

The LEAFLET



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City Awards New Solid Waste Franchise to CR&R Incorporated

On May 1, 2014, CR&R Incorporated will begin collecting trash and recyclables in Lake Forest. After conducting a comprehensive and competitive proposal process, the City awarded an eight-year contract to CR&R on March 4.

Residents and businesses will enjoy many benefits as a result of this new partnership, including:

- Lower residential rates for single family residences. Residents will see a \$0.45 reduction in their monthly trash bill, keeping Lake Forest's residential rates the 7th lowest in Orange County.
- Commercial rates that are the 5th lowest in Orange County (lower than 27 other Orange County cities) while complying with new recycling laws.
- New bins and containers for all customers.
- Complimentary recycling program planning, training, education materials, signage, and unlimited assistance for businesses.
- Two residential bulky item pickups a year.
- Two household hazardous collection events a year.
- A natural gas fleet which will lower emissions.
- New lightweight commercial recycling trucks reducing wear on City streets.

Public Hearing: Members of the community are invited to a public hearing regarding the adoption of the proposed solid waste rates. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6 p.m. at City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive).

Public outreach will begin in April to ensure a seamless transition as CR&R prepares to deliver new carts and bins starting in late April. Pickup schedules will remain the same. CR&R will also actively work with homeowner's associations, property management companies, and businesses to increase recycling efforts, as well as ensure compliance with State mandatory recycling and diversion laws. For more information regarding the transition, visit www.lakeforestca.gov/solidwaste, or CR&R's website at <http://ww2.crrwasteservices.com/>.

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CITY MANAGER'S



Message

We know transportation projects are of great interest to the community. This year, the City is off to a busy start with several traffic improvement projects currently underway or planned for the City, along with associated community outreach efforts. Lake Forest is growing as we welcome new homes, parks, and facilities – and these necessary infrastructure improvements will help promote better traffic conditions for current and future community members.

There are a number of traffic and road improvement projects in various stages currently underway. To date, we've closed the gap on Rancho Parkway South and opened two new streets, Monarch and Catalina, which provide access into Baker Ranch. In the project pipeline is a new signalized intersection on Rancho Parkway which will provide access to the Sports Park and facilitate traffic circulation. On the regional front, the City has collaborated with the Orange County Transportation Authority and adjacent cities on eight synchronization projects totaling over \$6 million. As a result of this partnership, our total contribution for all eight projects is \$328,000 to synchronize 34 intersections!

New advances in technology have made it easier to manage traffic citywide. Sophisticated equipment and software are now available that allow traffic engineers to monitor traffic flows and change signal timing remotely. Additionally, traffic signals will now be able to share data across adjoining city boundaries. To stay on top of all that is going on, we invite you to participate in one of three traffic education forums the City will be hosting this summer. In addition to learning more about the City's traffic projects, you'll have an opportunity to share your traffic-related ideas which may help direct the City's future efforts.

We look forward to working together on these and other projects to make your ride that much smoother!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager

2014 State of the City Address & Meet the Mayor

The Chamber of Commerce and the City are co-hosting the annual State of the City/Meet the Mayor event on Wednesday, March 26, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Intertek (25800 Commercentre Drive). Enjoy a night of fun with great food, live music, a "no host" bar, and prizes! The entry fee is \$25 for Lake Forest Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, visit www.lakeforestchamber.com/events.

Hear the Mayor speak on:

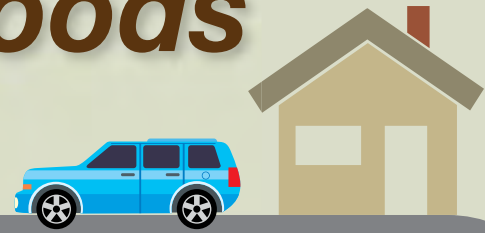
- City housing projects
- City Infrastructure
- Transportation projects
- Business resources

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 1
- Tuesday, April 15
- Tuesday, May 6
- Tuesday, May 20

New Neighborhoods Traffic Updates



We all recognize that construction and development activities associated with Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods impacts traffic. Some projects are welcomed – while others create temporary inconveniences. Regardless of the project, the City does everything it can to actively manage and minimize traffic impacts. In 2012, motorists benefited from the unveiling of Alton Parkway – the first of several roadway projects to ease traffic and enhance connectivity in Lake Forest – nearly two years ahead of schedule! Although the grand opening was originally scheduled to coincide with the construction of Baker Ranch, the City successfully accelerated the Alton Parkway project, bringing the benefits of the new road to commuters that much sooner. Another recent improvement is seen along Rancho Parkway South – we've closed the gap and motorists can now travel all the way through. In addition, Monarch and Catalina were recently opened and added to the City's street inventory. These new streets provide access into Baker Ranch. All these new roads will facilitate future traffic circulation.

