





In each spring OUTLOOK, we like to take a moment to review our recent accomplishments and acknowledge those who helped them come to fruition.

While 2010 was a year when jobs and cash were often in short supply, your City succeeded in moving forward on a number of fronts, thanks to the wonderful support of our many volunteers and community partners. Read on and learn all we've done with a little help from our friends.

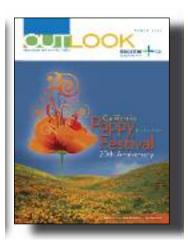
Unfortunately, the State threatens to undo much of the progress we have made in the last several years as they consider eliminating redevelopment agencies and enterprise zones, two of the most effective tools we have for job creation. Learn more about these programs and what you can do on page 10.

An even more exciting and productive year lies ahead. 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the California Poppy Festival. As those who have enjoyed prior years can attest, the Poppy Festival is one of the high points of life here in Lancaster, complete with great food, plenty of entertainment, arts and crafts, exhibits and fun for the whole family. Be sure to attend this year's event in Lancaster City Park, April 16 and 17.

In spring, a young man's fancy turns to...yard work. Our code enforcement staff has come up with some helpful tips on how to keep your yard and garden looking good. We've also thrown in a few safe driving tips, as well as information on the City's new E-Verify requirements for employers.

Finally, we've highlighted a number of ways you too can step forward and help make our community better. Participate in public meetings such as the ones mapping out our new trails and bikeways system. Spend some time with a senior at the Veteran's Home or help the families of fallen heroes. Use your talents and give back to the community when you can. You'll feel good and we'll all be the beneficiaries.

Your City Council



On the Cover

The California Poppy Festival turns 20 the weekend of April 16 & 17. Be among the thousands of visitors and residents enjoying an abundant supply of fun, flowers and festivities at Lancaster City Park.

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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

4th Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. All meetings are held in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) room.

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

Abandoned shopping cart retrieval 800-887-0466
City Special Event hotline 661-723-5900
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City Council meeting agendas can be found here. Register online for classes.

www.poppyfestival.com

California Poppy Festival

www.lpac.org

Lancaster Performing Arts Center

www.avfilm.com

Antelope Valley Film Office

www.ledr.org

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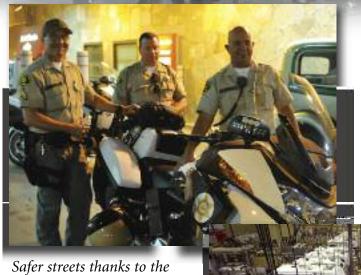
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Putting People First through Creative Partnering

New public/private alliances helped drive our community forward in 2010

Identifying new ways to make things work has become a passion at City Hall as traditional funding has waned in the prolonged recession. With creative minds and the cooperation of many citizen groups, local businesses and global corporate partners, the City of Lancaster has moved forward with a number of new programs in 2010 while maintaining key services important to residents.

Global Outreach, Local Impact

Working with innovative companies and regional partners, the City has looked beyond its boundaries to find new sources of capital and new opportunities to create good jobs in our community.

Trade missions to China have
strengthened ties with BYD,
a global giant in alternative
energy solutions.
Such alliances led to
the creation of a
demonstration project
which brought the City
together with BYD and KB Home
to show the world how we can
build extremely energy efficient
homes at remarkably affordable prices.

A new designation for the Antelope Valley by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) as California's Green Regional Center has also opened the door to foreign investments in key projects in our area.

A Kick Start for Start-ups

Working with the region's Small Business Development Center, the City has created new entrepreneurial training programs to help young companies gain the knowledge necessary to grow and prosper. City staff also laid the groundwork for a new incubator downtown which would help entrepreneurs develop key skills and create new careers. Funding is being sought from the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Green Alternatives

The City is also working with a number of green energy companies to bring clean, renewable energy to Lancaster. See page six for more details.



Lancaster UNITE volunteers came together to improve their neighborhood. See page nine for more details.

Safer Stronger Neighborhoods



The City is working at the grass-roots level to help neighborhoods create programs and resources which can really make a difference. Partnering with neighborhood groups, faith-based organizations and local nonprofits, the City has been able to transform several foreclosed properties into Wellness Homes. These innovative community centers deliver much needed health care to underserved neighborhoods.

Similarly, thanks to community partners, several new Community Homes offer children and families safe and



nurturing environments to learn and grow.

With the help of volunteers, new neighborhood gardens also took root, bringing fresh produce to residents.

City programs are also bringing healthy living concepts closer to home with an increased emphasis on health and wellness.

Additionally, the City has embarked on creating a community-wide trails and bikeways plan with the aid of world renowned walkability expert, Dan Burden.

City of Lancaster Part One crime rate per 10,000 residents



Safer Streets as Well

Thanks to a strong ongoing relationship with the Sheriff's Department, the diligent efforts of the Criminal Justice Commission and the commitment of citizens throughout the community, Lancaster continued to make significant progress in public safety in 2010. Part One crimes, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), continued to drop precipitously, down 34% since 2007. In addition, intensified traffic patrols have aided in the reduction of overall collisions by 23%, fatal collisions by 50% and injury-related collisions by 16% since 2007.



Our most visible accomplishment in 2010 was the completion of The BLVD, transforming downtown Lancaster into a vibrant arts and entertainment district.

Special events such as the Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix and Celebrate America festivities were made possible through the generous support of community partners. The same is true for our many seasonal celebrations held last year along The BLVD.

In 2010, the Lancaster Performing Arts Center continued to draw world class talent. Construction also started on the new Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery, which will soon offer enthralling exhibits to BLVD patrons. The new LMAG will fit in well amidst the cafés, boutiques and specialty shops sprouting up along the reborn Lancaster Boulevard.

City Receives Repeated Rave Reviews

In 2010, City of Lancaster programs were awarded top honors by several well-respected organizations. Among these were:

- The League of California Cities Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in the Community Services/Economic Development Category for the City's **Economic Stimulus Program**
- Crystal Eagle Award from the CDA (California Downtown Association) in the Special Events and Promotions category for the Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix
- Savvy Awards from 3CMA (City-County Communications and Marketing Association) in both digital/interactive and printed publication categories for the City's website and Outlook newsletter
- **Excellence in Operating Budgeting Award** from the California Society of Municipal Financial Officers
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Working Together

The City's 2010 accomplishments have not been the result of any one individual or even a single group. Rather it has been the concerted effort of many people working together, which has made all of these achievements possible.

Neighbors have helped neighbors. Strangers have become friends, creating a bond within the community and uniting us in a common goal to make our community a better place.

A number of community partners stepped forward in 2010 to help us continue our mission. By underwriting important programs, they're making it easier for the City to communicate with you on a regular basis. Please continue to show your support of these generous corporate citizens as we move forward in 2011.



