



NEW LOOK

The Leaflet

January-February 2015



**Sports
Park
FAQs**

State of
the City
and
Meet the
Mayor



25550 Commercentre Drive
 Lake Forest CA 92630
 Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 (Closed alternate Fridays)

Follow Us:  

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

- February 3 ■ March 3
- February 17 ■ March 17

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- February 19 ■ April 16
- March 19 ■ May 21

Planning Commission

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

- February 12 ■ March 12
- February 26 ■ March 26

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
Twitter	twitter.com/lakeforestca

*Cover: City mascot, Nectar, at the Sports Park and Recreation Center Grand Opening.
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City Manager's Message

A new year brings with it new opportunities. In Lake Forest, we strive to provide you with opportunities to live better, work better, and play better. To maintain the high quality of life Lake Forest is known for, we'll be using the results of the 2014 Community Survey to identify those services most important to the community. We have a number of communications projects underway aimed to provide you with accurate, relevant, timely information in the most user-friendly format possible, starting with the redesign of *The Leaflet*, unveiled with this issue. We are also working on a redesign of the City's website, scheduled to launch this summer, offering new functionality, improved usability, and enhanced transparency.



On the business front, we're exploring ways to enhance the City's Growing and Retaining Our Workforce Program (G.R.O.W.). With over 100 participating Lake Forest companies, this innovative job creation and retention program recently won the 4th annual Orange County Business Council's "Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet" award. In addition, Economic Development will be sponsoring workshops, seminars, and special events throughout the year, including our 5th annual Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week.

With the recent grand opening of the 86-acre Sports Park and Recreation Center, we have the ultimate destination for play for all ages. We are moving forward with the next generation of parks projects including the new 5-acre Portola Park and plans to renovate Village Pond Park. As with all park projects, community participation is key and, therefore, residents are invited to attend the upcoming Whispering Hills Park workshop on Saturday, January 31 at the Sports Park. In addition, residents are encouraged to regularly check the City's website for future park workshops. Finally, we will continue the journey to build Lake Forest's 100 Year Home - a Civic Center featuring a Community Center, Senior Center, Performing Arts Venue, Council Chambers, and a Community Policing/Emergency Operations Center.

To stay current on these and other planned projects in the coming year, visit lakeforestca.gov and facebook.com/lakeforestca. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

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 City Manager

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SPORTS PARK AND RECREATION CENTER

Sports Park **FAQs**

CONTACT

How can I contact the Sports Park and what are the hours of operation?

273-6960

Mondays through Saturdays: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sundays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DOGS AT THE PARK

Are dogs allowed at the Sports Park? The Sports Park welcomes licensed dogs but they must be on a leash at all times. Dogs are not permitted inside the facilities or on the sports fields unless they are service animals. No dogs are allowed on the synthetic fields.

EMPLOYMENT

How can I find out if the Sports Park is hiring?

Jobs will be posted at lakeforestca.gov/jobs and at [facebook.com/LFSportsPark](https://www.facebook.com/LFSportsPark).

REGISTRATION

How can I register and pay for a program?

To register and/or pay for a class, program, or excursion, call the Sports Park at 273-6960, go online at <https://onlineactivecommunities.com/LFRecOnline/Start/start.asp>, or stop by the Sports Park or City Hall. Cash or check payments are only accepted at the Sports Park or at City Hall.

FACILITIES, AMENITIES, AND PROGRAMS

When will the natural fields be open to the public?

How can I check availability for the fields as well as the gym's volleyball and basketball courts? Natural turf fields are expected to open in Spring 2015. For court and field availability, check lakeforestca.gov/sportspark or call 273-6960.

Does the Sports Park coordinate any adult leagues or children's leagues?

The Sports Park will launch adult softball in Spring 2015. To sign up or get on the interest list, contact Bill Barry at bbarry@lakeforestca.gov. For children's leagues, please go through an established children's league.

RESERVATIONS

Are there penalties for unused field assignments?

Yes, unused field assignments will be subject to a no show penalty.

- 1st offense: Warning
- 2nd offense: \$20 per field penalty
- 3rd offense: \$35 per field penalty and potential loss of future field time

How do I reserve a sports field or rent the basketball/volleyball court inside the gym?

