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## A Message From City Manager **DEBRA ROSE**

We hear you. We see the issues, and we appreciate those of you who understand the challenges.

The homeless situation is among the most complex ever faced by City governments. You're likely familiar with them: A ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal prohibits cities from enforcing anti-camping ordinances, changes to California laws mean even serious drug violations result in a ticket, not jail, and Orange County's housing prices are out of reach for many.

Nobody likes that people live without the comforts of shelter, and nobody likes the discomfort it causes residents. The City is working diligently on short-term and long-term solutions.

Steps we've taken include:

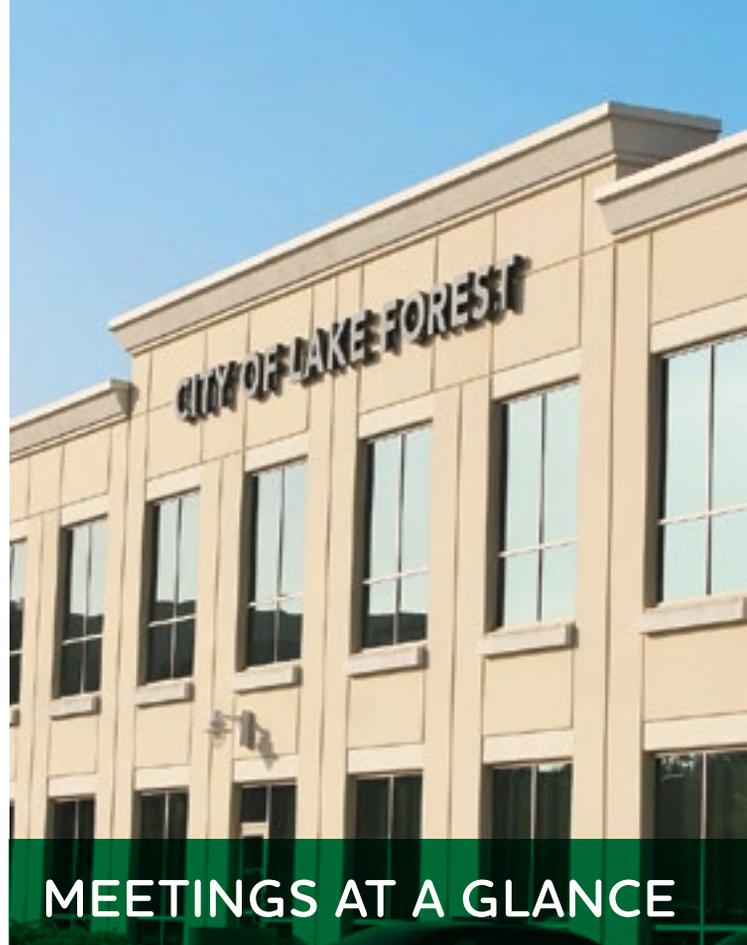
- Hiring a second non-profit agency to provide outreach to homeless individuals. City Net joins Mercy House, and together they will be on the streets seven days a week helping homeless individuals who will accept it and trying to build the trust of others until they also take advantage of the services and programs available to them. The outreach workers join our full time Orange County Sheriff's Department Homeless Liaison Officer.
- Authorizing the City Attorney to file a legal brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the City of Boise's effort to get the 9th Circuit ruling overturned. We understand that being homeless is not a crime, but cities need the ability to arrest individuals causing problems in our communities.
- Negotiating with one of the nation's largest affordable-home buildings for a project in the City that would help the working poor afford shelter
- Hiring a landscape architect to redesign The Arbors, so they can return to their intended purpose of being a welcoming landmark to our commercial shopping area

We also meet regularly with other cities to monitor their efforts and work toward finding a regional solution.

You can help, too. The City has launched a "Positive Change, Not Spare Change" campaign. Individuals experiencing homelessness often tell our deputies and outreach workers that they've settled in Lake Forest because they feel safe here and because our residents are generous with donations. We will never discourage someone from helping another if it's in their heart, but we encourage those who feel compelled to give to give a local charity. That will ensure individuals get the food and clothing they need, and begin to work with agencies that can provide a path to shelter, a positive change.

The issue is complex, but we will find a solution. And we want to hear from you – from your suggestions for The Arbors to ideas to solve the issue. We're hosting an open house on homelessness from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 29 at the Sports Park. I hope to see you there. We can solve it, together.

*Debra Rose*



## MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 15 | November 5

### COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETINGS

October 17 | November 21

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

October 10 | November 14

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETINGS

October 31 | November 28

All meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. See more listings at [www.LakeForestCA.gov](http://www.LakeForestCA.gov).

