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Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. Please share it with any of your friends who might be interested in the county and what we can do to be helpful.

February has already been a busy month. With Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Saint Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, and Black History Month celebrations all within a week of each other, we've had a lot to celebrate so far this month!

I've also had the pleasure of speaking to the Orange Park Acres community at their annual meeting and to my County Commission appointees about the accomplishments of my office over the past year.

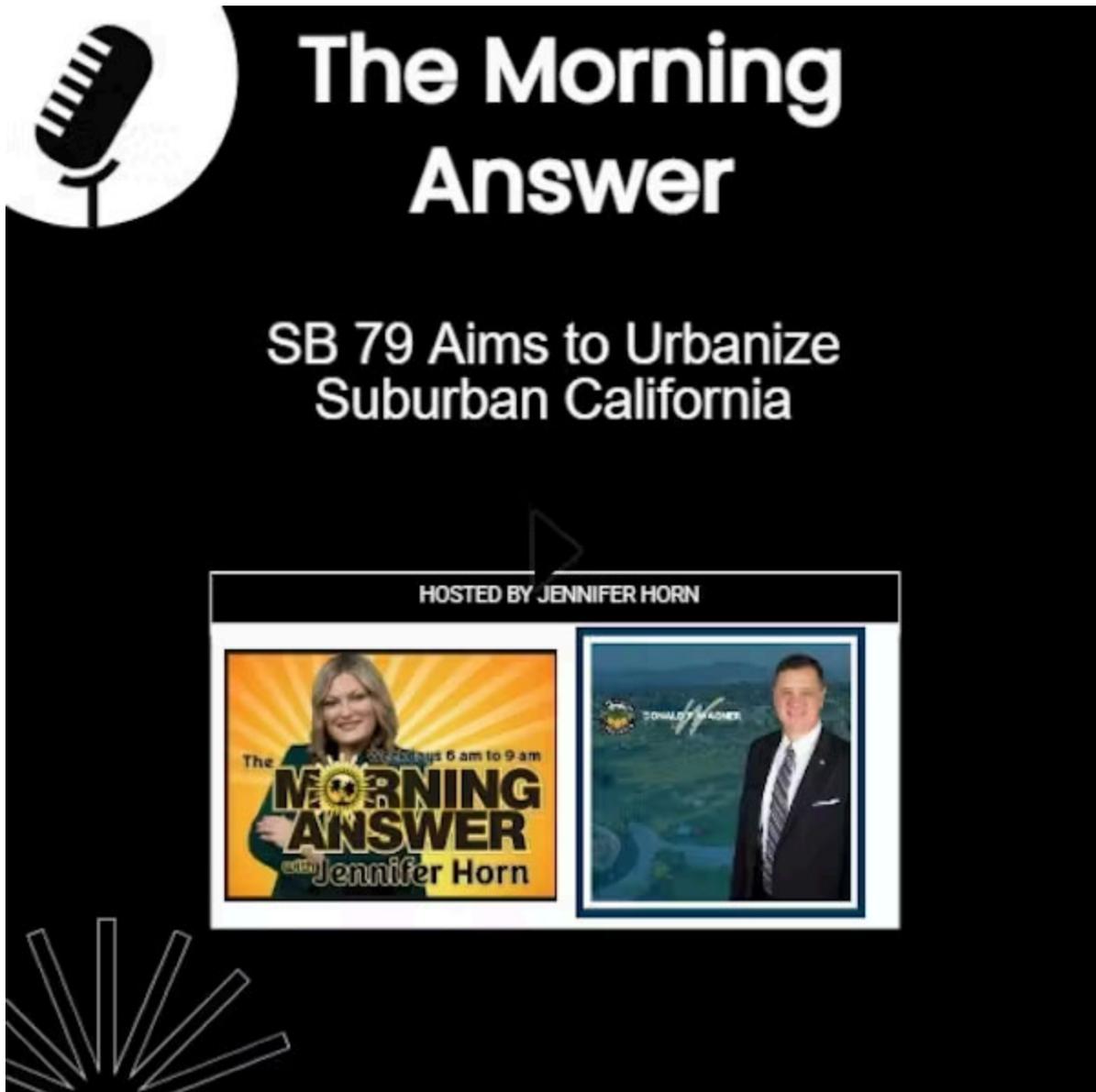
My office also co-hosted a career fair in Lake Forest with more than 70 employers being represented and incredible turnout from job seekers. We always look

forward to helping support our local economy by facilitating a space for local businesses and job seekers to connect.

