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FALL CLASS SCHEDULE INSIDE!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Fall is a great time of year in Lancaster. As summer draws to a close and children return to school there are still many opportunities to head outdoors and enjoy life in Lancaster.

Several exciting City events are profiled in this issue. *Celebrate America on The BLVD* arrives on September 10, while *Bark at the Park* with its canine capers is October 1. *The Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix* revs up October 7, 8 and 9, and the family-friendly *BooLVD* fright night will once again raise goose bumps on October 29.

We also hope you'll drop by the weekly Farmers Market held every Thursday afternoon on The BLVD. Here you can sample some of the spectacular fruits, vegetables and handcrafted goods offered by area growers, bakers and artisans.

The Parks, Recreation & Arts Department has cooked up an inviting array of classes and programs for the fall. Be sure to peruse the Activity Guide and sign up soon.

With so much happening, it is easy to forget that frugality is the watchword around City Hall. As our budget story details, we're all tightening our belts to ensure your City continues to run smoothly, even as the economy continues to sputter.

Thanks to the generous support of the **OUTLOOK** by our City partners, we are able to keep you informed of all that is going on throughout Lancaster.

We invite you to explore this issue and look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming fabulous fall events.

Your City Council



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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

1st Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. All meetings are held in the Parks, Recreation & Arts Conference 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.

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We welcome your comments.
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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.ledr.org

Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

www.lpac.org

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Bark at the Park

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The new Laemmle BLVD Cinemas received a standing ovation in August as theater goers had their first chance to view art house, independent and foreign films at the three screen complex adjacent to the Lancaster Performing Arts Center. www.blvdcinemas.com

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A Shining Example of Community Renewal

Transforming 100 troubled acres into a vibrant, diverse and highly livable downtown neighborhood

Looking across the sparkling horizon of downtown Lancaster, it is hard to imagine that only a few years ago things were much, much different. Where a decade ago, properties stood in disrepair and few ventured out after dark, kids now play at the park, seniors take morning strolls, families and friends flock to a bustling BLVD scene, while artists, actors and musicians gather to share inspiration.

This lively, energetic area known as the North Downtown Transit Village has brought together a diverse mix of people, ideas and architecture. Each aspect contributes to the enticing, eclectic atmosphere which makes the area so appealing.

Much of the credit for this incredible transformation goes to the City's Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization. Partnering with urban planners, local residents, community organizations and business leaders, a new vision for the area was developed. They sought to increase workforce housing and better provide social services while improving the area's architectural integrity and offering new alternatives for residents.

"The Transit Village has been 12 years in the making," noted Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Lancaster's Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization. "After an investment of thousands of hours of effort and millions of dollars in both public and private funds, North Downtown is an area in which we can all feel a great deal of pride, knowing it has improved the quality of life for our citizens."

Arbor Court



Breathing new life into housing

Where once stood dilapidated buildings, new residences have emerged. Structurally sound homes and apartments have been refurbished and given new life.

Three new senior-oriented complexes have been created downtown. Arbor Gardens, Arbor Grove and Arbor Court provide older residents with convenient, affordable and attractive housing located close to shopping, dining and transportation.

Priscilla Exner frequents the Senior Center located in the Transit Village. She has seen marked improvements over the last several years. "The neighborhood has greatly improved. I feel very safe here," commented Exner. "It's so nice to have the park here now. Many of us use it regularly."

Arbor on Date



Arbor Lofts



Photo courtesy of Panic Studio LA

Senior James Click, a resident of Arbor Gardens concurs. “It’s great to be centrally located near the Senior Center. We use the facilities daily for exercise, meals and bingo.”

Along The BLVD, the Arbor Lofts have attracted younger, creative residents to downtown. According to filmmaker Piper Coolidge, “Living at the Lofts has been amazing! The style and flexibility of the space lets us integrate our creative work and personal lives beautifully. We love being part of such an incredibly supportive community.”

Additional affordable housing has been designed for families and new urbanites at the Laurel Crest, Arbor on Date and Sagebrush Apartments.

Arbor Walk



Arbor Walk was another key element in the transformation. These four blocks were the focus of rehabilitation of older homes and in-fill of new construction. Improvements to the public right-of-ways, alleys, streetscapes and sidewalks have greatly enhanced the overall visual appeal and quality of the neighborhood. Property owner Michael Langford said, “It’s heartening to see the positive improvements to the area and it certainly is having an effect on its long-term desirability.”

Traffic flow through the neighborhood has been calmed with the construction of a new road, thus encouraging more pedestrian activity and greater interaction between residents. The street also provides neighborhood access to a new project planned along Avenue I.

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– Piper Coolidge
Arbor Lofts Resident

Making community services more convenient

An integral part of the Transit Village plan was to make community services more accessible. Several nonprofit agencies now call the North Downtown neighborhood home. The Children’s Center of the Antelope Valley and Mental Health America have both established exemplary facilities to better serve local residents.

“The transformation of downtown has been remarkable,” said Sue Page, Executive Director of The Children’s Center. “The area’s turnaround serves as a strong metaphor to our own mission to strengthening and preserving families.”

Educational opportunities have also been expanded with new facilities at Sacred Heart School and a new campus for the Antelope Valley Adventist School, adjacent to American Heroes Park.

“The North Downtown Transit Village began as simple sketches envisioned by urban planners and downtown businesses, yet over the years it has grown to be much, much more,” said City Manager Mark V. Bozigan. “Thanks to the tireless efforts of staff and active participation of the community, the very heart of our City has found a new lease on life. Everyone who lives here can proudly point to the Transit Village as a grand success that will serve as a model for future efforts in neighborhood revitalization.”

The Children’s Center



Mental Health America



Arbor Walk



Our New Fall Lineup

In autumn, entertainment abounds on The BLVD

Nothing brings the community together better than a BLVD event. This fall, the City has harvested the best of our previous events and planted a few new seeds of excitement. Here's a preview of what lies ahead.



Celebrate America on The BLVD

Saturday, September 10, 5 to 10 p.m. – Free admission

Join your friends and neighbors as we gather to show unity and celebrate what's right with America. There will be a touching tribute on the 10th anniversary of the tragic losses of 9/11, plus a nostalgic look back at an important era in America's history.

Enjoy big band entertainment in the Leaf Canteen. Rally 'round cars of the era in the vintage car show. Guide your children through history with our unique historical timeline and let them meet famous presidents from the past.

