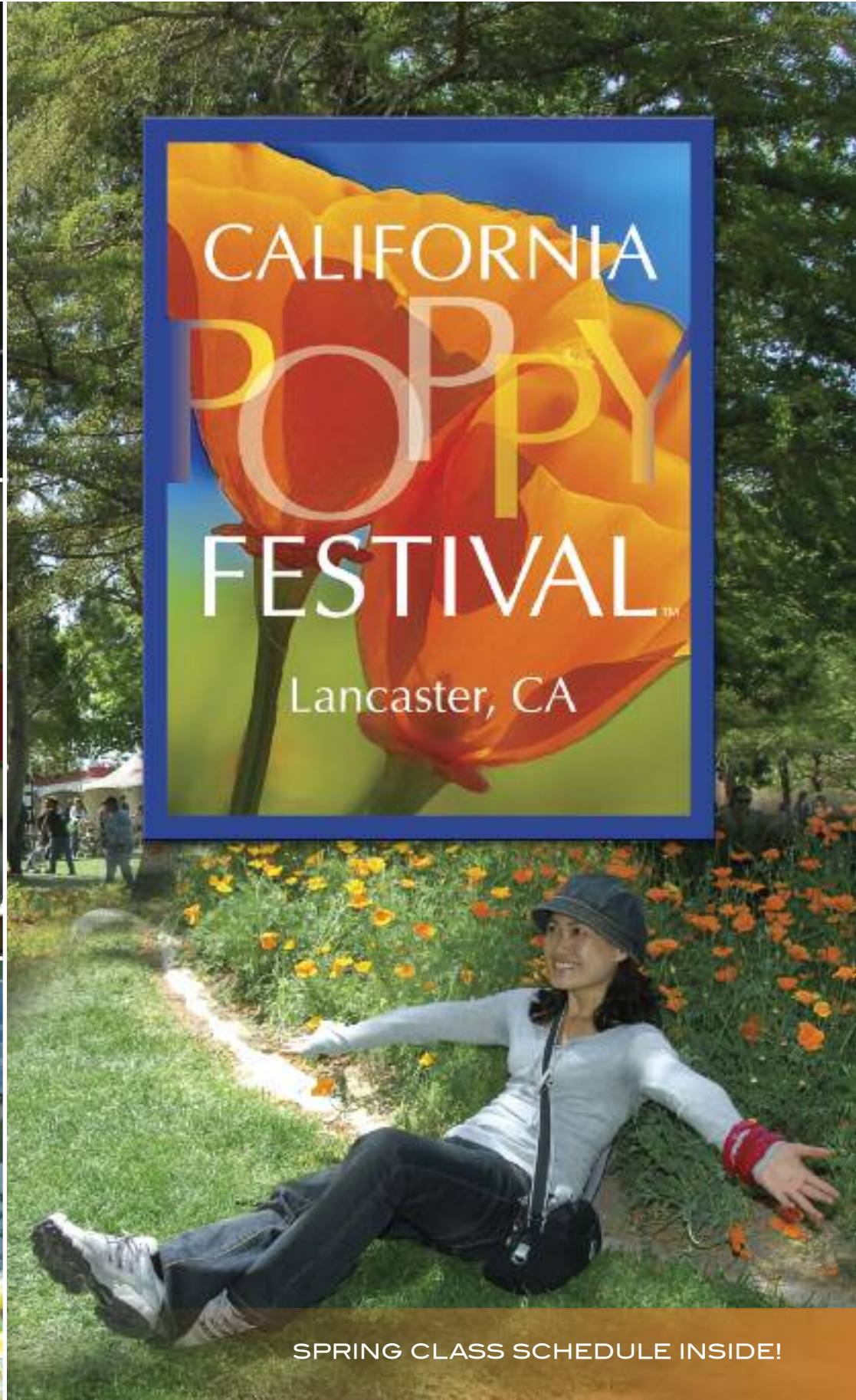


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OUTLOOK

Newsletter and Activity Guide

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Springtime at last! It's time to enjoy the great outdoors, our abundant sunshine, and start on those many chores we've been putting aside all winter.

This spring, it is the U.S. Government's job to do a head count of each and every one of us. Do your part and return the Census survey you receive in the mail. It's important that we count everyone, so please take part.

It is also important to let your choices be counted in April's municipal elections. Get out and vote Tuesday, April 13, and help select the people you want to lead our City into the future.

As new blossoms emerge on trees around town, a new downtown district, The BLVD, is being created. Read about the many exciting changes to our City's core.

This issue also includes a retrospective on the City's numerous accomplishments in 2009, not the least of which is a remarkable drop in major crimes.

We are all looking forward to Lancaster's annual rite of spring, the California Poppy Festival. An exciting lineup of entertainment and fun for the entire family is planned for April 24 and 25.

Many other events are on our spring calendar including Bunny's Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza on April 3, new gallery showings at the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery and a star-studded lineup at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

As always we have an abundance of Parks, Recreation & Arts activities and classes from which to choose. Explore these offerings and sign up soon for the programs most appealing to your family.

We look forward to seeing you at the many events and activities happening around the City this spring.

Your City Council



On the Cover

Photos by Liz Breault.

The 2010 California Poppy Festival promises to be better than ever. Thousands of visitors and residents will enjoy an abundant supply of fun, flowers and festivities at Lancaster City Park on April 24 and 25.

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City Officials

Lancaster City Council

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Ronald D. Smith, *Vice Mayor*
Ken Mann, *Council Member*
Sherry Marquez, *Council Member*
Ed Sileo, *Council Member*

City Manager
Mark V. Bozigian

You're Invited to Meetings

Lancaster City Council/

Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. Notice of special Council meetings will be posted at City Hall.

Lancaster Architectural & Design Commission

Meets in Council Chambers as needed to address appeals of Design Standards rulings.

Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission

2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission

1st Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Lancaster Planning Commission

3rd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Agenda review is held on the Monday preceding each month's meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room.

Lancaster Youth Commission

2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Let Us Hear from You

We welcome your comments.

Contact City Hall at 661-723-6000 Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hotline Info

24-hour recorded information	661-723-6200
Abandoned shopping cart retrieval	800-887-0466
City Special Event hotline	661-723-5900
Job hotline	661-723-5874
Hate Crimes hotline	877-728-7322 (7-AT PEACE)
Graffiti hotline	661-723-5985
Anonymous crime tip hotlines	661-948-COPS (948-2677)
WeTip	800-78-CRIME (782-7463)

www.cityoflancasterca.org

City Council meeting agendas can be found here. Register for selected classes online.

www.lpac.org

Lancaster Performing Arts Center

www.avfilm.com

Antelope Valley Film Office

www.ledr.org

Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

www.lancastersoccercenter.com

James C. Gilley Lancaster National Soccer Center

www.big8softball.com

Big 8 Softball Complex

www.poppyfestival.com

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CALIFORNIA POPPY FESTIVAL™

Lancaster, CA

April 24 & 25
Lancaster City Park

10th Street West & Avenue K-8
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tickets are available onsite during the event (cash only)
and in advance (with a \$1 discount) in person at
City Hall until April 21.

Admission:
Adults \$8

Seniors 62 & older \$5

Children 6-12 \$5

Children under 6 FREE

Abundant free parking with
complimentary trams to and from
the festival site.

For more information, visit
www.poppyfestival.com



Lancaster's Annual Spring Fling Pops Up April 24 & 25

Springtime always brings colorful carpets of wildflowers to our hillsides and a colorful lineup of exciting entertainers and amazing activities to the California Poppy Festival. 2010 is no exception. Here's a snapshot of everything in store for your family and friends at this year's festival.

THE MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL ON TOUR

Since 1958, the Monterey Jazz Festival (MJF) has consistently featured the genre's very best performers. In 2010, MJF on Tour captures the essence of this 53-year tradition and takes it on the road for all to enjoy.

