



# *The* Leaflet

September-October 2016

## MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

*Don't Make It Easy Program*

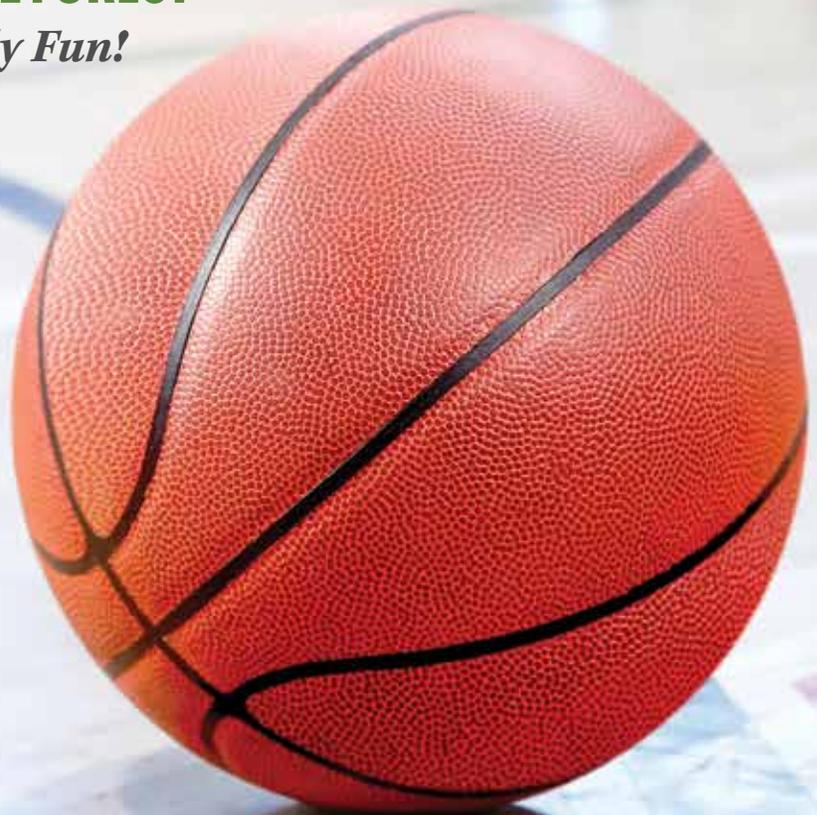


**SHOP AND DINE LAKE FOREST WEEK  
AND TASTE OF LAKE FOREST**

*Savings, Food, and Family Fun!*

## **SPORTS PARK NEW USER FEES**

*New Fees for Open Gym,  
Sports Leagues, and  
Meeting Rooms*





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

- September 20    ■ October 18
- October 4        ■ November 1

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- September 15    ■ November 17
- October 20       ■ December 15

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

- October 13        ■ December 8
- November 10     ■ January 12

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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
	facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness
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

With the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget, I am pleased to report that Lake Forest is again in a strong financial position with healthy reserves and a balanced budget. This financial stability provides the foundation for the City to maintain the efficient delivery of quality services and projects.



We have a busy year ahead of us as we focus on a number of important projects. Our largest project is construction of the Lake Forest Civic Center, which will include a Senior Center, Meeting Center/Event Center, a performing arts venue, Policing Center, City Council Chambers, and administrative offices. The design process focused on community input as well as four planning principles: the new Civic Center will reflect Lake Forest, be a destination, provide new amenities, and accommodate multiple uses. The location itself, near the future extension of Indian Ocean Drive adjacent to Serrano Creek Trail, features a serene and natural environment that defines Lake Forest. In addition, the City hosted a series of community engagement workshops to identify new amenities desired by residents. We expect to finalize the design over the next several months and will continue to provide updates at [lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter](http://lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter).

Another new project we are excited to work on is the delivery of Portola Park, near the intersection of Glenn Ranch Road and Saddleback Ranch Road. Portola Park will be the newest addition to our park inventory and will feature a tot lot, open turf play area with a soccer field for young children, a dog park, two pickleball courts, one sand volleyball court, and picnic gazebos. Construction of the 6.3-acre park is expected to begin by summer 2017.