Crime Rate Drops to Lowest Level in 15 years

FBI Stats show serious crime down 34% since 2007

In 1995, your odds of being a victim of a serious crime in Lancaster were about one in 18. Today, this likelihood is much lower. To put the reduction in perspective, there were 2,107 fewer crimes in Lancaster in 2010 than there were in 2007, despite an increase in population. This equates to six fewer crimes each day, more than 40 fewer crimes each week.

"There is no mistaking the fact that we have gained the upper hand in reducing crime. The primary credit and thanks go to the tireless efforts of our more than 400 Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups, as well as our strong partnership with the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Department," noted City Manager Mark V. Bozigian.

Comparing 2007 with 2010, homicides were down 38%, robberies down 41% and burglaries down 36%. Auto theft saw one of the largest declines, 48% over a three-year period. Assaults are lower by 29%, while theft is down 25% since 2007.

"Crime reduction is more than just numbers," noted Lancaster Sheriff's Station Captain Axel Anderson. "What this really means is our neighborhoods are much safer and thousands of citizens are not being victimized."

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 Lancaster Sheriff's Station

In 2011, the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission, along with the City's Public Safety staff, will continue to work closely with the Sheriff's Department to detect emerging trends and head them off early using sophisticated crime analysis techniques.

For information on how you can help fight crime through Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs, contact the City's Public Safety office at 661-723-6063.

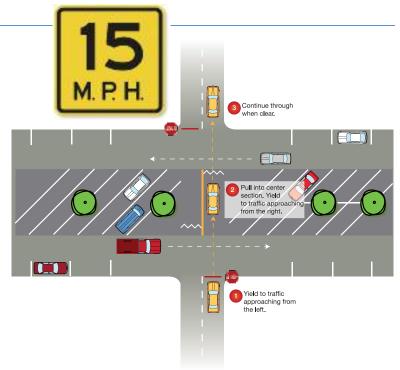
Rules of The BLVD

Slow down, share the road and stay alert

With more pedestrians and fewer traffic signals, safely navigating The BLVD can take a little practice. But with a few tips and some common sense, everyone can share the road safely.

Remember, the speed limit along The BLVD is 15 miles per hour. Please slow down and observe others. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way. Watch for walkers and let them cross regardless of whether they are in an intersection or mid-block.

Vehicles traveling on The BLVD have precedence over traffic from side streets. There are no stop signs for east/west traffic. When crossing The BLVD from a side street, proceed in two steps. First, yield to any traffic from the left, then pull into the median and wait for traffic on the right to clear. Similarly, when attempting to make a left turn, pull into the center median area and wait for traffic to clear before completing your turn.



Remember that parking is permitted diagonally in the center median/ramblas and parallel along the sides in marked stalls. While through traffic has the right-of-way, watch out for drivers emerging from parked cars or backing out of diagonal spaces. If you are leaving a parking space, be sure the road is clear before pulling out. Motorcycle parking is designated by parking spaces with a sign and motorcycle sculpture. Cars should not park in such spaces and may receive a citation.

Be patient and courteous. The intent of The BLVD is to create a pedestrian-friendly environment where automobiles and pedestrians coexist safely. If you are seeking a quicker way across town, use alternate routes along Avenue I or J.



City Receives Safe Routes to School Grant

Avenue L-8 near Valley View Elementary School targeted for improvements

The City of Lancaster has received a \$450,000 grant to help improve pedestrian and bicycle access to Valley View Elementary School. Currently, most of the routes lack sidewalks and bike lanes for the nearly 800 students who attend school there.

"The current conditions are untenable," said Nicole Rizzo, who coordinated the grant application for the City. "Between 30th and 40th Streets West on Avenue L-8, the only place with sidewalks is directly in front of the school. The rest of the right-of-way is dirt or mud, depending on the season."

The new grant allows the City to install pedestrian pathways, curb extensions, accessible crosswalks and bike lanes to improve conditions and encourage walking and biking to school.

The City's application was one of only 85 accepted for funding out of 400 submissions. Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

Criminal Justice Commission Urges Drivers to Lock Cars

An ounce of prevention can help avoid needless loss

Thefts from automobiles continue to be a problem, even in residential areas. Statistics show the majority of thefts from cars happen to cars which are not locked at the time of the incident.

You can help reduce these crimes by simply locking your car and taking your keys with you. If you have electronic locks, take a moment to verify the lock sets properly before walking away. Also, don't leave personal electronic devices or other valuable property in plain view.

Such precautions will help discourage thieves and reduce your risk of becoming a victim. So please lock-up.



REMINDER - Since January 1, 2010, all new businesses in Lancaster and those renewing their business licenses have been required to certify their employees meet the requirements of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. All employees hired after December 31, 2009, need to be verified through the Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify program.

Beginning in 2011, the City is conducting spot audits of local businesses to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

For more information on the E-Verify program, visit www.uscis.gov/e-verify.

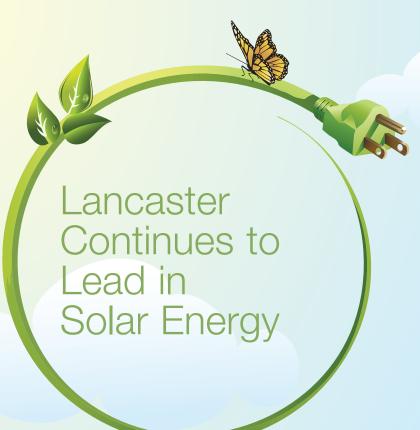
New Anti-Scavenging Ordinance Passed

Many residents will be pleased to know it is no longer legal to rummage through other people's garbage. Effective February 25, it became a violation of Municipal Code for someone to scavenge through trash cans in search of "treasures" others may have left behind.

"Scavenging has become a growing problem in the community," said Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization. "Not only does it pose a health and safety hazard as people rifle through garbage in search of bottles, cans and other recyclables, but it also contributes to identify theft when personal information is discovered on a bank or credit card statement."

The new ordinance carries a \$100 fine for the first offense, increasing to \$500 for subsequent violations. Repeat offenders may face misdemeanor charges which carry a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

Home or business owners who observe violators should contact Code Enforcement at 661-723-6121 or the Sheriff's Department non-emergent line at 661-948-8466.



Beautiful Earth Group breaks ground on new 38 megawatt photovoltaic power plant

The City of Lancaster continues to take advantage of one of its greatest natural resources, sunshine, as it partners with more innovative companies to bring clean, affordable solar energy to market.

In December, Beautiful Earth Group broke ground on the City's largest solar cell farm. Comprised of two 19 megawatt solar generation

facilities, the plant will occupy 187 acres of former farmland adjacent to Southern California Edison transmission lines.

When operational, each facility is expected to generate upwards of 16 gigawatt-hours of electricity each year, enough to power some 10,000 homes.



