



The Leaflet

November - December 2015

**LAKE FOREST RESIDENTS
GIVE BACK**

Get Inspired and Volunteer

**THREE THINGS TO DO
IN YOUR CITY**

Get Involved In the Community



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)

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

- November 17
- December 15
- December 1
- January 5

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- November 19
- January 21
- December 17
- February 18

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

- November 12
- January 14
- December 10
- February 11

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
Sports Park & Recreation Center ..	lfsportspark.com
Twitter.....	twitter.com/lakeforestca

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City Manager’s Message

Every year the City recognizes the important role volunteers play in keeping our community vibrant and engaged. This special edition of *The Leaflet* features six Lake Forest resident volunteers (pages 4-5) who have committed their time and energy to make Lake Forest a better place to live, work, and play.



If you are inspired by their stories, volunteer opportunities abound! 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. Sign up for recurring City volunteer opportunities with the Lake Forest Police Services’ STARS or Explorers programs, or serve on the Fourth of July Committee to help plan one of the biggest events of the year. Occasionally, the City also seeks volunteers interested in serving on various boards, advisory groups, and commissions. Contact us if you want to volunteer, but don’t have much time. We’ll tell you about a few opportunities with minimal time commitments like the Taste of Lake Forest just around the corner.

In addition to volunteering, there are other ways to support your community, and now is a great time with the 5th Annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week underway. By shopping and dining in Lake Forest, you are keeping sales tax dollars local so they can be circulated back to the community through park enhancements, street improvements, and various amenities that elevate the quality of life in Lake Forest. We hope you enjoyed the Shop & Dine kick-off celebration and look forward to seeing you at the Taste of Lake Forest event. Don’t forget to take your Shop & Dine Lake Forest coupon booklet along during your holiday shopping trips since many of these deals are valid through the end of the year.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
 City Manager

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THREE THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR

1 KIDS BICYCLE SAFETY RODEO

Build bicycle skills and learn about bike safety. Kids 8 years and younger can participate in the Kids Bicycle Safety Rodeo on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway). There will be a guided bicycle ride through a designated course every half hour. Just bring a tricycle, a scooter, or a 2-wheel bike (with or without training wheels), and a helmet!

Cost: Free

Information: Sign up at TourDelToro.org

2 TASTE OF LAKE FOREST

On Sunday, November 8 from noon to 4:00 p.m., sample cuisine from over 20 restaurants at the Foothill Ranch Towne Centre Food Festival. Tasting ends at 3:00 p.m. The Taste will also feature live entertainment and raffle prizes. Don't forget to bring your coupon booklet and redeem stamped coupons for raffle tickets. The more stamps you have, the greater your odds to win amazing prizes!

Cost: \$10 per person

Information: Visit shopanddinelakeforest.com

3 BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Join Santa for a delicious home-style cooked breakfast and brunch on Saturday, December 5 at the Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). The first session will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the second session from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afterwards, the fun continues with holiday melodies, cookie decorating, and storytelling. **Registration required.**

Cost: \$6 per person

Information: Call 273-6960

THREE THINGS TO DO IN THE NEW YEAR

1 NEW BUSINESS RECEPTION

The City is hosting a Business Reception for new Lake Forest businesses on Wednesday, January 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive). While enjoying a light meal, attendees will hear about business resources and marketing tools. The seminar will also feature information booths from the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, SCORE Business Counselors, Small Business Administration, Business Watch, and more!

Cost: Free

Information: Call 461-3567 or sign up at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov

2 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

Help plan one of the biggest City events of the year – the 25th annual Lake Forest Fourth of July Parade starting Monday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway).

Cost: Free

Information: Email djones@lakeforestca.gov

3 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In 2016, the City will celebrate its 25th year of incorporation. In recognition of this milestone, the City is throwing a year-long party! The 25th Anniversary Celebration will include activities at many annual City events and several one-time special events throughout the year. Stay tuned for details.

Cost: To be determined

Information: Visit lakeforestca.gov/25years

Lake Forest Residents GIVE BACK

Making a Difference in our Community

Tis the season to *Give Back* ~ As we approach the holiday season, the City would like to recognize volunteers that have given their time and talents to the community. Meet six Lake Forest resident volunteers that have embraced the true meaning of the season and are sharing their stories to inspire others.

