

# The LEAFLET



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## Calling All Volunteers!

Ring in the New Year by making a difference in your community! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout the community, some of which have been highlighted in our reader-submitted articles, as well as those available here at City Hall.

The City is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission (page 2) and on the Fourth of July Parade Committee (page 5). In addition, volunteers are always needed for these programs:

- ✓ Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.): S.T.A.R.S. volunteers help with vacation home checks, van patrol, and special events.
- ✓ Neighborhood Watch: Block Captains for Neighborhood Watch organize community meetings, report suspicious activity, and encourage their neighbors to help resolve neighborhood problems.
- ✓ Students Working and Advising for Government (S.W.A.G.): S.W.A.G. volunteers meet once a month in the Teen Lounge to plan teen activities and excursions, participate in the [www.LFteens.com](http://www.LFteens.com) webpage design group, and help with special events.
- ✓ City Special Events: The Recreation Department is always planning community events and activities and could use your help at events such as SnowFest and the Fourth of July Parade.

Whether you choose to volunteer for the City, your Homeowner's Association, or a special interest club or organization, volunteers add value to our community and promote community cohesiveness. Help make a difference today and continue Lake Forest's tradition of volunteerism!



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## CITY MANAGER'S



## Message

The beginning of the year is an exciting time as we set goals for the year to come. As always, the City's goals are focused on projects and services that are important to the community.

Beginning with the completion of the renovations at Tamarisk and Rimgate Parks in late spring, park lovers and recreation enthusiasts have much to look forward to in 2014. Renovations include shade structures, play equipment restroom buildings, and ball fields. More exciting news on the park front includes the public opening of the 8-acre Baker Ranch Community Park built by the developer. This new park will feature a multi-use field, basketball court, playground, picnic tables, barbecues, and shade structures. Finally, the Sports Park and Recreation Center continue to make great progress with a grand opening scheduled for Fall 2014.

Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods are continuing to grow as we move forward with the Baker Ranch project. Shea Homes and Toll Brothers are preparing model homes for a grand opening in February. The beginning phases of several other new neighborhoods will begin this year such as grading for the Portola Center project off Glenn Ranch Road and construction of homes for the Brookfield Development on Auto Center Drive.

Traffic improvement projects remain a high priority with a number of projects planned for 2014 that will enhance traffic flow and improve traffic safety. In the next edition of The Leaflet, we will highlight some of these projects. We have many more projects planned throughout the City such as implementing Lake Forest Records Online and redesigning the City's website. Stay updated on these projects at [www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov) and at [www.facebook.com/lakeforestca](http://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca).

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Dunek*

Robert C. Dunek,  
City Manager

## Serve on the Planning Commission –

### Applications Due February 5

Are you an urban planning enthusiast? Or maybe you simply find looking at maps and plans interesting? The City is accepting applications to fill one vacancy on the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2014. As a Planning Commissioner, you will review and approve planning and development permits and make recommendations to the Council.

Applications must be filed with the City Clerk no later than February 5. City Council interviews and selection of a candidate to fill the vacancy is expected to occur at the February 18 Council meeting. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 461-3420.



## Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 4
- Tuesday, February 18
- Tuesday, March 4
- Tuesday, March 18

# Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods Spotlight on Baker Ranch

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Grand Opening**  
**Saturday, February 8**

Set amidst the rolling hills with a backdrop of majestic mountain vistas, Baker Ranch is the largest of the New Neighborhoods currently under construction. The public will be invited to take a sneak peak at beautiful Spanish and Mediterranean-style homes on Saturday, February 8 during a Model Home Grand Opening event. Baker Ranch will bring about 2,400 single- and multi-family homes to Lake Forest, offering different architectural styles and varying floor plans.

Baker Ranch residents will have a wide variety of recreational options to choose from with amenities ranging from private recreation centers complete with swimming pools to neighborhood parks with a baseball field and a full basketball court. In addition, Baker Ranch Community Park will be the latest addition to the City's park portfolio, bringing the total City park count up to 29!

To stay updated on the latest developments, visit the City's website at [www.lakeforestca.gov/newneighborhoods](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/newneighborhoods) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LFNewNeighborhoods](http://www.facebook.com/LFNewNeighborhoods). For more information on Baker Ranch homes or to get on the interest list, visit [www.liveatbakerranch.com](http://www.liveatbakerranch.com).



