

Residents Get Preview of New Vision for Downtown

Following up on its "Downtown Immersion" program held in May, the City of Lancaster and the planning firm of RBF Consulting unveiled a preliminary draft of a Vision Plan for Downtown Lancaster.

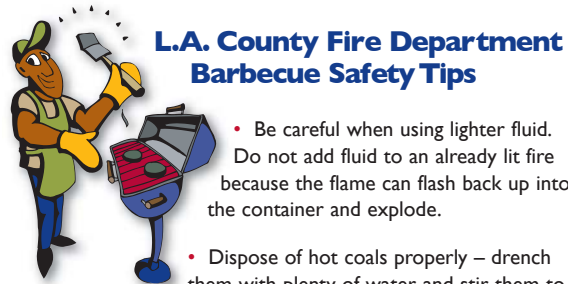
The plan envisions a significant transformation for the area surrounding Lancaster Boulevard between 10th Street West and Sierra Highway. The area would be divided into seven distinct districts, each with its own focus.

- The Gateway District offers a dramatic entry to downtown with a new 10th Street West roundabout.
- The Commerce District focuses on financial and professional services.
- The Boulevard District provides entertainment and retail along with a new public plaza and amphitheater.
- The Cedar Avenue Arts District features walkways tying together lofts, galleries, living spaces and craft shops.
- The Transit District connects the Metrolink station with the rest of downtown via pedestrian friendly paseos.
- The Civic Village encompasses the existing City Hall, Library and Sheriff's Station, as well as a new park.
- The Neighborhood Office District offers a mixture of small offices and homes intermingled with new higher density housing.



Downtown Immersion included a flashlight walk through Downtown Lancaster.

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan and provide comments through October when implementation details are scheduled to be undertaken. Additional details are available at the project website, www.celebratedowntownlanaster.info



L.A. County Fire Department Barbecue Safety Tips

- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flash back up into the container and explode.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – drench them with plenty of water, and stir them to make sure that the fire is out. Never put them in a plastic, paper or wooden container.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.
- Make sure everyone knows to "Stop, Drop and Roll" in case clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn needs serious medical attention.
- Never barbecue in enclosed areas – carbon monoxide could be created.

Let's make Lancaster Better, Together!

Your City works hard to make Lancaster a place in which we can all have pride. But there is always room for improvement. Help us serve you better. Offer your ideas and innovations on how government and citizenry can work together to create a better Lancaster.

Mail, email or fax your suggestion to: City of Lancaster, Communications Division, 44933 Fern Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534. Fax: 661-723-5843. Email: aaldrich@cityoflanasterca.org

My suggestion: _____

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COMING SOON Upcoming Events in Lancaster

September 4
 Labor Day – City Hall closed

September 12 & 26
 City Council/Redevelopment
 Agency Meeting, 6 pm

September 16
 Aerospace Walk of Honor, 3 pm
 Celebrate Downtown, 5:30 pm

September 18
 Planning Commission Meeting
 7 pm

October 7
 Bark at the Park, 10 am
 Lancaster City Park

CLOSE CALLS Phone numbers to keep handy

Lancaster City Hall
 661-723-6000

**City Special
 Events Hotline**
 661-723-5900

Job Hotline
 661-723-5874 / option 3

**Maintenance Services
 Division**
 661-723-5985
 City tree maintenance
 Drainage maintenance
 Graffiti abatement
 Illegal dumping
 Pothole/sidewalk repair
 Street sweeping maintenance
 Abandoned Shopping Carts
 800-252-4613

**Lancaster Performing
 Arts Center**
 661-723-5950

Clear Channel Stadium
 661-726-5400

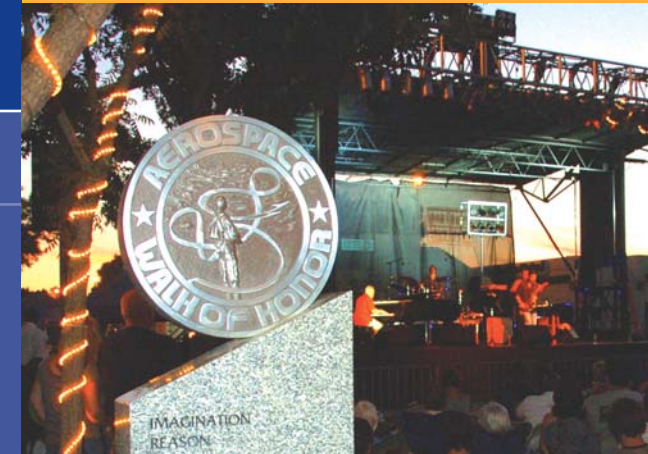
**Antelope Valley
 Fairgrounds**
 661-948-6060

A FRESH NEW OUTLOOK!

