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CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



DECEMBER NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

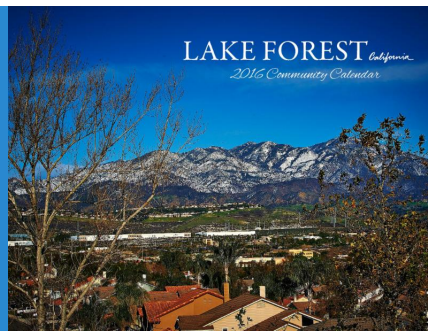
Dog Photo Contest



Is your dog quirky? Cute? Laugh-out-loud funny? Enter your canine into the Dog Photo Contest for a chance to win a basket of treats. Photos must be taken at Barker Ranch Dog Park (26500 Baffin Bay) with photo submissions emailed to chon@lakeforestca.gov by Friday, December 11. For complete contest rules, visit www.lakeforestca.gov.

Coming Soon! Free 2016 Lake Forest Community Calendars

Pick up your free 2016 Lake Forest Community Calendar at City Hall starting Monday, December 28.



Lake Forest Honored as 2015 Digital Cities Survey Winner

The Center for Digital Government announced the winners of the 2015 Digital Cities Survey with Lake Forest receiving 9th place for cities with a population between 75,000 to 124,999. The annual survey recognizes leading examples of cities using technology to improve services and boost efficiencies. The excerpt below is found on the Government Technology's [website](#).

"Lake Forest, CA - The city of 80,000 people is using tech to create a 24/7 City Hall and its redesigned website, built with responsive design, is helping make that a reality with its functional and easy-to-use layout. A public Wi-Fi initiative brings Internet access to three city facilities including the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center, which was built with technology in mind. The center's technology projects include a network data center that connects via VPN to City Hall and a CCTV system that can be monitored onsite and remotely. The city's economic development business tools, like [lakeforestbusiness.com](#), provide informative and functional resources for current and prospective business owners."

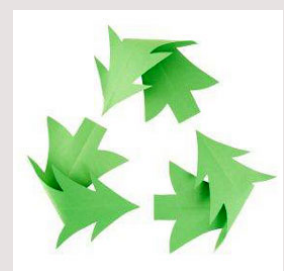
Lake Forest Website: El Niño Resource Page

The City has prepared an [El Nino resource page](#) containing helpful information as Southern California prepares for the anticipated El Niño storm. The webpage includes emergency resources, community preparation tips, sandbag information, and other helpful tips.



Christmas Tree Recycling

CR&R will recycle your Christmas tree from December 26 through January 8, 2016. Remove all decorations and leave your tree at the curb on your regular trash pick-up day. Trees taller than sixfeet must be cut in half. Residents can also cut their trees and place them in the green waste bin during or after holiday tree collection. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled. For more information, visit www.crrwasteservices.com.



OCTA Reminds Folks to Be Bright, Stay Visible!

Low light conditions at this time of year decrease visibility for everyone. The Orange County Transportation Authority would like to remind everyone - cyclists, drivers, and walkers - to be bright and stay visible with this safety [video](#).

Vacation Home Checks

The City's vacation home check service involves a physical check of your residence (M-F only). For more information, call 461-3530 or fill out a [Vacation Home Check Form](#) and email it to cmconnell@ocsd.org or fax it to 461-3549.

Serve on the Grand Jury

The Orange County Superior Court is looking for interested Orange County residents to serve a one-year term on the Grand Jury beginning July 1, 2016. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and an Orange County resident, be 18 years or older, and fluent in English. Applications can be found at www.ocgrandjury.org and must be submitted by January 22, 2016. For more information, contact (657) 622-6747.

Share the Holiday Spirit with the Lake Forest U.S. Marine Corps Unit and their Families

The Support Committee is planning to make this holiday special for the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion and their families. Here's how you can help spread the holiday spirit.



- Monetary donations to fund Christmas meals for 75 families along with fun activities. For every \$35 collected, one meal is provided.
- A collection drive. Toys, children's books, and canned good donations will be distributed among families of the unit.

Donations will be accepted at five locations through December 13:

- (1) Lake Forest City Hall - 1st floor reception (25550 Commercentre Drive).
- (2) Lake Forest Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway) - Will only accept toys and books.
- (3) Lake Forest Beach & Tennis Clubhouse (22921 Ridge Route Drive).
- (4) Lake Forest Sun & Sail Clubhouse (24752 Toledo Lane) - Will only accept toys and books.
- (5) Walmart at Foothill Ranch (26502 Towne Center Drive).
- (6) Bagels & Brew (21771 Lake Forest Drive) - Will only accept toys and books.

New Business Reception

Wednesday, January 13

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)

New businesses that located or expanded into Lake Forest last year and any Lake Forest business wishing to network and meet with business resource agencies are invited to the annual New Business Reception. The free reception will feature business resource booths from the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE Business Counselors, City Planning and Building staff, and Business Watch. A light dinner will be provided. RSVP to economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or contact (949) 461-3567.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 7:00 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#).