Public safety is another area of focus for the year as the City partners with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to launch the Don't Make It Easy program. During this year-long campaign, look for a number of safety tips advertised on our website ([lakeforestca.gov](http://lakeforestca.gov)) and Facebook page ([facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://facebook.com/lakeforestca)), as well as upcoming community contests to reinforce important safety messages. Read more from the Chief of Police on page 4.

These projects represent just a few of the highlights from this year's overall initiatives. We invite you to learn more about the City's Operating Budget, 5-Year Strategic Plan, and Capital Improvement Projects Plan at [lakeforestca.gov/budgets](http://lakeforestca.gov/budgets). We look forward to another year of providing the quality services and amenities our residents have come to expect while preserving the City's long-term financial health.

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Dunek*

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 City Manager

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# CITY OF LAKE FOREST

## Fiscal Year 2016-17 Adopted General Fund Budget

### Commitment to the Community

Lake Forest's Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget marks another year of consecutive balanced budgets. Guided by a philosophy of conservative fiscal and strategic planning, the City is in a solid financial position to maintain the high quality of life the community has come to expect. The FY 2016-17 budget reflects the City's unwavering commitment to providing excellent service to a growing city.

In the coming years, the City is poised to deliver several important projects meeting long-term community priorities. These include the final design of the Lake Forest Civic Center, community parks, public safety, and traffic enhancements. As we prudently manage our capital funds, the City will continue to deliver public projects, community programs, and services that will contribute to the high quality of life for residents, businesses, visitors, and future generations to come.

### Budget Priorities

- Don't Make It Easy Campaign
- Fight against graffiti and vandalism
- Fiscally sound budget
- General Plan Update
- Homeless Liaison program
- Lake Forest Civic Center
- Lake Forest Today611 Mobile App
- Recreational opportunities
- Traffic signal synchronization
- Village Pond Park and Portola Community Park

### General Fund Revenues

Property Taxes	\$15,927,400
Sales Taxes	\$14,700,000
Hotel Taxes	\$3,550,000
User Fees (permit fees, recreation programs)	\$3,155,300
Franchise Fees	\$2,600,000
Licenses & Permits	\$2,302,500
Miscellaneous (fines, reimbursements)	\$1,293,500
Other Revenues	\$660,000

**Total Revenues \$44,188,700**

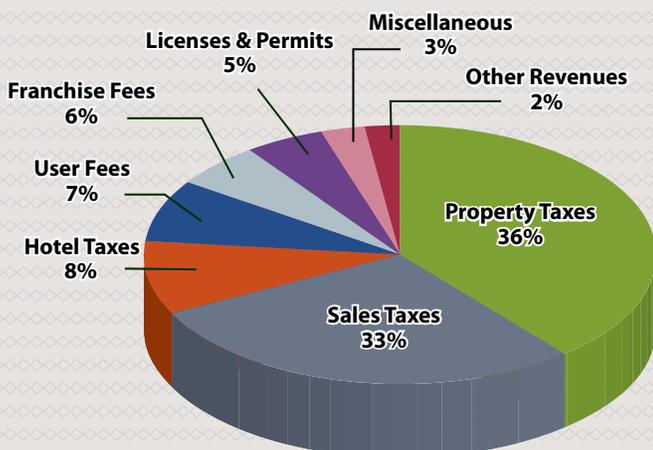
### General Fund Expenditures

Police Services	\$16,367,100
Public Works	\$10,318,700
Community Services	\$3,644,400
Development Services	\$3,619,600
Finance	\$3,246,400
Management Services	\$1,646,400
City Attorney	\$1,318,000
Economic Development/Community Preservation	\$1,126,400
City Clerk	\$787,900
City Manager's Office	\$712,700
City Council	\$67,100