Ellen Clark

Saddleback Memorial Medical Center



Saddleback Memorial Medical Center focuses on quality and compassionate care for patients and families at every stage of their lives. Their volunteers serve whenever and wherever they are needed with compassion, enthusiasm, and friendly smiles.

Ellen's relationship with Saddleback Memorial Medical Center began in March 2007 when she brought her husband in after he suffered from a heart attack. This is where her journey to volunteerism began. Impressed by the level of care from the doctors and nurses, Ellen started volunteering in the Escort & Messenger unit, and eventually rose to the position of Chairman. She continues to serve the hospital and is responsible for discharging patients, delivering flowers and meals, and running medical errands. Ellen enjoys working with a wonderful group of volunteers, ranging from ages 16-95, who also want to give back to their community. To learn more, visit memorialcare.org.

Heather Zamora

Girl Scout Troop



Founded in 1912, the Girl Scouts of America seek to make the world a better place by building courage, confidence, and character in their scouts. It all began over 100 years ago when one woman believed in the power of every girl.

Today, Heather is one of many who carry on the mission by helping young girls discover their strengths, passions, and talents. A proud mother of four daughters, Heather dedicates her time to run a local Girl Scout Troop of seventeen 3rd and 4th graders. Recognized as being organized and creative, she always has a smile on her face volunteering countless hours for the girl scouts. To learn more, visit girlscouts.org.



Dave Carter

Boys & Girls Club of Lake Forest



The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is focused on enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, there are over 4,100 Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the country offering a safe place for kids to learn and grow while having fun.

Dave believes that these organizations open doors to the future for our kids, and he has worked hard to establish a Club in Lake Forest. Dave's journey began at two Orange County branches as a Taekwondo instructor. He went through a daunting process of raising enough funds to open a Club in Lake Forest over the summer. Dave continues to work towards opening a year-round Club and may be moving one step closer in securing a Club facility, which would be a major victory. However, there is still a lot of work to be done but Dave's determination has inspired others to improve the lives of Lake Forest youth. To learn more, visit bgca.org.

Elaine Pong

Kiwanis Club of Lake Forest



This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club International along with a century of service. Their motto is "serving the children of the world." Since its founding in October 1994, the Lake Forest Chapter of Kiwanis continues to actively participate in

community outreach programs and service projects throughout the City.

One of its most tenured volunteers, Elaine Pong, has enjoyed seeing the personal successes and developments of the youth community. In support of the Kiwanis Service Leadership program, she has been a 15-year Kiwanis Advisor for the Key Clubs at El Toro and Trabuco High Schools. Her active role with the youth community crosses beyond the Lake Forest border, serving as the Key Club International, California-Nevada-Hawaii District Region Advisor, mentoring and supporting youth leaders in the region. To learn more, visit kiwanis.org.

Anne Breuer

Soroptimist International of Lake Forest



Soroptimist International is committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide. Soroptimist International of Lake Forest

is dedicated to business and professional women collaborating to improve the lives of women and girls.

Anne is a long-standing member of Soroptimist International of Lake Forest, and her accomplishments include successful fundraising activities for their scholarship programs such as the first "Bras for Cause Fundraiser," helping homeless women and children, and providing free mammograms for women. Anne embodies the volunteer spirit that helps make Lake Forest a great place to live. To learn more, visit soroptimistinternational.org.

Loretta Herrin

PTA Board



The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Their values include collaboration, commitment, diversity, respect, and accountability.

Loretta has served on the PTA Board and sat on every committee at La Madera Elementary School including the Book Fair, Teacher's Luncheons, Jogathon, Helping Hands, Membership, Carnival, Donuts for Dads, Meet the Masters, and Reflections. In addition, she sat on the School Site Council and was actively involved with the Every 15 Minutes Program, Model United Nations, and Grad Night at El Toro High School. She had a positive impact on La Madera Elementary, Los Alisos Intermediate, and El Toro High School students and sincerely represented several goals of the Board in promoting quality education and encouraging community involvement. To learn more, visit pta.org



Live, Work, or Play

Thank you Katie Conboy for showing us how your family lives, works, or plays! If you have a story to share, email chon@lakeforestca.gov by December 7 for a chance to win a pair of SnowFest tickets.

