

NEWSLETTER

Rancho Cienega Sports Complex Groundbreaking

On November 8, 2018 groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Rancho Cienega Sports Complex, 5001 Rodeo Road, L.A. 90016. Among the speakers were City Council President Herb Wesson, Recreation & Parks General Manager Mike Shull, Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto, and City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore**. Inspector of Public Works John Reamer gave the invocation.

This \$40 million, 50,000 square foot sports complex project will be transformative for the Rancho Cienega Park and neighboring community.

The new facility will provide the additional square footage and the recreational and community driven programming that this community deserves.

The 50,000 square feet of new construction will include an indoor gym with courts sized for collegiate and high school basketball games and a mezzanine level running track. The Celes King III indoor pool will feature tournament sized swimming lanes and enlarged shallow end to accommodate dual usage of free swim, and aqua-aerobics, and a bathhouse with family restrooms. The fitness annex accommodates a weight room, martial arts, and a dance studio. There will also be a classroom, community/multipurpose room and kitchenette.

The project will rehabilitate the existing



City Council President Herb Wesson led the groundbreaking ceremony.

Photos by Stephanie Chitica, Rec & Parks Dept.

tennis shop including the addition of new exterior facing restrooms; provide a larger parking lot, with EV charging stations, and a significant amount of bike parking; provide new landscaping; and upgrade the park's security system with new lighting and security cameras.

Moore said that the design of the project

was the result of a rigorous design competition, which included some of the best architects and landscape architects in Southern California and that BOE made sure to get the community's input to develop the building program and placement of the facility. He also noted the close partnership with Council District 10 and the Department of Recreation & Parks that enabled BOE to deliver a design that accommodates the current and future needs of the community and City departments that manage the facility.

Some of the sustainable design features - the project is designed to meet LEED Silver standards; the gym structure designed to meet Net Zero Standards [DW2] - the solar panels on the roof will generate enough electricity to completely offset the energy costs for a year; the plumbing system has been designed to reuse water from the sinks, and showers to flush the toilets - reusing "gray water" will drastically reduce the usage of clean drinking water; stormwater infiltration trenches will capture the water from the parking lot, roof surfaces, and surrounding hardscapes. The captured water will be used to irrigate the parking lot trees, and the remaining will be used to replenish the groundwater below; natural ventilation will occur in both structures due to the large vent doors designed into the front and rear facades of the building.

Funding for the project was provided by
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BOE Team, l to r: *Ohaji K. Abdallah, Ethan Wong, Alvaro Prada, Gary Lee Moore, Mahmood Karimzadeh, Andrew Lam, Gunwoo Choi, and Jose Fuentes.*

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a combination of different sources: CIEP, CDBG-HUD HCID, Prop K, Quimby, Sites & Facilities, General City Purposes, Recreation & Parks and MICLA. The design consultant was SPF: Architects and the contractor is Pinner Construction.

Kudos go to Chief Deputy City Engineer **Deborah Weintraub**; Deputy City Engineer **Mahmood Karimzadeh**; Prop K. Program Manager **Neil Drucker**; Senior Architect **Bill Lee**; Project Manager **Ohaji K. Abdallah**; Construction Mgmt. Division Head **Jose Fuentes**, Sr. Construction Manager **Ethan Wong**; Construction Manager **Alvaro Prada**; Construction Manager **Andrew Lam**; **Maria Martin**, Environmental Mgmt. Group; **Patrick Schmidt**, Geotechnical Engineering Group; **Easton Forcier**, Geotechnical Engineer; **Robert Nielsen**, Survey Division; **Edick Ohanian**, Project Award & Control Division and everyone else who contributed to this project.



City Council President Herb Wesson



Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto



City Engineer Gary Lee Moore



Rec & Parks General Manager Mike Shull



Inspector of Public Works John Reamer



BOE Employees Receive City Service Pins

At the November 8, 2018 Management Team Meeting City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore** and Deputy City Engineer **Ted Allen** presented a certificate and City pin to Valley District Engineer **Wesley Tanijiri**, in recognition of his 25 years of City service and to Harbor District Engineer **Carl Mills**, in recognition of his 35 years of City service.

l to r: *City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Wesley Tanijiri, Carl Mills, Deputy City Engineer Ted Allen.*



BOE Leads Tour of the Sixth Street Viaduct Replacement Project for National League of Cities Summit

City Summit is the National League of Cities' conference for local leaders to convene and collaborate on solutions to the common challenges facing America's cities. Each year, the conference is hosted in a different U.S. city – offering fresh and new best practices for government officials to improve the conditions back home. On November 7-10, 2018, Los Angeles was the site for the national conference. More than 3,800 mayors, councilmembers and other delegates from all 50

states and the District of Columbia convened in Los Angeles for the National League of Cities (NLC) 2018 City Summit conference. NLC is the largest member organization for cities, their elected leaders, and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington.

On November 7, 2018, City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore** hosted the Mobile Workshop: *Replacing a Hollywood Icon: Touring the \$482 Million Sixth Street Bridge Replacement Project and LA's Arts District*

Description from program listing:

Learn how the City of LA used creative partnerships to finance this vital mile long bridge reconstruction project featuring a design with an emphasis on creating new public spaces and explore the amazing LA Arts District. If you are interested in park development, infrastructure, transportation, connecting neighborhoods, arts districts, and much more this tour is for you!



Work Begins on Women's Bridge Housing in Hollywood

On November 15, 2018, Councilmember David Ryu, alongside leaders from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the City Bureau of Engineering, and community partners, announced the start of work to rehabilitate a shuttered City-owned library at 1403 North Gardner Street (one block south of Sunset Boulevard) into a homeless bridge housing project. The project will provide 30 beds and services for women experiencing homelessness. Women make up one of the most vulnerable and fastest-growing subset of the homeless population, and ensuring they have the resources and housing specific to their needs is crucial. Also speaking at the event were City Administrative Officer Rich Llewellyn, City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore**, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Vice Chair Sarah Dusseault, neighbor JoAnn Kaplan, and Ann McCall. Formerly homeless herself for some years, McCall has a master's degree and now advocates for addressing the local homeless crisis.



