



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ITY COUNCIL

The holidays are once again upon us. Everyone's bound to be busy with family and friends, enjoying this most wonderful time of year.

We hope we can help make Christmas a little jollier with a calendar crowded with fun activities for the whole family. Our shopping season got off to an early start as Lancaster "Shopped with the Mayor" on November 18th. In case you haven't visited downtown lately, take a look at all you've been missing along The BLVD in our feature story.

The City made some early New Year's resolutions. The first committed us to becoming a Net Zero city with the assistance of our new Lancaster Power Authority. We've also promised to help our citizens become more active, leading healthier lifestyles.

Add to this news from our various departments and City Partners, as well as a full lineup of Parks, Recreation & Arts activities, and you have an end-of-year issue overflowing with exciting ideas.

As 2011 winds down and 2012 approaches, we think it is appropriate to take a moment to thank everyone in Lancaster who has worked so hard to make this a productive year.

To the countless volunteers, commissioners and committee members who share of their time and expertise to make Lancaster a better place, we say, "thank you." To the many City staffers who have served our citizens diligently, we express our heartfelt gratitude. And to our resilient citizens, who have coped with difficult times, yet still managed to reach out to help their neighbors, you inspire us.

It is people like you who make our job so fulfilling. We wish you all the best in the year ahead.

Your City Council



On the Cover

The magic of the holiday season comes alive along The BLVD with music, lights and festive decorations. Join us for "A Magical BLVD Christmas" on December 10 and discover all that is new downtown. Cover photo: Curt Gideon

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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

1st Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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 Job hotline 661-723-5874 Graffiti hotline 661-723-5985

Anonymous crime

661-948-COPS (948-2677) tip hotline

www.cityoflancasterca.org

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

www.ledr.org

Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

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Lancaster Performing Arts Center

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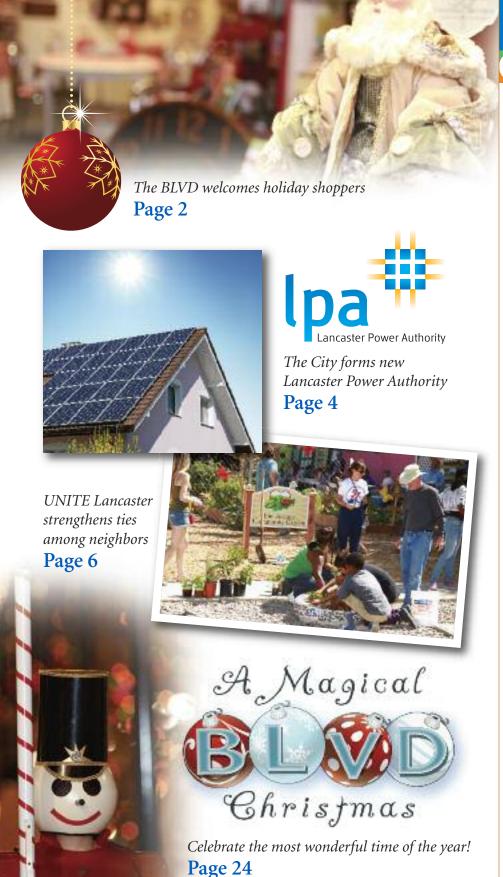
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Antelope Valley Film Office



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This holiday season, The BLVD offers more choices than ever to shop in Lancaster for something truly special for your friends and family members. Everywhere you turn a new boutique, antique store or gift shop has opened with intriguing merchandise for everyone on your list.

Sprinkled in between are a fresh new crop of pubs and eateries to raise your spirits and more than satisfy any hunger. Whether your tastes run toward traditional fare or innovative creations, rather mild or a bit spicy, The BLVD's broad selection of fine and casual dining is guaranteed to please.

"We have so many great things going on downtown this Christmas," says Jill Cooper, BLVD Association President. "I think people who haven't recently been down here will be pleasantly surprised. We've grown by leaps and bounds and have all kinds of new shops and restaurants to enjoy. I encourage everyone to come down for dinner or the farmers market and explore all that is new. We really have become a great destination for shopping."

Gift choices along The BLVD run the gamut from old-fashioned to new wave, highly cultured to slightly offbeat. Whether it's games, gold, gumdrops or garlic presses, you'll find a merchant happy to provide you with exactly what you need.

But why limit your gift giving ideas to only tangible goods? A bevy of health and beauty specialists would be happy to gift wrap a yoga class, pedicure, spa day or a set of dance lessons.

As one eager treasure hunter said as the mayor kicked off the holiday shopping season the Friday before Thanksgiving, "Why on earth would you shop anywhere else?"

Tucked between the Bank of America ATM and Brooklyn Deli is a hidden treasure, MollyKate's Tea Room and Gifts at 730 W. Lancaster Boulevard. This enchanting gift emporium is steeped in tradition, offering fine gifts, collectibles and traditional English tea service (complete with freshly baked scones) in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

How Holiday Shopping in Lancaster Benefits You

Each year, Lancaster residents spend millions of dollars during the holidays on gifts, entertainment and travel. By spending the bulk of these dollars right here in Lancaster, the whole community benefits.

"Whenever something is sold within the City of Lancaster, the citizens benefit from the sales tax collected," explains City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. "This revenue represents the largest single source of dollars to the general fund, one-third of the total."

Simply put, each time you spend a dollar on goods and services from a Lancaster merchant, the City puts a penny into this community. When you spend that dollar somewhere else, another city benefits from your purchase, putting the penny into their piggy bank, not ours. What's more, by supporting our local merchants, you feed added dollars into the local economy, which go toward local jobs and local payrolls. So keep your hard earned dollars close to home. Shop Lancaster this holiday season. We all will benefit.





Lancaster Looks Ahead, Sees Great Prospects for Solar

City forms new Lancaster Power Authority

Nature has blessed the Antelope Valley with abundant sunshine. Now Lancaster's City Council is moving ahead to capitalize on the area's unique natural resources, as well as the valuable experience City staff has amassed dealing with cutting-edge energy projects.

The new Lancaster Power Authority (LPA) is a joint powers agency formed by the City and its Redevelopment Agency to make sustainable energy more obtainable to others.

With substantially more alternative energy project experience than most municipalities, Lancaster has developed a reputation as the "Alternative Energy

Capital of the World" and is well on its way to achieving net zero impact on the environment by creating more clean energy than it consumes.