There'll be food, fun and activities for all ages, plus spectacular fireworks to wrap up the evening. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to say, "I'm proud to be an American!"





Lancaster Honda & the City of Lancaster present
Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
October 7, 8 and 9
The BLVD, Downtown Lancaster –
Free admission

The third annual Grand Prix roars into action in October as the City partners with a new racing organization Superkarts! USA to bring you more excitement and action than ever before.

Last year's event drew 35,000 spectators downtown. This year promises to be even bigger.

The Streets of Lancaster showcases pro racers alongside fun local VIP races and grudge matches. The three-day weekend features loads of family-oriented activities including lots of surprises for kids, a classic car show, live music, a street fair and great food from local restaurants.

For a detailed schedule and more information, visit streetsoflancaster.com.



BooLVD

Saturday, October 29, 5 to 9 p.m.

The BLVD, Downtown Lancaster – Free admission

Trick or treating available for children from 5 to 7 p.m.

This award-winning community event returns to The BLVD with a new crop of ghosts and goblins to entertain you. Join in this friendly fright night as costumed creatures seek new treats. There'll be pumpkin carving, hayrides, (not-too) scary movies, carnival games and the return of our spectacular "Thriller" tribute.

The Harvest Festival features fresh fall produce, ethnic favorites plus local handicrafts and artisan selections. BLVD shops will be open to let grown-ups get a head start on holiday shopping and your favorite restaurants will be serving up great specialties.

Don't miss out on this fun, family tradition, now bigger and better than ever!



Farmers Market

Every Thursday on The BLVD, 3 to 8 p.m. (Winter hours 2 to 7 p.m.)

Now you don't have to wait until fall harvest to enjoy the fruits of the season. A weekly Farmers Market is held year-round along The BLVD. Open every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 8 p.m., between Date and Fig Avenues, the market offers residents fresh and affordable alternatives to enjoy.

Created in partnership with Raw Inspiration, a nonprofit operator of Certified Farmers' Markets, this weekly gathering of more than 30 vendors offers fresh produce and fruit as well as organic and handmade foods, arts and crafts, and flowers.

"Farmers markets are very popular because they bring a wide range of top-quality goods at low, direct-sale prices, right into the community," offered Bob Greene, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts. "In addition to being a very enjoyable family outing, the market promotes healthier living and wellness in the community."

New Budget Looks to Public/Private Partnerships to Maintain Services

City tightens belt, yet retains service levels

The City of Lancaster, like most families and organizations, has needed to reassess its expenditures as a result of the ongoing economic turmoil of the past few years.

According to City Manager Mark V. Bozigian, the City has seen a decline of \$5 million in sales tax revenues, a \$5 million downturn in property taxes, as well as increased costs of \$5 million.

“This is a \$15 million move in the wrong direction. Yet, the City has maintained service levels, remained open the same hours, and offered new activities and events all while continuing to improve public safety and the quality of life in Lancaster,” said Bozigian.

Accomplishing such goals hasn’t been easy. Every dollar spent has been carefully scrutinized. Departments have all been asked to sacrifice greatly and are doing more with less. Empty positions have not been filled and departing employees have not been replaced, meaning we have fewer employees today than we did a year ago.

However, employee morale remains high as our dedicated staff has devised some wonderfully creative solutions to underfunded or understaffed projects.

Overall, budgets are approximately 10% less this year. Redevelopment Agency funding has been reduced even further. Our agency faces some tough decisions as the State attempts to balance its own budget at the expense of our City, leaving little funds left to encourage local job growth and economic vitality in the community.

Nevertheless, the City continues to make headway. Working with the private sector, we’ve been able to turn old cost centers into new revenue generators. In fact, the **OUTLOOK** magazine you are reading generates revenue for the City, thanks to support from our generous City partners.

In addition, civic-minded local sponsors are underwriting events such as the summer concert series and the Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix.

Important projects including the “Safe Routes to School” program are being funded with competitive grant funds which many hard-working staff members have secured on behalf of the community.

The City’s recently established Power Authority is developing new sources of revenue while greening the environment by making solar systems available to schools, public facilities and residential customers.

The private sector has also helped fund innovative programs such as “The Winning Pitch” which encourages job creation by assisting new entrepreneurs.

Through it all, the City has maintained sensible reserves and contingencies to ensure that we remain financially sound, despite the challenges we face.

Despite many doom and gloom predictions, your City remains positively clear in its commitment to local residents and businesses. By working together, a bright and promising future lies ahead for us all.



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– Mark V. Bozigian
City Manager

Criminals Find City Poor Place to Ply Their Trade

Major crimes continue to plummet 21.7% in 2011

Thanks to the efforts of the Sheriff’s Department, City staff and countless volunteers, crime in Lancaster continues to be a declining enterprise.

“Criminals have discovered crime doesn’t pay very well in Lancaster,” said Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Captain Robert Jonsen. “They now realize that their chances of getting caught are far greater here.”

In the first half of 2011, 339 fewer crimes were committed, a drop of approximately 22% year-over-year. Cumulatively, the overall rate has dropped nearly 35% in the last three years.

Full details are available on the City’s website, www.cityoflanasterca.org.

City Begins Generating Power at Five Municipal Sites

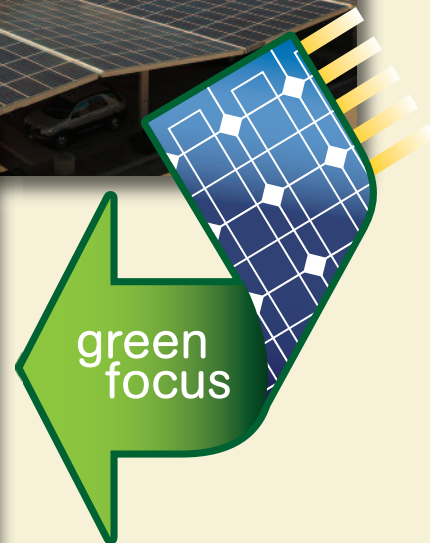
Solar systems expected to save taxpayers millions

Furthering its goal of becoming energy independent, the City of Lancaster has completed installation of five new solar energy systems at various municipal facilities and is now generating nearly 1.5 megawatts of energy from the sun.

Most recently completed are solar shade structures at City Hall which are projected to save more than \$7 million in energy costs at the facility over the next 15 years.

