



The Leaflet

July-August 2015

**LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY**
Get Involved

TURF RENOVATION
Sports Field Closures

**LAKE FOREST RESIDENTS
GIVE BACK**
Recognize a Volunteer





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 4 ■ September 1
- August 18 ■ September 15

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

- August 20 ■ October 15
- September 17 ■ November 19

Planning Commission

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

- August 13 ■ October 8
- September 10 ■ November 12

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
Twitter	twitter.com/lakeforestca

Resident Daniel Vargas at etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest.

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City Manager's Message

The recent approval of the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget marks another year of consecutive balanced budgets. Carefully crafted to embody fiscal responsibility, long-term sustainability, and a healthy reserve, the budget allows for the delivery of quality public projects and community programs while maintaining the City's excellent financial health. Major projects and programs for the upcoming year include the design of the Lake Forest Civic Center – Lake Forest's 100-Year Home, the initiation and completion of five traffic mitigation projects, completion of three traffic signal synchronization projects, continued progress in the development of Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods, the 16th annual Leadership Academy, and the popular Shop and Dine Lake Forest Week.



A balanced budget directly impacts the health and well-being of our community, but so do the volunteers in our community. That's why we want to honor some of the many volunteers in Lake Forest by highlighting their good work. We'll be featuring the stories of twelve Lake Forest residents and how they give back in our November/December issue. For more information on Lake Forest Gives Back, see page 4.

Finally, summer is halfway over, but there's still plenty of fun to be had in August! Kick off the month at National Night Out on August 4 at the Sports Park. Join us for this nationwide evening event where communities band together to promote police and community partnerships. And to say goodbye to summer in style, join us at the end of the month for Lake Forest Palooza, featuring high energy performances and an American Idol! These are just some of the great programs and activities we have planned for the rest of summer. Visit our website for more information or call us at 461-3400.

Have a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
 City Manager

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LAKE FOREST WEBSITE



Explore our redesigned website at lakeforestca.gov

We're on a roll...check out our other new websites too!

Lake Forest Business – LakeForestBusiness.com

Etnies Skatepark – etnieskatepark.com

Sports Park & Recreation Center – LFSportsPark.com

Making a Difference in Our Community



LAKE FOREST
RESIDENTS

Give Back

Volunteers have a significant impact on the health and well-being of our community. Whether they help patrol our parks and neighborhoods, deliver meals to homebound seniors, walk dogs or pet cats, tutor, teach, mentor, or coach, volunteers make a difference in each of our lives. To honor some of the many volunteers in Lake Forest, we're asking for stories highlighting how they help our community grow, learn, and thrive. Twelve Lake Forest residents will be featured in the November/December 2015 issue of *The Leaflet*. Submit your article in 250 words or less and a picture of the individual to chon@lakeforestca.gov by Monday, September 28.



2015 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Leadership Academy is a fun and informal academy providing residents with a glimpse at the inner workings of city government while developing the next generation of civic leaders and volunteers. At the end of the academy, graduates will have a solid foundation of knowledge of city operations and can jump-start their work in the community.

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. Sign up by calling 461-3422, or by emailing jesquivel@lakeforestca.gov.

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

When: Wednesday evenings
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
September 9 to October 28
(8 sessions)

Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week 2015



Attention Lake Forest Businesses Submit Your Special Offer Today!

The 5th annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week will take place from November 1-8 and will feature the ever-popular 4th annual Taste of Lake Forest. To participate in this weeklong event of incredible savings, Lake Forest business owners can submit their special deals or sign up for the Taste of Lake Forest at shopanddinelakeforest.com. 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. For more information, visit shopanddinelakeforest.com.

G.R.O.W. in Lake Forest

A One-Stop Shop for Job Opportunities and Employment Resources

Lake Forest's G.R.O.W. (Growing and Retaining our Workforce) is a job retention and expansion program featuring employment opportunities in the City. Lake Forest companies can email job postings to economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov for potential inclusion on the G.R.O.W. webpage at lakeforestbusiness.com/GROW. Visitors to the page can view and apply for jobs in one easy location.

The City is committed to fostering a thriving Lake Forest workforce by connecting employers with job seekers. To discover all the benefits of G.R.O.W., including free candidate screening, assistance with job fairs, and customized workshops for employees, contact economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov.

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 can submit an application to Sandi Medrano, Neighborhood Pride Paint Coordinator, by Thursday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. To see if you might be eligible for this program, please see the qualifications listed below.

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	5 person household
\$52,500	\$60,000	\$67,500	\$74,950	\$80,950

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 August 27 at 5:00 p.m. 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.



Housing Rehabilitation Loans

As part of the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible Lake Forest home-owners may 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 within the income qualifications. There are no monthly payments on this 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, may not have received assistance previously, have sufficient equity in the home, not exceed the asset limitations, and meet income restrictions noted in the chart below.

Household Size	Gross Income Per Year
1	\$52,500
2	\$60,000
3	\$67,500
4	\$74,950
5	\$80,950
6	\$86,950

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 also comply with the federal regulations regarding lead-based paint requirements. Please contact Theresa Dobbs at 461-3473 or at tdobbs@lakeforestca.gov to request an application.



Getting our Fields in Shape

Every year, sports park soccer and baseball fields are temporarily closed for regular maintenance to ensure the surface remains in optimal condition and is in the best playable state for future seasons.

As we wrap up turf renovations in just a few weeks, stop by any one of our other 20 City parks!

FAQs

Why does turf renovation occur in the summer?