Lancaster Power Authority

The Lancaster Power Authority has the ability to join into agreements with other public agencies and private firms to advance the cause of solar power generation, distribution, sales and marketing both within the City and elsewhere in California.

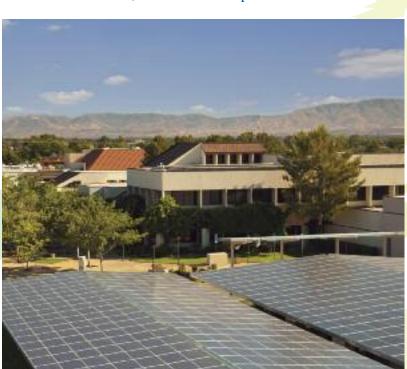
"As the cost and impact of using fossil fuels continue to rise, the benefits of utilizing sun power becomes more and more apparent," noted Deputy City Manager Jason Caudle. "We want to be in a position to leverage our access to resources, technology and experience to benefit City residents."

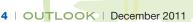
Already, LPA has entered into agreements with the Bay Area's Pittsburg Power to explore new opportunities to distribute local sunshine statewide. LPA is also working with several private firms to design and develop new solar solutions which will generate not only plentiful clean energy, but new jobs and revenues from which all residents will benefit.

For more information, visit www.lancasterpower.com.

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– Jason CaudleDeputy City Manager







Lancaster Seeks to Reduce Its Carbon Footprint with Net Zero Initiative

City partners with Beautiful Earth Group to develop plan to generate more power from renewable sources

The City of Lancaster, already one of the most forward-thinking municipalities in terms of alternative energy, recently took an important step toward becoming a Net



step toward becoming a Net Zero city as it entered into a memorandum of understanding with Beautiful Earth Group, a leading clean energy provider.

"The goal of the Net Zero initiative is to develop a plan through which the City will generate as much clean energy as the City and its residents consume from all other sources, giving us a net zero balance in terms of carbon emissions," explained City Manger Mark V. Bozigian. "As energy costs continue to rise and the impact of fossil fuels on our environment becomes clearer, it is critical that we develop intelligent solutions to these problems."

By partnering with Beautiful Earth Group, the City and its new Lancaster Power Authority tap into some of the best ideas around in terms of solar generation and storage, smart grid development and demand management.

According to Beautiful Earth Group CEO Lex Heslin, the new program will not only create a favorable impact on the environment but will also help attract new "smart" industries and jobs to the City.

"Such businesses look to locate their plants in areas with the right mix of energy sources, locational advantage and employment resources to fulfill their corporate mission in an eco-responsible manner," said Heslin.

As an advisor to the City, Beautiful Earth Group will work on feasibility studies, new concepts and designs for projects which will be presented to the City for approval.

THE CARBON EQUATION

As our city, state, nation and planet seek to reduce the amounts of greenhouse gases we generate, new terminology and new calculations have entered our vocabulary.

Achieving carbon neutrality or net zero impact requires finding ways to offset the greenhouse gases we generate in our day-to-day lives with an equivalent amount of carbon elimination.

These offsets can be achieved by reducing the amount of fossil fuel we consume directly and indirectly or by capturing carbon gases so they aren't released into the atmosphere.

There are many ways to achieve these goals. Some are simple such as turning off a light bulb or planting a tree, others are complex and rather technical like carbon sequestration.

We'll leave the technical stuff to the experts, but following are a few tips on simple steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency.

CHANGE FIVE LIGHT BULBS – By simply changing out the incandescent light bulbs you use most with more energy efficient CFL or LED bulbs, you will have a big impact on the environment. If every household in America took this simple step, it would be like taking 10 million cars off our highways.

LOOK FOR ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES – When you are in the market for a new washer, dryer or refrigerator, consider those that bear the Energy Star logo. These high-efficiency models consume far less energy than traditional appliances.

SEAL AND INSULATE YOUR HOME – Heating and cooling our homes consume a lot of energy, so don't let it sneak out through cracks and crevices. Check the weather stripping on your doors and windows, and add an extra layer of insulation in the attic. For additional tips, ask your utility supplier for a free energy audit.

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE – The best way to save energy is to never use it in the first place.

Look for ways you can reduce your energy consumption, reuse things that are still viable and recycle the rest.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov.

UNITE LANCASTER Uniting Neighbors In a Team Effort

Hundreds of Lancaster residents joined grassroots organizers on September 24th to kick off seven community-building service projects designed to strengthen ties among neighbors and improve, beautify and create safer conditions in neighborhoods throughout the City. These seven projects were selected from a score of applications sent in to qualify for the Uniting Neighbors in a Team Effort (UNITE) Program.

"The UNITE Program offers Lancaster residents an opportunity to create positive change within their neighborhoods," said Kelvin Tainatongo, Assistant to the City Manager. "Each project is unique and contributes to the community in different ways. The common thread is that they were conceived, planned and implemented at a grassroots level. The City merely helped bring their ideas to life with technical assistance and modest financial support."

Seven projects were selected by Safer Stronger Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Vitalization Commission for UNITE Program support.



The Agape Community Church held a Block Party at American Heroes Park in downtown Lancaster. The event drew hundreds of neighbors to mix and mingle and get to know each other a little better while enjoying food, music and family fun.

"Block parties form bonds which unite a community," said Shirlonda Short of Agape. "We love the premise of unity, sharing our resources and giving back. We consider it a privilege to have participated in the UNITE Program."



Inspired by the hit TV show *The Biggest Loser*, H.E.A.R.T.S. (Healthy Empowered and Ready to Succeed) launched their 12-week Weight Loss Challenge on September 24th at the Desert View Wellness Home.

"Our goal is to encourage the community to take better care of themselves while providing inspiration through success stories," said Natalie Boddie, Founder and CEO of H.E.A.R.T.S. "UNITE allowed us to extend our reach into the community and better combat obesity among our youth."

Participants learned from experts about good nutrition and lifestyle habits while competing to lose the most excess weight.





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Dave Mashore
 Director of the Elm Avenue Community Garden



The Elm Avenue Community Garden hosted two special events. *Art in the Garden* encouraged neighbors to use Lancaster's newest community space as inspiration. Activities included still-life painting in the garden, installing a new fountain and adding new lighting so the garden can now be enjoyed after dark.