- Tuesday, December 15, 2015
- Tuesday, January 5, 2016
- Tuesday, January 19, 2016
- Tuesday, February 2, 2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2015

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

30th Annual Candlelight Walk

Saturday, December 12

Sunday, December 13

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Location: Heritage Hill Historical Park (25151 Serrano Rd.)

Fee: \$5 Adults and Children ages 3-12

Join us for the 30th annual Candlelight Tour with over 1,000 luminaries lit and placed along the walkways and doorways. Parents and friends will enjoy antique holiday decorations as costumed docents lead them through the

history of old Orange County.





Etnies Skatepark 12-Year Anniversary Party

Sunday, December 13

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

Location: Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest (20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Come celebrate more than a decade of skateboarding at Etnies' 12th anniversary party with music, food, good times, and skate contests. The event is free. Check out www.etnieskatepark.com for updated information or call 916-5870.



2016 Rose Parade "Find Your Adventure"

Friday, January 1

6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$110 per person

This year's 127th Rose Parade theme is "Find Your Adventure." The Rose Parade will help shine light on the centennial celebration of our national parks. Participants will enjoy the parade at their grandstand seats with lunch and snacks provided. Pre-registration is required.



Snowfest Registration

Wednesday, January 6, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Lake Forest Residents)

Thursday, January 7, 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Lake Forest Residents)

Friday, January 8, 12:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. (Non-Lake Forest Residents)

Registration Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway)

Fee: \$7 per sledder - Cash only pre-sale

Bring your family and friends to our annual winter event, Snowfest, featuring snow laden slopes, snow play area, and guest appearances from visitors from a galaxy far-far- away! Food and drinks will be available for a nominal fee. Pre-registration is mandatory. Tickets are sold out by the time of the

event.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 3, 2015

[SADDLEBACK RANCH ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE \(Agenda Item No. 6\)](#)

The City Council received a project update regarding the Saddleback Ranch Road Traffic Improvement Project and was presented information pertaining to the current plans, as well as potential modifications to address community concerns. The proposed modifications were presented to a Board Member from each of the six HOAs in Portola Hills, and that group reached a consensus to recommend changing the design plans modifying striping and narrowing medians. This will provide for a 5-foot wide dedicated bike lane for nearly the entire length of Saddleback from Millwood to Ranchwood in both directions. The proposed modification addresses the two main concerns about bicycles and vehicles having to share a lane for much of the roadway and the issue of vehicles driving too close to the sidewalk. The Council voted unanimously to approve the changes.

[AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST AMENDING CHAPTERS 10.12, 13.04 OF THE LAKE FOREST MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO DOGS IN PARKS \(Agenda Item No. 8\).](#)

In anticipation of the grand opening of Barker Ranch Dog Park, the City Council approved the first reading of an Ordinance to revise the Municipal Code as it relates to dogs off-leash in City parks. Prior to the opening of Barker Ranch Dog Park, the Municipal Code prohibits dogs from being allowed off-leash at any City park. Barker Ranch Dog Park includes two separate off-leash areas, one for large dogs at 5,300 square feet and one for smaller dogs at 3,400 square feet. The facility is being constructed at no cost to the City and paid for by the home developer, Shea Homes. Once fully constructed, the City will assume maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

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November 17, 2015

[CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR SADDLEBACK RANCH ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS \(PW 2013.18\) \(Agenda Item No. 10\).](#)

The City Council authorized the City Manager to approve Contract Change Order No. 2 for the Saddleback Ranch Road Traffic Improvement Project at an estimated cost of \$69,172. The Change Order would remove the median nearest the intersection of Saddleback Ranch Road and Ridgeline, narrow remaining medians, install two storm drain catch basin inlets, and stripe bicycle lanes. These changes would provide a 5-foot wide dedicated bike lane for nearly the entire length of Saddleback Ranch Road from Millwood to Ranchwood in both directions in addition to 10-foot vehicle lanes. The

contractor anticipated completing the proposed additional work by mid-January 2016.

[ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMIT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ASHBROOK, ASHFIELD, ASHWOOD, BUCKWOOD, SPRING GLEN, AND SPRING WATER \(Agenda Item No. 11\).](#)

Responding to requests from the Bennett Ranch Homeowners Association and residents on Spring Glen and Spring Water to address overflow parking from an adjacent condominium complex on Second Street and Cherry Avenue, and from the apartments on Village Drive, the City Council voted to establish permit parking restrictions on Ashbrook, Ashfield, Ashwood, Buckwood, Spring Glen, and Spring Water. The Council also directed staff to evaluate existing red curb restrictions along Second Street, Cherry Avenue and Jeronimo, as well as overnight parking restrictions on Jeronimo, hearing the concerns of residents in the Viejo West condominiums along Second Street. The Council further requested staff review the Permit Parking Policy to consider adding provisions for permit parking in areas of multi-family residential properties.

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