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Angela E. Underwood-Jacobs, *Council Member*
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City Manager

Mark V. Bozigian

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Erika Monroe, *Deputy Mayor*

You're Invited to Meetings

Lancaster City Council

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. In April, only the second meeting of the month will take place. In August, November, and December, only the first meeting of these months will take place.

Lancaster Architectural and 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 Public Safety 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.
TDD users may call the California TDD Relay Service at 1-800-735-2922.

Hotline Information

Abandoned shopping cart retrieval	800-252-4613
City special event hotline	661-723-5900
Job hotline	661-723-5874
Graffiti hotline	661-723-5977
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS (8477)

www.lacrimestoppers.org

www.cityoflancasterca.org

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

www.poppyfestival.com

California Poppy Festival™

www.LancasterChoiceEnergy.com

Lancaster Choice Energy

www.lpac.org

Lancaster Performing Arts Center

www.lancastermoah.org

Lancaster Museum of Art and History

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A message from your CITY COUNCIL

You can tell spring has arrived when the wildflowers begin to bloom, the Blue Angels return to Fox Airfield, and children ask if the Egg Hunt is almost here.

This spring, the City of Lancaster has much in store for its residents and guests. The Los Angeles County Air Show returns to Fox Field on March 19 and 20 with an encore performance by the Navy's elite aerial acrobats, the Blue Angels. The California Poppy Festival™ is a perennial favorite, yet it always seems to come up with something new to surprise us all. Be sure to attend on April 16 and 17.

As we get things moving for the New Year, we always take a moment to review what has been accomplished. In this issue you'll find selected highlights of 2015, as well as a full review of the past several years.

Meanwhile, our new local utility, Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE), has some good news for its customers. LCE has reduced its rates. If you are not already with LCE, you should really think about it.

LCE is also sponsoring an exciting new exhibit, *Green Revolution*, at Lancaster's Museum of Art and History (MOAH). Featuring artwork focused on sustainability and recycling, *Green Revolution* will be showing through mid-April.

You will also want to check out Avenue L and Challenger Way, where you can find the City's first roundabout in full swing.

We have loads of other classes, activities, and special events listed in our Activity Guide. Be sure to come out and enjoy the delightful spring weather.

One final important note – on Tuesday, April 12, the local election will be held. It is important that each of us exercise our right to vote. Please register and vote for those you believe will best represent our City.

Wishing you a sunny springtime,
Your City Council



ON THE COVER

Blue Angels photograph courtesy of United States Navy

Spring is in the air and all across the landscape. A fresh crop of poppies can be found dotting the hillsides in and around Lancaster, a sure sign that our California Poppy Festival™ is approaching. Meanwhile, the Blue Angels prep for takeoff in the 3rd Annual Los Angeles County Air Show.

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2015

HEALTH, WEALTH, AND HAPPY CONSTITUENTS

*City focuses on
projects and programs
to improve our
local quality of life*

At the beginning of each year, City officials and staff take a moment to review what's been accomplished during the previous twelve months and what the goals should be for the coming new year. Here's a synopsis.

HEALTH...

Creating a healthier community

Last year, the City of Lancaster kicked off two big health initiatives, which are being expanded in 2016. The YOLO Lancaster Wellness Challenge was developed to encourage everyone to eat right, stay active, and live well. More than 400 citizens participated in the challenge, one of whom came home a healthy \$5,000 richer for her efforts.

The City's Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization along with the Communications Division helped coordinate the yearlong effort in alliance with Antelope Valley Partners for Health.

In 2016, the free program has been expanded to include teenagers, who will compete for a grand prize of a MacBook Pro and \$500 cash. If you have not already signed up for this always friendly competition, do so today at YOLOLancaster.org.

In parallel, the Mayor's Wellness Council in concert with local VISTA volunteers created the Wellness Academy. The Academy promoted healthy activities in three local elementary schools involving more than 450 students. The pilot program is being broadened in 2016.





HAPPINESS...

Making life more livable in Lancaster

Every department in the City works hard to make our citizens happy. Whether it is simple things like making it easier to apply for a passport or big things like making energy more affordable and keeping our neighborhoods safe, Lancaster strives to exceed the expectations of everyone who lives here. You will find such dedication in the City Clerk's office where staff is prepping for another election year.

It is also prevalent in Development Services where the *Revive 25* program is in full swing helping to reinvigorate our roadways, or via the *Safe Routes to School* project, which is making travel to and from school more secure.

We are also working hard to make our City a more tolerant and compassionate place. Fair housing remains a high priority, and for those just starting out, a down-payment assistance program is available. We are offering emergency grants to low-income veterans and disabled people to help them make urgent repairs to their homes. And for those wishing to help, we have created a system to find volunteer opportunities to help your neighbors.

We have also made great strides in creating better communications with those we serve. You will find a wealth of information on our website, our social media sites, and in publications such as this.

Health, wealth, and happiness – it is a lot to deliver, but we do our best to provide just that every day. Please let us know how we are doing. We are here to serve your needs.



WEALTH...

Creating more jobs for local residents

Lancaster has long been known as a business-friendly city. As a matter of fact, the City has won many awards for its can-do attitude. The downtown BLVD district is a prime example. This remarkable job-creating engine continues to welcome new businesses, including a Brazilian barbecue, a tearoom, and an award-winning bakery.

In 2016 and beyond, the City is seeking to repeat its BLVD success by encouraging the redevelopment of areas around Antelope Valley Hospital with new medical offices, as well as outpatient and supportive services. The *Medical Main Street* project is further explained within this issue of Outlook.

Tourism is another topic where the City has made great strides. Over the last five years, bed tax revenues have increased by 27%, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Destination Lancaster and the City's Parks, Recreation and Arts Department. With special events like the *Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix* and the *Field of Drafts* craft beer festival, the City is drawing tens of thousands of visitors into town to have fun and support our local economy.





Medical Main Street Moves Forward with Selection of Experts to Help Guide Development

Visionary plan calls for new healthcare facilities around Antelope Valley Hospital

The City of Lancaster has moved one step closer to realizing its vision for new and improved healthcare facilities around Antelope Valley Hospital with the selection of Sargent Town Planning as lead consultant on the long-term planning project.

“Sargent Town Planning has the experience and creative capabilities to help us achieve our vision,” said Planning Director Brian Ludicke. “We solicited proposals from half a dozen top firms and chose Sargent Town Planning because their skills best matched our needs.”

Over the next several months, the group will assist the City’s Planning and Economic Development staff in determining the best way to transform the Medical Main Street vision into reality. They will help by developing an in-depth market analysis, as well as assist in branding the project and creating marketing materials to help attract new developers and tenants to the district.

“The area surrounding the hospital has a number of vacant parcels ripe for development,” noted City Manager Mark V. Bozigian. “Working closely with the Hospital District, we’re going to transform this area into the economic engine it can be.”

In much the same way, the City leveraged a significant investment in infrastructure and planning of the BLVD arts and entertainment downtown district. A similar approach will be taken to create a new and attractive environment where private capital will seek to invest in order to build new healthcare facilities and support services.

“We aren’t just talking about doctors’ offices and clinics,” said Chenin Dow, who is spearheading the effort within Economic Development. “We also envision cafes and shops to support patients and their families, as well as housing for medical workers and the infrastructure required to support a 24/7 operation which the medical community requires.”

One key aspect of infrastructure already identified is the need for improved traffic circulation. Several streets have been identified for improvements, and new streets will be added to create better access for ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

David Sargent, president of Sargent Town Planning, noted that they were pleased to have been chosen from a distinguished field of candidates. “We look forward to serving the people of Lancaster in this far-sighted plan to encourage and attract new investment in this critical, rapidly growing segment of the local economy.”

The planning process is anticipated to take 18 months to complete with build-out of infrastructure improvements and new commercial development to follow.

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– Mark V. Bozigian
City Manager

Hollywood Boosts the Local Economy

More than 350 productions bring \$10.5 million to town



Hollywood loves to use the Antelope Valley as its backlot. In fact, in 2015 more than 350 separate productions chose the area for filming, a six percent uptick over prior years.

“Big box office hits like *Furious Seven*, which has grossed more than \$1.5 billion worldwide, shot key scenes here,” said Pauline East of the Antelope Valley Film Office, which coordinates permits and support services for production companies.

Oscar-nominated *Sicario* starring Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin, and Benicio Del Toro also utilized the Antelope Valley as its backdrop. Lesser-known films including the Chinese/American comedy *Hollywood Adventures* spent weeks on location here.

“The expanded California Film and Television Tax Credit has proven to be of real value for filming in the Antelope Valley. This state tax credit now provides a five percent uplift for those filming outside the 30-Mile Studio Zone, the traditional boundary for local production,” said East. “By taking advantage of this uplift, several films chose to stay in California and found locations here in the Antelope Valley for shooting.”

In addition to feature films, the Antelope Valley saw many TV shows, commercials, and music videos shot here. Fox’s *Last Man on Earth*, which was picked up for a second season last fall, chose the Antelope Valley for shooting. ABC’s *The Muppets* also filmed in the area, as did Showtime’s *House of Lies*.

Most major automakers as well as Pepsi, Foster Farms, Samsung, and Motorola shot commercials in the area. Billy Idol, Ellie Goulding, and Meg Myers also filmed music videos here.

“We do our best to make it easy for location scouts and production managers to choose the Antelope Valley,” added East. “We have a database of locations they can review online, and we help them with permits, catering, and the other crafts they need. It makes it easier for them, while creating real economic benefits for us. This is why the film office exists.”

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Antelope Valley Film Office



READY, SET, BREAK!

The 3rd Annual Los Angeles County Air Show, powered by Lockheed Martin, returns to Fox Airfield, March 19-20, 2016

The United States Navy Blue Angels Demonstration Squadron will tear up the skies of Lancaster as the headlining act of the 2016 Los Angeles County Air Show for two days of jaw-dropping excitement.

This year's Air Show promises to be even more exciting with a vast array of thrilling jets, world-renowned aerobatic performers, historic aircraft, and fascinating ground displays inspiring both the young and young at heart.



POWERED BY

LOCKHEED MARTIN



Gates open at 9 a.m. with aerial activities beginning at approximately noon, both days

General admission: \$15-\$20 pre-sale prices, available online now at lacountyairshow.com. Children five years of age and under are free.

Four Pack of Fun: \$60, includes four adult tickets (available online only)

Parking: \$10 for cars, \$30 for RVs, buses, and trailers

- Be amazed by the precision formation flying of the USN Blue Angels – at times flying only 18 inches apart!
- Pyrotechnics! Need we say more?
- Watch world-renowned aerobatic performers defy gravity with high-octane maneuvers!
- Static displays and exhibits from local aerospace companies to engage and inspire all ages.
- Unique educational exhibits designed to promote and encourage activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).