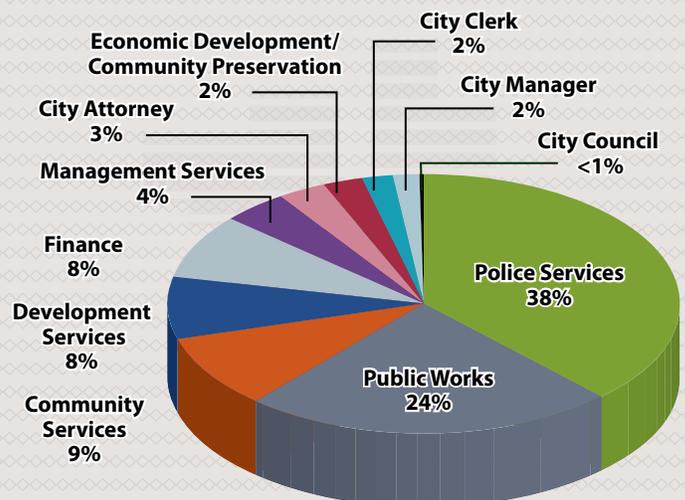
**Total Expenditures \$42,854,700**

*The General Fund serves as the main operating fund for the City and is the primary source of funding for major city services, programs, and daily operations of the City.*

### Revenues Where the Money Comes From



### Expenditures Where the Money Goes



## Message from the Chief of Police

As Chief of Police Services and on behalf of the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), we are proud to serve Lake Forest. Our top priority is keeping the community safe so that Lake Forest can continue to be a great place to live, work, and play.

Lake Forest has long enjoyed the benefits of positive partnerships between OCSD and the community, as well as a long-standing tradition of prioritizing public safety. I am pleased to report that over the past 10 years (2006-2015), Part I crimes (serious crimes) in the City declined by 15% providing Lake Forest with one of the lowest crime rates in the County. However, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. The most common crimes committed in the City are related to unsecured property where the majority of these crimes are preventable. Taking a few simple steps such as locking your home or car door, keeping the garage closed, and removing valuable items from plain view are key to keeping yourself and your property safe.

Safety and security is a shared responsibility with the police and community. We firmly believe that through ongoing crime prevention education, we can help citizens learn how to keep their family, homes, and property safe. OCSD's **Don't Make It Easy** campaign is intended to encourage community members to take a few simple precautionary steps to protect themselves from crimes of opportunity. As part of this campaign, be sure to look for a number of fun and educational safety contests starting this fall on the City's website ([lakeforestca.gov](http://lakeforestca.gov)) or on Facebook ([facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://facebook.com/lakeforestca)). To learn more about **Don't Make It Easy** program, visit [lakeforestca.gov/dontmakeiteasy](http://lakeforestca.gov/dontmakeiteasy). Working together, we look forward to continue being one of the safer cities in Orange County!

### SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Install locks on doors and windows and keep them locked at all times.
- ✓ Keep interior and exterior lights on while you're away from home.
- ✓ Trim overgrown trees and bushes.
- ✓ Be selective when allowing strangers into your home. Ask for identification.
- ✓ Know your neighbors and ask them to look after your home when you're away for extended periods of time.
- ✓ Secure your vehicles and keep any valuables out of sight.

### Little Free Library

#### Promoting a Literacy-Friendly Community

The City's first Little Free Library's "Take a Book, Return a Book" program was made possible through the efforts of three local Girl Scouts, Jenna Brown, Astha Parmar, and Kaitlyn Schisler, of Cadette Troop 1859, Foothill Ranch. Located directly behind the Recreation Center at the Sports Park, the blue dollhouse structure holds a variety of books. If you are looking for something to read, stop by and pick up a book. And don't forget to bring something back next time to help keep the Library fully stocked.



### New User Fees for Open Gym Program, Sports Leagues, and Room Rentals

As the City continues to offer expanded programs and services, new fees have been established to offset some operational expenses at the Sports Park. For more information, visit [LFSportsPark.com](http://LFSportsPark.com).

