



The Leaflet

March-April 2016

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Your City. Your Civic Center. Your Voice.

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR

Discover Resources and Build Connections

25TH ANNIVERSARY CONTESTS

Win Great Prizes!



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)
 Follow Us:  

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

- March 15
- April 19
- April 5
- May 3

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- April 21
- June 16
- May 19
- July 21

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

- April 14
- June 9
- May 12
- July 14

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

With tax season in full swing, budgets and finances are probably top of mind for many of us. Here at City Hall, we're already kicking off the City's budget planning process for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, and we're looking to partner with you as we identify those services and projects that will provide the greatest benefit to the community. Everyone is encouraged to take an active role in shaping the budget by providing input to the City and attending the City's Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Forest City Hall. The workshop is an opportunity to share, discuss, and provide meaningful input on budget goals and community priorities. Participants will learn more about the budget including how the City spends and receives its money, as well as highlights of community projects for the upcoming year.



Speaking of projects, the City will embark upon one of our largest multi-year projects – designing and building a Civic Center that will serve the community well into the future. Lake Forest's 100-Year Home will be located in the heart of the City, becoming an integral part of civic and everyday life. Your involvement in the process will make for a better civic center, as captured by our project motto of "Your City. Your Civic Center. Your Voice." Our first general workshop will be held next week at City Hall on Saturday, March 19. Read more on page 3. We hope you can join us as we start this exciting process to capture your vision for your new Civic Center.

Community engagement continues as we launch three contests as part of the City's 25th anniversary celebrations. Our photo contest will be a great way to showcase Lake Forest's past. Talk about your experiences in 25 words or less in our testimonial contest. Or, kids can wish the City a Happy 25th Birthday by designing a birthday card. Winners will receive a piece of Lake Forest memorabilia to take home. We are just a few months into the year and have plenty more activities planned. Keep up with 25th anniversary activities at lakeforestca.gov/25years, or on Facebook at facebook.com/lakeforestca.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

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 City Manager

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OUTREACH

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 19

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall • 25550 Commercentre Dr.

YOUR CITY ♦ YOUR CIVIC CENTER ♦ YOUR VOICE

Share your thoughts and opinions on potential features and amenities for the Lake Forest Civic Center. Refreshments provided.

Can't make it to the workshop?

More info at lakeforestca.gov/civiccenter

Take an online survey at
lakeforestca.gov/civiccenter
March 19-23

Sign up for project updates on
the City's website or email
civiccenter@lakeforestca.gov

Get Ready, Get Safe.



GET SAFE Academy

May 11 – June 1

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The City and the Orange County Sheriff's Department have once again teamed up with GET SAFE to bring free, interactive safety skills training and awareness techniques to K-6 students in Lake Forest.

The academy will be held on Wednesday nights for four consecutive weeks. Lake Forest residents can register online at <https://online.activecommunities.com/LFReconline>, or in person at City Hall (2nd floor) or the Sports Park and Recreation Center. Registration will be accepted until the class is full.

SAFETY TOPICS

- Assertiveness Training
- Avoiding Common Tricks & Lures
- Bully Prevention & Response Training
- Internet Safety & Social Media/Texting
- Personal Safety Awareness
- Self-Defense Training
- Understanding & Reacting to Inappropriate Behavior & Touching

Special Needs Resource Fair

The City will host a Special Needs Resource Fair for families and caregivers at the City's first universally accessible playground.



**Saturday
April 9**
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
at
Pittsford Park
21701 Pittsford Park

Free and open to the public

Visitors can access over 10 exhibitor booths with a wealth of information ranging from autism services to legal services to recreational sports and activities.

Special guest appearances



The Advisory Committee for Teens will be hosting an arts and crafts table.

Local firefighters will visit with their big red fire truck.

Fiscally Fit Seminar

Friday, April 1
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Lake Forest City Hall
25550 Commercentre Drive

The City and the Small Business Administration are co-hosting a free "Fiscally Fit For 2016" seminar. Sole proprietors and employers will learn about tax advantage employer sponsored retirement plans, and receive tips to streamline recordkeeping and effectively manage cash flow.

A light breakfast will be served.

RSVP at
economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov

Calling All Heroes...