Councilmember David Ryu announcing the start of work on the Bridge Housing project.



City Engineer Gary Lee Moore gave a thumbs up sign on the project.

Councilmember Ryu said, "For decades this building behind me sat empty. A former City library collecting dust, serving no one. When these doors open next year to the Gardner Street Womens Bridge Housing Center, it will be a place of refuge, it will be a home with counseling and services. It will be a beacon of hope for women facing homelessness."

"This project is something we're extremely proud to work on at the Bureau of Engineering, and it's just one of the many projects we are involved in that address homelessness across the City of Los Angeles," City Engineer Moore said. "We're looking forward to getting the project done and opening the doors to the residents next year."

Once known as the West Hollywood Branch Library, the property has been used by the Department of Sanitation to house necessary infrastructure. Originally built in 1958, this Mid-Century architectural jewel

will yet, once again, provide an important and invaluable social service for the community. The project will include welcoming outdoor

spaces while respecting the Mid-Century Modern building's International style design by architecture firm Honnold and Rex.

The project includes:

- Structural reinforcements to the building
- Fully accessible restrooms and showers
- 30 new bed units
- New laundry service area for the residents
- New dining space and upgraded kitchenette
- Two case manager offices
- Complete mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades
- Restoration of the entry courtyard and metal work
- New landscaping on Gardner St. and De Longpre Ave.
- New raised planter bed and trees in the parking lot
- Areas for group gatherings and individual repose

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Rendering of the exterior

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Design features include preserving the central circulation desk, the remaining book stacks, louvered windows, original storefront, restoring the metal screen and trellis of the courtyard, and protecting the grown trees in the entry.

This project represents a \$2.2M investment into the community, funded by Prop HHH.

“Women and women-led families are some of the most vulnerable and fastest growing subsets of the homeless population,” Dusseault said. “Thanks to L.A. voters and unprecedented collaboration across the County, we have resources and a plan that’s working to address the homelessness crisis. As a community, we must continue supporting projects like this to help our neighbors build a more secure and stable future and reduce homelessness in our region.”

Ann McCall, who was formerly homeless, said few beds are specifically available for women in homeless shelters throughout the city. She advocates for improved facilities such as the Gardner Street shelter and said she wished such a shelter was available when she was homeless. McCall said. “If you think it can’t happen to you, don’t think it can’t. It took me a year to find a job and get back on my feet. For women to be able to come to this shelter will be key. They can get the help they need and find resources that will help them get to where they need go, and then new women can come in.”

Construction began on November 5, 2018 and is slated for completion in the Summer of 2019. BOE staff prepared the design. Construction will be performed by the Department of General Services forces.

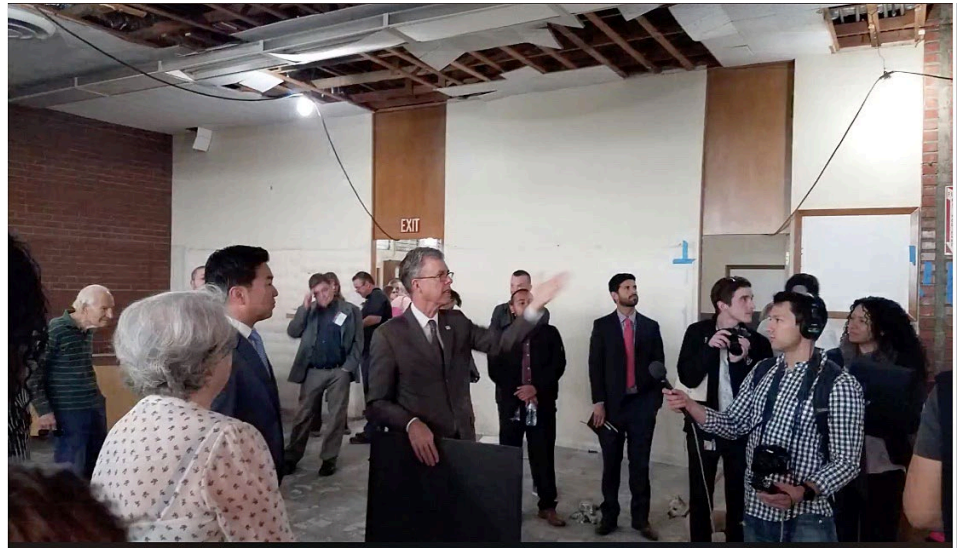
Councilmember Ryu thanked the people attending, “A big shout out to the community members that were so engaged and instrumental for this project from the very start.”

Indicating the Welcome Home banner behind him, Ryu said, “I want everybody here to sign, or leave a little note, because when we do come back here next summer we want to post this in the front so we can welcome the first residents of the Gardner Street Womens Bridge Housing Center.”

Congratulations on reaching this milestone go to: **Allan Kawaguchi**, Homeless Facilities Program Manager; **Marina Quinonez**, Project Engineer; **Erik Villanueva**, Project Architect; **Manan Bhalja**, Structural Engineer; **Raymond Huang**, Mechanical Engineer; **Son Vuong**, Electrical Engineer; **Jane Adrian**, Landscape Architect; **Maria Martin**, Environmental Management Group Manager; **Heloise Froleich**, Env. Specialist; and everyone else who was involved in this project.



Rendering of the welcoming entry courtyard.



City Engineer Gary Lee Moore explaining the work to be done to Channel 35 LA CityView.



Writing messages of encouragement on a banner that will welcome the first new residents.

Celebration Held for Vision Theatre Phases 2, 3 and 4

On November 20, 2018, the Vision Theatre Construction Team, including staff of the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Cultural Affairs, Royal Construction Corporation, Inc., our construction contractor, and some community members gathered at the Vision Theatre, to celebrate the ongoing Phases 2,3 and 4 construction at the Theatre. Various people, including Chief Deputy City Engineer **Deborah Weintraub** and Department of Cultural Affairs General Manager Danielle Brazell, spoke at the event.