"Both gardening and art increase inner peace, break down superficial barriers between people and create beauty," noted Dave Mashore, Director of the Elm Avenue Community Garden. "Studies have shown many cathartic and healthful outcomes of each of these activities on individuals and the resulting positive impact to livability in communities."

A second project, *Planting the Seeds of Life*, offered youth and seniors an opportunity to work side-by-side planting fruits, vegetables and flowers. Not only did the project improve the environment of the SoDo (South Downtown) neighborhood, but according to *Seeds of Life* spokesperson LaVona Sherrills, it also helped bridge the gap between cultures and generations.



The *Mural for Equality Project* brought together members of several local organizations to create a mural representing equality, harmony and diversity. Artist Larissa Nickel coordinated an enthusiastic group of volunteers to bring her design to life.

Members of the Baha'i Faith of Lancaster came together to repaint faded address numbers on curbs throughout the City. The project's purpose was to boost public safety by ensuring that house numbers are readily visible should an emergency occur. The project will continue in the months ahead to improve its overall impact.

"We decided to apply for the UNITE Program because we believe in our community," said Joanna DiGiovanna. "When people see a diverse organization such as ours contributing to the community, it encourages others."

Participating in the UNITE Program wasn't limited to individuals. A number of businesses pitched in to help out too. Signs and Designs, a local sign shop, designed and donated signs for Little Szechwan to help in the revitalization of downtown Lancaster.

Other businesses providing resources, volunteers and assistance to the 2011 UNITE Program included All About Fitness, Bruce Staats Painting, Coca Cola, Home Depot, Lee's Bees – Decorative Rocks, Lowe's, McDonalds, Panera Bread, Round Table Pizza, SkatePlex USA, Staples, Target, Walmart, Waste Management and Win's Donut House.

Please show your appreciation by visiting these community-minded businesses.

A Reminder from the Chief

With this edition of the Outlook, we at the Los Angeles County Fire Department are launching a new public safety column designed to offer some simple advice that may make a critical difference if you or a loved one ever face an emergency situation and need our help.

Something most people don't think about, but is vital in



providing quick and efficient emergency service, is making sure your address is clearly visible to first responders. Consider the following:

Clearly Marking Your Home Address – Clear directions can be the difference between life and death. To assure your home address markers are prominently seen, please adhere to these tips when posting your address:

- Use large numbers and letters (4" for single-family homes, 6" for non-residential buildings). But first, please check with civic authorities to find out if there are any codes or special designations for posting your home number.
- If your mailbox is located near the road, numbers should be reflective and posted on both sides.
- Numbers on the house should be reflective, unobstructed and properly lit.
- If the driveway leads to more than one address, post all home numbers at the end of the driveway, and also post the correct number on each building.
- Two or more houses should not share a mailbox.
- Trim bushes, vines, flowers and weeds so all numbers and letters
 are clearly visible. Numbers and letters can also fade, chip or fall off,
 so be sure to repair or replace them as needed.
- Choose contrasting colors so your numbers are easily visible.

Remember, properly displaying your home address could save your life!

If you would like more information on other fire safety topics, visit our website at http://fire.lacounty.gov and become our friend on Facebook and Twitter.

November 11 brought a life change for me. I retired after 30 years with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Serving the citizens of Lancaster for more than half my career has been one of the many highlights. Please know that we have a succession plan in place, and all of the excellent services we provide will continue uninterrupted. You can anticipate hearing from the new incoming fire chief in the spring issue of the Outlook.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you.

New Sheriff's Team Targets Robbers

Borrowing from a concept that has proven highly successful in stemming burglaries throughout the City, the Lancaster Sheriff's Station has assembled a new Robbery Suppression Team to thwart a recent rise in local robberies.

The seven-man team will assume primary responsibility for all robbery cases, dedicating their efforts to identifying and apprehending those suspects.

"Immediately after a robbery occurs, the team will respond and take control of the case," stated Captain Robert Jonsen, commander of the Lancaster Sheriff's Station. "We'll be on it right away."

"Robberies we see are primarily small street robberies, not headline grabbing bank robberies or home invasions," noted Jonsen.

As part of the new program, team members will take time to educate business owners and residents on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Law enforcement officials encourage people to stay alert and always be aware of their surroundings. Whenever you enter an area of concern, (an ATM, parking lot or any poorly lit area) glance around to determine if potential trouble is present. Trust your inner alarm, even if you don't see anything. Withdraw to a well-lit, well-populated area and seek help.

For more helpful tips or to schedule a neighborhood or business watch meeting regarding this topic, contact the City's Public Safety office at 661-723-6063.



Local Drivers Among Best in State

Allstate's survey shows City ranks #2 in California

According to Allstate Insurance statistics, the typical big city driver will encounter a run-in with another vehicle every eight years. California's average is a little better with drivers having an accident once every 8.6 years. However, Lancaster drivers beat the odds by driving more than 10 years before a wreck ruins their day.

Los Angeles and San Francisco rank among the lowest of all big cities in America with averages of 6.4 and 6.6 years between wrecks.

The insurance company offers these tips to make sure you stay in the above average category.

Minimize distractions – Don't talk on the phone, send a text message, gobble a cheeseburger or freshen your makeup while you are driving.

Be aware of road conditions – When the weather gets wet or frosty, slow down and use caution. You can't stop quickly or maneuver well in bad weather.

Keep a safe distance between cars – Leave at least one car length for every 10 mph. If someone cuts in, drop back until you achieve a safe distance again.

Steer clear of road rage – Leave yourself plenty of time to travel. Don't challenge aggressive drivers and stay as far away from them as possible.

Maintenance matters – Ultimately, safety also depends on good car maintenance. Check brakes, tires, lights, battery and hoses regularly.

Keep up the good work, Lancaster. Your City is a safer place because of it.





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Where Do You Keep Your Car?

A place for everything and everything in its place

Project cars belong out of public view

Did you know that inoperable vehicles stored in public view are in violation of the Lancaster Municipal Code? Inoperable vehicles are an eyesore and detract from the overall appearance of a neighborhood. An inoperable vehicle is defined as any vehicle that is immobilized or mechanically incapable of being driven on a highway. Factors which may be used to determine this classification include vehicles lacking a current registration, a working engine, transmission, wheels, deflated tires, doors, windshield or any other part or equipment necessary for safe and legal operation on a highway or any other public right-of-way. Keep tires inflated, registration current and the vehicle clean in order to avoid receiving such notices and citations. Failure to correct the violation can result in fines and penalties.

