



# *The* Leaflet

January - February 2016

**EL NIÑO**  
*Be Storm  
Ready*

**DOG PHOTO  
CONTEST WINNERS**

*Meet Kopi and Prince Julian*



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 Lake Forest CA 92630  
 Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 (Closed alternate Fridays)

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**City Council** meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 2      ■ March 1
- February 16   ■ March 15

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 18    ■ April 21
- March 17      ■ May 19

**Planning Commission**

meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 11    ■ April 14
- March 10      ■ May 12

**City Telephone Numbers**

Building Division .....	461-3470
Building Inspection .....	461-3468
City Clerk .....	461-3420
City Council .....	461-3420
City Manager's Office .....	461-3410
Community Policing Center .....	461-3530
Community Preservation .....	461-3474
Economic Development .....	461-3567
Etnies Skatepark .....	916-5870
Graffiti Hotline .....	461-3583
Housing .....	461-3569
OC Animal Care .....	249-5160
Passport & Notary .....	461-3420
Planning .....	461-3491
Public Works .....	461-3480
Recreation .....	461-3450
Sports Park & Recreation Center .....	273-6960

**City Websites**

City .....	lakeforestca.gov
City Facebook .....	facebook.com/lakeforestca
Economic Development ...	lakeforestbusiness.com
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest ..	etnieskatepark.com
Sports Park & Recreation Center ..	lfsportspark.com
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# City Manager's Message

Looking ahead, 2016 is slated to be another productive year for Lake Forest as we focus on a number of initiatives that will build a better, stronger community for generations to come. I am pleased to announce that the City Council recently approved two major contracts which will kick off the Civic Center Project –known as Lake Forest's 100-Year Home. To ensure the community's values are reflected in the Lake Forest Civic Center, there will be plenty of opportunities for community engagement during the design phase. Traffic signal synchronization remains a top priority. The City has completed six corridors (El Toro Road, Jeronimo Road, Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest Drive, Santa Margarita Road, and Trabuco Road) and by the end of 2016 will wrap up two more synchronization projects (Alton Parkway and Barranca Parkway/ Muirlands Boulevard) bringing the number of fully synchronized corridors in the City up to eight.



From roads to parks, we're also moving forward on a number of park projects including the renovation of Village Pond Park, as well as the design of a new Portola Park to include a second dog park. Finally, keeping local tax dollars in Lake Forest plays a large role in funding these types of community projects. To make shopping and dining in Lake Forest even easier, we'll be introducing a Shop and Dine Lake Forest app later this year. By downloading this application, users will be able to search for local businesses and great deals from the ease of their mobile devices.

We'll also be celebrating the 25th anniversary of cityhood. The 25th Anniversary Committee members are working hard to plan a fun-filled year to mark the occasion. Upcoming annual events such as Bunny Blast, Movies in the Park, and the Fourth of July Parade will incorporate an anniversary theme where family, friends, and fun come together. Sports enthusiasts can also sign up for a softball or golf tournament over the summer. On Saturday, September 17, our featured anniversary event will be a Family Carnival filled with entertainment, rides, and food! See page 3 for details.

To keep up with all that's happening in 2016, visit the City's website at lakeforestca.gov or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca). Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Dunek*

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 City Manager

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*You're*  
**Invited!**

## State of the City and Meet the Mayor Event *Wednesday, February 24*

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Applied Medical, 20162 Windrow Drive

The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and the City are co-hosting the annual State of the City and Meet the Mayor event. The Mayor will provide updates on the City's major development projects, as well as share resources for Lake Forest businesses. The event will feature a catered dinner, desserts, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities. Check in regularly as more details will be available at [lakeforestchamber.com](http://lakeforestchamber.com).

## Fiscally Fit Seminar *Friday, April 1*

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre Drive

The City and the Small Business Administration are co-hosting a Free "Fiscally Fit For 2016" seminar. Sole proprietors and employers will learn tips and insights to effectively manage cash flow, streamline recordkeeping, and understand tax advantage employer sponsored retirement plans. Light breakfast will be provided. RSVP – [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov).

## Lake Forest Job Fair *Friday, June 10*

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre Drive

The City, Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, and Orange County One-Stop Center are sponsoring a free Lake Forest Job Fair. The fair will provide job seekers an opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers that are hiring for a variety of positions. Visit [lakeforestbusiness.com](http://lakeforestbusiness.com) in the coming months for more details.