Spring is in the air...
and all across the landscape

california **25 YEARS**
POPPY
FestivalTM
april 16-17, 2016



Saturday & Sunday • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
LANCASTER CITY PARK
10th Street West & Avenue K

Adults: \$10 • Seniors 62 & older: \$5
Active & Retired Military with ID: \$5
Children 6-12: \$5 • Children 6 & under: FREE
Preferred Parking: \$5

Abundant free parking with complimentary tram service to and from the Festival site. Advanced tickets available online at www.poppymfestival.com.

Lancaster's favorite spring fling is back with even more fun for everyone. Come enjoy two separate stages filled with nonstop entertainment, plus animal adventures, aviation displays, craft exhibits, a vintage car show on Sunday as well as everyone's favorite delicious and decadent Festival foods.

Stroll through an endless array of booths and displays including the Healthy Living Pavilion and the Public Safety exhibits. A delightful Farmers Market offers fresh fruits and veggies, while strolling entertainment offers unique up-close performances.

With so much for the entire family to enjoy, mark your calendar and don't miss the Antelope Valley's signature spring event.



City Kicks Off Multi-Family Recycling Campaign

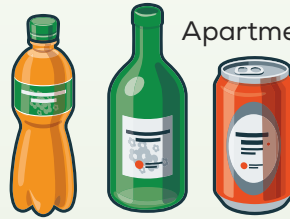
With help from a grant from CalRecycle, Lancaster has launched a new outreach campaign to encourage apartment and condominium residents to increase the amount of recycling they do.

“People who live in multi-unit buildings tend to recycle at a significantly lower rate than those who live in single-family homes,” noted David Jones, who is spearheading the effort for the City. “We’re trying to change this fact by educating both property managers and residents about what can be done and why.”

PITCH IN

TO RECYCLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

If you thought recycling was just for people residing in single-family homes, think again.



Apartment and condominium residents can also pitch in to help out the planet too.

It’s easy to separate common recyclables from trash, especially if you use a dual bucket receptacle. Just place your glass, cans, plastic bottles, and jugs into the recycling side. Drop table scraps, paper towels, foil, and styrofoam on the trash side.

Most complexes have dedicated recycling dumpsters. If yours does not, visit Earth911.com for a list of local recycling centers.

By recycling, you save energy, reduce litter, and put many reusable resources to new and productive uses. Help keep Lancaster cleaner and greener by recycling today.

For general questions regarding recycling, please call (661) 723-5885.

Show Mother Earth You Care... Be Part of a Billion Acts of



Twenty million people participated in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. By 1990, Earth Day had become a global phenomenon. Two hundred million people from 141 countries put protection of the environment on the world’s agenda. In 2010, on its 40th anniversary, supporters of Earth Day pledged to perform a Billion Acts of Green. They accomplished their goal within two years, and now they are working toward Three Billion Acts of Green. You can help by:

REDUCING

- Carefully choose what you buy
- Don’t purchase what you don’t need
- Avoid products with excess packaging
- Reduce your energy consumption
- Use more energy-efficient products
- Set thermostats and water heaters lower
- Buy locally produced items to lower transportation costs
- Unplug any appliances and chargers when they are not in use

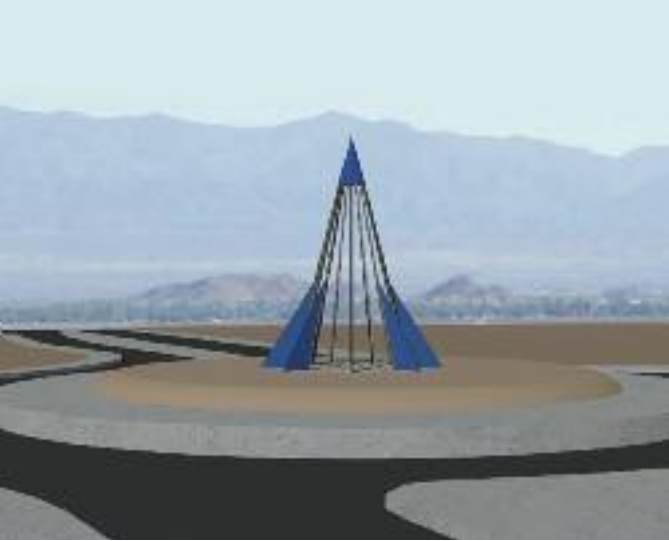
REUSING

- Donate usable items to a thrift store
- Find a bargain at a consignment shop
- Discover creative new uses for old things
- Vintage clothing has become fashionable again
- Capture rain water for use in your gardens

RECYCLING

- Redeem your beverage bottles and cans for cash
- Salvaging old writings and newspapers saves trees
- Recycling tin and steel cans saves energy
- Plastic jugs can be transformed into park benches
- Shredded tires make attractive mulch
- Recycle e-waste to prevent contamination
- Old cardboard can be turned into new containers
- Remanufactured motor oil is just as good as new
- Lancaster offers curbside pickup of old motor oil
- Our local 24-Hr. Recycling Center accepts e-waste





New Roundabout Aims to Improve Traffic Safety

There is something different about the intersection of Avenue L and Challenger Way – no corners. The newly configured intersection has done away with right angles and introduced the City’s first roundabout design. Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer, greener, and more cost-effective than traditional intersections.

“Every year, 7,000 people are killed in accidents at right-angled intersections,” offered Gabriel Nevarez, Senior Construction Manager on the project. “With roundabouts, 90% of broadside accidents are eliminated.”

The project was funded by a state safety grant after the City’s traffic data showed this to be one of the most dangerous intersections in Lancaster.

Unlike old traffic circles, entering traffic yields to oncoming vehicles within a roundabout. This results in a more efficient flow with fewer starts and stops as well as better throughput.

“Once drivers have used roundabouts, they overwhelmingly support them,” says Nevarez. “Construction is nearly wrapped up, and the whole process has gone very well. In fact, by re-routing traffic during construction, we were able to work quicker, while keeping the many construction workers safe.”

A unique aspect of the roundabout is the new public art which will soon be installed at its center. Entitled “Astral Challenger,” the acrylic and steel sculpture is the work of Los Angeles-based contemporary artist Shana Mabari and pays tribute to the crew of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

REVIVE 25

CITY OF LANCASTER



The City of Lancaster has nearly 1,700 lane miles of roads, which is roughly the distance from here to Chicago. Complete reconstruction of all those miles of roads

would cost the City and taxpayers more than half a billion dollars.

The Revive 25 program is Lancaster’s innovative approach to efficient road maintenance, maximizing the life of roadways by investing more in preventive care instead of costly repairs. By using this method, more expensive roadwork can be postponed or completely avoided.

The City’s goal is to revive all 1,700 lane miles between now and 2025. By utilizing preventive maintenance techniques including revolutionary resurfacing technology, the City forecasts a savings of more than \$280 million over the next 10 years, while substantially improving road conditions throughout the City.



KEY BENEFITS OF THE REVIVE 25 PROGRAM:

- Ability to treat 10 times more roads
- Avoids costly reconstruction
- Reduces impact of lengthy road closures
- Creates safer travel conditions
- Results in less wear and tear on your car
- Saves taxpayers money

More than 220 lane miles of road projects throughout the City are anticipated to begin later this spring.

For up-to-the-minute updates on local road improvements, visit the Revive 25 website at www.aBetterRoadAhead.com.

LCE Offers New, Lower Electric Rates

Local YOUtility brings rates down by 20%

Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) lowered its electricity rates by an average of 20% on January 1, creating even greater savings for local customers. “We’ve only been a full-fledged electricity provider for a few months, and we’ve already saved Lancaster residents and business owners thousands of dollars on their energy bills,” said Barbara Boswell, Director of Lancaster Choice Energy.

LCE was the first municipal utility in Southern California to adopt the Community Choice Aggregation model, which allows public entities to offer a real alternative to private utility services. Under this approach, power generation charges are separated from distribution charges, thus allowing

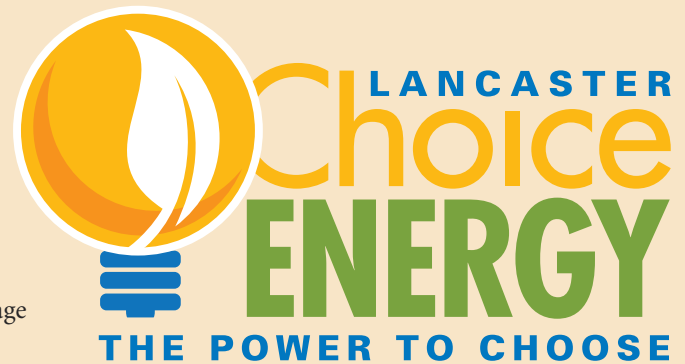
greater innovation and new approaches to be adopted by nimble, locally controlled utilities. Substantially lowering rates just months after launching its service is just one example of how this model offers real advantages to LCE customers.

“We are going to continue pursuing every opportunity to make those savings even more substantial,” added Boswell. “This is the beauty of being a public service, rather than a private one. Our main goal is not profit, it is the satisfaction and support of our community.”

Residential customers who wish to invest their savings into a cleaner, greener environment are encouraged to opt up to the 100% renewable Smart Choice plan for just \$10 more per month, or 33 cents more per day. Commercial customers can opt up for 1.5 cents more per kilowatt-hour. Choosing Smart Choice helps

the City move closer to its goal of becoming net zero, by producing or procuring more clean energy than it consumes.

For details on the new rates and programs, call 661-723-6084 or visit www.LancasterChoiceEnergy.com.



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– Barbara Boswell
Director, LCE



Rate Assistance Available to Seniors and Disabled

If you’re on a fixed income or have special medical needs, you may qualify for rate assistance through several programs available to Lancaster Choice Energy customers.

The CARE (California Alternative Rate for Energy) program offers discounted rates to those who qualify. It has the added advantage of not being subject to special recovery fees paid to Southern California Edison (SCE), meaning even lower rates for you.

A similar federal program known as FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance) also provides lower rates to lower income customers.

If you receive SNAP, WIC, or SSI benefits, you will likely qualify for one of these programs.

The Medical Baseline rate is available to those who must use life support systems or have special heating and cooling needs due to a chronic condition. A doctor must verify the need.

For more information on qualification guidelines or to apply for these and other programs, visit www.SCE.com.