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## TIME IS NEAR: CIVIC CENTER OPENING APPROACHES

The end of plans for an international airport at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station was the beginning of plans for Lake Forest Civic Center – the community’s “100-Year Home.”

For decades, development of hundreds of acres of land around the base was limited by noise and safety restrictions. Before the City incorporated, the County of Orange identified most of that property for industrial and business parks – more than 11 million square feet of building in all. When Orange County voters rejected a proposal for an international airport

in 2002, the owners of that land gained the opportunity to request new land-use designations. It was also an opportunity for the City of Lake Forest, then just a little more than a decade old. The City lacked a permanent Civic Center and athletic facilities – at that time, the City had just four fields in a flood-control basin. The City worked with landowners and residents from 2003 to 2008 to develop plans and finalize environmental reports in what was known as “the Opportunities Study.”



Under the agreement, landowners would pay a per-unit fee to change their property land-use designation from commercial or industrial to residential. The fees would pay for a sports park and Civic Center – and the studies found the housing developments would actually generate less traffic than the designated commercial/industrial projects.

The first application for a housing tract planned under the Opportunities Study came in 2008. By 2009, the City was planning the Sports Park and Recreation Center. As other landowners changed their property designations, the Civic Center project was approved in 2012.

The Sports Park and Recreation Center opened in 2014. Now, the final touches are being placed on the Senior Center, Community Center, Performing Arts Center/City Council Chambers and City Hall – the four buildings that will make up the community’s “100-Year Home.”

After 17 years, the Civic Center completion is now just weeks away. Watch the City website, [www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov) and social media channels for more details.

## ARE YOU PREPARED? NEXT CERT CLASS FORMING NOW

Signups are underway for the next Lake Forest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class, which begins in February.

CERT is a federal program that trains residents to fill the void in major emergencies until professionals arrive – up to 72 hours. CERT is a national program, under Federal Emergency Management Agency. The program motto is “Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number.”

The February class will be the City’s fourth – and the first to be taught in the new Civic Center. The free CERT program includes eight classes delivered in 3-hour sessions on Monday evenings:



1. Emergency Preparedness
2. Fire Safety
3. Emergency Medical Operations I
4. Emergency Medical Operations II
5. Light Search and Rescue I
6. Light Search and Rescue II
7. Disaster Psychology/CERT Organization
8. Disaster Simulation/Exercise

For more information on the program or to join the waiting list for an upcoming class, see [www.lakeforestca.gov/CERT](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/CERT).

## MINIMIZE WILDFIRE RISK WITH “READY SET GO”

Minimize Wildfire Risk with “Ready Set Go”

Are you wildfire ready? If fire broke out, do you have a plan to get set? And when the time came, would you go?

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) uses the “Ready, Set, Go” program that coaches residents on the three steps of wildfire safety:

1. **Ready** – prepare your home with vegetation setbacks and other steps
2. **Set** – Preparing your family with emergency kits and lists of important items
3. **Go** – Knowing when to leave to get your family to safety

The OCFA website, [www.ocfa.org/rsg/lakeforest](http://www.ocfa.org/rsg/lakeforest) has videos and tools to ensure you and your family are prepared. The City of Lake Forest has partnered with (OCFA) to help residents prepare for wildfire season. Ready Set Go banners will be displayed around the City and additional information will be shared on the City’s website and social media channels. In areas of high risk of fire, the City’s volunteer Community Emergency Response Team will go door-to-door to remind residents of the importance of preparation.

Firefighters train hard to prepare for wildfires. Residents can do the same with Ready Set Go.

## CITY LOOKS TO ADD AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Recognizing that nearly 20 percent of the households in Lake Forest do not earn enough to afford the median price of a one-bedroom apartment in Orange County, the City Council allocated up to \$3.7 million for an affordable-housing project off El Toro Road.

The Council in September directed City staff to work with a nonprofit developer called National Community Renaissance, known as National CORE, on a project that could bring up to 80 one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments to the City. National CORE is one the nation’s largest affordable-home builders and actively manages its properties. Residents who qualify to live in National CORE communities also participate in on-site classes and programs designed to help them transition into market-rate housing.

National CORE has affordable communities throughout Southern California, including Yorba Linda and San Clemente. The El Toro Road project would be the first for National CORE in Lake Forest. The City’s largest affordable-home community in Lake Forest is in Baker Ranch.

Affordability rates are based on the Area Median Income (AMI) determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The AMI for an Orange County family of four is \$97,900, meaning residents of the potential National CORE project who earn between \$24,950 for a single person to \$94,950 for a family of four qualify for affordable housing. The proposed rents range from \$615 for a one-bedroom unit to \$1,851 for a three-bedroom unit. The City Council specified that current Lake Forest residents or people working in the City would have first preference for the units.

