



The Leaflet

May-June 2015

**NEW CITY WEBSITES
COMING SOON!**

*Join the Cyber Scavenger Hunts
to Win Prizes*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT *Partner Up Against Crime*



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.

- May 19
- June 16
- June 2
- July 7

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- May 21
- July 16
- June 18
- August 20

Planning Commission

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

- May 14
- July 9
- June 11
- August 13

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	etniesskatepark.com
Twitter	twitter.com/lakeforestca

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City Manager's Message

The City recently welcomed our new Community Services Director, Scott Wasserman. With over 17 years of experience in recreation, Scott and his team are already planning new and exciting programs and activities! The Lake Forest Sports Park is gearing up for an action-packed summer, kicking off with adult softball leagues four nights a week starting in June, with plans underway for adult basketball and volleyball leagues in the fall. In addition, over 20 sessions of City-led camps are also taking place at the Sports Park for tots to pre-teens, ranging from arts and crafts to excursions to recreational sports. Also, don't miss out on the first concert in our Summer Concert Series in the Park held on "The Commons" at the Sports Park on Sunday, June 28.



As a City committed to providing all-inclusive recreational programming, Lake Forest is honored to co-host athletes participating in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games. In partnership with the City of Laguna Hills, Lake Forest will host nearly 100 visiting special needs athletes from the Cayman Islands and Syria. From July 21 to July 24, these athletes will spend quality time in Lake Forest and train at the Sports Park before participating in the Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles from July 25 to August 2. Each year, the City offers several activities for special needs teens and adults, including our fun and free summertime luau dance (see Leisure Times, page 24).

These are just some of the great programs and activities we have planned. As always, the City is committed to provide every resident the opportunity to experience outstanding recreational activities and park facilities to enhance our community's quality of life. Whatever you do this summer, we hope you get out and play!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
 City Manager

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)

The Leaflet is an official publication of the City of Lake Forest and is distributed as a public service to Lake Forest homes and businesses. The City welcomes your comments and questions regarding The Leaflet.

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REDESIGNED WEBSITES *Coming Soon!*

lakeforestca.gov
lakeforestbusiness.com
etniesskatpark.com

Based on your input, we've redesigned the websites to better meet your needs and your lifestyle. Offering a one-stop shop for all things City-related, the websites are user-friendly and easy to explore.

Highlights include:

- Homepage featuring current news and most requested topics.
- Event calendar highlighting upcoming meetings and events.
- Robust search tool.
- Customizable dashboard for enhanced browsing experience.
- Enhanced Customer Relations Request System (Ask Lake Forest).
- Accessibility for smartphones, tablets, and other mobile-friendly devices.



As you browse the websites, we welcome your comments. Simply click on **Ask Lake Forest** and select the **website category**.



VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Hunt begins Monday, June 15 and ends Friday, June 19

Each day, a clue will be posted at 9 a.m. on **lakeforestca.gov**.

Find it and solve it!

Prize: Google Chromecast
HDMI Streaming Media Player



Deadline: Sunday, June 21 by 5 p.m.

SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT

Hunt begins Monday, June 15 and ends Friday, June 26

Ten clues will be posted at 9 a.m. on **lakeforestca.gov**.

Find them and go to five of ten destination sites to take a "selfie."

Both photos and answers must be submitted.

Prize: Apple TV



Deadline: Sunday, June 28 by 5 p.m.

RULES

- ▶▶ Must be a Lake Forest resident. Winners are required to furnish proof of residency.
- ▶▶ Email your answers and photos along with your first and last name to **LFhunt@lakeforestca.gov**.
- ▶▶ Completed official waiver form required for the Selfie hunt.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Federal and State Basic Payroll Tax Seminar

Friday, July 24 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)

The City and State of California Employment Development Department will co-sponsor a free “Federal and State Basic Payroll Tax Seminar” to benefit established businesses, those just getting started, individuals anticipating going into business, and payroll agents. Register to learn about the various State and Federal reporting requirements and the associated forms at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov. Light refreshments will be provided.

Understanding the Public Sector Recruitment Process

Tuesday, June 30 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)

Are you interested in working for a public agency and want to know where to begin? Hosted by the City’s Human Resources division, join us for this informational workshop that will cover topics including where to find jobs, how to apply for jobs, and how to prepare for interviews. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to jobs@lakeforestca.gov by Tuesday, June 23.