Keep Connected with Us:

Lancaster Choice Energy is available day and night.

www.LancasterChoiceEnergy.com

(844) 288-4LCE

customerservice@LancasterChoiceEnergy.com

Visit us at Lancaster City Hall,
First Floor



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Vote in the April 12 municipal election

Residents of Lancaster, 18 years and older, are encouraged to get out and vote on April 12, 2016. This year, up for election is the Mayor's seat as well as two City Council seats.

Keep in mind, the last day to register to vote is March 28. You must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the City, and otherwise eligible to vote.

To register to vote or to check your registration status, visit lavote.net. Registration forms can also be found at most government offices. If you've moved or changed your name since the last election, you will need to re-register.

Your sample ballot will be mailed in March. It provides information regarding the candidates and lists your designated polling location, which may have changed. Be sure to check the location before going to your polling place to vote.

The sample ballot also includes a vote-by-mail application. If you prefer to vote by mail and haven't already applied, simply fill out the form and mail it in prior to the deadline, which is one week before the election. Existing vote-by-mail voters need not reapply.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day. Be sure to exercise your rights by voting on April 12.



WHY RENT

WHEN YOU CAN OWN?

**YOUR DOWN PAYMENT COULD BE
LESS IN
LANCASTER!**

Home ownership may be closer than you dreamed possible, thanks to the City of Lancaster's Downpayment Assistance Program.

If you're a veteran or a qualified low-income family, you could receive half the down payment required for a home purchased here in Lancaster.

If you have friends and family hoping to buy a home, a move to Lancaster could be more affordable than they ever imagined.

Check with a local real estate agent or lender to see if you qualify for this program which offers:

- Help with up to one-half of the down payment
- Assistance with closing costs
- Repayment deferred until sale or refinancing
- Forgiveness after residing in the home five years

Income and other qualifying factors apply.



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For full details, please visit www.cityoflancasterca.org/downpaymentassistance.



Diversity Encourages Understanding, Respect, and Great New Friendships

Don't let bias or bigotry grow. Get to know your neighbors.

The City of Lancaster is committed to promoting equality and opportunity throughout the community in our neighborhoods, housing, schools, and workplaces.

“We’re working with community leaders from across the spectrum to develop new bridges and find common ground for all our residents,” says Elizabeth Brubaker, the City’s Director of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization. “By bringing the community together in warm and casual occasions, we can foster greater understanding.”

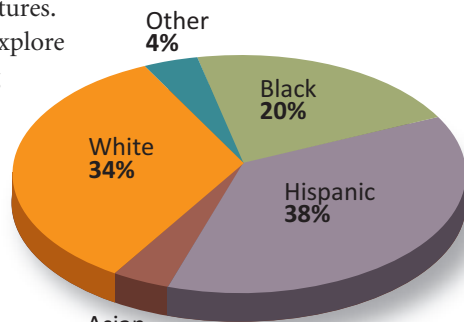
Lancaster is a diverse and varied community with people of many faiths, races, and origins. Census figures show that the City has no single ethnic majority, but rather a heterogeneous blend of many races and cultures.

Lancaster has rich cultural assets which explore and celebrate our diversity. The Performing Arts Center invites groups from around the world to bring their music, dance, and culture to our community.

The Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH) mounts exhibitions which explore many points of view and encourages dialogue through activities surrounding these showings.

When communities embrace diversity, remarkable things happen. We soon find we have much more in common than we ever imagined. We learn from each other and grow stronger together. When we shed prejudice, we gain bonds that help us find wonderful connections.

Take time to get to know your neighbors. It might just kindle friendships which last a lifetime.



Lancaster Population by Race and Ethnicity
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Noted British Economist, Philippe Legrain found diverse communities create real benefits for all.

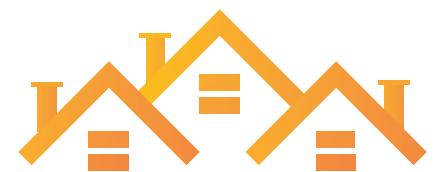
“The biggest economic benefit of diversity is that it stimulates new ideas, which are the source of most economic growth.”

– Philippe Legrain
British Economist

Academics at the University of Pennsylvania discovered that diversity adds to the city’s arts and culture in important ways.

“The arts are one way neighbors build connections. These become assets that a community can use to address common challenges.”

– Mark J. Stern & Susan C. Seifert
University of Pennsylvania



FAIR HOUSING: It’s the law and the right thing to do.

Most home sellers, landlords, and real estate agents are professionals who want to do the right thing.

Occasionally, potential buyers and renters may run into someone who seems to have a bias based on the race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, or family status of an applicant.

This may be a violation of the Fair Housing Act. If you believe you’ve been discriminated against when looking to buy or rent a home, report it. Contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at www.hud.gov or 1-800-347-3739 or call the L.A. County Housing Rights Center at 1-800-477-5977. They’ll investigate the claim and further assist those whose claims are validated.



Ready for El Niño?

The notorious El Niño weather pattern is now upon us. Forecasters claim this is likely to be the strongest in years and could have devastating consequences for those living in flood-prone areas or hillside areas impacted by recent fires.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department and agencies throughout the County are ready, but are you and your family prepared?



Take action now to gather all the information and materials you need:

- Register with Alert LA County to have emergency notices sent to your phone or email. Sign up at lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la.
- Download the County's Emergency Survival Guide from lacoa.org (click on disaster preparedness).
- Create an emergency kit with food, water, first aid items, flashlights, a radio, medications, cash, important documents, clothing, sturdy shoes, a fire extinguisher, and necessary tools.
- Obtain sandbags from designated locations and strategically place them to channel runoff into the street. For an up-to-date list of pickup locations, visit dpw.lacounty.gov/care/sandbags.
- Keep track of road closures on the radio or by visiting dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures.

For additional tips and assistance at any time, call 211 or visit 211LA.org. In an emergency, call 911.

Wishing you a safe and dry storm season,
Assistant Fire Chief Gerald Cosey



Lancaster Code Enforcement

Lancaster Enforces Municipal Codes – It's the Law

Most residents do their best to observe the law. However, a few, either unaware or indifferent, can create chronic problems in their neighborhoods. Do your part. Report any repeated code violations to the Code Enforcement office.



The most common code violations include:

Parking - Vehicles cannot be parked on dirt, grass, or rockscares along the side of your home. They must be parked on a paved surface. Additionally, vehicles cannot be parked, stored, or left unattended for more than five days in a wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative condition. In addition, all project cars must be garaged.

Utilities - All occupied homes must subscribe to utility services. For public safety reasons, water, gas, electricity, trash, and sewer services must be maintained if anyone is living in the home. If you suspect someone is living without utilities, you may contact the Code Enforcement office.

Upkeep – Vacant, abandoned, or neglected homes must be maintained by their legal owners at all times. If a property in your neighborhood is clearly abandoned or seriously neglected, contact Code Enforcement so we can assure it is secured and properly maintained.

With a little effort and cooperation, we all can ensure our City remains safe and secure for everyone to enjoy.

You may contact the Code Enforcement office at 661-723-6121.



Dave Mills

Corporate Challenge Brings out Friendly Rivalries

Olympic-style competition promotes fun, fitness, and teamwork

The fourth annual Lancaster Corporate Challenge (LCC) kicked off this February with a new set of events aimed at inspiring teamwork, physical acumen, and mental acuteness. Twelve separate activities are planned over four full months, ranging from bowling to a blood drive. An indoor volleyball competition was held in February with team members limbering up for additional events in March through mid-May.

This year, instead of wrapping things up with a chili cook-off, there will be a talent show on May 21, featuring the singing, dancing, and non-athletic abilities of the illustrious teams. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of avid Corporate Challenger Kelvin Tainatongo.

Organized by the City of Lancaster Wellness Committee, the goal of the Challenge is to promote healthy lifestyles. It is open to all types of organizations including businesses, schools, churches, and social groups. All participants must be 18 or older.

Top Teams in the 2015 LCC

1. Top Notch Troth (Berkshire Hathaway/Troth)
2. Dust Devils (City of Lancaster)
3. American Medical Response (AMR)

Active Senior Earns \$5,000 YOLO Lancaster Wellness Challenge Prize

Ana Perfecto-Stone participated in 215 physical activities and attended 238 health and wellness events during 2015. Her dedication was enough to earn her \$5,000 and the right to be named the YOLO Wellness Challenge Grand Champion for 2015.

Ms. Stone was one of more than 400 local residents who pledged to eat right, stay active, and live well.

“I wanted to get my cholesterol and blood pressure down,” said the 65-year-old who works out four times a week in the City’s senior exercise program at the Stanley Kleiner Activity Center. “I also managed to lose a few pounds.”

Other winners included Robert Howard, Rosalyn Young, Adel Domingo, and Carol Ann Roberts.

The YOLO Lancaster Wellness Challenge is a partnership between the City of Lancaster and Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH). The yearlong event encourages people to live healthier and make wiser decisions by remembering *You Only Live Once* (YOLO). Incentives are offered to participants for being physically active, paying attention to health and wellness, and making smart decisions on what they consume.

In 2016, the program, which is now free, has been opened to teen competitors who will vie for the top prize of a MacBook Pro and \$500. A number of rules have also been revised to make it easier to record activities and do quarterly assessments online, instead of in person.

“We’re delighted with the progress we’ve made,” said Michelle Kiefer, Executive Director of AVPH. “Collectively, participants earned a total of 25,000 points, while cutting fast food meals by 25% and sugary drink consumption by 15%.”

Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director Elizabeth Brubaker, who coordinated the program for the City, noted, “This is more than just a diet and exercise program. We are out to change attitudes and improve the life and longevity of everyone by making health and wellness fun.”

Information regarding the YOLO Lancaster Wellness Challenge can be found at www.YOLOLancaster.org.





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Lynn Aldrich

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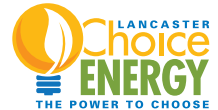
Jeremy Kidd

GREEN REVOLUTION

Sustainable Living through the Arts

February 13 - April 17

Sponsored by Lancaster Choice Energy and sPower



MOAH's opening exhibit for 2016, *Green Revolution*, focuses on artists' thoughts on sustainable living through renewable energy, urban gardening, and the reuse and recycling of materials.

British born, Los Angeles-based Jeremy Kidd, whose sculpture and condensed photos capture the *Interrupted Landscapes* of the wind farm, headlines the exhibition.

Additional artists and exhibitions include: Coleen Sterritt, Lynn Aldrich, Fawn Rogers, Charles Hood, Christine Mugnolo, Ann Webber, and LAGI.

SUBJECT

May 7 - July 24 | Opening Reception: May 7

Subject focuses on the artist as subject. This exhibition expands upon the traditional self-portrait's intention to capture the artist's likeness by exposing his or her inner state, body, history, or minutiae of daily life.

