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A Message From City Manager
DEBRA ROSE

Happy New Year, and what a year 2019 will be in Lake Forest!

Not only do we have our regular, full lineup of great events—from Snowfest this month to our Summer Concerts—but also the City’s first permanent Civic Center is on schedule to open this fall. The campus, off Commercentre Drive, will include a Community Center, Senior Center, 200-seat Performing Arts Center/Council Chambers and City Hall. The City’s “100-Year Home” will be an amazing gathering place for residents of all ages and a source of pride for every Lake Forest resident. Remember, the \$72 million cost of the Civic Center is primarily covered by fees collected from new housing. So while we’re creating City facilities that will be enjoyed for generations, we’re doing it without burdening those generations with debt.

Residents will see construction of Portola Park begin this year, at Glenn Ranch and Saddleback Ranch Roads. That park will feature the City’s first pickle ball courts, a youth soccer field and restrooms. The property has amazing views as well, making Portola Park fit right in with the City’s tradition of beautiful parks. Improvements to 10 other parks will also start this year. See more about that on our website, www.lakeforestca.gov, which is also getting a refresh this year.

Finally, I hope you’ve noticed the design changes to The Leaflet. Our biennial Community Satisfaction Survey has shown that The Leaflet is the number one source of City news and information for our residents, and the brand new layout is designed to make it easier to read and enjoy. Let us know what you think at LeafletEditor@lakeforestca.gov. Speaking of the resident and business survey, we’ll get new opinion results soon too—here’s to a great 2019!

Debra Rose

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MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 5 | February 19 | March 5

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETINGS

February 21 | March 21

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

February 14 | March 14

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION MEETINGS

February 28 | March 28



CITY GAINS LAND FOR PORTOLA PARK

Standing at the edge of what will soon be Portola Park, it's tough to tell which will be more breathtaking: the view *from* the park or the view *of* the park.

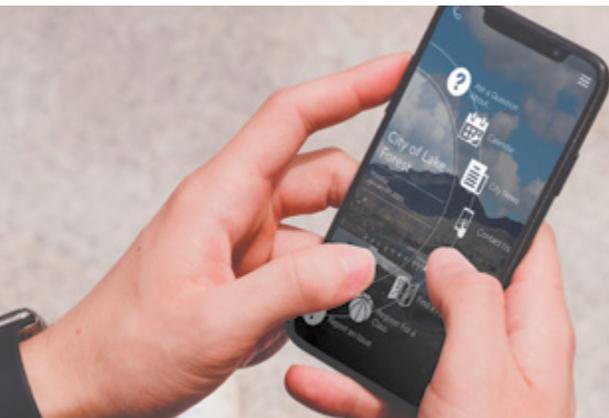
The view *from* the park, at Glen Ranch Road and Saddleback Ranch Road, offers a stunning view as all of Lake Forest unfolds before you, creating the impression you could see the Pacific on a clear day. But the view *of* the park will be just as impressive, with a youth soccer field, dog park, restrooms and more tucked neatly into 6.3 acres. Portola will also bring the City its first outdoor pickle ball courts.

Builder Landsea Homes recently turned over the land to the City for what will be Lake Forest's 31st park. The builder donated the land and paid more than \$2.4 million of the \$4.2 million the City has allocated for the project. Construction will begin this year.

"Landsea Homes was very pleased to work with the City and provide a great, new outdoors amenity to the City of Lake Forest," said Tom Baine, president, Southern California division, Landsea Homes. "Portola Park is a great opportunity for adjoining IronRidge residents and all of Lake Forest to enjoy the myriad benefits of open space close to their home."

The park was designed with input from residents who attended community workshops and the City Council meeting where Portola Park was approved. The park will also include 57 parking spots.

A trail will loop around the park, connecting Portola Park to nearby Whiting Ranch. A tot lot and sand volleyball courts round out the plan, along with gazebos and picnic tables that will take advantage of the amazing view.



GET CITY INFO BY TEXT

You can now opt-in to receive texts from the City about traffic, road closures, events, important news and more. Get informed about what's on the latest City Council agenda or road construction in your area. Go to www.lakeforestca.gov/SMS to sign up.