"I love to play in Lake Forest. There is so much for me to do. Everything is exciting, especially since I am two years old. The playgrounds are my favorite. I am free to run, jump and climb. My mom loves them too because I sleep well at nap time!"

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

The Support Committee is planning to make the holidays special for the Marines of the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion and their families. Here's what they have planned and how you can help.

- Monetary donations to fund Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for 75 families along with fun activities.
- A collection drive where residents can drop off toys, children's books, and canned goods that will be distributed among families of the unit. Donations will be accepted at Lake Forest City Hall, 1st floor reception at 25550 Commercentre Drive through December 10.

For more information, including additional drop-off sites for the collection drive and where to make donations, visit lfusmccommittee.org.

2016 Community Calendars Coming Soon

The 2016 community calendar showcases wonderful photos of places, spaces, and faces in the City we live in. We thank all those who participated in the contest. Calendars will be available at City Hall and at the Sports Park and Recreation Center starting December 28.

Christmas Tree Recycling

CR&R will recycle Christmas trees from December 26, 2015 through January 8, 2016. Leave your undecorated tree at the curb near the trash can on your regular pick-up day. Be sure to remove all decorations such as ornaments, tinsel, lights, and the tree stand. Trees taller than six feet 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 crrwasteservices.com.

Serve on the Orange County Grand Jury

The Orange County Superior Court is looking for interested Orange County residents to serve on a 19-member Grand Jury. The top 25 to 30 candidates will be randomly selected to represent each of the five Orange County Supervisorial Districts. The one-year term begins on July 1, 2016. Applications must be received by Friday, January 22, 2016. For more information, visit ocgrandjury.org, call the Grand Jury Hotline at (657) 622-6747, or visit the Jury Commissioner's Office at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana.

What does the First Flush have to do with Water Quality?

With the anticipated arrival of El Niño, residents can prepare for the first significant rainfall while preventing stormwater pollution. This heavy rainfall after a long period of dry weather is referred to as the “first flush,” and can wash months of accumulated pollutants into storm drains. Unlike water that flows through the sewers (from sinks and toilets), water that flows through storm drains is not treated before it enters our local creeks, lakes, bays, and the ocean. Let’s help reduce stormwater pollution and improve the health of our local water resources by being prepared and following these recommendations:

- Do not over fertilize your yard and follow the directions on the container. Fertilizer should not be applied within 48 hours prior to a forecasted rain event because excess fertilizer can be washed down the storm drain.
- Keep all hazardous materials stored outdoors properly covered or in watertight containers.
- Utilize the rain delay function on the irrigation controller during rain events.
- Introduce mulch to your landscape. Mulch can eliminate or limit topsoil erosion from your landscape or garden, preserve moisture, suppress weeds, and is aesthetically appealing.
- Adjust your irrigation times for the season.
- Remove leaves and debris from the gutter and dispose of them in a green waste or trash container.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose in the trash or the toilet.

Visit overwateringisout.org for more information.

Additional information can be found at your local water district:

El Toro Water District – etwd.com

Irvine Ranch Water District – irwd.com

Trabuco Canyon Water District – tcwd.ca.gov



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

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.



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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Fall/Winter 2015

Saturday, NOVEMBER 14

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

Skate Street Contest

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$20 entry fee

Saturday, DECEMBER 5

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

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

Breakfast and Brunch with Santa

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: \$8 per person

Children 3 and older must be registered

Saturday, DECEMBER 5

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

34th Annual Victorian Christmas

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$5 adults & children ages 3-12

Children under 3 years old free

Tuesday, DECEMBER 8 -

Thursday, DECEMBER 10

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

North Pole Calling

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free for Lake Forest residents

Pre-registration required

Saturday, DECEMBER 12

Sunday, DECEMBER 13

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

30th Annual Candlelight Walk

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$5 adults & children ages 3-12

Children under 3 years old free



Sunday, DECEMBER 13

7:00 p.m.

12th Anniversary Celebration-Etnies Skatepark

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: Free admission



SnowFest

Saturday,
January 23, 2016

See Leisure Times,
inside Page 3 for more info!



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