Main Gallery | Rebecca Campbell: *The Potato Eaters*

South Gallery | Andrew Frieder: *Life of the Artist*

East Gallery | Kent Anderson Butler

Wells Fargo Gallery | Eric Minh Swenson

Vault Gallery | Jane Szabo

Education Gallery | Natasa Prosenec Stearns

Lancaster Museum of Art & History Presents 4th ANNUAL TEA

In Honor of Mother's Day FARM to TABLE

Saturday, May 7, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$45 per person

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Camp Sign-Up Day

Saturday, May 14 | 9 to 11 a.m.
Stanley Kleiner Building, Lancaster City Park
Participate in one or all sessions!



EXCURSIONS

- June 13 - 17: Six Flags Magic Mountain
- June 20 - 24: Hurricane Harbor
- June 27 - July 1: CA Science Center/Natural History Museum
- July 5 - 8: El Capitan Theatre*
- July 11 - 15: Knott's Berry Farm
- July 18 - 22: Raging Waters
- July 25 - 29: Medieval Times
- August 1 - 5: LA Zoo

Weekly camp program includes a fun adventure, swimming, games, sports, and themed crafts.

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2008

Innovation in government has been the cornerstone of the City of Lancaster's approach to municipal operations over the past several years. This methodology has duly paid off as we reflect on the recent national economic downturn, deemed the Great Recession, and the City's ability to persevere and advance during the most challenging financial climate in decades.

The defining factor of the City's resilience has been a staunch dedication to overcoming daunting obstacles with creative and unique strategies. Touting a "yes we can" attitude, City officials and staff committed to creating opportunities and establishing new economic foundations in the midst of collapse and crises throughout the surrounding world environment.

2008 ushered in a number of factors which significantly impacted the City's direction. The United States experienced the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The City of Lancaster faced a skyrocketing unemployment rate, which peaked at more than 17%. Devastating financial and aesthetic consequences followed the resulting decline of the housing market. Amidst this, the Mayor and City Council would soon prove their mettle by rallying City resources to aggressively resist and overcome the seeming fate facing the community.

In essence, there were overwhelming threats to public safety in every sense. Communal safety was compromised by crime. Personal safety was severely affected by lacking health and wellness services.

Economic safety plummeted. Meanwhile, environmental safety was being unprotected. As such, a new perspective was needed to shift these realities into a more desirable quality of life for the Lancaster community.

The Mayor, City Council, and City staff endeavored to find the most effective ways to reduce local crime; improve citizen access to health and wellness resources; enhance infrastructure to better protect the community; increase economic development efforts to ensure revenue streams; as well as address the matter of long-term sustainability.

Public safety is necessary for any community seeking to create upward mobility for its citizens and further its endeavors. Having peace of mind and security in one's environment make grander pursuits possible.

By realizing dramatic drops in crime since

City of Lancaster's Commitment to Innovation and Excellence Netted Much Progress During National Economic Downturn

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2007, the City was then able to concentrate on elevating other areas of the community.

Beyond protection from criminal behavior, citizens require protection from another type of predator – illness. As an area then marked by high disease, chronic sickness, and social challenges, Lancaster employed a number of grass roots initiatives to better address the needs of the community, particularly those citizens in more need-based neighborhoods. The City tackled health issues in these areas with the cooperation of local healthcare providers and faith-based organizations, developing a three-pronged approach to providing additional wellness options to residents. The resulting Neighborhood Impact Homes, Wellness Homes, and Community Gardens offer resources, care, and refuge for numerous families who previously struggled to find the support they needed.

The City's economic development efforts during the Great Recession were most impressive. Centering on the importance of public/private partnerships, as well as regional, national, and international leveraging of business interests; Lancaster nurtured a strategy for creating, maintaining, and growing relationships which positively impacted the local economy. Such practices not only earned Lancaster the "Most Business-Friendly City" award twice, but also drew companies like Build Your Dreams (BYD), which continue to open new doors of opportunity and economic security for the region. Lancaster sought to establish businesses which would better secure the economic and environmental future of the community.

This past year, the City of Lancaster embarked upon the innovative concept of becoming the first municipal Community Choice Aggregator in California, establishing Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) as a greener, more affordable provider of residential and commercial electric power.

LCE not only provides citizens with a choice for local power, it also creates a revenue stream which feeds directly back into the community, keeping millions of local dollars local and setting in place added economic security for the next time the world economy challenges local prosperity.

The many achievements realized by the City of Lancaster over the past several years cannot be addressed in their entirety within just a few pages. The following timeline highlights accomplishments our community should be most proud of in recent years. It is our expectation that citizens continue to support Lancaster and nurture a thriving, sustainable community for many generations to come.



08

- Joint Anti-Gang Task Force Launches
- Burglary Suppression Team Launches
- Truancy Team Deploys
- City Adds Criminal Justice and Other Citizen Commissions



eSolar Sierra SunTower, First Solar Thermal Power Tower in the United States

City's "Positively Clear" Brand Launches



Local Economic Stimulus Package Launches



2008

- Lancaster Named One of the Least Expensive Cities for Doing Business**
- City Adopts Dangerous & Vicious Dog Ordinance which Becomes the Template for Cities Throughout the Nation
- Lancaster Becomes LA County's First Research & Development Sheriff's Station
- Neighborhood Impact & Wellness Home Program Begins**



2009



- First Annual Streets of Lancaster Grand Prix Event**
- Award-Winning Recycled Water Project Completed
- Parole Fugitive Apprehension Team Launches
- Lancaster Among Top Cities in Crime Reduction in LA County
- Destination Lancaster Launches

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Award-Winning Building Incentive Stimulus Program Begins

**Violent Crime Down 12%
45% Drop in Gang Crime**

Award-Winning Solar Lancaster Program Launches

SOAR High School First Graduating Class 99% onto college

City, BYD & KB Home Unveil the "Home of the Future"



First Annual UNITE Lancaster Program

Lancaster Participates in International Sister Cities in China

Begins negotiations with BYD to open eBus plant

AV Chevrolet Joins Lancaster Auto Mall

International Award-Winning BLVD Transformation Completed



First Annual BLVD Events

Celebrate America on The BLVD, award-winning BooLVD Halloween and Harvest Festival, A Magical BLVD Christmas

2010

2011

AV Subaru Joins Lancaster Auto Mall

JetHawks, Nation's Most Energy-Efficient MiLB Stadium



Lancaster Launches Crime Mapping Website

Lancaster hosts AV's First Solar Standard Community

Lancaster Wins Lawsuit to Open City Council Meetings with Prayer



Lancaster Becomes a Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) City



New Upscale BLVD Cinemas Opens Downtown

The BLVD Named One of the "Route 6 Top 10 Main Streets"

Graffiti Abatement Program Results in 16% Reduction

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Lancaster Mayor Addresses World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi

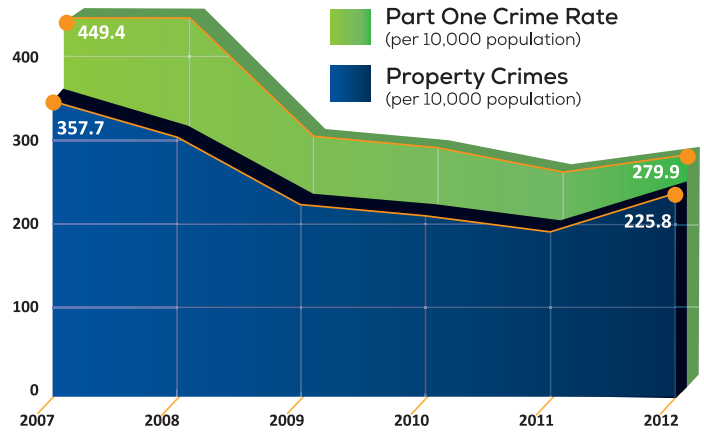
New Museum of Art & History (MOAH) Opens



Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System (LEAPS) Goes Live



Lancaster Crime Rate Lowest in **20 YEARS**



City Wins World Energy Globe Award

Innovative Wellness Programs Earn Statewide Helen Putnam Award

"Shop More in Lancaster" Program Launches



2012

2013

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Receives Best Improvement Award

24-Hour Recycling Center Earns "Most Outstanding Award"

Tourism Business Improvement District Launches

Property-Based Improvement District Launches Downtown



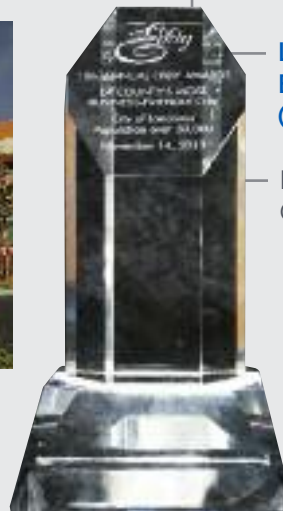
New City of Hope Facility Opens



Morton Manufacturing Relocates to Lancaster

Lancaster Named Most Business-Friendly City for a Second Time (Only Two-Time Recipient in LA County)

First Annual Lancaster Corporate Challenge



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Lancaster First in Nation to Mandate Residential Solar Energy

Lancaster and KB Home Unveil "Zero House 2.0"



City Park Recycled Water Project Complete

City Hosts Los Angeles County Air Show

Los Angeles County High Desert Regional Care Center Opens New Doors

State-of-the-Art Kaiser Permanente Center Opens



Renovated Cedar Center Opens

Lancaster YOLO Wellness Challenge Launches

Governor Brown Joins BYD Electric Bus Unveiling



City More Than **50%** Toward **Net Zero** Goal



24-Hour E-Waste Recycling Program Launches

2014

2015

Innovative Administrative Citation Program Begins

EPA Identifies Lancaster as Green Power Partner

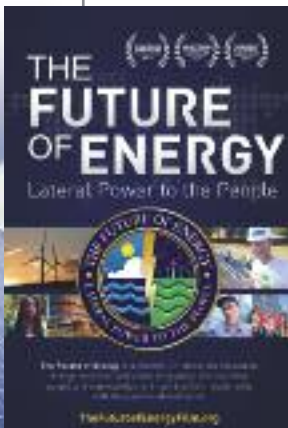
Part One
Crime Rate
DOWN
36%
from 2007

City **Jobless Rate Declines to 6.4%**

Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) Launches
Lower energy bills for entire city

Award-Winning "Future of Energy" Documentary Highlights Lancaster

For a full list, visit:
www.cityoflancasterca.org/timeline2015



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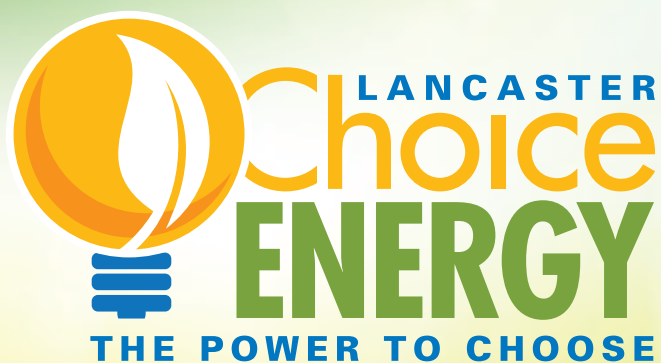


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IMMEDIATE REGISTRATION

All forms of registration now open!

