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Tell Me About the City of Lake Forest





A Message From City Manager **DEBRA ROSE**

When we talk about the strengths of our City, we often mention our location in the Saddleback Valley or our strong and diverse business community. In April, however, we celebrated the true foundation of Lake Forest: the people who volunteer to make our community stronger.

In our Community Services Department, more than 49 volunteers help turn the multipurpose room at City Hall – the same one where City Council meetings are held – into a fun dining hall each week and serve meals to our senior residents. They cover the tables with colorful plastic and decorate for themed days, such as Angels Baseball Day or Pajama Day. Volunteers also transform that same room into a ballroom for senior dances.

Those 49 volunteers last year donated more than 12,000 hours to the City. They're not alone. We also have the Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors – STARS – who patrol parks, businesses and perform home checks when residents notify the City they're on vacation. They staff the front desk of Police Services and help at special events. They donated over 7,000 hours to the City last year.

We have one more highly visible group of volunteers in the City – the residents who serve on our Community Services, Planning, and Traffic and Parking Commissions. Not only do they spend at least one evening a month at City Hall for their official commission meetings, they spend many more hours poring over staff reports to prepare themselves for making the best recommendations possible to the City Council.

It's sometimes easy to get caught up changes that are occurring in the City, but it's nice to take a moment and remember what stays the same: the residents and those who volunteer. They make the community stronger.

Thank you to all of you!

Debra Rose



OC Sheriff Don Barnes addresses the audience at the City's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.



MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 21 | June 4 | June 18 | July 2

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETINGS

May 16 | June 20 | July 18

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

June 13 | July 11

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETINGS

May 23 | June 27 | July 25

All commission meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. See more listings at www.LakeForestCA.gov

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WATER FUN WATER SAFETY



It's a sad statistic: temperatures climb, pool use climbs, the number of lives lost to drowning climbs. It's a tragic fact that Alisa Woolsey knows all too well. Now the General Manager at the Lake Forest Sun and Sail Club, Woolsey is a former college swimmer who taught lifeguard training for more than two decades. Now, she works hard to ensure swimmers stay safe at the homeowner association pools.

"Water safety is a top priority; age-appropriate swim lessons, awareness, and supervision are vital to keeping swimmers safe in and around pools," Woolsey said. The association holds Water Safety Days for the Community, trains their lifeguards and holds regular in-services and training sessions, as well as

enforcing safety-related rules, and requiring close supervision of younger and weaker swimmers. The association also encourages Coast-Guard approved flotation devices, not just floating toys.

Across Orange County, the warnings are being heard. In 2015, 26 people drown in pools and spas. That number dropped to 20 in 2017. In Lake Forest, one person drown in 2016, one in 2017 and two in 2018. But countywide, drowning is still the leading cause of accidental death for children under 5.

At the Lake Forest Beach and Tennis Club, General Manager Julie Carter said the association strives to create a family friendly environment that combines fun with safety. "In the summer, we have lifeguards on site at our pools and each of our staff members is CPR/First Aid/AED certified by the American Heart Association," Carter said. "We encourage all our members to obtain their certification and our lifeguard contractor, SafeSwim, offers these courses at a reduced price to our members."

The Orange County Fire Authority, which preaches "Children Drown Without a Sound," says those are great steps to help ensure water safety. The goal is to increase the fun, not the danger. The City contributes annually to a countywide water-safety campaign managed by OCFA. For more information see: www.ocfa.org/SafetyPrograms/DrowningPrevention.aspx

HERE ARE TIPS FOR EVERYONE, WHETHER AT THE BEACH OR BACKYARD POOL OR SPA:

LOCK IT UP

Keep pools gated and locked.

Home pools should be enclosed with a locked fence that is at least 4 feet high.



PREVENT DROWNING! NEVER SWIM ALONE

Kids need to ask an adult before going in or around a pool or spa. Adults should also never swim alone. **Remember, if no one is with you, no one can help save you.**

GO FEET FIRST!

Rocks, sandbars, and other dangers can hide just below the water's surface. Going feet first helps to find these dangers and allows you to know how deep the water is in that area.



LEARN TO SWIM. DON'T RELY ON SWIMMING AIDS

Swimming aids such as water wings or noodles are fun toys but never use them in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (life jackets).

DON'T LET DRAINS DRAG YOU DOWN!

Drains can create a lot of suction, which can trap people under water. Stay away from drains and install safety drain covers.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTIVE SUPERVISION



Use the Water Watcher card strategy, which designates an adult as the Water Watcher for a certain amount of time (i.e. 15-minute periods), especially when multiple adults are present.