Featuring a Grammy award-winning group of top performers, the 2010 MJF All-Star Band includes Jazz Master Kenny Barron on piano, Regina Carter on violin, Russell Malone on guitar, bassist Kiyoshi Kitagawa, plus drummer Johnathan Blake. Vocals feature the talents of artist-in-residence Kurt Elling.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the jazz legends "up close and personal" as they perform Sunday at 3:30 p.m. on the Poppy Stage.



Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour

A SWINGIN' SATURDAY CELEBRATION

Roll back the clock to the 1940s and join us as we jump and jive to the amazing sounds of Phat Cat Swinger (1:30 p.m.) and Stompy Jones (3:30 p.m.) on the Poppy Stage.

These talented groups authentically recreate the swing era, each adding their own contemporary interpretations of classic hits and modern tunes. Bring along your dancing shoes and jitterbug your way through a decade filled with fond memories.



Phat Cat Swinger



Stompy Jones

A TASTE OF LANCASTER

Sample the fare of some of Lancaster's best restaurants at this year's Poppy Festival. Taste delights from around the world and decide for yourself where to dine on your next night out.



LEARNING SAFARI

Experience exciting animals from around the world in this enchanting animal encounter designed to appeal to kids of all ages. Whether it crawls, hops, slithers or flies, you'll find all creatures, great and small, ready to entertain and educate you at Pacific Animal Productions' 2010 edition of Learning Safari. Continuous shows daily, in Adventure Zone.



Learning Safari



Farmers' Market

FAMILY FAVORITES

Bring the whole family and savor a day filled with fun. Enjoy arts and crafts, animal attractions, a farmers' market, food galore, plus informative exhibits from businesses and organizations throughout the valley. There will be areas dedicated to fine art, home and garden, healthy living and aviation, plus special guest performances from artists and musicians from across the globe. Younger children will love the special entertainment and activities designed just for them. Don't miss a moment of this wonderful weekend event!



Let Your Voice be Heard!

Register to Vote by
March 29 for City Elections



While local elections don't receive all the attention national ones do, the simple fact is, the decisions made in municipal elections arguably have a greater impact on our daily lives than any national vote. That's why it is critical for you to get out and vote Tuesday, April 13.

But you can't vote if you aren't registered. If you have recently reached age 18 (or will be by election day), moved to a new address within the City, changed your name or wish to change your party affiliation, you need to register with the County Registrar of Voters no later than March 29, 2010, so you can participate in this April's municipal election.

Self-executing registration forms can be obtained from nearly 2,000 locations in Los Angeles County, including most libraries, fire stations, post offices and city clerk offices. You can also be mailed a registration form by calling 800-481-VOTE (8683). Return your completed form no later than March 29 to qualify for the April 13 election.

If you've previously registered and haven't moved or changed parties, there is no need to re-register. You will automatically be included in the voter rolls.



Communications Division Dives Deep into New Media and Comes Up with Several Awards

Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and MySpace offer new alternatives to communicate with constituents

It has been a busy year for the Communications Division at City Hall. The team has revamped Lancaster's website making information more accessible, while adding new streaming media and video vignettes profiling City staff and local events.

The division also ventured into social media as a means to connect with younger audiences. The City now has a presence on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. In addition, staff created a new weekly e-newsletter which is being sent out to thousands of residents, saving the City substantial postage and an untold number of trees.

"While those of us of a 'certain age' may still read the paper and watch the evening news, many of those we need to reach have found other ways to stay informed. We needed to adapt to serve this clientele."

– Joseph Cabral
Communications Manager

According to Communications Manager Joseph Cabral, the adaptation to modern methods came from the realization that today's multi-tasking thirty-something citizen is often bypassing traditional media.

"While those of us of a 'certain age' may still read the paper and watch the evening news, many of those we need to reach have found other ways to stay informed," says Cabral. "We needed to adapt to serve this clientele."

The communications team continues to explore new ways to reach this always-on-the-go audience. What's next? Apps for smart phones seem a likely avenue for exploration.

It is this kind of forward thinking approach to communications which has led the division to win several prestigious awards in 2009.



The group received a coveted City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) award for their efforts in promoting the City's Economic Stimulus Package and Mr. Cabral was recently named "Public Information Officer of the Year" by PublicCEO.com.

"I'm fortunate to work with a group of elected leaders and staff who understand the media and can clearly articulate their ideas," noted Cabral. "It makes my job of working with the press and the public much easier."

Easy. Important. Safe.

United States Census 2010
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

We can't move forward until you mail it back.

It's easy.
In just 10 minutes you can make a difference. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes only 10 minutes to complete.

It's important.
The 2010 Census is a historic event which will help shape our nation's future for the next 10 years. With accurate census data, we can create a portrait of our nation's growing population and determine what is needed to better provide for everyone.

It's safe.
By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Completing the 2010 Census form will shape the future for you, your community and the country.

We can't move forward until you mail it back.

Creating a Beautiful Yard in 5 Easy Steps

It won't take a ton of work or water to green things up this spring.

Spring is here! Everyone is spending more time outdoors, enjoying the great weather and noticing how nice the neighbor's yard looks.

How about your yard? Is it the best on the block or one of the neighborhood's eyesores? A few hours of work can make all the difference. Here are some quick tips on how to create a yard of which you can be proud.



1 Poke around your lawn

Aeration involves getting air down to the roots. It should be done at least once a year in high traffic areas before you fertilize. For best results, use an aerator that pulls small plugs out of the lawn. These can often be rented from local garden supply businesses.

2 Feed, then Weed

Starting in early spring, you should fertilize your lawn. A 50/50 ratio of sulfate and fertilizer will keep lawns green and healthy.

Controlling weeds is important because these unwanted plants compete for space and water. But avoid using "Weed and Feed" products which tend to put unneeded pesticides everywhere. Regular mowing at the proper height can also reduce the impact of weeds. Mow your lawn at a 3 - 3.5 inch setting in summer months to promote root growth, improve moisture retention and improve drought resistance.

3 Early Risers

Water early and finish before 10 a.m. Average time should be five minutes or less per cycle. Fix any broken sprinklers and repair leaks.

For best results, use a drip irrigation system on trees and shrubs and adjust output to suit the needs of the foliage. Consider installing smart controllers, which monitor the weather and adjust watering accordingly.

4 Branching Out

Foliage provides shade and retains soil moisture, reducing the amount of watering required.

For healthier plants, periodically sprinkle ammonium sulfate around the base, several inches from the trunk. Irrigate your trees and shrubs separately from surrounding vegetation whenever possible.

To avoid soil compaction, which results in poor water infiltration and contributes to runoff, turn the ground around your plants at least once a season, being careful not to disturb the roots.

5 Go Natural

Sustainable landscaping with natural plants can be very attractive while requiring less watering and upkeep. Visit www.cityoflancafterca.org for practical ideas on how to use native plants and grasses in landscaping.

Remember, Lancaster's municipal code requires each resident to maintain their property. Improper watering, unkept yards and dead or dying vegetation can lead to costly violations. Please do your part.



A Positive Trend

City improvements are bringing new life to old tract

Developed in the early 1970s, the Trend neighborhood, located along Avenue L between 35th and 40th Streets West, has seen many challenges. Once inhabited almost exclusively by proud homeowners, many left when aerospace jobs dried up. The area saw numerous foreclosures, with homes being bought up by out-of-town investors, unwilling to properly keep up their properties.

The City has targeted the Trend neighborhood for major improvements designed to improve the quality of life for residents there. Guided by a Master Vision Plan, the City's Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department is working with locals to clean up problem housing, create better traffic flow, improve infrastructure and provide more parks and open space.

Central to the new plan is the Trend Community Garden. This dedicated green space will also provide an ideal gathering place for neighborhood residents. The City is also enhancing entryways to create a sense of identity.

The new Community House provides a safe place for kids to go after school. It offers an ideal place for community meetings. The City is also supporting a new Wellness Clinic which will offer residents better access to health care.

