



CITY OF LANCASTER

OCTOBER 2006

OUTLOOK *Lite*

a glance at what's happening in Lancaster

COMING SOON Upcoming Events in Lancaster

October 7
Bark at the Park, 10 am - 5 pm
Lancaster City Park

October 8 - 14
Fire Prevention Week

October 10
City Council/Redevelopment
Agency Meeting, 6 pm
City Hall

October 16
Planning Commission Meeting
7 pm, City Hall

October 20
Celebrate Downtown, 5 - 9 pm
Downtown Lancaster Boulevard

October 24
City Council/Redevelopment
Agency Meeting, 6 pm
City Hall

CLOSE CALLS Phone numbers to keep handy

Lancaster City Hall
661-723-6000

**City Special
Events Hotline**
661-723-5900

**Parks & Recreation
Class/Program Registration**
661-723-6077

Job Hotline
661-723-5874 / option 3

Lancaster Public Library
661-948-5029

**Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department**
661-948-8466

Metrolink
1-800-371-5465

**Lancaster Performing
Arts Center**
661-723-5950

Dog Gone Family Fun!

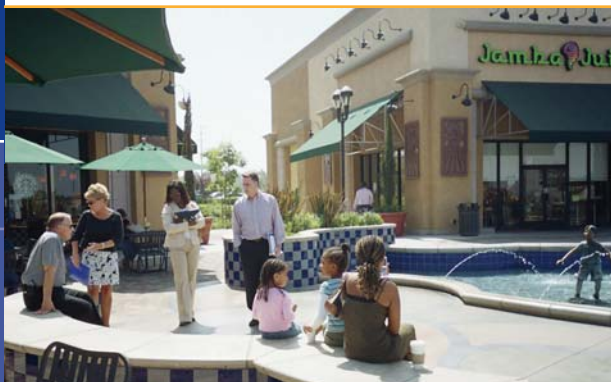
Lancaster's favorite canine celebration returns October 7 as "Bark at the Park" is held from 10 am to 5 pm at Lancaster City Park.

The entire family (including Fido) is invited to enjoy a wide range of fun activities designed for both furry fellows and their human companions.

Among the many activities are: **Flying Disc Dog Competition; Rocket Dog Racers Flyball Team; Obedience & Agility Contests; Finder's Keepers Treat Yard; Urban Sledding & Dog Carts; Live Auction & Raffles.**

Admission to the all-day event is free. Proceeds will benefit the Lancaster Animal Shelter. So mark your calendar, load up Lassie's leash and head on over to the Bark at the Park October 7!

bark at the park



City Shops for New Concepts in Retail Design

Lancaster's Mayor, City Council Members and Planning Commissioners took a trip to several Southern California shopping centers recently. Their objective wasn't looking for the latest fashions, but rather to gather information on approaches to consider for future retail projects.

A group of 23 officials, landowners and design professionals took a look at three centers, each with a different angle on architecture and design elements.

The first stop, Citrus Plaza in Redlands, was oriented towards driver convenience with broad parking and large signage. Stop two, Victoria Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga, emulates a traditional downtown, giving it a pedestrian-friendly appeal and "a feeling of arrival." The final visit was to Valencia's Promenade at Town Center, which is designed to provide a blend of the two. Shops face the parking, but it still maintains elements of a "Main Street" feel.

The tour provided participants new food for thought as they consider options for new retail growth within the City.

Lancaster is on the GO! Are you in the KNOW?

Lancaster has been nominated as one of Southern California's "Most Business Friendly Cities"

Lancaster is one of five finalists in this category, honored at the 10th annual Eddy Awards, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. According to the LAEDC, the City has an aggressive, pro-business approach and an eager workforce.

inside LPAC

The Pied Piper

presented by Missoula Children's Theatre

October 20, 7 pm • October 21, 3 pm

Adults \$12 / Youth \$5

Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the nation's largest touring children's theatre, will perform a musical adaptation of *The Pied Piper* at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

MCT comes to town with sets, costumes, props and makeup, selects a local cast and rehearses throughout the week in preparation for the big show.

Local children ages 6 to 17 are invited to audition for roles on October 16. No acting experience is required and as many as 60 children will be cast. The program lets kids develop creativity, social skills and self-esteem on stage.

Erin Swetland auditioned for a part in a MCT production several years ago. She claims the experience "gave me a love for the theatre."

Tickets are available from the LPAC box office. For more information, call 661-723-5950 or visit www.lpac.org

asked & answered

responses to your recent questions

Where can I get a copy of my birth certificate or a marriage license?

Contact the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder at 661-945-6446. A marriage license is \$70 while a certified copy of a birth certificate is \$17. The Registrar is located at 1028 West Avenue J-2 and is open from 8:30 am to 3 pm weekdays.



Dog Playground Coming to Hull Park

Dogs and their owners will soon have a new place to play, thanks to the City's Parks, Recreation and Arts Department.