Reservations will be based on availability and other criteria listed below. There is no deposit required. Email Bill Barry at bbarry@lakeforestca.gov with the following information:

- Type of reservation (practice game, open game, hosting a tournament).
- Type of organization (non-profit, for-profit).
- The number or percentage of Lake Forest residents in the sports organization.
- Proof of Insurance (visit lakeforestca.gov/sportspark for details).

What are the requirements to reserve meeting rooms, the dance room, or gym?

Meeting rooms and the dance room are only available to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations while the gym is reserved for sports usage only. Contact the Sports Park for an application.

How do I reserve a gazebo/picnic structure?

Reservations can be made at <https://online.activecommunities.com/LFRecOnline/Facilities/FacilitiesSearchWizard.asp>. The City is accepting reservations for certain gazebo/picnic structures for Saturday and Sunday events on a first-come first-serve basis. Reservation fees are \$25 for Lake Forest residents and \$150 for non-residents.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Is there WiFi? Yes, there is free WiFi. Connect to "Sports Park Visitor" and accept the terms and conditions.

When is the computer lab open and do I need to make a reservation to use a computer?

16 computers are available on a first-come first-serve basis to the public during the hours listed below. During the afternoon, the computer lab is reserved for the Teen Lounge program.

Mondays through Fridays: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

FEES

What are the fees for renting a field or the gym?

Sports Park FAQs

Field user fees:

Hourly Athletic Field User Rates

Classification	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Non-Lighted	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	\$10	\$15	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$40
Lighted	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	\$15	\$25	\$25	\$35	\$40	\$60
Tournament Rates*	NO CHARGE	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$350	\$400

Group Classification Descriptions

Classification	
Group 1	City or SVUSD conducted or sponsored recreation activities
Group 2	Resident, non-profit youth sports organizations**
Group 3	Resident, competitive, club, travel and adult sports organizations^ with at least 80% residency in Lake Forest
Group 4	Resident, competitive, club, travel and adult sports organizations^ between 50-79% residency in Lake Forest
Group 5	Resident businesses and private parties
Group 6	Non-resident, non-profit youth sports organizations
Group 7	Non-resident, competitive, club, travel and adult sports organizations^ with less than 50% residency in Lake Forest
Group 8	Non-resident businesses and private parties

*Tournament Rates – Flat rates per field, with a minimum of 2 fields per day.

**Resident Non-Profit Youth Sports Organization – Comprising predominately (80%) resident youths. The organization is open to all youth applicants within the community. The league also provides minimum playing time guidelines for all participants. In addition, the youth sports organization is administered by volunteer Lake Forest residents who serve as officers, coaches, commissioners, or board of directors.

^Competitive, Club, Travel and Adult Sports Organization – One or more of the following conditions must be met:

1. Organization primarily travels to other cities to compete at a higher level beyond that of a recreation-based program.
2. Organization is primarily suited for participants with skill beyond the play of recreation-based programs. Tryouts or skill evaluations are conducted to select only top athletes.
3. Rules are not defined with minimum playing time for participants.
4. Coaches and/or organization representatives are not volunteers and receive compensation for their respective positions.

Gym fees:

Hourly Gym User Rates

Classification	Group 1	Group 2*	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
One Court	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	\$25	\$35	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$75
Full Gym	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	\$50	\$70	\$70	\$100	\$130	\$150

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*Group 2 rates – Organization must pay \$5 per player per season. If gym is utilized outside of center hours, an additional \$12 per hour rate applies.

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^Competitive, Club, Travel and Adult Sports Organization – One or more of the following conditions must be met:

1. Organization primarily travels to other cities to play competition of a higher level beyond the competition of a recreation-based program.
2. Organization is primarily suited for participants with advanced skill beyond the play of recreation-based programs. Tryouts or skill evaluations are conducted to select only top athletes.
3. Rules are not defined with minimum playing time for participants.
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Congratulations

to **Joel Wildermuth**, the third winner of the Sports Park Frenzy Contest! Enjoy your gift basket filled with goodies. If you have a story to share about the Sports Park, email chon@lakeforestca.gov before February 6.