Other facilities now drawing most, if not all, of their power needs from the sun include Clear Channel Stadium, the Lancaster Performing Arts Center, Lancaster City Park and the City's Maintenance Yard.

Residents can see the savings generated by these systems firsthand on our website, www.cityoflanasterca.org. Simply search for "Solar Savings."



Solar Comes Standard in KB Home's New Arroyo Community

Continuing Lancaster's drive to become an energy independent community, KB Home has announced the opening of its first new neighborhood to offer solar energy as a standard feature on all homes.

"Where better to include solar energy than an area offering 350 days of sunshine a year?"

— Tom DiPrima
President
KB Home North Los Angeles Division

"Where better to include solar energy than an area offering 350 days of sunshine a year?" commented Tom DiPrima, KB Home North Los Angeles Division President.

The new homes' standard solar panels will cut most energy bills in half.

Homebuyers can also opt for

larger panels which can bring typical electric bills down to less than \$50 per month.

KB's new Arroyo Community is located at Avenue K-8 and 17th Street East. The neighborhood will have 90 homes when fully built out. The City helped facilitate the project by discounting fees and fast-tracking approvals.

City Partners with Districts to Energize Schools

Demonstrating how the City can help facilitate rapid adoption of renewal energy systems, Lancaster's Power Authority has entered into agreements to provide many area schools with solar power.

"We've worked with both the Lancaster and Eastside school districts to install power panels in 25 separate sites throughout the community," noted Deputy City Manager Jason Caudle.

"The school districts reap the immediate benefits of lowering their energy costs, while the City gains a long-term revenue stream, and we all enjoy a cleaner, greener environment. This is a case where everyone wins."



THE WINNING PITCH

Start-ups Vie in “The Winning Pitch”

Entrepreneurs present new business concepts in novel competition

It wasn't the typical fare you would normally find at BeX Bar & Grill, but to a group of aspiring entrepreneurs the allure was irresistible. They were being provided an opportunity to make their pitch before a group of serious investors who were seeking new ideas to help finance.

The concept was the brainchild of Scott Ehrlich, a creative entrepreneur who has developed numerous successful ventures including a number of the new venues along The BLVD.

“We didn't expect to field so many top-quality presentations and ideas,” claimed Ehrlich who borrowed the format from ABC's popular reality series, the “Shark Tank.” “Our investor group was simply blown away by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by these start-up ventures.”

Thirteen finalists were chosen from the dozens of entries submitted. The investors have shown interest in pursuing several ideas further to see if a viable deal can be struck.

Brian Maddocks of Quartz Hill was among the finalists presenting ideas. His FT-101 exercise bar caught the eye of panelist Stan Tomsic, a member of the investment group Pasadena Angels.

Another local presenting her idea was Theresa Pink, who has developed “KidzLidz,” a spillproof top for fast food beverages. “The product sells

itself,” claims Pink, who hopes to set up manufacturing for the product here in Lancaster.

The City co-sponsored the event with help from a grant from Wells Fargo Bank, and in-kind contributions from InSite Development, the California Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Antelope Valley Jaycees. Investors will put up their own money and negotiate terms of any deal.

“We act as a matchmaker,” noted Luis Garibay of the City's Economic Development/Redevelopment Department. “We help bring



Theresa Pink demonstrates her product, “KidzLidz,” to the panel of interested investors.

entrepreneurs and investors together. What happens from there is up to them. No government dollars are involved whatsoever.”

“Some of the participants are ready to go to market today, while others have great ideas but still need to hammer out some of the details in their business plan,” said Garibay. “Fortunately, our partnership with the SBDC provides the perfect avenue to allow these start-ups to strengthen their plans and further develop their concepts.”

The Winning Pitch is another prime example of how the City is partnering with the private sector to achieve common goals. Young growing companies are some of the biggest contributors to job creation. By helping them get off to a solid start, we're helping ourselves create a stronger local economy.

Panelists for the event included John Peate of Peate Ventures in Ventura, Stan Tomsic of Pasadena Angels and Chairman of the CalTech/MIT Enterprise Forum, Scott Ehrlich and Corey Heimlich of InSite Development and Rick Gutierrez of MultiVision Design. Representing the SBDC were Steve Tannehill, director and Raimone Roberts, business advisor.



New Engineering Program Comes to Lancaster's University Center

Cal State Long Beach offers bachelor's degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

"Our program is a face-to-face, hands-on experience. Our faculty will teach on site in Lancaster, using distance learning for guest lectures and special events."

— Mark Smith
CSULB Program Manager

This fall, students won't have to travel far to get to Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) as they begin offering classes at Lancaster's University Center. "We aren't the first to offer engineering classes in Lancaster," says CSULB Program Manager Mark Smith, "but our degree completion program does offer unique advantages. First, it is cohort-based, meaning students go through the entire program together, creating strong teamwork and better collaboration. Second, it has been developed in concert with both government and industry, meaning the content will be more relevant. Third, our program is a face-to-face, hands-on experience. Our faculty will teach on site in Lancaster, using distance learning for guest lectures and special events. Required internships will be with key area employers."



"Students complete their lower division and general education classes at one of our partner schools, including Antelope Valley College," notes Rick Schank, Director of Marketing and Communication for CSULB. "Upper division work mirrors our Long Beach engineering curriculum and the degree granted will be identical to those offered on the main campus. In fact, candidates from the Lancaster program will be awarded their degrees right alongside Long Beach students in ceremonies held on campus."

The first cohort of students will begin studies at the University Center this month. Current AVC students and working professionals seeking to complete their degree are encouraged to attend upcoming briefings. For more information, please visit www.ccpe.csulb.edu or call 800-963-2250.





Wellness Homes Bring Better Health to Community

The City of Lancaster, in cooperation with Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH), has opened new Wellness Homes within the City. These neighborhood centers bring health education and care closer to home while assuring everyone has access to proper screening and assessment.

According to Michelle Kiefer, Executive Director of AVPH, "The homes are essential to improving the overall health of the community. With improved health comes lower overall healthcare costs, fewer issues with drugs and crime and improved quality of life for all."

Each home features a weekly range of activities including ones focused on fitness, self-improvement, prenatal care, social connections and creativity. Additionally, special events are scheduled throughout the year to encourage broad neighborhood participation.

Lancaster's Department of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization has provided the properties used for the Wellness Homes. Utilizing critical redevelopment funds, the department has transformed foreclosed properties into valuable community assets removing blight and improving the well-being of residents in the process.

