

# CITY OF LANCASTER

# OUTLOOK *Lite*

a glance at what's happening in Lancaster

JULY 2007

## COMING SOON

### Upcoming Events in Lancaster

**July 4**  
Fourth of July Spectacular  
Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
Gates open at 6:30 pm  
Entertainment at 7:30 pm  
Fireworks at 9 pm

**July 10**  
City Council/Redevelopment  
Agency Meeting, 6 pm

**July 16**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
7 pm, City Hall

**July 19**  
Fair Housing Clinic  
9 am to noon, City Hall

**July 20**  
Celebrate Downtown  
5:30 pm, Downtown Lancaster

**July 24**  
City Council/Redevelopment  
Agency Meeting, 6 pm

## CLOSE CALLS

### Phone numbers to keep handy

**Lancaster City Hall**  
661-723-6000

**Public Safety Office**  
661-723-6063

**Sheriff's Department**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 661-948-8466

**Crime Tip Hotline**  
661-948-COPS (2677)

**Graffiti Hotline**  
661-723-5985

**Transportation  
Maintenance**  
Signal Outages: 661-945-6808

**Code Enforcement**  
661-723-6121

**Maintenance Services  
Division**  
Pothole Repair: 661-723-5985



## Lancaster Sheriffs Seek Public Participation

As part of its ongoing effort to reduce crime in the City by 30 percent over the next few years, Lancaster Sheriffs recently canvassed a ten-square-block area on the City's eastside. Deputies involved in Community Oriented Policing (COP) and High Impact Teams (HIT) from throughout the County participated in the April 28 survey. They sought input from residents on issues of concern and obtained new information to help them root out gang activities.

To date, the Antelope Valley Crime Fighting Initiative that was established this spring by LA County Sheriff Lee Baca has netted over 300 arrests in the Antelope Valley. Additional apprehensions are expected to result from information gathered during the neighborhood sweep that covered over 500 households.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do is develop a dialogue with our residents," says Captain Carl Deeley, who commands the Lancaster Sheriff's Station. "By going door-to-door on a proactive basis, we are able to develop better relationships with the community and often pick up tips that can help us solve crimes."

For information on how you can get involved in a Neighborhood or Business Watch Program, visit the City's website at [www.cityoflancastrca.org](http://www.cityoflancastrca.org) or call the Public Safety Office at 661-723-6063.



## Craig Chaquico Headlines Summer Street Festival

**Friday, July 20 • 5:30 pm**  
**Downtown Lancaster • Free!**

## Farmers' Market • Diverse Cuisine • Fine Arts

**SPECIAL FEATURE!** Enjoy an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social and Outdoor Silent Movie at the Western Hotel/Museum. Beginning at 6 pm, visitors can enjoy ice cream, old-fashioned games and museum tours. At 9 pm enjoy the classic silent film "Captain January." Seating is available, but visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Tickets: Ice Cream Social & Movie - \$5/Adult • \$2/Children 12 & under  
Movie only - \$3/Adult • Children 12 and under FREE!

"Celebrate Downtown" presented by the City of Lancaster, Lancaster Old Town Site and the Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce.



Former Jefferson Starship guitarist Craig Chaquico performs at 8 pm

# LPAC 2007-2008 Season Announced

Sign up now for your  
2007-08 season tickets!  
Visit [www.lpac.org](http://www.lpac.org)

## 2007

September 22	Trisha Yearwood
September 23	Pure Prairie League and Firefall
September 24	Georgian State Dance
October 5	Jethro Tull
October 9	Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
October 12	Amstel Quartet
October 14	Solid Blues
October 19 & 20	Cinderella
October 21	The Manhattan Transfer
October 26	Suessical: The Musical
October 26-28	Rock Around the Fab Four
October 28	Kathy Griffin
November 2-4	You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
November 8	Gin Blossoms
November 10	AV Jazz Ensemble
November 15	Chris Botti
November 16	The Kingston Trio 50th Anniversary
November 18	Clint Black
November 30- December 1	The Night Before Christmas
December 8 & 9	The Nutcracker Ballet
December 14	Babes in Toyland
December 16	Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