The Redevelopment Agency acquired several foreclosures and rehabilitated them for sale to moderate income families. Home improvement loans are available to assist residents in addressing code violations and making needed home repairs.

All these activities are designed to help create a new sense of neighborhood identity and pride while maintaining affordable housing for the residents of Lancaster.

For more information, contact the City's Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department at 661-723-6197.



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Lancaster
Redevelopment Agency

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department



Lancaster Gives Nation

Good News

in 2009

Burglary down 23%
Larceny/theft down 26%

“We really owe a great debt of gratitude to our civilian employees, station volunteers and our great Sheriff’s Booster Club. We would not be where we are today without these incredible individuals.”

– Captain Axel Anderson
Lancaster Sheriff’s Station



In 2009, the City of Lancaster garnered more national and regional press coverage than at any other time in recent memory.

NBC Nightly News, CNN, CBS, Fox and the Wall Street Journal, along with dozens of Los Angeles media outlets, all featured stories about Lancaster.

And it was “good news” which caught the eye of these editors and reporters. Lancaster was doing things right, setting examples other cities could follow and giving everyone a little extra hope in troubling times.

First off, it was a very bad year for criminals in Lancaster. The City’s crime rate continued its deep decline as new statistics showed a steady drop in all serious crime categories. Double digit reductions were seen in two of the most prevalent crime categories. Burglary was down 23%, while larceny/theft was reduced 26%.

Sheriff’s Captain Axel Anderson credits City and citizen involvement for the department’s success. “We really owe a great debt of gratitude to our civilian employees, station volunteers and our great Sheriff’s Booster Club. We would not be where we are today without these incredible individuals.”

In 2009, Sheriff Deputies made nearly 15,000 arrests and responded to almost 72,000 calls. Special units were similarly productive. The Burglary Suppression team made 543 arrests and issued 889 truancy citations to discourage daylight burglaries. The City’s Community Service Officers responded to more than 8,000 calls, thereby relieving sworn officers to address more serious crimes. Special teams made over 3,000 arrests, swept vicious dogs from the streets and helped make our parks safer and more enjoyable. Stricter traffic enforcement led to reductions in collisions, injuries and deaths on City streets while traffic initiatives further aided the decline. Code Enforcement Officers shut down scores of illegal business operations, including unlicensed group homes and massage parlors.

“Our entire City staff is dedicated to making Lancaster a safer and stronger community,” noted City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. “Their hard work and creativity has been instrumental in reducing the City’s crime rate by nearly one-third over the last two years.”

But Lancaster's success in crime wasn't the only headline grabber. It was a home grown initiative that helped lift the spirits of our community and put people back to work in Lancaster. The City's local Economic Stimulus Package pumped \$123 million into our sagging economy. Through 22 separate initiatives ranging from auto rebates to rehabilitating housing, the City stepped in to lift up a community in need and the nation took notice.

Brian Williams of NBC Nightly News claimed Lancaster was "making a difference." CBS's Katie Couric took notice also and Fox News found the approach appealing.

While the press was appreciative, the City just went on about its business, fixing potholes (24,129 at last count), eliminating more than 5,400 illegal dump sites and cleaning up 18,000 graffiti tags.



The City hosted dozens of events which drew thousands of visitors, including the first ever *Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix* and several major amateur sports tournaments. The annual Poppy Festival and Celebrate Downtown Street Fairs were more successful than ever.

In 2009, Lancaster earned a reputation as the Alternative Energy Capital of California with the launch of eSolar's thermal solar energy plant.

Real progress was made on saving precious water supplies by enacting new conservation measures and reducing consumption of potable water by nearly two-thirds of a million gallons through the use of recycled water for industrial and landscape use.

Innovations at City Hall made the City more productive and its vendors happier with online bid processing and a new paperless accounts payable system.

Employees are happier, too. A new recognition program pays tribute to the people who serve their community well. More than 500 awards were distributed for service above and beyond the call of duty.

All in all, considering the economic realities, 2009 was a year in which the City and its citizens can take a good deal of pride, even if it was a year one would just as soon not repeat! As the first decade of the new millennium drew to a close, we laid the foundation for a future filled with new opportunities.

For a complete list of 2009 accomplishments, visit www.cityoflancastrca.org/2009Accomplishments.





THE BLVD

Destination for Your Senses

Fresh streetscape elements, including attractive lighting, benches and trees set against brick, stone and concrete pavers, will add character to the area. Many businesses are creating new facades with attractive awnings, new signage and storefront displays.

All businesses along The BLVD will continue to be open throughout the construction period. To ensure no business has their frontage obstructed for more than 14 days, work will be done in phases, starting from Sierra Highway, with only a few blocks affected at any one time.

Convenient off-street parking will be available during the construction process with easy rear access to shops, services and restaurants.

An informational office, staffed by the contractor and representatives of the City, will be opening soon at 715 West Lancaster Boulevard. Brochures highlighting off-street parking areas and the planned construction schedule will be available here and from several downtown businesses. Regular construction updates will be provided to local media outlets and broadcast over the City's cable channel 28.

Please continue to patronize your favorite boulevard businesses during the transformation process. These disruptions, while inconvenient now, are leading to a delightful new downtown experience along The BLVD!

Rebirth of the Boulevard

Downtown metamorphosis set to begin this month

Over the next several months, downtown Lancaster will undergo a remarkable transformation as construction begins on The BLVD, a fresh new interpretation of the heart of our City.

When complete this fall, Lancaster Boulevard will include new, wider medians to accommodate added parking, street markets and outdoor festivals. Broad sidewalks, paseos and an open plaza adjacent to the Lancaster Performing Arts Center will give The BLVD a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly appeal. Two exciting new venues include the new Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery and BeX Grill, a 10,000-square-foot, high-concept restaurant and bar rising out of the remains of a furniture store. These are just a few of the fresh additions which will make downtown a new destination of choice for both locals and visitors.

To help calm traffic and provide a more appealing atmosphere, vehicular travel will be limited to one lane in each direction with new off-street parking provided, along with both angular and parallel parking pockets along The BLVD. A round-about at 10th Street West will create a grand gateway into the new downtown district.





Saturday, April 3
For kids ages 9 & under

Lancaster City Park Big 8 Complex
 43063 10th Street West

Bring the family and join the fun as toddlers and kids up to 9 years of age set off to find treasures hidden in the turf. Eggs are redeemable for a fun prize.

Be sure to egg-courage your kids to visit the Bunny and have a picture taken with this hare of a host. Photos are just \$3 while admission to the Egg Hunt is FREE!

Children must bring their own baskets. Be sure to arrive early as scheduled hunts will begin on time. Adults may only accompany small children (5 and under) onto the field.

AGE	TIME	FIELD #
1 & under	9:30 a.m.	1
2 years	9:50 a.m.	2
3 years	10:10 a.m.	3
4 & 5 years	10:30 a.m.	4
6 years	10:50 a.m.	1
7 years	11:10 a.m.	2
8 & 9 years	11:30 a.m.	1



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IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION

All forms of registration begin March 1, 2010.

Residents are those persons living inside the City limits of Lancaster. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee. Example \$40 (\$47 NR).

Camp Gammie!



*June 14 to
August 6
Ages 6 to 12*

Participate in one or all sessions!
Weekly camp program
includes a fun adventure,
swimming, games,
sports and themed crafts.

Day Camp Fee: \$150 per week (\$120 for 4th of July week - no program July 5).
Fee includes all day camp costs including adventure and pool visit.

Core Camp Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (no program July 5).
Participants may enjoy extended commuter hours (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at no additional cost.

Registration Policy: A \$50 non-refundable deposit per week is required when enrolling. The remaining balance is due two weeks before the start of each camp week. Bring a current photo of your child. Cash, check and credit cards accepted.

Call 661-723-6077 for more information.

*Camp
Sign-Up Day*

May 15 • 9 to 11 a.m.

