



OUTLOOK



LANCASTER



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PROPELLING LANCASTER INTO THE FUTURE

It is hard to believe that it has already been more than a year since the first COVID-19 case was reported in California and safer-at-home orders were implemented across the state. A year of virtual events, mask-wearing, constant hand sanitizer use, and staying indoors. Yet, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

In response to significant COVID-19 case surges after the holidays, the City took action to relieve some of the overburdened healthcare systems in the Antelope Valley. Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization, worked in partnership with the City and Antelope Valley Hospital to deploy a 50+ bed field hospital, specialized as a respiratory care unit, in the parking lot of the hospital.

With many intensive care units (ICUs) in Los Angeles County at or reaching capacity, Samaritan's Purse arrived in Lancaster at a critical point in the pandemic. Their disaster response specialists and pandemic expertise offered much-needed support and care during our holiday surge.

The City is grateful for Samaritan Purse's willingness to stand with us as we take steps to move forward. Moments like this provide hope for us all during the pandemic and remind us that we have a lot to look forward to.

Our Deputy Mayor COVID-19 Strike Force has done amazing things for our community during this pandemic. The Mayor and City Council extend our thanks to Dr. Larry Stock, Dr. Jonathan Truong, Tiffany Tanner, and welcome Maria Altamirano. While continuing to treat their regular patients daily, our Strike Force also accomplished many things to help support our entire City, including new testing site set up, biweekly status reports for the public, and multiple Public Service Announcements for the community to help educate our residents on the facts they need to know to stay safe.

As community members do your part and get vaccinated, we will continue to do our part. We will keep building a healthy city with a balanced budget. We will keep innovating initiatives

to support our business community and bring even more new businesses to Lancaster. We will keep pursuing conservation efforts to preserve Lancaster's beauty. And we will continue to stand by you all, as you have stood by each other this past year.

With Lancaster's strong commitment to our community, we are confident the foundation we've built over the last 12 months will steady us as we forge ahead. This foundation will spring us into normalcy and move us further and further from the challenges the pandemic has brought. Remain hopeful, Lancaster. We're almost there.

Just as surely as the iconic Lancaster poppies will push through the ground in a matter of weeks, Lancaster will surely push through the difficulties we've faced and propel forward into the future. The season of new beginnings is here!

COVID-19 STRIKE FORCE



CELEBRATING A SEASON OF FRESH STARTS



The spring season represents a time of new growth and fresh starts. As the days get longer and plants begin sprouting new leaves, springtime brings a feeling of hope and renewal.

This year, the first day of spring is March 20, 2021, and I can't think of a time when we have been more ready or eager for a fresh start. Lancaster residents, like others across the country, are looking forward to the day when we can put the COVID-19 pandemic behind us and return to something that more closely resembles our "normal" lives. While all of you have taken the necessary safety precautions to keep our communities healthy, we are fortunate enough to have access to the FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines that will launch us into a post-pandemic world. Thousands of vaccines are being administered each day across the country to our healthcare workers, frontline workers, and emergency personnel - the people who have kept our communities going over the last year.

The miraculous feat scientists and doctors have overcome to get these vaccines to our cities in less than a year cannot be overstated. As availability extends to the general public, it is imperative we all get vaccinated. These shots are the key to reopening our local businesses, celebrating holidays together again, and living our lives without the fear of falling ill.

In addition to the promise of the COVID-19 vaccine, I am also looking forward to the City's many initiatives that continue to move forward despite the pandemic. The City is committed to investing in the community's safety, accessibility, and vibrancy, which is demonstrated through many of the projects in progress. Read a sneak peek into some of our planned improvements on Page 8.

Lancaster continues to upgrade its infrastructure to ease traffic, improve safety, and beautify the city while increasing accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians. We are making steady progress on our Measure R Interchange Improvements. Focused on the interchanges at Avenues G, J, K, and M, the improvements will reduce congestion, improve mobility between the freeway and local streets, and enhance public safety.

Lancaster's capital projects are moving forward. As of the end of 2020, the City has treated more than 550 miles and our plans call for reviving another 216 miles in 2021. Through this program, Lancaster will be able to postpone or completely

avoid much more expensive treatment down the line, saving taxpayers more than \$280 million over the next 10 years.

The Lancaster Health District is another exciting project for our community. Previously referred to as Medical Main Street, it involves the development of several roundabouts, a new jogging path, intersection improvements, and new streets in the area between Avenues J and J-8 as well as 20th and 12th Streets West.

As we enter into spring, I want to thank each of you for your continued resilience and optimism. We are a community that innovates and overcomes, and I am hopeful that we are now entering into a new season, together, stronger than ever.

Jason Caudle
City Manager



FROM THE DAIS



MEET NICOL GERSTEIN

As a Director of Public Affairs for one of the nation's leading health care providers and not-for-profit health plans, Nicol Gerstein manages area-specific internal communication, patient communication, media relations, crisis management, as well as community and government relations, bringing over 20 years of experience in strategic marketing and communications to her role on the Public Affairs and Brand Communications team at Kaiser Permanente Antelope Valley.

Nicol has spent many hours working side by side with Antelope Valley nonprofit agencies, connecting agencies with a likeness to boost services to shared populations, guiding fundraising efforts in consultation, and joining agencies to share the heavy lifting on major issues. She is described by peers as inspiring, motivating and collaborative; championing conversations that promote authenticity, speaking up, and collaboration.



Nicol Gerstein



Kristina Hong

MEET KRISTINA HONG

Kristina Hong, NP, has dedicated her career to direct patient care. She joined Antelope Valley Hospital in 2006 as a registered nurse in the hospital's emergency department and continues to take care of patients as a nurse practitioner with the Antelope Valley Emergency Medical Associates group.

Throughout her nursing career she has represented patients as a legal nurse consultant and has served as a liaison, between the emergency medical services system and the hospital. She has also served as a pediatric liaison nurse, a pre-hospital care coordinator, relief charge nurse and fire department nurse educator. Kristina has raised all 5 of her children in Lancaster, and has been a resident in the Antelope Valley since 1982.

