittens, who were later named Landon and Phil, were turned over to the San Clemente-Dana Point animal shelter due to an emergency medical situation.

Ann's Monday through Thursday work schedule leaves her plenty of time on the weekends to spend with her two daughters and husband. Her typical weekend includes making plans to see both of her daughters' soccer games. Kendall, her oldest, recently started college at San Diego State where she plays center defender for the women's soccer team. Younger sister Karley plays soccer for Dana Hills High School and for OC Surf Soccer Club, and has matches that take place from Santa Barbara to Las Vegas to Phoenix.

Ann's hobbies include surfing, going for walks along the beach, and of course spending time with her daughters. Her favorite beaches are Salt Creek and Strands both in Dana Point.

To learn more about OCWR and the amazing work done by employees like Ann, check out this video: [OC Landfills: The Inside Story](#).

# SKYHAWK TAKES OFF TO HEROES HALL

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1. The Douglas A-4 Skyhawk sat outside Building 14 for 11 years. It symbolizes the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform who served our country so valiantly in the Vietnam War and the Cold War.

2. Bragg Crane worked into the night to life the Skyhawk off its mounting in the Civic Center.

3. A crane lifts the Skyhawk into the air before placing it on a flatbed semi-truck.





4. A member of Operators Union Local 12 adjusts the Skyhawks' mount at its new home outside Heroes Hall at the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

5. Broadway between Civic Center Drive and Santa Ana Boulevard was closed while the Skyhawk was moved onto the flatbed semi-truck.

6. A crew member checks the straps on the Skyhawk before it's lifted off its mounting in the Civic Center.

7. The Skyhawk is lowered onto its new mount outside Heroes Hall at the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

The voluntary interpreter list serves as a resource for when translation assistance is needed for County employees or members of the public. Departments may reach out directly to a translator on the list; however, please note that employees may not be available to assist immediately, as it depends on the expected length of the conversation and their current workload. The list includes multiple translators for each language, where possible, to provide several contact options.

We are always looking for new volunteer interpreters! If you are interested in being added to this list, please contact [eeo.support@ocgov.com](mailto:eeo.support@ocgov.com) and provide us with the following information:

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# 'GHOSTS' HAUNTING COUNTY PROPERTY?

BY CHRIS JEPSEN, ORANGE COUNTY ARCHIVES

Most historic spots eventually accumulate a few ghost stories. County properties like the Yorba Cemetery and the Old Orange County Courthouse are no exception.

It's said that every two to five years, in the wee small hours of June 15, the ghost of Alvina de Los Reyes (a.k.a. the "Pink Lady") rises from her grave in the Yorba Cemetery. They say the young woman died in a buggy accident on her way back from a dance in 1910 and that her spirit is seen wearing the same pink formal dress she wore on the night of her death.

The County's death records tell us that Alvina did indeed die in 1910 at age 31. She was the wife of Francisco de Los Reyes, and is buried at the Yorba Cemetery. However, her official cause of death was pneumonia — not being thrown from a buggy. In 1998 her grand-nephew Arthur Peralta told the Yorba Linda Star, "...she died in childbirth. She was not returning from any dance."

So where did the legend come from? About 50 years ago, Yorba Linda librarian Mary Ruth Erickson (now retired) needed a Halloween tale for children's story time. She cobbled together bits of various old ghost stories she'd heard over the years and applied them to local sites and local family names. She created the Pink Lady story. (El Toro Memorial Park already had a spectral "Blue Lady," and Capistrano already had a phantom "Woman in White.") Kids took the story to heart and shared it all over north Orange County. Adults soon followed suit.

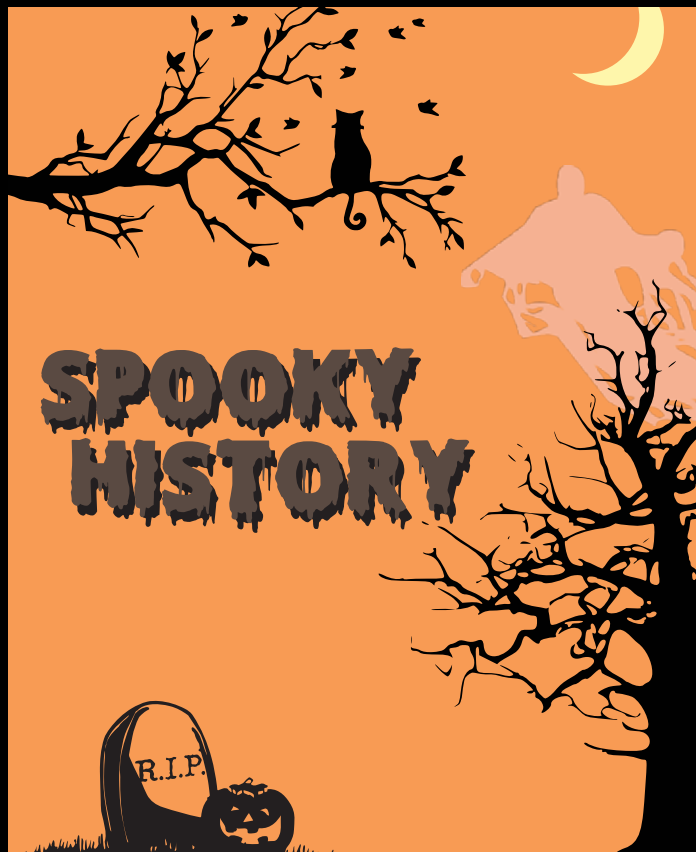
Amazingly, by the late 1970s the tale was already treated as "old folklore." Today, many versions of the Pink Lady story circulate all over the Internet (and schoolyards) as fact.