PLAY SAFELY AROUND THE WATER

Running, jumping, or pushing others in or around the pool can be dangerous. Be safe and walk around pool decks. Have an adult get toys or other objects out of the water.

EDUCATE KIDS ABOUT SWIMMING SAFELY

Everyone is different. Enroll in swim lessons when you feel you and your child are ready. Start slowly with babies; some are ready at 12 months or even earlier, others are not. Swim in designated areas only and always have an adult Water Watcher and never swim alone.



ALWAYS WEAR SUNSCREEN & DRINK PLENTY OF FLUIDS

Swimming in the cool water can hide signs of sunburns and dehydration. Reapply sunscreen, even if it is waterproof, and drink plenty of water or fluids without caffeine.

For more tips and information, see LakeForestCA.gov/DrowningPrevention



ENVISIONING LAKE FOREST IN 2040

If you drive around Lake Forest today, you won't find any mixed-use projects, which blend housing with retail or commercial use.

But will that change by 2040? The City is planning for the future by updating its General Plan, a legally required document that will guide the city's future growth for the next 20 years.

At the March 19 City Council meeting, staff and consultants presented possible land use ideas for five focus areas that the community identified as needing special attention: Foothill Ranch Town Center, the El Toro Road Corridor, the Lake Forest Drive Corridor, the Civic Center Area and the Rail Corridor.

These areas are unique and important parts of the community. Thinking about how the needs of the City will change over the next two decades, the Council provided feedback on the type of housing and commercial zoning standards that should be studied for those areas.

In the next phase of the project, the City will carefully analyze these potential land uses to understand potential impacts. Consultants will study some types of projects that are different than what's now in Lake Forest, such as higher density, mixed-used projects. These projects could allow for more affordable housing choices and encourage developers to make investments to upgrade their properties with new projects.

The General Plan doesn't mandate or force any changes. It simply looks at the city's future needs while trying to create incentives for private property owners to make the changes.

The City Council will make the final decision on any changes, but City leaders are being guided by a General Plan Advisory Committee made up of residents and business representatives. The committee meets at 6:30 pm at City Hall on the first Thursday of each month. The public is encouraged to attend. Meeting agendas and additional information are available at lakeforest.generalplan.org

NEW LOS ALISOS BRIDGE PLANNED IN FREEWAY WIDENING



The Los Alisos bridge over the I-5 freeway will be rebuilt as part of a \$540 million widening project planned by the Orange County Transportation Authority. Work is scheduled to begin in Lake Forest next year.

The project, which stretches from San Juan Capistrano to Lake Forest, will add a general purpose lane in each direction between Avery and Alicia Parkways and extend the second carpool lane from El Toro Road to Alicia Parkway in both directions. It will also convert the carpool lanes into "continuous access" lanes, allowing vehicles to enter or exit at any point.

New sound walls will also be built, and the Avery and Oso Parkway interchanges will be rebuilt. In Lake Forest, a major part of the project will be widening the Los Alisos bridge. To minimize the impact on motorists, the bridge will be rebuilt one-half at a time. Traffic in both directions will be moved onto half of the bridge, while the other half is torn down and a wider segment built. When that side is finished, traffic will move to the new lanes and other half will be torn down and rebuilt, also wider.

Work starts on the segment between Oso and Alicia later this year, then to Oso to the 73. Construction on the segment from Alicia to El Toro Road begins in mid-2020 and is scheduled to finish in mid-2024. The cost for the that segment alone is \$166 million. The project is being paid for with the voter-approved half-cent sales tax formerly known as Measure M but no referred to as "OCGO."

The City Council received a briefing on the project from OCTA and Caltrans in April. The Council at the same meeting heard an update on proposals to improve traffic flow on the El Toro Road interchange, although no decision has been made on the design of that project.

For information on both projects, see the City's new "Regional Road Projects" page on its website at: www.LakeForestCA.gov/RRP

LAKE FOREST DEPUTIES HONORED



MEDAL OF LIFESAVING

Deputy Kristyn Ellis and another deputy were on their way home from a training when they came across a car accident on the I-5 near the Grapevine. They stopped and pulled an unconscious 12-year-old boy from the vehicle.

With his father still inside, the vehicle caught on fire.

Fighting against the heat – and time – the deputies freed the man, too. Deputy Ellis, who patrols Lake Forest, and Deputy Lisa Dolan, who works in North Orange County, were among 23 department employees honored by Sheriff Don Barnes in April at the he Orange County Sheriff's Department annual Medal of Valor ceremony.