Since sports turf grows best in the summer, this is the best time to prepare the sports fields for the upcoming wear and tear of the soccer and baseball seasons. The renovations generally begin in June when it is off-season for most resident sports leagues, and are completed by mid-August.

What happens if the City does not maintain its sports fields each year?

Lack of proper maintenance can lead to weak grass growth, poor grass coverage, poor drainage, and weed infestation that affects the quality and playability of the fields.

What type of work is performed during the renovation period?

Seeding, aeration, fertilization, sod removal and replacement, as well as irrigation repairs and improvements are performed to prepare the fields for the upcoming recreational soccer and baseball seasons.

Can we use the synthetic turf soccer fields at the Lake Forest Sports Park?

Yes, there are two synthetic turf fields at the Sports Park to provide year-round soccer play, along with four baseball fields open this summer.

Who can I call if I have questions about the sports fields or would like to reserve a field?

Please contact the Sports Park at 273-6960.

Village Pond Park Final Design – Coming Soon

Incorporating a shared community vision, the final design for Village Pond Park will be presented to the City Council later this summer. The proposed final design is intended to make the park more enjoyable while protecting the health of local wildlife and includes the following amenities:

- Entry plazas from Vista Way, Respit Drive and Ridge Route Drive
- Meandering walkways
- Picnic tables and shade structures
- Floating island
- New filtration system with geyser fountains
- New landscaping with decorative plants and flowering shrubs
- Butterfly garden

For more information regarding the project, visit lakeforestca.gov.



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
BORREGO OVERLOOK PARK		
Amy Stanton, Stacey Constantian, Jenny Nonora, Jeanne Bayer	Sycamore	David B. Huxell, We Miss You and Love You Always
Amy Stanton, Stacey Constantian, Jenny Nonora, Jeanne Bayer	Liquid Ambar	Paul Andrew Wright, We Love You - Always
Cassandra Radcliff and Pablo Mendoza	Sycamore	"Plant Trees Under Whose Shade You do not Expect to Sit"
Scott and Commie Taylor	Liquid Ambar	In Loving Memory of Irma and Marie. Forever in our Hearts, We Miss You
FOOTHILL RANCH COMMUNITY PARK		
The Irvine Company, Orange County Camus Office Team	Tristania	Dedicated to the Graef Family in Honor of Frank Graef
RANCHO SERRANO PARK		
Pat and Patti Wren, Jake, Luke and Kylee	Tristania	"Madelyn & Richard Locastro"
Garrison Parkin	Liquid Ambar	William "Bill" Parkin 1922 - 2011, Patriot, Family Man and Friend
Brenda Kehler	Liquid Ambar	Wesley G. Kehler August 10, 1936 - January 30, 2014, "Friend to All"
Girl Scout Troop #3294	Magnolia	Girl Scout Troop #3294 "Changing The Earth"
Eliza, Mapa, Maritza, Esther, Jeanette, Patty, Caro, Maite, Sonia, Cony	Sycamore	Para Cecilia, Una Gran Mujer Quien Nos Contagio Con Su Gran Alegria
Mapa, Caro, Patty, Maite, Maritza, Jeanette, Eliza, Esther, Cony	Sycamore	Para Un Gran Hombre, Esposo, Padre, Abuelo Y Amigo, Hugo Majia
RANCHO SERRANO PARK		
The Lake Forest City Employees	Sycamore	Dedicated to Former City Council Member Dave Bass

Expand the Forest

City Takes Part in Water Conservation Efforts

To respond to Governor Brown's first statewide mandatory water reduction executive order, the City has been at the forefront of proactive resource conservation. The City has invested in technologies and drought-tolerant landscaping for its many public works projects by:

- ◆ Replacing irrigation controllers in City parks with smart controllers to better manage water use.
- ◆ Converting natural turf in center medians to California-friendly plant material.
- ◆ Using recycled water at many City parks, City medians, and parkways to conserve potable water.

Find out how you can help protect our water supply by visiting overwateringisout.org.

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL.
For more information, contact Public Works at 461-3480.





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Recreation & Events CALENDAR

Summer 2015

Friday, AUGUST 7

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

**Movies in the Park ~
"Monsters University"**

Mountain View Park
24061 Dylan St.

Fee: Free to attend

Friday, AUGUST 14

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

Live Music Showcase

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$5 per person at the door

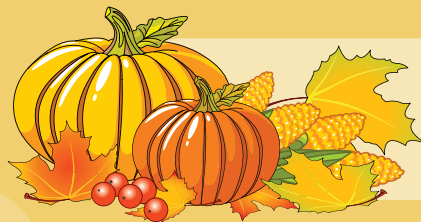
Friday, AUGUST 14

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

**Movies in the Park ~
"A Bug's Life"**

El Toro Park
23701 Los Alisos Blvd.

Fee: Free to attend



Fall registration begins
Tuesday, August 11 at 8 a.m.

Friday, AUGUST 21

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

**Movies in the Park ~
"Big Hero 6"**

Pittsford Park
21701 Pittsford Dr.

Fee: Free to attend

Sunday, AUGUST 23

5:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

**Summer Concert Series ~
Lake Forest Palooza With
Suburban Legends,
80z All Stars and Didi Benami**

Lake Forest Sports Park
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

**Friday, AUGUST 28 -
Saturday, AUGUST 29**

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

**End of Summer
Skatepark Campout**

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

Fee: \$40 per person



GEOCACHING FUN

will return this Fall!



Check your Fall *Leisure Times*
for details or contact
mnorment@lakeforestca.gov
to register for this FREE activity!

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