Solar Lancaster Success

Last year, in cooperation with SolarCity, Lancaster introduced the Solar Lancaster program. Its goal was to retrofit 50 local homes and businesses with solar power. Demand far exceeded expectations. Nearly 80 homes and more than 35 businesses signed up to be equipped with solar panels and generate their own power.

Several City facilities are also on tap to be equipped with solar energy to save taxpayers money and reduce our use of fossil fuel. Clear Channel Stadium has a new photovoltaic system which is expected to save nearly \$50,000 a year in electrical costs.

A system for City Hall is under construction as are new photovoltaic systems for the Performing Arts Center, local schools and parks.

"The City of Lancaster is pursuing one of the most ambitious solar programs in the nation," exclaimed SolarCity CEO Lyndon Rive. "The Solar Lancaster program is a groundbreaking example of how municipalities can work side by side with local businesses and residents to invest in cleaner power and a more sustainable future."





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Experts Meet with Residents and City Officials to Map Out Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

In January, noted author, photographer and walkability expert Dan Burden visited Lancaster to meet with residents and assess the viability of developing a citywide trails and bikeways system.

Long an advocate for pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly cities, Burden is helping Lancaster lay out a system of trails and bikeways to help connect neighborhoods, schools and shopping. By encouraging people to walk or bike around town rather than hopping into a car just to go a few blocks, people not only develop healthier habits, but reduce air pollution, while improving the overall quality of life in the community.

The next set of workshops will be held later this spring so the public can review draft maps of routes and proposed improvements. The Draft Master Plan is expected to be available by summer with the final report due this time next year.

Those interested in participating in the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan process should contact Elma Watson with the City of Lancaster at 661-723-6100 or Karen Gilmore with the Antelope Valley Partners for Health at 661-942-4719, ext. 309.



Dan Burden (far right) leads residents on a walkability study.





Lawns

Fertilize three to four times per season using a 50/50 sulfate/fertilizer mix. Make sure your fertilizer includes nitrates which will give your lawn and plants a lush, vibrant color. Control weeds early so they don't compete for nutrients and water.

Aerate the soil to help your law

Water early, before 10 a.m. Five suffice.

Mow lawns no shorter than threencourage root growth, improvertention and improve drought

Trees & Shrubs

Fertilize periodically with ammosulfate around the base of shru

Aerate to avoid soil compaction

Water trees and shrubs separal possible.

Prune trees as needed. Rememincreasing water requirements.

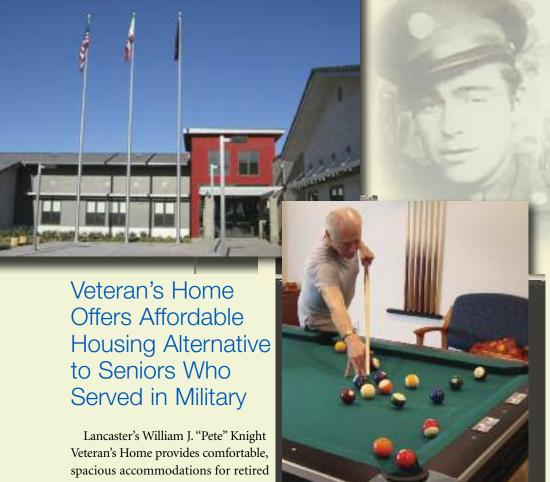
Conserve Water

Proper yard care does not waste water. Use a broom instead of a hose on sidewalks and driveways.

Be sure to fix broken sprinklers and repair leaks. Check timers to ensure they are set properly and consider using a smart controller to monitor moisture and water accordingly.

Consider trading in a thirsty lawn for natural plants and grasses which require far less water.

For more information on yard care and water conservation, visit www.cityoflancasterca.org.



veterans on limited incomes.

At first glance, it seems more like a deluxe hotel than a retirement home, but there are hints indicating

this is a very special place. A display case near the entrance showcases military pictures, medals and keepsakes of the valiant men and women who reside there. Flags of the different military branches grace one wall of the dining room. The books, DVDs and music found in the facility's two libraries cater to the tastes of residents. Yet this is a very cozy home as well. There are two large activity rooms, two casual seating areas, plus the "Laze and Loaf Lounge" created by residents for residents.

Tommy Long was the third resident at the home arriving on February 4, 2009. Long, now 76, served in the Army from 1954 through 1956.

"As a veteran, I took advantage of coming here," explained Long. Finding rents elsewhere to be beyond his means, he discovered the veteran's home was an ideal alternative. "I think it would be a good choice for any veteran who is living on a tight budget."

Payments are based on the veteran's income. All medical expenses, meals, snacks and activities as well as housing is covered by 55% of their monthly retirement check. The home sponsors many activities including shopping, swimming, gardening, billiards and trips to movies. It is open to veterans who are age 62 or older and younger disabled vets able to care for themselves. Couples are welcome as long as one of them meets the veteran requirements. Spouses must be married at least one year before applying. To apply for admission, please call 661-974-8145.

Choice Award

Have City Staffers Gone Above & Beyond for You?

Nominate them for a CLEAR Choice Award

The City of Lancaster tries to instill within its staff a dedication to serve their community, but everyone appreciates a little pat on the back now and then.

This is why the City has created a program recognizing employees who go above and beyond expectations in providing those services.

The City of Lancaster's Employee Appreciation and Recognition (CLEAR) program allows employees to earn points when they provide exceptional service to the public or others within the City.

Employees receiving points are recognized at events throughout the year with top individuals and departmental winners receiving awards at an employee appreciation breakfast each February.

To nominate someone you feel has provided exceptional service, stop by City Hall and pick up a nomination form or fill one out online at www.cityoflancasterca.org.

Fund Established for Local Fallen Heroes

Last fall, Lancaster lost one of its own in Afghanistan. Army Specialist Matthew Wayne Ramsey was killed November 29, along with five other soldiers in his patrol. He left behind his wife, Mirella, two-year-old son Zachary and a new baby due shortly.

A memorial fund has been established for Ramsey's family with the Antelope Valley Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund. Ramsey was a former Quartz Hill High School student and Sheriff's Explorer. Those interested in contributing may send donations to: AV Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund, c/o the Lancaster Sheriff's Boosters, Lancaster Sheriff's Station, 501 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, CA 93534. Checks should be made payable to Lancaster Sheriff's Boosters and note "Matthew Ramsey" on the memo line. For more information, contact the Sheriff's Station at 661-948-8466.

Eleven Teams Participate in UNITE Projects to Improve Life in Lancaster

Last fall, eleven projects out of a field of 36 applicants were chosen for the City of Lancaster's UNITE (Uniting Neighbors in a Team Effort) program, a City-funded effort to improve opportunities and quality of life in local neighborhoods.

"These grass-roots projects demonstrate the breadth of talent and commitment found in our neighborhoods," noted Assistant to the City Manager Kelvin Tainatongo. "Our seed funding helped focus efforts, but the community itself

deserves all the credit."