Stanley Kleiner Building
Lancaster City Park

City of Lancaster Parks

American Heroes Park (under construction)
701 W. Kettering Street

**Deputy Pierre W. Bain Park/
Eastside Pool**
45045 5th Street East • 661-723-5894 / 661-723-6255

El Dorado Park
44501 5th Street East • 661-723-6245

Forrest E. Hull, M.D. Park
2850 West Avenue L-12

**James C. Gilley
Lancaster National Soccer Center**
43000 30th Street East • 661-723-5964

Jane Reynolds Park/Webber Pool
716 Oldfield Street • 661-723-6285 / 661-723-6288

**Lancaster City Park/Tennis Center/
Big 8 Softball Complex**
43063 10th Street West • 661-723-6278

Mariposa Park
45755 Fig Avenue

Prime Desert Woodland Preserve
43201 35th Street West • 661-723-6230

Rawley Duntley Park
3334 West Avenue K • 661-723-6295

Skytower Park
43434 Vineyard Drive • 661-723-6208

Tierra Bonita Park
44910 27th Street East • 661-723-6209

Whit Carter Park (opening spring)
45635 Sierra Highway

Registration Details

- **SPORTS** have different registration dates listed in the program information on page 15.
- **RESIDENTS** are those persons living inside the City limits of Lancaster. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee.
- **ONLINE REGISTRATION** requires a VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express card.
- **REFUND REQUESTS** must be made at least 48 (business) hours prior to the first program meeting. **A \$3 per enrollment handling fee will be applied to all refunds.** Sorry, no refunds will be given after the program has started. Please allow three weeks for processing your refund. Due to enrollment factors and other conditions beyond the control of staff, schedules are subject to change, cancellation or rescheduling.
- **REGISTRATION** constitutes consent for the use of any photographs taken to be used for City marketing purposes.
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION** call 661-723-6077 or visit www.cityoflanasterca.org.



Online registration available



New class offering



Bilingual instructor



FREE!



Healthy, active lifestyles



Instructor

Preschool

El Dorado Preschool

Registration guideline: Parents are required to volunteer. Materials: \$5, due on first day. El Dorado Park.



Preschool | Amy Gold

(4 yrs.) Kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories, socialization skills and motor skills play. Child must have turned 4 by Dec. 2, 2009. \$180 (\$187 NR). No class May 31.

3353 MWF Apr. 7-Jun. 25 9-11:30 a.m.



Wee Folks | Jennifer Alvarado

(3 yrs.) Socialization skills, crafts, stories and outdoor play activities. Child must have turned 3 by Dec. 2, 2009. \$110 (\$117 NR). No class Apr. 13.

3356 T/TH Apr. 6-Jun. 24 9-11:30 a.m.

Jane Reynolds Preschool | Lynnette Bass

Registration guideline: Priority registration for current students ends on 15th of month prior to upcoming class. New enrollees may be accepted monthly. Parents required to volunteer 3 times. Materials: \$5, due on first day. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.



JRP Kids Play Days

(3-5 yrs.) Kids enjoy a summer full of crafts, socializing, kindergarten preview, stories and motor skills play. Bring lunch and bottle of water. \$90 (\$97 NR).

3520 MWF Jun. 2-30 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



JRP Play Brigade

(2 1/2-3 yrs.) Music, crafts, stories, indoor and outdoor play. Child must be potty trained. \$110 (\$117 NR). No class Apr. 6-8.

3359 T/TH Mar. 16-May 20 9-11:30 a.m.



JRP Preschool

(4 yrs.) Socialization skills, kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. Child must have turned 4 by Dec. 2, 2009. \$180 (\$187 NR). No class Apr. 2-9, 23.

3360 MWF Mar. 15-May 21 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



REGISTER ONLINE

Register for Parks, Recreation & Arts courses from the comfort of your own computer. Simply sign up for your own personal ID and password at www.cityoflanasterca.org.





Youth Enrichment

After-School Programs - Enrichment Centers

Interactive, structured and safe after-school programs for K-6 offered at Valley View and West Wind schools. Offered after school M-F until 6 p.m. only when school is in session. Staff fingerprinted and CPR/First Aid certified. \$99 per month. Priority registration for all participants ends on 15th of the month prior to upcoming month. Students will lose their spot in the program after that date. New student enrollments and program payments only accepted at the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department in City Hall.

Kids Can Cook Too Camp – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner | Roxanne Diesel

(7-14 yrs.) This is a hands-on camp where students learn to cook. They also learn the importance of safety and cleanliness in the kitchen, and reading and math skills. \$85 (\$92 NR). Materials: \$20 Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.

3450 Mon.-Fri. Jun. 21-25 1-4 p.m.

Mommy/Daddy & Me | Lynnette Bass

(9 mos.-4 yrs.) Parent and child explore art, music and games while developing socialization skills. \$40 (\$47 NR), *\$45 (\$52 NR). Materials: \$3. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.

3364	9-20 mos.	M/W	Apr. 12-28	12:30-2 p.m.
3365	9-20 mos.	M/W	May 3-19	12:30-2 p.m.
3366	9-20 mos.	M/W	Jun. 7-23	12:30-2 p.m.
3361	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Apr. 13-29	12-1:30 p.m.
3362	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	May 4-20	12-1:30 p.m.
3363	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Jun. 8-24	12-1:30 p.m.
3367	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	May 1-22*	9:30-11 a.m.
3368	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 5-26*	9:30-11 a.m.

Teen Court

Lancaster teens interested in criminal justice system gain experience by serving as a juror. 6-12 high school students hear charges, ask questions and set sentences for teens facing 1st time criminal offenses. Call Gerald Wesley at 661-723-6257 for more info. Lancaster City Hall.

Meets monthly every 4th Wed. Sep.-May 3:30 p.m.

Youth Commission

Students from local high schools are selected to serve as a teen advisory group to the City Council, addressing issues and helping plan programs, projects and special events for Lancaster teens. Lancaster residents invited to attend meetings. Contact Johanna Marizan-Ho at 661-723-6070 for more info.

Meets monthly every 2nd Thu. Oct.-Jun. 6:30 p.m.

Performing Arts

Ballet & Tap | Melineh Alahverdian

(3-12 yrs.) Learn techniques and improve body awareness, self-confidence and coordination. Bring leotard, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes and pink tights. Recital will be held on Jun. 28, 7 p.m. Extra fee for costume payable to instructor. \$90 (\$97 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. **Pre-registration for current enrollees ends Mar. 12.** No class May 31.

3370	3-5 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 5-Jun. 28	4-4:45 p.m.
3371	6-12 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 5-Jun. 28	5-5:45 p.m.
3372	3-5 yrs.	Tue.	Apr. 6-Jun. 22	4-4:45 p.m.
3373	6-12 yrs.	Tue.	Apr. 6-Jun. 22	5-5:45 p.m.

Belly Dance for Kids & Teens | Jillian Dumke

(8-17 yrs.) Learn self-confidence and coordination through the fun art of belly dance! Costume required for performance. \$30 (\$37 NR). *\$23 (\$30 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class Apr. 21. June classes held at Jane Reynolds Park.

3374	6-12 yrs.	Wed.	Apr. 7-28*	4-5 p.m.
3375	6-12 yrs.	Wed.	May 5-26	4-5 p.m.
3376	6-12 yrs.	Wed.	Jun. 2-23	4-5 p.m.
3377	13-17 yrs.	Wed.	Apr. 7-28*	5-6 p.m.
3378	13-17 yrs.	Wed.	May 5-26	5-6 p.m.
3379	13-17 yrs.	Wed.	Jun. 2-23	5-6 p.m.

Couples Dance | Iris Groskopf

(Adult) Learn fun, social dances: Swing, Jitterbug, Cha Cha Cha, Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, etc. and dance like a star! \$120 (\$127 NR) per couple. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class Apr. 21.

3447	Wed.	Apr. 7-May 19	7:30-9 p.m.
3448	Wed.	May 26-Jun. 30	7:30-9 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance | Regina Armstrong

(7-12 yrs.) Improve coordination and confidence while having fun learning hip hop dance moves! Wear loose clothing and tennis shoes. \$66 (\$73 NR). Extensions Studio, 2765 W. Ave. L.