The Vision Theatre, located in Council District #10, at 3341 W. 43rd Place, Los Angeles, CA 90008, is a historic 1931 Spanish art-deco structure. The Phase 2, 3 and 4, building expansion and rehabilitation project construction is underway, which will turn the former movie picture house into a full service live theatre.

On February 5, 2018, the Board of Public Works awarded the construction contract to Royal, in the amount of \$23,543,000 to perform the Vision Theatre construction. The construction is expected to be completed in the summer of 2020.

The Vision Theatre construction project is an elaborate undertaking. The highlights of the building expansion and rehabilitation include a building expansion of 20 feet to the back of the theatre building. Other parts of the scope include the construction of a new fly tower with subterranean, orchestra pit, new stage, seismic retrofit, historical repair and restoration of audience chamber, installation of new and restored auditorium seats, mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades, and fire life safety infrastructure and finishes necessary for a functioning theatre.



Rendering of what the Vision Theatre/Manchester Junior Arts Center project will look like when completed.

The Vision Theatre Building Expansion started as a combined project with the Prop K funded Manchester Junior Arts Center Project, thus the name Vision Theatre / Manchester Junior Arts Center project. The 1996 Prop K Ballot measure includes a specified project (\$70) that funds refurbishing, retrofitting and converting a City building into a Junior Arts Center for the Manchester Area. On September 20, 2006, the Prop K Steering Committee approved modifications to the combined project scope and subsequently divided the scope into the following phases (Phases 1A and 1B, 2, 3 and 4):

Phase 1A/1B: The Manchester Junior Arts Center, which included the addition of classroom spaces and related facilities, and offices

above the entrance lobby of the Vision Theatre, restoration of the historic lobby and entrance vestibule, including addition of a new elevator, renovation of first floor restrooms and stairs; mechanical and electrical upgrades; and, restoration and renovation of the theatre marquee. This work was completed in 2013.

Phases 2 and 3: Restoration of Audience Chamber and Orchestra Pit, including platform seating, control room, ADA access/egress, installation of audio/video, theatrical lighting & rigging, and house lighting. Work also includes a new stage, fly-loft superstructure, a basement under the stage, containing a green room/dressing rooms/trap room, and backstage support spaces and offices.

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Phase 4: Installation of fly-loft articulation equipment, acoustical enhancement system, production drapery & rigging, audio system, house lighting systems/controls, A/V control systems, control booth equipment, lighting distribution system, theatrical light fixtures, and other tenant improvement work.

The current construction project completes the remaining Phases 2, 3, and 4 of the Vision Theatre/Manchester Junior Arts Center project.

Photo Captions clockwise

Top Right: Cultural Affairs Department General Manager Danielle Brazell and Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub at podium.

Middle Right: Deborah Weintraub, seated. Standing left to right: Neil Drucker (ARC Prop K Program Manager), Reverend C. Eziokwu Washington, James Burkes (Cultural Affairs Dept., Vision Theatre Manager), Ejike Mbaruguru (ARC Project Manager), Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto, Hoi Van Luc (CMD Vision Theatre Construction Manager)

Bottom Right: l to r: Deborah Weintraub, Neil Drucker, Reverend C. Eziokwu Washington, Ejike Mbaruguru.

Bottom Left: Participants gathered for a group photo in front of the Vision Theatre.

Photos by Foxx Media Group, LLC, courtesy of the Department of Cultural Affairs



BOE Team Travels to San Francisco for Annual Softball Game

San Francisco, CA, October 6, 2018 - As usual, San Francisco was busy with tourists in town for a weekend of activities such as Fleet Week, the Italian Heritage Parade, the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, and, of course, the annual softball game between the engineering staff of the two cities. The players from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering team (BOE) and the City of San Francisco Engineering (SF) team along with their family and friends were greeted with a pleasantly cool Saturday morning at Big Rec Field in Golden Gate Park.

The park was busy with visitors as the teams prepared for the 18th game in this annual contest. The origin of this competition dates back to three games that engineers from L.A. and San Francisco played in the 1920s. Heading into this game, SF led the series with 9 victories to BOE's 8 victories. Prior to making the journey to SF, the LA BOE held four practice sessions to sharpen their skills with the goal of winning their third in a row.

In the 1st inning, **Michael Kouyoumdjian** hit a double and then put BOE on the scoreboard by scoring a run when **Markos Perez-Bran** singled. In the bottom of the 1st inning, SF sent 15 batters to the plate and jumped out to a big lead, scoring 12 runs.

In spite of the big deficit, the BOE team remained. **Lyndsay Naish** led off the 2nd inning with a walk, followed with another walk by **David Ventura**. Naish scored on a single by **Willis Huffman** and Ventura scored on a sacrifice fly by **Bert Moglebust**. These two runs brought LA's run total to 3. SF responded by also scoring 3 runs to lead 15-3.



Teams from Los Angeles and San Francisco lined up before the game.

Both teams held each other scoreless in the third inning. The 4th inning saw Naish again lead off with a walk, followed by Ventura with a single, and Huffman with a walk to load the bases. **Steve Melgar** stepped up to the plate and delivered a base hit to drive in Naish for BOE's only run of the inning. SF also scored one run to maintain their 12 run lead at SF 16 - BOE 4.

Kouyoumdjian led off the 5th inning with a single. Following a couple of flyballs to left field resulted in outs, **Scott Gibson** reached base on a walk. Naish followed

with a run-scoring single, driving in Kouyoumdjian. Ventura singled in Gibson and Huffman reached base safely on an error, driving in another run. SF did not score, so after 5 innings, SF led 16 - 7.

The scoring continued for BOE in the 6th inning. Moglebust and **Brian Schrieber** started the inning by drawing walks. Kouyoumdjian reached base on a fielder's choice that erased Moglebust from the bases. Kouyoumdjian and Schrieber then scored on a three-run home run to left field by **Alfred Mata**. In the bottom half of the inning, Schrieber's pitching and the BOE defense again held SF scoreless. The inning ended with SF leading 16 - 10.