"Wellness Homes are a major component of a three-prong drive to improve the quality of life in City neighborhoods," says Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, Elizabeth Brubaker. "We are also working with local groups to create Neighborhood Impact Homes where children can work on homework and participate in healthy activities. Community gardens are being cultivated in these neighborhoods to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to families as well."

For more information on the Wellness Homes, contact AVPH at 661-942-4719.



Lancaster Neighborhoods UNITE September 24

UNITE, a grassroots effort which helps neighbors "Come Together for Good," will launch its 2011 neighborhood self-help program on Saturday, September 24.

The City's Safer Stronger Neighborhoods Committee in cooperation with Lancaster's Neighborhood Vitalization Commission reviewed 18 project proposals before selecting a handful to support through small grants and technical support. Selected projects fall into one of three target areas: Neighborhood Beautification, Neighborhood Relations and Neighborhood Safety.

Look for further announcements in the City's eNews and website to help the selected projects succeed. For more information, e-mail unite@cityoflanasterca.org or call 661-723-6072.

The City of Lancaster & AVPH Wellness Homes are located in the following neighborhoods:

Trend
40th Street West & Avenue L

Desert View
Avenue H-5 & Kingtree Avenue

Piute
5th Street East & Avenue I

Lowtree
10th Street West & Avenue J-5

Mariposa
10th Street West & Avenue H-8

Linda Verde
Lancaster Boulevard & 5th Street East

Joshua
Division Street & Avenue J-8

Community Maps Out a More Livable Future

Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways takes shape

Over the summer, more than 150 residents gathered at Mariposa School to learn details regarding the proposed Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways, currently being developed by the City.

“This is much bigger than deciding where to put bike lanes,” noted City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. “The decisions we make today will impact our community’s walkability and livability for years to come. There are choices to be made – and we want our residents to be a part of it.”



Residents gather at Mariposa School to learn about the proposed Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways.



Noted trail expert Ryan Snyder presents proposed plans for new bikeways, pedestrian routes and equestrian trails to residents.

The Master Plan for Trails and Bikeways is an integral part of creating a more connected community. It creates benefits not only for bikers, walkers and equestrians, but also improves traffic safety for motorists, makes our community safer, improves aesthetics and property values, as well as the overall quality of life.

The planning process started a year ago. Utilizing a grant from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the City hired noted trails expert Ryan Snyder to consult with City staff in developing the plan.

Through three technical advisory meetings, three public workshops and countless hours of staff time, Snyder gathered the information needed to design a plan that would encompass the entire City.

At a meeting in late June, Snyder presented proposed maps for new bikeways, pedestrian routes, equestrian trails and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. The general response to the maps presented was positive and supportive.

“I am impressed by the thought and care which has gone into this process,” said April Bartlett, Chairperson of the City’s Architectural & Design Commission which is overseeing the Master Plan. “The City clearly wants to create a network of trails and bikeways people will use.”

Several interactive exercises helped bring pertinent issues into focus. The “Street Connectivity” exercise was used to demonstrate how the layout of streets will impact our ability to walk conveniently and safely. Using visual layouts and role play, participants clearly saw how connected streets reduce walking distances, offer more route choices, disperse traffic, and rely less on wide arterial streets.

Another exercise explored “roundabouts” and how they can be used as an alternative to signals and stop signs at intersections.

Attendees also helped prioritize projects by selecting the bikeways, trails, intersection and sidewalk improvements most important to them.

“Unfortunately, we can’t change everything at once,” noted Assistant Planner Elma Watson. “Input from meetings like these help us determine how to best move forward with our plans to create a more walkable, livable Lancaster.”

For more information, contact Ms. Watson at 661-723-6100.



Residents participated in many interactive exercises to better visualize the benefits of the trails and bikeways design and how it impacts our community.

When Disaster Strikes, Will You be Ready?

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM), a time set aside to remember the past and to prepare for the future.

Established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the wake of 9/11, NPM is designed to increase public awareness of how to prepare and plan for unexpected emergencies.

In recent months, the City of Lancaster has made great strides in improving its ability to react to both natural disasters and man-made incidents.

We've installed new emergency communications software and equipment to help us better coordinate activities with the LA County Office of Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Department. This will allow us to respond more quickly and with greater efficiency than had been possible in the past.

We've conducted a series of drills and exercises for City staff to test our ability to respond quickly and effectively to a variety of incidents. In response to these mock emergencies, we've set up shelters, deployed field staff, evacuated buildings and tested our radio communications equipment.

We've also formed new partnerships with the American Red Cross, the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds and a number of local vendors to ensure we have the facilities and supplies needed to cope with an unexpected disaster.

Take the time to put your own preparedness plan in place. It can mean the difference between life and death.

Is Your Family Prepared?



The City of Lancaster wants to make sure you and your loved ones are prepared to cope with the aftermath of a major disaster. A large earthquake or other event could stress the abilities of government and other organizations to respond quickly.

You should be prepared to fend for yourself for at least three days, a week is even better. This means stocking up on water, food, medicine, batteries and other necessities before calamity strikes.

With home, school and workplaces often miles apart, you should develop a Family Plan and ensure that everyone understands it. You should establish two family meeting places, one close to home and one out of the immediate area. Make sure every family member knows where and when to meet. Also designate an out-of-area emergency contact who can relay messages should family members become separated.

All adults need to know where utility cutoffs are located in your home and how to operate them. If you don't already have a fire extinguisher, get one and learn how to use it.

Adults should also know basic first aid and CPR skills. Assemble a first aid kit and keep it with other emergency supplies.

Ideally, you should duplicate emergency kits at work and in your car, so you are prepared wherever you may be when disaster strikes. Having duplicates may also help extend the time you can cope on your own, so they are good to have around.

To ease the strain of putting together multiple kits all at once, tackle one or two items each month for 12 months and you'll be ready before you know it.

For more information, search for "Disaster Prep" on www.cityoflancasterca.org or visit www.ready.gov.





A Place for Everything. Everything in its Place.

Waste Management provides three separate bins for residential use. The color designates its purpose.