This story became so well-known that hundreds of people used to crowd around the fences at the cemetery each June 15 to watch for the Pink Lady's return. OC Parks staff is always prepared for the onslaught of those who might try jumping the cemetery's fence to get closer to the ectoplasmic action.

"One favorite moment," a Parks staffer said, "was when a woman excitedly pointed out the glowing 'orb' hovering over the cemetery, which shifted in color from red to green. I pointed out that it was a stoplight in the distance."

Surprisingly, the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana has generated hardly any ghost stories over the past 118 years. But there's at least one.

As you may know, Courtroom 1 in the Old Courthouse appears just as it did in 1901, including original furniture and décor. Some of these pieces were donated from the families of those who worked in the building long ago.



One day, in the early 1990s, the museum staff noticed that the night custodians weren't cleaning the courtroom. What initially seemed an oversight soon became an obvious pattern. Every night, the entire landmark building was cleaned — except the courtroom.

When the supervising custodian was asked, he was equally puzzled but said he'd get to the bottom of it. The next day, he came to the Courthouse and said his crew refused to enter the room because it was haunted. In fact, he said, the custodians believed the room was home to the ghost of a judge who'd hanged himself there!

The Old Courthouse staff was baffled. This was likely the best-documented building in the county, and no one — let alone a judge — had ever been hanged there.

The supervising custodian led the staff into the courtroom where he pointed to a small plaque under an old regulator clock. It was this plaque, he said, that sent chills up the spines of his crew. It read something like this:

**"JUDGE MORRISON CLOCK  
HUNG IN COURTROOM, 1988"**

And so The Honorable M. Clock haunts the old courtroom to this day.

# HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A section for news regarding wellness, benefits and other employee services

## New CIGNA HMO Health Plan Available During Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment is almost here. Your Open Enrollment package should arrive on or before October 25 and Open Enrollment begins October 25 and ends November 15. Don't miss important information being mailed to your homes, including 2020 rates and an additional new Cigna health plan HMO option that has \$5 copayments and lower payroll deductions than the current Cigna plan.

The new Cigna plan will be offered in addition to the current Cigna and Kaiser Choice HMO plans, but this narrow network Cigna Select HMO plan will have significantly lower premiums than the current Cigna Choice HMO. It will have lower copays for doctor visits than both the Cigna and Kaiser Choice plans and will have unlimited chiropractic benefits, this is another enhancement over the Cigna and Kaiser Choice HMO plans.

The Cigna Select HMO plan is designed to make your health care experience simpler, more convenient and more affordable. You and your family members will be able to pick from St. Joseph Hoag Health in Orange County, Prime Care in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, HealthCare Partners in Los Angeles County and Scripps in San Diego County. By limiting the network, the

medical group has better access to all your medical information and can provide you with coordinated, quality and efficient care with a focus on improved health outcomes and a simpler experience.

Join Cigna's onsite Benefits and Well-Being Coordinator, Paul Lopez-Wood, for a live webinar and learn more about the plan, its medical groups, requirements and coverage. For more information visit [www.ocgov.com/gov/hr/eb/new\\_cigna\\_select\\_plan\\_](http://www.ocgov.com/gov/hr/eb/new_cigna_select_plan_)

Be sure to open and review everything sent to your home by Employee Benefits so you know all about your benefits and options and so that you don't miss important deadlines to make annual changes and elections.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:**  
**OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 15**

**RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY:**  
**OCTOBER 21**

**RECEIVE YOUR OPEN ENROLLMENT PACKET BY:**  
**OCTOBER 25**

**MAKE YOUR OPEN ENROLLMENT ELECTIONS BY:**  
**NOVEMBER 15**

**NEW ELECTIONS BECOME EFFECTIVE:**  
**JANUARY 1, 2020**



# FITNESS WITH FRANK



Roughly 100 hikers joined CEO Kim Frank for the September Fitness with Frank at Caspers Wilderness Park. Five department heads and staff from the OC Board of Supervisors office also joined in on the two-hour hike that offered great views. These events are a great way to meet new people, reconnect with colleagues, and get an early and active start to the weekend.

For OC Community Resources employee Jessica Tran, the hike was a perfect activity to share with her son.

"It was nice to have rangers there to share information and even point out some animal foot prints and poison oak," she said.

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## COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

### County Procurement Office Earns Seventh AEP Award



For the sixth consecutive year, the County Procurement Office (CPO) received the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Annual Award 2019 from the National Procurement Institute Inc. (NPI). The AEP Award is earned by public and nonprofit agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embrace innovation, professionalism, productivity, leadership and e-procurement.

The AEP program encourages the development of excellence as well as continued organizational improvement to earn the award annually.

For 2019, there were 202 successful applicants, CPO is one of only 46 agencies in California and one of only 42 counties in the United States and Canada to receive this award. CPO previously earned the award in 2007, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

## HEALTHCARE AGENCY

### [www.1866NEWLUNG.com](http://www.1866NEWLUNG.com) is Online!

The [www.1866NEWLUNG.com](http://www.1866NEWLUNG.com) website is for those who want to quit smoking or vaping. Calling a hotline can be difficult, but with the new site people can easily look at resources and sign up for a class when they are ready to quit.

1-866-NEW-LUNG is a free service to quit smoking and vaping. Anyone in Orange County can receive the service. The services are in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Farsi. All participants will receive a personalized quit plan, quit kit and a free supply of nicotine patches after completing the services.

Participants can take the “Why Do I Smoke?” quiz to learn more about why they smoke or vape. With the Tobacco Cessation Specialist, participants will discuss their reasons for quitting, identify smoking triggers and create a personalized quit plan to fight smoking urges. All materials can be downloaded from the website.

Past participants shared their NEW-LUNG experiences. Mary Shelly from Anaheim was inspired by the motivation and encouragement from her Cessation Specialist.