Pick your parking places carefully

Vehicles parked on an unpaved surface, such as your lawn, constitute a violation of the Lancaster Municipal Code. In addition to being a violation, vehicles parked on grass or landscaping can kill grass and shrubs or create bare dirt spots, which may lead to other Code Enforcement issues. The Lancaster Municipal Code, Chapter 17.08, prohibits the parking and storing of all vehicles including recreational vehicles, semitrailers, utility trailers or any other similar vehicle, motor vehicles or trailers of any type on landscaped areas, lawns or unpaved areas. Vehicles parked on unpaved areas are in violation of the Lancaster Municipal Code and may result in a Notice of Violation. In order to avoid a Notice of Violation and future Code Enforcement action, please move your vehicle and properly park it on a paved surface.



City Pedals, Jogs Its Way to Better Health

Lancaster named Healthy Eating/Active Living City

Fitness and good health took center stage in Lancaster this fall as a series of events helped to emphasize the importance of exercise and sensible eating habits among City youth and adults.

"The health of our community is extremely important to all of us," noted City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. "Inactivity and poor food choices have created a community where many of us are overweight, putting us at a far greater risk for major health issues. The Healthy Eating/Active Living (HEAL) program is designed to address those problems and encourage a healthier lifestyle among all residents."

The City has adopted a number of programs and projects to promote good health, including:

Wellness Homes, Neighborhood Impact Homes and Community Gardens are bringing healthy living practices to local neighborhoods and changing lives for the better.

The Mayor's Walks and LanCoaster bicycle rides are encouraging local residents to get out and get fit with their friends and neighbors.

An Employee Wellness Program for City Staff sets a great example for other local employers to encourage their people to embrace healthy living and work to resolve harmful habits such as smoking.

The City will soon finalize a Master Plan for Trails & Bikeways which will bring more than 100 miles of bike routes, equestrian trails and jogging paths to nearly every neighborhood. These trails will make it easier for residents to practice healthy habits and avoid jumping in a car just to travel a few blocks, thus saving energy, costs and environmental consequences while promoting physical activity.

Taken in total, the City has made great strides toward promoting health and wellness among its residents. The next step is up to you. Get out and enjoy the active lifestyle that Lancaster has to offer.

Draft Trails & Bikeways Master Plan Available

In June of 2010, the City received a \$240,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to develop a plan to help improve community health and fitness by encouraging citizens to walk and ride a bicycle around town. Working hand-in-hand with Antelope Valley Partners for Health, the City set out to better understand the needs and desires of the community through questionnaires, a series of public workshops, walk audits and public comments.

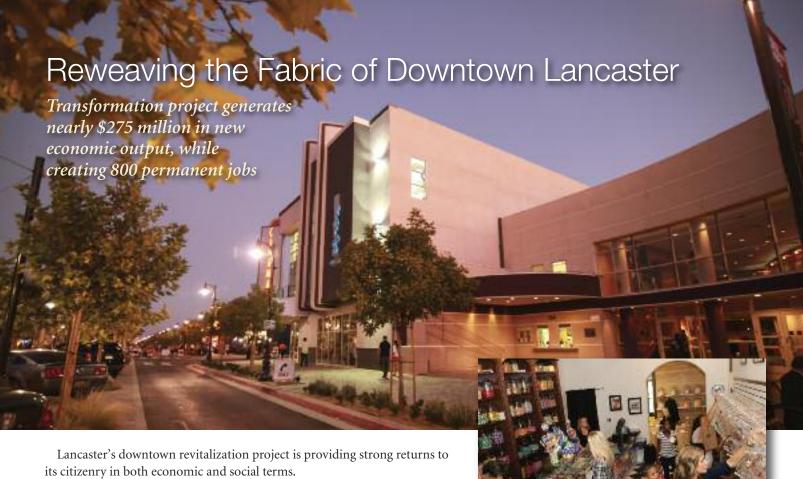
From these planning sessions came a set of goals:

- Provide a safe and convenient street environment where people of all ages and physical abilities can travel within the City without a motorized vehicle.
- Create a citywide network of off-street shared paths and trails which meet community needs.
- Provide amenities and facilities to encourage more walking and bike riding.
- Promote good health by providing opportunities to bike or walk to work, parks and shopping.
- Support safe access to and from schools.
- Develop pedestrian and bike routes along with facilities to enhance the economic viability of Lancaster.

The Master Plan, which is expected to be adopted in eary 2012, will take many years to be fully implemented. It provides the blueprint to move forward on hundreds of miles of bike paths, lanes and routes, as well as nearly 80 miles of pedestrian and equestrian trails. The Master Plan is a comprehensive plan which will guide the design and development of pedestrian, bicycle and trail facilities, encouraging people to use healthy transportation modes in Lancaster.

To obtain the draft plan, visit the City's website at www.cityoflancasterca.org or call 661-723-6100.





Not only has the revitalization mended frayed fabric within the community, but it has created vibrant new material from which exciting new ideas can be born.

While The BLVD continues to be a wonderful work in progress, preliminary numbers reported to the California Redevelopment Association show the remarkable impact this downtown revitalization project has had on the community.

In total, the City's redevelopment agency has invested some \$41 million in infrastructure improvements and new housing investments. By priming the pump, these City dollars have encouraged private investments that have already topped \$100 million and continue to grow.

Overall, some 1,900 new jobs have been generated. Nearly 1,100 people have been hired during construction, and more than 800 permanent jobs have been created with the 37 new businesses attracted to downtown.

The complexion of downtown has changed dramatically too. Where once financial and professional services dominated the landscape, today it is retail, entertainment and hospitality that have taken center stage.

"It is so exciting to actually see all the pieces starting to come together," noted Valerie Orcutt, owner of Bella West Spa & Salon, a downtown business. "To go from blueprint to footprint in just a matter of months is simply amazing!"

"The BLVD is a testament to the power of the entrepreneurial spirit," stated City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. "The collective efforts of hundreds of local business people and residents have turned around not only The BLVD, but the surrounding neighborhoods as well."

Today, downtown Lancaster is the true heart of the Antelope Valley with people coming here to live, as well as work, shop and enjoy themselves.

"The BLVD is a testament to the power of the entrepreneurial spirit."

> - Mark V. Bozigian City Manager

New housing options for seniors, working adults and families have been created downtown bringing new vitality to these once struggling neighborhoods.