## 2008

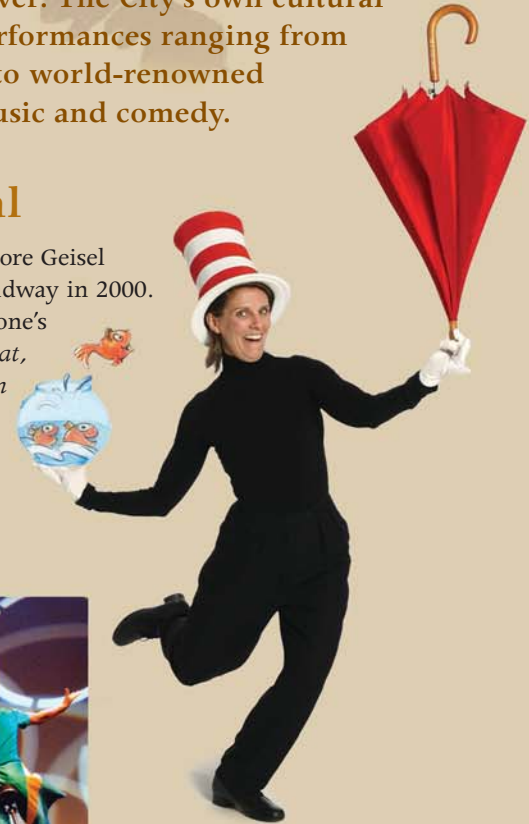
January 22	Monterey Jazz Festival
January 27	Quartetto Gelato
February 1-3	The Odd Couple
February 14	An Evening of Romantic Jazz
February 15	Russian American Kids Circus
February 23	Riders Radio Theater
February 24	The Irish Rovers
February 29 & March 1	Robinson Crusoe
March 7	Ramsey Lewis Trio
March 14	Little Women The Musical
March 21 & 22	Make a Joyful Noise
April 6	John Tesh
April 11	The Wailin' Jennys
April 12	BLiNK!
April 13	Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli"
April 26	Big Band Night at LPAC
May 3 & 4	A Midsummer Night's Dream
May 9-11	Oliver!
May 16	The Capitol Steps
May 30-June 1	The Diary of Anne Frank

The upcoming season at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center promises to be one of the best ever. The City's own cultural centerpiece will host over 60 performances ranging from outstanding homegrown talent to world-renowned headliners in theatre, dance, music and comedy.

## Suessical: The Musical

Based on the beloved characters of Theodore Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss), *Suessical* debuted on Broadway in 2000. It offers a light-hearted look inside everyone's favorite books including *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *Green Eggs and Ham* and much, much more. Don't miss this wondrous evening with Dr. Seuss designed to delight the entire family.

October 26 | 7 pm | \$12/\$5



## Russian American Kids Circus

From the producers of the famed Moscow Circus, this talented troupe ranges in age from six to sixteen, yet performs amazing acrobatics, extraordinary juggling and hilarious clowning around.

February 15, 2008 | 8 pm | \$26/\$14

## BLiNK!

Critically-acclaimed comedy magician Chipper Lowell, along with an incredible cast of the best magicians from around the world, performs jaw-dropping prestidigitation before your very eyes!

April 12, 2008 | 8 pm | \$30/\$12



LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
750 W. Lancaster Boulevard

For tickets or information, call 661-723-5950  
or visit [www.lpac.org](http://www.lpac.org)



# The Antelope Valley: Hollywood's Backlot

Commercials, feature films and TV have big impact on local economy

Hollywood may get all the credit, but often it's the Antelope Valley where much of the filming is done.

This summer's blockbusters, *Pirates of the Caribbean III – At Worlds End* along with its predecessor *Pirates II – Dead Man's Chest* were filmed on giant soundstages at Plant 42 over a period of seven months. The production brought with it over \$60 million in positive economic impact.



"When filmmakers choose the Antelope Valley, they bring with them large crews that need to be housed, fed and entertained," says AV Film Office Liaison Pauline East. "The overall impact on local business is many times greater than simply the fees generated by film permits."

In the last year, over 300 production days of feature films were shot in the Antelope Valley with an economic impact of over \$9 million. Television, commercial production and location photography accounted for nearly 200 production days and another \$2.2 million in economic impact.