New monthly format provides more timely information

Recently, the City asked local residents how it could better communicate with them. Overwhelmingly, the answer was via newsletters and the City website. So, the City expanded both these communication channels to include monthly briefs on what is new and exciting in Lancaster and easy-to-access, up-to-the-minute info on our newly-designed website.

Citizens will continue to receive the traditional in-depth OUTLOOK newsletter each quarter, with its complete catalog of programs and classes offered by the Parks, Recreation and Arts Department. In intervening months, look for this new "Lite" edition of OUTLOOK to provide a fresh perspective on what's happening in the City of Lancaster.



City to Honor Aviation Pioneers at Downtown Celebration September 16

Jacqueline Cochran, the first female inductee to Lancaster's Aerospace Walk of Honor, will be among those to whom the City will pay tribute at the 17th annual ceremonies scheduled for 3 pm Saturday, September 16, at the Lancaster Performing Arts Center.

Also honored at the event will be Colonel Mervin Leroy Evenson, John Hardy Griffith, Fred Davy Knox, Jr. and Colonel Emil "Ted" Sturmthal. Special guest speaker for the event will be comet discoverer David H. Levy, who is credited with finding 21 new comets, several using a backyard telescope!

Admission is \$5 per person and includes a commemorative coin to remember the day. Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office.

Free Concert and Street Fair Follow Aerospace Celebration



Cherry Poppin' Daddies, an award-winning group that puts a contemporary twist on the swing era, will appear in a free concert September 16, at 7:30 pm, as part of the Celebrate Downtown series.

The celebration, taking place on Lancaster Boulevard from 5:30 to 9:30 pm, will also include a farmers' market, food vendors, arts and crafts, and aviation displays.

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

Help Us Get a Handle on Graffiti

If taggers have defaced public walls or fences in your neighborhood, call the Graffiti Hotline at 723-5985 for quick help. The City's goal is to dispatch crews within 48 hours to document the vandalism and remove it. Thanks to a new Graffiti ID program, the Lancaster Sheriff's Station is apprehending more and more of these offenders. With your help, we can keep graffiti off City streets.

inside LPAC

World Fusion Music from The Silk Road featuring Gülay & the Aras Ensemble

September 15 • 8 pm
All seats \$25 / Youth \$21

Hear beautiful music from Afghanistan, India, Iran, Armenia, Turkey, Russia and other countries. Exotic and European instruments are used in tandem as vocalist Gülay performs each song in its original language using an Asiatic singing technique, harking to the art music of the Ottoman court.



Tickets are available from the LPAC box office. For more information, call 661-723-5950 or visit www.lpac.org

asked & answered responses to your recent questions

What's the best way to dispose of hazardous household waste?

Bring your hazardous household waste and old electronics to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC), located at 1200 W. City Ranch Road in Palmdale. The AVECC is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 am to 3 pm.

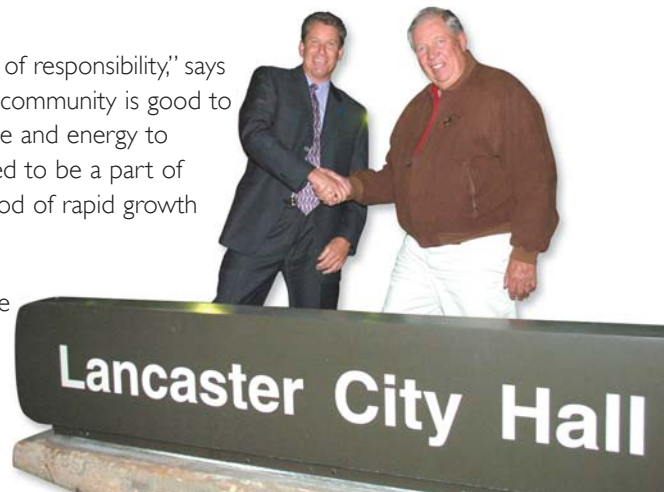
For more information and a complete list of what the AVECC does and does not accept, call 1-888-CLEAN LA or visit www.888CleanLA.com