*Baker Ranch entrance from Bake Parkway*



*Ridgewood model homes under construction*



*Baker Ranch Community Park*



## G.R.O.W. in Lake Forest

### "Growing and Retaining Our Workforce"



The City is pleased to introduce the "Growing and Retaining Our Workforce" (G.R.O.W.) program. In partnership with the Orange County One-Stop Center, the City is providing another great resource to Lake Forest businesses. The program's focus is on assisting businesses with current and future hiring and employee retention needs. G.R.O.W. offers many benefits including free candidate screenings, on-site job recruitment fairs, and customized "on the job" employee trainings to meet a business' needs while enhancing employee skills. For more information, contact [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov), or visit [www.lakeforestbusiness.com](http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com).



## Free Business Seminar: Social Media Marketing Made Simple!

The City of Lake Forest and SCORE Business Counselors invite you to attend the "Social Media Marketing Made Simple" workshop on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lake Forest City Hall, 25550 Commerce Drive. Nick Cavarra, a Constant Contact expert and owner of Social Punch Marketing and Entertainment, will provide an overview of social media marketing strategies and best practices for business owners to foster new business relationships and grow their existing business. The free workshop will cover the most popular social networking tools (e.g., Facebook, Twitter & LinkedIn), valuable tips to leverage social media and create effective marketing campaigns, and real-world examples of companies using social media effectively.

A light dinner will be provided. Seating is limited! RSVP with Economic Development at [economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov) or call 461-3567.

## Get Your 2014 Community Calendars



Pick up your free 2014 Lake Forest Community calendar at City Hall today! The 12-month fully colored calendar showcases why residents love Lake Forest with beautiful pictures of the City's natural environment, eclectic architecture, and vibrant community. The calendar also contains important meeting dates and City phone numbers.

*Volunteer Spotlight! Congratulations Sally Wooldridge for sharing your volunteer story and inspiring others to volunteer. If you have a volunteer story to share, submit your articles to [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov).*

## Volunteering at Hanaeleh Horse Rescue

I grew up next to a racing stable in Lincoln, England many years ago and have a horse addiction. I've owned horses, have ridden them in competitions, and rescued several horses from neglect, mistreatment, and abuse.

Horses can be expensive pets to take care of and oftentimes become unwanted by their owners – especially when the economy tanks. That's why I volunteer with Hanaeleh Horse Rescue - the only horse rescue in Orange County. As the Vice-President of Hanaeleh Horse Rescue, I groom, exercise, and ground train rescue horses. It takes time and patience working with rescued and abandoned horses as they are nervous, often starving, and in pain when they first arrive. It can take months to get them to a healthy, sound, adoptable condition but some will stay with us for life. If you are interested in volunteering at Hanaeleh, visit us at [www.hanaeleh.org](http://www.hanaeleh.org). You do not need to have horse experience in order to volunteer, and we need volunteers to help us with fundraisers!

## Help Plan the 2014 Fourth of July Parade and Design this Year's Logo!



### Fourth of July Parade Committee

In addition to celebrating the Fourth of July with some good old fashion BBQ and fireworks, how about serving on the City's Fourth of July Parade Committee? We're looking for individuals to provide us feedback about past parades, help organize parade operations, contact parade entrants, and much more.

This year's 23rd annual Fourth of July Parade's theme is "Life, Liberty, Lake Forest!" The Committee will meet once a month starting Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m. at the Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.).

### Fourth of July Logo Design Contest

Put on your thinking caps! If you have a creative and patriotic design for the City's Fourth of July parade – Life, Liberty, Lake Forest! – 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 Thursday, February 27 by 5 p.m.

For more information on the Parade Committee or the logo contest, call Ron Rivera at 461-3450 or email at [rrivera@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:rrivera@lakeforestca.gov).



## Facebook Contest

### What's Your New Year's Resolution?

If you have a New Year's resolution for 2014, share your resolution on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lakeforestca](http://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca) to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Lake Forest blanket. Look for the New Year's Resolution post. Winners will be announced on our Facebook page on February 10.



# When it Rains it Pours... Pollutants into our Waterways

We are in the rainy season again and that means it's time for umbrellas, raincoats, and....the first flush? The first flush is the initial significant rainfall after a long period of dry weather. This rain flushes months of accumulated pollutants such as litter, lawn clippings, pesticides, motor oil, and pet waste from rooftops, driveways, parking lots, and roadways into our storm drains. Unlike water that flows through sewers (from sinks and toilets), water that flows through storm drains is not treated before entering our creeks, rivers, bays, and the ocean. This is called urban runoff/stormwater pollution. Help reduce storm water pollution and improve the health of our local water resources by being prepared for the rain.

