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CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



MARCH NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Lake Forest Celebrates its 25th Year Anniversary with Fun Activities and Community Contests

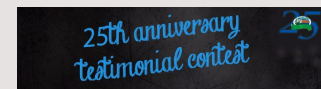
Join us for an exciting year as Lake Forest celebrates 25 years of Cityhood. We have great activities lined up for 2016 including a Family Carnival on September 26. More information at lakeforestca.gov/25years.

Take part in any one of our community contests for a chance to win memorabilia prizes. Submissions must be emailed to chon@lakeforestca.gov by the respective deadlines.

1) Blast from the Past Photo Contest - Deadline is August 29
Send us historic photos of Lake Forest from the 1800s, 1900s, and 2000s.

2) Testimonial Contest - Deadline is May 31
Pick one category and tell us in 25 words or less about Lake Forest's HISTORY, the FUN you have in the community, community PRIDE, or how you or someone else has made a DIFFERENCE in the community.

3) Kids Birthday Card Contest - Deadline is October 3
Kids in grades K-5 can design a birthday card for Lake Forest with the



number 25 on it. Entry form (required) can be found at at lakeforestca.gov/25years.



Civic Center Community Workshop - Your City. Your Civic Center. Your Voice.

Saturday, March 19

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Share your vision for the future Lake Forest Civic Center on Saturday, March 19. If you are unable to attend, take our online survey starting March 19 through 23, or stay connected at lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter. Email civiccenter@lakeforestca.gov to be added to the mailing list.



"Video Marketing Success Secrets: How to Market on YouTube" Workshop

Wednesday, March 9

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

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive)

The City and SCORE are co-sponsoring a workshop designed to provide businesses with an understanding of marketing on YouTube, including efficient social media integration, best case practices for powerful branding, and practical tips to save time, energy, and money. A light dinner will be provided. RSVP at www.lakeforestbusiness.com/videoseminar.



"Fiscally Fit for 2016" Seminar

Friday, April 1

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

The City and the Small Business Administration are co-hosting a free Fiscally Fit for 2016 seminar on Friday, April 1. Businesses will learn about employer-sponsored retirement plans that provide tax advantages, tips to streamline recordkeeping, and how to effectively manage cash flow. RSVP at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov.

Vacant Lake Forest Building Used for Firefighter Training



The Orange County Fire Authority will be using a vacant building located at 26722 Portola Parkway for firefighting training through April 7. All training activities will be pre-approved and all equipment used will be contained within a fenced-in area with posted signs. More information at lakeforestca.gov.

Orange County Board of Supervisors Selects JVR Shelter Strategies for a Veterinary and Operational Review of OC Animal Care

The Orange County Board of Supervisors has retained JVR Shelter Strategies for veterinary and operational consulting services. The firm would make recommendations for best practices at OC Animal Care, as well as the future shelter in Tustin, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2017. For more information, visit lakeforestca.gov.

Metrolink Performs Track Maintenance in Orange County

Metrolink crews are performing track maintenance on the Orange County Line (between the cities of Orange and San Juan Capistrano) through Friday, April 8. There will be no interruptions to Metrolink or Amtrak service. Residents near tracks may hear increased activity on weeknights from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. For more information, visit metrolinktrains.com/constructionupdates.



Web Browser Support Update

Last year, Microsoft announced that the Internet Explorer (IE) internet browser would be replaced by a new browser, Edge. This change is expected to have minimal impact on most websites, including the City's website. However, if users do encounter any issues, a viable solution would be to upgrade to a current, supported internet browser. For more information regarding Edge and browser updates, visit www.microsoft.com.

Eat for a Good Cause at Peppino's Italian Restaurant and Support the Lake Forest Adopted Marines

Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday, March 30

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Peppino's Italian Restaurant (23600 Rockfield Blvd. and 26612 Towne Centre Dr.)



Bring this [flyer](#) to Peppino's Italian Restaurant and support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C. 1st

Law Enforcement Battalion. During this two-day promotion, dine at either location where 15% of all food charges will go to support the Marines and their families.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 7:00 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#).

- Tuesday, March 15, 2016
- Tuesday, April 5, 2016
- Tuesday, April 19, 2016
- Tuesday, May 3, 2016

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2016

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

Color Me Calm

Occurs every Monday from March 11 to April 11

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Senior Scene Clubhouse (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$5 (6-week class)

Seniors, come unwind while coloring illustrations of repeated patterns while listening to "Zen-like" music.



Band Nights at the Skatepark

Friday, March 11

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

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



Advisory Committee for Teens (A.C.T.)

Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 31

Fee: \$5

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Enjoy an all-ages night of music at the Skatepark! For the ninth year, the Skatepark will showcase local music. For updates and the latest shows, check out EtniesSkatepark.com. Interested in playing or have a band you want to play? Email Etnies skatepark@lakeforestca.gov with a link to your website or music.

Help make a difference by planning teen activities and excursions, shaping the LFteens.com webpage, volunteer for City events, and be a voice for the community. Teens must have gone through registration and interview to attend. For more information, call 273-6975 or email mwillasenor@lakeforestca.gov.

Bunny Blast: An Egg Wonderland

Saturday, March 19

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

El Toro Park (23701 Los Alisos Blvd.)

Fee: Free (nominal fee for games, activities, and food)

Hop on over for a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family including game booths, crafts, face painting, giant Ferris wheel, petting zoo, pony rides, balloon artists and more! The event will feature a Mardi Gras parade and DJ. Don't forget your cameras so you can take pictures with Nectar, Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and Hoppy the Spring Bunny.



"Last Fridays" Teen Nights

Friday, March 26

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$5 Pre-register; \$7 at the door

Celebrate good times with friends in the Teen Lounge with video games, dinner and snacks, movie screenings, music, and raffle prizes!

Etnies Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

Saturday, March 26

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt Starts at 11:15 a.m. sharp

Etnies Skatepark (20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$5 for egg hunt and \$5 for unlimited jumper wristband

Join the fun at Etnies Skatepark's annual holiday egg hunt. Visit the Skateboarding Bunny, play in jump houses, and get crafty. Bring your

own basket and don't forget to wear suitable clothes for the Festival of Colors starting at 12:00 p.m.



Special Needs Resource Fair

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pittsford Park (21701 Pittsford Dr.)

The City is hosting a Special Needs Resource Fair providing a unique opportunity for families and caregivers to learn more about resources available to the special needs community. The event will feature special guests, giveaways, and access to over 10 exhibitor booths with a wealth of information ranging from autism services to recreational sports and activities.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 2, 2016

[PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX EXEMPT BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR USE BY PORTOLA SENIORS CIC, LP FOR ITS PROPOSED SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT PORTOLA CENTER SOUTH - Agenda Item No. 6](#)

The City Council conducted a Public Hearing regarding the issuance of tax exempt bonds in order to finance construction of a senior affordable housing project at Portola Center South. There is an affordable housing component to the approved development, and Chelsea Investment Corporation is proposing to construct 57 onsite affordable senior housing units. To finance the project, Chelsea is proposing to participate in the issuance of tax exempt bonds through the California Municipal Finance Authority, a Joint Powers Authority the City would join in order to facilitate this financing strategy.

The City would have no financial obligation for repayment of the bonds, as they would be secured by the finished improvements on the site. The City voted to adopt the resolution joining the Financing Authority and permitted the bonds to be issued.

[CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS TO FILL THE PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2016 - Agenda Item No. 7](#)

Three residents submitted applications for a vacancy on the Planning Commission and were interviewed by the City Council. After hearing the applicants' qualifications and asking questions of each applicant, the Council selected Mark Armando to fill the unexpired term through December 2016.

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February 16, 2016

[RESOLUTION AFFIRMING EXISTING REGULATIONS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA - Agenda Item No. 7](#)

In response to recent actions by the California legislature, the City Council adopted a Resolution affirming its regulations of medical marijuana. The Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act recognizes and preserves local control to regulate or ban medical marijuana cultivation, transportation and distribution. The Resolution complies with state law, and affirms the continued necessity of the City's Ordinance regulating medical marijuana.

[MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW - Agenda Item No. 8](#)

The City Council adopted a Resolution approving the mid-year budget adjustments. The mid-year budget review indicated that the City experienced higher than anticipated revenues, resulting in an additional \$2.7 million expected to be received by the City. On the expenditure side, staff proposed appropriating an extra \$1.4 million to operations, approximately \$500,000 to the Community Development Block Grant fund, Housing Authority, Supplemental Law Enforcement programs, and other special funds, and placing the remaining additional revenue into the City's reserve (savings) accounts.

[WHISPERING HILLS PARK SITE INTERIM LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS \(Agenda Item No. 8C\)](#)

The Whispering Hills park site is a City-owned vacant parcel located at the intersection of Lake Forest Drive and Forest Ridge Drive. The City has maintained the site over the years to prevent erosion, mitigate the spread of weeds and implement other best management practices as necessary. As this parcel is adjacent to a major thoroughfare, the City Council considered making temporary improvements to the vacant land in an effort to beautify the area while a final decision on the land's ultimate use is still under consideration. The City Council voted to allocate \$64,400 for the following improvements: site grading, install landscaping to include box trees, groundcover, shrubs and native grasses, install a water efficient drip irrigation system with solar controller, and install a new recycled water line to feed the irrigation system.

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