Coming this Summer – Temporary Closure of Alton Parkway

An upcoming project that we will be actively managing is the temporary closure of Alton Parkway between Commercentre Drive and Rancho Parkway South. This segment will be temporarily closed to thru traffic for approximately two months starting July 2014. As Baker Ranch begins additional grading operations this summer, the temporary closure will facilitate the movement of dirt from the south side to the north side of Alton Parkway. The City will provide information such as alternate detour routes and advanced sign notifications in the upcoming Leaflet edition. If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 461-3480.

Attend our upcoming traffic education forums to stay updated on traffic and provide feedback to help guide the City's future traffic efforts. More details to come!



You should not wait longer than 140 seconds (2 minutes and 20 seconds) at a red light in the City. Most signals in Lake Forest stay red anywhere between 100 to 140 seconds.

Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods

Spotlight on Portola Center

After a series of community workshops and public meetings, Portola Center, a new neighborhood surrounded by natural beauty that will complement the Portola Hills community, will begin to take shape as initial grading begins this summer. This new neighborhood will bring approximately 930 single- and multi-family varying architectural-style homes and provides roadway and landscape enhancements.

Conveniently located northeast of the Foothill Transportation Corridor (SR-241), Portola Center includes a 5-acre community park that will be dedicated to the City and three private neighborhood parks, one of which will host a recreation center and swimming pool. Community members can explore the outdoors along a scenic 1.5 mile hiking and walking trail. Trails throughout Portola Center connect to adjacent neighborhoods as well as to Whiting Ranch Regional Park. Additional amenities include exercise stations, a playground, a picnic pavilion, and new eateries and shops as the project includes 10,000 square feet of retail space.



Portola Center Project Site Tour.

To stay updated on the latest developments, visit www.lakeforestca.gov/newneighborhoods and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LFNewNeighborhoods.

Save the Date! Secrets & Strategies for Business Success

On Friday, May 9, 2014, join us at the 8th annual "Secrets & Strategies for Business Success – Your Business: Take it to the Next Level" workshop. Co-sponsored by the City of Lake Forest and the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, over 100 businesses have participated in this free workshop to acquire the secrets and strategies to help their business succeed.

Presented as a half-day seminar, the topics include "Marketing Kicked Up a Notch," "Finding Capital and How to Leverage It Properly," and "Getting the Most Out of the Time You Have." Businesses can visit various resource booths and form collaborative partnerships. The workshop will be held at Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) starting at 8:30 a.m. A continental breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. For event details, contact Economic Development at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or at 461-3567. Register at www.lakeforestCAchamber.com.

Volunteer Spotlight! Congratulations Ann Owens! Ms. Owens' inspirational story is the final submission. We would like to thank all those who submitted a volunteer story.

Volunteering at Serrano Junior Optimists

Founded by retired Serrano history teacher Ann Owens, the Serrano Junior Optimists is a wonderful opportunity for seventh and eighth grade students to take part in a variety of fun and interesting community service projects such as making centerpieces for the Lake Forest Nursery Home, planting trees at Shadetree Nursery, creating a mural for a school, and collecting jeans for the homeless.

Serrano Junior Optimists meets every Wednesday after school and one to two weekends a month. Our volunteers make a difference while enriching the lives of others with energy and enthusiasm. Through volunteerism, members also learn leadership skills by taking roles as officers. New members are welcome anytime and no qualifications are required except to be responsible and show enthusiasm to help others. The annual fee is \$15. If interested, visit www.optimist.com, or contact annowens@cox.net.

SAVE THE DATE



U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Adoption Ceremony

**ATTEND THIS
SIGNIFICANT EVENT!**

Guests will have a chance to meet over 150 Marines the community will be "adopting" on Saturday, May 3 at the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Adoption Ceremony. Event highlights include a parade, a band, weapons displays, Humvees and tactical vehicles, and free food and refreshments. Community members will also have a chance to sign up as volunteers to support the unit. If you have any questions, email lfusmccommittee@gmail.com.

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U.S. MARINE CORPS
1ST LAW ENFORCEMENT
BATTALION
ADOPTION CEREMONY
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SATURDAY
MAY 3, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. – DISPLAYS
10:30 a.m. – CEREMONY
11:15 a.m. – RECEPTION
FREE FOOD & DRINK

EL TORO
HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
25255 TOLEDO WAY
LAKE FOREST, CA

COME AND SIGN UP TO SERVE ON THE
COMMUNITY ADOPTION COMMITTEE

Drought Conditions and Water Resources

The Sierra Nevada mountain snowpack, California's water source, is approximately 80% below normal levels causing it to be a dry winter for this time of year. In late January, during one of the driest years on record, Governor Brown declared a drought emergency urging Californians to reduce water usage by 20%. Careful and responsible use of water resources is important in order to conserve a scarce supply of water and to reduce pollution from urban runoff.

