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Car Show revs up



Photos by Loreen Berlin

The Brekkie Car Show was held at Rodeo39 Village Center at the corner of Beach and Garden Grove boulevards in Stanton over the weekend. Can you name these cars? For more photos, see page 4.



OPEN AGAIN!

MAIN STREET GARDEN GROVE

Our fun Elvis-themed restaurant serves Awesome Mexican Food!
Great Food & Atmosphere for the Whole Family!

Annual berry festival squashed for safety reasons

Organizers hope to resume GG Strawberry Festival in 2022

Patrick “Pat” Catlin, president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association announced earlier this week that the 2021 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be postponed for this year.

Catlin issued a statement earlier this week:

“In the interest of public safety, due to the ongoing world-wide pandemic created by the Corona-virus COVID-19, it is with great regret that the board of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association has made a decision to postpone this year’s 2021 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival,

which was slated to take place in Garden Grove on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-31, 2021.

We are living in unprecedented times right now, and as a result of the continuing pandemic, our board has made the difficult decision to postpone both the 2020 Festival and the 2021 Festival. This has never happened before in the history of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, which began back in 1958. As an organization, we must remain mindful of the Strawberry Festival’s financial solvency, so we are fis-



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GG cop dies of COVID

Lt. John Reynolds had a special place in his heart for youngsters

From GGPD

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Lt. John Reynolds from COVID-19 complications.

Lt. Reynolds was 59-years-old, and passed away early in the morning at the hospital. John had been valiantly fighting the virus since the end of November.

Lt. John Reynolds has been employed with the Garden Grove Police Department for over 25 years. Prior to joining the Garden Grove Police Department, he was a probation officer with the Orange County Probation Department for nine years. John was a dedicated public servant who loved his career and loved serving his community.

John had a very successful career working a variety of assignments. Some of John’s assignments included working patrol, gang officer, SWAT,



Courtesy photo

Lt. John Reynolds.

undercover investigator, and sergeant assigned to the Youth Services Unit. John was promoted to lieutenant in 2018 and was assigned as a Watch Commander.

John loved serving the youth of our community. He served as an executive board member and past president of the Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club and he was an active volunteer with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove. Some of his many awards included being named Officer of the Year in 2005 and

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Ongoing

Gardening delights
California Organic Garden-
ing Club would like to invite
anyone interested in the meth-
ods of growing plants organi-
cally to join the club. The club
holds meetings on the second
Wednesday of the month at 7
p.m. at the Women's Civic Club
of Garden Grove, 9501 Chap-
man Ave. in Garden Grove. For
information on the club, visit
<https://calorganic.org> or visit the
club's Facebook page.

Overachievers, check this out
Achievers Club 9331 is hosting
communication and leadership
meetings featuring professional
speakers at the Crystal Ca-
thedral Tower of Hope, 12141
Lewis St. Meetings will be held
every Thursday except during
Thanksgiving, Christmas, and
New Year's holiday weeks. For
more information, call Barbara
Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-
mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's
Governmental Affairs Commit-
tee meets the second Friday of
the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at
the Community Meeting Center,
11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden
Grove. For more information, call
the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support
The Grief Share Support Group
is for mothers who have lost
children of every age. The group
meets Thursday evenings at
12831 Olive St., Garden Grove.
For more information, call 714-
892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of
Orange County hosts a support
group to provide an opportunity
to meet other caregivers and
families, share experiences and
exchange ideas. These meet-
ings are free and open to all
caregivers and family members
of individuals with dementia.
All groups listed are in compli-
ance with chapter and national
standards. This is a faith-based
meeting and may include prayer
or pastoral speaker, and will
take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays
at the Crystal Cathedral Arbore-
tum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden
Grove. For more information,
call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-
2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook
Dance Center for nights of
square dancing, line dancing,
round dancing (pre-choreo-
graphed social dancing) and
salsa. The Dance Center is at
12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For
more information on classes, call
Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the
summer will highlight books
about our environment and the
animals that live in rivers, oceans
and icy places. All ages are
encouraged to attend at 7 p.m.
every Tuesday at the Garden
Grove Regional Library, 11200
Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.
For more information, call 714-
530-0711.

GG Kiwanis to meet
The Kiwanis Club of Garden
Grove hosts dinner meetings
at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwan-
island, 9840 Larson Ave. Social
hour begins at 6 p.m. Call 714-
892-7267.