CITY MOBILE APP DOWNLOADS PASS 1,000

More than 1,000 users have downloaded the City's "My Lake Forest" smartphone app, giving them access to all of the City's resources at the touch of a finger.

The mobile app launched November 1, offering residents a convenient way to report issues, register for Community Services classes and interact with the City.

The app also offers the "Ask Lake Forest" issue-reporting system that has long been available on the City's website. Residents who have a question or spot an issue will be able to take a photo with a smartphone and submit the picture

directly to the City, through the app. Since the app was launched, more reports have come in from smartphones than the web-based system.

The new mobile system also allows users to create a password-protected account for enhanced security. Download the app now from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.





SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET AMONG BUSINESSES SLATED FOR 2019 OPENINGS

Sprouts Farmers Market and Hoag Health Center have announced they are opening locations in Lake Forest, joining Texas-based home décor superstore At Home as new businesses coming to town in 2019.

Sprouts, headquartered in Phoenix, is a natural and organic grocery store, which will take more than 29,000 square feet in the Hunter Court Shopping Center at El Toro Road and Rockfield Boulevard. Hunter Court was recently acquired by Merlone Geier Partners, which owns 155 properties on the West Coast totaling 27 million square feet of space.

Hoag Health Center will occupy 45,000 square feet in the Foothill Ranch Towne Center, where At Home will also open. At Home will fill an impressive 80,000 square feet. These additions are expected to add to the City's sales tax revenues, which are the second-largest contributors to the City budget behind property taxes.

Three hotels, TownePlace Suites by Marriott, Springhill Suites by Marriott, Homewood Suites/Hampton Inn, all near Lake Forest Drive and Rockfield, are also under construction, adding 433 rooms and more than 240,000 square feet to the City's hotel inventory.

The City's Economic Development helps new businesses locate to Lake Forest, as well as addresses the needs of existing businesses. Find out more information at www.lakeforestbusiness.com.

FINAL STEEL SET IN CIVIC CENTER

The final piece of steel for the four-building Civic Center complex, the City's "100-Year Home", was hoisted into place in early January. This was a significant milestone on the way to the project's scheduled completion in the fall.

The Civic Center complex consists of a Community Center, Senior Center, Performing Arts Center/Council Chambers and City Hall. The complex, off Commercentre Drive on Civic Center Dr., has a \$72 million budget, paid for mostly by public facility fees from developers.

The interiors of the Performing Arts Center/Council Chambers are in drywall, the Administration Building first level interiors are framed out, the Senior Center is structurally complete and the roof decking is ongoing.

A two-story parking deck for the Civic Center campus is already finished. For more information, including a webcam watching construction, see www.lakeforestca.gov/civiccenter.





VETERANS PARK COMPLETED

Veterans Park, formerly known as Village Pond Park, is open once again after more than a year of redesigning, draining and installing.

The redesigned park now features meandering sidewalks, an updated lake shore, a butterfly garden and a veterans monument to honor members of each branch of the U.S. armed forces - living up to the park's new name.

Over the last year, construction crews reshaped the pond, reinforced the wire mesh and poured concrete to create the pond. This concrete pond bottom is coupled with a new liner

and aeration system—to improve water quality and safety.

To protect taxpayers' investment in the park and ensure it remains in good condition, the City has stepped up enforcement of the "No Feeding the Wildlife" ordinance, which carries a \$100 fine. Feeding the Canada Geese and other waterfowl is actually harmful to the wildlife and creates challenges in keeping the park clean for all to enjoy.



ETNIES SKATEPARK LAKE FOREST TURNS 15

The Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest celebrated its 15-year anniversary December 8th with a free community event that included a carnival zone, games, food trucks and live music.

There was also a 'Best Trick' skate competition with a \$1,000 prize purse donated by Etnies. Lake Forest's own Dylan Witkin won \$500 by competing in the 'Best Trick' contest and more

than 100 attendees took home Etnies shoes by playing various carnival games.

The event attracted **600 skateboarders** and local community members throughout the day. For more information about the skatepark, a collaboration between the City and Etnies, see www.etniesskatepark.com.

FOURTH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS & LOGO CONTEST

The theme for the City's Fourth of July Parade is **"We Love a Parade,"** and **your artwork could be the official logo!** If you have a creative and patriotic design for the City's Fourth of July parade, send a high resolution JPEG of your original artwork to mnewton@lakeforestca.gov to enter the logo contest.