“Today, I am better than yesterday because of



1-866-NEW-LUNG. My Cessation Specialist gave me a new perspective on my story. That revelation turned the lights on for me. I got it and was ready to accomplish my goal,” Mary said.

When someone is ready, they look at the schedule, pick the location and times that work for them, and sign up for classes with the online scheduler. Tobacco Cessation Specialists will then reach out to the participant. After classes are completed, NEW-LUNG will continue to offer support for up to six months.

If you or anyone you know wants to quit smoking or vaping, visit [www.1866NEWLUNG.com](http://www.1866NEWLUNG.com) or call 1-866-NEW-LUNG (1-866-639-5864).

## October is SIDS Awareness Month

SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) is the sudden, unexplained death of an infant younger than one year of age. It is the leading cause of death in children between one month and one year of age.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- More than 90 percent of all SIDS deaths occur before babies reach 6 months of age.
- On average in Orange County, nearly every other month, one baby dies while sleeping in an adult bed or sharing a bed with another person.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Always place a baby on his or her back to sleep for naps and at night.
- Place your baby to sleep on a firm sleep surface, covered by a fitted sheet.
- Keep soft objects, loose bedding or any objects that could increase the risk of entrapment, suffocation or strangulation out of the crib.

Should you need more information about SIDS or safe sleep resources, you can find it at: the [OC Health Care Agency Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health \(MCAH\) website](#), the [Safe to Sleep](#) campaign; [EveryWomanOC](#); or contact Orange County SIDS Coordinator Marcia Salomon at (714) 834-8218 or MCAH Coordinator Pauline Bui at (714) 567-6234.



*Place babies on their backs when they sleep on a firm sleep surface covered by a fitted sheet.*



# JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

## New Concessions Coming to the Terminal Soon

John Wayne Airport is excited to welcome **Taps Fish House & Brewery**, **Greenleaf Gourmet Chopshop**, Brodard Express, **The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf**, and specialty retailer La Boutique joining more than 30 other concessionaires in the Thomas F. Riley Terminal. These new additions serve to elevate the airport guest experience and provide new options that reflect the evolving tastes and preferences of JWA travelers.

Construction in the terminal starts soon for two Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf locations (pre-security) on

the Arrival (lower) level in Terminal A and Terminal C baggage claim, along with two additional sites on the Departure (upper) Level (post-security) in Terminal C. Taps Fish House & Brewery (Terminal C), Brodard Express (Marketplace), Greenleaf Chopshop (Terminal A) and La Boutique (Terminal B) will begin construction at their new sites, located post-security on the Departure Level.

Stay tuned for more information to come. To learn more about JWA's shopping and dining amenities, visit [www.ocair.com/terminal](http://www.ocair.com/terminal).

## New Exhibition at JWA Celebrates Anaheim Ducks 25th Anniversary

A new exhibition featuring commemorative artwork, posters, hockey jerseys and memorabilia celebrating the Anaheim Ducks 25th Anniversary and chronicling the history of the Orange County franchise is on display at John Wayne Airport. Ticketed passengers can view the exhibit through December.

Passengers strolling through the Vi Smith Concourse Gallery on the Departure (upper) Level (post-security) will have the opportunity to view fun and informative displays depicting the team's history and achievements.

Founded in 1993 through a franchise by the Walt Disney Company, the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim began their inaugural season on October 8, 1993, against the Detroit Red Wings, and finished the season setting a record for the most wins by an expansion team. After Henry and Susan Samuelli acquired the team in 2005, a new era began for the franchise when the team officially became known as the Anaheim Ducks in 2006.

For more information about John Wayne Airport's Art Programs, visit [www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/](http://www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/).



Three case displays of Anaheim Ducks jerseys through the years — The Mighty Era, The New Look, The Modern Look — are on display in the Vi Smith Concourse Gallery.



The Ducks became the first team from California to win the Stanley Cup with a 4-1 series victory over the Ottawa Senators in 2007.

## 30th Annual JWA Student Art Contest

Orange County student artists are invited to submit their creative entries showcasing their passion for flight in John Wayne Airport's 30th Annual Student Art Contest featuring the theme, "Flying: Yesterday and Tomorrow." The dream to fly is thousands of years old with each generation learning from the previous of what is possible while holding on to the love of flight.

Using crayons, markers or pencils, students are encouraged to share their ideas of what can happen when people work together and follow their passion for flight. Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. November 7. For contest rules and entry form, visit [www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/studentart/](http://www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/studentart/).



## JWA Community Focus Space Solo-Style Exhibition

John Wayne Airport invites Orange County-related visual artists to help elevate the overall airport guest experience by applying for solo-style exhibition slots in the **Community Focus Space** program's monthly exhibition calendar opening December 17, 2020.

Each exhibition is about 30 days in duration and is accessible to all passengers and guests for public viewing. CFS exhibition display cases are located on

the Departure (upper) Level near security screening areas in Terminals A, B, C (pre-security) and the Arrival (lower) Level adjacent to Baggage Carousels 1 and 4 in the Thomas F. Riley Terminal.

Artist applications must be received by JWA no later than 4 p.m. November 15, 2019. Application instructions and guidelines are available online at [www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/](http://www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits/).

# JWA Call for Artists

John Wayne Airport - Community Focus Space Program  
Orange County-related visual artists are encouraged to apply.  
Details and application: [www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits](http://www.ocair.com/terminal/artexhibits)

Submittal Deadline: 4 p.m., November 15, 2019





## World Rabies Day Event Also Prepares Pets for Disasters

On September 3, the County of Orange Rabies Control Program administered by OC Animal Care staff held its fifth annual Rabies Awareness Event. This event is held each year in observance of World Rabies Day, which helps increase community awareness of the disease and its prevention. World Rabies Day is observed on September 28th of each year. While rabies is a 100 percent preventable disease, nearly 60,000 people die from it around the world each year. OC Animal Care has joined Global Alliance for Rabies Control in their Zero by 30 campaign, which aims to end human deaths from dog rabies around the world by 2030.