Lancaster residents Gary and Shirley Burgess together received the green light on three of the five projects they submitted for consideration. The winning projects included painting house numbers on curbs for public safety, hosting a neighborhood block party to strengthen relationships among neighbors, and affixing signs to trash containers to remind drivers to drive safely.

I nere are quite a rew things which can be done to make this a safer community, while enhancing our lifestyle here in Lancaster," said Gary Burgess. "This is a great program with minimal costs."

Concepcion Harris, director of Neighborhood Impact for the Trend neighborhood, requested help to enhance the community garden in the area between 38th Street West and Alexo Drive.

"We're very appreciative of receiving this grant. Because of our success, the City is now planning other gardens," said Harris.

UNITE was launched in August 2010 by Lancaster's Neighborhood Vitalization Commission (LNVC) in conjunction with the City's Safer Stronger Neighborhoods (SSN) Committee to help residents work together to improve their neighborhoods.

Community service and faith-based organizations, schools and neighborhood groups were invited to submit proposals. Entries were judged on six criteria: self-reliance, neighborhood involvement, sustainability, community benefit, partnership building and innovation.

Proposals for this year's UNITE projects will be accepted beginning in mid-May. Community service and faith-based organizations, schools and neighborhood groups are invited to attend one of two workshops to be held May 18 and 21 to learn more about program requirements. Applicants must attend one of these workshops before submitting their proposal. All applications must be received by June 17. Winners will be announced at the Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting on August 2. Winning projects which will take place on Saturday, September 24. To receive more information about the workshops, email unite@cityoflancasterca.org, visit www.saferstrongerneighborhoods.org or contact Patti Garibay at 661-723-6072.

Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Round Table Pizza, Waste Management and Superior Nursery all partnered with the City to sponsor the winning projects and contribute in-kind supplies.

Thanks to all who participated in this worthy program.



UNITE Projects:

- Agape Community Church hosted a Block Party at Jane Reynolds Park and sponsored a clean-up day along Beech Avenue.
- Anime Valley created an animated film festival shown in Jane Reynolds Park.
- Joanne DiGiovanna hosted a
 Neighborhood Meet and Greet to
 help residents of the Desert View
 area get to know one another and
 learn more about community
 resources.
- The Catalyst Foundation helped create the Elm Avenue Community Garden, south of downtown.
- Terrie Claypool hosted a Youth
 Entrepreneurship Workshop to teach
 children how to start and run a
 business. The winning group
 presented their business idea to the
 LNVC in January.
- Desert Vineyard Christian
 Fellowship facilitated the Helping
 Hands project providing assistance
 on home repairs in local
 neighborhoods.



Despite Demonstrated Effectiveness, State Seeks to Kill Two Key Job Creation Tools

Enterprise Zones and Redevelopment Agencies Targeted

Lancaster continues to work hard to climb out of this deep recession. Yet currently, Sacramento is contemplating actions which would decimate the City's ability to bring new jobs to Lancaster.

In a state known for its high costs, tough labor laws and environmental regulations, our Enterprise Zone and

Redevelopment Agency are two of the most effective tools Lancaster has to attract new jobs to the community and retain them.

Today, both of these programs are at risk as the state contemplates dismantling them as they attempt to balance the state budget. However, facts show that elimination of these job magnets would cost taxpayers far more, hamper the City's economic development efforts and limit our ability to create new jobs locally.

Keeping Jobs in California

"The Enterprise Zone program rewards businesses for creating jobs while putting those with the greatest need back to work," says City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. "Under the program, businesses can earn tax credits for hiring unemployed or under employed workers. The credits, spread out over five years, are much less expensive and far more productive than paying additional unemployment claims."

To date, the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone has been responsible for creating some 14,000 jobs in 1,300 companies, while generating nearly half a billion dollars in economic benefit. In many cases, if not for the Enterprise Zone, companies would have left California for more accommodating and affordable states.

"The City's Redevelopment Agency and the Antelope Valley Enterprise Zone were instrumental in bringing Lance Camper to Lancaster," says Jack Cole, president of the RV manufacturer who was contemplating a move out of state before he was approached by the City. "Without these incentives, we would have taken our company and hundreds of good jobs to Elkhart, Indiana."

Putting Tax Dollars to Use Locally

The concept behind redevelopment is simple: those who invest in the local economy should benefit from the value they bring to the community. Lancaster has invested millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements to attract new businesses and jobs to the community. Redevelopment made this possible.

The City's Redevelopment Agency is one of the most successful in the state and has been responsible for bringing more than 150 new companies and thousands of new jobs to the City. Records show that redevelopment project areas of the City represent three-quarters of the total property valuation for the City, while occupying only half the land. This is clear proof that redevelopment adds significant value to our City.





The list of employers who have been attracted to the City by economic development incentives is extensive. Bank of America, Costco, Deluxe, Lowe's, Michaels, Rite Aid, Starwood and Sygma Networks were all persuaded to come to Lancaster with the help of these programs. Collectively, they employ more than 6,500 people in the Antelope Valley.

Local Control Threatened

Last November, voters passed Proposition 22, an initiative designed to shield local funds from state seizure. Sacramento's latest move flies in the face of this mandate. The League of California Cities along with many editorial boards and opinion leaders have spoken out against this new state budget proposal.

The City encourages you to read up on the facts, discuss the issues with your neighbors and let your state officials know how you feel. Additional information is available at ProtectOurLocalEconomy.com.



AV SUBARU COMES TO THE LANCASTER AUTO MALL

People love Subaru. We're well suited for the Antelope Valley. With symmetrical all-wheel drive handling, impressive safety features and head-turning good looks, sales are up 120% since 2009.

Now Subaru has arrived in style as the Clutter Motor Group celebrates the grand opening of AV Subaru in the Lancaster Auto Mall.

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www.avsubaru.com 661-949-1535

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Are you of a certain age



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- · Brake Inspection
- Air Pressure Check
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- Connections For Life Program

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Saturday, April 23

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 February 28, 2011. Residents are those persons living inside the City limits of Lancaster. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee. Example \$40 (\$47 NR).

City of Lancaster Parks

American Heroes Park (opening soon)

701 West 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

Prime Desert Woodland Preserve

43201 35th Street West • 661-723-6230

Rawley Duntley Park

Skytower Park

43434 Vineyard Drive • 661-723-6208

Tierra Bonita Park

44910 27th Street East • 661-723-6209

Whit Carter Park (opening soon)

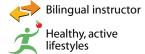
Registration Details

- SPORTS have different registration dates listed in the program information on page 20.
- 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.cityoflancasterca.org.



Online registration available









Preschool

El Dorado Preschool

Registration guideline: New enrollees may be accepted monthly. Parents are required to volunteer 3 times. Materials: \$5 per month. El Dorado Park.