MADD TOP COP

Everybody knows the dangers of drinking and driving – but those who ignore the risks in Lake Forest are likely to get a reminder from Deputy Laurel Yoshimoto. Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored Deputy Yoshimoto with the "Top Cop" award for catching more impaired drivers than another deputy in Lake Forest Police Services.

Deputy Yoshimoto, assigned to Lake Forest just over two years ago, makes stopping impaired drivers a priority. In 2018, she arrested 50.

Receiving her award from MADD, Deputy Yoshimoto also credited fellow Lake Forest Deputy Amy Raphael, who with 38 DUI arrests in 2018, received MADD's "Deuce Award" at a ceremony in April.

CITY FUNDS COMMUNITY GROUPS (CDBG)

Nine non-profit groups that serve Lake Forest residents are set to receive grants and El Toro Park will get a facelift using Community Development Block Grants allocated to the City. The federal money is also set to fund the City's Housing Rehabilitation and Paint Programs. The City Council will give final approval to the plan on May 23rd.

THE RECOMMENDED NON-PROFITS FOR THE GRANTS TOTALING \$71,850 WERE:

- Age Well Senior Services, which provides in-home care for seniors
- Alzheimer's Orange County, which provides adult daycare services
- Camino Heal Center, which provides free or low-cost medical services
- Families Forward, which provides transitional housing
- Fair Housing Council of OC, which provides landlord and tenant education
- Family Assistance Ministry, which provides rental assistance to families
- Mercy House, which provides outreach to those experiencing homelessness

"HEY ALEXA, TELL ME ABOUT THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST"



How many trees are in Lake Forest? What's the phone number for the Sports Park? What is on the next City Council agenda? If you don't know the answers to any of these questions, don't worry – Amazon's Alexa does, along with many more.

The City of Lake Forest is one of the first cities in the United States to launch a skill for voice-controlled Amazon Echo devices. The City worked with Florida-based Dabble Lab to create the skill to ensure residents can get information about Lake Forest through whatever device they feel most comfortable. Amazon's Alexa was selected for the first device because more than 100 million devices have been sold worldwide. A Google Home version will also be created, and staff will continue to develop the skill to make it as useful and interactive with residents as possible.

Those with Alexa devices can enable the "City of Lake Forest" skill to begin asking questions. Questions that are not answered are forwarded to City staff, so they can be added to Alexa's knowledge base. Along with the Alexa Skill, which also links to the City's website calendar so Alexa can tell users what events are taking place in the City, users can enable a flash briefing, "Lake Forest News."

The Lake Forest News flash briefing provides an audio update of City news upon a user's demand.

The Alexa skill is just the latest technology the City offers to keep residents abreast of City news and events. See www.LakeForestCA.gov/StayConnected for details.

- South County Outreach, a food pantry
- Vocational Visions, which provides job training to disabled individuals

The federal government mandates how the money can be spent. For capital improvements, the City Council approved \$132,484 to resurface tennis courts at El Toro Park, as well as upgrade electrical, lighting, and security systems at the park. The drinking fountain will also be replaced.

Another \$265,000 will fund the City's Housing Rehabilitation and Paint Programs. That money, in combination with loan repayments received throughout the year, will be used to issue approximately seven loans and fund escrow and administration fees. The Paint Program is expected to provide free exterior painting to approximately five homes and/or mobile homes Citywide this coming fiscal year.

See www.LakeForestCA.gov/HRLoan for more information about the rehabilitation program and www.LakeForestCA.gov/PaintPride for information about the Neighborhood Pride Paint Program.

KUDOS: HONORS FOR CITY STAFF AND PROJECTS



VETERANS PARK

The transformation of Village Pond Park into Veterans Park received the 2019 Outstanding Parks and Recreation Project of the Year from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Orange County Chapter.

The 4.7-acre park renovation included adding a memorial plaza with five monuments honoring each branch of the military. Each of the concrete monuments includes a bronzed emblem identifying the name and date the branch of service was founded. The project included the complete reconstruction of the pond, new park hardscape and landscaping with drought tolerant plants, and new park lighting, picnic tables and benches. The project also improved pond water quality by recycling pond water for irrigation. All these improvements helped create a new signature park honoring Veterans and made the entire facility more enjoyable for the public as a recreational venue.



DINOSAURS TO AGAIN ROAM NATURE PARK

Dinosaurs return to Nature Park on June 1 and June 2 for "Dino Days." The exhibit includes a life-size, moving T-Rex, Velociraptors and a Dilophosaurus. Wristbands are \$5 and must be purchased in advance, as the Recreation Center, 28000 Rancho Parkway. The wristbands include the dinosaur tour, arts and crafts, face painting, unlimited games, and more. The event sells out every year; get your wristbands quickly. Nature Park is at 26215 Dimension Dr.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



Lake Forest is home to the "2018 Building Department of the Year," an award given out by The California Building Officials. The organization honors one jurisdiction annually. The City's Building Department is staffed by Interwest Consulting Group and Senior Building Technician Randy Fiore. Interwest provides a dedicated and talented pool of Building Technicians, Plan Examiners and Building Inspectors, ensuring a high level of customer service. Fred Marzara has served as the City's Building Official for five years.