This is an exciting time for downtown Lancaster. The very fabric of the community has truly changed. Come see it unfold, daily.





Private University Offers Employers Incentive

UAV offers \$2,000 to those hiring their graduates

With the national economy still struggling and unemployment rates hovering in double digits, the University of Antelope Valley (UAV) developed an innovative way to encourage employers to hire their graduates – cash!

When a new crop of grads in the school's business, health care, hospitality, paralegal and public safety programs



were faced with the challenge of entering the workforce in a down market, school officials stepped in to help out. They offered businesses a \$2,000 cash bonus for choosing a UAV grad. The only condition: the graduate must be hired within their field of training and employed a minimum of 90 days.

"It's proven to be very successful," noted Crystal Stephens, UAV's Director of Operations. "We've generated a lot of interest locally and even had inquiries from other areas."

According to Marco Johnson, Director of UAV, the school took the action not only for the benefit of students, but the community at large. "Anything we can do to promote job creation and reduce local unemployment helps us all. I encourage other businesses and organizations to look for creative ways to contribute to the betterment of the City."

While the experimental program was initially offered during the month of September, the school is contemplating offering similar propositions to employers in the future.

Dr. Ed Barcelona of High Desert Medical Group was one of those employers who took advantage of the program. He then encouraged others in his profession to hire candidates with UAV credentials.

"UAV is a fantastic community partner," said City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. "We are pleased with the ongoing commitment they have shown to their students and the community by encouraging employers to hire local graduates."

For more information on the university, its programs and activities, visit www.uav.edu.

CLEAR Choice Award

Have City Staffers Gone Above & Beyond for You?

Make them a CLEAR Choice nominee

The City of Lancaster tries to instill within its staff a dedication to serve their community, but we all appreciate a little pat on the back occasionally.

This is why the City has created a program to recognize employees who go above and beyond in providing great service. The City of Lancaster's Employee Appreciation and Recognition (CLEAR) program offers kudos to employees who provide great service to the public or co-workers.

Those nominated are recognized at special events throughout the year and points are tallied for each. Top achievers receive special recognition from the City Council and City Manager.

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

CSUB Offers Public Administration Program

New MPA cohort opens to train community leaders

Since 2009, Cal State Bakersfield has offered a 21-month program in Public Administration to public service leaders who live and work in the Antelope Valley. The program has drawn students from Edwards Air Force Base, local governments and non-governmental organizations.

Applications are now being accepted for a new cohort scheduled to begin in the fall of 2012.

Based on Lancaster's University Center on Division Street, the program is NASPAA accredited and meets weekly in convenient evening or weekend sessions. The challenging curriculum covers a broad range of topics

covering public policy and organizational management with two courses taught each quarter.

For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Martinez, MPA advisor, at 661-654-3064 or e-mail TMartinez@csub.edu.



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Waste Management offers free, curbside pickup of

these items on your regularly scheduled collection day. Anytime starting December 26 through January 13, simply place your undecorated, unflocked tree beside your trash carts at the curb. We'll take it from there.



Gift wrap, tissue paper, holiday cards and envelopes are all recyclable! Put them in your green recycling cart.

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For more information, visit

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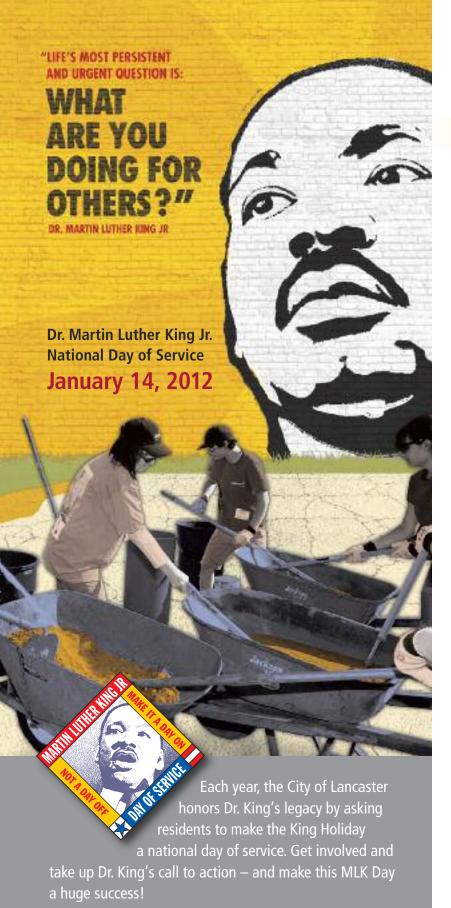
661-948-0731

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To suggest a project or volunteer, call 661-723-6077 or visit www.cityoflancasterca.org. Visit www.mlkday.gov for service project ideas.

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IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION

All forms of registration begin November 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

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**

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

Registration Details

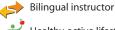
- SPORTS have different registration dates listed in the program information on page 20.
- **RESIDENTS** are those persons living inside the City limits of Lancaster. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee.
- **ONLINE REGISTRATION** requires a VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express card.
- **REFUND 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



New class offering







FRFFI Instructor



Preschool

El Dorado Preschool

Registration guideline: Parents required to volunteer 3 times. Materials: \$5 per session. El Dorado Park.



Preschool Preschool

(4 yrs.) Kindergarten preparation, crafts, stories and motor skills play. Child must have turned 4 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$171 (\$178 NR). No class Jan. 16, Feb. 20.

5184

MWF

Jan. 2-Mar.30

9-11:30 a.m.





(3 yrs.) Socialization skills, crafts, stories and outdoor play activities. Child must have turned 3 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$117 (\$124 NR).

5185

T/TH

Jan. 3-Mar. 29

9-11:30 a.m.

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



JRP Play Brigade

(21/2-3 yrs.) Music, crafts, stories, indoor and outdoor play. Child must have turned 3 by Dec. 2, 2011. \$130 (\$137 NR).

5072

Jan. 17-Mar. 29

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, 2011. \$195 (\$202 NR). No class Feb. 20.

5073

MWF

Jan. 18-Mar. 30 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

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.) There is no stopping your baby now! Parent and child explore art, music and games while developing socialization skills. \$85 (\$92 NR), *\$40 (\$47 NR), **\$30 (\$37 NR). Materials: \$5. Jane Reynolds Park, Rm. 2. No class Feb. 20.