**25** years  
OF COMMUNITY  
1991 - 2016

## Anniversary CELEBRATIONS

Check out the calendar for event details  
[www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov)

MARCH	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<b>19 Bunny Blast</b> El Toro Park 23701 Los Alisos 	<b>10 Movies in the Park</b> Nature Park 26215 Dimension Drive  <b>18 Softball Tournament</b> Sports Park 28000 Rancho Parkway	<b>4 Fourth of July Parade</b>  <b>23 Golf Tournament</b> Lake Forest Golf and Practice Center 23308 Cherry Avenue	<b>21 Anniversary Concert</b> Sports Park 28000 Rancho Parkway 

## SEPTEMBER 17

**Family Carnival** Sports Park and Recreation Center, 28000 Rancho Parkway  
Rides • Entertainment • Food • Resource Booths • Art Displays

## Live, Work, or Play

Thank you Tim FitzGerald for showing us how your family lives, works, and plays! If you have a story to share about how you live, work, or play in Lake Forest, email [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov) by April 2016.



*I've lived in Lake Forest since high school and my favorite place to live and play is Lake Forest's forest! Growing up, my brother and I explored the areas and knew all the walking trail shortcuts to and from school. We would explore the creeks, ride our bikes, and just get as dirty as possible! I still live in Lake Forest and now enjoy the forest with my 10-year-old nephew. Together, we climb and explore the forest with his pet dog, Snickers, and spend hours walking around or riding our bikes. In this technology era, it is amazing that my nephew loves the outdoors and enjoys nature and the fresh air with Snickers. The beauty of Lake Forest is that we can enjoy nature right in our front and back yards. I cannot think of any other city that I would like to live and play in.*



## 2016 Community Calendars Are Here!

Pick up your free 2016 Lake Forest Community Calendar at City Hall or at the Sports Park and Recreation Center today! The 12-month fully colored calendar showcases "The City We Live In."

## Fourth of July Logo Design Contest

If you have a creative and patriotic design for the City's Fourth of July parade – "Red, White and Blue and 25 too" – send us a high resolution JPEG of your original artwork to enter the logo contest. The winner will have their logo featured on all Fourth of July parade advertising and will be a VIP at this year's parade. The deadline for entries is Monday, February 1 by 5 p.m. For more information, visit [lakeforestparade.com](http://lakeforestparade.com).



# BARKER RANCH DOG PARK

# Photo Contest

# Winners



## Kopi

Kopi is a social and energetic chocolate lab who loves to chase his own tail. This 3 1/2 year old pup loves to chew on dad's hockey gloves and play catch at the dog beach.



## Prince Julian

Julian is a 2-year old Dalmatian who loves to play fetch. His favorite toy is a green bone with double squeakers. You might see Julian at Pittsford Park during his afternoon walk and play time.

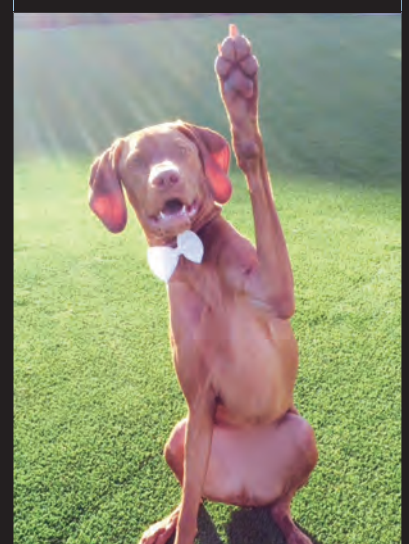
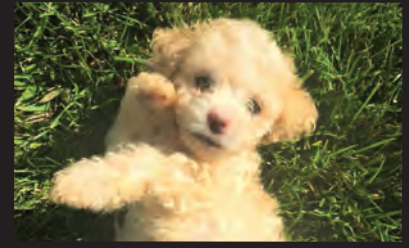
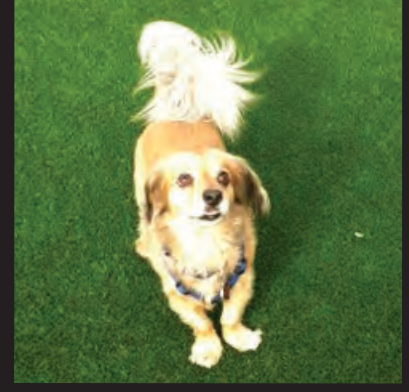
# THANK YOU

TO ALL THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CONTEST



Give your canine a place to run and play and meet new friends at **Barker Ranch Dog Park** – where people and pets come together!

- ▶ Address: 25600 Baffin Bay
- ▶ Park Hours: Dusk to Dawn
- ▶ Visit [lakeforestca.gov/dogpark](http://lakeforestca.gov/dogpark) for park amenities and rules



# El Niño

## What to do to Make it Through

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration is predicting heavy rainfall this winter and spring.