Be a Life Saver with PulsePoint

The Orange County Fire Authority has teamed up with PulsePoint to help save lives, and so can you! By downloading the free PulsePoint app on your iPhone or Android, the app alerts CPR-trained professionals to a cardiac emergency in their immediate area so they can begin CPR before EMS professionals arrive. Visit pulsepoint.org for more information.



BLAST FROM THE PAST PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline: Monday, August 29

- Send photos of Lake Forest from the 1800's, 1900's, or 2000's.
- Location of photo, name, and email of photographer required.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARD KIDS CONTEST

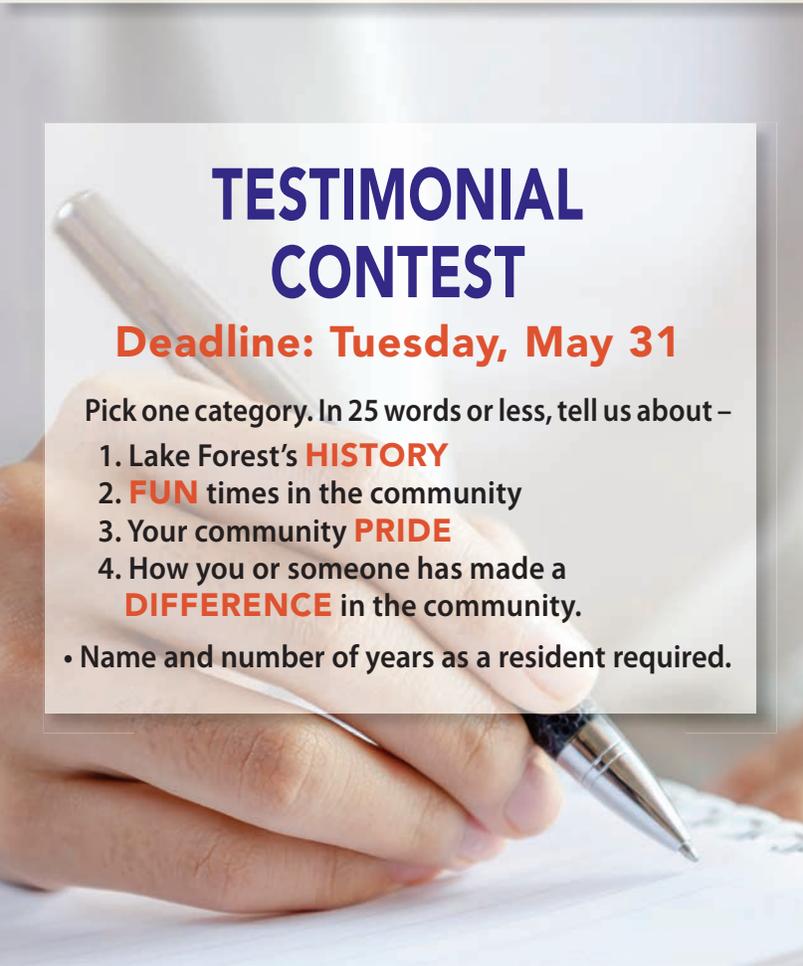
Deadline: Monday, October 3

- Design a birthday card with the number 25.
- Entry form available at lakeforestca.gov/25years.
- Kids K-5 eligible to participate.



ANNIVERSARY CONTESTS

Win Memorabilia Prizes • lakeforestca.gov/25years • Email chon@lakeforestca.gov



TESTIMONIAL CONTEST

Deadline: Tuesday, May 31

Pick one category. In 25 words or less, tell us about –

1. Lake Forest's **HISTORY**
 2. **FUN** times in the community
 3. Your community **PRIDE**
 4. How you or someone has made a **DIFFERENCE** in the community.
- Name and number of years as a resident required.



MORE CELEBRATIONS

- Family Carnival on Saturday, September 17 at the Sports Park.
- Facebook countdown to the 25th anniversary.
- Lake Forest trivia challenge on Facebook.

Live, Work, & Play

Thank you Cecilia Vijayarengan for showing us how your family lives, works, and plays! If you have a story to share about how you live, work, or play in Lake Forest, email chon@lakeforestca.gov by April 1. The final winner will be selected to win a basket full of goodies for the first movies in the park in June!