It's been a productive month.

IN THE NEWS

THE MORNING ANSWER



The graphic is a promotional poster for a radio segment. At the top left is a white microphone icon on a black background. To its right, the title 'The Morning Answer' is written in large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below the title, the topic 'SB 79 Aims to Urbanize Suburban California' is written in a smaller white font. A white arrow points from the text down to a white-bordered box. Inside this box, at the top, it says 'HOSTED BY JENNIFER HORN'. Below this are two smaller images: on the left, a promotional photo of Jennifer Horn with the show's logo and '6 am to 9 am' text; on the right, a portrait of Senator Scott Wiener with his name and 'SENATOR' title overlaid.

I joined Jennifer Horn on The Morning Answer to discuss Senator Scott Wiener's SB 79, which will force high-rise apartment buildings upon single family neighborhoods.

You can listen to the full interview [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERIFF
BARNES ON RECEIVING SANDRA S.
HUTCHINS SHERIFF OF THE YEAR
AWARD





A big congratulations to our very own Sheriff Don Barnes on receiving the Major County Sheriffs of America's Sandra S. Hutchins Sheriff of the Year Award!

Named after our own late Sheriff Sandra Hutchins, whose leadership lives on through this award, this honor is bestowed upon a member sheriff who is nominated and selected by their fellow colleagues.

This award is well deserved, as through Sheriff Barnes' leadership, Orange County has continued to remain safe due to his commitment to innovative public safety strategies in a constantly changing environment, and no-nonsense attitude towards crime.

Congratulations Sheriff Barnes!

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



At last Tuesday's Board meeting, we recognized Black History Month, honoring the legacy of the African American community.

Happy Black History Month!

LUNAR NEW YEAR



At last Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board recognized February 17th as Lunar New Year.

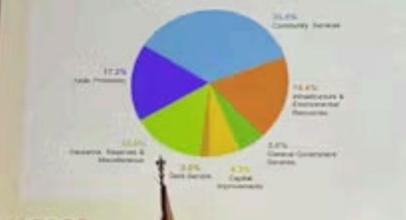
Wishing all of our Orange County residents a very happy Lunar New Year!

IN THE COMMUNITY

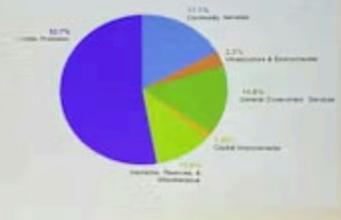
ORANGE PARK ACRES ANNUAL MEETING

County Budget

Total County Appropriations by Program
FY 2023-2024 Total = \$10.8 Billion



General Fund Net County Cost (NCC) by Program
FY 2023-2024 Total = \$1.2 Billion



Orange County Animal Rescue Team

- At the December 16th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board unanimously approved the allocation of \$75,000 from my office's discretionary funds to El Rodao Rescue. This grant funds the new Orange County Animal Rescue Team (OCART). Under the Plan of Cooperation between the County of Orange and OCART, trained volunteers will be deployed to evacuate large animals during emergencies.
- In late 2023, the San Juan Capistrano Large Animal Rescue Team stopped providing resources countywide, creating a gap in a vital service for large animal evacuations. Over the past several months, my office has worked closely with the Orange County equestrian community to establish a County-supported program with dedicated volunteers willing to assist during emergencies. I am delighted to offer this resource, providing owners of large animals peace of mind in the case an evacuation is ever needed.
- The funds approved will cover costs related to insurance, training supplies, a rescue trailer, volunteer equipment, and other necessary materials. OCART will be a trained volunteer team dedicated to assisting with large animals during emergencies, especially wildfires throughout Orange County.
- My top priority is the public safety of Orange County, and ensuring that the equestrian and ranching communities have a robust, well-coordinated emergency response team is essential toward strengthening and improving the County's disaster response capabilities.