MEET MARIA ALTAMIRANO

Maria Susana Altamirano has been a resident of Lancaster for over 25 years. Throughout her professional career, Maria's focus has been to serve the most vulnerable and underserved members of our community. After obtaining her degree in Community Health from CSU-Los Angeles in 2001, Maria immediately began working for a non-profit clinic known as The Care-A-Van Mobile Health Clinic. Due to Maria's efforts to develop financial support, the clinic expanded from a small children's immunization program to a full-service family practice clinic for the uninsured. She developed educational programs for women and for people with diabetes. She helped establish dental care, found funding for breast cancer screening and treatment, and promoted nutritional education for families. If Maria is behind a program, it will flourish – her grant writing skill, multicultural sensitivity, and bilingual skills are invaluable.

In 2007 Maria obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing from Antelope Valley College, and quickly developed expertise and leadership in this field. Maria has gained competency in the specialties of Mental Health, Pediatrics, Post-Partum, Intensive Care, Medical Surgical and Cardiac Care. Additionally, Maria has served as the Chief Nurse Representative at Antelope Valley (AV) Hospital for the past 10 years. In her role as Chief Nurse Representative, Maria brings her work as a nurse and community leader together, and works to unify nurses and community leaders in efforts to provide the highest quality of care for patients. By collaborating with nurses throughout California and the country, Maria is able to bring a level of knowledge and expertise back home to Lancaster to further empower nurses and patients in working to achieve excellent healthcare standards.

Maria has now stepped up to the challenge to work in collaboration with medical and civic leaders in our community to address local concerns and find solutions related to COVID-19 testing and immunization.



Maria Altamirano

NEED ASSISTANCE? GET CONNECTED!

Visit LancasterConnect.com

A wealth of non-profit organizations and agencies offer community health, and human services right here in Lancaster. However, sometimes these “hidden gems” can be hard to find. LancasterConnect.com is here to help residents locate the local resources they need.

LANCASTERCONNECT.COM
LINKS RESIDENTS TO
ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
PROVIDE LOCAL SERVICES
AND RESOURCES.



Lancaster Connect is a free website that lists organizations offering local services in numerous categories.

These include:

- Housing
- Food & nutrition
- Education & training
- Veterans' services
- Legal aid
- Healthcare
- Family services
- Mental health
- Career development
- Transportation
- Domestic violence
- Government services



These service categories listed above can be found on the site's homepage. Visitors can simply click a category, which pulls up a list of organizations that provide those services; browse by the provider organization; or simply use the search function. Visit LancasterConnect.com to explore this online hub of community resources.

Lancaster Connect is funded by the City through a Los Angeles County Innovation Fund grant.

HOUSING ELEMENT

The City of Lancaster is updating its long-range housing plan, called the Housing Element.



The Housing Element is a citywide housing plan that describes Lancaster’s housing-related needs and resources. The City revisits this plan every eight years to make sure programs are in place to respond to demands for new housing, housing maintenance and equal access to housing. In order for the Housing Element to serve the community well, the City can’t do this alone. Community engagement is a major component of the updated Housing Element and multiple workshops, community surveys, and public hearings are part of the public engagement process.

Community input is critical to developing a housing plan that responds to community needs, values, and preference. The public engagement process will span from Winter 2020 through Fall 2021.



You can find more information at: www.cityoflancasterca.org/housingelement or contact the Community Development Division at the City of Lancaster by calling 661-723-6000.

FOG OUTLOOK

Now that the F.O.G. Program has been in effect for 10 years and an aggressive sewer mainline cleaning schedule has been established, the City has gone from 18 sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in one year to 0 SSO in 18 months.

Food Service Establishments in City boundaries are inspected twice per year (every six months), and the City FOG Inspector checks for several items:

- 1 THE GREASE RECOVERY DEVICE (GRD) IS BEING CLEANED ON A REGULAR BASIS**
- 2 THE USED COOKING OIL IS BEING RECYCLED WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)**
- 3 THE FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT IS PERFORMING ANNUAL STAFF TRAININGS REGARDING CLEANING PRACTICES**

For more information on the F.O.G. Program, contact the Utilities Services Section at (661)723-5985, or visit Cityoflancasterca.org/FOG



Did you know? Fats, Oils, & Grease Clog Our Sewer Pipes.

Many people think that if they dispose of these items by using hot water and dish soap that they're doing the right thing. Surprisingly, hot water and dish soap do not fix the problem - they just move the F.O.G. down stream!

Here are some tips for keeping our sewer pipes clean.

DO



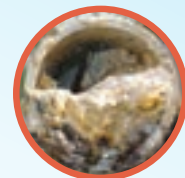
You Can Help Fight F.O.G.:

- Scrape all food scraps, grease, butter, sauces, and salad dressing into the trash.
- Put used cooking oil in a sealed container and dispose in the trash or bring to the City Maintenance Yard at 615 W. Avenue H.
- "Flushable" wipes can cause clogs also. Please dispose of them in the trash.

DON'T



F.O.G. in Sewer Line



Creating a better tomorrow. Together.

For questions, contact the City of Lancaster: (661)723-5985 or visit our website: cityoflancasterca.org