GREEN: Recyclables

Yes: Aluminum, tin and steel cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, glass and plastic bottles, jars and other containers, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, loose paper, junk mail, paper and plastic bags, milk and juice cartons, corrugated cardboard (flatten), chipboard and boxboard

No: Electronics, auto parts, tissue paper, soiled pizza boxes, food waste and other organic material



GRAY: Yard clippings

Yes: Grass, leaves, weeds, plants, tree trimmings

No: Stumps, bamboo, palm fronds, soil, manure, rocks, concrete, animal waste, plastic bags, painted wood



BLUE: Household trash

Yes: Food products and containers, grease, fats, fabrics, paper towels, tissue paper, styrofoam, non-recyclable items

No: Household hazardous waste including light bulbs, batteries, household chemicals, paints, electronics

Pick the right place to pitch your trash and make the world a better place. **Think Green...**but remember gray and blue, too!

Recycling@Work If you're a business owner, commercial recycling not only saves you money but turns waste into resources that benefit our community. Call our recycling experts at 661-223-3424 for more information on this FREE business program.

The City of Lancaster appreciates the generous underwriting of programs and services by our City Partners, including Waste Management. Please extend your thanks and patronage to all our City Partners.



Keep Lancaster Clean

Take advantage of your two FREE "Paperless" Landfill Disposal Vouchers.

This year, we've implemented new paperless vouchers making it simpler than ever to dispose of unwanted waste.

As a customer in good standing with Waste Management, you're entitled to two free vouchers each year, good for disposal of up to one ton of waste and/or bulky items on each trip.

Just visit the landfill during normal business hours and present proof of residency along with your current Waste Management bill. It's that simple!

Be sure to cover the load properly to avoid a ticket and arrive at least one hour before closing.

There is a limit of two appliances per load. Household hazardous waste and e-waste cannot be accepted at the landfill. See www.keepingavclean.com for hazardous waste and e-waste disposal options.

Mattresses and tires cannot be included in the free load, but may be paid for separately.

Lancaster Landfill & Recycling Center
600 E. Avenue F
Mon. – Fri., 6 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Sat., 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(Hours subject to change.)

For more information on Landfill Disposal Vouchers, please visit www.keepingavclean.com or call WM Customer Service at 661-947-7197.

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Friday kicks off with the media challenge, where TV and radio
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Lancaster Parks, Recreation & Arts invites you and your pet to...



bark at the park

Saturday, October 1st
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lancaster City Park
Featuring Special Guest Speaker – Linda Blair

All well-behaved dogs (and their masters) welcome!
Current vaccinations and non-retractable leashes required.

- Doggie Renaissance Fair
- Doggie Psychic
- Lure coursing
- Splash dogs
- Great vendors
- Doggie games
- Raffle prizes



*Free admission
for everyone!*



Some activities have modest fees that benefit the hosting organization.

Raffle proceeds benefit the LA County Animal Shelter in Lancaster.

www.lancasterbarkatthepark.org



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IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION

All forms of registration begin August 29, 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

701 West Kettering Street • 661-723-6077

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 • 661-723-6077

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 • 661-723-6077

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

45635 Sierra Highway • 661-723-6077

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.cityoflanasterca.org.



Online registration available



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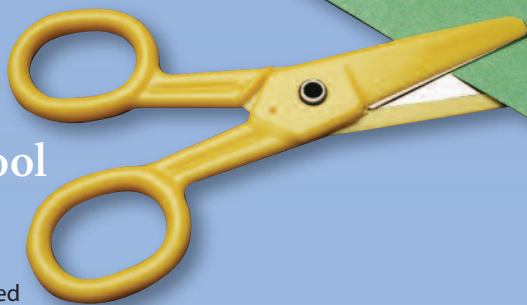
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Preschool

El Dorado Preschool

Parents required to volunteer 3 times.

Materials: \$6 per session. El Dorado Park.



Preschool



Stephanie Peck

(4 yrs.) Kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. Child must turn 4 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$171 (\$178 NR). No class Nov. 11, 25.

4464

MWF

Sep. 7-Dec. 21

9-11:30 a.m.



Wee Folks



Jennifer Alvarado

(3 yrs.) Socialization skills, crafts, stories and outdoor play activities. Child must turn 3 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$117 (\$124 NR). No class Nov. 24.

4465

T/TH

Sep. 6-Dec. 22

9-11:30 a.m.

Jane Reynolds Preschool



Lynnette Bass

Parents required to volunteer 3 times. Materials: \$6 per session. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2.



JRP Play Brigade

(2 1/2-3 yrs.) Music, crafts, stories, indoor and outdoor play. Child must turn 3 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$130 (\$137 NR). No class Nov. 24.

4868

T/TH

Nov. 1-Dec. 22

9-11:30 a.m.



JRP Preschool

(4 yrs.) Socialization skills, kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. Child must turn 4 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$195 (\$202 NR). No class Nov. 11 and 25.

4869

MWF

Nov. 2-Dec. 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

Structured and safe after-school programs for K-6 offered at Valley View and West Wind schools M-F until 6 p.m. Staff fingerprinted and CPR/First Aid certified. \$100 per month. Priority registration for all participants ends on 15th of the month prior to upcoming month. New student enrollments only accepted at the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department in City Hall.



Mommy/Daddy & Me | Lynnette Bass

(9 mos.-4 yrs.) Baby's development and socialization skills soar as parent and child explore art, music and games. \$85 (\$92 NR), *\$40 (\$47 NR), **\$30 (\$37 NR). Materials: \$5. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2. No class Nov. 24.

4879	9-20 mos.	M/W	Nov. 2-Dec. 21	12:30-2 p.m.
4876	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Nov. 3-Dec. 22	12-1:30 p.m.
4882	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Oct. 8-29*	9:30-11 a.m.
4883	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Nov. 5-19**	9:30-11 a.m.
4886	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Dec. 3-17**	9:30-11 a.m.

Teen Court

Lancaster teens interested in criminal justice system can gain experience by serving as a juror. Call 661-723-6256 for more info.

Meets 4th Wed. of each month Sep.-May 3:30 p.m.

Youth Commission

Local high school students 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. Call 661-723-6070 for info.

Meets 2nd Thu. of each month 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. \$90 (\$97 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. No class Oct. 31. **Priority registration for current participants Aug. 29-Sep. 2, 5 p.m.**

4827	3-4 yrs.	Mon.	Oct. 3-Dec. 19	4-4:45 p.m.
4828	5-6 yrs.	Mon.	Oct. 3-Dec. 19	5-5:45 p.m.

