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Lt. Chad Taylor to Lead Lake Forest Police Services

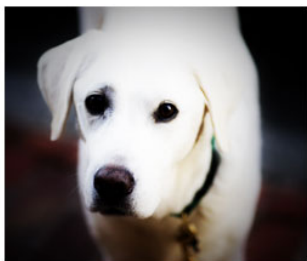
Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Chad Taylor, a 22-year department veteran, took over as Lake Forest Chief of Police Services on Friday, March 15. Taylor replaces Brad Valentine, who was promoted to Captain and assigned to the OC Courts.

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Technology allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts or emails, and update social media while driving – all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic and wants to remind the community, **It Can Wait, Safety First**. When you're behind the wheel, drivers should not text, update social media, check or send emails, take photos or videos, or input destinations into GPS while the vehicle is in motion.



Responsible Pet Program

If your pet is not spayed or neutered, the City partners with local veterinarians to offer residents \$50 off the procedure.

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TEXT TO 9-1-1

ORANGE COUNTY

CALL IF YOU CAN,
TEXT IF YOU CAN'T



Text 9-1-1

Mobile users in Orange County now have the ability to send text messages to 9-1-1, giving hearing and speech impaired residents, or those in situations where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1, a potentially life-saving option. This new tool is available to the public using a mobile phone or device. The location services on the mobile device must be enabled.

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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, April 16
- Tuesday, May 7
- Tuesday, May 21
- Tuesday, June 4

The agendas are available under the "Agendas" tab at www.lakeforestca.gov 72 hours before the meeting. Residents can also watch and participate in the meeting through the City's Facebook Live stream at facebook.com/lakeforestca

Upcoming Activities for April 2019



Etnies Egg-cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

It's springtime and time for the Skatepark to host its annual



"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Join us at the end of every month and celebrate last



Star Wars Family Night

May the 4th Be With You! The City of Lake Forest is proud to present the return of Star Wars Family Night! Join us on

holiday egg hunt. Come and visit the Skateboarding Bunny, play in the bounce houses and participate in fun games and crafts. This is a family-friendly event and great for the young ones!

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Fridays! Give your parents a night off and celebrate good times with friends at the Recreation Center and Teen Lounge!

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Saturday, May 4th for a night of out of this world fun. We're celebrating May 4th with Star Wars themed activities, crafts, entertainment, snacks and a special indoor movie screening.

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Special Needs Resource Fair

Join us April 27 from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for this unique opportunity to learn more about resources available to the special needs community. We will have several representatives providing a wealth of information and tips to benefit our special needs friends. There will be fun for the entire family, including refreshments, activities and special guests.

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Register for Classes and Events Online

City Council Highlights

NOTE: Council Wrap-Ups are a summary of meeting topics and events provided by the Management Services Department as a public service. This wrap-up is not an official record of Council action. The official record is posted by the City Clerk at www.lakeforestca.gov/129/Agendas as soon as possible after the meeting.

March 5, 2019

[RECOGNITION OF RECREATION SUPERVISOR KAREN RICE AND MEMBERS OF THE 1ST LAW ENFORCEMENT BATTALION, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS \(Agenda Item No. 1\)](#)

The City Council recognized Recreation Supervisor Karen Rice and members of the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion, United States Marine Corps, for their heroic actions.

[RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF LAKE FOREST POLICE SERVICES BRAD VALENTINE \(Agenda Item No. 2\)](#)

The City Council recognized Chief of Lake Forest Police Services Brad Valentine for his years of service to the City of Lake Forest. Lieutenant Brad Valentine joined the City of Lake Forest Police Services as Chief of Police in January 2014. Brad has a distinguished career in law enforcement with over 26 years of service with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, holding a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton.

[RECOGNITION OF OCSD DEPUTY SERGIO CASTRO AS SADDLEBACK VALLEY ELKS' DEPUTY OF THE YEAR \(Agenda Item No. 3\)](#)

The City Council recognized Orange County Sheriff's Deputy Sergio Castro, who serves as the Homeless Liaison (HLO) in Lake Forest and received a Meritorious Service Award/Deputy of the Year honors by the Mission Viejo Elks on February 16. Castro, a Marine Corps veteran who is also fluent in Spanish, began serving as the City's HLO in March 2018.

March 19, 2019

[INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE \(Agenda Item No. 2\)](#)

The City Council welcomed Lt. Chad Taylor as the new Chief of Police Services for the City of Lake Forest. Lt. Taylor is a 22-year OCSD veteran. He comes to the City from his role as Watch Commander in the Santa Ana Intake Release Center. In this role, he oversaw more than 100 sworn and professional staff operating a facility with over 800 inmates. Prior to this, Lt. Taylor worked as a

Sergeant in OCSD's Internal Affairs Division for three years. He also worked as a Sergeant on the Jail Management Team and the Intake Release Center.

CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION - QUARTERLY REPORT (Agenda Item No. 10)

City Council received an informational update on the progress and milestones of the Civic Center project. Utilizing the Construction Manager/Multi-Prime delivery method whereby the City's Construction Management firm, Bernard Brothers, divides the project into individual multiprime construction contracts. The project is currently on schedule for completion in fall of 2019.

GENERAL PLAN LAND USE THEMES (Agenda Item No. 11)

City Council provided direction on the selected Land Use Themes for the Five Focus Areas contained in the Land Use Themes Report for the General Plan Update 2040. Currently in the second phase of the Update process, the selected land use themes will be included as part of the Benchmark Plan for a detailed environmental analysis to examine potential impacts and mitigation measures as well as alternatives that could be considered as part of the General Plan adoption process. The final phase of the Update process is expected to begin in Spring of this year.

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