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SCAVENGER HUNT



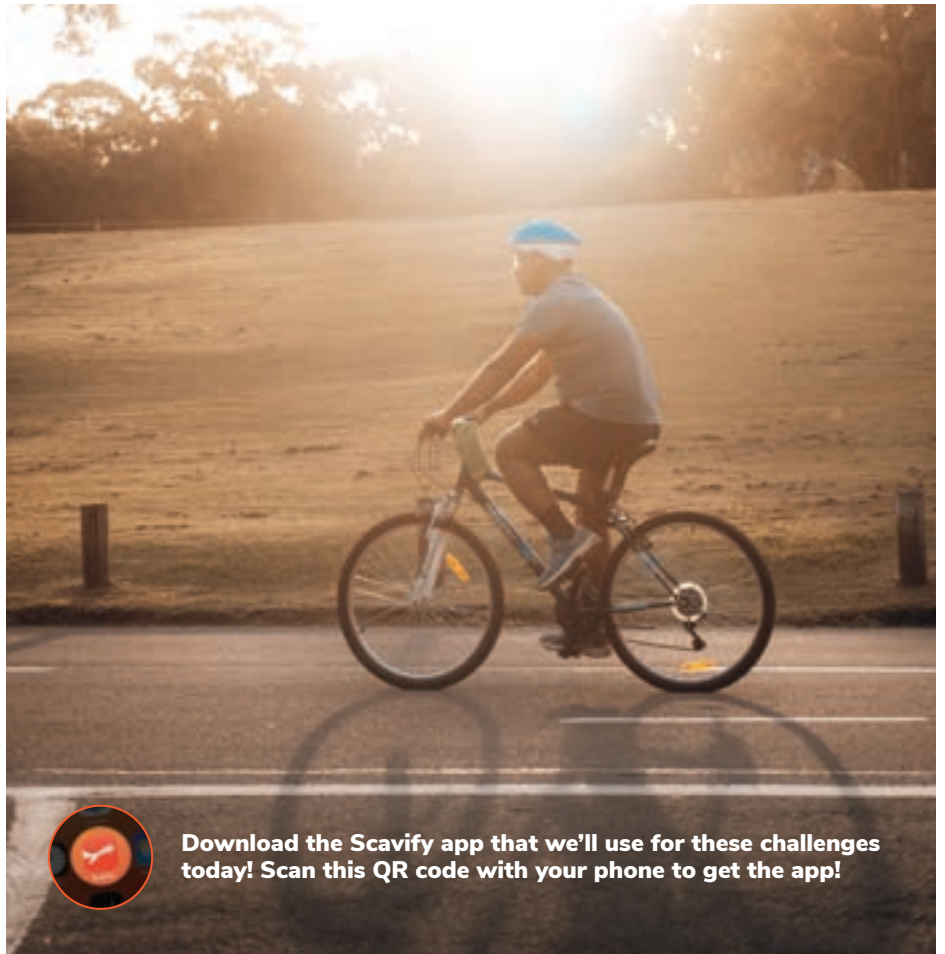
After so many months of quarantine, we are all in need of a little sunshine. Get active with us in 2021! This May we will be hosting a citywide SEE AND BE SEEN Scavenger Hunt! This event is open to residents of all ages and will feature a variety of activities around the City. Don't miss out - download the Scavify app today! Scan the QR code for your device and join in the fun!

Win prizes while completing a variety of activities - everything from riding your bike to a designated location to doing a little spring cleaning could be included!

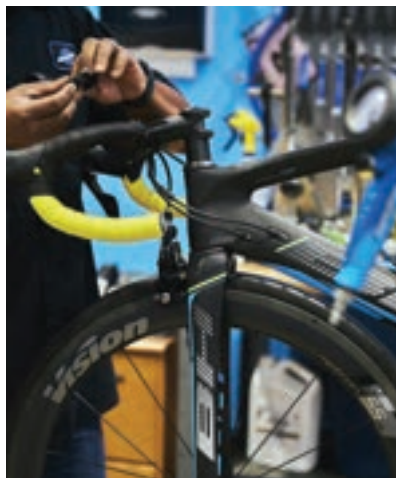
Stay tuned for more information this spring. Check in to our Get Active page for all the updates: cityoflancafterca.org/getactive Participants are encouraged to have fun and are expected to stay safe by complying with all COVID-19 safety requirements.



Check the City's website for more Bike Repair Clinic dates in 2021.



Download the Scavify app that we'll use for these challenges today! Scan this QR code with your phone to get the app!



App Store (iOS)



Google Play (Android)



Mobile Browser





SAFER STREETS ACTION PLAN

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All of the intersections in the City are monitored for safety on a continual basis and are ranked by total number and severity of any collisions that may have occurred. Intersections experiencing a large number of total or severe collisions are then evaluated for implementation of possible safety improvements. One specific improvement the City is currently focusing on is upgrading left turn movements from permissive operation (left turns allowed when oncoming traffic is allowed to travel through the intersection) to protected operation (when the left turn has a green arrow). This improvement is specifically focused on reducing the number or severity of broadside collisions at intersections. The City is scheduled to implement this improvement at nearly a dozen intersections over the next two years.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION

In 2021, our Capital team and contractors (CPE) is installing protected left turn signal poles around the City as part of the Traffic Signal Upgrade Project -- a safety measure aimed at reducing collisions. The project adds protected left turn arrows to the streets, and in some cases, new poles with longer mast arms are needed in order to add the arrows.

AVE I & 50TH STREET WEST

City Staff have determined that a number of collisions occurring at the intersection of Avenue I and 50th Street West are the result of drivers not seeing the lights at the traffic signal turning red. To increase driver awareness, the City is installing the following safety measures: flashing SIGNAL AHEAD signs, rumble strips in the travel lanes leading into the intersection, high visibility borders around the signal heads, adding additional signal heads to improve visibility, and installing dilemma zone detection so the signal cycle length can automatically adjust so vehicles can clear the intersection before the light changes to red. The implementation of these safety measures is expected to significantly reduce the number of collisions occurring at this intersection.

TRAFFIC CALMING

When a resident calls with a concern of vehicles speeding in their neighborhood, the City conducts a speed survey to determine the number of vehicles traveling along the roadway and the average speed at which they are traveling. If those values meet specific threshold levels, the street is considered to have qualified for traffic calming measures, such as speed humps or cushions. The next step involves asking the residents living along that street to sign a petition agreeing with the decision to install the speed cushions. If a sufficient number of residents sign the petition, the speed cushions are then programmed to be installed to slow the speed of traffic on the street.

LONG LINE

The City is embarking on a new lane line striping maintenance program for City streets. The Annual Long Line Striping Program is a yearly maintenance program developed to upkeep the condition of travel lanes and provide safe road conditions for motorists. The City currently uses paints for marking lane lines, which usually fade within a year. With our new program, we will be using a thermoplastic material that lasts five times longer than painted lanes and will minimize future maintenance efforts. During the first year of the program, the City will refurbish over 20 roadway segments.