5078	9-20 mos.	M/W	Jan. 18-Mar. 28	12:30-2 p.m.
5077	18 mos3 yrs.	T/TH	Jan. 17-Mar. 29	12-1:30 p.m.
5079	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jan. 21-Feb. 11*	9:30-11 a.m.
5080	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Feb. 18-Mar. 10*	9:30-11 a.m.
5081	1-4 yrs.	Sat.	Mar. 17-31**	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

(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 Jan. 16.

5032	3-4 yrs.	Mon.	Jan. 2-Mar. 26	4-4:45 p.m.
5033	5-12 yrs.	Mon.	Jan. 2-Mar. 26	5-5:45 p.m.

Belly Dance | Bully 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.

5037	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Jan. 4-25	5-6 p.m.
5038	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Feb. 8-29	5-6 p.m.
5039	6-17 yrs.	Wed.	Mar. 7-28	5-6 p.m.
5034	Adult	Wed.	Jan. 4-25	6-7 p.m.
5035	Adult	Wed.	Feb. 8-29	6-7 p.m.
5036	Adult	Wed.	Mar. 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.

5064	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Jan. 10-31	4:45-5:45 p.m.
5065	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Feb. 7-28	4:45-5:45 p.m.
5066	6-11 yrs.	Tue.	Mar. 6-27	4:45-5:45 p.m.
5067	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Jan. 10-31	5:45-6:45 p.m.
5068	12-16 yrs.	Tue.	Feb. 7-28	5:45-6:45 p.m.
5069	12-16 vrs.	Tue.	Mar. 6-27	5:45-6:45 p.m.

(13 yrs.-Adult) Build confidence and have fun while learning popular Latin style moves on the dance floor. No partner necessary. \$28 (\$35 NR). International Dance Fitness Academy, 311 E. Avenue K-8, Ste. 109.

5074	T/TH	Jan. 3-26	7:30-8:30 p.m.
5075	T/TH	Jan. 31-Feb. 23	7:30-8:30 p.m.
5076	T/TH	Feb. 28-Mar. 22	7:30-8:30 p.m.



Arts & Crafts



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.

5029	Tue.	Jan. 10-31	4-6 p.m.
5030	Tue.	Feb. 7-28	4-6 p.m.
5031	Tue.	Mar. 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 yrs.-Adult) Learn basics of throwing on potter's wheel, wedging, centering and basic forms. Create projects like bowls, jars or vases. Participants 12-17 yrs. must have adult supervision. \$65 (\$72 NR).

5087	Sat.	Jan. 7-28	3-4:30 p.m.
5088	Sat.	Feb. 4-25	3-4:30 p.m.
5089	Sat.	Mar. 3-24	3-4:30 p.m.

Students experience (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).

5040	Sat.	Jan. 7-28	1-2:30 p.m.
5041	Sat.	Feb. 4-25	1-2:30 p.m.
5042	Sat.	Mar. 3-24	1-2:30 p.m.



Floral Design | Chris Spicher

(16 yrs.-Adult) Beautify your home or give a gift to a friend when you create four unique flower displays to take home after class. Covers basic flower care, design and identification. \$25 (\$32 NR). Materials: \$85. Must wear closed toe shoes. AV Florist, 1302 W. Avenue J. Call 661-948-6006 with questions.

5186 Mon. Jan. 9-30 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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.

5085 Wed. Jan. 4-Feb. 1 6-7:30 p.m. 5086 Wed. Feb. 22-Mar. 21 6-7:30 p.m.



Special Interest

Cooking with Class | Winiversity 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. \$25 (\$32 NR). Wear closed

toe shoes. University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy. All classes on Saturdays. Must register by Tuesday prior to class due to space.

5043 **Healthy Resolutions** Jan.7 1-4 p.m. Valentine's Day Chocolates Feb. 11 5044 1-4 p.m. 5045 Ice Scream, You Scream Mar. 24 1-4 p.m.

Professional Development

CPR and First Aid | Oniversity of Antelope Valley (12 yrs.-Adult) Eight hour infant, child and adult CPR/First Aid. Course is not suitable for healthcare providers or licensed day care providers. \$35 (\$42 NR). University of Antelope Valley, 44055 Sierra Hwy.

5046-5051 Sat 1st & 3rd/mo. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



(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.

5070 Part I Wed. Jan. 4-Feb. 8 7:30-8:30 p.m. 5071 Part II Wed. Feb. 15-Mar. 21 7:30-8:30 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. No class Jan. 16, Feb. 20.

5055	Mon.	Jan. 9-30*	7:30-8:30 p.m.
5056	Mon.	Feb. 6-27*	7:30-8:30 p.m.
5057	Mon.	Mar. 5-26	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. Avenue L-6, Unit B.

5060	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Jan. 7-28	9:30-10:30 a.m.
5061	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Feb. 4-25	9:30-10:30 a.m.
5063	5-12 yrs.	Sat.	Mar. 3-24	9:30-10:30 a.m.
5058	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Jan. 7-28	10-10:45 a.m.
5059	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Feb. 4-25	10-10:45 a.m.
5062	3-4 yrs.	Sat.	Mar. 3-24	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.

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

Stroller Strides® | Obbra Valladares

(Adult) Join the fun, fitness program that moms can do with their babies (up to 4 yrs.) that includes power walking and intervals of strength and body toning exercises using tubing, the stroller and the environment. Bring stroller, towel, water and sunscreen. \$75 (\$82 NR), *\$40 (\$47 NR). Forrest E. Hull Park.

M/W/Sat.	Jan. 2-30	7-8 p.m./9-10 a.m.
M/W/Sat.	Feb. 1-29	7-8 p.m./9-10 a.m.
M/W/Sat.	Mar. 5-31	7-8 p.m./9-10 a.m.
Sat.	Jan. 7-28*	9-10 a.m.
Sat.	Feb. 4-25*	9-10 a.m.
Sat.	Mar. 3-24*	9-10 a.m.
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X Sunsational Baton Twirling | **E** 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 begin Jan. 5, Feb. 2 and Mar. 1. \$5 baton rental fee. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

5093-5095	Sunrise Beginner	\$25 (\$32 NR)	4-4:30 p.m.
5090-5092	Solo class	\$35 (\$42 NR)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
5096-5098	Sunset Advanced	\$35 (\$42 NR)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
5099-5101	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.