I joined Orange Park Acres (OPA) for its annual meeting to update the community on the county's finances, the finalization of the Orange County Animal Response Team, and an update on the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery.

The meeting also consisted of the reelection of the OPA's Board members. Congratulations to Cindy Reina, David Clemson, and Nancy Flathers on their reelection to their third terms on the OPA Board.

My Field Representative, Pat Buttress, also presented a certificate of recognition from my office to Julie Shaw for receiving the Gary Bandy Award. The Gary Bandy Award recognizes distinguished individuals of OPA who volunteer to help the community.

A big thanks to OPA for giving me the opportunity to update the community about my office's efforts over the past year.

ANNUAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING





I hosted my annual commissioners meeting, where I updated my appointees to various county commissions on the county's finances, new road projects in Orange County, the finalization of the Orange County Animal Response Team, an update on the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery, as well as other ongoing projects to support community growth in Orange County.

Thank you to all my commissioners for all their hard work and representation on the commissions they serve on. Our work couldn't be done without you all.

SANDBAG AND WATTLE GIVEAWAY EVENT



My office recently hosted a sandbag and wattle giveaway event in the Third District to provide more resources to our residents for the upcoming rainy season.

Throughout the event, we distributed approximately 107 sandbags, and 27 wattles, all of which will go a long way in protecting properties from storm related damage.

Thank you to OC Public Works and OC Waste and Recycling for partnering with my office to provide this incredible resource.

USC NORRIS COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER'S NEW IRVINE LOCATION



My Chief of Staff, Tara Campbell, joined the Irvine Chamber of Commerce in welcoming representatives from the USC Norris Comprehensive Care Center and thanking them to choosing to open their new location in Irvine.

This is their second location in Orange County and we know the quality care they provide will transform and save lives in Irvine and all of Orange County.

LAKE FOREST CAREER FAIR



My office was proud to host a successful Career Fair focused on strengthening Orange County's workforce and supporting our local businesses. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend and for your continued investment in our community. Your participation played an important role in helping drive our local economy forward.

This Career Fair was designed to connect businesses directly with local talent, support hiring goals, and make recruitment more efficient. We were pleased to welcome more than 70 employers representing a wide range of industries. We know that attracting and retaining skilled, dependable employees is essential to success, and events like this helped create those meaningful connections.

A special thank you to the Orange County Workforce Development Board, Orange County Workforce Solutions, the City of Lake Forest, our community partners, and the dedicated staff who made the day possible.

OLD TOWNE ORANGE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY



My Field Representative, Pat Buttress, presented a certificate to Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) President Rob Boice, congratulating the organization on its 40th Anniversary.

Without OTPA Old Towne Orange would not be the destination venue it has become today.

A big thanks to OTPA for its advocacy, outreach, and volunteer efforts to maintain Old Towne's preservation and community life.

YORBA LINDA BRYANT RANCH PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT





My Field Representative, Pat Buttress, presented a certificate of recognition to the City of Yorba Linda for the completion of the Bryant Ranch Park improvement project which added a beautiful new basketball court with pickleball court overlays to the Bryant Ranch Park.

They also added shade structure to the picnic area, adding more quality-of-life amenities to the community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JOIN OUR TEAM

READY
Let us help you be more prepared
SET
Get OCART Certified!
GO
Join our team



Attend OCART Training to get certified*

OPEN TO ALL

Saturday, March 7, 2026

El Rodeo Equestrian Center
4449 Carbon Canyon Road, Brea

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch will be provided



Training will be classroom time and hands-on, please **wear your boots!**

RSVP REQUIRED FOR TRAINING:

- #1 Sign up with QR code above or email ocanimalresponseteam@gmail.com
- #2 Once you are signed up, you will receive an email with RSVP instructions



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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Bill Klovstad at billklovstad@gmail.com or (714) 321-9314
www.ocanimalresponseteam.com

* Insurance requires completion of one OCART Training class to be a certified member.