Help Protect Wildlife – Introducing City Wildlife Ordinance



Did you know that feeding geese, ducks, and waterfowl bread and other food meant for people affects the birds’ natural migratory patterns, is harmful to them, and creates undesirable conditions? This innocent activity causes overcrowding and can result in the rapid spread of avian diseases. Typical waterfowl diets include insects and grass that contain essential nutrients to survive, reproduce, and live a healthy life. Feeding waterfowl low nutrition foods such as bread and crackers contributes to water pollution, unsanitary conditions, and landscape degradation, which diminish the aesthetics and cleanliness of a park.

Village Pond Park is home to several species of waterfowl. To discourage park patrons from feeding the birds, and to protect the integrity of the park and the health of the birds, the City Council recently passed a Wildlife Ordinance focusing on public education and compliance enforcement through possible citations. We encourage all park visitors to take part in protecting the local waterfowl and their habitats – and doing their part to Keep Wildlife wild.

STAY TUNED

The next edition of the Leaflet will highlight the City’s renovation plan for Village Pond Park.

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.

FAQs: MELLO-ROOS

With the development of Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods, residents are inquiring about how Mello-Roos applies to the newly developed areas. The following are a selection of some of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers regarding Mello-Roos in Lake Forest. As a reminder, Mello-Roos taxes assessed to Portola Hills homeowners are controlled by the County of Orange. For more FAQs, visit the City's website at lakeforestca.gov/MelloRoos.

What fees do the developers of the New Neighborhoods have to pay to the City and what can they be used for?

Each developer is required to pay various fees as part of the Development Agreements associated with the Opportunities Study Area ("OSA") New Neighborhoods.

- Community Facilities fees pay for the development of new public amenities such as the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center and the future Civic Center.
- Park Maintenance Fees pay to maintain certain public parks.
- The Lake Forest Transportation Mitigation (LFTM) fees fund intersection improvements throughout the City to ensure that the City's roadway infrastructure accommodates projected traffic volumes.
- The Foothill Circulation Phasing Plan (FCPP) fees fund other road improvements such as the completion of Alton Parkway.
- Affordable housing and neighborhood park requirements can be satisfied on site or, in some instances, through fees.

These funds cannot be used for general government purposes. The money collected is restricted and may only be used for the purposes identified specifically in the Development Agreements and other program documents.

Once the Baker Ranch development project is completed, how much will the developers have paid in fees to the City?

Upon completion of the Baker Ranch development, projections indicate the City will have collected approximately \$72 million in Community Facilities Fees, \$2 million in park maintenance fees, \$6.7 million in LFTM fees, and \$3.6 million in FCPP fees. In addition, the developer is required to pay an impact fee directly to the Saddleback Valley Unified School District of \$8,540 per housing unit prior to receiving building permits.

Will the new homes in the former auto center (Bake and Portola) be required to pay a share of the Mello-Roos fees associated with the Foothill Ranch Community Facilities District (CFD No.87-4)?

Yes. The new homeowners in the former auto center are required to pay a share of CFD 87-4 in the form of Mello-Roos payments.

Are the homes in the Baker Ranch development contributing their fair share towards the maintenance of the City's infrastructure?

Yes. While not a part of CFD 87-4, the Baker Ranch property was included in CFD 87-6 and made payments for its share of costs for the road infrastructure in the local area including arterials in Foothill Ranch. In addition, years ago, Baker Ranch was required by the County to pay its share for the Sheriff's Substation, Fire Station, and the Foothill Ranch Library in addition to other miscellaneous facilities. The owners of Baker Ranch decided to pay their obligation in cash instead of utilizing CFD financing. Therefore, the new homeowners in Baker Ranch do not pay Mello-Roos taxes.

Are any funds generated by new developers being used to pay off the existing bonds for Foothill Ranch CFD No. 87-4?

No, funds from one CFD or separate restricted source cannot be used to pay off a different bond obligation. The money collected from the developers is placed into restricted funds and may only be used for the purposes identified specifically in the Development Agreements and other program documents.

Congratulations

to **Terrie Covarrubias**, the final winner of the Sports Park Frenzy Contest! Enjoy your gift basket filled with goodies. The City would like to thank all those who participated in the community contest.

“We loved watching the new Sports Park being built. Every day we would drive by the park and the kids would say “when is the park going to be finished?” When it opened, we were in awe of the beauty we saw. The meticulous landscaping, the impeccable fields and the mesmerizing view of the mountains. The Lake Forest Sports Park is a great addition to our neighborhood and community.”