5052	T/TH	Jan. 3-26	6:30-7:30 p.m.
5053	T/TH	Jan. 31-Feb. 23	6:30-7:30 p.m.
5054	T/TH	Feb. 28-Mar. 22	6:30-7:30 p.m.

Z 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.

5127	T/TH	Jan. 3-26	4:30-5:30 p.m.
5128	T/TH	Jan. 31-Feb. 23	4:30-5:30 p.m.
5129	T/TH	Feb. 28-Mar. 22	4:30-5:30 p.m.

Martial Arts

Northern Shaolin Kung-Fu | Harold Hazeldine (6 yrs.-Adult) Unique class set in friendly, goal-oriented atmosphere. Focuses are 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.

5082	Tue.	Jan. 3-31	6:30-8:30 p.m.
5083	Tue.	Feb. 7-28	6:30-8:30 p.m.
5084	Tue.	Mar. 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. \$66 (\$73 NR). Materials: \$8. Jane Reynolds Park, Room 1. Session: Fridays, Jan. 20-Mar. 30. Students must register by Jan. 30, 5 p.m. to participate.

5125	New students	5-7 yrs.	4:30-5:10 p.m.
5123	New students	8-18 yrs.	5:15-5:55 p.m.
5124	Yellow belt	5-18 yrs.	6-6:40 p.m.
5126	Orange belt & above	6-18 yrs.	6:45-7:25 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: Jan. 10-Feb. 25

League play begins in March. Schedule consists of 10 league games and one classification game. Games played Sun.-Fri., you determine day. \$399/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 played on Saturdays at local high schools; practices held during the week with day, time and location determined by volunteer coach. \$57 (\$62 NR).

Ages 5-9 yrs.

Registration begins August 2012. League play begins October 2012.

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.

5115 Four 1-hour lessons \$145 (\$152 NR) 5116 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

Feb. 4-25 5112 Sat. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. 5113 Sat. Mar. 3-24 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.

No class Jan. 16, Feb. 20.

M/W	Jan. 2-30	5-6 p.m.
M/W	Feb. 1-29	5-6 p.m.
M/W	Mar. 5-28	5-6 p.m.
M/W-Adv.	Jan. 2-30	6-7 p.m.
M/W-Adv.	Feb. 1-29	6-7 p.m.
M/W-Adv.	Mar. 5-28	6-7 p.m.
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Jim Majd, Court 5, \$45 (\$52 NR).

5120 T/TH Feb. 2-28 5-6 p.m. 5121 T/TH Mar. 6-29 5-6 p.m.



Adult (18+ yrs.)

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. \$45 (\$52 NR).

5117 T/TH Feb. 2-28 6-7 p.m. 5118 T/TH Mar. 6-29 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.

2 Slowpitch Softball • 1 Medium Softball 1 Fastpitch Softball • 2 Slowpitch Baseball 1 Medium Baseball • 2 Fastpitch Baseball 1 Very Fastpitch Baseball

\$2 for 1 token (25 pitches), buy 5 tokens get one FREE. **Batting Range Cards:** 20 tokens for \$25; 42 tokens for \$47

43415 City Park Way • 661-942-7088 Mon.-Fri., 3-9 p.m. • Sat. & Sun., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

AQUATICS

To Register:

- 1. Read descriptions.
- 2. Determine which class you would like to take.
- 3. Select the schedule that is convenient (see page 23).
- 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:

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

Holiday Closures: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 10.

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

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



COURSES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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.cityoflancasterca.org.



S Parent/Tot

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



See 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 vrs.) 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.



Service 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.



Skill Proficiency & 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.



Sa 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.



Marofit: 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.

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Lesson times to be arranged



Sample 1 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 vards, 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 Shanae Hill, 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: February 4 - March 31

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

Class Level	9 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Parent/Tot		5165	
Preschool	5169	5170	
Preschool 2	5175		
Level 1	5141		
Level 2	5145		
Level 3		5149	
Level 4			5153
Level 5			5157
Level 6			5161
Adult		5130	
Aquacise			5134



Session 7: January 31 - February 23

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	5166			
Preschool	5172			
Preschool 2		5176		
Preschool 3	5180			
Level 1	5142			
Level 2	5146			
Level 3		5150		
Level 4			5154	
Level 5			5158	
Level 6			5162	
Adult		5131		
Aquacise		5135		
Hydrofit				5138

Session 8: February 28 - March 22 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	5167			
Preschool	5173			
Preschool 2		5177		
Preschool 3	5181			
Level 1	5143			
Level 2	5147			
Level 3		5151		
Level 4			5155	
Level 5			5159	
Level 6			5163	
Adult		5132		
Aquacise		5136		
Hydrofit				5139

Session 9: March 27-April 19

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	5168			
Preschool	5174			
Preschool 2		5178		
Preschool 3	5182			
Level 1	5144			
Level 2	5148			
Level 3		5152		
Level 4			5156	
Level 5			5160	
Level 6			5164	
Adult		5133		
Aquacise		5137		
Hydrofit				5140

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

A Magical Christmas

A Magical BLVD Christmas

Saturday, December 10 | 5 - 9 p.m. | The BLVD

Lancaster's new BLVD arts and entertainment district is beautifully decorated for the holidays and lit up in spectacular colors. Browse through the Christkindlmarkt for Christmas crafts and foods as the kids enjoy a ride aboard Santa's train or create their own crafts in Santa's Village. Enjoy entertainment provided by the Rockettes Medley/ Dancing Santas, Double Date, Marionetta, Charles Dickens Carolers and more. It is a grand evening for the whole family. Be sure to explore all the new BLVD shops and eateries!

The Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce present

Christmas on The BLVD – Lancaster's Annual Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3 | 10 a.m. | The BLVD

Come enjoy the floats and festivities, music and merriment as we kick off the holiday season with a rousing good time for all. Welcome Santa back for his first appearance of the season. This outstanding parade is sure to put you and yours into the holiday spirit.

Breakfast with Santa – Hotcakes & Ho! Ho! Ho!

Saturday, December 17 | Seatings at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Adults \$8 | Children \$5

Stanley Kleiner Activity Center, Lancaster City Park

Once again it is time to nosh with St. Nicholas as your Parks, Recreation & Arts Department hosts its annual pancake breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. In addition to great grub and face time with Father Christmas, the kids will enjoy all the fun arts and crafts, while parents find great photo opportunities. For more information, please call 661-723-6077.