Belly Dance | Jill Warden

(6 yrs.-Adult) Learn self-confidence and coordination through the fun art of belly dance! Costume required for performance. \$30 (\$37 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. No class Nov. 23.

4832	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Oct. 5-26	5-6 p.m.
4833	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Nov. 2-30	5-6 p.m.
4834	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Dec. 7-28	5-6 p.m.
4829	Adult	Wed.	Oct. 5-26	6-7 p.m.
4830	Adult	Wed.	Nov. 2-30	6-7 p.m.
4831	Adult	Wed.	Dec. 7-28	6-7 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance | Shaharah Henry

(6-16 yrs.) Learn latest hip hop dance moves, improve coordination and have fun! Wear loose clothing and tennis shoes. \$40 (\$47 NR). Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 1. No class Nov. 22.

4860	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Oct. 4-25	4:45-5:45 p.m.
4861	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Nov. 1-29	4:45-5:45 p.m.
4864	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Dec. 6-27	4:45-5:45 p.m.
4862	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Oct. 4-25	5:45-6:45 p.m.
4863	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Nov. 1-29	5:45-6:45 p.m.
4865	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Dec. 6-27	5:45-6:45 p.m.

Salsa Dance | Int'l Dance Fitness Academy

(13 yrs.-Adult) Learn dances like Bachata, Argentine Tango and Salsa while having fun! No partner necessary. \$28 (\$35 NR). International Dance Fitness Academy, 311 E. Avenue K-8, Ste. 109.

4873		T/TH	Oct. 4-27	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4874		T/TH	Nov. 1-22	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4875		T/TH	Nov. 29-Dec. 22	7:30-8:30 p.m.



Arts & Crafts

Art | Joanne Maldonado

(6 yrs.-Adult) Build artistic 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.

4870	Tue.	Oct. 4-25	4-6 p.m.
4871	Tue.	Nov. 1-22	4-6 p.m.
4872	Tue.	Dec. 6-27	4-6 p.m.

D's Ceramics | Steve Mosley

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

Potter's Wheel (12-17 yrs.) 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).

4892	Sat.	Oct. 1-22	3-4:30 p.m.
4893	Sat.	Nov. 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. **Adult supervision required.** \$50 (\$57 NR).

4835	Sat.	Oct. 1-22	1-2:30 p.m.
4836	Sat.	Nov. 5-26	1-2:30 p.m.

Picture Perfect Photography | Phillip Kocurek

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

4890	Wed.	Oct. 5-Nov. 2	6-7:30 p.m.
4891	Wed.	Nov. 23-Dec. 21	6-7:30 p.m.



Special Interest

Cooking with Class | University of Antelope Valley

(Adult) Learn expert techniques, such as cuts, seasoning, preparation methods and presentation tips, from professional chefs through demonstration and hands-on cooking. \$10 (\$17 NR). Materials: \$20. **Wear closed toe shoes.** University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy. All classes on Saturdays. **Must register by Tuesday prior to class due to spacing.**

4838	Disturbing Desserts for Little Monsters	Oct. 22	5-8 p.m.
4838	Cake Decorating	Nov. 19	5-8 p.m.
4840	Tamale Night	Dec. 10	5-8 p.m.

Professional Development

CPR and First Aid | University of Antelope Valley

(12 yrs.-Adult) American Heart Association certification in Infant, Child and Adult CPR and First Aid. \$35 (\$42 NR). University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy.

4841-4846	Sat.	1st & 3rd/mo.	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Japanese | Michael Heller

(14 yrs.-Adult) Students learn basic introductions, greetings and simple phrases and build in subsequent sessions. Bring note-taking supplies. \$35 (\$42 NR). Materials: \$5. Lancaster City Park, Game Rm. No class Nov. 30.

4866	Beg.	Wed.	Oct. 26-Dec. 7	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 (**must be 8 wks.**) or dog, proof of current vaccinations, rabies certificate (**required for dogs 6 months+ only**) and 6-ft. leather/nylon leash to class. Young participants must have parents on-site. \$60 (\$67 NR). Lancaster City Park, open space near tennis court. No class Oct. 1.

4526	Sat.	Sep. 10-Oct. 29	10-11 a.m.
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Martial Arts



 **Northern Shaolin Kung-Fu** |  **Harold Hazeldine**
(6 yrs.-Adult) Unique class set in friendly, goal-oriented atmosphere. Focuses on punching, kicking, traditional forms of Shaolin Kung-Fu and weaponry, self-defense and self-confidence. Wear loose fitting clothes and tennis shoes. \$45 (\$52 NR), *\$55 (\$62 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

4887	Tue.	Oct. 4-25	6:30-8:30 p.m.
4888	Tue.	Nov. 1-29*	6:30-8:30 p.m.
4889	Tue.	Dec. 6-27	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. \$78 (\$85 NR). Materials: \$6. Jane Reynolds Park, Room 1. Session: **Fridays, Sep. 23-Jan. 13. Students must register by Oct. 3 to participate.** No class Nov. 11, 25, Dec. 23, 30.

4915	New students	5-7 yrs.	4:30-5:10 p.m.
4913	New students	8-18 yrs.	5:15-5:55 p.m.
4914	Yellow belt	5-18 yrs.	6-6:40 p.m.
4916	Orange belt & above	6-18 yrs.	6:45-7:25 p.m.

Health & Fitness

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



4850	Mon.	Oct. 10-31	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4851	Mon.	Nov. 7-29	7:30-8:30 p.m.
4852	Mon.	Dec. 5-19*	7:30-8:30 p.m.

 **Gymnastics for Kids** |  **Collette Zimmerman**
(3-12 yrs.) Keeps kids healthy and fit while they learn how to tumble, bounce trampoline and basics of vault, bars and beam. \$40 (\$47 NR). Genesis Gymnastics, 824 W. L-6, Unit B.



4856	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Oct. 1-22	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4857	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Oct. 29-Nov. 19	9:30-10:30 a.m.
4853	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Oct. 1-22	10-10:45 a.m.
4854	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Oct. 29-Nov. 19	10-10:45 a.m.

 **Senior/Adult Exercise Classes**
(Adult) Non-strenuous exercises improve flexibility and circulation. Classes sponsored by High Desert Medical Group and R. Rex Parris Law Firm. No pre-registration, start any time. Bring large towel/mat to class. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. Dec. 1 class held at Jane Reynolds Park.