“**L**ake Forest has one of the best sports parks in Orange County. Youth baseball, soccer and other major sports tournaments will be hosted in the best city in the county at our state-of-the-art facility. I’ve lived in this wonderful City for 28 years and have raised 4 kids here. I’m so excited for the youth of Lake Forest.”

Business Seminars

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)
RSVP at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov
Light Breakfast Provided

Hotel Roundtable for Hotel Managers

Thursday, February 5
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Updates on the City’s projects.
- ✓ Opportunity to address key topics including marketing resources for Lake Forest hotels.

Lake Forest Economic Summit

Friday, March 6
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Updates on the City’s major developments.
- ✓ Market updates on the City’s business industries and local economy.
- ✓ Economic trends throughout the Orange County region.
- ✓ Networking opportunities.



Home Energy Renovation Opportunity Program

Making energy-efficient upgrades to your home is now more affordable with the HERO program! Not only will HERO help save billions of gallons of water but it will also provide a healthier indoor environment and reduce a homeowner's utility bill.

Finance eligible home improvements with low-interest, tax deductible financing that is repaid through a home's property tax. Lake Forest residents can apply for the HERO program by choosing energy efficient

upgrades and selecting a registered contractor to get the project started. There is no application fee and approvals are not based on credit scores. To register and for more information, contact 1-855-HERO-411, or visit heroprogram.com/lakeforest.

Eligible Home Improvements:

solar systems, windows, doors, roofs, artificial turf, and heating and air conditioning units



Street Sweeping Fights Pollution

Lake Forest Street Sweeping Program

- Prevents trash and debris from entering local creeks, lakes, and the ocean
- Prevents flooding
- Keeps the City looking good

600 TONS of pollution removed from the streets and gutters last year by the City.

15 TONS of debris can be missed in one year due to parked cars blocking the path of the sweeper along the curb.

HOW CAN I HELP? It's simple!

Move your car on street sweeping day each week to ensure the sweeper can sweep up any debris and pollutants off the street. Street sweeping occurs on the day following trash collection. Your efforts directly contribute to fighting pollution!



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



Help Plan for the Future ~ Five-Year Consolidated Plan Survey

Help the City identify some of the most pressing needs in housing, parks, community facilities, human services, homelessness, and affordable housing by taking a brief survey. Your input is used to prepare the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan which helps the City prioritize housing and community development needs over the next five years using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. CDBG funds are obtained annually from the federal government and are contingent upon funding availability. Subject to receipt of the

annual grant, funds are used to assist communities in providing viable public services for low-income or underserved populations. Take the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JS3CSCZ>.

¡Su Opinión Cuenta! Tome nuestra encuesta. Por favor ayúdenos a identificar prioridades en la ciudad en las áreas de vivienda, parques, centros comunitarios, servicios humanos, falta de vivienda y vivienda accesible. Tome unos minutos para completar esta encuesta localizada aquí <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JS3CSCZ>.



2015 Community Calendars Are Here!

Pick up your free 2015 Lake Forest Community Calendar at City Hall today! The 12-month fully colored calendar showcases the beauty of our local parks.

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.

ANNUAL

State of the City and Meet the Mayor

Co-sponsored by
Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and City of Lake Forest
Hosted by Baker Ranch
Community Association

**Wednesday, February 25
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

"The Grove" at Baker Ranch
101 Mariposa, Lake Forest

\$25 for Lake Forest Chamber members • \$35 for non-members

Mayor Scott Voigts will provide updates on the City's major development projects and share resources for Lake Forest businesses. Enjoy an evening of catered dinner, desserts, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities.

For details and registration, visit lakeforestchamber.com



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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Spring 2015

Monday, FEBRUARY 2

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

Fourth of July Parade Committee

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

For more info, email rrivera@lakeforestca.gov



Spring registration begins
Tuesday, February 10 at 8 a.m.

Friday, MARCH 13

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

Friday, MARCH 27

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

"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Lake Forest Recreation Center/
Teen Lounge
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.

For more info, email
mvillasenor@lakeforestca.gov

Saturday, APRIL 4

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

(Egg hunt starts at 11:15 a.m. sharp)

Etnies Egg-cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors



Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

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

Friday, MARCH 13

5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Kids' Night Out



Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: \$15 per resident
\$20 per non-resident

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Saturday, MARCH 28

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



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