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**CLICK IT!**

The Garden Grove Police Department reminds everyone to always buckle up and keep children in child safety seats.

This year's Click it or Ticket campaign through June 5. During this time, the Garden Grove Police Department will have additional officers on patrol actively looking for drivers and passengers who are not wearing a seat belt. This includes vehicles where children are not secured in child safety seats.

"Wearing a seat belt should be an automatic for all drivers and passengers," Police Chief Tom DaRe said. "It's the safe thing to do, especially when it comes to securing children in child safety seats."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10,809 people killed in crashes throughout the country in 2020 were not wearing seat belts. In California, 756 people killed in crashes in 2020 were not wearing seat belts, or nearly 20 percent of all traffic deaths in the state.

California law requires a child to be secured in a safety or booster seat until they are at least 9 or at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Children under the age of 2 must ride in a rear-facing seat unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall.

California has a primary seat belt law which allows law enforcement officers to ticket someone for not wearing a seat belt without committing another traffic violation.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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## A FANTASTIC festival!



Photos by Loren Berlin

The Cos family attended the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade for the first time on Saturday. Shown here are parents Michael and Stephanie with Claudia, 2, and Lucas, 4.

### Annual event returns after two-year hiatus

By Loren Berlin

Garden Grove's Village Green Park on Main and Euclid streets was bustling with local residents and visitors from afar enjoying all kinds of activities over Memorial Day weekend.

There was the 70-foot, tiered strawberry shortcake (along with sheet cakes) cut and served to those attending Friday evening, followed by the Saturday-morning parade along Euclid Street, with spectators galore.

It was a friendly group. One lady said she was wondering if she should go get in line to get her shortcake before the parade started, while her friend said she was there for the tasty hot dogs.

One family with children ages 2 and 4 shared a Nemo bubble-making machine, pretending they were swimming underwater.

The festival's non-profit food booths are said to average between \$2,500 to \$55,000 for their organizations. Ringing up high

sales was Job's Daughters Bethel 211 and the Greater Garden Grove Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis Club members served funnel cakes and the Garden Grove High School Band Booster Club offered glazed strawberries over cheesecake and/or crepes, along with strawberry smoothies.

Before the parade began, there was the annual VIP Pancake Breakfast for celebrities, elected officials and essential workers.

Celebrity Grand Marshal Kathy Garver, best known as Cissy in the 1960s TV show "Family Affair," rode in the parade and later signed autographs.

Garden Grove Police Chief Tom DaRe was the theme grand marshal.

Thursday was Special Kid's Day. About 2,000 special-needs children enjoyed rides before having lunch and receiving gifts compliments of the Strawberry Festival, which is run the Festival Association.

There were rides, games, contests and, of course, food,



A Garden Grove and Riverside friend reunite over Strawberry Shortcake at the 62nd annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival at Village Green Park on Saturday.



The Orange County Fire Department participated in the Strawberry Festival Parade on Saturday.

and a wide assortment of vendor booths. In the parade, along with the celebrities, were equestrians, high school marching bands and some vintage Jaguar cars, which included Steve McQueen's XKSS Jaguar; thanks to the Jaguar Club of California and Petersen Automotive Museum.

The event always goes through Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 - a four-day festival.

The festival has always been a charitable event benefiting local organizations and over the past 50-years, more-than \$4.5 million has been donated to hundreds of non-profits.

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## Students celebrate award



Courtesy photo

Alamos Intermediata School's Club Live was recognized with a Chapter Excellence Award at the Orange County Friday Night Live Partnership Chapter Recognition Event May 13 at the Orange County Department of Education. Club Live helped students lead drug and alcohol prevention campaigns and provide opportunities for students to develop leadership skills. "We know that the student voice is the most powerful platform to influence other students into making healthy decisions," said Board of Education Trustee Teri Rocco. "We're very proud of Alamos students for taking a stand about these important topics." Club Live is run by five student leaders and about 20 students participated in chapter meetings each week. In addition to Rad Ribbon Week, students promoted awareness about substance abuse prevention at a variety of school events including concerts, mental health activities, and cultural celebrations. Here, Alamos students celebrate their award.

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