Naish led off the 7th inning with a single. After an out was made, Huffman took a walk. A ground out to the pitcher BOE made it two outs and BOE was ready to rally. **Kevin Avila** hit a ground ball to 3rd and reached base after the 3rd base player made an error trying to get Avila out at first base. Schrieber, Kouyoumdjian, and Mata followed with consecutive singles, scoring four runs that inning. Heading into the bottom of the 7th, BOE had cut SF's lead to two, SF 16 - BOE 14. In the bottom of the 7th inning, SF's bats woke up and they scored 5 runs to take a SF 21 - BOE 14 lead.

BOE responded in the 8th inning with 3 more runs. Gibson started off with a walk. After a fly out to left, Ventura, Huffman, and Moglebust hit consecutive singles. Gibson and Ventura scored, but Huffman was called out trying to advance to home on Moglebust's infield single. The following batter, **Faiz**

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Kneeling, l to r: **Michael Kouyoumdjian** with daughter (*Scarlet*) and son (*Greyson*), **Alfred Mata** with sons (*Aidan & Kevin*), **Lyndsay Naish**. Standing, l to r: **Kevin Avila** with daughter (*Rosalie*), **David Ventura** with son (*Venicio*), **Markos Perez-Bran** with son (*Liam*), **Brian Schrieber**, **Steve Melgar**, **Faiz Malik**, **Bert Moglebust**, **Scott Gibson**, **Willis Huffman**.



Teams line up for the National Anthem.



Michael Kouyoumdjian, Markos Perez-Bran, and David Ventura with their little ones in L.A. jerseys/onesies, which were surprise gifts from Markos Perez-Bran's wife, Ani.



Michael Kouyoumdjian and Brian Schrieber.

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Malik, hit a single to keep the rally going. Schrieber then hit a single that score Moklebust. Malik was out trying to advance to home. The top of the 8th inning ended with BOE trailing by four, SF 21 - BOE 17.

The bottom of the 8th proved to be the decisive inning. SF had a huge rally, sending 20 batters to the plate, scoring a total of 16 runs to take a 37-17 lead.

Trailing by 20 in the 9th and final inning, BOE was looking for a rally of their own to close the lead. The inning started with fly out to left, followed by Mata's single. Perez-Bran reached base on a fielder's choice, while Mata put out at 2nd base. Gibson got a hit and Naish followed with a walk. Ventura drove in Perez-Bran with a hit and Huffman drove in Gibson with a hit. Melgar walked to

drive in Naish, which proved to be BOE's final fun of the game as the next batter flied out. Final score SF 37 - BOE 20.

Following the game, the players and fans gathered to socialize over a delicious taco lunch, hosted by the SF team. BOE presented the traveling trophy to SF With a 1.000 on-base percentage for the game and solid fielding in the outfield, **Willis Huffman** was selected as the BOE Most Valuable Player.

In the modern rivalry that began in 2001, SF now has 10 wins and BOE has 8 wins. The BOE team looks forward to hosting the next game in Los Angeles, scheduled for **October 12, 2019**. Save the date!



Willis Huffman holds the MVP trophy presented by Alfred Mata.

Welcome to the Bureau of Engineering!

The following information about some of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

Bianca Argueta

Bianca Argueta joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) on October 29, 2018, as a Civil Engineering Associate I. Bianca attended Cal Poly Pomona, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. She also holds an Engineering-in-Training (EIT) certificate and is currently working on obtaining her Professional Engineering (PE) License.

Before joining the City of LA, Bianca worked as a consultant for four years in the Railway Engineering discipline. While working, Bianca gained experience in design, construction, and maintenance of engineering projects.

Outside of work, Bianca enjoys traveling, going to concerts, museums, hiking, camping and spending time with family and friends. Bianca is very excited to join the Bureau of Engineering and is looking forward to expanding her knowledge and skills.



Phillip Nunley

Phillip Nunley has joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division as a Senior Management Analyst I as of October 28, 2018. He has a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree from California State University Dominguez Hills located in Carson, Ca where he majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Phillip will be working under Principal Civil Engineer Brad Jensen to provide administration to the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division.

Phillip came from the Office of Finance where he has spent the last 13 years as a Tax Auditor and a Senior Tax Auditor. The duties of a Tax Auditor included performing field audit of individual, partnerships or corporations operating within the City of Los Angeles. As a Supervisor his duties included supervising auditors, reporting to management and special projects as needed.

Prior to coming to the City of Los Angeles, Phillip was with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health Services where he spent 5 1/2 years as an Accountant and Healthcare Financial Analyst. His duties included monitoring grant funded programs, submitting



request for reimbursement and submitting grant expenditure reports to management as well as supervision.

Phillip spent three years in the United States Army and two years in the United States Army Reserves.

Phillip was born and raised in the City of Los Angeles and resides in the City of Bellflower CA, with his wife. Additionally, Phillip has two children and one grandson. He enjoys traveling, bowling, basketball, football and supporting his family.

Alyssa Reyes

Alyssa Reyes has joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division as a Civil Engineering Associate I as of October 01, 2018. She received her Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Civil Engineering from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona this past June of 2018. Alyssa received her E.I.T Certification in June of 2017.

Alyssa was previously employed as a Drafting Intern for Litwin BIM Consultants, a Student Engineer for LADWP, and a Design Engineer for C&V Consulting, Inc. prior to joining the City.

Alyssa has one younger sister and a large extended family that she enjoys spending time with. She was born in the City of Burbank and currently resides in the City of Corona. She enjoys various hobbies such as: hiking, exercising, reading, concerts, and exploring the City.



Measure W Passes

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District Measure W on the November 6, 2018 ballot passed with 69.45% of the vote. The measure imposes a tax on property owners of 2½ cents per square foot of impermeable surface for cleaning up stormwater. To see a list of potential projects to be funded by the measure go to safecleanwaterla.org/projects/



Visit SuihoEn

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Have you visited the Japanese Garden at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant yet? In the midst of the busy San Fernando Valley lies an oasis, a 6 1/2 acre garden, which features three gardens in one.

The Garden is open M-Th 11am-4pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

General Admission is \$5, \$3 for Seniors 62+ and Children 12 under.