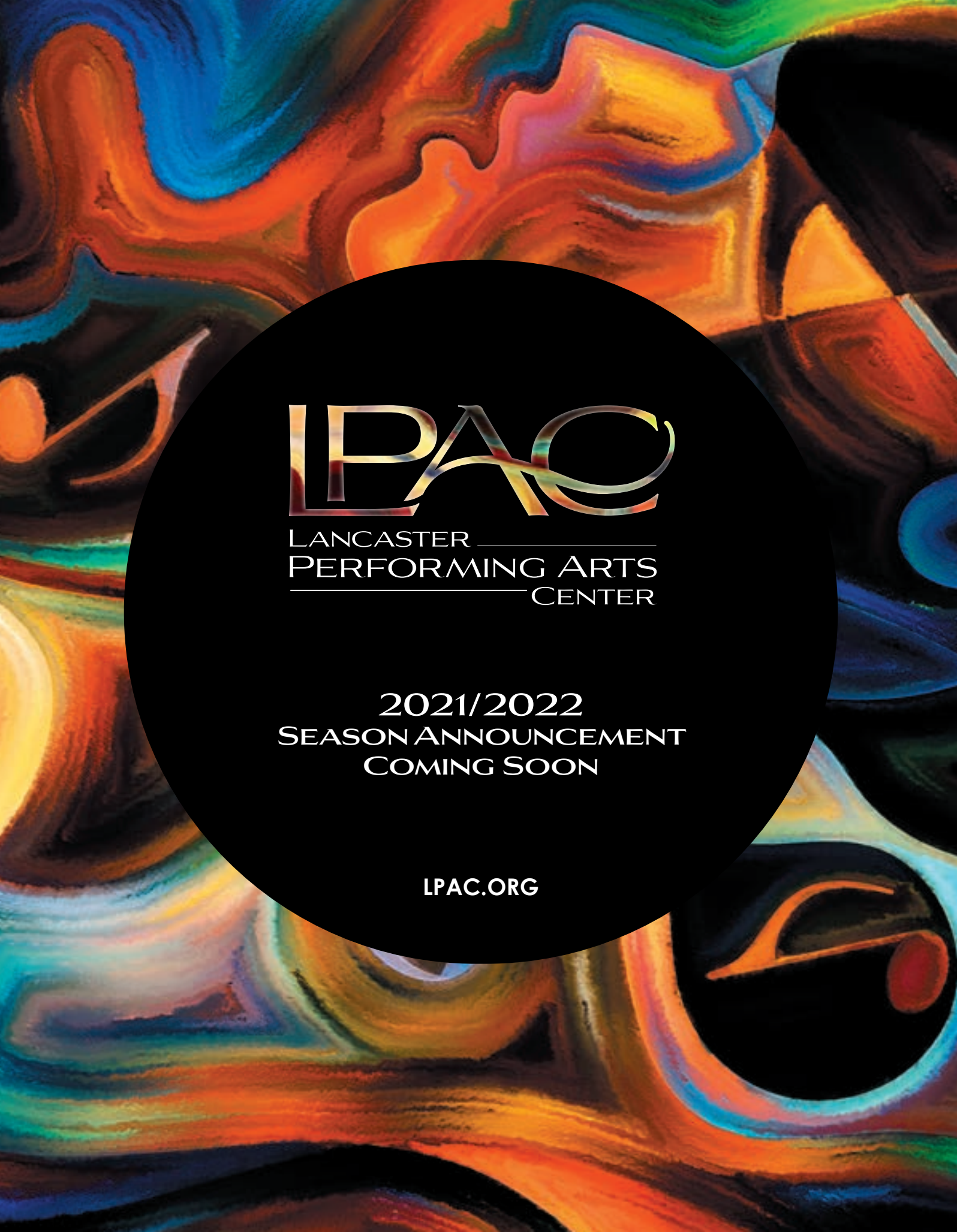
The following locations will receive upgrades:

- Milling Street West and Division Street
- 10th Street West and Newgrove Avenue
- 20th Street West and Avenue J8
- 27th Street West and Avenue J
- 17th Street East and Avenue J



Visit, <https://www.cityoflancasterca.org/road-construction> for regular road work updates in Lancaster.

To report a problem, send questions, complaints, or compliments directly to the City please visit <https://bit.ly/364vmNQ>

The background is a vibrant, abstract painting with swirling colors of blue, orange, yellow, and green. A large black circle is centered on the page, containing the LPAC logo and text.

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RESTAURANT RESCUE PACKAGE

It is no secret that local and small businesses have struggled over the last year because of the constantly-changing pandemic restrictions. Though the City has implemented a number of programs over the course of the pandemic to support local businesses, the City sought to ensure the long-term vitality of our City's businesses by passing the Restaurant Rescue Package in December.

The Restaurant Rescue Package has provided \$850,000 in aid through a number of financial and legal support programs to help revitalize the restaurant, winery, and brewery community and stimulate the local economy.

Part of this package includes the Take Out and Chill campaign which encourages residents to order takeout from local businesses. The City has distributed more than 27,000 gift cards worth \$20 each to medical professionals, first responders, grocery workers and essential personnel to recognize the necessary contribution they have given to our community.

To help businesses prepare for the significant uptick in sales from residents looking to use their gift cards, the City also provided grants to each participating business to offset these costs. Furthermore, each local business was given a credit from Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE) for a portion of their electric bill for December 2020 and January 2021. With more than 60 local businesses taking part in Take Out and Chill, the City distributed nearly \$300,000 in grants and Take Out and Chill card redemptions to businesses of all sizes in Lancaster.

In addition, the City used some of the aid package to fund one-year memberships for each participating restaurant to the California Restaurant Association (CRA), which spearheads legal battles to keep restaurants open to the maximum extent possible while taking necessary safety precautions into consideration.

Take Out and Chill participants were able to use this and other resources provided by the City to find law firms willing to work on pro bono cases relating to local restaurant closures.

Finally, during AV Restaurant Week, the City encouraged residents to participate in "Taste the AV", a challenge to visit at least 12 local restaurants, wineries, and breweries during January in hopes of winning prizes, through marketing and funding support.

Lancaster's local restaurants and businesses are a vital part of our community, culture and workforce. We are grateful all of these businesses choose to call Lancaster home and that so many of our residents jumped at the chance to show their support.



For more information on this program, visit cityoflancasterca.org/takeout





COVID-19 SUCCESS STORY

Despite the hardships so many businesses faced as a result of the shutdowns put in place by the State and County, some businesses were able to grow during the pandemic. The local Minuteman Press franchise was able to increase their sales during the difficult times by providing high-demand essential services to the local business community. The printing company assisted with creating mailers for people who needed to communicate quickly with their customers; designing social distancing and other protocol signage; and customizing face masks and branded clothing to better promote businesses during these times.

Many other businesses were able to adapt to meet the ever-changing demands and restrictions for their sectors. Businesses that did not have an online presence before the pandemic have made websites and social media profiles to drive consumer interest. Grassroots social media pages were created by members of the community to support locally owned businesses. Gyms and other businesses turned to virtual classes and online services to continue serving customers.

With all of the changes we've faced over the last year, it is wonderful to see our community supporting each other and to see local businesses taking innovative strides to continue serving our City!

You too can help aid our local economy and ensure that small, locally owned businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 by shopping local as often as possible.