You can save a life

Come by to learn how to reverse an opioid/fentanyl overdose and receive a free box of naloxone.

Anaheim

Anaheim Alana Club
202 W. Broadway
1st & 3rd Friday
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Recovery Road, Inc.
2370 E. Orangethorpe Ave.
Monday & Thursday
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Costa Mesa

Celebrating Life Community Center
700 W. 19th St.
Monday through Friday
8:30am to 8pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Huntington Beach

Genesis New Beginnings Behavioral Health
17822 Beach Blvd., Suite 278
Monday 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Tuesday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Irvine

Celebrating Life Community Center
15875 Laguna Canyon Rd., Suite 250
Monday through Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Laguna Hills

Twin Town
24953 Paseo De Valencia
Building B, Suite 1B
Monday & Friday
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Go to Building B, take elevator on first floor to the lower level

Mission Viejo

Celebrating Life Community Center
27800 Medical Center Rd., Suite 109
Monday through Friday
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Newport Beach

FentanylSolution.org
4063 Birch St., Suite 150
Monday & Wednesday
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Located inside Whole Body Health Team

San Juan Capistrano

Mariposa Women and Family - San Juan Capistrano
29222 Rancho Viejo Rd.
Wednesday
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Santa Ana

Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center
400 W. 10th St.
Tuesday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Parking location: 844 N Birch St.

Celebrating Life Community Center
1444 S. Main St.
Monday through Friday
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

MECCA - Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies
The Village Shared Spaces
1505 E. 17th St.
Every Wednesday
4:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Call for a different day or time

Orangewood Foundation
1575 E. 17th St.
Monday & Wednesday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tustin

The Purpose of Recovery
131 N. Tustin Ave., Suite 100
Every Tuesday
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Training offered in Spanish too



Get naloxone



OC health CARE AGENCY

Be aware, be informed. Be safe.
www.FentanylIsForeverOC.org

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Search "OC Senior Resources" in the App Store or Google Play to download the app.



SCAN THE QR CODES TO DOWNLOAD THE APP




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GET IT ON **Google Play**



SEARCH BY CATEGORIES & KEYWORDS

Search the directory of services available to older adults and their families living in Orange County.



ACCESS OLDER ADULT SERVICES & RESOURCES

Easily access information related to disability services, caregiver support, employment, education, financial assistance, insurance, and more.



GET MAPS & DIRECTIONS

View what programs and facilities are located near you.

For more information, call (714) 480-6450 or visit officeonaging.ocgov.com



Daily Adoption Options

Adoption Visits

 Daily
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Scheduled Adoption Visits available for the convenience of adopters
- Walk-in Adoption Visits welcome and provided next available time slot
- To pre-schedule a visit, call 714-935-6848
- Phone line open daily from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Viewing Hours

 Daily
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- OC Animal Care is open daily for visitors to drop by to walk through
- Visitors can view ready-to-go-home dogs and cats during Viewing Hours

At OC Animal Care, we know how important it is to get to know a pet before you make the final decision to adopt. That's why one-on-one "meet-and-greets" are a critical part of the OCAC adoption process.

PET OF THE WEEK

[Meet Aster](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[CLICK FOR MORE](#)

- CITY OF ANAHEIM
- CITY OF IRVINE
- CITY OF LAKE FOREST
- CITY OF MISSION VIEJO
- CITY OF ORANGE
- CITY OF TUSTIN
- CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
- CITY OF VILLA PARK
- CITY OF YORBA LINDA
- SILVERADO MODJESKA CANYON



LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL OC RESOURCES?

AIRPAWS PROGRAM JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

OC BUDGET

CLERK-RECORDER HOURS + LOCATIONS

OC ANIMAL CARE PET OF THE WEEK

OC SHERIFF DISASTER PREP

OC JOB SEEKER SERVICES

OC RECYCLE GUIDE

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Supervisor Wagner is proud to serve approximately 630,000 residents at the Board of Supervisors in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Tustin, North Tustin, Orange, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, the Unincorporated Canyon areas.

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