Tuesday, August 4, 2015
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway)

Join us for National Night Out – a fun and interactive day to generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back! If you're a business providing public safety and crime prevention services interested in setting up a booth or hosting a game, contact Vanessa Barker at 461-3546 before Monday, July 6.

Win Tickets to View the Fourth of July Parade from VIP Seats!

“Like” the City’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca).

Tell us what you look forward to at this year’s parade under the “4th of July Facebook Sweepstakes” post before Thursday, June 18. Winners will be randomly selected and notified the same day at 5 p.m. on Facebook.

“Thank you very much!!! We had a super time and my husband wants to sit there again next year! We also enjoyed chatting with the other family who won. Thank you again!”

– 2014 winner Cathy Boisvert-Larkin



Spring Cleaning Tips!

Keep our creeks, lakes, and ocean clean while conserving water

- Clean patio furniture on your lawn or landscaped areas to provide plants a drink.
- Using a broom and dust pan to clean debris from your patios, walkways, and garage, instead of a hose, will provide additional materials to add to your compost.

Washing down dirt, debris and other pollutants into the gutter/storm drain is illegal and wastes precious water resources.

Remember, anything that gets washed into the gutter ends up in our local creeks, lakes and the ocean.



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

Organic Garden Pest Control

Preventative maintenance and green insect repellants can keep insects from foraging in your home and garden. A combination of keeping your home garbage and debris-free and using common household items can repel insects while protecting our local resources from pesticide pollution.

For rose bushes

- 6 cloves of garlic
 - 1 tbsp. of baby shampoo
 - 1 quart of water
 - dash of cayenne pepper
- Chopped and mixed will repel soft bodied bugs such as aphids.

For ripening fruit

Equal parts ammonia and water mixed in cans and hung on fruit trees will repel wasps.

Crushed mint, bay leaves, cloves and eucalyptus wrapped in small cheesecloth squares can also be hung as a natural repellent.

For azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias, and blueberries

Coffee and eggshells, sprinkled around the base of these plants will repel ants, snails, and slugs.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY 2015

El Toro High School 25255 Toledo Way

(student parking lot at the corner of Ridge Route and Serrano)
 Proof of Lake Forest residency required (valid driver's license or utility bill)

SATURDAY
June 27
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SUNDAY
June 28
 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

- **Paint and painting supplies** - Latex, oil based, thinners, strippers, stains and finishes
- **Automotive products** - Oil, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, car batteries
- **Cleaning products** - Drain/oven/bathroom cleaners, pool chemicals
- **Pesticides & Herbicides** - Bug sprays, rat poison/bait, repellents
- **Aerosol cans**

UNIVERSAL WASTE:

- **Electronics, household batteries, and fluorescent tubes and bulbs**



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Asbestos
- Business and biological waste
- Explosives, ammunition, road flares, gasoline
- Radioactive materials
- Medical waste and sharps
- High pressure cylinders
- Trash and bulky items
- Pharmaceuticals
- Propane and helium tanks

YEAR-ROUND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Orange County residents can stop by one of four permanent drop-off centers for proper disposal of hazardous waste.

Visit **oclandfills.com** or call (714) 834-6752 to find the location nearest you and hours of operation.



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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Spring/Summer 2015

Sunday, MAY 3

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

Rancho Days Fiesta

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$4 adults/\$3 children (3-12 yrs.) at the door

Saturday, MAY 16

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day

Cherry Ave. and Fernbank St.

Fee: Free to participate

Saturday, JUNE 13

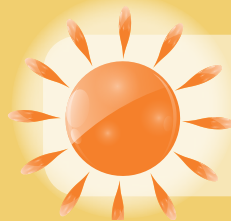
& Sunday, JUNE 14

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dino Days

Nature Park • 26215 Dimension Dr.

Fee: \$3 per person for "Dino Days" tour



Summer registration begins
Tuesday, May 12 at 8 a.m.

Friday, JUNE 19

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

Live Music Showcase

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 per person at the door

Friday, JUNE 19

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Movies in the Park
"Muppets Most Wanted"**

Lake Forest Sports Park
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

Sunday, JUNE 21

10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Go Skateboarding Day

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

Sunday, JUNE 28

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

**Summer Concert Series ~
No Duh With Special Guest
The Suffragettes**

Lake Forest Sports Park
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

Saturday, JULY 4 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4th of July Parade
Lake Forest Sports Town USA!

Toledo Way to Dayton Fee: Free to attend

City Of Lake Forest 24th Annual 4th Of July Parade



www.lakeforestparade.com

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