## Debris/Bacteria

- Remove leaves/debris from the gutter and dispose in a green waste or trash container.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose in the trash or toilet.
- Pick up litter.

## Irrigation

- Do not water lawns on rainy days and reduce the duration of timed sprinklers during the rainy season.

## Erosion

- Plant groundcover or apply netting and/or mulch on slopes or bare areas.
- Preserve vegetation, trees, and shrubs in areas prone to erosion.
- Direct downspouts and gutters to drain onto your lawn or landscape so water will soak into the soil.

## Chemicals

- Do not over-fertilize your lawn.
- Do not apply fertilizer or pesticides during or within 48 hours of rainy days.
- Maintain your vehicle and fix leaks or use drip pans.



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

***Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.***

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.



## PET ADOPTION FOR SENIORS

OC Animal Care offers a Senior for Senior pet adoption program, providing a discounted adoption rate and licensing fee for senior citizens, 65 years and older, looking to adopt a pet 5 years or older. There is a limit of one discounted senior license per household.

Adopting an older pet can be rewarding! Homeless animals over 5 years old are more difficult to place in loving homes. Many adult pets have received some obedience and/or potty training, and are generally more calm and affectionate. There are also proven benefits of pet ownership for seniors as pets can help lower blood pressure and anxiety, alleviate depression, cope with stress, and offer tons of unconditional love! For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160.

# Recreation/Events Calendar

## January/February 2014

### JANUARY

#### SnowFest 2014

**Saturday, January 25**  
**11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Pittsford Park**  
(21701 Pittsford Dr)

Activities include free snow play area, special guests, and rides for kids!



### FEBRUARY

**Friday Night at the Movies**  
**Featured Movie:**  
**The Butler (PG13)**



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6:30-9:30 p.m.  
(Movie begins at 7 p.m.)  
Lake Forest Community Center  
(25550 Commercentre Dr)  
\$5 per person  
(pre-registration is necessary)

**February 10 - April 7**

**AARP Tax Aide—FREE Tax Help**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mondays only  
Lake Forest Community Center  
(25550 Commercentre Dr)  
Appointments are mandatory.  
No Walk-Ins. Call 461-3408.

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**Spring Registration Begins for Residents**

**8 a.m.**  
**Online, Mail-In, Walk-In**



**Save the Date**

**Saturday April 12**

**Bunny Blast: "An Egg Wonderland"**

**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**El Toro Park** (23701 Los Alisos Blvd)

**Free admission**

(nominal fee for games, activities, and food)

**Save the Date**

**Saturday April 26**

**Parks Safari**

**9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Departure Location:**  
**Lake Forest City Hall**  
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

**\$3 fee per person**  
(includes snack and souvenir)

**Pre-registration for this event is necessary.**

*For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.*



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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  
Etnies Skatepark . . . . . 916-5870  
Graffiti Hotline . . . . . 461-3583  
Planning . . . . . 461-3491  
Public Works . . . . . 461-3480  
Recreation . . . . . 461-3450  
Economic Development . . . . . 461-3567

### IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City  
[www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov)  
Economic Development  
[www.lakeforestbusiness.com](http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com)  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
[www.etnieskatepark.com](http://www.etnieskatepark.com)

## "EXPAND THE FOREST"



The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.

**For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.**

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Sara, Sandy, Gloria, Judy, Grace, Sue, Ellen, Janice and Ann	Coast Live Oak	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of Our "Sister," Patty Nawrocki
Loretta Herrin, Gary Magill, Vicky Blethen and Brenda Silvey	Magnolia	Borrego Overlook Park	Congratulations on your Marriage – To Jim and Diane
Patti, Johnnie III and Brandi Lee	Sycamore	Rancho Serrano Park	Johnnie A. Lee, Sr.
Trevor, Chad, Ashley, Zoey, Bentley, Shayne, Rob and Quinn	Magnolia	Foothill Ranch Community Park	Brandon Orozco – You will Live In Our Hearts Forever
Richard, Randi and David Simpson	Liquid Amber	Borrego Overlook Park	In Honored Memory of SPC Michael William McCain, U.S. Navy, May 10, 1989 – August 24, 2013, Slidell, LA
Kiwanis Club of Lake Forest – Connie Visconte and Lisa Tooley	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In Loving Memory of Helen Christine Matsil

## the LEAFLET

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## 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 461-3471.