OC Animal Care would like to thank Noble Friends Foundation for providing the funding necessary to make this event a success. With their assistance, 59 dogs and cats received free or discounted rabies vaccinations. In addition to providing rabies vaccinations, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control was in attendance to help educate attendees on the importance of mosquito abatement. Since the month of September is also National Preparedness Month, OC Animal Care provided emergency preparedness information for pets, including pet evacuation kit handouts, watertight “go-bags,”



Rabies Day Event 2019: OC Animal Care's fifth annual Rabies Awareness Event saw 59 dogs and cats received free or discounted rabies vaccinations.

and collapsible bowls to help pet owners start the planning process.

While the United States generally no longer experiences some of the challenges other countries do with respect to rabies control, it's important for the community to know that rabies is still found in in wildlife, particularly bats. To date in 2019, there have been nine rabid bats found in Orange County. If you encounter a wild animal that appears to be ill or acting abnormally, please contact your local animal control agency for assistance.

## 128 Pets Find Forever Homes at Adoption Event

OC Animal Care hosted its Fall for a Friend adoption event sponsored by Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Fourth District. On September 21st attendees had the opportunity to come down to the shelter and adopt an animal for free, not including licensing or microchip. Adopters waiting in line for the shelter to open their doors were welcomed with delicious donuts and a meet and greet with Supervisor Chaffee who said words of gratitude and appreciation to guests waiting to find their new furry friend.

The event was a huge success and 128 animals (84 cats, 36 dogs, five exotics and three rabbits) found loving homes. Attendees visited booths hosted by staff from Supervisor Chaffee's office and Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner's office. The OC District Attorney's office, OC Sheriff's Department, OC Mosquito and Vector Control, and Teens 4 Training were among the other vendors present. OC Animal Care volunteers also hosted a bake sale table, free pet tag and spinning wheel booth. Guests also had the opportunity to cool down with a sweet treat from the Kona Ice Truck of Central Tustin.



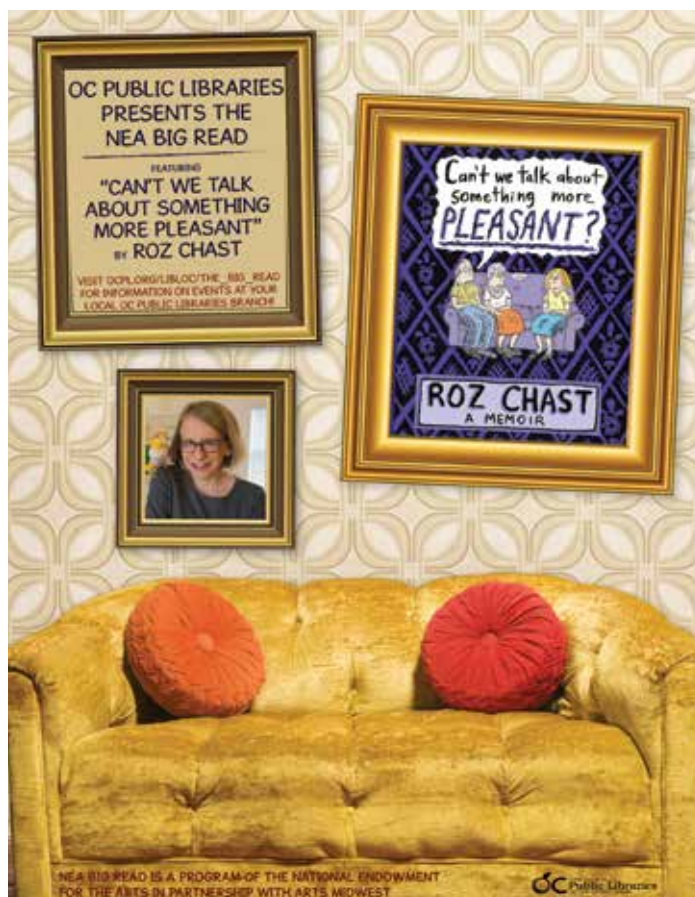
Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Fourth District, shows some kittens love before the doors open at OC Animal Care.

## OC Big Read

OC Public Libraries is excited to announce the upcoming The Big Read on February 6, 2020: “Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant” by Roz Chast.

Roz is best known for her cartoons in the New Yorker. Her graphic novel “Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant” is a humorous and poignant look at her parents’ aging process and the experience of being their caregiver. If you’ve ever been in the same situation or know someone who is, you’ll know how universal her story is. The book is funny, honest and very special.

OC Public Libraries will be hosting various programs through our branches, all leading up to a visit by Roz on February 6, 2020. To find out about all the activities surrounding The Big Read, visit [www.ocpl.org/libloc/the\\_big\\_read](http://www.ocpl.org/libloc/the_big_read).



# OC WASTE & RECYCLING

## Check out OCWR's New Recycling Tool

How good of a recycler do you think you are? Do you anguish over what to do with this or that item that you no longer want or need? Now you can test yourself using OC Waste & Recycling’s new online tool, [OCRecycleGuide.com](http://OCRecycleGuide.com), designed to help all of us Recycle Right.

The OC Recycle Guide website’s design is simple and easy to use. It gives you a search bar that allows you to type in what you want to get rid of and then takes you to a page with detailed information on where the item can be recycled. The “Quick Links” feature is a great way to find out who your city recycling contact is or to get more information on local waste haulers. There’s also an A-Z list of recycling options for Orange County residents.

For more tips on waste management and recycling, follow OCWR on social media [@OCWaste](https://twitter.com/OCWaste).





