



February 2015 eNewsletter

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Your Opinion Counts! City Website Survey

This summer, the City will be unveiling a new and improved City website but we would like your help to deliver a successful product!

Take a brief [survey](#) before March 31 and let us know how you currently use the website, what we're doing well, and what we could be doing better. Your feedback will help shape the functionality and content of the new website.



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Home Energy Renovation Opportunity Program

Reduce your utility bill while making energy-efficient upgrades to your home with the HERO program! Finance eligible home improvements with low-interest, tax deductible financing that is repaid through a home's property tax. Eligible improvements include solar systems, windows, doors, roofs, artificial turf, and heating and air conditioning units. There is no application fee and approvals are not based on credit scores. To register, or for more information, contact 1-855-HERO-411 or visit www.heroprogram.com/lakeforest.

Ride Them and Recycle Them

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest is accepting broken, beat up, and old skateboards to be recycled in an effort to protect our environment and embrace sustainability. For park hours, visit www.etnieskatepark.com.



Construction Alert for I-5 Freeway through Mid-February

As part of the I-5 Freeway South County Improvement Project, lane

closures will occur through mid-February. Lanes from the southbound I-5 from south of Camino Capistrano exit to north of Camino Las Ramblas exit are currently closed Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drivers should expect delays on the southbound I-5 freeway during the closures and allow extra time to reach their destinations. For more information, visit www.octa.net/I-5pico.

January 20, 2015 City Council Meeting

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State of the City and Meet the Mayor

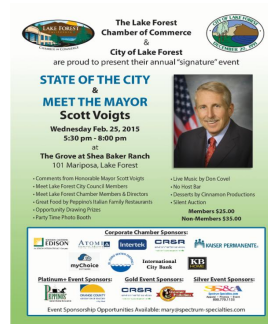
Wednesday, February 25

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

"The Grove" at Baker Ranch (101 Mariposa)

\$25 for Lake Forest Chamber members and

\$35 for non-members



The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and City are co-sponsoring the annual State of the City/Meet the Mayor event. Hosted by the Baker Ranch Community Association, receive updates on major City development projects and information regarding business resources. Enjoy an evening of catered dinner, desserts, a "no host" bar, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities. Register at www.lakeforestcachamber.com.

Eat for a Good Cause - Support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C. 1st Law Enforcement Battalion

Buffalo Wild Wings of Lake Forest will be hosting a special event for the Lake Forest U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion. On February 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 15% of the gross receipts will be donated to support the Battalion. Bring this [flyer](#) with you and don't forget to share this information with your friends, family and co-workers!



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, February 17, 2015
- Tuesday, March 3, 2015
- Tuesday, March 17, 2015
- Tuesday, April 7, 2015

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 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.

San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino

Wednesday, February 18

10:00 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per person



Try your luck at San Manuel with all your favorite gaming tables and over 3,000 slot machines. The casino offers Matinee Bingo from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each participant will receive "Players Choice" of \$10 toward the lunch buffet or slots.

Seniors, Step Your Way to Keep Healthy!

Seniors are encouraged to get moving by participating in the Walking Club. Stop by the Sports Park & Recreation Center every Monday at 10:30 a.m. for a nice one-mile walk around the Sports Park. Meet at the entrance of the Recreation Center. Don't forget to bring a hat and sunglasses. All levels welcome! To register, contact 461-3408.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 6, 2015

[CONTRACT AWARD FOR TREE MANAGEMENT SERVICES \(Agenda Item No. 12\)](#)

The City Council awarded a contract for tree maintenance services to Great Scott Tree Service in the amount of \$259,995. The City has an established annual tree management program for approximately 14,000 trees, which includes tree pruning, planting, and removal, for the health and safety of the City's tree population. The City's urban forest is unique in its quantity of eucalyptus trees of significant size not typically seen in a suburban setting.

[RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 13 \(Agenda Item No. 13\)](#)

The City Council, in its support of limited taxation and local economic development, voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution to support the principles of Proposition 13, and stating its opposition to any future attempts to undermine the local benefits to homeowners as a result of Proposition 13.

[CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSIONER SELECTION PROCESS \(Agenda Item No. 14\)](#)

The selection of Commissioners occurs in December of even-number years, or as soon thereafter as possible, following the City Council general municipal election. The current application process includes an application, comprehensive questionnaire, detailed resume, Statement of Economic Interests, and City Council interview. In an effort to make the appointment process more "applicant-friendly," the Council chose to maintain the application portion of the selection process as is, while eliminating the lengthy interview question and answer period. All applicants would remain on an eligibility list for one year in the event unanticipated vacancies

occur.

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[CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD FOR ADA ACCESS RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PHASE \(Agenda Item No. 8\)](#)

The City Council approved awarding a contract to Dash Construction Company to construct 36 ramps to comply with the California Building Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The contract amount is \$161,164. Project funding for this work comes from the Community Development Block Grant program with project completion anticipated in early Summer 2015.

[CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICANTS \(Agenda Item No. 11\)](#)

The City Council appointed Jerry Verplancke, Thomas Ludden, Jolene Fuentes and Robert de Almeida to the Planning Commission. After identifying the four Commissioners, the Council directed the City Clerk to draw one name by lot, who would serve the remaining two years of former Commissioner Hamilton's term. Jolene Fuentes was selected to serve the two-year term expiring in December 2016 while Mr. Verplancke, Mr. de Almeida, and Mr. Ludden were appointed to four-year terms expiring December 2018.

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