Last year, my husband and I were married and we decided Lake Forest would be a great place to raise our blended family. My husband is a Lake Forest native and I'm from the Bay Area. It was a very hard decision to move from the Bay Area but after weighing the pros and cons, my husband and I felt that Lake Forest had more to offer.

One of the best offerings that this city has is the fact that Lake Forest is really a forest! At first glance, the city looks like any other suburb until you turn off of Jeronimo Road and drive into Rollingwood Road. Suddenly you aren't in the suburbs but literally in the forest. It's a very secluded area surrounded by trees. We have found we can walk and run through the woods as well as ride our bikes. All of us enjoy going out to the woods to escape some of the stress life brings to us! It's great to have the forest right at our front door!

Sports Park and Recreation Center Wins California Parks & Recreation Society Award of Excellence

The Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center is the recipient of the 2015 California Parks & Recreation Society Award of Excellence for outstanding facility design. The award recognizes outstanding achievement of agencies in the areas of facility design, park planning, marketing and communication, and community improvement and programming. "After a long journey to transform 86 acres of land into one of the largest recreational sports parks in Orange County, visited by nearly 200,000 people in the past year, receiving this award is the frosting on the cake," said Scott Wasserman, Director of Community Services.



Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring has sprung and it may be time to get out the old bucket of soap and water to begin spring cleaning in and around your home. Follow these “green ways” to clean your home while protecting our local creeks, lakes and the ocean at the same time!

- ✿ Use a local commercial car wash since these facilities contain all waste and recycle water. They clean and reuse their water, separating all waste materials for proper disposal.
- ✿ Cleaning patio furniture on the lawn or other landscaped areas can save water by providing your plants with a drink. It keeps gutters clean too!
- ✿ Wash vehicles over lawns and gravel areas. If unpaved or landscaped areas are not available, block and/or divert wash water to an area where the water can pool and evaporate throughout the day. If using cleaners, such as acid based wheel cleaners, use a rag to wipe them on and off. Do not rinse them off with water.
- ✿ Use a spray nozzle on a hose with an automatic shut-off valve, and turn the flow of water completely off when not actively washing down an automobile.
- ✿ Use soaps, cleaners or detergents labeled “non-toxic,” “phosphate free,” or “biodegradable.” Vegetable and citrus-based products are typically safest for the environment.
- ✿ Shake floor mats onto landscaping or into trash cans or vacuums.
- ✿ Utilize a broom and dust pan to clean dust and debris from patios, walkways, and garages to save water. Don't forget to add your collections to your compost pile or properly dispose in the garbage.

Remember, anything that gets washed down to the gutter ends up in our local creeks, lakes and the ocean.

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

For more information, contact the Public Works Department 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.



For more information, call Public Works at **461-3480**.

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. For more information, contact Public Works at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	DEDICATION
RANCHO SERRANO PARK		
Gianfranco, Sara, Analia, Simon, Olivia, Sebastian & Mia	Liquid Ambar	Dedicado con cariño a Mamina
Lake Forest Garden Club	Magnolia	Ginny Bayliss, Lake Forest Garden Club President

Expand the Forest



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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Summer 2016

Saturday, MARCH 19

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

Bunny Blast: An Egg Wonderland!

El Toro Park
23701 Los Alisos Blvd.
Fee: Free to attend
Nominal fee for games and food

Saturday, MARCH 26

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

Etnies Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.
Fee: \$5 for egg hunt
\$5 for jumper wristband



Summer registration begins
Tuesday, May 10 at 8 a.m.

Saturday, APRIL 9

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Special Needs Resource Fair

Pittsford Park
21701 Pittsford Dr.
Fee: Free to attend

Saturday, MAY 14

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Aliso Creek Clean-Up Day

Cherry Ave. and Fernbank St.
Fee: Free to participate

Sunday, MAY 1

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

Rancho Days Fiesta at Heritage Hill Historical Park

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.
Fee: \$5 per person
Children under age 3 free

Saturday, MAY 21

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP PREVIEW! Sports Park Open House and FREE Concert from El Toro High School Band

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.
Fee: Free to attend

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