## ***SSA Helps Strike Out Slavery at Annual Event***

The Social Services Agency (SSA) joined department and community partners, as well as nonprofits to help raise awareness about human trafficking in Orange County and around the world at the Strike Out Slavery event at Angel Stadium on September 14.

Agency representatives discussed the commercial exploitation of children (CSEC) and the need for resource families to help care for CSEC youth. SSA's Nicole Strattman, CSEC Coordinator, and SSSS Lisa Delamater staffed the SSA table at the event's Family Festival resource fair to help educate the more than 10,000 fans who attended the pre-game event.

Strike Out Slavery was founded in 2017 by Los Angeles Angels player Albert Pujols and his wife, Deidre. The event was created after the couple learned that modern-day slavery is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, generating \$150 billion USD annually. The Pujolses' believed that if Major League Baseball teams, players and fans joined them, Strike Out Slavery could spread awareness about modern-day slavery and help a



*The Social Services Agency's Nicole Strattman, CSEC Coordinator, and SSSS Lisa Delamater staffed the SSA table at the event's Family Festival resource fair to help educate the more than 10,000 fans who attended the Strike Out Slavery event.*

global network of nonprofit organizations rally against it.

The inaugural Strike Out Slavery was held as a single event at Angel Stadium in September 2017, and has since expanded beyond Angels baseball to events with the New York Mets and Kansas City Royals, with the hope of reaching legions of baseball fans across the nation.

## ***SSA Wraps up Summer Program for Teens***

The Social Services Agency wrapped up another successful summer of the Teen Volunteer Work Experience Program. The six-week program provided participating teens and young adults from the community with valuable work experience, helping them develop their skills in a professional office environment. Thanks to the coordination by SSA's Volunteer & Outreach Services team and the support from 21 different SSA programs, 37 eager-to-learn teens and young adults received the opportunity to showcase their talents while learning new skills, improving their interpersonal skills and experiencing the inner workings of a professional office environment. The volunteers ranging from 16-19 years old contributed a total of over 1,900 hours of service to SSA. Many participating teens expressed their appreciation for SSA in providing real world work experience that will have a lasting impact on their career development. Similarly, each participating SSA program lead expressed their excitement in hosting the volunteers and how gratifying it was to be a part of the teens' learning experience.



*Teen Volunteer Work Experience participants Kenya Avila, Yvette Cervantes, James Lopez, Jen Lin and Rita Torres pose at the Social Services Agency headquarters.*

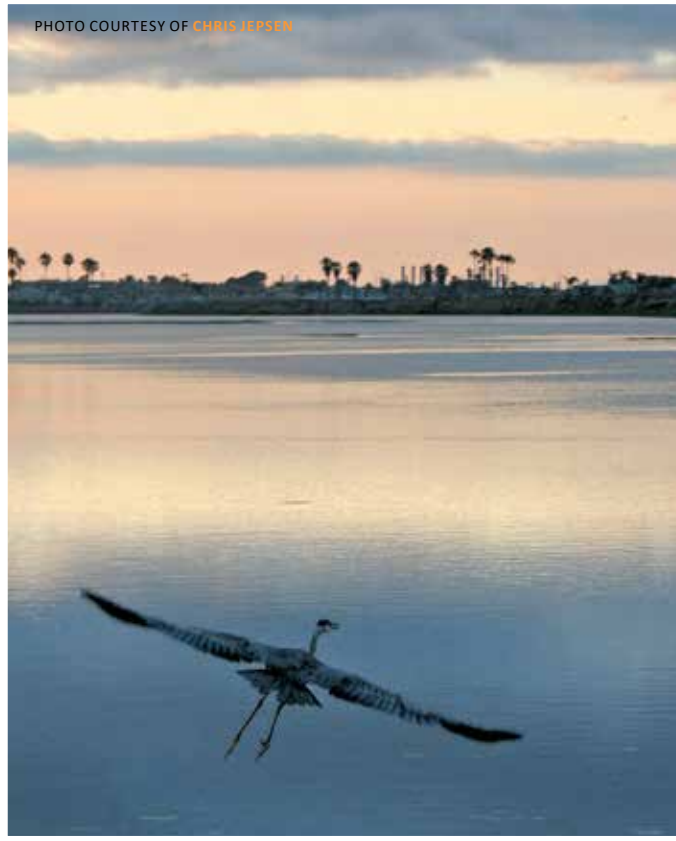


*Volunteer Ethan Lin poses with Accounting Office Supervisor II Raj Chellani.*

# OC HISTORY

**BOLSA CHICA: OIL, WAR AND ECOLOGY**

*by Chris Jepsen*



*A bird flies over the Bolsa Chica wetlands at high tide in 2016. Local groups work to preserve the ecological habitat.*



*The Lower Bolsa Chica marsh was covered in oil fields, circa the 1970s.*



*A trail through the Bolsa Chica Ecological Preserve, 2012.*

**[Continued from [last month's column...](#)]**

When the Huntington Beach oil boom struck in 1920, the exclusive Bolsa Chica Gun Club cut a deal with Standard Oil to allow drilling in the Bolsa Chica wetlands. But actual drilling didn't begin until 1940. The U.S. entered World War II shortly after, and the accompanying steel shortage meant that the tall derricks seen in other Huntington Beach fields couldn't be built. A portable derrick was used for the drilling and smaller pumps did the work from that point on. While drilling discouraged residential development in the area, Standard's network of raised access roads greatly changed the flow of water in and out of various parts of the marsh. Thus oil was both a blessing and a curse for the natural habitat at Bolsa Chica.

In 1970, the heirs of the original Gun Club members sold the land to Signal Oil outright. Oil wells can still be seen, heard and smelled doing their jobs today. In other places, old pipelines, access roads and other oil infrastructure can still be found.