A MARKET HEATING UP

Despite all the obstacles businesses and cities have faced over the course of the pandemic, the City of Lancaster is experiencing significant industrial and development growth, a further sign of Lancaster's advancement and promising future.

The City is proud to have issued or finalized more than 5,200 building and safety permits to businesses who have moved into the City or continuing their operations in Lancaster. On top of that, several hundred projects have been submitted and approved through the City's Planning Department.

The City's current industrial vacancy rate stands at only 1.6%, which is expected to fall even more as many new industrial firms have expressed interest in locating or expanding within Lancaster.

In terms of housing, Lancaster has four housing tracts with 418 homes currently under construction and an additional 84 homes almost completed. Additionally, hundreds of multi-family housing units are in the planning stages to continue to give as many people as possible the chance to make Lancaster their home.

The City has prioritized its entrepreneurial and innovative pursuits and is committed to bring more jobs, housing and opportunities to Lancaster. Development continues to flourish throughout the City and we are excited to help propel Lancaster's businesses into prosperity.

Visit the City's website to learn more about the benefits of starting a business in Lancaster.



Your continued support of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center's
ARTS FOR YOUTH program helps to keep the light of our future
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Thank you



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local access

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California Photography from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art
January 23 – May 9, 2021

Art Bridges + TERRA
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Local Access is a series of American art exhibitions created through a multi-year, multi-institutional partnership formed by LACMA as part of the Art Bridges + Terra Foundation Initiative.

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Destination for Your Senses



Shop for MOM & POP on The BLVD

With Mother's and Father's Day hitting back-to-back, BLVD shoppers can rejoice as they check both parents off their gift lists.

A variety of unique stores offer all you need to celebrate your mom and pop this Spring. Indulge Dad at The Classic Shave located inside The Studios at Bella West, or pick up his favorite record at VooDoo Vinyl. If quality time is on the menu, buy him a flight at Lucky Luke Brewing Pub. Mom will love getting pampered at Panache Salon & Spa, where she can enjoy massages, nail treatments, and more. Follow it with fine dining at Pueblo Viejo or share baklava at Olives Mediterranean Cafe.

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RESTORE OUR EARTH

APRIL 22 MARKS THE 51ST ANNUAL EARTH DAY, AND THE CITY OF LANCASTER IS CELEBRATING DIGITALLY!

• ORGANICS ORDINANCE

On November 10, 2020, the City of Lancaster passed an ordinance to comply with State regulations. Organic waste accounts for more than a third of the material in California's waste stream. Be on the lookout for how these changes will be implemented across the City!

• ECOHERO SHOW

The City will be hosting virtual EcoHero shows! The 40-minute show is a concert where we introduce environmental topics, tell stories, and engage children with trivia.

• RECYCLING CENTER

Head to page 20 to see how much the city has recycled and for more fun facts from our Recycling Center.

• ILLEGAL DUMPING CLEANUPS

Starting next fall, the City will be providing opportunities for groups or individuals to participate in Illegal Dumping clean up days.

• PRIME DESERT WOODLAND PRESERVE

On Sunday, April 11, local art fans can join MOAH at Prime Desert Woodlands for "AV Rock Out". Connect with local artists and the AV Rocks group by bringing a painted rock (that you've found in town or painted yourself) and join the contest for best design! Check out MOAH's Facebook page for more information.

• TAKE A WALK

Explore your neighborhood and document Lancaster's wildlife. Nature-enthusiasts throughout Lancaster can document wildlife in their areas. To participate, simply take a picture of wildlife in your neighborhood, note the location where it was taken, and share your discovery online via the *iNaturalist* app (or visit [inaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org)).

Our City and planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! By taking part in activities like picking up litter and recycling, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live.



KEEPING THE LINES CLEAR

In order to help residents keep their end of the line clear, we define who is responsible for what sewer sections and provide tips for maintenance.

TIPS ON MAINTAINING YOUR HOME'S SEWER LATERAL

Do not place improper items into the sewer or make improper connections to the sewer.

- Keep rainwater out of the sewer lines, as it overwhelms the capacity of the sewer lines and may cause sewer spills.
- Do not pour fats, oils, and grease in your drains – including your kitchen sink.
- Do not put “flushable” wipes in the toilet, no matter what the packaging says!

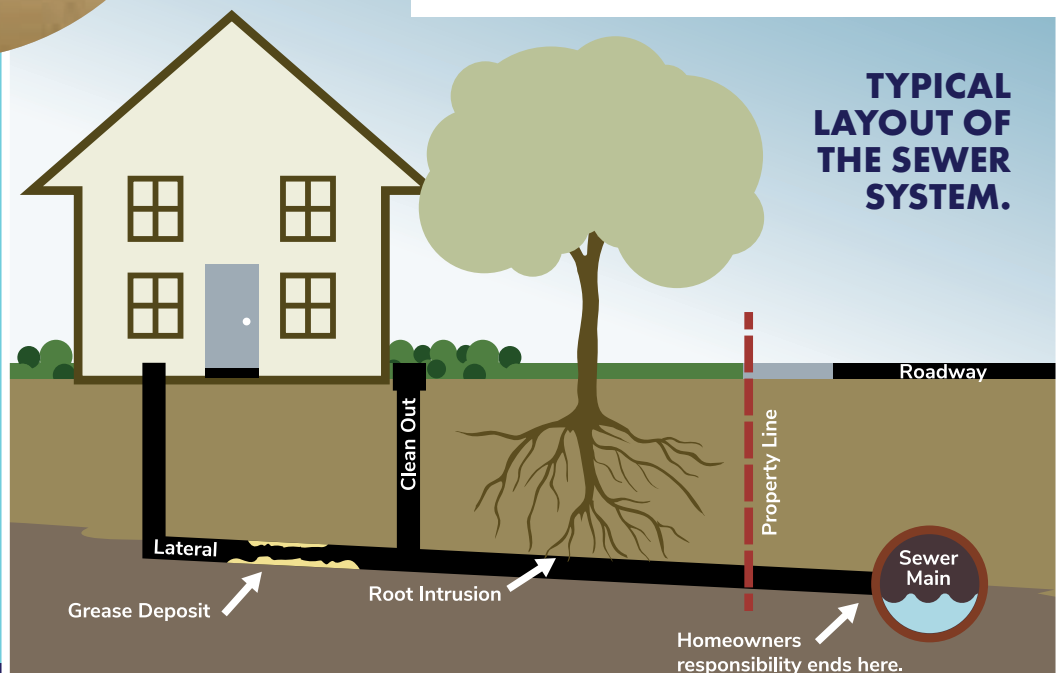


Maintain your lateral line through proper cleaning, repair, and replacement. Wondering when its time to call the plumber?