Under the proposal, National CORE would purchase the two-building Mountain View Business Center at 24549 Raymond Way. The rear building would be replaced with the apartments, if the proposal is approved. The City funding comes from development fees and must be used for *affordable housing or similar projects*.

For more information, see [www.lakeforestca.gov/National\\_CORE](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/National_CORE).

# CITY SEEKS INPUT ON GRANT SPENDING

Each year, the City of Lake Forest is eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. CDBG funds can be used to improve the City's housing stock, parks and streets, and to support social services for lower-income residents. The City's goals and priorities for the use of CDBG funds are established every five years in its Consolidated Plan. As the City prepares to update its Consolidated Plan, community input is needed to help the City Council identify potential uses to benefit the community. To take the survey, visit [lakeforestca.gov/CDBG](http://lakeforestca.gov/CDBG).

Survey responses will be summarized and presented to the City Council in the spring of 2020, as Council members consider approval of an updated Consolidated Plan. In completing the survey, keep in mind that the questions are limited to the types of activities that are eligible for CDBG funding.



## CITY OFFERS PET SPAYING/NEUTERING VOUCHERS



One of the most effective ways to keep animal-shelter populations at a minimum is through responsible pet ownership, when dogs and cats are spayed and neutered. The City even offers a \$50 voucher to complete the procedure at participating local clinics.

In addition to helping control pet overpopulation, the procedure may also prevent medical and behavioral problems from developing, allowing your pet to lead a longer, healthier, happier life.

For more information, or to start the process by filling out the online form, see [www.lakeforestca.gov/spayneuter](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/spayneuter).

YOU CAN BRING

# POSITIVE CHANGE, NOT SPARE CHANGE

FOR MORE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS VISIT: [LAKEFORESTCA.GOV/HOMELESS](http://LAKEFORESTCA.GOV/HOMELESS)

DO YOU NEED HELP? CONTACT ONE OF THE CHARITIES LISTED HERE

**How to Help in Lake Forest:**

- Families Forward  
[www.families-forward.org](http://www.families-forward.org)  
(949) 552-2727
- Family Assistance Ministries  
[family-assistance.org](http://family-assistance.org)  
(949) 492-8477
- Mercy House  
[mercyhouse.net](http://mercyhouse.net)  
(714) 836-7888
- South County Outreach  
[www.sco-oc.org](http://www.sco-oc.org)  
(949) 360-8144

**Lake Forest Listens: Homelessness.** Share your ideas with the people working to solving homelessness in Lake Forest from 6 pm to 8 pm on October 29 at the Lake Forest Sports Park. See [www.lakeforestca.gov/homelessness](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/homelessness).

## MOSQUITO WITH WEST NILE FOUND

Mosquito samples infected with West Nile Virus were found in Lake Forest earlier this year near Rockfield and Los Alisos, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District announced. Inspectors checked known sources of mosquito breeding and looked for any unknown sources but need the public's help as well.

Residents, park guests, sports leagues, and outdoor event attendees to take precautions and wear mosquito repellents when mosquitoes are most active (dawn or dusk).

### Follow the tips below to prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and opt for lighter-colored clothing
- Around the home: eliminating breeding sources for mosquitoes is critical
- Dump and drain containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers

Residents are urged to report unusual numbers of mosquitoes to OCMVCD. For more information, contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (714) 971-2421 or (949) 654-2421, or visit [www.ocvector.org](http://www.ocvector.org).

## 'TASTE OF LAKE FOREST' CAPS OFF SHOP AND DINE MONTH

An estimated 4,000 people attended the 8th Annual Taste of Lake Forest in Foothill Ranch Towne Center on September 28, ending Shop & Dine Week with good food, good music and good fun.



Those in attendance voted for their favorites among the two dozen restaurants participating, crowning a business new to the City as the best in the event, Sal's Pizza. In second place was La Casita Olvera, with Taqueria De Anda-Grill in third. "Best New Restaurant" honors went to Bowlista.

Taste of Lake Forest is the last Saturday every September – put it in your calendar now.

## HONOR A HOMETOWN HERO WITH A BANNER

The City of Lake Forest is launching a program for residents wishing to honor military family members with a banner.

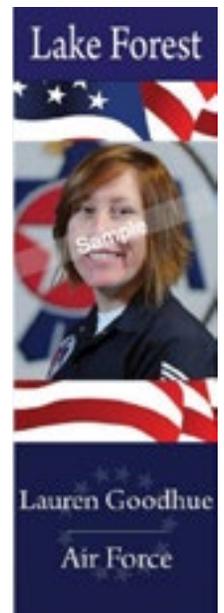
Beginning Fall 2019, the program will allow residents to honor family members with a Lake Forest connection who is serving, retired, or deceased from any branch of the armed forces by purchasing a banner. The banners will be flown on Civic Center Drive and will include the honoree's name, a formal military photo and their armed forces branch. After a year, the banner will be removed and given to the purchaser to keep.

