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- ★ Coupon booklets will arrive in your mailbox at the end of August.
- ★ Get one raffle ticket for each stamp collected for a chance to win prizes at the Taste of Lake Forest.





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#### CITY MANAGER'S



## Message

Summer is in full swing and so are all our great summertime events and programs! Just a

few weeks ago, our community came together for one of the summer's biggest and best events – the City's 23rd Annual Fourth of July Parade. Led by our amazing Parade Committee volunteers, we celebrated "Life, Liberty, Lake Forest!" with 98 parade entries; and the fun is just beginning.

From tots to seniors, we've got something for everyone. Love music? The Summer Concert Series in the Park continues with concerts on July 27 and August 24. Are movies more your thing? Join us in August for Movies in the Park at various park locations throughout the city. Got a skater at home who can't get enough of Etnies Skatepark? Make sure to sign them up for our Labor Day Weekend Skatepark Campout. Looking for fun outdoor activities? Our Rec 'N Roll trailer will continue its weekly visits (Monday - Thursday) to parks citywide. If you'd like to support local anti-crime initiatives and learn about partnering with law enforcement, be sure to join us for National Night Out - "America's Night Out Against Crime" (page 4). And finally, do you love shopping? How about eating? Then get ready for Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week and the Taste of Lake Forest (page 4).

These are just some of the great programs and activities we have planned for the rest of the summer. Visit our website at *www.lakeforestca.gov* for more information or call us at 461-3400. Whatever you do this summer, we hope you get out and play!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunck

Robert C. Dunek, City Manager

## **Sports Park Frenzy Contest**

### Let the countdown begin...

As we countdown for the grand opening of one of the largest sports park in South Orange County, we're kicking off the excitement with our Sports Park Frenzy Contest! Here's your chance to win some fun prizes for the summer including athletic equipment to use at the new sports park, or VIP treats to one of the City's Movies in the Park.

All you have to do is share a story about the Sports Park in 200-250 words. It can be about which amenities your family can't wait to use, how you plan on spending a day at the park, or simply what you're excited about as we prepare for the grand opening. Resident-submitted

articles will be featured in the next six issues of the *The Leaflet*. Stories must be emailed to *chon@lakeforestca*.

**gov** before August 11. For more information, call 282-5214.



City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, August 5
- Tuesday, August 19
- Tuesday, September 2
- Tuesday, September 16

## Spotlight on Lake Forest Parks

City parks are open from dawn to dusk

#### Baker Ranch Community Park Opens to the Public

Boys and girls of all ages rushed to take advantage of the amenities following the ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of Baker Ranch Community Park. The 7.26-acre park offers a softball field, and basketball court, an exhilarating tubular slide and rock climb, a fun play structure, and much more! Reserve a park gazebo at *online.activecommunities.com/LFRecOnline* or contact Community Services at 461-3450 for sports field reservations.

#### Rimgate and Tamarisk Parks Renovations Complete

Now that improvements at Rimgate and Tamarisk Parks are complete, bring your family and friends to check out the 6-station exercise par course at Rimgate, play baseball on the new field,







and shoot some hoops on a newly resurfaced basketball court at Tamarisk Park. **Sharing is Caring!** 

Please take only what you need from bag dispensers.

City refills dispensers daily.





All sports park soccer and baseball fields are temporarily closed until mid-August for turf renovations.

- Baker Ranch Community Park
- Foothill Ranch Community Park
- Rancho Serrano Park
- Rimgate Park

- Borrego Park
- Heroes Park
- Regency Park
- Tamarisk Park

## 2014 Leadership Academy



The Leadership Academy is a fun and informal academy providing residents with a glimpse into the inner workings 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 a dinner at the beginning of each session. To sign up, contact Juan Esquivel at 461-3422, or at <code>jesquivel@lakeforestca.gov</code>, or stop by City Hall by Monday, August 25.

**Where:** Lake Forest City Hall (Community Room A)

25550 Commercentre Drive

When: Wednesday evenings

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

September 3 through October 22, 2014

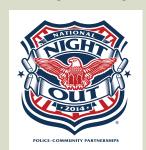
(8 sessions)

## **National Night Out**

#### Baker Ranch Community Park 26380 Rancho Parkway South

Celebrate a fun and festive evening at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at one of the City's newest parks! The event is a great opportunity to come together and support local anti-crime programs and strengthen neigh-

borhood spirit and police-community partnerships. If you're a business providing public safety and crime prevention services interested in setting up a booth, contact Vanessa Barker at 461-3546.