Under threat of a Japanese attack on the West Coast in 1942, the U.S. military acquired more than 600 acres from the Gun Club and created a defense battery at Bolsa Chica. This was the southernmost battery of Fort MacArthur. They constructed bunkers, tunnels, trenches, water towers and other support structures, and they took over the club's lodge as their headquarters. "Panama gun mounts" for large gun turrets were built on the edge of the lower mesa, but the concrete proved to be of insufficient quality and freestanding guns were placed farther back from the coastline. The Panama mounts can still be seen.

This was part of a network of shore defenses that stretched up and down the coast, with the primary purpose of defending the harbors at Long Beach and San Pedro. The installation at Bolsa Chica also needed to protect the vital oil fields throughout the Huntington Beach area.

The larger bunker, near the join of the upper and lower mesas, was demolished in 1995 after many decades of local kids sneaking in to explore or to practice their skills with



spray paint.

The smaller underground “spotting and plotting” bunker — which served as the nerve center for radar and targeting — still exists but is closed off from public access.

Unrelated to the Bolsa Chica installation, the military also kept watch for enemy submarines from the Huntington Beach Pier and ran equestrian patrols up and down the strand. The mounted patrols were based out of a small building at the end of Warner Avenue, which included a small watch tower and a corral. This building, now a private home, still stands. It’s easily spotted because it leans heavily to one side thanks to the prevailing winds.

Longtime Bolsa Chica Gun Club caretaker Harry Okuda had lost his job in 1935 due to an injury, but the Okuda family used what they’d learned about raising chickens at the club to start their own farm near Brookhurst Street and today’s 22 Freeway. The farm was finally operating in the black when federal agents came to take their family — along with thousands of other local Japanese-Americans — to the Poston Arizona Relocation Center. The family turned the farm over to their chicken feed supplier, and the Okudas, unlike many interned families, were able to regain their property after the war.

Meanwhile, back at the marsh, the military returned their defensive outpost to the Bolsa Chica Gun Club, but the club soon closed due to waning interest.

After World War II, Orange County grew rapidly. The population more than tripled between 1950 and 1960, reaching 700,000 — a number which more than doubled just a decade later. Huntington Beach was adding at least 10,000 new residents each year and many of them brought by good jobs in the aerospace industry.

Along with people came the need for infrastructure. A parcel of private land on Bolsa Chica’s upper mesa served as a storage yard for new telephone poles: Stan’s Pole Yard. Short retaining walls made out of the poles can still be seen there. Below the pole yard was Smokey’s Stables, where many Huntington Beach kids learned to ride during the latter half of the 20th Century.

Bolsa Chica State Beach, just across Pacific Coast Highway from the wetlands, was dedicated in 1960. Up until then, this three-mile stretch had been a sort of no-man’s-land, long known as Tin Can Beach or Beer Can Beach in honor of it being covered in trash. The state of California managed to clean the place up, and it’s now often one of Orange County’s cleanest beaches.

In 1967, there was a major but short-lived plan to build the Bolsa Island Nuclear Power and Desalting Plant on a man-made island to be placed two-thirds of a mile offshore from Bolsa Chica. Construction contracts were signed, but the plans hadn’t considered the added costs of shielding the operation against a major earthquake on the Newport-Inglewood fault. The plant, as planned, would have sat directly atop that major fault. Once that fact (and the impact of inflation) came to light, the construction costs

nearly doubled overnight and the plan died.

In the 1960s, developer Signal Landmark bought most of the property we now call Bolsa Chica with plans to build a huge housing development and a large marina. In 1970, they set aside a Bolsa Chica ecological reserve: 300 hundred acres along Pacific Coast Highway. Shortly after the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women banded together in 1976 to create a third organization, Amigos de Bolsa Chica, dedicated to preserving even more of the wetlands. The reserve would grow.

Signal Landmark changed its name to Hearthside Homes (a division of the Koll Real Estate Group) and as decades of conflict with the Amigos ensued, the footprint of their proposed development became smaller.

Over time, some felt that the uplands as well as the wetlands should be saved, and in 1992 another environmental group, the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, was formed to expand the battle onto the mesas.

In 1997, the State finally purchased 880 acres of the developer’s property, which they began restoring in 2004. And in 2000, the California Coastal Commission determined that development must be limited to the upper mesa, as the lower mesa’s habitat was especially important.

In 2002, voters passed Proposition 50, a water bond measure that included some interesting riders. Because of language buried in the proposition, the State was obliged to purchase 118 acres of the lower mesa, which occurred in 2005. This left Hearthside free to develop 379 homes on the upper mesa. This development project began in 2006 and continued until recently.

Meanwhile, a new inlet to the sea was constructed in 2006 to reopen the wetlands to direct tidal flow for the first time since the Bolsa Chica Gun Club dammed things up 107 years earlier.

The wildlife that once fed the indigenous people and sport hunters is now valued and protected within the Bolsa Chica Ecological Preserve, as designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

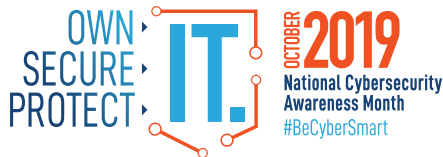
Today, a walk through Bolsa Chica’s many miles of trails is not only a way to appreciate nature — it’s also a great way to see first-hand evidence of an impressive span of California history. From village sites to gun clubs to farming to oil to military defenses to remnants of the post-war boom and the modern battle to preserve habitat, Bolsa Chica lets anyone be an amateur archaeologist without ever turning a shovel.