### **BE PREPARED**

#### **Plan Ahead!**

- Prepare a disaster kit for yourselves and your pets.
- Have an evacuation and family communication plan with a designated meeting place.
- Keep documents, medicine, and valuables in your kit for quick access.
- Have sandbags ready for use.
- Remove debris from rain gutters, downspouts, and roof drains around your property.
- Sign up for AlertOC at [alertoc.com](http://alertoc.com) to receive timely emergency notifications.
- Consider flood insurance since most homeowner's insurance do not cover flooding. Visit [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) for more information.

### **BE AWARE**

#### **During a Flood**

- Do not walk through floodwaters. Six inches of moving water can sweep you off your feet.
- Do not drive into a flooded area. Most cars can be carried away by less than two feet of water.
- Stay away from river beds, flood control channels, and basins.
- Avoid downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Stay informed of weather predictions and road closures.

### **BE READY**

#### **Evacuation**

- Grab your disaster kit.
- If time permits, unplug appliances, turn off lights, and lock windows and doors.

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

For inquiries and to report flooding, contact Public Works

**(949) 461-3480**

For after hours flooding emergencies, contact CONTROL ONE

**(714) 628-7000**

For all other emergencies, contact

**911**

### **SANDBAGS**

Most Orange County fire stations have empty sandbags. Fire Station 42 (19150 Ridgeline Drive) has a limited supply of both sand and sandbags available for residents. Visit [ocfa.org](http://ocfa.org) for more information. Sandbag supplies are also available at your local supply store.

### **RESOURCE LINKS**

- [lakeforestca.gov/elnino](http://lakeforestca.gov/elnino)
- [caloes.ca.gov](http://caloes.ca.gov)
- [fema.org](http://fema.org)
- [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov)
- [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov)
- [ocelnino.com](http://ocelnino.com)
- [ocflood.com](http://ocflood.com)
- [readyoc.gov](http://readyoc.gov)
- [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

## Don't Pollute the Gutter!

You may be wondering if “polluting the gutter” is a contradictory phrase. Actually, it’s not! With the upcoming rains, it is even more important that we are careful about what goes down the gutter. Pollutants that end up in the gutter can enter the storm drain system and will eventually discharge into our local creeks, lakes, and the ocean without any treatment. Some of the most common pollutants are generated from everyday urban activities and include litter, oil, dirt, food, pet waste, debris, paint, and cleaning products. These pollutants can have harmful effects on water and wildlife resources, recreational use, and human health risks that lead to beach closures.

Some of the common causes of pollution may not be noticeable, particularly pollutants that come from trash carts. If your trash carts are dirty, never wash wastewater into the gutter because it carries bacteria and pollutants into the storm drain system and local watersheds that may pose human health risks.

Here’s how you can make a difference:

- Wash trash carts on the lawn or use a local cleaning service.
- Get rid of pollutants in urban runoff by never washing anything into the street or gutter. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the trash. Use household cleaners, chemicals, pesticides and fertilizers only as needed and according to the label. Dispose of oil properly and use drip pans.
- Remind contractors that nothing may be discharged into the street, gutter or storm drain system. It is illegal and harmful to our environmental resources.

For additional information, the City has partnered with other Orange County agencies to develop an online resource page at [overwateringisout.org](http://overwateringisout.org).



**24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL** For more information, contact Public Works at **461-3480**

## FAIR HOUSING

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City’s Housing Manager at 461-3569.



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# Recreation & Events CALENDAR

*Winter/Spring 2016*

## Friday, JANUARY 29

6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

### "Last Fridays" Teen Nights

Lake Forest Recreation Center  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered  
\$7 per person at the door



Spring registration begins  
**Tuesday, February 9 at 8 a.m.**

## Monday, FEBRUARY 8

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

### Fourth of July Parade Committee

Lake Forest Recreation Center  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

For more info, email [djones@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:djones@lakeforestca.gov)

## Friday, MARCH 11

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

### Band Nights at the Skatepark

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 per person at the door



## Saturday, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

### Mardi Gras Special Needs Dance

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre Dr.

Fee: FREE to attend  
Pre-registration required



## Saturday, MARCH 19

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Bunny Blast: An Egg Wonderland!

El Toro Park  
23701 Los Alisos Blvd.

Fee: Free to attend  
Nominal fee for games and food

## Saturday, MARCH 26

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Etnies Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

Etnies Skatepark  
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 for egg hunt  
\$5 for jumper wristband

## Saturday, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### Special Needs Resource Fair

Pittsford Park  
21701 Pittsford Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

For more information, call Community Services at  
**461-3450** or the Sports Park at **273-6960**