The Building Division assisted 9,130 walk-in customers, performed 24,618 inspections, and issued 2,796 permits in fiscal year 2017-18. The department garnered a 95% satisfaction rating in the City's Community Satisfaction Survey.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION

The City's "Debt Free Day" celebration and use of Facebook Livestreaming during City Council meetings earned high honors from the California Association of Public Information Officials.

The "Debt Free Day" celebration, which marked the day Lake Forest notified Bank of America that the City would pay off its only bond debt early, earned the Association's Excellence in Public Information and Communications (EPIC) award. The use of Facebook Live during City Council meetings, including accepting questions from the public via Facebook, received an Award of Distinction.

The PIO Division includes Sr. Communications and Marketing Analyst Jonathan Volzke and Public Information Specialist Skylar Hunter. Former division intern Alexandra Applegate also assisted in both projects. Management Services Director Brett Channing supervises the PIO team.



LAKE FOREST AYSO SOCCER TAKES TITLE

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Lake Forest AYSO EXTRA Region 85 Boys U9 Team, the Rough Riders, for taking the top ranking in the Western United States!

EXPAND THE FOREST DEDICATIONS

SPONSOR	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Jo Farrell and Thomas, Sarah and Andrew Scott	Liquid Amber	Darrin Park	We love you Megan. Forever in our hearts
Husband, Richard Mehl, Daughter, Naomi Yokota and son, Dustin Mehl	Sycamore	Concourse Park	In memory of my mom, Ruth Law. Dearly loved, sorely missed.
The Mashkouri Family	Sycamore	Pittsford Park	Mostafa Mashkouri
The Buttacavoli Family	Sycamore	Rancho Serrano Park	Watson-Marlow Fluid Technology Group
Julie and MacKenzie Moore	2 Sycamore	CherryPark	<i>"You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars."</i> - Barbara Stauffer <i>"In the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul"</i> - Max Ehrmann
All your friends - Elise, Madel Carmen, Luz Elena, Maty, Diana G., Soha, Elvira, Gaby, Alba, Elisa and families	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In loving memory of Alexa Castillo. You will be always in our hearts
The Yeh, Qian, Malik and Isa Families	Tristania	Foothill Ranch Community Park	To honor Jessica, a beautiful soul. Forever in our hearts, with too short a life on this earth.

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WITH THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST

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Available on the App Store and Google Play.

PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES

H₂O_C provides resources to Orange County residents and businesses to prevent runoff pollution.

Learn about the actions you can take to help prevent runoff and protect our waterways.

H₂O_C | H2OC.org | Orange County's Solution to Runoff Pollution

STORMWATER PROGRAM



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RECREATION AND EVENTS CALENDAR

**SUMMER
2019**



GO SKATEBOARDING DAY
Friday, June 21 - 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.
\$20 per contestant
Free for spectators



**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
80'S VS 90'S FLASHBACK TRIBUTE**
Saturday, June 22
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Lake Forest Sports Park and
Recreation Center
FREE



FAMILY CAMP OUT @ THE PARK
Saturday, July 13 to Sunday, July 14
5:30 p.m. to 10 a.m.
Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation
Center, 28000 Rancho Pkwy.
\$7 per resident | \$12 per non-resident



CITY OF LAKE FOREST 28TH ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Thursday, July 4 @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Toledo Way at Ridge Route

Free

To learn more or volunteer, please visit:
www.lakeforestparade.com

CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Building Division	461-3470	Graffiti Hotline	461-3583
Building Inspection	461-3468	Housing	461-3569
City Clerk	461-3420	OC Animal Care	249-5160
City Council	461-3420	Passport & Notary	461-3420
City Manager's Office	461-3410	Planning	461-3491
Community Policing Center	461-3530	Public Works	461-3480
Community Preservation	461-3474	Recreation	461-3450
Economic Development	461-3567	Sports Park & Recreation Center	273-6960
Etnies Skatepark	916-5870		

FIND US ONLINE

City	LakeForestCA.gov
Economic Development	lakeforestbusiness.com facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest	etnieskatepark.com
LinkedIn	linkedin.com/company/city-of-lake-forest-ca
Sports Park & Recreation Center	lfsportspark.com