- Slow, sluggish or stopped drains: This may indicate a partial or full blockage. The sewer line within your property could be clogged or leaking.
- The smell of sewage: If this is detected anywhere on your property, it's time to take steps to assess (possibly calling a plumber for a video inspection).
- Grass patches that grow quickly or seem greener and fuller: Particularly vibrant and full patches of grass could indicate a sewage leak serving as fertilization from underneath.

Remember to always hire a licensed plumber to perform maintenance and inspection work on your plumbing system. Make sure to have a conversation with them about where the right-of way begins and ends.

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S SEWER MAIN LINES, PLEASE CONTACT THE UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION AT (661) 723-5985.





The City of Lancaster, City of Palmdale, Antelope Valley Transit Authority and T-Mobile present

SPRING FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, March 27, 2021 | Noon – 3 PM

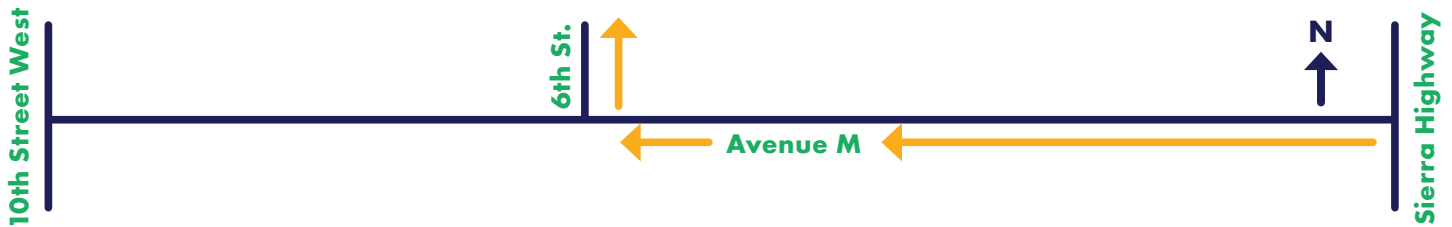
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GIVEAWAYS INCLUDE

- Groceries and produce
- Easter swag bag for kids

From Sierra Highway go West on Avenue M towards 6th Street West.



DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION ONLY

- No Walk-ups
- No eligibility required
- Please wear a face covering
- Line formation begins at 11:30.
- Strictly enforced.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 661.723.6077**



MOAH'S YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOP (YAW)

will be featuring an Earth Day themed craft kit during the month of April.

Tune into our YouTube channel to watch a quick how-to and see the art that inspired each week's craft.

YAW Craft Kits are available every Thursday from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Lancaster MOAH.

Tag pictures of your finished piece with #MOAHYAW to be featured on our Facebook or Instagram!



April - September

Thursdays, 4 - 9 PM
Lancaster Boulevard

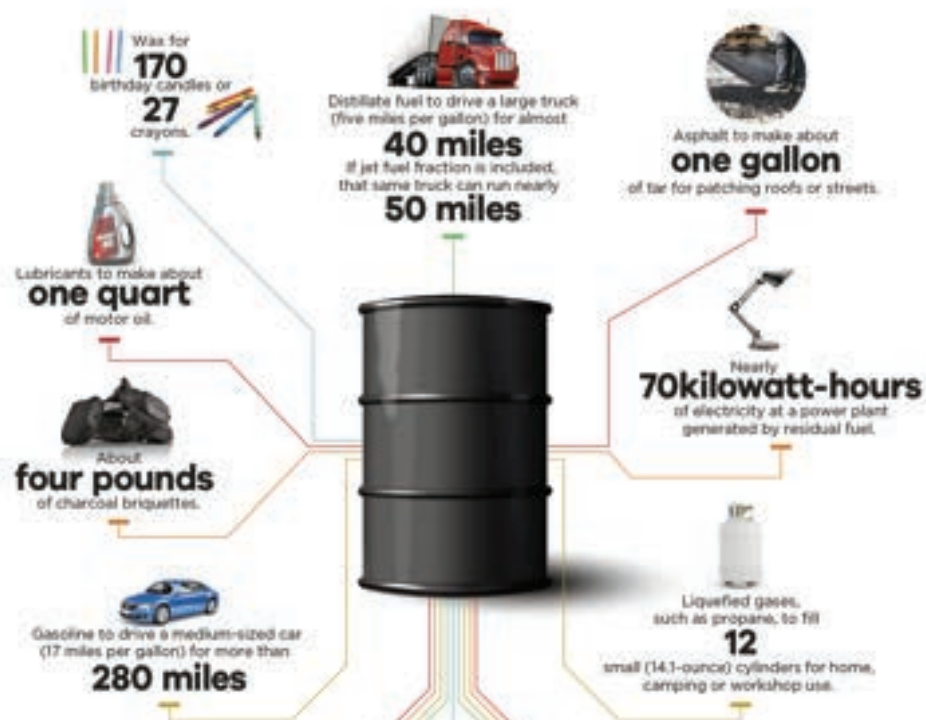
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RECYCLING CENTER

What can you make from one barrel of oil?

Researchers broke down a typical barrel of domestic crude oil into what could be produced from it. The average domestic crude oil has a gravity of **32 degrees** and weighs **7.21 pounds per gallon**. Here's what just one barrel of crude oil can produce:



There would be enough petrochemicals left in that same barrel to also provide the base for:



The lighter materials in a barrel are used mainly for paint thinners and dry-cleaning solvents, and they can make nearly a quart of one of these products. The miscellaneous fraction of what is left still contains enough byproducts to be used in medicinal oils, still gas, road oil and plant condensates.

It's a real industrial horn of plenty.

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The amount of Electronic Waste collected by the center is more than 550,000lbs! That's more than the weight of the Statue of Liberty and more than 1.3 million iPhones collected each year!