What's the connection between wasting water and pollution? Consider this - up to 60% of water usage in a single-family home is outdoors. Improving water use efficiency for landscape irrigation alone can have a significant impact on eliminating wasted water runoff in these current drought conditions. In addition, wasted water increases the potential to carry common urban pollutants into the storm drain system that drains directly into our local creeks, lakes, and the ocean without any treatment and can cause significant impacts to wildlife and the environment. Some of the most common pollutants include bacteria from pet wastes, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, gasoline, sediment, household cleaners and detergents, green wastes (from the garden), pool chemicals or filter material, and construction wastes such as concrete, grout, and paint.

Individual actions to use our water resources responsibly can have real and tangible benefits for our state water supply, as well as protecting our environmental water resources. The City of Lake Forest has partnered with other Orange County agencies to develop an online resource webpage at www.overwateringisout.org which is a great source of information for conservation tips, rebates, water management classes, and news on reducing and optimizing outdoor water use through proper scheduling, mulching, and other techniques for responsible water use.



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

If you SEE something, SAY something! Crime Prevention Starts with You!

The City and Lake Forest Police Services do our absolute best to ensure the safety of the community. Since a majority of the crimes committed in the City are preventable crimes of opportunity, Lt. Brad Valentine reminds residents "A majority of crime prevention begins with you. We apply the 'if you see something, say something' slogan from the Department of Homeland Security to the local level. No issue is too small to report and that one phone call may help someone from becoming a victim of crime." Here are some important crime prevention tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Keep your home secured when you're away by locking all doors and windows, activating the alarm system, and keeping exterior lights on at night. If you're away on vacation, request a vacation home check from the City.
- Join and be an active member of your neighborhood watch group.
- Report suspicious behavior and activity.
- Avoid leaving valuables, especially electronic devices, unattended in your car. Take them with you or put them in the trunk away from public view.

According to the recent CQ Press City Crime Rankings, Lake Forest is the 22nd lowest crime rate ranking city in America within the same population range. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents that reported crime data to the FBI in eight Part I crime categories in calendar year 2012.

Recreation/Events Calendar

Spring 2014 (March-April)

MARCH

Friday Night at the Movies **28**

6:30-9:30 p.m.
(Featured movie, The Heat (R), starts at 7 p.m.)

Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person (includes food and beverage)

Pre-registration for this activity is required.



Teen Lounge Nights **28**

5-10 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person

Pre-registration for this activity is required.

Borrego Trail Hike **29**

8-10 a.m.

Whiting Ranch Park

Fee: \$5 per person;
\$3 additional parking fee

Pre-registration for this activity is required.



APRIL

Saturday, April 12 Bunny Blast: "An Egg Wonderland"

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
El Toro Park
(23701 Los Alisos Blvd.)
Fee: Free
(nominal fee for games, activities, and food)



Spring Skate Egg Hunt at the Park **19**

11 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Egg hunt starts at 11:15 a.m.)

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person



Teen Lounge Nights **25**

5-10 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person

Pre-registration for this activity is required.

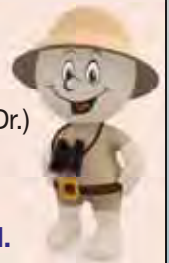
Parks Safari **26**

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Departure Location:
Lake Forest City Hall
(25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$3 per person

Pre-registration for this activity is required.



The Gathering – Where Art Meets Skateboarding **26**

6-10 p.m.

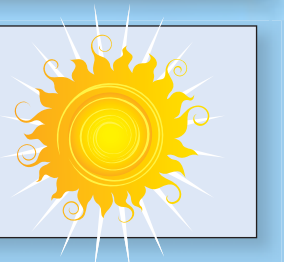
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person



Save the Date

Tuesday, May 13
Summer Registration Begins 8 a.m.!
Online, Mail-In, Walk-In



For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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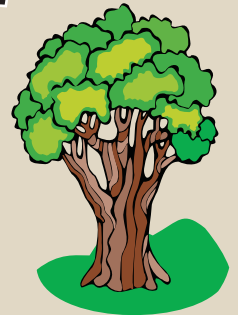
OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Community Policing Center 461-3530
Community Preservation 461-3474
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Economic Development 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etnies skatepark.com

"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Richard, Randi and David Simpson	Liquid Amber	Borrego Overlook Park	In Honored Memory of SPC Michael William McCain, U.S. Army, May 10, 1989 – August 24, 2013, Slidell, LA
Michael R. Stell	Magnolia	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Memory of P. Lorraine Stell ("Lainie")
Sean James Eschardies	Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory Travis M. Eschardies, A Loving Son, Brother, Grandson, Uncle and Friend
Candace, Bill and Jack Cain	Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of A Caring Father and Grand Father, Eddie Wong
Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County Volunteers	Tristania	Rancho Serrano Park	Kris Thomsen



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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.

