



The Leaflet

July-August 2016

COMMUNITY CONTESTS

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25TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY CARNIVAL

Food, Games, Music, & Fun

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Get Involved



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.

- August 16 ■ September 20
- September 6 ■ October 4

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- August 18 ■ October 20
- September 15 ■ November 17

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

- August 11 ■ October 13
- September 8 ■ November 10

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 ..	etnieskatepark.com
Sports Park & Recreation Center ..	lfsportspark.com
Twitter	twitter.com/lakeforestca

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City Manager's Message

The best of technology simplifies our lives – the way we learn, the way we work, the way we do business, and the way we engage and interact. As an integral part of our daily lives, the City will continue to pursue innovative technological tools to improve city services and enhance the quality of life for the community.



Earlier this year, the City made it easier for the public to search through millions of City records and documents from the comfort of their own homes. By using a simple search engine, users can access the new records portal (lakeforestrecords.com) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Users can take advantage of powerful search functionality including keywords and common search parameters as well as a sorting function that lists the most recent documents first. This is a great service offered to those who do business with the City or for those who are simply interested in City business.

In the upcoming months, the City will be using mobile technology and applications (“apps”) to improve services and increase public engagement. The City will unveil its first shop local mobile app to enhance the City’s Shop and Dine Lake Forest program. The app will feature a Lake Forest business directory, promotional deals from businesses, City special event information, and news stories. Residents and businesses will soon be able to browse through Lake Forest’s restaurants, retail shops, and professional services with the swipe of a finger. Whether you’re looking for a place to eat, a clothing store, or a mechanic, this app will be your one-stop shop. Look for the free downloadable app this fall!

In addition to technology-based services, the City also offers technology amenities in the form of two computer labs as well as free public Wi-Fi at City facilities. The Sports Park computer lab is proud to offer 16 computers, while the City Hall computer lab offers 12 computers. Open computer time is available at both labs for checking emails, surfing the web, or doing schoolwork. The City recently began offering new computer classes for seniors looking to sharpen their computer skills. Through Irvine Valley College, seniors can sign up for classes such as Facebook Fundamentals, The Basics of Windows, Windows Photo Gallery, and Email Essentials. Be sure to visit our City website or contact us for lab hours and availability.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

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 City Manager

The Leaflet is an official publication of the City of Lake Forest and is distributed as a public service to Lake Forest homes and businesses. The City welcomes your comments and questions regarding The Leaflet.

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Fire Safety Tips

Equipment Safety

Sparks from tools can easily cause dry plants to catch fire. If it happens during Santa Ana wind conditions, even the smallest spark can cause a wildfire.

1. Do not use tools that cause sparks on dry, windy days or during a Red Flag Warning.
2. Use tools with nonmetallic blades to reduce sparks.
3. Keep a garden hose nearby while using power tools.
4. Remove plant or grass cuttings and debris to lessen the amount of fuel on your property.
5. Do not drive or park your car on tall grass.
6. Use a spark arrester on all gasoline, diesel, and propane powered engines.

WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING?

Red flag warnings are issued in an effort to make communities safer by heightening awareness regarding fire activity. Red flags are raised at fire stations, county facilities, public libraries, and city halls to warn the community of extreme weather conditions that could lead to wildfire activity. These conditions include sustained winds of 15 mph or greater, relative humidity of 25% or less, and temperatures over 75 degrees.

Fire Evacuations

As wildfire season approaches, early evacuations may be necessary to protect yourself and your family. Have the 6 P's ready in case you have to evacuate.

1. People and pets.
2. Papers, phone numbers, and important documents.
3. Prescriptions and eyeglasses.
4. Pictures, family keepsakes, and other meaningful items.
5. Personal computers, hard drives, cell phones, and chargers.
6. Plastic credit cards, ATM cards, and cash.



Tuesday, August 2 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway)

Celebrate a fun and festive evening as the community comes together to support local anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships at the 2016 National Night Out event. If you're a business providing public safety and crime prevention services interested in setting up a booth, contact Shannon Daniels at 461-3546.

Summertime Safety Tips

Think like a burglar!

From the outside, observe every single object around your home and ensure you remove any items which could aid a burglar in gaining entry.

Lock Doors

Warm weather means getting out for more outdoor activity but whether it's a quick jog or a stroll to the store, lock the doors to prevent crimes of opportunity.



Limit Social Media

We all enjoy sharing on social media but posts may make homes prime targets for break-ins. Enable privacy settings where only friends can see posts.



Alarms & Lighting

Install alarm and lighting systems – an easy, cost-effective way to deter intruders.



Where Thieves Gain Entry



Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week

Starting October 23, the fun and savings begin as the City kicks off the 6th annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week. Visit shopanddinelakeforest.com for the latest news including participating businesses, event details, and community contests.



Shop and Dine Lake Forest App

The Shop & Dine Lake Forest program will soon debut a downloadable consumer app that will make it easier for Lake Forest businesses, residents, and visitors to shop and dine in Lake Forest all year long. Launching this fall, the Shop & Dine Lake Forest app will feature a searchable local directory as well as special deals and coupons offered throughout the year.