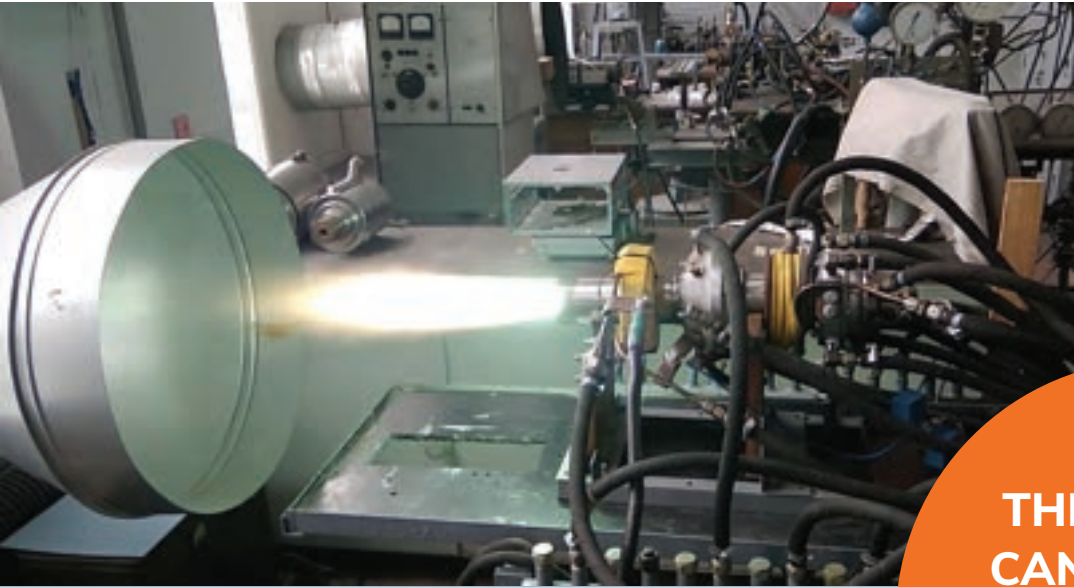
The Recycling Center recycles over 29,000 gallons of oil each year, that's enough oil to fill over 530 drums of oil. This would make over 280,000 toothbrushes or enough gasoline to fuel a car for over 148,000 miles!



The Recycling Center collects over 172,000 gallons of paint a year which would paint more than 5,700 two story homes!

MORE THAN 550,000 LBS OF ELECTRONIC WASTE HAS BEEN COLLECTED.

SGH2 TECHNOLOGY



As part of Lancaster's commitment to becoming the nation's first city to embrace hydrogen power, the City will be welcoming a hydrogen production facility into Lancaster that will be able to process 42,000 tons of waste each year.

The production facility will be supported by SGH2 Energy Global, LLC (SGH2), a company focused on the gasification of waste into hydrogen. SGH2's pioneering technology produces "greener than green" hydrogen through a high-temperature, plasma-enhanced thermal catalytic conversion process that results in the complete molecular dissociation of all hydrocarbons for a high-quality, hydrogen-rich bio-syngas (or, synthesis gas).

This carbon-free hydrogen is especially green because it takes biogenic waste materials and turns them into a clean hydrogen that is free of tar, soot, and heavy metals and uses no externally sourced energy.

In Lancaster, SGH2 will use waste such as organic food waste or mixed paper waste - that would otherwise be sent to landfills - to create its green hydrogen. This clean fuel will be used at hydrogen refueling stations across California for both light and heavy-duty fuel cell vehicles.

Additionally, the largest owners and operators of hydrogen refueling stations in California are among some of the industry experts interested in purchasing the full green hydrogen output of this project.

Outside of Lancaster, SGH2 is in negotiations to launch similar projects in France, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine, Greece, Japan, South Korea, Poland, Turkey, Russia, China, Brazil and Australia.

To learn more about Lancaster's vision to integrate hydrogen into its power grid, fuel distribution, storage and use, visit the City's website.

THE FACILITY
CAN PROCESS
42,000 TONS
OF WASTE
ANNUALLY.



SPRING OUTLOOK

Spring is the time of year that ushers in warmer temperatures. It's the perfect time to not only take care of your annual spring cleaning, but it's a great time to spruce up your yard. Here are some helpful tips to make sure your property is in compliance with the Lancaster municipal code.

- Ensure all grasses used as part of a lawn are regularly mowed. Grasses should be no more than 8 inches in height, or contain a significant number of seed heads, or are thatched and matted.
- Other plant material should be cut back to avoid encroachment into a public street or sidewalk, and so they don't inhibit pedestrian or vehicular travel or visibility.
- Make sure tree branches don't reach within 5 feet of any rooftop of a structure.
- Remove weeds and dead vegetation from any lawn areas or planters.
- Repair or adjust irrigation systems so they don't cause significant or continuous spray, spillage, pooling or flow of water onto adjacent property of public streets.



**TAKE PART IN OUR
ANNUAL SPRING
CLEANING AND
MAKE SURE TO
PROPERLY DISPOSE
OF WASTE.**



If you take part in annual spring cleaning, make sure any personal property is properly disposed of.

- All residential properties within Lancaster City limits are required to hold trash service with a licensed waste hauler (Waste Management).
- Any discarded items should not be left visible from the public or adjoining private property unless it's being placed out for a scheduled pick up with a licensed waste hauler.
- Ensure trash cans are left stored behind the front plane of the property, until your scheduled collection days.
- Ensure any litter placed in trash receptacles, is done so in a manner to prevent it from being carried by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public or private property.
- If you have large items to dispose of, please contact Waste Management to schedule a bulk item pick up. (Waste Management allows residents 4 free bulky item pickups per year, with a maximum of 4 items per pickup)

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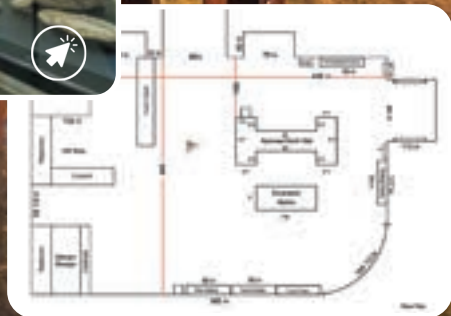
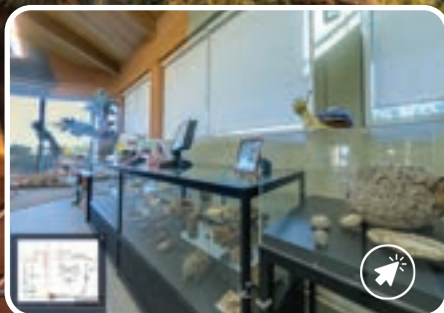
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Though currently closed, the interpretive center regular hours are Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 AM - 4 PM.