The Japanese Garden was created to be enjoyed for each of the four seasons. The combinations of flowers such as azaleas, cherry trees, magnolias, wisteria, raphiolepis indica, iris and lotus, along with the other garden features, provide varying moods and interest throughout the year.

The exquisite design of the "garden of water and fragrance" (SuihoEn) which was dedicated June 14, 1984, leads us from a world of freeway traffic, pressures and haste into a world of meditative calm where it is possible to focus on and remember the very simple and beautiful in both nature and our lives. The idea of having a Japanese Garden adjacent to a water reclamation plant was conceived by former City Engineer **Donald C. Tillman**. The garden's purpose was to demonstrate a positive use of reclaimed water in what is generally agreed to be a delicate environment, a Japanese Garden.

The Japanese Garden is located at 6100 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys 91406 (between Victory and Burbank). For more information call (818) 756-8166 or www.thejapanese-garden.com.

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El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, Argentina, Peru and Brazil.

An Appreciation

Mary always displayed an upbeat, positive and cheerful attitude, and could be counted on to raise everyone's spirits. There were few who had the depth of knowledge about the business of the Bureau of Engineering as Mary, as all Board of Public Works actions, letters and correspondence went through her for tracking and assignments. She was the go-to person if you needed to find a record or correspondence. But what I'll always remember is how she'd greet everyone with big smile and brighten our days.



*Winifred Harano, retired
BOE Finance & Administration*

Safe Driving in the Rain

Driving a car can be dangerous at any time, but add rain, mud and floods and it gets even tougher. The number of crashes skyrockets during storms. The number one tip from the Los Angeles Police Department: **slow down**. Many crashes can be prevented by using extra caution and staying alert to changing conditions.

General Tips

- Slow down.
- Increase distance behind other vehicles.
- Use center lanes because water collects at the curbs.
- To prevent windows from fogging, open window slightly and turn defroster on high; use air conditioning to reduce humidity.
- Avoid distractions, such as using a cellular phone, while driving.
- Keep headlights on during rain.
- Think 20-30 seconds ahead.

Think about it - at 65 mph on wet roads, a car needs 750 feet to stop, versus 250 feet on dry pavement.

Sport Utility Vehicles

Drivers of sport utility vehicles may feel safer and more in control but, because SUVs are bigger and have a higher center of gravity than cars, they handle and maneuver differently. They aren't designed to corner at the same top speeds as passenger cars and they need more space to stop. Abrupt maneuvers possible in an auto can cause loss of control in a sport utility vehicle.

Thanks to BOE

This e-mail was sent to the City Engineer and Chief Deputy City Engineer:

Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 1:47 PM

Gary and Deborah,

Just wanted to send you and your team a quick note to say a huge THANK YOU for all your work on our urgent Skid Row mapping request. The Mayor was really happy with the map, as were we (but we know who's really important to please!).

We know this was a big lift and involved a lot of last-minute requests and running around so I wanted to make sure you knew how much we appreciated your responsiveness and the high quality of your work. None of it went unnoticed. Thanks again.

Respectfully,

Brian Buchner, Chief

CENTCOM Operations

Mayor's Office

Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 3:48 PM Christina Miller wrote:

I second that - and will add the work you've done on the dashboard is incredibly helpful. Thanks so much!!

Christine Miller

Senior Project Manager

Homeless Strategies

Mayor's Office

Women in Transportation Seminar LA (WTS-LA) Employer of the Year: Bureau of Engineering - Leveling the Professional Field

WTS-LA press release:

(October 25, 2018) - The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has been named the 2018 WTS-LA Employer of the Year.

If you live, visit, or even transit through Los Angeles, you have benefited from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (Engineering) and their award-winning, internationally-recognized work. They are the lead agency for the planning, design, and construction management of the city's transportation projects, public buildings, and infrastructure, as well as construction permitting and mapping. What many may not know, however, is that Engineering is one of the most dynamic and diverse departments in the city.

With more than 900 engineers, architects, surveyors, technical, and administrative professionals, Engineering is a recognized leader in the recruitment, retention, and professional development of female employees. Through their outstanding Gender Equity Program, Engineering has rapidly increased the number of women working on the department's transportation-related projects. But that's only one aspect of their equity efforts. Here are some other examples of their record of recruitment and promotional opportunities for women:

- In the past five years, Engineering hired 288 full-time employees, 40% (115) of whom were women.
- Just last year, they hired 102 full-time employees, 45% (46) were female.
- 118 employees work directly on transportation projects, 34% (40) are women.
- Four of the nine Executive Team members are women
- Of the 120 employees in BOE's Mentorship Program, 38% (45) are women.
- The percentage of women leading Engineering's largest projects far exceeds industry standards.

And that is only the short list. The Bureau of Engineering also provides exceptional career development opportunities and advancement for all of its employees, but particularly for women. The following programs are key elements of both their Strategic Plan and their Gender Equity Program.

- Specialized Training and Education Funding: The Bureau has one of the most generous policies for funding employee training and education.
- Mentorship Program: The program provides ongoing support and assistance in the full range of professional development skills and career guidance.
- Rotation Program: A three-year program, the Rotation Program allows associates to experience the three phases of capital project delivery.
- Professional Organization Member-

ship: Engineering encourages and supports membership in professional organizations through conference attendance and other activities.

- Attending and Speaking at Professional Events: Engineering employees participate as speakers and panelists at conferences and professional events across the US.
- Employee/Project Awards: Engineering submits nominations for projects and individuals to help employees gain recognition for their hard work and accomplishments.

Finally, representative of the organization's commitment, City Engineer **Gary Lee Moore** has served as a WTS-LA Director at Large since 2005. He has been an active supporter of WTS-LA and its mission, and encourages active participation for all the Bureau's employees. These are just some of the reasons why the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has been named the 2018 WTS-LA Employer of the Year.

Also see the WTS-LA article on City of Los Angeles principal civil engineer and 2017 WTS-LA Woman of Distinction **Julie Allen**.

Note: *The WTS-LA article about Julie Allen appeared in the December 6, 2017 BOE Newsletter.*

L.A. Zoo Lights Tickets Available Now

Details:

November 16 - January 6

6 - 10 p.m.