To qualify, an honoree must:

- Verify duty status
- Verify a connection to the City of Lake Forest (i.e. current City of Lake Forest resident and immediate family member of a current resident such as wife/husband, son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, son-in-law/daughter-in-law)

Ten banners will be available to purchase in the inaugural year of the program.

For more information, contact Recreation Manager Vicky Blethen at [VBlethen@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:VBlethen@lakeforestca.gov).



# INDEPENDENT RECYCLING CENTERS FILL VOID

Many well-meaning consumers were left holding the bag when rePlanet Recycling Centers abruptly closed in early August – a bag of cans or bottles. But you can continue to turn in bottles and cans for their redemption value, even now that the largest operator of recycling redemption centers is gone.

The following Orange County recycling redemption centers remain open:

## Next Generation Recycling

27771 Center Dr  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692  
(714) 580-4502

## Recycling Spot behind Costco

115 Technology Dr  
Irvine, CA 92618  
(818) 203-3035  
<https://www.recycling-spot.com/>

## Irvine Recycling Center

15333 Culver Dr  
Ste 800  
Irvine, CA 92604  
(909) 981-8978

## Orange County Conservation Corps

16122 Construction Circle East  
Irvine, CA 92606  
(714) 956-6222  
<http://www.hireyouth.org/recycling-center/>

## OCC Recycling Center

2701 Fairview Rd  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
(714) 432-5131  
[http://orangecoastcollege.edu/about\\_occ/recycling-center/Pages/default.aspx](http://orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/recycling-center/Pages/default.aspx)

## OC Recycling

1601 E Edinger Ave  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
(714) 732-9253  
<http://www.ocrecycling.com/contact-us/location>

## Allan Company Recycling Center

2538 S Main St  
Santa Ana, CA 92707  
(714) 641-8891  
<https://www.allancompany.com/public>



## THE FIRST FLUSH

As we enter the fall and winter rainy seasons, consider how pollution can impact local natural resources. Early-season rains are sometimes referred to as the “first flush” because they can wash pollution into our local environmental resources.

The storm drain system in Lake Forest does not operate in the same way as the sewer system that carries water from indoor drains to treatment plants. The storm drain system is designed to carry surface water into channels, creeks, lakes and ultimately, the ocean. That’s why dumping anything into the storm drain system is illegal and is harmful to our local environmental resources. Take a moment to stop and think about some common storm drain pollutants listed below:

It is important for the safety and enjoyment of the natural resources for everyone to dispose of various products responsibly.



Buying household products labeled “nontoxic” whenever possible and using an absorbent material, such as kitty litter to clean up spills, are helpful contributions. Remember, just one pint of motor oil can produce an oil slick of approximately one acre on the surface of water. Your actions do matter! Please do your part to protect our local environmental resources for ourselves and for future generations.

For more information, see <https://h2oc.org/>.



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# RECREATION AND EVENTS CALENDAR

## WINTER 2019

### HAUNT AT HERITAGE HILL



**Fri, October 11 | Saturday, October 12**  
**6:30-10:30 pm**  
Heritage Hill Historical Park  
25151 Serrano Road  
\$10 per person / Presale Event

### SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORKING GROUP

**Monday, October 21 | Monday, November 18**  
6-7 pm Lake Forest Sports Park & Recreation Center  
28000 Rancho Parkway  
FREE

### NIGHT OF THE LIVING SHRED CONTEST



**Saturday, October 19**  
**7-10pm**  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Drive  
\$15 entry fee / Free to Watch

### 2019/20 WINTER LEISURE TIMES DELIVERED TO HOMES

**Week of October 28**  
Resident Mailboxes  
FREE

### VETERAN'S DAY SKATE CAMP

**Monday, November 11 | 10 am - 2pm**  
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest  
20028 Lake Forest Drive  
\$40 per person

### MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN DANCE



**Saturday, October 26**  
**6-8 pm**  
Lake Forest Sports Park & Recreation Center, 28000 Rancho Parkway  
Free to attend / Pre-Registration Required

### RESIDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2019/20 WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, November 12 | 8 am**  
Lake Forest Sports Park & Recreation Center,  
28000 Rancho Parkway  
FREE

### 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 &
Etnies Skatepark . . . . . 916-5870	Recreation Center . . . . . 273-6960

### FIND US ONLINE

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

For more info call 461-3450, 273-6960 or visit our website at [www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov).  
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