Join preschool storytime hour
Join the Westminster Pub-
lic Library for stories, songs,
and crafts at 10:30 a.m. each
Wednesday with your pre-
school-aged child. The West-
minster Library is at 8180 13th
St. in Westminster. Contact the

MAYOR:

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2006, recipient of the Garden
Grove Medal of Merit for his

FESTIVAL:

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cally able to present our annual
event, loved by many and for the
enjoyment of all.

"Our highest priority now is
to protect the health and wellbe-
ing of our board members, city
staff, police and fire personnel,
volunteers, vendors and the hun-
dreds of thousands of dedicated
Festival-goers who turn out an-
nually to support our event.

"Looking ahead with opti-
mism, once the vaccine for the
coronavirus has been widely
distributed to the general public,
and it's safe to return to large,
in-person gatherings, the Gar-
den Grove Strawberry Festival
Association plans to move for-
ward with the Festival, slated for
Memorial Day Weekend, May
27-30, 2022.

children's librarian, Anna, with
questions at 714-893-5057.

Cartoonist lessons offered
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun
drawing and coloring a myriad
of expressive characters while
learning how to stay on task,
follow directions, and be visually,
spatially organized. There will be
new lessons each week, even
for previous students.
The next class will be held at 5
p.m. on Tuesdays in the West-
minster Civic Center craft room,
8200 Westminster Blvd. in
Westminster.

City Hall to be shuttered
The Westminster City Hall, at
8200 Westminster Blvd., will be
closed on alternating Fridays.

City Council to meet

work with the Garden Grove
Unified School District in 2014,
and the Garden Grove Chamber
of Commerce "Man of the Year"
in 2019.

John's passing leaves a void

"Since the mission of the Gar-
den Grove Strawberry Festival
Association is to give back to
the community which we serve,
this spring, the association will
continue to donate \$2,000 to
Miss Garden Grove, and eight
\$1,000 scholarships to deserv-
ing seniors attending the eight
high schools in the Garden
Grove Unified School District,
who are pursuing further educa-
tion at colleges and universities.
Scholarship winners will be an-
nounced at that time.

"However, due to the CO-
VID-19 pandemic, the GGSFA
will be unable to award funding,
as we have in the past, to deserv-
ing non-profit organizations, ap-
plying for capital improvements
who serve residents of Garden
Grove, until our Festival is up
an running again at full capacity,
which we anticipate, will be in
May of 2022.

Anaheim City Council meetings
are held in City Hall Council
Chambers, 200 S. Anaheim
Blvd., first floor. Public session
commences at 5 p.m. the sec-
ond and fourth Tuesdays of the
month. The meetings are broad-
casted on local cable Channel
3 and can also be viewed live
online at www.anaheim.net.

Ready, young Rembrandts?
Elementary and preschool
students are eager to learn
and a joy to teach. Your young
artist will learn to draw using
our step-by-step process in this
class, held on Tuesdays at the
Westminster Civic Center craft
room, 8200 Westminster Blvd.
in Westminster. Give your child
a head start in being handwrit-
ing-ready by developing his/her
fine motor skills. There will be

and pain in our hearts. He is sur-
vived by his wife Jena, two adult
daughters, and his 18-month
old son. Please keep John and
his family in your thoughts and
prayers.

"In the meantime, we are
hopeful we might be able to of-
fer our Festival followers some
type on online engagement via
our website, [https://strawber-
ryfestival.org/](https://strawberryfestival.org/) and social media
pages during the month of May.
Please continue to monitor our
website for updates and addi-
tional information."

Additionally, the Sister City
Association of Garden Grove
has announced its 7th annual
Strawberry Stomp 5K, origi-
nally scheduled for Saturday,
May 29, 2021, will be postponed
until Saturday, May 28, 2022.
The Sister City Association of
Garden Grove is a local non-
profit organization dedicated
to furthering the knowledge
and understanding between
the people of Garden Grove
and Anyang, South Korea. For
updates about the race, please
visit www.ggsistercity.org

new lessons each week at the
preschool and elementary level.
Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15
p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4
p.m. For more information, visit
www.westminster-ca.gov.

Commission set to meet
The City of Westminster Plan-
ning Commission holds its
regular meetings on the first and
third Wednesdays of the month
in the City Council Chambers,
8200 Westminster Blvd. in
Westminster.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden
Grove meets at 12:10 p.m.
Wednesdays at The Marriott
Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and
Harbor Boulevard in Garden
Grove.

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