Calling All Businesses

Submit Your Special Offer Today!

The 6th annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week will take place from October 23-30. To participate, Lake Forest business owners can contact economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov with their special deals. Deals will be included in the Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week Coupon Booklet mailed to over 30,000 Lake Forest addresses. Participation is FREE for Lake Forest businesses. Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week will also feature the 5th annual Taste of Lake Forest on October 23. Restaurants interested in participating in the Taste of Lake Forest can sign up at shopanddinelakeforest.com.

2016 Leadership Academy

September 14 to November 2
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Wednesday Evenings)

Lake Forest City Hall (Community Room A)
25550 Commercentre Drive

The Leadership Academy is a fun and informal 8-week academy providing an overview of city government while developing the next generation of civic leaders and volunteers. The academy is limited to the first 25 registrants over the age of 18, selected on a first come, first serve basis. This in-depth seminar is free and includes dinner at the beginning of each session. Register by calling 461-3422 or emailing jesquivel@lakeforestca.gov.

25th Anniversary Family Carnival

Saturday, September 17
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Sports Park (The Commons)
28000 Rancho Parkway

The City invites community members to celebrate Lake Forest's 25 years of cityhood at a Family Carnival at the Lake Forest Sports Park! Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with food vendors, art exhibits, and live performances by The Rockabillys and Pickleback Shine. We'll also have traditional carnival favorites including ring toss and skeeball, kettle corn, and a watermelon eating contest. Stay connected at lakeforestca.gov/25years.

Find Lost or Unclaimed Treasure

\$ Did you know that the State could be holding your unclaimed property or money? From bank accounts, overpayments, terminated insurance policies, stocks, jewelry to precious heirlooms, the State's Unclaimed Property Program helps reunite people with their assets. Read more at lakeforestca.gov/unclaimedproperty.

“How To” Video Contest Recreation Registration

Deadline: Friday, August 12

The City’s mascot, Nectar the Hummingbird, is calling residents to watch his 2-minute video on how to register for recreation classes and programs. After watching the video at lakeforestca.gov, answer six easy questions to be entered into a raffle to win a basket full of summer goodies!

Blast from the Past Photo Contest

Deadline: Monday, August 29

The City is looking for Lake Forest photos from the 1800’s, 1900’s, and 2000’s to display at the Family Carnival on September 17 as part of the City’s 25th anniversary celebration. Help us develop a photographic catalog of Lake Forest’s rich heritage. Email photos to chon@lakeforestca.gov.

Sportswriter Essay Contest

Deadline: Thursday, September 1

If you have a passion for a particular sport, here’s your chance to share it with the community. Selected articles will be published in future editions of *The Leaflet*. In 300 words or less, submit an article to chon@lakeforestca.gov about any sports-related topic. From writing about a popular sport, to describing plays, mind blowing games, the atmosphere, fans, or any other sports angle, there’s plenty to write about!

Find Your Fun Calendar Contest

Deadline: Friday, October 14

Open to pros, amateurs, and everyone in between, the City is inviting residents to showcase how you “Find Your Fun.” Show us what brings a smile to your face – whether it’s rocking out at a summer concert, having a backyard BBQ, or simply taking in the stunning views of Saddleback mountains. Winning photos will be featured in the 2017 “Find Your Fun” community calendar. Email photos to chon@lakeforestca.gov.



Caption This

Thank you to everyone who captioned this photo! The winning captions are:

- *I now turn you into a DINOSAUR! That will teach you to tease me about my powers little brother!* – Michael Ledray
- *I dub thee Lake Forestsaurus Rex* – Melinda Kennedy
- *You better be nice or I will turn you into Barney!* – Stacey Taylor

Look for the next photo on the City’s Facebook page (facebook.com/lakeforestca) on Monday, August 1 and caption it in 25 words or less. Comments must be appropriate and will be judged based on wit, creativity, humor, and originality.

COMMUNITY CONTESTS

The City thanks all those who participated in the 25th Anniversary Testimonial Contest. Those who live, work, and play in Lake Forest have shared how they or someone they know has made a **Difference** in the community, their community **Pride**, or how they have **Fun** in Lake Forest.