3380	Thu.	Apr. 8-May 13	5-5:45 p.m.
3381	Thu.	May 20-Jun. 24	5-5:45 p.m.

Rockin' The Summer Away Musical Theater Camp

(7-14 yrs.) A musical theatre camp featuring music from the 50s, 60s and 70s to help students improve their singing, dancing and theater skills as they put together a musical revue program on the last day of camp for family and friends. More information available at www.catsummercamps.com. \$85 (\$92 NR). Materials: \$10. Jane Reynolds Park, Activity Rm.

3449 Mon.-Fri. Jun. 21-25 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

 **Salsa Dance** |  **AV Salsa**

(13 yrs.-Adult) Become a skilled L.A. Salsa style dancer with modern dance moves and techniques, while having fun and meeting new people. \$40 (\$47 NR). AV Salsa Studio, 311 E. Ave. K-8, Ste. 109.

3383	Beg./Adv.	Tue.	Apr. 6-May 11	8-9 p.m.
3384	Beg./Adv.	Tue.	May 18-Jun. 22	8-9 p.m.

 **Tribal Fusion Belly Dance** |  **Jill Warden**

(16 yrs.-Adult) Learn group format through beginning steps, combos, choreography, improv, finger cymbals and performance opportunities. \$30 (\$37 NR), *\$23 (\$30 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class Apr. 21. June class held at Jane Reynolds Park.

3385		Wed.	Apr. 7-28*	6-7 p.m.
3386		Wed.	May 5-26	6-7 p.m.
3387		Wed.	Jun. 2-23	6-7 p.m.



Arts & Crafts

 **Animal Painting for Preschoolers** |  **Cotty Kilbanks**

(3-6 yrs.) Young animal lovers can get their start right here painting animals using brushes, sponges, collages and watercolor! \$50 (\$57 NR). Materials: \$10. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1.


3391	Wed.	Apr. 7-May 12	2-3 p.m.
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 **Animal Drawing and Painting** |  **Cotty Kilbanks**


(7-12 yrs.) Does your child love to draw and have an active imagination? Learn to draw and paint with our cartoonist who has created cartoons for Disney, Warner Bros. and Nickelodeon! \$50 (\$57 NR). Materials: \$10. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1.

3392	Wed.	Apr. 7-May 12	3:15-4:15 p.m.
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Lost & Found - If you've lost an item at City parks, call 661-723-6077. Items will be kept for 30 days after they have been found.

D's Ceramics |  **Steve Mosley**



Materials: \$25. Lancaster Marketplace, 2330 Mall Loop Dr., Unit 5-121.

 **Potter's Wheel** (12 yrs.-Adult) Learn basics of throwing on potter's wheel, wedging, centering and basic forms. Create projects like bowls, jars or vases. **Participants 12-16 yrs. must have adult supervision.** \$65 (\$72 NR).

3451	Sat.	Apr. 3-24	3-4:30 p.m.
3452	Sat.	May 1-22	3-4:30 p.m.
3453	Sat.	Jun. 5-26	3-4:30 p.m.



 **Children's Art Program - CAP** (6-12 yrs.) Students experience a variety of ceramic art styles including potter's wheel, sculpting, ceramic art and hands-on work with clay, paints and glazes. \$50 (\$57 NR).

3393	Sat.	Apr. 3-24	1-2:30 p.m.
3394	Sat.	May 1-22	1-2:30 p.m.
3395	Sat.	Jun. 5-26	1-2:30 p.m.

 **Kid's Art** |  **Joanne Maldonado**

(5-15 yrs.) Learn drawing techniques with pencils and pastels, painting texture with primary colors and hues in watercolor and pastel. \$46 (\$53 NR). Material list online and at City Hall. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.

3396	Tue.	Apr. 6-27	4-6 p.m.
3397	Tue.	May 4-25	4-6 p.m.
3398	Tue.	Jun. 8-29	4-6 p.m.

 **Picture Perfect Photography** |  **Phillip Kocurek**

(Adult) Amateur to advanced photographers learn to take better pictures, use flash efficiently, proper composition and more in hands-on environment. \$65 (\$72 NR). Prime Desert Woodlands, Interpretive Center.

3399	Wed.	Apr. 14-May 12	6-7:30 p.m.
3400	Wed.	Jun. 2-30	6-7:30 p.m.

Special Interest

 **Cooking with Class** |  **University of Antelope Valley**

(Adult) Learn expert techniques from professional chefs. Cuisine-oriented menus are designed for beginners and casual chefs alike. Participants learn cuts, seasoning, preparation methods and presentation tips through demonstration and hands-on cooking. \$20 (\$27 NR) per couple. Materials: \$10. University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy.

3401	Sat.	City of Lights Date Night	May 22	5-8 p.m.
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Professional Development

 **CPR & First Aid** |  **University of Antelope Valley**

(12 yrs.-Adult) American Heart Assn. certification in Infant, Child & Adult CPR & First Aid. \$35 (\$42 NR). University of Antelope Valley, 44201 10th St. West.

3402-3407	Sat.	1st & 3rd/mo.	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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 **Japanese** |  **Michael Heller**

(14 yrs.-Adult) Students learn the fundamentals of the Japanese language including grammar, vocabulary and sentence structure. Bring note-taking supplies. \$35 (\$42 NR). Materials: \$5. Lancaster City Park, Game Rm. No class Apr. 21.

3408	Wed.	Apr. 14-May 26	7:30-8:30 p.m.
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Pet Classes

Dog Obedience Class | Carole Kelly

(12 yrs.-Adult) Teaches basic commands: sit, heel, down, stay and come. Bring puppy or dog (**puppies must be at least 8 wks.**), proof of current vaccinations, rabies cert. (**required for dogs 6 months+ only**) and 6-ft. leather/nylon leash to first class. Young participants must have parent on site. \$60 (\$67 NR). Lancaster City Park, open space near tennis court.

3454 Sat. May 8-Jun. 26 10-11 a.m.

Martial Arts

Northern Shaolin Kung-Fu | Harold Hazeldine

(6 yrs.-Adult) Unique class set in friendly, goal-oriented recreational atmosphere. Focuses are: punching, kicking, traditional forms of Shaolin Kung-Fu & weaponry, self-defense and self-confidence. \$40 (\$47 NR). *\$50 (\$57 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

3409	Tue.	Apr. 6-27	6:30-8:30 p.m.
3410	Tue.	May 4-25	6:30-8:30 p.m.
3411	Tue.	Jun. 1-29*	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Self-Defense | Young Champions

(5-18 yrs.) Safety awareness and self-defense combined in fun, structured environment! Students placed according to age and ability while learning and practicing skills. Students progress in rank and earn belts. \$60 (\$67 NR). Registration fee: \$6.

Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. Session: **Fridays, Apr. 9-Jun. 11.**

No registration will be accepted after Apr. 16.

3413	New students	5-18 yrs.	5:15-5:55 p.m.
3414	Yellow belts	5-18 yrs.	6-6:40 p.m.
3415	Orange belts & above	6-18 yrs.	6:45-7:25 p.m.

Health & Fitness

Bowling for Kids | Brunswick Sands Bowl

(2-16 yrs.) Hands-on instruction, short videos and work sheets cover techniques taught by certified instructors. 6-16 yrs. receive target zone bowling ball upon completion. 2-5 yrs. receive cookies and milk each week. \$75 (\$82NR). *\$40 (\$47 NR). Brunswick Sands Bowl, 43233 Sierra Hwy.

3416	6-16 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 17-Jun. 19	10-11 a.m.
3417	2-5 yrs.	Tue.	Apr. 20-Jun. 22*	9:30-10:30 a.m.



