



January 2015 eNewsletter

JANUARY NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Help Plan for the Future - Five Year Consolidated Plan Survey

Help identify some of the most pressing needs in housing, parks, community facilities, human services, homelessness, and affordable housing. 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>.

Send a Marine to Snowfest 2015

Help the City's adopted 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Marines and their families participate in Lake Forest's annual Snowfest on Saturday, January 24. For every \$5 received, one Marine or a family member will experience the fun of being able to partake in a sledding session down Mt. Pittsford. Donations can be made payable to Lake Forest United States Marine Corps Support Committee and mailed to 22365 El Toro Road #302, Lake Forest CA 92630.



New Business Reception

Wednesday, January 14
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

New businesses that are located in, or have expanded within Lake Forest last year are invited to a free open-house style New Business



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Reception cosponsored by the City and Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce. The event features an overview of free business marketing resources and plenty of networking opportunities with business resource agencies (e.g. Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, SCORE Business Counselors, and Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce), as well as Lake Forest officials and staff. A light dinner will be provided. RSVP at



December 2, 2014 City Council Meeting

December 16, 2014 City Council Meeting

Join Our Mailing List!

economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or call 461-3567.

Identity Theft Workshop

Thursday, January 29

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Join us for a presentation on identity theft and learn some valuable tips to avoid being a victim. The presentation will be held on Thursday, January 29 at Lake Forest City Hall.

Whispering Hills Community Workshop

Saturday, January 31

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway)

Join the City for a Whispering Hills Park Community Workshop where participants will be actively engaged in discussions and activities to help identify park amenities. The workshop will include a tour of the site. RSVP by Tuesday, January 27 with Vicky Blethen, Project Manager, at vblethen@lakeforestca.gov.

Hotel Roundtable

Thursday, February 5

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

The City is hosting a Hotel Roundtable providing local hotel managers with an opportunity to address key topics of mutual interest including marketing resources for Lake Forest hotels and updates on City projects. A light breakfast will be provided. RSVP at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or call 461-3567.

Serve on the 2015 Fourth of July Parade Committee

Help plan the 24th annual Fourth of July Parade. Fourth of July parade committee members will meet once a month starting Monday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, contact Ron Rivera at 461-3457 or at riviera@lakeforestca.gov.



Serve Your Community as an Orange County Grand Juror

The Orange County Superior Court is seeking applicants to serve a one-year term on the Grand Jury beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Grand Jurors help promote a sound government and make recommendations to county agencies and cities. To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen and an Orange County resident, be 18 years or older, and be fluent in English. Applications can be found at www.ocgrandjury.org, and must be submitted by January 23, 2015. For more information, contact (657) 622-6747.

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.

- Tuesday, January 20, 2015
- Tuesday, February 3, 2015
- Tuesday, February 16, 2015
- Tuesday, March 3, 2015

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 2015

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

Union Station Walking Tour & Olvera Street

Tuesday, January 13

8:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$43 per person

Built in 1939 to consolidate passenger terminals of three different railways, the tour of Union Station covers architecture, art, culture, and social history as it is known as one of the great landmarks of Los Angeles. The walking tour is 1 ½ hours long. The second stop is Olvera Street - a Mexican Marketplace that recreates a romantic "Old Los Angeles."



"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Friday, January 30

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

Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway)

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

Give your parents a night off and celebrate good times with friends at the Recreation Center and Teen Lounge. Play video games and activities, eat dinner, watch movie screenings, listen to music, and there may even be guest entertainers!

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 2, 2014

[RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 ELECTION \(Agenda Item No. 4\)](#)

The City Council adopted a Resolution certifying the results of the general municipal election held on Tuesday, November 4. The results reelected Council Member Scott Voigts and added Council Members Jim Gardner and Andrew Hamilton to the City Council. Also approved by the voters was Ballot Measure X, establishing term limits for Council Members consisting of three four-year terms before having to step down for one two-year election cycle before running for office again. Measure X is effective immediately.

[SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE ENSUING YEAR \(Agenda Item No. 7\)](#)

Council Member Scott Voigts was selected Mayor and Council Member Andrew Hamilton was selected Mayor Pro Tem for the 2015 calendar year.

[ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 269 - ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PROGRAM \(Agenda Item No. 12\)](#)

The City Council voted to approve an Ordinance which establishes an administrative citation program - an additional tool to assist the City in obtaining code enforcement compliance from property owners without having to initiate costly legal actions. After initial requests to abate the code enforcement violations, the City may issue official citations to property owners that fail to correct the violations in order to comply with the City's municipal codes.

[NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE LAKE FOREST SPORTS PARK AND RECREATION CENTER PROJECT \(Agenda Item No. 13\)](#)

The City Council approved the Lake Forest Sports Park by adopting the Notice of Completion. Located on 86 acres at the intersection of Rancho Parkway and Portola Parkway, the Lake Forest Sports Park is the premier City sports facility in South Orange County, containing two full-scale artificial turf soccer/lacrosse fields, six baseball diamonds, one dedicated girls softball diamond, four natural turf soccer fields, a hiking/exercise trail, two concession/restroom buildings, three "tot-lot" playgrounds, and the 35,000 square foot

Recreation Center. The Recreation Center contains a regulation basketball court, dance room, computer lab, teen lounge, several classroom facilities, and a commercial catering kitchen. The total cost of the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center was \$34,617,691.

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December 16, 2014

[PRESENTATION OF TURNING RED TAPE INTO RED CARPET AWARD FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE CITY'S G.R.O.W. \(GROWING AND RETAINING OUR WORKFORCE\) PROGRAM \(Agenda Item No. 6.\)](#)

The City Council was presented the "Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet" award from the Orange County Business Council for its Growing and Retaining Our Workforce (G.R.O.W.) program. The program offers Lake Forest businesses access to no-cost hiring solutions, candidate screenings, on-site recruitments, job fairs, and customized training for employees. G.R.O.W. also facilitates the City's efforts to attract and retain businesses and expands the City's employment base.

[PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER STREET NAMES FOR PHASE 2 OF THE SHEA/BAKER RANCH \(Agenda Item No. 18\)](#)

The City Council approved proposed street names for Phase 2 of the Baker Ranch master planned community. Phase 2 of the Baker Ranch community is currently in the grading stages during which future streets are constructed. The list of names considered by the Council are thematic to Southern California and pertain to native birds, butterflies, flowers, plants and types of oranges.

[2015 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM \(Agenda Item No. 19\)](#)

The City Council adopted the 2015 Legislative Platform which encompasses their general philosophies regarding statewide issues, such as taxation, local control, zoning regulations, prevailing wage regulations, pension reform, and the state budget process. The Legislative Platform provides the foundation of the City's legislative advocacy efforts for the upcoming State legislative session, and also provides staff with policy guidelines in the event it is necessary for the City to respond to a legislative proposal in a timeframe that does not allow the City Council to take formal action.

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