Residents are those persons living inside the City limits of Lancaster. All others pay a non-resident (NR) fee.

Example \$40 (\$46 NR).



All classes featuring this mark are held at Cedar Center for the Arts: 44851 Cedar Avenue, Lancaster.

Bunny's Annual EGG HUNT

Eggstravaganza!

Saturday
MARCH
26

All children under 10 are invited to join the Bunny on a hunt for eggs that are redeemable for a special prize.

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Bring your own baskets and arrive early as all hunts will begin at their scheduled time. Adults may only accompany small children (5 and under) onto the field.

Age	Time	Location
1 & under	9:30 a.m.	Field 1
2 years	9:50 a.m.	Field 2
3 years	10:10 a.m.	Field 3
4 & 5 years	10:30 a.m.	Field 4
6 years	10:50 a.m.	Field 1
7 years	11:10 a.m.	Field 2
8 & 9 years	11:30 a.m.	Field 1

Lancaster City Park Big 8 Complex

43063 10th Street West

Preschool



El Dorado Preschool | City Staff

Registration **MUST** be completed in person at City Hall.

The following materials must be presented at the time of registration: (1) A recent (within the last month) photo of your child and (2) emergency contact information. Parents are required to pack their child a nutritious snack every day as well as volunteer three times during the course. El Dorado Park, Preschool Building.

Wee Folks

(3 yrs.) A positive first-school experience for young children, Wee Folks encourages social development through group activities and play. Class activities include crafts, stories, outdoor play activities, and snack. Potty-trained child must have turned 3 by Sep. 2, 2015. \$145 (\$152 NR). No class April 12.

9603 T/TH Apr. 5-Jun. 2 9-11:30 a.m.

Preschool

(4 yrs.) A Kindergarten preparation class where young students enhance their social skills through play, art, stories, songs, games, and outside play activities. Students are encouraged to develop their independence, improve their self-help and sharing skills, and learn to follow directions. Potty-trained child must have turned 4 by Sep. 2, 2015. \$221 (\$228 NR). No class May 30.

9602 MWF Apr. 4-Jun. 3 9-11:30 a.m.

Jane Reynolds Preschool | Lynnette Bass

Registration guideline: Priority registration for current students ends on the 15th of the month prior to the upcoming class. Parents are required to volunteer three times during the course session. Materials: \$10 per session, due to the instructor on the first day of class. Jane Reynolds Park, Room 2.

Play Brigade

(3 yrs.) An introductory-level preschool class where children can be themselves, have fun learning as well as develop key school-readiness skills such as following directions, showing respect to others, and fine motor skills. Potty-trained child must have turned 3 by Sep. 2, 2015. \$153 (\$160 NR).

9619 T/TH Apr. 5-Jun. 2 9-11:30 a.m.

Preschool

(4 yrs.) Through purposefully designed learning environments and enriched activities, preschoolers have joyful, appropriate, and meaningful learning experiences that lead to success in school and life. Child must have turned 4 by Sep. 2, 2015. \$221 (\$228 NR). No class May 30.

9618 MWF Apr. 4-Jun. 3 9 a.m.-Noon

JRP Kids Play Days

(3-5 yrs.) Make this summer fun with recreational education! Children will learn socialization skills and Kindergarten preparation through the use of crafts, stories, and motor skills play. \$102 (\$109 NR).

9620 MWF Jun. 6-Jul. 1 9 a.m.-Noon

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701 West Kettering Street • 661-723-6077
Community Building, 642 West Jackman Street

Cedar Center for the Arts

44851 Cedar Avenue • 661-723-6077

Deputy Pierre W. Bain Park/Eastside Pool

45045 5th Street East • 661-723-6077 / 661-723-6255

El Dorado Park

44501 5th Street East • 661-723-6077

Forrest E. Hull, M.D. Park

2850 West Avenue L-12 • 661-723-6077

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43000 30th Street East • 661-723-6077

Jane Reynolds Park/Webber Pool

716 Oldfield Street • 661-723-6077 / 661-723-6288

Lancaster City Park/Tennis Center/ Big 8 Softball Complex

43063 10th Street West • 661-723-6278 / 661-723-6077

Lancaster Museum of Art & History (MOAH)

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750 West Lancaster Boulevard • 661-723-5950

Mariposa Park

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Prime Desert Woodland Preserve

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Rawley Duntley Park

3334 West Avenue K • 661-723-6077

Skytower Park

43434 Vineyard Drive • 661-723-6077

Tierra Bonita Park


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Registration Details


- **ONLINE REGISTRATION** requires debit or credit 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 given after program has started. Please allow three weeks for processing refund. Due to enrollment factors and other conditions beyond the control of staff, schedules are subject to change, cancellation, or rescheduling.
- **REGISTRATION** constitutes consent to the use of any photographs taken to be used for City marketing purposes.
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CHESS

Daa Anne Mahowald

Chess Spectacular

(Grades K-12) The Chess Spectacular will be a full game, non-elimination chess tournament, with the opportunity to play over 20 games of chess. Requirement: Knowledge of how to checkmate. Pre-registration rate: \$13 (At the door: \$15). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

9471	Gr. K-8	Sat.	Apr. 9	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
9681	Gr. 9-12	Sat.	Apr. 9	9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids' Chess Club

(Grades K-8) Each week, students will experience hands-on group chess activities that advance their understanding and appreciation for the game. Prior knowledge of chess is not necessary. Chess sets and boards will be supplied for class time. Parents are welcome to observe or volunteer. \$63 (\$70 NR). AV Chess House, 3710 Neola Way.

9679		Fri.	Apr. 8-Jun. 24	4-5:30 p.m.
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Parent & Tot Chess

(2 1/2-6 yrs.) Through rhymes, song, mini-games, and lots of lively fun, students will be introduced to the game of chess. Prior knowledge of the game is not needed from tots or their adults to start Level 1. \$53 (\$60 NR). AV Chess House, 3710 Neola Way.

9680		Wed.	Apr. 20-May 25	3:30-4:15 p.m.
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Lego Robotics | **Innovation Education**
(7-14 yrs.) Build and program a robot that avoids obstacles, picks up objects, and more! \$60 (\$67 NR). Materials fee: \$20. Cedar Center for the Arts, Classroom 203. *Jane Reynolds Park, Activity Center.



9693	Level 1	Fri.	Apr. 8-29*	4-5:30 p.m.
9694	Level 1	Fri.	May 6-27	4-5:30 p.m.
9695	Level 1	Fri.	Jun. 3-24	4-5:30 p.m.
9696	Level 2	Fri.	Apr. 8-29*	5:30-7 p.m.
9697	Level 2	Fri.	May 6-27	5:30-7 p.m.
9698	Level 2	Fri.	Jun. 3-24	5:30-7 p.m.



Mommy/Daddy & Me | **Lynnette Bass**

(9 mos.-3 yrs.) A highly interactive experience with an emphasis on mindful parenting, attachment theory, and a relational approach to optimizing your baby's development. \$90 (\$97 NR). *\$40 (\$46 NR). Materials fee: \$8. Jane Reynolds Park, Room 2. No class May 30.

9621	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Apr. 5-Jun. 2	12-1:30 p.m.
9622	9-20 mos.	M/W	Apr. 4-Jun. 1	12:30-2 p.m.
9625	9 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Apr. 5-Jun. 2	4-5:30 p.m.
9623	18 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Jun. 7-30*	10-11:30 a.m.
9624	9-20 mos.	M/W	Jun. 6-29*	12:30-2 p.m.
9626	9 mos.-3 yrs.	T/TH	Jun. 7-30*	4-5:30 p.m.

Renaissance Academy of the Arts After-School Program

(13-18 yrs.) Learn visual and performing arts skills while gaining valuable life skills through this engaging after-school program. Students can choose from a wide range of courses based on interests, such as Dance, Modeling, Vocal, and Rap. Tuition and materials are sponsored by the Renaissance Center and its supporters. **FREE PROGRAM.** *To learn more, attend Spring Orientation: Sat., Apr. 9 at Noon, in the Renaissance Academy, 606 W. Lancaster Boulevard.*

9661		Mon.-Fri.	Apr. 11-Jun. 30	3-6 p.m.
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free! **Teen Court**

Lancaster teens interested in the criminal justice system can gain experience by serving as a juror. Call 723-6199 for information.

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

free! **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 661-723-6077 for information.

Meets 2nd Thu. of each month Oct.-Jun. 4 p.m.



Youth Self-Defense & Safety Awareness
Young Champions

(4-15 yrs.) Safety awareness and self-defense combined in fun, structured environment! Students placed according to age and ability while learning and practicing skills. Students advance in rank and earn belts. \$78 (\$85 NR). **Registration with the City of Lancaster is required.** Materials fee: \$8. Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall. **Session: Fridays, Apr. 15-Jun. 17.**



9684	New students	4:30-5:10 p.m.
9685	Yellow belt	5:15-5:55 p.m.
9686	Orange belt	6-6:40 p.m.
9687	Purple belt & above	6:45-7:25 p.m.

Zumba® for Kids
International Dance Fitness Academy

(3-12 yrs.) Kids will have fun dancing to different rhythms while developing confidence and coordination. Wear sports attire and tennis shoes. \$30 (\$35 NR), *\$37 (\$44 NR). American Heroes Park, Community Building, 642 W. Jackman Street.

9627	Tue.	Apr. 5-26	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9628	Tue.	May 3-31*	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9629	Tue.	Jun. 7-28	4:30-5:30 p.m.



ARTS EDUCATION

Animation | Orlando Baeza

(10 yrs.-Adult) Learn the art of animation from one of the leading artists for the Emmy® Award-winning series *The Simpsons*! The new advanced class is intended for students that have completed all basic classes and requires strong storyboarding and animation skills. Held Saturdays, May 14-Jun. 18. \$70 (\$77 NR), *\$50 (\$57 NR). Materials fee: \$40. Call 661-723-6077 for sibling and multi-class discounts. Museum of Art and History, Classroom.