Fencing | Matt Damron, Swords Fencing

(10 yrs.-Adult) En Garde! Agility, balance, discipline and self-esteem are just a few rewards gained by this intense mentally and physically challenging sport. Wear sweat pants and sneakers. \$45 (\$52 NR). *\$35 (\$42 NR). \$20 equipment rental fee. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

3418	Mon.	Apr. 5-19*	7:30-8:30 p.m.
3419	Mon.	May 3-24	7:30-8:30 p.m.
3420	Mon.	Jun. 7-28	7:30-8:30 p.m.

Gymnastics for Kids | Genesis Gymnastics

(5-14 yrs.) Keep kids healthy and fit while they learn how to tumble, bounce trampoline and basics of vault, bars and beam. \$40 (\$47 NR). *\$100 (\$107 NR). Genesis Gymnastics, 824 W. Ave. L-6, Unit B. No class May 29.

3423	5-14 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 10-May 1	9:30-10:30 a.m.
3424	5-14 yrs.	Sat.	May 8-Jun. 5	9:30-10:30 a.m.
3427	5-14 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 12-Jul. 10	9:30-10:30 a.m.
3421	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 10-May 1	10-10:45 a.m.
3422	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	May 8-Jun. 5	10-10:45 a.m.
3425	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 12-Jul. 10	10-10:45 a.m.
3426	4-16 yrs.	Mon.-Fri. Camp	Jun. 21-25*	9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Jazzercise | Joanne Harris

(Adult) Join this fitness program combining dance with a total body workout! For prices, call instructor at 661-723-3440. West Wind Elementary, 44044 36th St. West. No class May 31.

M/W 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Senior/Adult Exercise Classes

(Adult) Non-strenuous exercises improve flexibility and circulation. Ongoing classes sponsored by Sierra Medical Group and R. Rex Parris. No pre-registration, start any time. Bring large towel/mat to class. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. April 21-22 class held at Jane Reynolds Park.

AM Exercise	M/W	9-10 a.m.
Tone & Stretch	T/TH	9-10 a.m.
Walk with the Mayor	T/TH	8-9 a.m.

Yoga | Jason Galbraith

(16 yrs.-Adult) Find balance in an unbalanced world through the practice of yoga and begin to create a life of wellness, stability and peace. \$40 (\$47 NR), *\$30 (\$37 NR). Bring mat. Lancaster City Park, Game Rm. No class Apr. 21.

3428	Wed.	Apr. 7-28*	6-7 p.m.
3429	Wed.	May 5-26	6-7 p.m.
3458	Wed.	Jun. 2-23	6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zumba™ - Dance Aerobic Workout | AV Salsa

(12 yrs.-Adult) Get ready to burn calories and experience total body workout while learning international dances: Samba, Cumbia, Merengue, Reggeton, Salsa, Cha Cha Cha, Belly Dance, Hip Hop and Bachata. \$28 (\$35 NR). AV Salsa Studio, 311 E. Ave. K-8, Ste. 109.

3430	Beg./Adv.	Tue.	Apr. 6-May 11	6-7 p.m.
3431	Beg./Adv.	Tue.	May 18-Jun. 22	6-7 p.m.

Sports

Obtain registration materials from the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department. Return with completed registration form, roster and league fee. Register early, space is limited.

Adult Sports

Basketball

Registration: May 3-28
League play begins mid-June. Games played at local high schools Mon.-Thu. nights. Registration limited to 24 teams. \$435/team.

Mon.-Thu. Adult Basketball

Softball

Registration: May 3-Jun. 11
League play begins in July. Schedule consists of 10 league games and 1 classification game. Games played Sun.-Fri., you determine the day. \$399/team.

Sun.-Fri. Men's Slow-pitch
Sun.-Fri. Coed Slow-pitch
Sun.-Fri. Coed Hardball
Thu. Women's Slow-pitch

Youth Sports

Basketball (5-15 yrs.)

Registration: August 2010. More information to come in Fall Outlook. Each division plays 8 games. Games on Saturdays, played at local high schools; practices during the week with day, time and location determined by volunteer coach. \$57 (\$64 NR).

League play

Ages 5-9: Oct. | Ages 10-15: Jan.

Softball Tournament Contact Information

Jeff Campbell, 661-723-6075
www.big8softball.com



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Mon. - Fri., 3-9 p.m. • Sat. & Sun., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.



Tennis

Lancaster City Park Tennis Center
43063 10th St. West



Private Lessons (Four lesson package)

One-on-one lessons arranged with tennis pro following registration.

3521 Four 1-hour lessons \$145 (\$152 NR)
3522 Four 1/2-hour lessons \$100 (\$107 NR)



Pee Wee (4-6 yrs.), \$36 (\$43 NR)

Introduce your child to tennis; learn basic skills and principles of game.

Jim Majd, Court 8

3432	Sat.	Apr. 3-14	9-10 a.m.
3433	Sat.	May 1-22	9-10 a.m.
3434	Sat.	Jun. 5-26	9-10 a.m.



Juniors (7-17 yrs.)

Long recognized as an individual sport, this class focuses on team competition. Novice & advanced play levels available. Materials: \$5.

Linda Ruiz, Court 3, \$51 (\$58 NR)

3435	M/W	Apr. 5-28	5-6 p.m.
3436	M/W	May 3-24	5-6 p.m.
3437	M/W	Jun. 2-23	5-6 p.m.
3438	M/W-Adv.	Apr. 5-28	6-7 p.m.
3439	M/W-Adv.	May 3-24	6-7 p.m.
3440	M/W-Adv.	Jun. 2-23	6-7 p.m.

Jim Majd, Court 5, \$45 (\$52 NR). No class Apr. 13 and 22.

3441	T/TH	Apr. 1-29	5-6 p.m.
3442	T/TH	May 4-25	5-6 p.m.
3443	T/TH	Jun. 1-24	5-6 p.m.



Adult (18+ yrs.), \$45 (\$52 NR)

Lifetime sport encourages participants of all ages and various physical abilities to play. Fun, fitness focused class provides a social experience for all. No class Apr. 13 and 22.

Jim Majd, Court 5

3444	T/TH	Apr. 1-29	6-7 p.m.
3445	T/TH	May 4-25	6-7 p.m.
3446	T/TH	Jun. 1-24	6-7 p.m.



Court Maintenance

Courts closed while cleaned.



Public Play

Except tournaments, non-City lessons or court rentals.

Tennis Court Lights

Courts are lit from dusk to 10 p.m., 7 days/wk. 1st-come, 1st-served. One-hour use if players are waiting for an open court.

AQUATICS



To Register:

1. Read descriptions.
2. Determine which class you would like to take.
3. Select the schedule that is convenient.
4. Check the table to see if your class is offered.
5. Use class code from table when registering.

Eastside Pool 661-723-6255 (open year round)

at Deputy Pierre W. Bain Park, 45045 5th St. East. Eastside Pool can be rented for birthdays, parties and special events! For rental or aquatic program information, call 661-723-6256.

Webber Pool 661-723-6288 (open during summer)

at Jane Reynolds Park, 716 Oldfield Street.

PUBLIC SWIM TIMES

Children less than 4 ft. tall & 7 yrs. old must be accompanied in the water by an adult (one-on-one). Flotation devices are not allowed. Lap swim is open to adults 16 and older. Lap swimmers must circle swim whenever there are more than two swimmers per lane.

Eastside Pool:

Public swim	Sat.	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Early Bird lap	Mon.-Fri.	5:45-7 a.m.
Noon lap	Daily	11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Senior & Therapy	Mon.-Fri.	10-11:30 a.m.
Evening lap	M/W/F	8:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Closures: Apr. 4, 24 & 25, May 5, 31, Jul. 4.

PUBLIC SWIM FEES

Infant (3 yrs. and under)	Free
Child (4-12 yrs.)	\$1
Teen (13-16 yrs.)	\$1.25
Adult (17+ yrs.)	\$1.75
Senior (55+ yrs.)	\$1

30 Punch Swim Pass:

Teen	\$25
Adult	\$37
Senior/Child	\$20



COURSES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Class Information

All classes: 8 lessons, 30 minutes long, except Level 6, Aquacise & Hydro-Fit which are 45 minutes. See schedule for dates, times, program codes and fees.