Difference

Carol Miller has made a difference because of her goodness and humor. *– Patricia Elia*

I help socialize cats at O.C. Small Paws. The cats I work with are Jupiter and Sackce. *– Maria Dzuiban*

I volunteer at El Toro Memorial Park by helping keep the park beautiful. *– Kim Kowolski*

I volunteer at El Toro Park with adopt a park. It feels great to help keep the community clean. *– Jessica Bautista*

Kenton Boettcher, a 30 year Lake Forest resident, has united the community around a community garden. *– Patricia Pawelski*

I volunteer at El Toro Memorial Park and I learn a lot when I'm there. *– Melissa Patie*

I help trim the roses at El Toro Memorial Park. *– Matthew Bowles*

I socialize cats at Petco and help clean the cage to make cats more comfortable. *– Maria Dzuiban*

Fun

Listening to music, dancing, and hanging out with friends. The free summer concerts in the park have been the most fun. *– Joanne Jameson*

I have fun walking around the Lake Forest Sports Park because it's beautiful. I enjoy having BBQs there with my friends and coaches. *– Isaiah Martinez*

I go to the library to do word searches and learn letters. *– Terry Schrello*

I play basketball at the Refinery and at the Sports Park. Lake Forest is a very fun place! *– Trenton Robinson*

I play basketball at Saddleback Refinery. *– Cindy Trejos*

Pride

Orange trees, fragrance in the air, volunteers, and Fourth of July parade. *– Sandy Stark*

We're residents since 1986. We've made over 25 cross country family trips taking many scenic roads. Our favorite road is being home. *– Donna Johnson*

I read animal books at the library and cook. Lake Forest is an awesome place! *– Vicki Medora*

I go to the Sports Park and play kickball and basketball with my friends. The park is big! *– Anonymous*

Lake Forest is a win-win retirement place. I met the nicest people at the Senior Center and Santiago Church to hang out with. *– Ricardo Teano*

Lake Forest has many opportunities. I joined an organization to help veterans and low income families. I enjoy coming to the Senior Center. *– Elizabeth Valentine*

Lake Forest is recreation, relaxation, resort type living experience, beautiful sunset and sunrise, parks, trails, shopping centers, and community centers. Proud to be a resident! *– JayShree Marjardi*

I've been coming to the Senior Center for three years. Staff is great and always helpful. I love the people who come here every day. *– Connie Alvarez*

I've lived in Lake Forest for 15 years and enjoyed every minute of it. I come to the Senior Center because I like to socialize! *– Ethelene Holcomb*

I moved from Santa Ana to Lake Forest with five grandchildren that are going to good schools in the City. *– Blanca Tovar*

Lakes, affordable housing, kind merchants, environmentally friendly, family oriented, old oak trees, recreation galore, excellent schools, super senior center and totally awesome people. *– Sheryl Hakola*

I like living here where it is safe and people are nice and friendly. *– Angie Dapper*

Brush Up Your Home with the City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program

The City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program provides an opportunity for qualified homeowners to give their homes a fresh coat of paint. Homeowners must submit an application to Sandi Medrano, Neighborhood Pride Paint Coordinator, by August 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Selection of owner-occupied homes or mobile homes will be based on a lottery. Due to funding constraints, the number of homes or mobile homes selected will be limited. To qualify, (1) properties must be owner-occupied, (2) the home or mobile home must be in need of painting as determined by the City, (3) owners may not have assets in excess of \$120,000, excluding the value of the home, (4) the existing exterior paint must be lead-free, and (5) homeowners must qualify by not exceeding maximum low-income limits for the previous two years, as outlined below:

Maximum Income Limit by Household Size

1 person household	2 person household	3 person household	4 person household
\$54,600	\$62,400	\$70,200	\$78,000
5 person household	6 person household	7 person household	8 person household
\$84,250	\$90,500	\$96,750	\$103,000

An application packet is available at City Hall, or can be downloaded at lakeforestca.gov/paintprogram, and must be returned to the City of Lake Forest, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, California 92630 by the deadline. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Medrano at 461-3552, or by email at smedrano@lakeforestca.gov.

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.

Pollution is Out and so is Overwatering

Urban runoff can be a source or conveyance of pollutants which can directly affect our local environmental resources. Urban runoff is rainwater from storm events or water generated during dry weather from activities such as landscape irrigation or washing cars. The runoff water can pick up and carry pollutants as it travels over surfaces into the storm drain system. Then the storm drain system discharges untreated water into local creeks, lakes, and beaches.

The City has partnered with the County of Orange and other Orange County cities to develop an informational campaign and resource center called overwateringisout.org. Find information on events, local news, rebates on water-saving products, tips on how to stop overwatering, and prevent pollution. See what your "neighbors" are doing to stop overwatering and become a water champion and gnome yourself! More information at overwateringisout.org.

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**





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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Summer 2016

Friday, **AUGUST 5**

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Movies in the Park - Aladdin

Pittsford Park
21701 Pittsford Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

Friday, **AUGUST 12**

7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Movies in the Park - Up

Lake Forest Sports Park
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend



Fall registration begins

Tuesday, August 9 at 8 a.m.

Friday, **AUGUST 12**

Saturday, **AUGUST 13**

10:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.

Annual Skatepark Summer Campout

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$40 per person

Friday, **AUGUST 19**

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

Band Nights at the Skatepark - Decade of Rock-Heavy Metal

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 per person

Sunday, **AUGUST 21**

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series - Men Without Hats and Lisa Loeb

Lake Forest Sports Park
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend



Friday, **AUGUST 26**

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Special Needs Dance - Summer Fun

Lake Forest City Hall
25550 Commercentre Dr.

Fee: Free to attend



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