9717	Animation Basics	11 a.m.-Noon
9715	Character Design Basics	Noon-1 p.m.
9716	Storyboarding Basics	1:30-2:30 p.m.
9718	Advanced Animation	2:30-3:30 p.m.
9719	Figure Drawing*	4-5 p.m.

Balloon Décor Basics | Creative Twist

(Adult) From basic balloon columns to simple centerpieces, this workshop will teach you the fundamentals of traditional indoor balloon décor. This class is designed for beginners who can tie a balloon knot and would like to learn several techniques that will help them create fabulous décor for their next event. \$40 (\$46 NR). Materials fee: \$15. Jane Reynolds Park, Activity Center

9712	Sun.	Apr. 3	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
9713	Mon.	Apr. 18	6-9 p.m.

Beyond Point & Shoot Photography | Phillip Kocurek

(16 yrs.-Adult) Get to know your camera! Learn about exposure as well as how to use flash and lenses more effectively. Practice proper composition and basic posing for beautiful portraits. Take your camera and your photography beyond "total automatic." A digital or film SLR camera is required equipment. \$65 (\$72 NR). Lancaster City Park, Game Room. No class Apr. 13.

9682	Wed.	Apr. 6-May 11	6-7:30 p.m.
9683	Wed.	May 25-Jun. 22	6-7:30 p.m.

Children's Art Program – CAP | D's Ceramics

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

9655	Sat.	Apr. 2-23	1-2:30 p.m.
9656	Sat.	May 7-28	1-2:30 p.m.
9657	Sat.	Jun. 4-25	1-2:30 p.m.





Discovering Art | **Barbara Janssen**

(6-11 yrs.) Young artists will be introduced to drawing and painting from a still life set. They will experience different types of media, including chalk, charcoal, artist pencils, conte crayon, and watercolor. Students learn to shade and highlight their drawing. This course series is a year-round program, but every monthly session covers a different subject matter in art. Bring an old t-shirt or child's size apron. Art materials provided by instructor. \$50 (\$57 NR). Materials fee: \$25. Museum of Art and History, Classroom.

9703	Tue.	Apr. 5-26	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9704	Tue.	May 3-24	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9705	Tue.	Jun. 14-Jul. 5	10-11 a.m.

Fundamental Figure Drawing | **Orlando Baeza**

(12 yrs.-Adult) A basic foundation class featuring figure drawing mechanics. Emphasis on form, quick sketch, gesture, and construction. The goal is to develop the ability to draw with skill and imagination. Instruction includes live model. \$50 (\$57 NR). Materials fee: \$40. Museum of Art and History, Classroom.

9719	Sat.	May 14-Jun. 18	4-5 p.m.
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How to Draw Fantasy Creatures | **Frank Dixon**

(8 yrs.-Adult) **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – with a four-week course!** The teacher will walk you through the secrets of how to draw and shade amazing fantasy creatures, scary monsters, and 3-D robots! Class will introduce you to many tips, tricks, and techniques – including how to draw real-looking eyes, claws and teeth, humans, animals, 3-D shading, and perspective. \$40 (\$46 NR). Materials fee: \$10. Cedar Center for the Arts, Classroom 204.



9714	Sat.	Apr. 23-May 14	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
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HEALTH & FITNESS

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(Adult) Designed exclusively for the female body, mind, and spirit, Bellyfit offers a full body, full of spirit, extraordinary exercise experience in a safe, effective, intelligent group fitness format guaranteed to satisfy women's desire to feel beautiful, strong, and healthy. \$40 (\$46 NR), *\$50 (\$57 NR). Human Element Movement Studio: 530 W. Milling Street, Lancaster.

9690	Thu.	Apr. 7-28	6-7 p.m.
9691	Thu.	May 5-26	6-7 p.m.
9692	Thu.	Jun. 2-30*	6-7 p.m.

CPR/AED & First Aid for the Community Rescuer | **CPR + Training Resources**

(12 yrs.-Adult) Infant, child, and adult CPR/First Aid. The goal of this class is to make your community, home, and work environment safer by preventing illness and injury as well as quickly recognizing and responding to emergencies to save a life or reduce injury. Once you have successfully completed this course, you will receive an EMS Safety Services completion card. \$50 (\$57 NR). Lancaster City Park, Game Room.

9658-9660		1st Sat. of every month	1-5 p.m.
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Exploring Meditation | **Kae Bender**

(Adult) What is meditation? It's more than you think! In this series you will be introduced to and experience methods through the body (Meditation in Motion), the emotions (Heartfelt Meditation), and the mind (Mindfulness Meditation) to discover your most effective personal practices. \$50 (\$57 NR). *\$40 (\$46 NR). Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall. No class Apr. 10.



9726	Sun.	Apr. 3-May 8	6:15-7:30 p.m.
9727	Sun.	Jun. 5-26*	6:15-7:30 p.m.



Healthy Parenting Workshops
 Tarzana Treatment Center

(Parents and Caregivers who have children 0-5 yrs.) This valuable series will give you the tools to make healthy habits like physical activity, eating, and sleeping well a part of your family's daily life. Each class session will give you simple steps that you can take home and practice each week. Then, the following week, we will work to help each other understand what did or did not work, and why. Many giveaways and tasty snacks will be provided – as well as childcare. This course is DCSF approved. **FREE PROGRAM.** The Children's Center of the Antelope Valley, 45111 Fern Avenue.

9822	Wed.	Apr. 20-May 25	4:30-6:30 p.m.
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RUNNING

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Fundamentals of Training

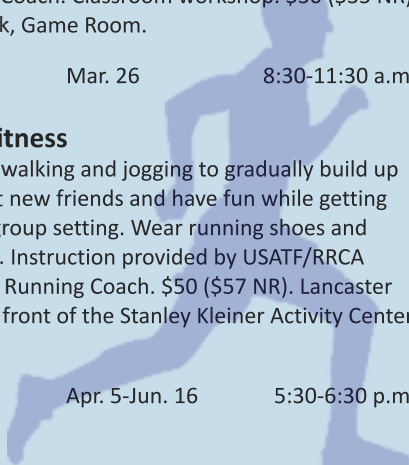
(Adult) Learn about training principles, guidelines, and tips on periodization, recovery, hydration, injury prevention, and much more. Instruction provided by USATF/RRCA Certified Distance Running Coach. Classroom workshop. \$30 (\$35 NR). Lancaster City Park, Game Room.


9689 Sat. Mar. 26 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Walk-Jog for Fitness

(Adult) Combines walking and jogging to gradually build up your fitness. Meet new friends and have fun while getting fit in an outdoor group setting. Wear running shoes and appropriate attire. Instruction provided by USATF/RRCA Certified Distance Running Coach. \$50 (\$57 NR). Lancaster City Park, meet in front of the Stanley Kleiner Activity Center. No class Apr. 14.

9688 T/TH Apr. 5-Jun. 16 5:30-6:30 p.m.



  **Santos Boxing USA** |  **Roman Santos**

(4 yrs.-Adult) Discipline, self-control, and self-defense are taught through the art of boxing. Build confidence by using boxing training techniques. Bring hand wraps and gloves, or purchase them from the instructor. \$75 (\$82 NR). Santos Boxing USA, 211 E. Avenue K-6 A.


9653 4-12 yrs. T/TH Apr. 5-Jun. 30 4-5 p.m.
9654 13 yrs.-Adult T/TH Apr. 5-Jun. 30 6-7 p.m.

  **Senior/Adult Exercise Classes**

(Adult) Non-strenuous exercises improve flexibility and circulation. Classes sponsored by High Desert Medical Group. No pre-registration required. Come and participate at your convenience and enjoyment. Bring a large towel/mat to class. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center.

Monday-Thursday, 9-10 a.m. every week.

No class Apr. 12: Election Day.

 **Yoga Fundamentals** |  **Kae Bender**

(14 yrs.-Adult) For the beginner who wants to build a strong foundation of basic Yoga postures and breathing techniques, as well as the practitioner who wants to refine and master the fundamentals. This is your invitation to stretch, relax, unwind, and de-stress. Bring a yoga mat or firmly woven blanket. \$50 (\$57 NR). *\$40 (\$46 NR). No class Apr. 12 & 17.

Lancaster City Park, Game Room




9720 Tue. Apr. 5-May 10 6:30-7:45 p.m.
9721 Tue. Jun. 7-28* 6:30-7:45 a.m.

Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall

9722 Thu. Apr. 14-May 12 9-10:15 a.m.
9723 Thu. Jun. 9-30* 9-10:15 a.m.
9724 Sun. Apr. 3-May 8 5-6:15 p.m.
9725 Sun. Jun. 5-26* 5-6:15 p.m.

Stay for Exploring Meditation at 6:15 p.m. See page 27.

PERFORMING ARTS

  **Beginning Guitar for Adults** |  **Vic Grady**

(Adult) Learn the most popular instrument of all time! No experience necessary. This course covers basic chords and principles of rhythm that will get you on your way to playing your favorite songs. Bring a guitar; workbook and stand provided. \$65 (\$72 NR).

Materials fee: \$10. Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall.

9709 Wed. Apr. 6-27 1-2 p.m.
9710 Wed. May 4-25 1-2 p.m.
9711 Wed. Jun. 1-22 1-2 p.m.





  **Guitar for Youth** |  **Mel Booker**

(9-17 yrs.) This beginner class is geared towards an introduction to the basic chords and strumming guitar techniques. No musical experience required. \$100 (\$107 NR). Materials fee: \$2. Cedar Center for the Arts, Classroom 205.

9650 Sat. May 7-Jun. 4 10:15-11:15 a.m.



  **Improvisation and Scene Study** |  **Innovation Education**

(8 yrs.-Adult) A fun class for all levels of experience. Learn the whimsical art of improvisation and analytical science of scene study to improve your performance abilities. \$60 (\$67 NR). Materials fee: \$20. Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall.

9730 8-12 yrs. Mon. Apr. 4-25 6-7 p.m.
9731 8-12 yrs. Mon. May 2-30 6-7 p.m.
9817 8-12 yrs. Mon. Jun. 6-27 6-7 p.m.
9818 13 yrs. + Mon. Apr. 4-25 7-8 p.m.
9819 13 yrs. + Mon. May 2-30 7-8 p.m.
9820 13 yrs. + Mon. Jun. 6-27 7-8 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL DANCE FITNESS ACADEMY



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Ballet & Tap

(3-7 yrs.) On point to help your child develop self-confidence, fine motor skills, and enhance their imagination while learning simple and fun routines! Bring leotard, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes, and pink tights. \$60 (\$67 NR). No class May 30.