## 3rd Annual Taste of Lake Forest

## Sunday, September 14 Noon – 4 p.m. Foothill Ranch Towne Centre

(Bake Parkway & Towne Centre Drive)

For only \$10, sample delicious cuisine from more than 25 restaurants at the 3rd annual Taste of Lake Forest! Attendees will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite Lake Forest restaurant at the end of the event.







### **Alton Parkway Closes Monday, July 28**

Alton Parkway between Monarch and Catalina will be temporarily closed starting Monday, July 28 and will reopen in early October. Motorists are encouraged to use Rancho Parkway South, Bake Parkway, and Commercentre Drive to reconnect with Alton Parkway. If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 461-3480.

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

As part of the City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program, qualified homeowners interested in giving their homes a fresh coat of paint must submit an application packet to Sandi Medrano, Neighborhood Pride Paint Coordinator, before August 28 by 5 p.m.

Selection of owner-occupied homes or mobile homes will be based on a lottery. Due to funding constraints, the number of 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) the existing exterior paint must be lead-free; (4) owners may not have assets in excess of \$120,000; excluding the value of the home, and; (5) homeowners must qualify by not exceeding the income limits for two tax years, as outlined below:

#### **Maximum Income Limit by Household Size**

	\$57,800			
1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person
household	household	household	household	household

Homes will be tested to determine if lead-based paint is present prior to acceptance. If lead-based paint is found, the homeowner will be offered the opportunity to apply for a housing rehabilitation loan to implement lead abatement measures and repainting.

An application packet is available at City Hall, or can be downloaded at *www.lakeforestbusiness.com* 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.



The City is looking for beautiful photos of Lake Forest parks to showcase in the 2015 community calendar. Whether it's the serene image of the Nature Park or kids enjoying the updated tot lot at Tamarisk Park, all you have to do is snap and send.

Photo submissions will be accepted via Ask Lake Forest at www.asklakeforest.
com or chon@lakeforestca.
gov through October 6, 2014.
For contest rules and submission requirements, visit www.
lakeforestca.gov/calendar-contest. For more information, contact 282-5214.

## Don't Let Your Resources and Money Go Down the Drain...

Consider this – a typical residential sprinkler can emit about one gallon of water a minute. If a lawn with 10 spray heads was overwatered by 5 minutes each day, 50 gallons of water could be wasted every day! In addition, excess water runoff can travel over sidewalks, driveways, streets and gutters picking up pollutants and bringing them straight to the storm drain system and right into our local creeks, lakes, and beaches. Unlike the sewer system, the runoff water is not treated.

Help reduce or eliminate over-irrigation and runoff, conserve our limited water resources, and save money with these few tips:

- 1. Do not over-water. Most plants do not need to be watered everyday, especially lawns. Reduce your sprinkler cycle length and increase the number of cycles. Use a water calculator at www.bewaterwise.com/calculator.html#pagestart.
- 2. Water lawns early in the day before sunrise or in the evenings after sunset to maximize water absorption into the soil and minimize loss due to evaporation or wind dispersal.
- 3. Watch out for misdirected sprinklers and periodically inspect and fix leaks.
- 4. Use native and drought resistant California plants. There are over 6,000 varieties and they typically use about two-thirds less water.

For more tips and information, visit www.overwateringisout.org or check with your local water district (El Toro Water District and Irvine Ranch Water District) for information.



24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.

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

#### **HOUSING REHABILITATION LOANS**

As part of the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible Lake Forest homeowners can receive up to \$30,000 and mobile homeowners can receive up to \$15,000 to improve their homes. The program offers 0% deferred loans to all residents meeting the income qualifications. There are no monthly payments on the loan and the total payment is due at the time of sale, refinance or transfer of title. For those residents choosing to make monthly payments, the City's program offers a 3% loan with amortized payments over 15 years.