Preschool | Stephanie Peck

(4 yrs.) Kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. Child must have turned 4 by Dec. 2, 2010. \$171 (\$178 NR). No class Apr. 22 and May 30.

4278

MWF

Apr. 4-Jun. 29

9-11:30 a.m.

→ S Wee Folks | **Ø** Jennifer Alvarado

(3 yrs.) Socialization skills, crafts, stories and outdoor play activities. Child must have turned 3 by Dec. 2, 2010. \$117 (\$124 NR).

4279

T/TH

Apr. 5-Jun. 30

9-11:30 a.m.

Registration guideline: Priority registration for current students ends on 15th of month prior to upcoming class. New enrollees may be accepted monthly. Parents are required to volunteer 3 times. Materials: \$6. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.



JRP Play Brigade

(3 yrs.) Music, crafts, stories, indoor and outdoor play. Child must have turned 3 by Dec. 2, 2010. \$120 (\$127 NR). No class Apr. 26 & 28.

4180 4280

T/TH

Mar. 22-May 26

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, 2010. \$185 (\$192 NR). No class Apr. 22-29

4181 4281

MWF

Mar. 21-May 27

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

JRP Kids Play Days

(3-5 yrs.) Socialization skills, kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. \$90 (\$97 NR).

4434

MWF

Jun. 6-29

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.cityoflancasterca.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. \$100 per month. Once enrolled, priority registration 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.

(9 mos.-4 yrs.) There is no stopping your baby now! Class provides ways to enrich and enhance interaction with the world. Parent and child explore art, music and games while developing socialization skills. \$80 (\$87 NR), *\$40 (\$47 NR), **\$30 (\$37 NR). Materials: \$5. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2. No class Apr. 25-28.

4286	9-20 mos.	M/W	Mar. 23-May 2	25 12:30-2 p.m.
4437	9-20 mos.	M/W	Jun. 6-29*	12:30-2 p.m.
4285	18 mos3 yrs.	T/TH	Mar. 22-May 2	26 12-1:30 p.m.
4435	18 mos3 yrs.	T/TH	Jun. 7-30*	9-10:30 a.m.
4436	18 mos3 yrs.	T/TH	Jun. 7-30* 1	1 a.m12:30 p.m.
4282	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 2-16**	9:30-11 a.m.
4283	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	May 7-28*	9:30-11 a.m.
4284	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 4-25*	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. Contact 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 Melissa Varela 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, selfconfidence and coordination. Bring leotard, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes and pink tights. \$90 (\$97 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. No class May 30.

4287	3-4 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 4-Jun.27	4-4:45 p.m.
4288	5-10 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 4-Jun. 27	5-5:45 p.m.

🂢 Belly Dance for Kids & Teens 🛮 🔗 Jill Warden

(6-18 yrs.) Learn self-confidence and coordination through the fun art of belly dance! Costume required for performance. \$30 (\$37 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1.

4289	Wed.	Apr. 4-25 6-27	5-6 p.m.
4290	Wed.	May 2-23 4-25	5-6 p.m.
4291	Wed	lun 6 27 8-29	5-6 n m

糞 Couples Dance | 🥟 Iris Groskopf

(ADULT) Learn fun, social dances: Swing, Jitterbug, 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. 13

4292	Wed.	Apr. 6-May 18	7:30-9 p.m.
4293	Wed.	May 25-Jun. 29	7:30-9 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance Shaharah Henry
(6-16 yrs.) Learn latest hip hop dance moves. Improve coordination while having fun! Wear loose clothing and tennis shoes. \$40 (\$47 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1.

4294	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Apr. 5-May 10	4:45-5:45 p.m.
4295	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	May 17-Jun. 21	4:45-5:45 p.m.
4432	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Apr. 5-May 10	5:45-6:45 p.m.
4433	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	May 17-Jun. 21	5:45-6:45 p.m.

糞 🌠 Belly Dance 💋 Jill Warden

(16 yrs.-Adult) Learn group format through beginning steps, combos, choreography, improv, finger cymbals and performance opportunities. \$30 (\$37 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1.

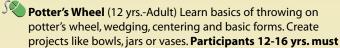
4298	Wed.	Apr. 4-25 6-27	6-7 p.m.
4299	Wed.	May 2-23 4-25	6-7 p.m.
4300	Wed.	Jun . 6-27 8-29	6-7 p.m.



Arts & Crafts

D's Ceramics Steve Mosley

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



have adult supervision. \$65 (\$72 NR). 4301 Sat. Apr. 2-23 3-4:30 p.m.

May 7-28 4302 3-4:30 p.m. Sat. 4303 Jun. 4-25 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).

4304	Sat.	Apr. 2-23	1-2:30 p.m.
4305	Sat.	May 7-28	1-2:30 p.m.
4306	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	1-2:30 p.m.



Kid's Art | Doanne Maldonado

(6-15 yrs.) Build solid drawing techniques with pencils and pastels, paint textures with primary colors and hues in watercolor and pastel. \$46 (\$53 NR). Material list online and at City Hall. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.

4307	Tue.	Apr. 5-26	4-6 p.m.
4308	Tue.	May 3-24	4-6 p.m.
4309	Tue.	Jun. 7-28	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.

4310	Wed.	Apr. 6-May 4	6-7:30 p.m.
4311	Wed.	Jun. 1-29	6-7:30 p.m.

LOST & FOUND

If you've lost an item at our parks, call 661-723-6077. Items will be kept for 30 days after they have been found.



Special Interest

Cooking with Class | 🔗 University of Antelope Valley

(Adult) Learn expert techniques from professional chefs. Cuisineoriented menus are designed for beginners and casual chefs alike. Participants learn cuts, seasoning, preparation methods and presentation tips through demonstration and hands-on cooking. Workshop: \$10 (\$17 NR), \$20 material fee. Wear closed toe shoes. University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy. All classes held on Saturdays.

4312	The Art of Roasting	Apr. 30	5-8 p.m.
4313	Grilling and Marinades	May 21	5-8 p.m.
4314	Show Stopping Sides	Jun. 25	5-8 p.m.

Professional Development

CPR & First Aid | With University of Antelope Valley

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

4315-4320 Sat. 1st & 3rd/mo. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

🖈 Japanese 💋 Michael Heller

(14 yrs.-Adult) Students learn basic Japanese language including introductions, greetings and simple phrases. Bring note-taking supplies. \$35 (\$42 NR). Materials: \$5. Lancaster City Park, Game Rm.

4324 Wed. Apr. 20-May 25 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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.