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## CONNECT WITH CONFIDENCE

### HELPFUL HINTS TO KEEP YOU CYBER SAFE



The National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) is an annual campaign that is observed during the month of October to raise awareness on how cybersecurity plays in the lives of U.S. citizens. NCSAM was created in 2004 as a collaborative effort between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Cyber Security Alliance, a non-profit organization. The campaign is to increase our understanding of cyber threats and ensure that every citizen has the resources needed to stay safe and secure online.

This is the County's second year to participate in promoting NCSAM. We join organization nationwide to promote personal accountability and proactive behavior in digital privacy, security best practices, common cyber threats and cybersecurity careers. One of the key elements in cybersecurity is training its users. The County has mandatory annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training (CSAT), which was launch over two months ago. It's important for all users to complete their CSAT and gain valuable information to be cyber safe in today's digital world.

The NCSAM 2019 theme is "Own IT. Secure IT. Protect IT." In the month of October, you will receive the following cybersecurity awareness emails:

### OWN IT.

WEEK 1: OWN IT – Online Privacy – Online activities require you to provide personally identifiable information (PII) so be cybersmart when sharing to reduce the risk of being a victim.

### SECURE IT.

WEEK 2: SECURE IT – How to Guide MFA? – Applying security controls such as two-factor authentication to verify your personal accounts.

### PROTECT IT.

WEEK 3: PROTECT IT – 5 Steps Protecting Your Digital Home – The latest digital home devices can be controlled on our smartphones for convenience and safety, but what are the security risks?

#### WEEK 4: Scavenger Hunt

Test Your Cybersecurity Knowledge – Answers all the questions correctly to enter an opportunity drawing for some prizes. The answers can be found on County newsletters, websites, and past and current cybersecurity articles.



**Lead can be in dust and dirt.**  
**El plomo puede estar en el**  
**polvo y la tierra.**



**Wash your child's hands often.**  
**Lave las manos de su hijo**  
**frecuentemente.**

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# SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## *Prepare for Earthquakes, Fires and Halloween*

### **2019 CALIFORNIA GREAT SHAKEOUT**

Millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:17 a.m. October 17 during the **Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills**. Participating is a great way for you and your family to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes — wherever you live, work or travel.

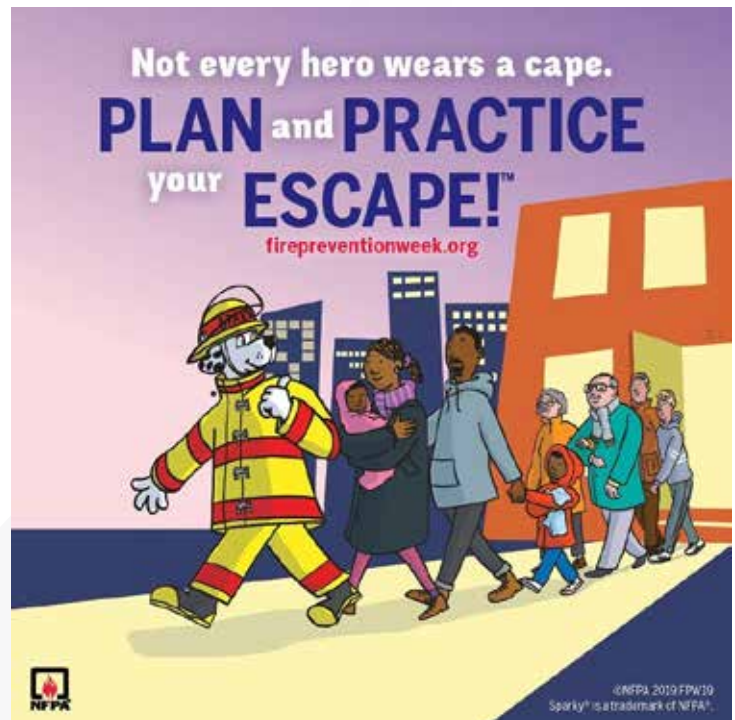
### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6 - 12**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12. This year’s campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have a life-saving impact.

In 2017, on average, a fire department responded to a fire every 24 seconds in the United States, according to the National Fire Protection Association. A structure fire occurred every 63 seconds, a home fire occurred every 88 seconds, and an outside property fire occurred every 51 seconds. Fires occurred in highway-type vehicles every three minutes and eight seconds

#### **What you can do at home:**

- Create and execute a fire escape route
- Have periodic, unexpected fire drills
- Locate all of your home’s fire extinguishers
- Purchase a fireproof safe
- Put together an emergency supply kit including food, clothing, water and safety supplies







## Halloween Safety Tips

Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children and adults, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties and eat yummy treats. But we must always remember there is a fine line between Halloween fun and safety concerns, especially when it comes to road and pedestrian safety. As children dart across dark streets with their minds more on candy than on cars, they are twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on other nights of the year. In 2017, October ranked second in motor vehicle deaths by month with 3,700. July is first with 3,830. Here are some tips to keep your family safe this Halloween!

### PUMPKIN CARVING

- Young children can decorate with markers, glitter glue or paint. Leave any carving to adults.
- Use candles with care – place candlelit pumpkins on a sturdy surface away from curtains and other flammable objects. Never leave candlelit pumpkins unattended.
- Use battery-operated flameless candles or glow sticks instead.

### COSTUMES

- Brighter is better – choose bright colors and flame-retardant materials. Attach reflective tape to the costume or treat bag.
- Make sure the costume is not too long to cause tripping.
- Skip the mask – a mask can obstruct your child's vision, especially if it slips out of place. Use make-up instead.
- Limit accessories – pointed props such as wands, swords and knives could pose a safety hazard.



### TRICK OR TREAT

- Set ground rules – plan and discuss a familiar route and set a curfew for older kids.
- Accompany trick-or-treaters younger than 12 and encourage older kids to go in a group.
- Make sure someone in the group has a flashlight.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car.
- Put down electronic devices, keep heads up and walk - don't run - across the street.
- Use the crosswalk.