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

 **Stroller Strides®** |  **Debra Valladares**
(Adult) Fun, fitness program for moms and their babies (up to 4 yrs.). Includes power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using tubing, the stroller and the environment. Bring stroller, towel, water and sunscreen. \$60 (\$67 NR), *\$30 (\$37 NR). Forrest E. Hull Park.




4895	Sat.	Oct. 8-29	9-10 a.m.
4896	Sat.	Nov. 5-26	9-10 a.m.
4897	Sat.	Dec. 3-17*	9-10 a.m.

 **Sunsational Baton Twirling** |  **Katie Freeman**
(5-23 yrs.) Learn the fundamentals of baton twirling; toss, spin and catch; in a positive and encouraging atmosphere. Performance opportunities. Classes are on **Thursdays**, four weeks long and start subsequently. **Sessions start Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8.** Nov. session pro-rated. \$5 baton rental fee. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class Nov. 24 or Dec. 1.

4898-4900	Solo class	\$35 (\$42 NR)	4-5 p.m.
4901-4903	Sunrise Beginner	\$25 (\$32 NR)	5-5:30 p.m.
4904-4906	Sunset Advanced	\$35 (\$42 NR)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
4907-4909	Sunburst Intermediate	\$30 (\$37 NR)	6:45-7:30 p.m.

  **Zumba™ - Dance Aerobic Workout**
 **International Dance Fitness Academy**
(13 yrs.-Adult) Burn calories with this total body workout while learning different international dances. \$28 (\$35 NR). International Dance Fitness Academy, 311 E. Avenue K-8, Ste. 109.

4847	T/TH	Oct. 4-27	6-7 p.m.
4848	T/TH	Nov. 1-22	6-7 p.m.
4849	T/TH	Nov. 29-Dec. 22	6-7 p.m.

  **Zumba™ for Kids**
 **International Dance Fitness Academy**
(3-12 yrs.) Dance to different rhythms while developing confidence and coordination. Wear sports attire and tennis shoes. \$28 (\$35 NR). International Dance Fitness Academy, 311 E. Avenue -K-8, Ste. 109.

4910	T/TH	Oct. 4-27	4-5 p.m.
4911	T/TH	Nov. 1-22	4-5 p.m.
4912	T/TH	Nov. 29-Dec. 22	4-5 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: Nov. 7-Dec. 16

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

Mon.-Thu. Adult Basketball

Softball | Registration: Sep. 12-Oct. 14

League play begins in November. Schedule consists of 10 league games and one classification game. Games played Sun.-Fri. You determine day. \$352/team.

Sun.-Fri. Men's Slowpitch
Sun.-Fri. Coed Slowpitch
Sun.-Fri. Coed Hardball
Thu. Women's Slowpitch

Youth Sports

Basketball (5-13 yrs.)

Each division plays eight games. Games on Saturdays, played at local high schools; practices during the week with day, time and location determined by volunteer coach. \$57 (\$63 NR).

Ages 5-9 yrs. | Registration: Aug. 22-Sep. 23

League play begins in mid-Oct.

4782 Coed Div. C 8-9 yrs.
4783 Coed Div. D 6-7 yrs.
4784 Coed Div. E 5 yrs.

Ages 10-13 yrs. | Registration: Aug. 22-Dec. 16

League play begins in early January 2012.

4785 Boys Div. A 12-13 yrs.
4786 Boys Div. B 10-11 yrs.
4787 Girls Div. A 12-13 yrs.
4788 Girls Div. B 10-11 yrs.


Softball Tournament Contact 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.

4926 Four 1-hour lessons \$145 (\$152 NR)
4927 Four 1/2-hour lessons \$100 (\$107 NR)

 **Pee Wee** (4-6 yrs.), \$32 (\$39 NR).

Introduce your child to the basic skills and principles of tennis.

 *Jim Majd, Court 8*

4923 Sat. Oct. 1-22 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
4924 Sat. Nov. 5-26 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

 **Juniors** (7-17 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.

4920 M/W Oct. 3-26 5-6 p.m.
4921 M/W Nov. 2-28 5-6 p.m.
4922 M/W Nov. 30-Dec. 21 5-6 p.m.
4917 M/W-Adv. Oct. 3-26 6-7 p.m.
4918 M/W-Adv. Nov. 2-28 6-7 p.m.
4919 M/W-Adv. Nov. 30-Dec. 21 6-7 p.m.

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

4931 T/TH Oct. 4-27 5-6 p.m.
4932 T/TH Nov. 1-29 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.

 *Jim Majd, Court 5.*

4928 T/TH Oct. 4-27 6-7 p.m.
4929 T/TH Nov. 1-29 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.



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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	Mon.-Thu.	5:45-7 a.m.
Noon Lap	Mon.-Fri.	11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Senior & Therapy	Mon.-Fri.	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Evening Lap	Wed.	8:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Closures: September 5, November 11, 24 and 25.

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



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Class Information

All classes: 8 lessons, 30 minutes long, except Level 6, Aquacise AND Hydrofit which are 45 minutes. For full descriptions of classes, visit City Hall or go online to www.cityoflancafterca.org.

Parent/Tot

(6 mos.-3 yrs.) Parents, teach your child to feel more relaxed and comfortable in the water.

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.) Helps students feel comfortable in the water. 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 and float on front and back.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

(6-14 yrs.) Teaches fundamental skills and enhances Level 1 skills. Learn to: enter water by stepping or jumping from 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 and tread water.

Level 3: Stroke Development

(6-14 yrs.) Builds on skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice. Participants learn to: jump into deep water from side; dive from kneeling or standing position; submerge and retrieve an object; bob with 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.) Develops confidence in skills learned and improve Level 3 skills. 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, front and back crawl, breaststroke, butterfly, elementary backstroke and swim on side.

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

(6-14 yrs.) Provides further coordination and refinement of Level 4 strokes. Learn to: tread water with two different kicks; learn survival swimming; perform rescue breathing. Perform standing dive; shallow dive; glide two body lengths and begin any front stroke.

Level 6: Swimming & Skill Proficiency

(6-14 yrs.) 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.

Adult Swim Lessons

(15+ yrs.) Everyone can learn to swim. All skills taught.

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.

Hydrofit: Muscle Toning & Fitness

(15+ yrs.) Exercise class for an invigorating water workout. Uses belts, ankle cuffs and Styrofoam barbells.