4439 Sat. May 7-Jun. 25 9:30-10:30 p.m. a.m.

Martial Arts



(6 yrs.-Adult) A wonderful resource for developing self-defense and protection. Curriculum is based on developing critical thinking, selfdiscipline, awareness, confidence, physical ability and agility, overall health, fitness and fun. Wear loose fitting clothes and tennis shoes. \$45 (\$52 NR), *\$55 (\$62 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

4321	Tue.	Apr. 5-26	6:30-8:30 p.m.
4322	Tue.	May 3-31*	6:30-8:30 p.m.
4323	Tue.	Jun. 7-28	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Self-Defense | Proung 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). Materials: \$6. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. Session: Fridays, Apr. 8-Jun.10. Students must register by Apr. 15 to participate.

4328	New students	5-7 yrs.	4:30-5:10 p.m.
4327	New students	8-18 yrs.	5:15-5:55 p.m.
4325	Yellow belts	5-18 yrs.	6-6:40 p.m.
4326	Orange belts & above	6-18 vrs.	6:45-7:25 p.m.

Health & Fitness

Bowling for Kids | Brunswick Sands Bowl

(6-16 yrs.) Hands-on instruction, short videos and work sheets cover techniques taught by certified instructors. Child will receive target zone bowling ball upon completion. \$75 (\$80 NR). Brunswick Sands Bowl, 43233 Sierra Hwy.

Apr. 23-Jun. 25 10-11 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). \$20 equipment rental fee. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

4331	Mon.	Apr. 4-25	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4332	Mon.	May 2-23	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4333	Mon.	Jun. 6-27	7:30-8:30 p.m.

Gymnastics for Kids | OCC Collette Zimmerman

(3-12 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.

4335	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 2-23	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4336	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	May 7-28	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4337	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4334	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Apr. 2-23	10-10:45 a.m.
4339	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	May 7-28	10-10:45 a.m.
4338	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	10-10:45 a.m.
4440	5-12 yrs.	M-F	Jun. 20-24*	9 a.m12 p.m.

💢 😳 Senior/Adult Exercise Classes

(Adult) Non-strenuous exercises improve flexibility and circulation. Ongoing classes sponsored by R. Rex Parris. No pre-registration, start any time. Bring large towel/mat to class. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. April 14 class at Jane Reynolds Park.

AM Exercise	M/W	9-10 a.m.
Tone & Stretch	T/TH	9-10 a.m.

Stroller Strides® | Pebra Valladares

(Adult with Child 4 & under) Join the fun, fitness program that moms can do with their babies (up to 4 yrs.). It includes power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using tubing, the stroller and the environment. Taught by certified and specially trained fitness instructors, it is a great workout for any level of exerciser. Bring stroller, towel, water and sunscreen. \$60 (\$67 NR). Forrest E. Hull Park.

4438	Sat.	Apr. 2-23	9-10 a.m.
4441	Sat.	May 7-28	9-10 a.m.
4442	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	9-10 a.m.

Katie Freeman

(5-23 yrs.) Join the 2009 & 2010 Baton Twirling State Champion and learn the fundamentals of baton twirling. You will toss, spin and catch in a positive and encouraging atmosphere. Performance opportunities. Classes are on Thursdays, are four weeks long and start subsequently. First session starts Apr. 7. \$5 baton rental fee. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class Apr. 14

4346-4348	Sunrise Beginner	\$25 (\$32 NR)	4-4:30 p.m.
4343-4345	Solo Class	\$35 (\$42 NR)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
4349-4351	Sunset Advanced	\$35 (\$42 NR)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
4352-4354	Sunburst Intermediate	\$30 (\$37 NR)	6:45-7:30 p.m.

Zumba™ - Dance Aerobic Workout Dance Fitness Academy

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

4355	Tue.	Apr. 5-26	6-7 p.m.
4356	Tue.	May 3-24	6-7 p.m.
4357	Tue.	Jun. 7-28	6-7 p.m.



Note: This is not a City of Lancaster run program. Please do not call the City for league information.

The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO Region 91) is having sign-ups for the upcoming season. Boys and girls aged 4 to 18 (born between August 1, 1992 and July 31, 2007) are eligible to play. The AYSO philosophy stresses sportsmanship, player development and positive coaching. Practice begins in August with league play beginning September 10 (earlier for the 16- and 19-year-old divisions). Practices and games are held at the National Soccer Center. Call 661-524-5133 or visit www.region91.org for more information.

Sign-up Dates		Location	
March 19	10 a.m 3 p.m.	Eastside building of the	
March 26	10 a.m 3 p.m.	National Soccer Center	
April 12	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	30th Street East & Avenue L	
April 26	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Cost	
May 5	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	\$85 early registration	
May 19	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	\$110 late registration (after 5/5)	

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 2-27

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

Adult Basketball Mon.-Thu.

Softball

Registration: May 2-June 17

League play begins in early 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 Slowpitch Coed Slowpitch Sun.-Fri. Sun.-Fri. Coed Hardball Women's Slowpitch Thu.

Youth Sports

Basketball (5-13 yrs.)

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 (\$62 NR).

Ages 10-13 yrs.

Registration begins August 2011. League play begins January 2012.

Registration begins August 2011. League play begins October 2011.

Softball Tournament and League Information

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





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.

4358 Four 1-hour lessons \$145 (\$152 NR) 4359 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 the game.

Jim Majd,	Court 8. No	class Apr. 16
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4361	Sat.	Apr. 2-30	10-11 a.m.
4362	Sat.	May 7-28	10-11 a.m.
4360	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	10-11 a.m.



L Juniors (7-18 yrs.)

Long recognized as an individual sport, this class focuses on team competition. Novice and advanced play levels available.

Linda Ruiz Court 3 \$51 (\$58 NR) Materials: \$5

Linda Raiz, Court 3, 331 (336 NN). Materials. 33				
	4363	M/W	Apr. 4-27	5-6 p.m.
	4364	M/W	May 2-25	5-6 p.m.
	4365	M/W	Jun. 6-29	5-6 p.m.
	4366	M/W-Adv.	Apr. 4-27	6-7 p.m.
	4367	M/W-Adv.	May 2-25	6-7 p.m.
	4368	M/W-Adv.	Jun. 6-29	6-7 p.m.
	O lin	n Maid Court F	¢45 (¢52 ND)	

//> Jim Majd, Court 5, \$45 (\$52 NR).

4370	T/TH	Apr. 5-28	5-6 p.m.
4371	T/TH	May 3-26	5-6 p.m.
4369	T/TH	Jun. 7-30	5-6 p.m.



I 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.

Jim Majd, Court 5.

4373	T/TH	Apr. 5-28	6-7 p.m.
4374	T/TH	May 3-26	6-7 p.m.
4372	T/TH	Jun. 7-30	5-6 p.m.



Court Maintenance

Courts closed while cleaned.



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 (see page 24).
- 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 and 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:

Early Bird lap	MonThu.	5:45-7 a.m.
Noon lap	MonSat.	11:45 a.m1 p.m.
Senior & Therapy	MonFri.	10-11:30 a.m.
Evening lap	Wed.	8:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Closures: Apr. 16-17, May 30

PUBLIC SWIM FEES

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



See 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.