### CANDY

- Wait until you get home to eat any of the candy.
- Do not eat anything that is not commercially wrapped.
- Inspect wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers.
- Throw away anything that look suspicious.
- Food allergies – check the label to ensure an allergen isn't present.
- Choking hazard – if you have a young child, be sure to remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.

### MOTORIST

- Do not use your cell phone while driving.
- Pay extra attention for children in dark costumes crossing the street.
- Be careful pulling out of driveways and alleys.
- Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick-or-treat areas.

# SERVICE AWARDS - October 2019

Recognizing our long-serving employees and their years of dedication to the County of Orange

## 35 YEARS

### SHERIFF-CORONER

THOMAS, JOYCE F

### SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

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MENDEZ, DIANA

## 30 YEARS

### ASSESSOR

GAYDEN, ERIC D

### HEALTH CARE AGENCY

AGUILERA, CRAIG S  
GHAJAR, MINOO

### OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

GANNAWAY, JOHN D

### OC PUBLIC WORKS

DEVOLDER FERNANDEZ,  
SONIA R

### OC WASTE & RECYCLING

RODRIGUEZ, JESUS H

### PROBATION

NAZAAR, ARMOND S

### SHERIFF-CORONER

DAVIS SALAZAR, LESLEE M  
HOSKINS, JOSEPH D  
KISOW, EDWARD R  
LOZADA, CHRISTINA  
NAVARRO, KEVIN C  
SONGER, JACK S

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BENAVIDES, MONIQUE R  
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CORTEZ, REGINA L  
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GARCIA, ANA R  
MURESAN, TATIANA V  
NGUYEN, DENISE  
REYES, ANGELA T  
ROMERO, MARTHA  
RUELAS, MONIQUE R  
SANCHEZ, EVETTE  
STAMAS, MONIQUE  
THAM, YENETTE

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PHAM, VICTORIA V  
TU, JENNY

### HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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CHEN, TINA

### OC PUBLIC WORKS

YOUNG, LUCILLE M

### PROBATION

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GRAHAM, TODD J  
HANER, DAVID P

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EVANS, RICHARD S  
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HAYS, CHRISTIAN W  
KENNEDY, LAURIE A  
LEE, DAVID P  
MOREE, RICHARD C  
O'NEIL, BUFFY M  
OSTASH, SCOTT C  
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RAUCH, MAURY L  
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ROBERTS, JERMAINE A  
VILLALPANDO, ANGELICA E  
WHITEHURST, DANIEL W

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### JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

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GARDNER, ROBERT M  
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NAJERA, FERNANDO  
PHUNG, ANNIE T  
VELASQUEZ, ROSEMARY  
WETTERHOLM, MARILYN F

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



# CAREER PAGES

**AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES  
AT THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

See below for this month's highlighted career opportunities with the County. Please check out the County's website at [www.ocgov.com/jobs](http://www.ocgov.com/jobs) for details on all current opportunities or follow us on social media.



*Dates included below refer to closing deadlines as of publication date. Please refer to the job announcement for specific details.*

## OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

*Don't miss these career opportunities*

### OPEN NOW

IT Business Analyst II/I - ASAP	Plumber - ASAP
Forensic Scientist I - ASAP	Project Manager (Administrative Manager II) - ASAP
Director of Member Services – ASAP	Research Analyst III (Behavioral Health Services) - ASAP
Supervising Procurement Contract Specialist - ASAP	Deputy District Attorney I, II, III – ASAP
Housing Specialist III – 10/15/19	IT Systems Engineer II - ASAP
Sheriff Facilities Maintenance Specialist I – ASAP	Supervising Public Health Nurse II - ASAP
Data Entry Technician/Extra Help – ASAP	Air Conditioning Mechanic- ASAP
Comprehensive Care Nurse I - Correctional Health Services – ASAP	OC Parks Deputy Director – 10/20/19
Human Resources Assistant/Administrative Specialist-Extra Help – ASAP	Sr. Communications Tech (Sound, Video Security Unit) - ASAP
Sheriff's Records Trainee - ASAP	IT Database Administrator II - ASAP
Senior Civil Engineer - ASAP	IT Applications Developer II – IRIS - ASAP
Airport Access/Noise Specialist I - ASAP	Sr. IT Business Analyst - ASAP
Administrative Manager II - ASAP	Fleet Maintenance Manager - ASAP
Executive Director of the Office of Independent Review - 11/01/19	Warehouse/Election Worker-Extra Help) - ASAP
Supervising Public Health Nutritionist - ASAP	

### PROMOTIONAL

Senior Child Support Specialist – 10/14/19	Sr. Sheriff's Records Technician - ASAP
Estate Administration Specialist II - ASAP	Agricultural/Standards Inspector - ASAP

**Be sure to check the website often for any career opportunities that may be listed!**

# EVENTS CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2019

Check out these County events scheduled for October and for details on these and other events, visit the [OC Events](#) Calendar online!

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	End the Epidemics Town Hall <i>Health Care Agency</i>	End the Epidemics Town Hall <i>Health Care Agency</i>
20	Mental Health Steering Committee <i>Health Care Agency</i>	22	Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board <i>Health Care Agency</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# SHANNON SANTISTEVAN

*Office Specialist - OC Public Works*

"I actually walk around Great Park pretty often but I decided to wake up a little early and try and catch the sunrise. I didn't realize how foggy it was that day but while I was walking back to my car, I saw the pathway and stairs and just how the sunlight was sneaking through the fog at the right time and it just was something I had to stop and remember. It was just really quiet and peaceful at the time."

SUBMIT PHOTOS TO [TRAVIS.LARIVIERE@OCGOV.COM](mailto:TRAVIS.LARIVIERE@OCGOV.COM)

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