**OPEN GYM** Free for Lake Forest residents and commercial residents (employed in Lake Forest) with proof of residency and a signed waiver. Non-residents will have the option of paying \$5 per day or purchasing an annual gym pass for \$100.

**SPORTS LEAGUES** Adult basketball league fees are \$300 per team. Adult volleyball league fees are \$200 per team.

**MEETING ROOMS** Free for Lake Forest non-profit organizations. Lake Forest business hourly rental fee is \$60 for a small meeting room and \$120 for a large meeting room.

# COMMUNITY CONTESTS

## Pickleball, A Growing Sport for the Whole Family

Story by John Zucco



With a whimsical name, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Pickleball is a family-friendly recreational activity that can be enjoyed by anyone. From children to the elderly, it's easy to learn and is typically played with four players using a paddle and a whiffle-type hard plastic ball. One can get out of Pickleball as much as one wants to. Be it exercise, fun, socialization, hardcore athletic competition, or all of the above!

Pickleball courts are becoming common place in several local Homeowner Associations. With so many benefits that Pickleball has to offer, the Sun and Sail Club (corner of Lake Forest Drive and Toledo Way) recently dedicated four Pickleball courts with more on the way. If you're interested in learning more about Pickleball, visit

the USA Pickleball Association's website at [usapa.org](http://usapa.org). Or, contact me at [jzucco@cox.net](mailto:jzucco@cox.net) and we'll get you on our Association-owned courts to have some fun. Pickleball courts are open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 9 a.m. and on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Guests must pay a small fee.

Since discovering Pickleball at a local coffee shop when I overheard another customer talk about the

game several years ago, I googled it, gave it a try, and now I have a newfound love for the sport. If you visit our courts, you'll see the fun, camaraderie, and smiles on people's faces. Ask Ken or Bev, 35-year residents of Lake Forest who love Pickleball because it's a fun and social sport where they have met many new friends!

## Sportswriter Contest

Thank you John Zucco for sharing your passion for Pickleball! If you have a story to tell about any sports-related topic, email [chon@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:chon@lakeforestca.gov) by September 26 for a chance to win prizes!

## Enter to Win Two Free Tickets to the Taste of Lake Forest Deadline: Wednesday, October 19

1 Take a selfie with your food at any Lake Forest restaurant for the "What Are You Tasting in Lake Forest?" contest.

2 Post your photo on [facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness](https://www.facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness) with #TasteofLakeForest. Five winners will be randomly selected.



## Caption This

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

- *The most colorful BFFs in town!* – Bill Ormsby
- *Come one, come all! Lake Forest has all the fun for everyone.* – Jennifer Mendoza
- *Just the two of us, we can make it if we try!* – Nora Andria

Look for the next photo on the City's Facebook page ([facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://www.facebook.com/lakeforestca)) on Thursday, September 1 and caption it in 25 words or less. Comments must be appropriate and will be judged based on wit, creativity, humor, and originality.

## SHOP AND DINE LAKE FOREST WEEK

**October 23–30**

*Specials* *Family Fun* *Raffle Prizes*

Save big on hundreds of deals throughout Lake Forest. Coupon booklets will arrive in mailboxes mid-October and are filled with over 400 coupons to use at local shops and restaurants during Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week. Each time you visit a participating store, remember to get your coupon stamped for a chance to win great prizes. Each stamped coupon can be redeemed for one raffle ticket at the Celebration Event on Sunday, October 30. For more information, visit [shopanddinelakeforest.com](http://shopanddinelakeforest.com) or [facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness](https://facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness).

### Taste of Lake Forest

**Sunday, October 23**

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Foothill Ranch Towne Centre Food Festival  
(Bake Parkway and Towne Centre Drive)

For \$10, sample cuisine from more than 20 Lake Forest eateries and vote for your favorite Lake Forest restaurant. This year, we're proud to present a "Kids' Zone" filled with delicious treats, special guests, an inflatable obstacle course, face-painting, balloon artist, and much more! \$2 wristbands can be purchased at the event for unlimited access to all attractions.