A Family Tradition of Community Service

The Troth name has been a familiar one for many years. When Lancaster was incorporated, Walt Troth served on the City's first Planning Commission and helped establish our first General Plan. Thirty years later, Walt's son is following in his dad's footsteps. In May, Mark Troth joined the Planning Commission, just as it undertakes major revisions to the General Plan.

"My dad instilled in me a sense of responsibility," says the younger Troth. "When the community is good to you, you need to put in the time and energy to make it even better. I am pleased to be a part of the team as we undergo a period of rapid growth and change."

The Troths are but one example of committed citizens who give generously of their time and energy to improve life in Lancaster.



A City@Work Profiles of Public People

Hats off to George Henderson of the Public Works Department. He was recently named Employee of the Month for his outstanding service to the community. George has been with the City since 1987 and has served as an assistant engineer since 2001.

George was responsible for the recent asphalt repairs done at Challenger Way and Avenue K-4, as well as those done along Avenue L from 15th Street West to 20th Street West. A number of citizens called to compliment the department on completing the job quickly and efficiently. Thanks George, for a job well done!



George Henderson (right) reviews plans with Steve Lawson.



Cold Stone Creamery is among many new retail shops taking shape at the Lancaster Town Center, on 10th Street West and Avenue K, along with Wells Fargo Financial, Red Persimmon Salon and 3 Day Blinds.

84 LUMBER Build on what we know.

Building Supplier Plans Expansion in Lancaster's North Valley Industrial Center

84 Lumber, the nation's leading supplier of building materials to professional builders, has announced plans to expand its 500 locations nationwide to include a new lumber and building materials center in Lancaster on the northeast corner of Avenue H-4 and Trevor Avenue.

With nearly four billion dollars in sales in 2005, the company sells over 90 percent of its goods and services to the professional building trade.

"We follow housing growth. I travel the country looking for future locations. There are so many roofs going up here, that it just made sense for us. The City has been great to work with."

Steve Martinez
Project Manager, 84 Lumber

Exhibit Features Contemporary Cowgirl Artist

Reine River, an artist who captures the Southwest experience in paint, sculpture and photos, is the featured artist at the Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery, September 2 through October 15, in an exhibit titled "Brush Behind the Shield – The Romantic Journey." For more information, contact the Gallery at 723-6250.



Food For Thought

Did you know that the City of Lancaster has over 450 restaurants and other prepared food establishments? Whether you prefer traditional American fare or the more exotic, you're bound to find something to suit your tastes nearby.

From the orient, you'll find Samurai Sushi on the east side of town and the new Korean BBQ on the west. For a taste from South of the Border, Rubio's will soon join the ranks of many other Hispanic restaurants. New All-American choices will include the popular Farmer Boys and the eclectic flavors of Chili's steaks, ribs, salads and sandwiches. The latter three restaurants are slated to open this winter in the Lancaster Town Center. Even more new eateries are on the menu for 2007.

Today, Lancaster enjoys such a wide variety of dining options that you could choose a different place every day of the year and still have plenty of choices! Why not try a new restaurant tonight? Bon Appetit!



The Lancaster Sheriff's Station encourages all drivers to show a little courtesy on the road. Leave yourself plenty of time to get to your destination and give other drivers a break by letting them into traffic or giving them the right-of-way. Use a little courtesy and you'll arrive safely and be a lot less frazzled.

VISIONS of tomorrow Planning key to City progress

Imagine, Create, Explore



As the City's Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Cultural Comprehensive Plan begins to take shape, the public is invited to share their thoughts on how park facilities can best serve the community in the years ahead.

Citizens are encouraged to *imagine* how future parks could provide better facilities and services; *explore* opportunities to *create* new models for recreational and cultural activities within our community. Be a part of the process that will affect Lancaster's leisure time and recreational activities for decades to come. Visit www.lancasterparks.org. Participate in community outreach meetings and let your opinions be known.