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



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.



(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.

Maro-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

4445 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.

4145 Mon.-Fri. Mar. 21-25 9 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 FIT 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.

Sat. & Sun. 4164 Mar. 19-27 9 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. Visit www.oasisaquatics.org 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 or 661-722-0585.

A.V. Special Olympics

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

Mondays



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: May 21-Jul. 9

Saturday (1x/week for 8 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	9 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Parent/Tot		4414	
Preschool	4419	4420	
Preschool 2	4425		
Level 1	4391		
Level 2	4395		
Level 3		4399	
Level 4			4402
Level 5			4407
Level 6			4411
Adult		4380	
Aquacise			4384

Session 7: Mar. 29-Apr. 21 Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Parent/Tot	4149		
Preschool	4155		
Preschool 2		4159	
Preschool 3	4163		
Level 1	4124		
Level 2	4128		
Level 3		4132	
Level 4			4136
Level 5			4140
Level 6			4144
Adult		4113	
Aquacise		4117	

Session 8: Apr. 26-May 19

Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Parent/Tot	4413		
Preschool	4418		
Preschool 2		4423	
Preschool 3	4428		
Level 1	4389	4390	
Level 2	4394		
Level 3		4397	
Level 4			4400
Level 5			4405
Level 6			4409
Adult		4378	
Aquacise		4382	
Hydro-Fit			4387

Session 9: May 24-Jun. 16

Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$34 (\$39 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Class Level	/ p.iii.	7.40 p.m.	6.20 p.iii.
Parent/Tot	4415		
Preschool	4417		
Preschool 2		4424	
Preschool 3	4429		
Level 1	4388	-4391 4463	
Level 2	4392		
Level 3		4398	
Level 4			4401
Level 5			4406
Level 6			4410
Adult		4379	
Aquacise		4382	
Hydro-Fit			4386





If you've visited the LPAC in the last couple of months, you may have noticed that the theatre seats were recently replaced. After 20 years, the well-loved spring seats have been replaced with memory foam cushions and covered in a rich, plum velvet. There isn't a better time than now to sponsor a seat at LPAC!

The LPAC Foundation's *Name a Seat* program affords donors the opportunity to contribute to the theatre and in turn, be acknowledged with an engraved plaque affixed to the armrest of the designated seat they have sponsored. All non-sponsored seats are available to sponsor for \$750 each. For our \$1,000 level seat sponsors, a one week, pre-public sale is offered giving them first choice to purchase tickets for their sponsored seat(s) for the upcoming season.

MAYOR'S LPAC **GOLD CLUB**

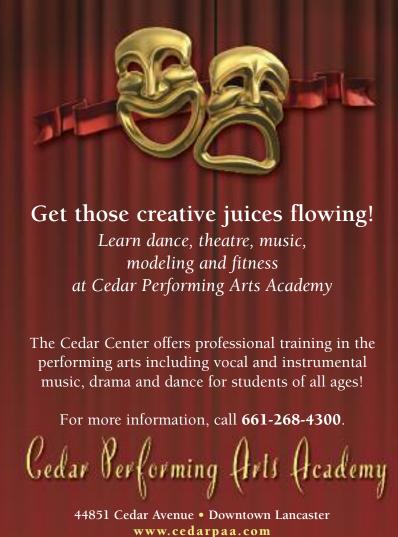
In January, members of the Mayor's LPAC Gold Club, the LPAC Foundation's newest donor opportunity, were welcomed at the New York, New York Broadway Gala. Set against a backdrop of the Manhattan skyline, guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a mesmerizing performance by the "World's Longest Running Phantom," Franc D'Ambrosio. The next Mayor's LPAC Gold Club gala will be held September 16, 2011.

LPAC FOUNDATION UPCOMING EVENT

Save the date! Around the World in Eighty Days is the theme for the upcoming LPAC Foundation event set for Friday, June 3, 2011. Be sure and mark your calendars for this exciting evening!

For information about the LPAC Foundation, please contact Julie Secory, Administrative Assistant, at 661-723-6082 or email jsecory@cityoflancasterca.org.

Lancaster Performing Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors: Louis V. "Lou" Bozigian, President; R. Steven Derryberry, First Vice President; John Porter, Ed.D., Second Vice President; Timothy W. Doerfler, Treasurer; Berna Mayer, Secretary; and Directors, Inpamani Arul, M.D., Patricia Fregoso-Cox, Marco Johnson, Gina L. Rogers and Mark E. Thompson





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LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



All Shook Up! Over 24 Elvis hits Saturday, March 5 | 8 p.m.

Franc D'Ambrosio's "Broadway, Songs of the Great White Way"
Saturday, April 2 | 8 p.m.



Family Treasures

Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday, March 16 7 p.m.

Mammoth Follies Sunday, March 27 | 3 p.m.

The Aluminum Show

The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion Friday, April 22 8 p.m.

Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" de Veracruz Saturday, April 30 8 p.m.

Antelope Valley Ballet presents Alice in Wonderland Saturday, May 14 2 & 7 p.m. Sunday, May 15 2 p.m.



Legends

Arlo Guthrie Thursday, April 7 8 p.m.

> Loverboy Friday, May 6 8 p.m.



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PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE

Upcoming Spring Events

MOON WALKS: Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 8:30 p.m.

Jeremy Amarant, Director of Palmdale School District's SAGE Planetarium, will teach you about the stars as he leads visitors on a one-mile walk on the trails. Weather permitting, AV Astronomy Club members will have their telescopes for a closer look at the night sky. \$2 donation welcome.

BIRD WATCHING | Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m.

Audubon Society member Ron Smith will lead a walk pointing out both resident and migratory birds. Meet in the Interpretive Center and bring field guides and binoculars. Free.

BATS | Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m.

Bats aren't blind, they aren't rodents and they don't suck your blood. Learn about their unique characteristics, how similar they are to us, and why they got such a bad rap. Local bat expert Ranger Jean will also answer your questions. Free.

PRIME DESERT ANIMAL PUPPET PRESENTATION | Saturday, May 28, 4 p.m.

City staff will lead you on an adventure about the animals of the Prime Desert Woodlands in a colorful puppet show. Each child will make a puppet to take home. \$1 donation welcome.

COOL CRITTERS! | Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m.

Come see a large exotic snake, lizards, tortoises and other cool animals and bugs. \$3 per person.

PICTURE PERFECT! | Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m.

Learn how to photograph the Prime Desert Woodlands' wildlife. Photographer Helen Henry will demonstrate use of the tripod, proper shooting technique and timing. Bring camera. Free.



Come visit the 100-acre Preserve that features nearly three miles of trails. The trails are open from 6 a.m. to sunset.