So the next time you see a vaguely familiar setting on screen, it may have been shot right around the corner, bringing untold fame and fortune to your neighborhood!



## Big Paycheck for Pooch Place

Carole Kelly, president of the *Bark at the Park* Committee, presented a check for over \$2,300 to Ken Beauregard of the Lancaster Animal Shelter in recent ceremonies held at the shelter.

Each year the City sponsors a canine carnival for local dogs and their owners to help promote responsible pet ownership.



This year's *Bark at the Park* is scheduled for Saturday, October 6. Mark your calendar and plan on attending with Fido and friends.

## A City@Work Profiles of Public People



### Corrine Anderson, Finance

Chances are, if you've ever applied for a business license or paid a parking ticket you've dealt with Corrine Anderson of the City's Finance Department. This affable and attentive civil servant enjoys solving problems for the public and her co-workers and takes pride in the quality of care she puts into her vocation.

"I enjoy the research that goes into problem solving the most," says the three-year veteran of cash collections and other areas of City Finance.

When not helping citizens settle citations or learn about licensing, Ms. Anderson enjoys working on handicrafts at home in Tehachapi. According to friends, she is quite the quilter.

### Timika Hite, Administration

Timika Hite is an expert juggler. Not the type that's likely to perform at the circus, but one that wins the applause of all those in City Hall who benefit from her innate ability to multi-task.



As administrative assistant to Assistant City Manager Mark Bozigian, she helps out with a variety of public safety problems. But she also tackles communications assignments, adeptly deals with information technology issues and somehow always manages to keep smiling.

"I guess I'm a jack of all trades," says Timika. "I enjoy the camaraderie here and like being a part of something that makes a difference in my community."



## Drought = high fire danger

With the West's continued drought, fire dangers are at an all-time high. Please be sure to use extreme caution when working or enjoying our outdoors this summer.

- Do not park in grassy areas. Hot exhaust equipment can ignite underbrush.
- Do not smoke in hazardous areas or throw cigarette butts out of your car.
- Use camp stoves only in designated areas.
- Open fires are prohibited in many areas. Check with local ranger or CDF office.
- Fireworks are illegal and dangerous.
- Keep children away from matches and combustible material. Fire is not a toy.

Careless or reckless use of fire can result in death, injury and millions of dollars in property damage. You can be held liable for your actions and the actions of your children. Don't risk it. Make sure everyone in the family understands the danger and what they can do to prevent it.

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

### Aqua Activities Abound

A great way to cool off during these warm summer months is to take a dip at either of two City pools. The indoor Eastside Pool is located in Pierre Bain Park on 5th Street East. Webber Pool is located in Jane Reynolds Park on Oldfield Drive. A variety of aquatics classes are offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact them at 661-723-6077 or [www.cityoflanasterca.org](http://www.cityoflanasterca.org)

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## Join the Lancaster Community on July 19 for a Unique Day of Baseball Doubleheader Action!



Start your day at Clear Channel Stadium where the JetHawks will battle the Lake Elsinore Storm at 11 am. After the game, board a special charter bus and head to Dodger Stadium to watch the Dodgers take on the New York Mets at 7:10 pm.

**Tickets: \$45 each (\$40 ea. for JetHawks Season Ticket Holders)**  
*(Price includes double header, hot dog and soda at JetHawks game, commemorative t-shirt and transportation to/from Clear Channel Stadium to Dodger Stadium.)*

**Hurry! Orders must be received by July 6.**  
**visit [www.jethawks.com](http://www.jethawks.com) or call 661-726-5400.**

## Engineering Lab Opens at University Center

A new state-of-the-art laboratory for mechanical and electrical engineers has opened at Lancaster's University Center. The new facility is designed to serve students enrolled in Fresno State's undergraduate and graduate studies held at the satellite campus in Lancaster.

"The opening of the mechanical engineering building at the Lancaster University Center is an important milestone for engineering education in the Antelope Valley that would not have been possible without the commitment and support of the City of Lancaster, the Air Force Research Laboratory and many others," said CSU Fresno Dean Andrew Hoff.



The Air Force contributed equipment and staffing to the new lab, while the City's Redevelopment Agency contributed over \$700,000 toward its construction.

The program inaugurated in 2003, graduated its first students in June.

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