Closed Nov 22, Dec 24, and Dec 25

L.A.'s brightest holiday tradition returns November 16 and promises to be bigger, brighter, and merrier than ever. Explore a wild wonderland of dazzling light displays and seasonal sights and delights with spectacular new additions throughout.

- Expanded route now includes a kaleidoscopic savanna with glowing, large-scale animal sculptures
- Popular Twinkle Tunnel is doubled in size, with cascading swirls of light and a spectacular finale
- Favorites like the dynamic holiday tree opening, animated elephants, and dramatic water show are reimagined with stunning new visuals and music
- New rustic outpost for Santa photos is in the heart of it all, just a snowball's throw from Reindeer Village

Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$12 for select nights when purchased online. Children under 2 are free. For more information visit lazoolights.org

CMAA So Cal Chapter Seminars

Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter. For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmaasc.org.

Professional Liability - Shifting the Risk on **December 11, 2018** at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

- Identify the significant risks associated with the Construction Manager's roles, duties and obligations on construction projects.
- How can a Construction Manager effectively minimize risk.
- What to do when potential claims are identified or claims are made involving the Construction Manager's duties, obligations and performance.
- What are the recent developments in California law that impact a Construction Manager's exposure to claims?

Speakers: Jeffery M. Suckiel, Esq. and Matthew W. Johnson, Esq., Murtaugh Treglia Stern & Deily LLP.

Cost: Register by Dec. 4 \$70/member, \$140/non-member, after Dec. 4 \$85/member, \$170/non-member.

Joint Legal and Education Seminar – Infrastructure P3 Projects: Planning, Procurement and Execution on **December 12, 2018**, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Session 1: Project Selection: Which Projects are Right for P3 Delivery?

Speakers: Jake Adams, LAWA Executive APM; Jessica Jones, Director of Communications, Poseidon Water; Roger Johnson, Airport Program Executive, Jacobs; Charles Nicholas, Vice President, Infrastructure and Transaction Advisory, Jacobs

- Difference between P3 and DB, CMAR and other alternative delivery options
- What is funded in a P3 by the private sector?
- What are the advantages of P3 delivery to the public owner?
- Revenue Payment vs. Availability Payment P3
- The steps an Owner needs to take a P3 project from conception to pre-RFQ phase

Session 2: Procurement: Having the right public-sector Sponsor, and How to pick the right Developer and the right risk profile

Speakers: Jake Adams, LAWA Executive APM; Terry Gohde, Executive Director Fluor; Ural Yal, Vice President of Alternate Delivery, Flatiron; Roger Johnson, Airport Program Executive, Jacobs; Charles Nicholas, Vice President, Infrastructure and Transaction Advisory, Jacobs

- Avoid projects that are vanity projects that won't go anywhere and end up costing private sector a lot of money to pursue

- Pre-RFQ market sounding efforts / Industry Reviews
 - Shortlisting Process - what to look for?
 - One-on-one meetings
 - Draft RFP to Final RFP
 - Selection Criteria and Scoring Process
- Session 3: P3 Execution: Design-Build and O&M Phases

Speakers: Terry Gohde, Executive Director Fluor; Kiewit Development Company; Roger Johnson, Airport Program Executive, Jacobs; Charles Nicholas, Vice President, Infrastructure and Transaction Advisory, Jacobs

- Owner and Developer relationship
- Oversight by the Owner
- Managing Changes
- Operational Readiness
- Long-term relationship during O&M Phase

Cost: Before Dec. 5th \$70/member, \$140/non-member; After Dec. 5th \$85/member, \$170/non-member.

Floating Holiday Reminder

Have you taken your Floating Holiday yet? Floating Holidays not taken by **December 31, 2018** will be lost. A Floating Holiday is only 8 hours so if you are on the 9/80 schedule you must make up the time by: Working an extra hour in the same pay period; using vacation time; or, for 9/80 employees, making the Floating Holiday your short day. (Note: Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.)

A Floating Holiday is only 8 hours and must be taken in a full 8 hour increment. For example, if an employee tries to charge 4 hours on two separate occasions, the first instance removes the entire Floating Holiday credit and then the second instance of 4 hours will default to a No Pay condition.

Remember - The latest letterhead is always available on the Engineering Forms Library under the category "Correspondence" on the Bureau of Engineering intranet.

Construction Network Seminars

The Construction Network – Connecting Owners to AEC and CFM Industries. To RSVP: www.construction-network.net

Eco-Rapid Transit on Thursday, January 17, 2018, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Eco-Rapid Transit is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit system that links economic development and transportation in a 40 mile corridor from Bob Hope Airport to Downtown Los Angeles to Artesia. It currently has a \$240 million Measure R funding allocation. The project from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles is scheduled to be built by 2027.

Guest speaker: Michael Kodama, Executive Director.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/1/19, \$129/person until 1/11/19, and at the door \$149.

Port of Los Angeles on Tuesday, January 22, 2018, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Guest speaker: Shaun Shahrestani, Chief Harbor Engineer, Construction Division.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/1/19, \$129/person until 1/18/19, and at the door \$149.

California Prevailing Wage Law - Compliance and Critical Issues Update on **Thursday, January 24, 2018**, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Discussion topics:

- SB 852/SB 96/AB 219 Updates
- Critical updates and hot topics
- Compliance 101
- Know the differences between prevailing wage and Davis Bacon requirements
- Projects covered by state and/or federal

prevailing wages

- Apprentice requirements
- Determining the correct rate/classification
- Record keeping requirements, including CPR
- Enforcement and Penalties

Instructors: Larry Lubka, Esq. and Jeffrey Epstein, Esq., Lubka & White LLP.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/3/19, \$129/person until 1/18/19, and at the door \$149.

Magic Johnson Park \$135 Million, 6-Phase Transformation Project Update on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Jeffrey Biben, Construction Management Unit, Los Angeles County Community Development Commission and Gary Lai, AHBE Landscape Architects.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/8/19, \$129 until 1/25/19.