Interpretive Center hours:
Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-5 p.m.

The Interpretive Center will be closed April 16 and 17 for the Poppy Festival. Please visit our booth at the event.

All presentations and walks last approximately one hour. Presentations are free for children three years and under. Check posted schedule for all group walks.

Group tours available by appointment. Call 661-816-4466 for reservations.

Parking and attendance are limited for events held in the Interpretive Center. No reservations are required.

ARTSINTHECITY

Exhibitions

look here. 26th Juried Art Exhibition continuing through March 27, 2011

LMAG's 26th Juried Art Exhibition moves beyond the museum itself and onto The BLVD. Situated both literally and figuratively between the two museum sites, *look here*. is a collaborative, collective and civic art exhibition where High Desert artists lead the way to the new museum. The exhibition is located in the museum and in several BLVD businesses. Pick up a map at the museum to find out where on the BLVD you can experience the artistic talent of High Desert residents.

26th Annual Antelope Valley Union High School District Student Art Exhibition

April 9 - May 8, 2011

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 9 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Lancaster City Hall

Students from AVUHSD showcase their artistic talents in a wide variety of media in this annual exhibition co-organized by the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery and AVUHSD teachers. Past exhibitions have included photography, sculpture, painting, drawing and ceramic arts. Come show your support for burgeoning young artists!

Special Events

PechaKucha Night 20x20 March 19, 2011 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery

Free admission and tours
44801 Sierra Highway | 661-723-6250
lmagreceptionist@cityoflancasterca.org

Tuesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

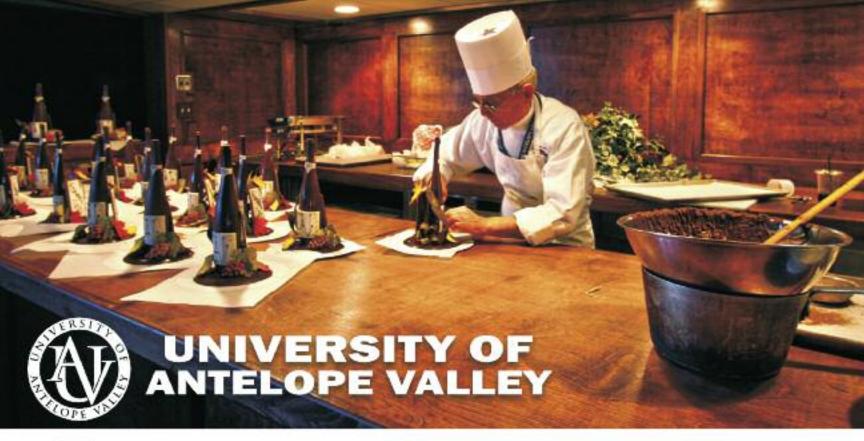
Western Hotel Museum

Free admission and tours 557 W. Lancaster Blvd. 661-723-6260 / 6250

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.

Tour the Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery or Western Hotel Museum this spring. Tours are always free and an educational experience for any group. Call 661-723-6250 to schedule a visit.

20 slides, 20 seconds each. A variety of creative topics to explore. PechaKucha is a fun and exciting way to learn about the creative projects of your friends and neighbors. Designed to keep presentations short and passionate, PechaKucha Night allows creative people to get together and share their ideas, works and thoughts. LMAG hosts an evening of creative conversations in PechaKucha format in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Free. Please RSVP by phone or email.



ired of your pastries and cakes running the show? It's time to show those cakes who's boss! The University of Antelope Valley will show you how to "Ace" those cakes with our Professional Baking & Pastry Certificate Program, led by our very own Executive Pastry Chef Gale O'Malley. Chef Gale has served as Executive Pastry Chef for some of the most exclusive hotels around the country, including The Plaza in New York and The Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, a favorite among presidents and royalty alike. Chef Gale has been recognized for his expertise by the Societe Culinaire Philanthropique, having been awarded the Medal of the French Government in 1981. He also has won gold medals in the Culinary Olympics, as well as dozens of grand and first prizes from some of the world's most prestigious culinary governing bodies. If sweets are your passion, our new baking facility will be your classroom as you gain the experience of creating delicious, edible art!



Evening Classes!

Looking to earn your college degree, yet your 9-5 is getting in the way? The University of Antelope Valley is happy to announce that we now offer evening courses for some of our most popular programs. Degree programs in Criminal Justice, Business Management, and Culinary Arts are now forming for both daytime and evening schedules.

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Online

If you are looking for a more flexible schedule, the University of Antelope Valley now offers online degree programs for a variety of programs and degree levels. Earn your Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degree in Business Management or Criminal Justice. The University of Antelope Valley also offers hybrid programs in Culinary Arts, Health and Fitness, Medical Coding, and Paralegal, where some classes are taught online and others are provided on campus.

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Take a trip to the landfill on us!

Separate household trash from recyclables, hazardous household waste and electronics.

Load up your truck or trailer with up to one ton of trash, green waste, construction or demolition waste, appliances (maximum two at no charge), bulky items and/or recyclables. Be sure to cover the load securely before you drive.

Visit the Lancaster Landfill & Recycling Center at 600 E. Avenue F during business hours and provide proof of residency and current Waste Management service with an account in good standing. Please arrive at least one hour before closing.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Hours subject to change.)

The first 4,000 pounds are FREE (two visits per year) for City of Lancaster residents. Any overage, mattresses or tires are charged the gate rate. Limit 2,000 pounds per FREE visit.

Dispose of Electronic Waste for FREE!

Electronic waste, such as TVs, VCRs, DVDs, stereos, cell phones, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, fax machines and other consumer and office electronics can be dropped off at:

City of Lancaster Maintenance Yard 615 W. Avenue H, Lancaster

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays

For more information, please visit www.keepingavclean.com or call Waste Management Customer Service at 661-947-7197.

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Happy Earth Day!

Do your part... reduce, reuse and recycle every day!

What's Recyclable?

The following items can be placed together in your **GREEN** recycling cart



Paper & Cardboard



- Newspapers (inserts, newsprint publications)
- Magazines (catalogs and glossy paper)
- Junk mail (envelopes, white/colored office paper, binder paper, gift paper, shredded paper)
- Books (telephone books okay)
- Cardboard
- Cereal/cracker boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Paper egg cartons

Glass

- Bottles (all colors; labels okay)
- Jars

Metal

- Aluminum cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil
- Tin/metal cans
- Metal food trays
- Metal lids from jars and bottles
- Empty, dry paint cans
- Metal hangers
- Aluminum foil boxes



Plastic

- Narrow necked plastic containers (any color) including soda bottles, detergent and shampoo bottles marked on the bottom with #1 – 7.
- Plastic bags
- Rinsed milk or juice cartons
- Plastic hangers
- Plastic wrap
- Toys

No hazardous waste permitted in any curbside trash.