Private Swim Lessons

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

4934 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) provide own manuals and a pocket mask. Must take CFAS and CPRPR* at Red Cross and show certification on first day. Must attend all classes – no exceptions. \$77 (\$84 NR). Call Shanae Hill, 661-723-6255 for times and information.

*CPR for the Professional Rescuer.



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. Must attend all classes – no exceptions. \$77 (\$84 NR). Call Gerald Wesley, 661-723-6255 for times and information.

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. Visit www.oasisaquatics.org for more information.

Oasis Masters Swim Program

(18+ yrs.) 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 Dawn Brooks at 661-946-7042.





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: September 24 - November 12

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

Class Level	9 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Parent/Tot		4968	
Preschool	4972	4973	
Preschool 2	4978		
Level 1	4944		
Level 2	4948		
Level 3		4952	
Level 4			4956
Level 5			4960
Level 6			4964
Adult		4986	
Aquacise			4937

Session 7: September 13 - October 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	4969			
Preschool	4975			
Preschool 2		4979		
Preschool 3	4983			
Level 1	4945			
Level 2	4949			
Level 3		4953		
Level 4			4957	
Level 5			4961	
Level 6			4965	
Adult		4987		
Aquacise		4938		
Hydrofit				4941

Session 8: October 11 - November 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	4970			
Preschool	4976			
Preschool 2		4980		
Preschool 3	4984			
Level 1	4946			
Level 2	4950			
Level 3		4954		
Level 4			4958	
Level 5			4962	
Level 6			4966	
Adult		4988		
Aquacise		4939		
Hydrofit				4942

Session 9: November 8 - December 6. No class Nov. 24

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	4971			
Preschool	4977			
Preschool 2		4981		
Preschool 3	4985			
Level 1	4947			
Level 2	4951			
Level 3		4955		
Level 4			4959	
Level 5			4963	
Level 6			4967	
Adult		4989		
Aquacise		4940		
Hydrofit				4943





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Wednesday, December 14 @ 7 p.m.



One Night of Queen

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Box office hours: Monday-Friday – Noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday – Noon to 4 p.m.



The LPAC Foundation recently hosted its Inaugural Gala and Grand Auction – *Around the World*, raising more than \$78,000 with net proceeds benefitting the LPAC’s *Arts for Youth* program.

A delicious tasting tour from around the globe was prepared by the University of Antelope Valley Culinary Arts Department. In addition to light entertainment throughout the evening, unsuspecting guests were treated to a surprise operatic performance by the wonderfully talented trio, *The Three Waiters*. Generating much excitement, the grand auction consisted of 20 high-end items, which included cruises, trips and various dinner, entertainment and sport packages, all contributed by generous donors.

“In today’s economic climate, it is more important than ever to continue funding programs like *Arts for Youth*,” said Lou Bozigian, LPAC Foundation Board President. “All children should have the opportunity to experience the performing arts.”

One of the evening’s highlights was the presentation of the Foundation’s Lifetime Arts Achievement Award. Presented to Lou Bozigian by his nephew, Lancaster City Manager Mark Bozigian, the award recognizes his long-standing commitment of support to the community, the performing arts and the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

MAYOR’S LPAC GOLD CLUB

The next Mayor’s LPAC Gold Club gala, *Bella Toscana*, will be held Friday, September 16, 2011, at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center. Themed around the Tuscany region of Italy, guests will enjoy delicious Italian cuisine, fine wine, cocktails and fabulous entertainment.

For more information on *Arts for Youth* or the Gold Club memberships, please contact Julie Secory at 661-723-6082 or 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., Marco Johnson and Mark E. Thompson

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MOON WALKS | Saturday evenings | \$2 donation welcome

September 10, 7:30 p.m. • October 15, 7 p.m. • November 12, 5:30 p.m.

Jeremy Amaran, 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.

TORTOISE PRESENTATION | Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m. | Free

Come see Mark Bratton, a wildlife biologist at Edwards Air Force Base, lead us on a fun and exciting presentation on tortoises. There will be live animals, too! So bring the whole family!

DINOSAUR PRESENTATION | Saturday, October 1, 4 p.m. | \$3 per person

Get the whole family together and come see Richard Wade do an awesome presentation on dinosaurs! It is truly an exciting event and great for children!

BIRD WALK | Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m. | Free

Discover desert birds and learn their distinctive markings on this mile-long walk of PDW trails, led by Audubon Society member Ron Smith. Remember to bring field guides and binoculars.

SCARY SCIENCE | Saturday, October 15, 4 p.m. | Free

"Mad Scientist" Jeremy Amaran will send chills down your spine with this magnificent presentation of science and astronomy. Experience screaming spoons, shivering quarters, wandering water and more. Collect your little scientist and be dazzled by this hands-on experience.

VALENTINE'S TRAVELING NATURE CLASS | Saturday, December 3, 4 p.m. | \$3 per person

Live animals! Come enjoy a hands-on experience with many animals you don't usually get to see!

FREE GUIDED TOURS! | Sundays, 11 a.m. | Free

PDW docents provide personal tours of the PDW trails on Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.



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Interpretive Center hours:

Saturday & Sunday 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

Group tours available by appointment. Call 661-816-4466 for reservations. Fees to attend presentations will be collected at the door of the Interpretive Center on the day of each presentation. All presentations and walks last approximately one hour. Presentations are free for children three years and under. Meet at the Interpretive Center at posted times for all group walks.

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

ARTS IN THE CITY

The New Lancaster MOAH

The Lancaster Museum/Art Gallery is now the Lancaster Museum of Art and History. The City Council approved the change, believing the new name better reflects the organization and what it means for the residents of Lancaster. Construction continues on the brand new Lancaster MOAH at the northeast corner of Ehrlich Avenue and The BLVD. The current museum facility is closed as staff catalogues and packs the nearly 8,500 piece collection and plans a variety of new exhibitions and programs. Check out www.cityoflanasterca.org for updates on construction progress and information on the new museum.

Special Events – Wiki Night

Call or e-mail MOAH for upcoming dates.

Wiki Night is an opportunity for creative individuals to come together in an informal atmosphere to share their ideas, projects and thoughts. Wiki Night utilizes a PechaKucha presentation format: 20 slides, 20 seconds each. Fast-paced, fun and informative, there are always a variety of creative topics to explore. Free for all to attend. Locations vary. Please call or e-mail the Museum of Art and History for more information.



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.

Museum of Art and History

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