To qualify, applicants must live on the property, have sufficient equity in the **INCOME RESTRICTIONS** home, may not have received assistance previously, not exceed the asset limitations, and meet the income restrictions noted in the chart.

Eligible repairs include roofing, windows, exterior and interior painting, plumbing, electrical, garage doors and energy efficiency/weatherization items. Any code violations or health and safety items must be corrected as a condition of funding. Any homes built prior to January 1, 1978 must comply with federal lead-based paint requirements. Please contact Theresa Dobbs at 461-3473 or at **tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov** to request an application.

Household Size	Gross Income Per Year	
1	\$50,600	
2	\$57,800	
3	\$65,050	
4	\$72,250	
5	\$78,050	
6	\$83,850	

### Recreation/Events Calendar

**Summer 2014 (August-September)** 

#### **AUGUST**

#### **Movies in the Park~ Friday** "The Wizard of Oz"

7:30 p.m.

Baker Ranch Community Park (26380 Rancho Parkway)

Fee: Free

#### **Live Music Showcase** Friday 15 6-10 p.m.

**Etnies Skatepark** of Lake Forest (20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: \$5 entry fee per person



Sunday

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#### Movies in the Park ~ Friday "Space Jam"

7:30 p.m.

Rimgate Park (29772 Rimgate)

Fee: Free

#### **Summer Concert** Series~Gregg Rolie **Quartet and Annaliese Schiersch**

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr)

Fee: Free



#### Tuesday 12

**Fall Registration Begins 8 am!** Online, Mail-In, Walk-In

#### Movies in the Park~ Friday "Despicable Me 2" 15

7:30 p.m.

El Toro Park (23701 Los Alisos Blvd)

Fee: Free



#### **Labor Day** Weekend Skatepark Campout

10 p.m.-9 a.m.

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest (20028 Lake Forest Dr)



Friday/Saturday

29-30



Fee: \$30 per person (register at Skatepark night of the event ONLY)



Have you geocached yet?



#### SEPTEMBER

#### **Teen Lounge Thursday** opens for the 2014-15 school year

City Hall Teen Lounge (25550 Commercentre Dr)

Fee: Free

Pre-registration is required.



**Friday** 

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#### **Live Music** Showcase

6-10 p.m.

**Etnies Skatepark** of Lake Forest (20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Fee: \$5 entry per person



8-10 a.m.

Whiting Ranch Park

Fee: \$5 per person; \$3 parking fee



**Saturday** 

**Friday** 

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#### **Friday Night** at the Movies "Lone Survivor"

6:30-9:30 p.m. (Movie starts at 7 p.m.)

Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr)

Fee: \$5 per person (must be 18 or older to register)

Pre-registration is required for this event

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#### **ECRWSS**

#### **Important City Telephone** Numbers

OC Animal Care . . . . . . 249-5160 Building Division . . . . . 461-3470 Building Inspection. . . . 461-3468 City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410 Community Policing Center . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 461-3530 Community Preservation . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 461-3474 Etnies Skatepark . . . . . . . 916-5870 Economic Development . . . . . . . . . . . . 461-3567

#### **IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES**

City www.lakeforestca.gov Economic Development www.lakeforestbusiness.com

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest www.etniesskatepark.com



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461-3400



#### "EXPAND THE FOREST"

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. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Joan Parker, Pat Katapski, Alicia Reiman and Mike Ramos	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	To the Sweere Family in Memory of Ted Sweere
Andy Andreoli and all our Grandchildren	Magnolia	Tamarisk Park	In the Loving Memory of Neva Andreoli
Mom, Dad, Caryle, Jen and Luke Betz	Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	For Greg Betz, Love, Your Family
Jenny Nonora, Any Stanton, Jeanne Bayer and Stacey Constantian	Magnolia	Foothill Ranch Community Park	Always Missing You
Nana and Grandpa Steve	Magnolia (2)	Foothill Ranch Community Park	Liam – Happy Birthday, Olivia – Happy Birthday, We Love You
The Fost Family	Sycamore	Rancho Serrano Park	In Memory of Our Dear Friend and Neighbor, Gary Weir
Dana Mawdsley	Liquid Amber	Rancho Serrano Park	In Memory of Shorty Cohen

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 461-3471.