9633	3-4 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 11-Jun. 20	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9634	5-7 yrs.	Wed.	Apr. 13-Jun. 15	4:30-5:30 p.m.

Hip Hop

(7-12 yrs.) Learn the latest hip hop dance moves. Improve coordination while having fun! Wear loose clothing and tennis shoes. \$30 (\$35 NR), *\$37 (\$44 NR).

9635		Thu.	Apr. 7-28	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9636		Thu.	May 5-26	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9637		Thu.	Jun. 2-30*	4:30-5:30 p.m.

Beginning Salsa & Bachata

(13 yrs.-Adult) Come learn the basic steps of Salsa and Bachata so that you can dance the night away to all types of Latin music. No partner necessary. \$40 (\$46 NR), *\$45 (\$52 NR).

9638		Thu.	Apr. 5-28	7:30-8:30 p.m.
9639		Thu.	May 3-31*	7:30-8:30 p.m.
9640		Thu.	Jun. 2-30*	7:30-8:30 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced Salsa

(13 yrs.-Adult) This class will introduce high-level combinations (six counts in length or more) and high-level footwork (three counts in length or more) suitable for social dancing with advanced dancers. All movements will incorporate lead and follow-specific styling. Material in this class is also suitable for students interested in creating choreography or competing. No partner necessary. \$40 (\$46 NR), *\$45 (\$52 NR)

9641		T/TH	Apr. 5-28	8:30-9:30 p.m.
9642		T/TH	May 3-31*	8:30-9:30 p.m.
9643		T/TH	Jun. 2-30*	8:30-9:30 p.m.

Private Dance Lessons

(All Ages) Over 20 dance styles to choose from! Each lesson set is based on your individual purpose and goals. The instructor will adjust their teaching style to your ability, personality, and expectations. This approach ensures the most thorough and rapid learning process, all while keeping it fun, easy, and comfortable. Choreography included, if requested. Material fee may be applicable. Schedule will be based on your availability.

9644	5 lessons	\$250 (\$257 NR)
9645	10 lessons	\$400 (\$407 NR)

Soul Frequency Drum Circle | Deka Jackson

(16 yrs.-Adult) Come join the circle! Bring your drum (or we'll bring one for you) and be ready for a drum journey of self-expression, sacred rhythm, and meditation. Learn different rhythms played around the world in this community experience class. \$60 (\$67NR). Cedar Center for the Arts, Memorial Hall.



9729 Wed. Mar. 16-Jun. 22 5:30-7 p.m.

SPECIAL INTEREST



COMPUTERS

Computers 101 | Benjamin Sullivan

(All Ages) *NOW INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT WINDOWS 10!* Have you always wanted to learn computer basics? From the functionality of basic computer parts to more advanced online application of skills, online security, and data back-up, this class will teach you everything you need to know to be computer savvy. No previous computer experience needed. \$40 (\$46 NR). Skytower Park, Activity Center.

9701 Wed. Apr. 6-May 25 6-7:30 p.m.

Computer Hardware | Joseph Huddleston

(14 yrs.-Adult) This class is designed to familiarize students with the most important aspects of the hardware used in personal and business computing systems. Desktops, servers, and single board computers are all covered. Learn about CPUs, busses, I/O, storage systems, and more. \$70 (\$77 NR). Cedar Center for the Arts, Classroom 204.





9652 Tue. Apr. 5-May 24 6-9 p.m.

Microsoft Office 101 | Benjamin Sullivan



(All Ages) This class will teach you the basics of the Microsoft Office programs. You will learn how to create documents and flyers with Word, spreadsheets with Excel, and slideshow presentations with PowerPoint. \$50 (\$57 NR). Joe Walker Middle School, Computer Lab, 5632 W. Avenue L-8.

9702 Tue. Apr. 5-May 24 6-7:30 p.m.

new!  **Cooking with Class** |  **Althea Anderson**

(Adult) This series of courses is designed to delight your senses and entertain your taste buds. Learn expert cooking techniques from a professional chef. Cuisine-oriented menus are designed for beginners and casual chefs alike. Participants learn cuts, seasoning, preparation methods, and presentation tips through chef demonstration and hands-on cooking. \$40 (\$46 NR). Materials fee: \$20. Lancaster City Park, Activity Center Kitchen.

9824	<i>Cooking with Compound Butter</i>	Apr. 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9825	<i>Spring in Italy</i>	Apr. 28	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9826	<i>Date Night in Paris</i>	May 26	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9827	<i>California Foodie Tour</i>	Jun. 9	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9828	<i>Around the World in 5 Courses</i>	Jun. 30	6:30-8:30 p.m.

new!  **Garden Basics in the AV** |  **Susan Bowman**

(Adult) Planting a garden can be a wonderful hobby, especially in the high desert! Learn the nuances to being successful in this unique climate and soil environment through this Master Gardener-led workshop. Related topics that will be covered include: composting methods, pest control, and irrigation methods. \$20 (\$23 NR). Lancaster City Park, Game Room.

9699	Sat.	Apr. 2	9 a.m.-Noon
9700	Sat.	Apr. 23	9 a.m.-Noon

new!  **Italian** |  **Innovation Education**

(8 yrs.-Adult) Learn the basics of conversational Italian. Students will enjoy instruction from a native-speaking and professionally trained interpreter and translator. \$60 (\$67 NR). Materials fee: \$20. Cedar Center for the Arts, Classroom 204.



9732	8-12 yrs.	Wed.	Apr. 6-27	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9733	8-12 yrs.	Wed.	May 4-25	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9734	8-12 yrs.	Wed.	Jun. 1-22	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9735	13 yrs.-Adult	Wed.	Apr. 6-27	5:30-6:30 p.m.
9736	13 yrs.-Adult	Wed.	May 4-25	5:30-6:30 p.m.
9737	13 yrs.-Adult	Wed.	Jun. 1-22	5:30-6:30 p.m.

new!  **Japanese Language**

 **Antelope Valley Japanese Academy Poppy Gakuen**

(13 yrs.-Adult) Learn to speak, read, and write Japanese as well as become accustomed to Japanese culture. \$80 (\$87 NR). Materials fee: \$10 Youth, \$15 Adults. Antelope Valley Japanese Academy Poppy Gakuen, 808 West Newgrove Street.

9764	Youth (13-17 yrs.)	Sat.	Apr. 9-30	9-10:30 a.m.
9765	Youth (13-17 yrs.)	Sat.	May 14-Jun. 4	9-10:30 a.m.
9770	Adult (18 yrs.+)	Sat.	Apr. 9-30	9-10:30 a.m.
9771	Adult (18 yrs.+)	Sat.	May 14-Jun. 4	9-10:30 a.m.



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SPORTS

Obtain registration materials from the Parks, Recreation and Arts Department. Return with completed registration form, roster, and league fee. Register early, space is limited.

Adult Sports

Basketball | Registration: Apr. 25-May 27

League play begins in early June. Games played at local high schools Mon.-Thu. nights. Registration limited to 24 teams. \$485/team.

Mon.-Thu. Adult Basketball

Softball | Registration: Feb. 1-Mar. 4

League play begins in mid-March. Schedule consists of 10 league games and one classification game. Games played Sun.-Fri., you determine day. \$425/team.

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

Pickleball | Register by March 31

(Adults-Senior) Pickleball blends tennis and ping-pong on a badminton-sized court and is easy on the joints. \$18 (\$21 NR). Teen players accepted with participating parent/guardian. Lancaster City Park, Pickleball Courts.

9613 Sat. Apr.2-Jun. 25 8-10:30 a.m.

Youth Sports

Youth Soccer | Soccer Shots

(2-8 yrs.) Soccer Shots is the national leader in youth soccer development. Using creative and age appropriate curriculum, Soccer Shots introduces children to the sport of soccer in a noncompetitive and fun-filled environment. \$84 (\$91 NR). Call for sibling registration discounts. **Tierra Bonita Park, Soccer Field.** No class May 28.

Season 1: Apr. 2-May 7

Mommy/Daddy & Me (2 yrs.) 9606 Sat. 9-9:30 a.m.
 Classic Pre-K Soccer (3-5 yrs.) 9608 Sat. 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Premier Soccer (5-8 yrs.) 9610 Sat. 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Season 2: May 14-Jul. 25

Mommy/Daddy & Me (2 yrs.) 9607 Sat. 9-9:30 a.m.
 Classic Pre-K Soccer (3-5 yrs.) 9609 Sat. 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Premier Soccer (5-8 yrs.) 9611 Sat. 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Table Tennis | Jack Miller

(8 yrs.-Adult) Learn standardized table tennis techniques and game strategies. Tournament held last day of class. Must bring own table tennis racquet. \$60 (\$67 NR). Lancaster City Park, Activity Center. No class May 30.

9614 50+ yrs. Mon. Apr. 4-Jun. 27 10:30-12:30 p.m.
 9615 8-17 yrs. Mon. Apr. 4-Jun. 27 3:30-5 p.m.
 9616 18-49 yrs. Mon. Apr. 4-Jun. 27 5-6:30 p.m.
 9617 League Play Mon. Apr. 4-Jun. 27 6:30-9 p.m.

Softball Tournament Contact Information

661-723-6077 | www.big8softball.com



See page 30 for Lancaster Batting Range info.

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.

9677 Four 1-hour lessons \$145 (\$152 NR)

9678 Four 1/2-hour lessons \$100 (\$107 NR)

Peewee (4-6 yrs.), \$35 (\$40 NR). Brandon Diaz, Court 8

Introduce your child to tennis! They will enjoy learning the basic skills and principles of the game. Bring 21" or 23" tennis racket.

9663 Sat. May 7-28 11 a.m.-Noon

9664 Sat. Jun. 6-27 11 a.m.-Noon

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 May 30.

9671 M/W Apr. 4-27 5-6 p.m.

9672 M/W May 2-25 5-6 p.m.

9673 M/W Jun. 1-27 5-6 p.m.

9674 M/W-Adv. Apr. 4-27 6-7 p.m.

9675 M/W-Adv. May 2-25 6-7 p.m.

9676 M/W-Adv. Jun. 1-27 6-7 p.m.

Brandon Diaz, Court 5, \$42 (\$48 NR). Materials: \$5. No class Apr. 14 & May 10.

9665 T/TH Apr. 5-28 6:30-7:30 p.m.

9666 T/TH May 3-31 5-6 p.m.

9667 T/TH Jun. 2-28 5-6 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced (13 yrs.-Adult), \$55 (\$62 NR).

Materials: \$5. No class Apr. 14 & May 10. Brandon Diaz, Court 5 Take your tennis skills to the next level!