### Celebration Event

**Sunday, October 30**

Noon to 3:00 p.m.

The Orchard Shopping Center  
(El Toro Road and Rockfield Boulevard)

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun, live entertainment, and more raffle prizes from Lake Forest shops and eateries. Redeem your stamped coupon booklet for a chance to win great prizes including a TV, \$100 Visa gift cards, restaurant gift cards, and more! In addition, this event will feature art submissions from the annual kids contest. Each participating artist will receive a prize.



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**DONATIONS  
REQUESTED**

### to Support the Marines of the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion

The United States Marine Corps Support Committee needs your help to raise funds for the Lake Forest adopted Marines to thank them for their service. Here's how you can help:

- » Attend the 25th Anniversary Carnival on Saturday, September 17 at the Lake Forest Sports Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by the 1st Law Enforcement Battalion's booth to meet some of the Marines, make a donation to the bake sale, and enter the raffle in which you could win a new TV!
- » Make a donation at [LFusmcommittee.org](http://LFusmcommittee.org) to support Halloween festivities for the children of the Battalion. The headquarters building will be transformed into a "Haunted House" maze and will include a game room and a pumpkin patch. Any donations count!



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
<b>RANCHO SERRANO PARK</b>		
Cony Weir, Jeanette, Mapa, Sonia, Aurora, Maritza, Caro, Roxana Maite, & Eliza	Sycamore	Mima To siempre seguiras viva En Nuestros Corazones

## Expand the Forest

## Housing Rehabilitation Loans



As part of the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible Lake Forest homeowners may receive up to \$30,000 for single-family homes and mobile homeowners can receive up to \$15,000 to improve their homes. Eligible repairs include roofing, windows, exterior and interior painting, plumbing, electrical, garage doors and energy efficiency/weatherization items. For more information including income eligibility and other requirements, visit [lakeforestca.gov/rehabloans](http://lakeforestca.gov/rehabloans), or contact Theresa Dobbs at 461-3473 or by email at [tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:tdobbs@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.

## You Can Prevent Pollution

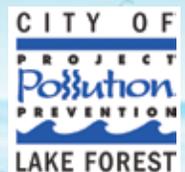
Nothing should enter the storm drain except rain. One of the best ways to prevent pollution in our local creeks, lakes and beaches is to prevent water from leaving your property as you perform daily activities. By eliminating basic things such as over-irrigation and cleaning hard surfaces with water, you can prevent urban runoff and avoid discharging pollutants into the storm drain system. Runoff that flows into the storm drain system is not treated and will eventually discharge into our local environmental resources.

Everyday products and activities around your home can cause pollution if they are not handled correctly. Trash, pet waste, yard chemicals, (such as fertilizers and pesticides) and home improvement projects can all cause or contribute to pollution if not contained and disposed of properly. Reduce bacteria in our local waterbodies and beaches by carrying bags to pick up after your pet and picking up litter. Prevent pollution by properly using and storing household chemicals. Sweep up trash, sediment, and debris. Do not hose or wash anything into the backyard area drains, or into the street or gutter.

*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

*Fall 2016*

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

**25th Anniversary  
Family Carnival**



Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Free to attend



**Saturday, OCTOBER 22**

5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Hallow's Eve Bowl Jam**

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$20 entry fee

**Saturday, OCTOBER 29**

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

**Special Needs  
Game Night**



Lake Forest Sports Park  
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Free to attend



**Saturday, OCTOBER 8**

4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Autumn Harvest Festival**

Heritage Hill Historical Park  
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$5 per person

**Friday, OCTOBER 14**

**Saturday, OCTOBER 15**

6:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

**Haunt at Heritage Hill**

Heritage Hill Historical Park  
25151 Serrano Rd.

Fee: \$8 per person



**Friday, SEPTEMBER 30**

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Happy Trails**

**Senior Dinner Dance**

Lake Forest City Hall  
25550 Commercentre Dr.

Fee: \$10 per person

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