Parent/Tot

(6 mos.-3 yrs.) Parents, teach your child to feel more relaxed and comfortable in the water. Instructors teach basic skills emphasizing orientation and safety. Parent must accompany the child in the water. Swim diapers required for all tots.

Preschool

(3-5 yrs.) Teaches your child to feel comfortable in the water, learn breath control, flutter kick, front and back float. This is not a learn-to-swim class.

Preschool 2

(3-5 yrs.) Prerequisite: Three sessions of Preschool swim class. Preschoolers advance to prone kick glide, underwater movement, and combination arm and kick movements.

Preschool 3

(3-5 yrs.) Prerequisite: Three sessions of Preschool 2 swim class. Preschoolers advance to side breathing and enhance combined arm and kick movements.

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Helps students feel comfortable in the water. Participants learn to: enter and exit water safely; submerge mouth, nose and eyes; exhale underwater through mouth and nose; open eyes underwater; pick up submerged object; float on front and back; explore arm and hand movements; swim on front and back using arm and leg actions; follow basic water safety rules; use a life jacket.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Gives students success with fundamental skills and enhances Level 1 skills. Participants learn to: enter water by stepping or jumping from the side; exit water safely using ladder or side; submerge entire head; perform front and back glide; roll over from front to back, back to front; swim on side; swim on front and back using combined strokes; tread water using arm and leg motions; move in the water while wearing a life jacket.



Level 3: Stroke Development

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Builds on the skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice. Participants learn to: jump into deep water from the side; dive from kneeling or standing position; submerge and retrieve an object; bob with the head fully submerged; use rotary breathing in horizontal position; perform front and back glide; perform survival float; perform front and back crawl; butterfly-kick and body motion; perform HELP and Huddle position; perform a reaching assist; use Check-Call-Care in an emergency; change from horizontal to vertical position on front and back.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves Level 3 skills. Participants learn to: perform shallow dive or dive from stride position; swim underwater; perform feet-first surface dive; perform open turns on front and back using any stroke; tread water using sculling arm motions and kick. Perform the following: front and back crawl; breaststroke; butterfly; elementary backstroke; swim on side using scissors-like kick; use safe diving rules; perform compact jump into water from a height while wearing a life jacket; perform a throwing assist; care for conscious choking victim.

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Provides further coordination and refinement of Level 4 strokes. Participants learn to: tread water with two different kicks; learn survival swimming; perform rescue breathing. Perform the following: standing dive; shallow dive; glide two body lengths and begin any front stroke; tuck surface dive; pike surface dive; front flip turn; backstroke flip turn and sidestroke.

Level 6: Swimming & Skill Proficiency

(6-14 yrs.) Purpose: Refines the strokes so students swim them with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Class is designed with "menu" options that focus on preparing students to participate in more advanced courses, including the Water Safety Instructor and Lifeguard Training courses. These options include: personal water safety; lifeguard readiness; fundamentals of diving and fitness swimmer.



Adult Swim Lessons

(15+ yrs.) Everyone can learn to swim. Skills taught: front and back float and glide; breathing; stroke and kicking techniques.

Aquacise: Aerobic Water Exercise

(15+ yrs.) Water exercise class to help firm up arms and legs and increase circulatory endurance using a variety of movements.

Hydro-Fit: Muscle Toning & Fitness

(15+ yrs.) Exercise class for those who want an invigorating water workout. Class uses belts, ankle cuffs and Styrofoam barbells to create resistance and provide aerobic exercise.

Private Swim Lessons

Private swim lessons for all ages. The fee is \$142 for eight 1/2-hour lessons.

3503-3504

Lesson times to be arranged



Lifeguard Training Class

(15+ yrs.) Enrollees must be able to: (1) swim 500 yards continuously, demonstrating the correct use of the front crawl and breaststroke; (2) swim 20 yards, retrieve a 10 lb. brick and return it to the starting point; (3) must provide own manuals and a pocket mask. Must take CFAS and CPRPR* at Red Cross and show certification on first day of class. Students must attend all classes – no exceptions. \$77 (\$84 NR). Call Shanae Hill, 661-723-6256 for times and information. *CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

3487

Mon.-Fri.

Mar. 22-26

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Water Safety Instructor Class

(17+ yrs.) Upon successful completion, students are certified as Red Cross swim lesson instructors. Must provide own Red Cross manuals. Current certificate in Lifeguard Training desirable. Required Red Cross ICT course included. Approximately 40 hours of training. Students must attend all classes – no exceptions. \$77 (\$84 NR). Call Cassandra Hyman, 661-723-6255 for details.

3505

Sat. & Sun.

May 8-16

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oasis Aquatics Swim Team

(5-18 yrs.) Oasis Aquatics is a United States Swimming affiliated year-round competitive swim team offering competitive training and swim meets. Novice to advanced. Strokes, turns, strength and endurance, goal setting, mental preparation and nutrition. Call Cindy Poole, 661-618-5283 for more information.

Oasis Masters Swim Program

(18+ yrs.) Overall conditioning, swim skills, instruction, competitive events and ocean swimming. Call Tom Otto for fees and information at 661-946-7537.

A.V. Special Olympics

Swimming opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Call Aquatics Coach Dawn Brooks at 661-946-7042.

Mondays

7 p.m.





Eastside Pool can be rented for birthdays, parties and special events! Call 661-723-6256 for info.

Aquatics Class Schedule

The numbers listed under each time frame are the class codes to use when registering.

CLASSES HELD AT EASTSIDE POOL

Session 0: April 3 to May 29 - No class April 24
Saturday (1x/week for 8 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	9 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Parent/Tot		3489	
Preschool	3493	3494	
Preschool 2	3497		
Level 1	3467		
Level 2	3472		
Level 3		3475	
Level 4			3478
Level 5			3481
Level 6			3484
Adult		3459	
Aquacise			3462

Session 1: May 17 to 27
Monday through Thursday (4x/week for 2 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	3:10 p.m.
Preschool	3492
Preschool 3	3500

Session 7: April 13 to May 6
Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	3490			
Preschool	3495			
Preschool 2		3498		
Preschool 3	3501			
Level 1	3468	3469		
Level 2	3473			
Level 3		3476		
Level 4			3479	
Level 5			3482	
Level 6			3485	
Adult		3460		
Aquacise		3463		
Hydro-Fit				3465

Session 8: May 11 to June 3
Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	3491			
Preschool	3496			
Preschool 2		3499		
Preschool 3	3502			
Level 1	3470	3471		
Level 2	3474			
Level 3		3477		
Level 4			3480	
Level 5			3483	
Level 6			3486	
Adult		3461		
Aquacise		3464		
Hydro-Fit				3466

Session 9: June 8 to July 1
Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	3516			
Preschool	3517			
Preschool 2		3518		
Preschool 3	3519			
Level 1	3509	3510		
Level 2	3511			
Level 3		3512		
Level 4			3513	
Level 5			3514	
Level 6			3515	
Adult		3506		
Aquacise		3507		
Hydro-Fit				3508



ARTS IN THE CITY

A Night Out – Swing Dancing

Saturday, March 6, 6 - 9 p.m.

Looking for an excuse to get out and dance? The Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery offers *A Night Out* this spring, featuring live swing music, delicious food and good wine. Dance amongst the artwork of talented High Desert artists or sip wine and chat with friends. Swing lessons offered at 6 p.m. and the festivities begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$8; LMAGA members \$6.

Antelope Valley Union High School District Student Exhibition

April 10 - May 9

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 10, 12 - 3 p.m.

Students from Antelope Valley Union High School District showcase their artistic talents in a wide range of media in this annual exhibition co-organized by the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery and AVUHSD teachers. Admission is free.