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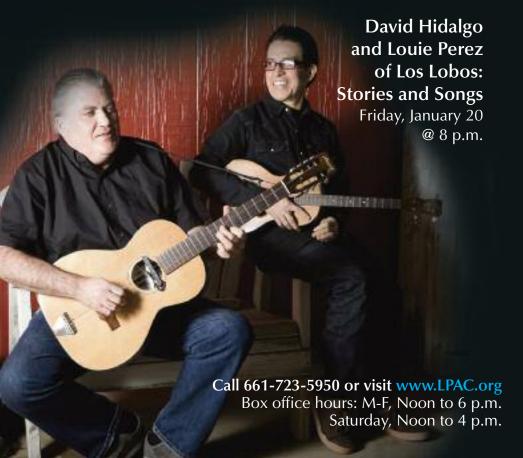
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Lancaster Performing Arts Center Enrich your quality of life!



Go Tell It On The Mountain The Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show Wednesday, December 14 @ 7 p.m.





Antelope Valley Ballet presents The Nutcracker Saturday, December 10 @ 2 & 7 p.m. Sunday, December 11 @ 2 p.m.



Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, Columbia Sunday, January 29 @ 3 p.m.



Crystal Gayle Wednesday, February 8 @ 8 p.m.

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Bella Toscana was the theme for the September Mayor's LPAC Gold Club gala hosted by the LPAC Foundation at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center. Members were treated, in recognition of their generous support of the Foundation, to an evening of fabulous Italian opera entertainment, delicious Italian cuisine and a hosted cocktail bar.

Upcoming in January 2012, the next Gold Club gala promises to captivate members as they are introduced to the sights, sounds and extravagance of the famed Moulin Rouge in Paris.

Proceeds from the Mayor's LPAC Gold Club and other Foundation programs fund *Arts for Youth – Education through the Arts*, as well as program and facility enhancements for the theatre. During the 2010-2011 season, the Foundation, in partnership with the community, provided funding to numerous Antelope Valley schools, giving nearly 8,000 students the opportunity to attend inspirational and educational performances at the LPAC through ticket scholarships and bus funding assistance. Students experienced performances by the LA Opera, Parsons Dance Company, Mayhem Poets and Rhythmic Circus, to name just a few. In addition, through LPAC's dynamic outreach program, more than 2,300 students were served, which included more than 350 special needs and high-risk students.

In 2011-2012, the Foundation will provide nearly \$35,000 in financial support for the LPAC's *Arts for Youth* programs. This will allow for an increase in student attendance at LPAC's student shows at the theatre, through ticket scholarships and additional bus funding assistance. The Foundation will also provide \$23,000 in funding for capital enhancements at the theatre, replacing the theatre's well-worn grand drape.

It is through the generous support of the community that programs such as *Arts for Youth* exist. It is imperative, especially in these economically challenging times that we continue to support and promote education through the arts and provide a venue which will continue to serve the community for many years to come.

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

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PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE

VALENTINE'S TRAVELING NATURE CLASS | **Saturday, December 3, 4 p.m.** | \$3 per person Live animals! Let the excitement begin! Come enjoy a hands-on experience with many animals you don't usually get to see.

BIRD WALK | Saturday, January 21, 8 a.m. | Free

Audubon club member Ron Smith will lead us on an educational bird walk through the Prime Desert Woodlands. The presentation begins in the Interpretive Center with a vast description of the Antelope Valley's birds and their habits. The presentation then continues onto the trail. Bring your binoculars. You never know what you might be able to spot on the walk.

MOON WALKS | **Saturday evenings** | \$2 donation welcome February 11, 6 p.m. • March 10, 6:30 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.

MOUNTED BUG PRESENTATION | Saturday, February 25, 4 p.m. | Free

Ahhh! I just saw a bug! What kind of bug you ask? Robert Shannon's collection of mounted insect specimens will inspire you to keep your eye out for bugs you didn't know existed in the Antelope Valley.

WILDFLOWER/PICTURE PRESENTATION | Saturday, March 24, 4 p.m. | Free Helen Henry, member of the Lancaster Photography Association, will give an enlightening PowerPoint presentation on Antelope Valley's wildflowers and how to capture them in a photograph. Don't forget your camera. Helen will show you how to take pictures of PDW's floral life after the presentation.

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

PDW docents provide personal tours of the PDW trails on Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 and Mar. 4.



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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.

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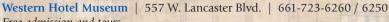
The New Lancaster MOAH

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 for the new space. Check out www.cityoflancasterca.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.



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.



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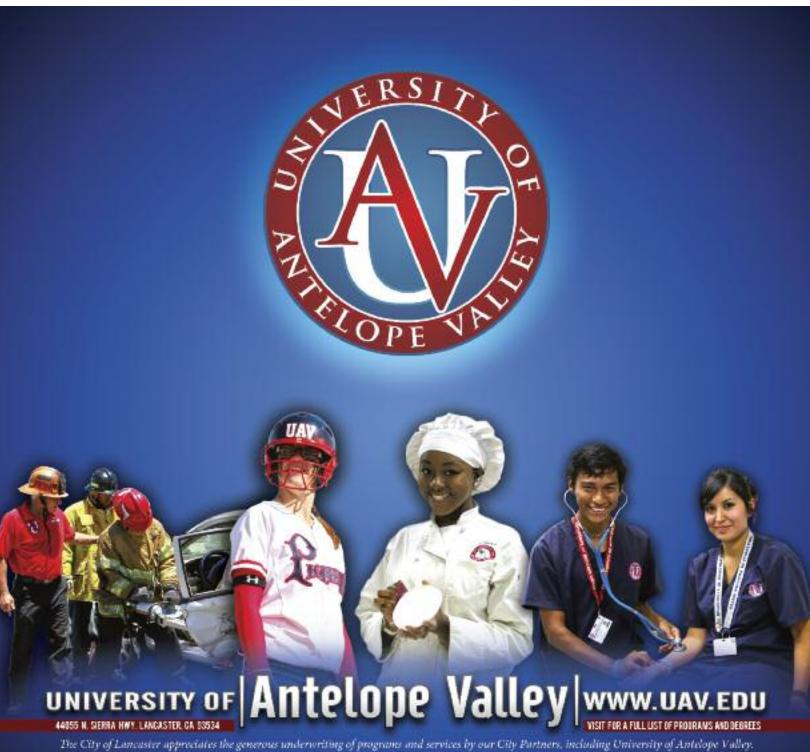
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