Transportation Vision 2019 on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: Phil Washington, CEO - LA Metro; Darren Kettle, Executive Director, VCTC; John Bulinski, Director, Caltrans D7. Moderated by Gene Bougdanos, P.E., Area Program Manager for LA, HDR Inc.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/8/19, \$129 until 1/25/19.

Los Angeles Unified School District on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**, at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker Mark Hovatter, Chief Facilities Executive.

Cost: \$89/person until 1/15/19, \$129 until 2/1/19.

SO No. 05-1018 CAD Standards

Special Order No. 05-1018 dated November 1, 2018, titled **Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Standards (Supersedes Special Order No. 014-1102)** states that this Special Order supersedes Special Order No. 014-1102 and establishes revised CAD procedures throughout the BOE. These standards will enhance the uniformity and consistency of design plans produced by the BOE, as well as reaffirm compliance with the latest National CAD Standard. The intent of this standard is to create predictability for contractors that bid the BOE projects, as well as save time by not requiring every division to create their own standards and templates.

The CAD Standard Committee, a subcommittee of the Technology Oversight Committee, worked with the various BOE divisions that use CAD to develop this standard. Additionally, several tools have been created including a new manual, training material, layers, symbols, dynamic blocks, borders, etc., and are available for download on the BOE's intranet. These tools should help streamline the implementation and design process.

This standard is intended to be dynamic and inclusive and thus will be updated and enhanced on a regular basis. Every effort to ensure compliance with the latest National CAD Standard will be made when updating the standard.

All design professionals (City of Los Angeles or Consultant) working on the BOE projects shall comply with the following:

All CAD operators and designers will comply with the BOE's CAD Standards as specified in the latest BOE *CAD Standards Manual*, which is available for download at http://eng2.lacity.org/techdocs/CADSTDS/cad_details.htm.

1. All Divisions are to prepare and submit to the CAD Standard Committee any specific needs that are not currently addressed in the latest manual. This includes line types, layers, abbreviations, symbols, format deviations, etc. This feedback should be provided by **December 14, 2018**. This information is critical for the continued growth and usability of the standard. The committee will monitor all comments, and is prepared to address urgent issues in a timely manner.
2. Although training resources are provided, each division is responsible for maintaining their own training program and quality control procedures to ensure that the CAD Standards are being properly enforced and uniformly implemented. The CAD Standards Committee will be available for any division that needs assistance with training and/or understanding of the standards.
3. The new CAD Standards will be implemented on all projects starting the Design phase on or after **January 1, 2019**. Projects in the Design phase prior to that

date should include the use of the new standards as practical.

4. The BOE CAD Standards Manual and support documentation will be available to all users, at all times, through the BOE Intranet and eventually Internet website.
5. The e-mail address for the BOE CAD Standards Committee is boecadstandards@lacity.org. This will be sent to all committee members. Also available through the Intranet website is a link to Frequently Asked Questions and blog discussions regarding standard topics.

The CAD Standard Committee is comprised of the following divisions:

1. Architectural Division (ARC)
2. Central District (CEN)
3. Geotechnical Engineering Division (GED)
4. Structural Engineering Division (SED)
5. Environmental Engineering Division (EED)
6. Street Improvement & Stormwater Division (SSD)
7. Survey Division (SUR)
8. Systems Division (SYS)
9. Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCE)

The primary contact person for this committee is **Ryan Toles**, Sr. Environmental Engineer, at ryan.toles@lacity.org.

Submittal of Papers

This is a reminder that employees must get the approval of their division/group manager and deputy/senior manager **prior** to submitting any abstract or paper for presentation at a professional conference.

Notice No. 30 Acting Pay - Senior Admin Clerk

Notice No. 30 dated November 29, 2018, titled **Acting Pay - Senior Administrative Clerk** states that the Bureau of Engineering has two vacant positions in various sections available for Senior Administrative Clerks to receive temporary acting pay while assigned to the Administration Division.

In order to apply, candidates must have at least one year experience at the level of Administrative Clerk. The selected candidates will provide general overall clerical support to the assigned section. General duties include typing; maintaining the appointment calendar and arranging for appointments and meetings; answering inquiries related to the function of the section; ordering and maintaining office supplies inventories; sorting mail, maintaining files of records and reports; searching for special information; composing and typing letters, reports and correspondence; and may establish tracking systems for related functions of the section.

The two vacancies are located in the following sections: one is in the Purchasing Section and the other is in the Operations, Training, and Bureau-wide Support Section assisting with Personnel functions.

Interested candidates should submit their résumé or City Departmental Application to **Helen Lopez**, Senior Management Analyst, Administration Division, 1149 S. Broadway, 7th Floor, Mail Stop 311 by **Wednesday, December 5, 2018**. Questions concerning this position should be directed to Helen Lopez at (213) 485-5087.

Public Works Blanket & Jacket Drive

Each year, our generous Public Works family contributes towards blankets and jackets for less fortunate residents in Downtown Los Angeles. This effort keeps many people warm during the holidays and throughout the year. We need everyone's help this year.

Donation Deadline: Please donate checks, cash, new blankets and jackets by **Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm**.

How to Donate: Checks should be made payable to the *Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter*. Please keep the return checks for tax deduction.

To make a donation of cash, checks or items, please drop them off with the following team members:

Adel Hagekhalil	213-847-3333
Mary Nemick	213-485-5085
Mike Sarullo	310-648-6120
Ali Poosti	323-342-6228
Mati Laan	213-798-5910
Elizabeth Carillo	424-646-7945
Juliet Gagar	213-847-4813
Maryam Azarbayjani	213-276-5625

Distribution of Donations: We will distribute the goods purchased by your donations at the Midnight Mission Homeless Shelter at 4:00 pm on **Friday, December 21, 2018**. Please join us!

100 Percent Giving - There is absolutely no administration fee. All donations are spent buying blankets and jackets for the homeless. (Friendly reminder, this is a volunteer effort and not to be done during your regular working hours.)

The first year of this effort, donations allowed us to buy 10 jackets/blankets. Since then, donations have soared, allowing us to purchase thousands of jackets, toiletries, bags, beauty supplies, and blankets to help those in need.