Visit us on our website or on Facebook @primedesertwoodland



Visit the virtual tour online.
<https://www.lancastermoah.org/interpretive-center>



EARTH DAY & COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

The City will be hosting a Community Clean Up Day to celebrate Earth Day this year!

Keep an eye on our website and social channels for details on how you can participate. Participants will have the chance to win a prize!

When:
Thursday, April 22 - All day

Where:
A neighborhood near you!



NATURE MATTERS



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Parks, Recreation and Arts



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Health & Fitness

VIRTUAL MORNING YOGA AND MEDITATION AT HOME

Amy Arena

(16 yrs.- Adult) Gentle yoga and Reflections with lifelong yogi and certified hypnotherapist, Amy Arena. We'll practice sun salutations, breathing, and mindfulness with hypnotic meditations designed specially to suit the attending students' needs of the day. Materials required: Towel, yoga mat, and water required. **\$32 (\$39 NR).**

Thur.	Apr. 1-29	8:00 AM-9:15 AM
Thur.	May 6-27	8:00 AM-9:15 AM
Thur.	June 3-24	8:00 AM-9:15 AM



Language

VIRTUAL FRENCH

Lenardo Dedman

(12 yrs.-Adult) Students will learn how to speak, read, and write in French from professional teacher. Materials required: Bring notebook and pen. **\$120 (\$127 NR).**

M/W/F	Apr. 5-30	11-11:45 AM
M/W/F	Apr. 5-30	5-5:45 PM
M/W/F	May 3-28	11-11:45 AM
M/W/F	May 3-28	5-5:45 PM
M/W/F	June 2-30	11-11:45 AM
M/W/F	June 2-30	5-5:45 PM
Sat.	Apr. 3-24	10:30 AM-12:45 PM
Sat.	May 1-29	10:30 AM-12:45 PM
Sat.	June 5-26	10:30 AM-12:45 PM

VIRTUAL HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS

Shoshana Katz-Arush

(15 yrs.-Adult) Learn to speak, read, and write Hebrew with a professional Israeli teacher. Also enjoy learning the nuances of modern Hebrew, as well as Israeli conversational skills and culture. These courses are intended to be taken consecutively, but students are encouraged to join at any time. **\$80 (\$87 NR).**

Tue	Apr. 6-27	6:30-7:30 PM
Tue.	May 4-25	6:30-7:30 PM
Tue.	June 1-29	6:30-7:30 PM

VIRTUAL SPANISH

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(10 yrs.-Adult) Students will learn how to speak, read, and write in Spanish from a professional teacher. Materials required: Have notebook and pen available. **\$120 (\$127 NR).**

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M/W/F	Apr. 2-30	4-4:45 PM
M/W/F	May 3-28	10-10:45 AM
M/W/F	May 3-28	4-4:45 PM
M/W/F	June 2-30	10-10:45 AM
M/W/F	June 2-30	4-4:45 PM
Sat.	Apr. 3-24	8-10:15 AM
Sat.	May 1-29	8-10:15 AM
Sat.	June 5-26	8-10:15 AM

Performing Arts

VIRTUAL BALLET & TAP

International Dance Fitness Academy

(3-7 yrs.) Your child will develop self-confidence and fine motor skills, while enhancing their imagination by learning simple and fun routines. Materials required: Bring leotard, pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes, and pink tights.

\$100 (\$107 NR). No class May 31.

3-4 yrs.	Mon.	Apr. 5-June 28	4:30-5:30 PM
5-7 yrs.	Wed.	Apr. 7-June 30	4:30-5:30 PM

VIRTUAL GUITAR WORKSHOP

Cynthia Chambers

(10 yrs.-Adult) Learn tuning, chords and tab reading to play your favorite songs. Materials required: Students must have their own guitar. **\$40 (\$47 NR).**

Sun.	Apr. 18	2-4:00 PM
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VIRTUAL UKULELE WORKSHOP

Cynthia Chambers

(8 yrs.-Adult) Learn tuning, chords and tab reading to play your favorite songs. Materials required: Students must have their own ukulele. **\$40 (\$47 NR).**

Sun.	May 16	2-4:00 PM
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VIRTUAL PIANO WORKSHOP

Cynthia Chambers

(8 yrs.-Adult) Learn to play chords with melodies the easy way by using proper fingering and hand positions. Materials required: Students must have their own piano keyboard. **\$40 (\$47 NR).**

Sun.	June 13	2-4:00 PM
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VIRTUAL HIP HOP

International Dance Fitness Academy

(5-16 yrs.) Learn the latest hip-hop dance moves and improve coordination while having fun! Materials required: Wear loose clothing and tennis shoes. **\$100 (\$115 NR).**

5-8 yrs.	Tues.	Apr. 6-June 29	4:30-5:30 PM
9-16 yrs.	Thurs.	Apr. 1-June 24	4:30-5:30 PM

VIRTUAL BACHATA DANCE

International Dance Fitness Academy

(13 yrs.-Adult) Whether just beginning or seeking to advance your skills, unleash your rhythmic soul onto the dance floor with the stirring sounds of bachata music. **\$60 (\$67 NR).** Couples discount available.

Thu.	Apr. 1-29	6:30-7:30 PM
Thu.	May 6-27	6:30-7:30 PM
Thu.	June 3-24	6:30-7:30 PM

VIRTUAL ACTING AND IMPROV

Amy Arena

(6-10 yrs.) Learn basic theater and on-camera terminology and auditioning etiquette while also developing skills such as listening, memorization, projecting, and communication. Acting and improv classes boost confidence in all areas of life from personal relationships, to job interviews, to navigating crises. **\$115 (\$122 NR).**

Tue.	Apr. 6-June 22	5-6:00 PM
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VIRTUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING/NETWORKING MADE FUN WITH IMPROV

Amy Arena

(16 yrs.-Adult) Learn effective speech writing, execute new tools to deliver the speech, and have fun with improv to boost those networking meetings. **\$150 (\$157 NR).**

Thu.	Apr. 1-June 17	5-6:30 PM
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To find out more, please contact:

Mike Kufchak
Director of Veterans Affairs IBEW Local 11
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Did you know that state law requires most businesses that generate food waste to have a recycling program? Waste Management is here to help your Lancaster business comply.

For more information or to schedule a no-cost evaluation, contact your local recycling manager, **Ali Van Dereyk**, at **661-382-9128** or visit **business.wm.com/Lancaster**

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