9668 T/TH Apr. 5-28 7:30-8:30 p.m.

9669 T/TH May 3-31 6-7 p.m.

9670 T/TH Jun. 2-28 6-7 p.m.

JCI/ATA Lancaster Boys and Girls Junior Novice Tennis Tournament (Level 7)

(Skill Level: Entry Level) This junior novice tennis tournament is sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), the governing body for tennis in the USA. Junior novice is a level for youth who have little or no tennis tournament experience. USTA-certified tournament officials will be on site to assist players with USTA rules, scoring, and sportsmanship. Price per player varies based on age and membership. For more information and registration: <http://tennislink.usta.com>.

Saturday, May 14 | Lancaster City Park Tennis Courts

12-16 yrs. 78' yellow ball

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AQUATICS

COURSE REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE!

To Register:

1. Read descriptions.
2. Determine which class you would like to take.
3. Select the session that is convenient (see page 36).
4. Check the table to see if your class is offered during selected session.
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 the 661-723-6256.

Webber Pool | 661-723-6288 (open July 4 -Labor Day)

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 17 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.
Senior & Therapy	Mon.-Fri.	10-11:30 a.m.
Noon Lap	Mon.-Sat.	11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
Evening Lap	Wed.	8:30-9:30 p.m.

Closures: March 5; April 16 & 17; and May 30.

PUBLIC SWIM FEES

Infant (3 yrs. and under)	Free
Child (4-12 yrs.)	\$1
Teen (13-16 yrs.)	\$1.25
Adult (17+ yrs.)	\$2
Senior (55+ yrs.)	\$1

30 Punch Swim Pass:

Teen	\$25
Adult	\$40
Senior/Child	\$20



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.cityoflancastrca.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 \$145 (\$170 NR) for eight 1/2-hour lessons.

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Lesson times to be arranged



Lifeguard Training Class

(15+ yrs.) Enrollees must be able to:

- (1) Swim 300 yards with rhythmic breathing, non-stop, front crawl, or breast stroke.
- (2) Tread water for two minutes, legs only, hands in armpits.
- (3) Within one minute and 40 seconds be able to: Swim 20 yards with no goggles with face in or out of water. Surface dive face first or feet first into deep water to retrieve 10 lb. brick. Return to surface and swim 20 yards on back returning to the starting point with both hands holding the brick while keeping face at or near the surface. Candidates are not permitted to swim the distance underwater. Candidates must exit the pool without the use of steps or ladders.

Call the pool at 661-723-6255 for additional information.
\$115 (\$125 NR).

Water Safety Instructor Class

(17+ yrs.) Upon successful completion, students are certified as Red Cross swim lesson instructors. Must provide own Red Cross manuals. Current certificate in Lifeguard Training desirable. Required Red Cross FIT course included. Approximately 40 hours of training. Students must attend all classes – no exceptions. \$115 (\$125 NR). Call the pool at 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 Laura Mayo at 661-253-2121.



AQUATIC CLASS SCHEDULE

The numbers listed under each time frame are the class codes to use when registering. **All classes held at Eastside Pool.**

Session 0: April 9 - June 4

Saturday (1x/week for 8 weeks) \$39 (\$45 NR). No class Apr. 16.

Class Level	9 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:20 a.m.
Parent/Tot		9773	
Preschool	9778	9779/9780	9781
Preschool 2	9784		
Level 1	9789		
Level 2	9794		
Level 3		9797	
Level 4			9800
Level 5			9803
Level 6			9806
Adult		9809	
Aquacise			9812

Session 7: March 22 - April 14

Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$39 (\$45 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	9480			
Preschool	9483			
Preschool 2		9489		
Preschool 3	9493			
Level 1	9496			
Level 2	9500			
Level 3		9507		
Level 4			9514	
Level 5			9519	
Level 6			9523	
Adult		9527		
Aquacise		9531		
Hydrofit				9534



Session 8: April 19 - May 12

Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$39 (\$45 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	9774			
Preschool	9776			
Preschool 2		9782		
Preschool 3	9790			
Level 1	9785	9786		
Level 2	9792			
Level 3		9795		
Level 4			9798	
Level 5			9804	
Level 6			9807	
Adult		9810		
Aquacise		9813		
Hydrofit				9815

Session 9: May 17 - June 9

Tuesday/Thursday (2x/week for 4 weeks) \$39 (\$45 NR).

Class Level	7 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Parent/Tot	9775			
Preschool	9777			
Preschool 2		9783		
Preschool 3	9791			
Level 1	9787	9788		
Level 2	9793			
Level 3		9796		
Level 4			9799	
Level 5			9805	
Level 6			9808	
Adult		9811		
Aquacise		9814		
Hydrofit				9816



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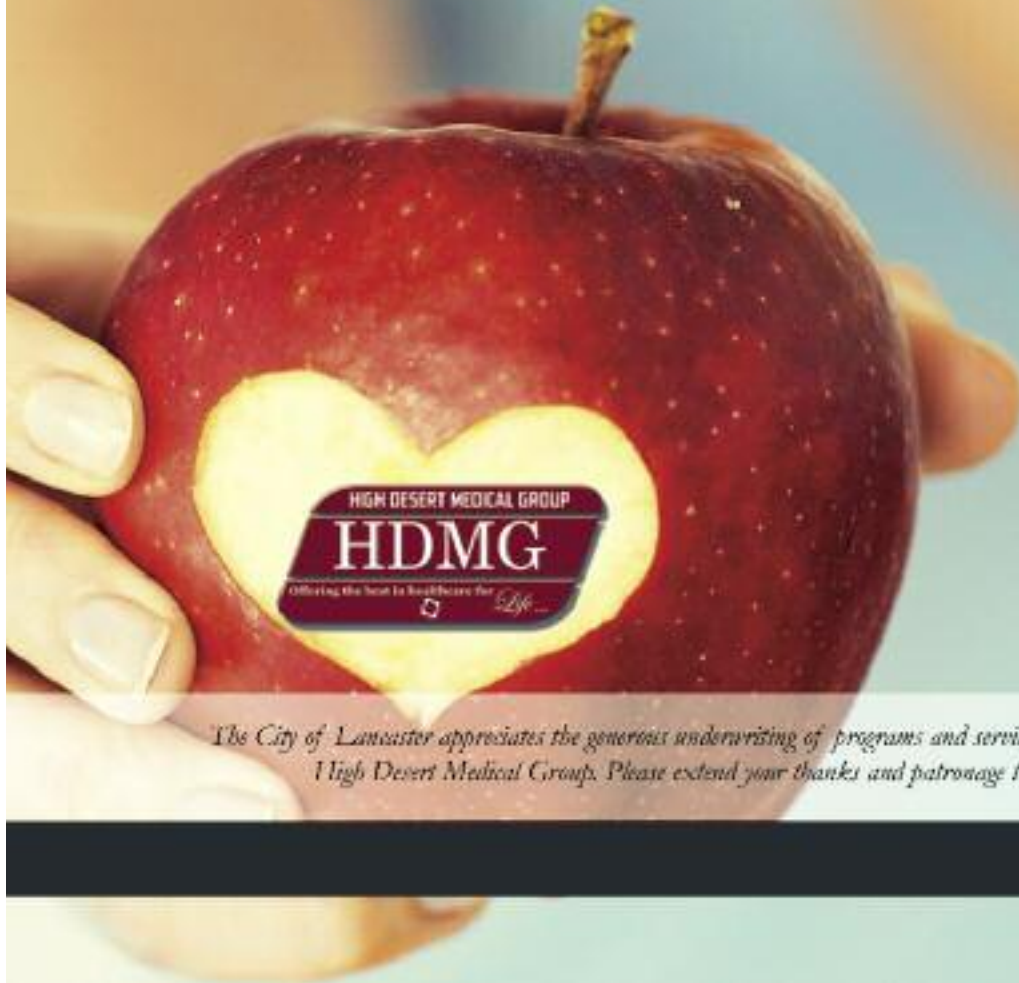
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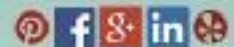
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AVTA Leading the Way 100% Green in 2018

Converting its diesel bus fleet to a full electric fleet is a major goal for the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA). A goal which is strongly supported by its Board of Directors which unanimously voted in November to back the full conversion. The timeline to reach this ambitious goal has been set for the end of 2018, and for Antelope Valley residents, this means zero emission buses will replace older diesel buses that are widely known as major pollutants.

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In July 2015, AVTA was awarded a \$24.4 million grant from the California State Transportation Agency to help purchase 29 electric buses. In total, AVTA has \$39.5 million to purchase electric buses and install charging infrastructure during the first phase of conversion.

The transit system is hoping to secure an additional \$14 million from the Air Resources Board to purchase another 17 electric buses. In February, AVTA awarded a \$79 million contract to Lancaster-based BYD to purchase up to 85 electric buses over the next five years.



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PRIME DESERT *Woodland Preserve*

Birds of Prey Presentation | **March 26, 1 p.m.** | \$2 (Ages 3 and under Free)
Master falconer Jim Schaefer, founder of the United States Raptor Center, will showcase majestic wild birds of prey. Don't miss the opportunity to get up close and personal with these beautiful birds.

Moon Walks | **Saturdays** | \$2 donation welcome
March 26, 7:30 p.m. | **April 23, 8 p.m.** | **May 14, 8 p.m.** | **June 4, 8:30 p.m.**
Jeremy Amarant, Director of Palmdale School District's SAGE Planetarium, takes you on a journey through the fascinating night sky. Explore both heaven and earth on this guided mile-long walk through PDW. Weather permitting. AV Astronomy Club members offer a closer peek through their telescopes.

Devils Punchbowl Presentation | **April 30, 1 p.m.** | Free
Los Angeles County Park Rangers bring wild animals and reptiles from the Devil's Punchbowl to PDW. Learn how these animals live in the wild and the important measures taken to ensure their survival.

Volcano Presentation | **May 21, 1 p.m.** | \$2 (Ages 3 and under Free)
Richard Wade offers a special presentation on volcanology, overflowing with facts and photos. Kids of all ages will enjoy this interactive presentation. See volcanos erupt and learn the secrets of lava.

Tortoise Presentation | **June 4, 1 p.m.** | Free
Mark Bratten, an environmental biologist at Edwards Air Force Base, offers amazing insights into the life of a desert tortoise. This fun and fast-paced presentation should bring everyone out of their shells. Live tortoises will be on display.

Ranger Outreach Program
Park Rangers visit local schools and share facts on local wildlife and plant life. Students can see and touch deer antlers, turtle shells, rabbit, snake, and coyote skins, and more! Age appropriate programs are available for grades K-12. For more information, call 661-723-6257 or 661-723-5928.



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