Don't forget that *A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle*.

We thank you in advance for helping those in need! Happy Holidays!

Arrivals

Nathalee Delgado, Student Engineer IV, EED;
Gable Ohashi, Sr. Management Analyst I,
Prop O.

Promotions

Son Vuong, Environmental Engineering Associate III, ARC; **Bryan Powell**, Civil Engineer, Prop O; **Ibrahim Hafeez**, Civil Engineer, SIX.

Departures

Patricia Avilez, Management Analyst, transfer to Animal Services, WCED; **Derrick Lee**, Civil Engineer, promoted/transferred to Street Services, WCED; **Amanda Rogers**, Secretary promoted to Personnel Dept./Street Services, Admin.

No January Newsletter

Due to the holidays, there will not be a January 2, 2018 *BOE Newsletter*. The next Newsletter will be published on February 13, 2018.

Passing of Imai

We regret to report that Senior Clerk Typist (old series) Mary Imai passed away on November 10, 2018. She came to the BOE Administration Division after her husband of 29 years, James, passed away, and retired from Admin in June 2008. Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 pm, Thursday December 20, 2018, at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Rose Hills Road Gate 10, Whittier, CA 90601. Her family has shared with us this remembrance:



It is with great sadness that the family of Mary Kimie Imai announce that she peacefully passed away at home on November 10, 2018, at the young age of 95. She is survived by her children Kathy Imai-Davis (Gene) and Arthur Imai, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; also siblings Satoshi Kojima (Jean) and Sachiko Gotanda (Tatsumi); as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She worked for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering as a Senior Clerk Typist for over 32 years and loved going to work everyday, and enjoyed everyone she worked with.

She will always be remembered for being such a fun loving person with a great personality topped with genuine kindness and caring for everyone . . . especially animals!

Her favorite pastime, besides gardening, was traveling and she had a great time with family going to every continent (except for Antarctica): Russia, Bali, Turkey, Morocco, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, Italy, United Kingdom, Ireland, all of Scandinavia, Germany, Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Canada, Cancun, Bahamas, Belize, Aruba, Dominican Republic,

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Christmas & New Years Holidays

Tuesday, December 25, 2018, and **Tuesday, January 1, 2019** are City holidays. Remember to mark your timesheet for each day as HO 8.0. Since a holiday is only for eight hours, those of you on the 9/80 schedule must adjust your hours accordingly within the same pay period. (Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.) There is a chance for confusion when two holidays fall within the same pay period. Check with your division timekeeper if you have any questions.

Passing of Tebbetts

With great sadness we inform you that James Tebbetts unexpectedly passed away on November 21, 2018 in Brookhaven, Mississippi. As an Environmental Specialist II, James worked with many of us on numerous City projects. His coworkers knew him to be punctual and diligent in quickly completing tasks. He was always willing to assist his fellow employees, sharing his knowledge and experience, often inserting a military story here and there. James worked in the Bureau's Environmental Management Group for six years and he will be missed. For additional information, please contact his supervisor, William Jones at (213) 485-5760.



Obituary from the Riverwood website:

Mr. James Robert Tebbetts, 68, of Hacienda Heights, CA, passed from this life on November 21, 2018, in Brookhaven, MS. He was born December 31, 1950, to John R. Tebbetts and Elizabeth Lundstrum Tebbetts. He worked as an Environmental Specialist II for the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Tebbetts was a long time Civil War Reenactor, a supporter of Camp Moore Museum and Cemetery, and Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans. He was also a long-time member of Welsh Terrier Club of Southern California and Welsh Terrier Club of America. He was an AKC Earthdog Judge, a supporter of Welsh Terrier and Irish Terrier Rescue and a member of Irish Terrier Club of Southern California. Mr. Tebbetts disguised his soft heart beneath a façade of sarcasm and surliness. His last weekend was filled with friends and family.

Those preceding him in death were, his parents and one brother-in-law, Samuel Frankl. He leaves behind two sisters to cherish his memory, Mary Dee Tebbetts and Anne Tebbetts Frankl.

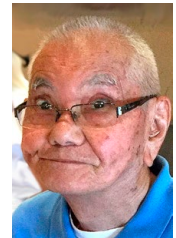
A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations made to Camp Moore Museum and Cemetery, P.O. Box 25, Tangipahoa, LA, 70465, or WTCARES, welshterrierrescue.com, will be greatly appreciated.

ML King, Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 21 2019, is a City holiday. Remember to mark your timesheet for that day as HO 8.0. Since the holiday is only for eight hours, those of you on the 9/80 schedule must adjust your hours accordingly within the same pay period. (Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.) Check with your division timekeeper if you have any questions.

Passing of Yagi

We are very sorry to report that retired Principal Administrative Assistant (old series) Wallace S. Yagi passed away on November 11, 2018, he was 88 years old. He retired from the Administration Division in March 1987. Our deepest condolences go to his sister Carole and his brother, Edwyn. He was a wonderful uncle to 6 nieces and 3 nephews and a great uncle to many.



Friends Observations

Everyone who knew Wally or worked for him has said he was the BEST boss they ever had. Wally had a strong ethical standard for himself and others. He appeared before the Board of Public Works often and the City Engineer relied on him to keep BOE ready for any assignment. He operated as a "do as I do" and led others to do their best.

In the early 1960's Wally's nieces would visit City Hall occasionally. They would tell whoever asked they were there to visit Uncle Wally. Soon everyone at City Hall was calling him Uncle Wally. He was so very proud of his nieces and nephews and spoke of them often.

He spent his free time with a group of lunch friends and enjoyed outside activities with his work family, he bowled in a City league. Wally was active in March of Dimes and enjoyed organizing office picnics on Saturdays at the beach or city park.

After retiring Wally moved his family to Oceanside, CA and continued his friendship with many people he worked with and kept in touch by meeting occasionally with them.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 8th at the Courtyard Marriott, 3501 Seagate Way, Oceanside, CA 92056.

We'd Like to Hear from You

If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to BOENewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is **Thursday, February 7, 2019**.

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