

coming soon
upcoming events in lancaster

may 3
Summer Day Camp Sign Up
9 am-noon, Lancaster City
Park, Stanley Kleiner building

may 8
Youth Commission Meeting
6:30 pm, City Hall

may 13
City Council Meeting
6 pm, City Hall

may 15
Home Security and Burglary
Prevention Presentation
7 pm, City Hall

may 26
Memorial Day Holiday
City Hall closed

may 27
City Council Meeting
6 pm, City Hall

june 16
First day of Summer Day
Camp

june 20 & july 25
Celebrate Downtown Lancaster
featuring the Young Dubliners
on June 20. Acts will be
announced soon for July 25.
6 pm, Lancaster Boulevard
from Fern to Date Avenue

close calls
handy phone numbers

24-hour recorded info
661-723-6200

lancaster city hall
661-723-6000

public safety office
661-723-6063

code enforcement
661-723-6121

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

city streams
public meetings

Videos of City Council
and Planning Commission
meetings are available
live and on-demand at the
City's website in addition to
scheduled broadcasts
on Cable Channel 28.

To view meetings, visit
www.cityoflancasterca.org
and click on "Watch Public
Meetings."

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outlook lite

May 2008 a glance at what's happening in Lancaster

There's a New Sheriff in Town Captain Axel Anderson Named to Lead Lancaster Station

The City of Lancaster and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has announced that 30-year veteran, Axel Anderson, has been named to replace Carl Deeley as Captain of the Lancaster station. Deeley will now oversee all Sheriff's stations in North L.A. County, including Lancaster.

Anderson comes to Lancaster from the Sheriff's Leadership and Training Division. From 2000 to 2004 he served as second-in-command in Lancaster.

According to Interim City Manager Mark Bozigian, "During his earlier tour, Axel became familiar with all of the issues we are facing. He understands our objectives and the progress we've made in reducing crime. His leadership will sustain that downward trend."

**"I am happy
to return and
to once again
work with this
superb team."**

Axel Anderson

leader who will ensure the City reaches its public safety goals."

"Public safety is crucial to our community's quality of life," noted Bozigian. "But it requires a team effort from the City, Sheriff's staff and most importantly – our citizens."

On his departure, Commander Deeley said, "It is difficult leaving this wonderful community, but I leave you in great hands! Axel Anderson is a skilled and experienced leader who will ensure the City reaches its public safety goals."



**Erase
Graffiti
from Lancaster**

**community
in action**

Tagging is no game, it's a crime. Those who play can face serious time. If kids do it, their parents may pay the price. Do your part to stop graffiti. Report this vandalism and help us remove it now! Call the Graffiti Hotline 661-723-5985.

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THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Presented by It's Only Tuesday Productions

Friday, May 30 • 8 pm
Saturday, May 31 • 2 & 8 pm
Sunday, June 1 • 2 & 7 pm
All Seats \$16

J.P. Eliopoulos Family Theatre

The Diary of Anne Frank is the true story of a 13-year-old Jewish girl and her family during the Holocaust. Along with four others, the Franks spent two years in hiding before their discovery by the Nazis. First published in 1947, Anne's memoir is a story of the indomitable human spirit.

For more information, contact 661-723-5950 or www.lpac.org.



Lancaster Sheriff's Station

Lancaster Sheriff's Operations Named One of Nation's Best

A recent study by Altus, a global organization committed to improving public safety and government accountability, found the Lancaster Sheriff's Station to be among the best in the nation, ranking third overall. The Altus survey, conducted last October, sent local community groups to more than 800 police stations around the globe.

The Lancaster station received an overall score of 87.3 out of a possible 100 based on five areas of observation – the organization's community orientation, the physical conditions of the station, equality in treatment of the public, detention conditions, along with transparency and accountability. Each of these categories contributed 20 percent to the overall score. Lancaster scored substantially above the average score of 75 recorded by the 22 public safety organizations tallied within the U.S.

"We are very excited about this. The accolade is so special to us because it comes from the public."

Sgt. Kim Ruppert

Members of Grace Resource Center and Lancaster Baptist Church acted as project surveyors, responding to the questions after touring station facilities.

For more information on the Altus survey, visit www.altus.org.

asked & answered

responses to your recent questions

My neighbor's yard is an eye-sore, what can the City do about it?

The best way to work out problems is neighbor to neighbor. If your attempts are not successful, file a complaint with the Code Enforcement Division. An officer will investigate the situation and take appropriate action.

Visit www.cityoflancafterca.org to file online or call Code Enforcement at 661-723-6121.



Bug Wrangler Brings Beauties and Beasts to Prime Desert Woodland Center

Robert Shannon isn't your average wildlife enthusiast. You see, Bob goes bug-eyed over insects of all shapes and sizes. He also loves sharing his enthusiasm with visitors at the Prime Desert Woodland Preserve. His collection of moths, butterflies and insects from around the world includes many rare species. Join him for his next presentation at the Elyze Clifford Interpretive Center at Avenue K-8 & 35th Street West.