A one-acre area of Hull Park, at 30th Street West and Avenue L-12, is being fenced to provide an area where dogs can legally run and play off-leash. The new Dog Park includes benches, picnic tables and a special drinking fountain designed specifically for canine needs.

The new dog park is a direct result of a dialogue between residents and the City. Pet owners asked for a place where pooches could play and the Parks Department delivered!



Why Trash the Town?

Some folks seem to think a vacant lot or drainage ditch is the perfect place to dump their trash. It isn't, and doing so, could cost them big time! Fines for illegal dumping can run up to \$10,000.

Why risk it when proper disposal is so easy? Waste Management offers bulky item pickup along with its everyday trash service. Residents should call 661-947-7197, 24 hours before their normal weekly pickup. Up to four bulky items can be included at no extra charge. See Waste Management's website www.KeepingAVclean.com for more information.

For hazardous household materials including TVs, computers, oil, paint and household chemicals, the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center at 1200 W. City Ranch Road is open the first and third Saturdays of the month. Contact them at 888-Clean LA or by visiting www.888CleanLA.com

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Profiles of Public People

Recreation Program Coordinator Patricia Funes enjoys creating enjoyment.

Patricia Funes gets a kick out of her job. As a Recreational Program Coordinator, she's responsible for organizing many of the special events that Lancaster families have grown to love. Whether it's summer day camps, Easter egg hunts or holiday festivities, Ms. Funes enjoys being able to see the fruits of her labors as residents participate in the programs she puts together.



Recreation Program Coordinator Patricia Funes makes sure all the right pieces fall into place for a successful after school program at West Wind Elementary.

Careful, You're on Candid Camera!

The City of Lancaster is installing automated enforcement cameras at key intersections to help reduce accidents by capturing red light violations on camera. Drivers who clearly run red lights will be cited by mail and face fines of up to \$361.



The first two systems were operational in September. Located at the intersections of Avenue J and 15th Street West and at Avenue K and 10th Street West, the new cameras should help to reduce accidents in these high traffic areas. Additional cameras may be added later. For the first 30 days, warnings only will be issued. Beginning on October 9, citations will be sent by mail to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Each year, running red lights causes over 250,000 accidents. Red light cameras have been proven to substantially reduce violations and save lives.

Cameras only capture photos of vehicles that enter an intersection after the signal turns red. Each photo is reviewed by a trained police officer before a citation is issued. Those cited have the same legal options as drivers ticketed by traditional methods.

For more information on the program, contact the Engineering Division at 661-723-6049.

VISIONS

of tomorrow

*Planning key to
City progress*



Public Participates in City Planning

Several hundred Lancaster residents participated in workshops and an open house designed to gather input from citizens on planning for the future of the City. The meetings are part of a process that will revise the City's General Plan and provide a roadmap for growth.

The meetings focused on ten specific aspects of the City's future including the environment, quality of life, economic and physical development, mobility, public health and safety, municipal services, community design and housing.

The public offered their ideas by posting sticky notes on topical displays. These comments will be reviewed by a Citizen's Advisory Committee for further consideration in the development of the new General Plan.

For more information, visit the City's Website or contact the City's Planning Department at 661-723-6248.



Arbor Grove, a new mixed-use development at 10th Street West and Jackman Avenue, is nearing completion. The project features affordable senior housing, retail shopping and many amenities on the 5.3-acre site. For more information on housing opportunities, visit www.AVSeniors.com or call 661-723-9015.



L.A. County Fire Department Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- Carry either a flashlight or a "glow-stick." Do not carry candles, torches or other actual flaming devices.
- Candle-lit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from corridors and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
- Indoor jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from the curtains, decorations or other furnishings that could ignite.
- When buying a costume, masks, beards and wigs, look for the label "Flame Resistant." Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly, once removed from the ignition source.
- Remind children to keep away from candles or other flame sources.
- Make sure kids know how to "Stop, Drop and Roll" if their clothing catches on fire. (Stop immediately. Drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands. Roll over and over to put out the flames.)

Innovative Afro-Cuban Performer Ricardo Lemvo Headlines October 20

The LA Times says that Ricardo Lemvo offers "a blend of Cuban and Central African traditions that is seamless and organic – and infectious."

Audiences around the world have marveled at the tropical talent and energy that Lemvo brings to the stage. Don't miss this great opportunity to experience his music in a free concert October 20 at Celebrate Downtown.

Prior to the show, two local boutiques will present fall fashion ideas and a festive farmers' market will offer an array of fresh delights. Come early and enjoy a great evening of food, fun and quality entertainment on Lancaster Boulevard from 5 - 9 pm. Free admission and parking. All ages are welcome!



Ricardo Lemvo



Let's make Lancaster Better, Together!

Your City works hard to make Lancaster a place in which we can all have pride. But there is always room for improvement. Help us serve you better. Offer your ideas and innovations on how government and citizenry can work together to create a better Lancaster.

Mail, email or fax your suggestion to: City of Lancaster, Communications Division, 44933 Fern Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534. Fax: 661-723-5843. Email: aaldrich@cityoflanasterca.org

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(Optional) _____
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