The winner will have their logo featured on all Fourth of July parade advertising and will be a VIP at this year's parade. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 30. For more information, or to join the volunteer group that plans the parade, contact Michelle Newton at mnewton@lakeforestca.gov.



COMMUNITY CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW

The 2019 City calendar, featuring residents' photographs of Lake Forest, is now available. The 2019 community calendar is a compilation of photos that best represent this year's theme of **"Lake Forest Pride."** The calendar showcases wonderful photos of some of the things that make residents proud to call Lake Forest home.

Calendars are available at City Hall, the Sports Park and Recreation Center, the El Toro Library and the Foothill Ranch Library.



THE CITY LAUNCHES CERT PROGRAM

First responders are often overwhelmed and forced to prioritize calls for help when a major emergency or disaster strikes. Residents need to be ready to fill the gap until help arrives, which is why Lake Forest is joining thousands of cities in all 50 states to offer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

The CERT program creates a resource of residents, trained by local emergency management and public safety professionals, who can provide an immediate and deliberate response that may have the capability to save lives and property. The CERT program is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

The program provides a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. CERT is a community-based volunteer effort and is a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Citizen Corps program.

The City previously offered the Community Emergency Preparedness Academy but is transitioning to CERT at the direction of the City Council. The CERT program includes eight units delivered in 3-hour sessions:

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

The hands-on classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m., beginning February 11 through March 11. There will be no class February 18. Attendance of all sessions is required to receive CERT certification. Classes will be limited to 40 participants. For more information and to sign up, please email CERT@lakeforestca.gov.



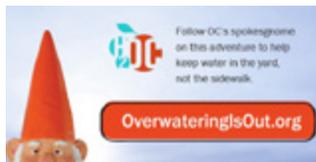
PROTECT LAKE FOREST PREVENT POLLUTION

Get involved to prevent pollution and protect the precious natural resources here in Lake Forest!

Are you interested in improving the local environment, but not sure how or where to start? The City of Lake Forest and its regional partners has designed and built a new, interactive website, www.h2oc.org. Explore H2OC and learn easy ways you can make a difference. Also, receive tips and information on how you can help by following us on Facebook @OCStormWater or subscribe to our email list.

Materials and fluids dumped in Lake Forest streets and lots make their way to the creeks, then to the ocean – without being treated. To report suspected pollution, call the **Public Works Department at 461-3480, the 24 Hour Pollution Hotline at 877-89-SPILL, or visit www.h2oc.org.**

WINTER IS BLOWING INTO THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY



As winter rolls into the Lake Forest with winds, cold temperatures and even rain, remember to turn down your irrigation systems and check your property to ensure fertilizers or other chemicals aren't stored where they can make their way into the storm-drain system. For more information, see overwateringsout.org.

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 protected classes 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 **461-3449**.

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOPS



The City and Fair Housing Council of Orange County are hosting workshops for tenants and landlords that will provide information about housing laws and tenant rights. Security deposits, pets and service animals and rent increases are among the topics that will be covered.

The next workshop, free and open to anyone, is a Tenant Workshop, from 3-5 p.m. March 20. The workshop will be held at Lake Forest City Hall, 25550 Commercentre Dr.



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RECREATION AND EVENTS CALENDAR

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ETNIES EGG-CELLENT EGG HUNT & FESTIVAL OF COLOR

Saturday, April 20 @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest,
20028 Lake Forest Dr.

\$5 per person. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.



RANCHO FIESTA DAYS

Saturday, May 4 @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Heritage Hill Historical Park
25151 Serrano Rd.

\$5 per person.
Children under the age of 3 are free.



STAR WARS FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday, May 4 @ 6 p.m.

Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center,
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

\$ Free



BUNNY BLAST: A SEUSS EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 4 @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
El Toro Park, 23701 Los Alisos Blvd.

\$10 per wristband
includes unlimited games, rides and other attractions

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 & Recreation Center	273-6960
Etnies Skatepark	916-5870		

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Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest	etnieskatepark.com
LinkedIn	linkedin.com/company/city-of-lake-forest-ca
Sports Park & Recreation Center	lfsportspark.com