Insect Specimens – Saturday, May 31 • 4 pm

Prime Desert Woodland Preserve



employee spotlight:
Bob Gonzales
*Parks, Recreation & Arts
Department*

Bob Gonzales has a wealth of knowledge on all things recreational in Lancaster. As one of the City's Parks, Recreation & Arts front-line representatives, he tackles a wide range of questions regarding the many programs and activities offered locally.

"I enjoy dealing with the public," said Gonzales who has worked with the City in a variety of capacities since 1981. "I started out as an umpire at ballgames and still officiate high school sports in my spare time."

Bob thinks the City does a good job of offering a variety of activities for people of all ages and interests. "We try not to duplicate programs offered by others."

A resident of the Antelope Valley since 1968 when his dad came to work here, Bob enjoys the endless opportunities that the area offers. "The beach, mountains, Las Vegas are all an easy drive away, yet there is so much to do right here."

An avid golfer, Bob continues to refine his game weekly as a member of a local men's golf club. When not occupied with sports and recreation activities, he enjoys weekend trips to nearby destinations with his wife, Jenny, of 25 years.

So the next time you want to sign-up for day camp or swim lessons, ask Bob Gonzales. He has answers!



City Expands Environmental Efforts by Adding to Alternative Fuel Fleet

The City of Lancaster is reducing its impact on the environment by using more vehicles powered by alternative fuels. Today, about 20 percent of the City's sedans and pickups run alternative fuels and six more hybrids are on order.

The effort began in 1994 when the City joined the Blue Skies Program and adopted policies advocating the use of alternative fuels whenever possible. This has now blossomed into a fleet of 12 compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and 17 hybrid-electric cars and trucks. Public Works also uses two large dump trucks that run on a combination of diesel and CNG.

Extra costs associated with vehicles that use alternative fuel are offset by funds from the State available to help reduce pollution. Thanks to these, the negative economic impact is minimized, while the positive environmental impact is maximized.



positive moves

Citizens Reroute Over 2 Million Pounds of Hazardous Waste Away from Landfills

Household chemicals and electronic components can cause serious damage to the environment by leaching into water supplies and contaminating the earth.

Since 2005, many Antelope Valley residents have done their part to protect the eco-system by bringing hazardous household waste (HHW) and unwanted electronic equipment (e-waste) to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center. Over the last three years the Center has collected, recycled and properly disposed of over 2.2 million pounds of such toxic garbage.

The Center is located at the Antelope Valley Public Landfill, 1200 West City Ranch Road in Palmdale and is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9 am to 3 pm. There is no charge to safely dispose of these materials at the AVECC.

For more information on the AVECC and the items it collects, visit www.lapdw.org/epd/avecc.

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Polite Pooches Enjoy Hull Dog Park

All dogs need exercise and the chance to explore the great outdoors. The City's Hull Dog Park can be a great place for this to happen. Observe these simple rules to ensure fun for everyone:

- Remove leash after entering play area.
- Dogs should wear buckle collars with ID.
- Be sure your dog is current on vaccinations.
- Do not bring treats or food into play area.
- Dogs under four months old and females in season should not use the dog park.
- If dog seems overly excited on arrival, keep your pet on a leash outside the play area for a few minutes. This will let them adjust to the park and calm down.
- Never leave your dog unattended.
- Keep the park neutral territory by walking around with your dog. Don't stay in one place for extended periods.
- Smaller dogs should play in the area designated for breeds of similar size.
- If your dog becomes unruly or bullies other animals, it is time to leave.
- Always clean up after your dog.
- Supervise young children and do not allow them to run or yell around the play area.

Park Rangers are available at 661-510-4232 to resolve dog play concerns. Thanks for helping keep Hull Dog Park friendly for all our canine citizens!

city officials

R. Rex Parris, *Mayor*
 Ronald D. Smith, *Vice Mayor*
 Ken Mann, *Council Member*
 Sherry Marquez, *Council Member*
 Ed Sileo, *Council Member*

Mark V. Bozigian, *Interim City Manager*

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fire safety tip



Let EDITH Help Your Family Prepare for Emergencies

EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home) are an essential ingredient in assuring your family's safety in a fire, particularly at night. Every member of your family should understand and practice the use of emergency escape routes. Get your family together and talk about EDITH tonight. Practice fire drills regularly so that the process becomes second nature to all. FIRE WON'T WAIT... PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.

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American, state and local flags should always be disposed of in a respectful manner.

If your flag has become frayed or shredded, contact the American Legion at 661-946-1919 for information on proper disposal.

City Sets Time for Roadside Memorials

For grieving friends and families of someone lost in a traffic accident, roadside memorials provide an important means of remembrance and respect for loved ones. The City of Lancaster understands and strives to do everything within its power to prevent collisions and highway loss of life.

Roadside memorials to people who have lost their lives in traffic accidents remain undisturbed on public property and in the right-of-ways to give 30 days to honor the lost loved one and to remind others to drive safely. After 30 days, any memorial still in place is respectfully removed to storage where the owner may retrieve it. Any items left unclaimed for more than 60 days will be discarded.

To claim items, please contact Public Works at 661-723-5985.

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