Family Day

Saturday, May 8, 1 - 3 p.m. at LMAG

Bring the whole family to Family Day at the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery. View works of art by the talented AVUHSD students and be inspired to create works of your own. Art activities will include a demonstration from the Creativity Trunk Program, a new initiative sponsored by the Museum and the Boeing Company that aims to engage students in the art making process. Admission is free.

Remembering Duke Bloom

The City of Lancaster recently lost a generous and longtime community supporter. Duke Bloom, a director of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation, was a tireless contributor to the arts and will be greatly missed.

LMAG

Lancaster Museum / Art Gallery



Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery
44801 Sierra Highway | 661-723-6250
lماغreceptionist@cityoflancasterca.org
Free admission and tours

Hours:
Tuesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Mondays and holidays
Closed between exhibitions.

Western Hotel Museum
557 W. Lancaster Blvd.
661-723-6260 / 6250
Free Admission and Tours

Hours:
The Western Hotel Museum is open the second and fourth Friday and Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Foundation Celebrates Inaugural Mayor's LPAC Gold Club Gala

The Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation rolled out the red carpet for the inaugural Mayor's LPAC Gold Club cocktail party, January 20, 2010. The gala event drew patrons of the arts from throughout the community interested in furthering the Foundation's mission of bringing performing arts to students and others not often exposed to quality theater, dance and music, as well as City officials and the LPAC Foundation Board.

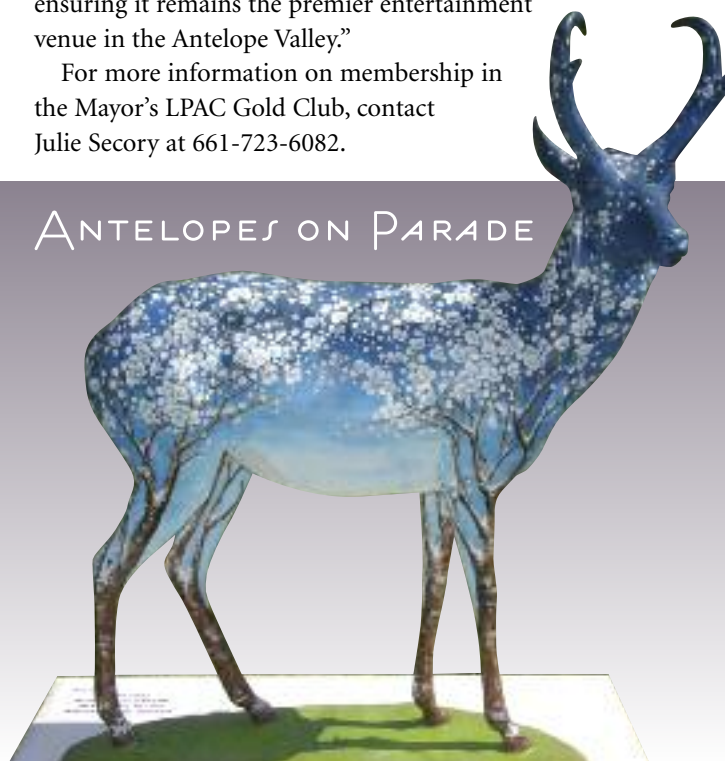
Grammy award winner Norman Brown entertained the crowd with his unique fusion of pop, R&B and jazz which has made him a favorite among music aficionados. The local band *Hit Machine* provided added entertainment.

The evening was elegantly catered by the University of Antelope Valley Culinary Arts Department, featuring intricate ice carvings, delicious hors d'oeuvres and irresistible desserts.

A highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the Mayor's LPAC Gold Club Tree where donor contributions are recognized. Since the Foundation's inception in 1989, the LPAC Foundation has raised more than \$2 million in support of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center. LPAC Foundation President Lou Bozigian stated, "The Foundation, through the generous contributions of our supporters, will continue to provide for the enhancement of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center and its programs ensuring it remains the premier entertainment venue in the Antelope Valley."

For more information on membership in the Mayor's LPAC Gold Club, contact Julie Secory at 661-723-6082.

ANTELOPES ON PARADE



For a second year, a group of talented artists will create intriguing "antelope art" as part of the City's ongoing civic art project. With imaginative flair, these artists use pronghorns as their canvas for works which will intrigue and delight. Look for the 2010 Antelopes on Parade to debut at the California Poppy Festival.

Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano

March 5 | 8 p.m.

Grammy-winning Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, presents an unforgettable program showcasing Mexico's most enduring *sones* and compelling *canciones rancheras*.

Orchestra \$40 | Balcony \$35 | Youth \$15



The Vienna Boys Choir

March 13 | 8 p.m.

For more than 500 years, the Vienna Boys Choir has been a symbol of Austria and charmed audiences worldwide with their harmonic arrangements of traditional, medieval, contemporary and experimental music.

Orchestra \$35 | Balcony \$30 | Youth \$15

An Evening with Judy Collins

March 19 | 8 p.m.

One of the major interpretive folksingers of the '60s, Judy Collins enchants audiences the world over with the stunning purity of her soprano and her eclectic songbook, including favorites "Send in the Clowns" and "Born to the Breed."

www.judycollins.com

Orchestra \$45 | Balcony \$40



Cabaret

March 25 | 8 p.m.

Willkommen! Bienvenue! Welcome to Berlin, 1929. In this decadent and sexy hit Broadway musical, the world is on the edge of an abyss so dark the only way to see is through the glittering lights of the Kit Kat Klub. **Adult themes, recommended for mature audiences.**

Orchestra \$40 | Balcony \$35

LPAC Lancaster Performing Arts Center
the positively clear choice for entertainment

750 W. Lancaster Boulevard | For tickets or information, call 661-723-5950 or visit www.lpac.org

Box office hours: Monday - Friday, noon to 6 p.m. • Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Voters to Decide on Taking Back Local Control from State

Ballot Measure "C" would provide the City with maximum authority over municipal affairs



In the upcoming April 13, 2010, municipal election, voters will have the opportunity to decide whether they want to become a charter city, rather than being governed under the general laws adopted by the State Legislature.

The "home rule" provision of the State Constitution allows cities to adopt a local charter (in essence a local constitution) which can supersede State law in dealing with municipal affairs, and allows Lancaster maximum authority to control its own destiny.

The proposed charter would...

- Continue the existing Council-Manager form of government.
- Provide maximum control over how local tax dollars are spent.
- Prevent the City funds from being taken by the State.
- Require the City to continue paying State-mandated prevailing wages on Public Works projects.
- Provide flexibility over the award of City contracts to use local vendors and stimulate the local economy.
- Transfer power over local matters from Sacramento to the citizens of Lancaster, enabling us to control our own municipal affairs.



As a charter city, Lancaster would receive its power directly from the California Constitution. The State Legislature would be restricted from seizing our local revenues or dictating how Lancaster manages its own affairs.

The charter may only be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority of the voters of the City.

For more information on Charter vs. General Law cities, visit www.cityoflanasterca.org/MeasureC.



43201 35th Street West
661-816-4466

The trails are open from 6 a.m. to sunset. The Interpretive Center is open Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Parking and attendance are limited for events held in the Interpretive Center. No reservations are required.**

Spring Nature Events

BIRD WATCHING WALK

Saturday, April 17, 8 a.m.

Ron Smith, an award-winning wildlife artist and member of the Audubon Society, will lead a walk along the north trail of the Preserve. Remember to bring field guides and binoculars. Free.

MOON WALKS

Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 8, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 5, 8:30 p.m.

Jeremy Amarant, Director of the SAGE Planetarium, will teach us about the stars and constellations as he leads visitors on a one-mile walk on the trails of the Preserve. The AV Astronomy Club members will be on hand with their telescopes for a closer look at the night sky. Free.



Rent a Facility

Visit www.cityoflanasterca.org for information on renting group picnic shelters, barbeques, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, softball fields, swimming pools, banquet halls and meeting rooms.

Visit www.lpac.org for information on renting the Lancaster Performing Arts Center for theatrical and non-theatrical events.