



# *City of Lake Forest e-Newsletter*

*December 2022*



## **Lake Forest's BOGO Gift Card Program is Live!**

Support a Lake Forest business and get something in return! [Purchase a \\$25, \\$50, or \\$100 gift card](#) and receive a bonus gift card of equal value from the City.

A growing list of more than 30 local retail and restaurant businesses are participating in the program.

Gift cards are delivered electronically via email and can be used at any participating business. [Click here if you are interested in having your business participate.](#)



## **City Council Selects a New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**

The Lake Forest Leaders nominated the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for the 2023 calendar year at the December 20 City Council meeting. The council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Cirbo as Mayor and Council member Tettemer as Mayor Pro Tem. They will start their new roles in January.

Mayor Pequeno spoke about his accomplishments during the last City Council meeting of 2022. He also received a gavel in honor of his service and leadership this year.

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## Christmas Tree and Holiday Green Collection Service

CR&R Christmas Tree and Holiday Greenery Collection service is from Dec. 26 - Jan. 6, 2023. They also have a Christmas tree drop-off site in the parking lot at the Lake Forest Sports Park. The drop-off site is open from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. from Dec. 31 - Jan. 7, 2023.

Please follow these steps for collection:

- Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and stand**
- Cut your tree in half if it is over 6 feet tall**
- Place your tree in your organics cart, bottom first or place the tree next to your carts on collection day**



"Flocked" trees are accepted however, not compostable.

Residents who miss the tree collection service or drop-off can use their bulky item pick-up service. Call 949-625-6735 for more information



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## 2022 Ends with a Successful Dump Day

A record 13 large bins were filled with cast-away items during the City's third 'Dump Day' on December 10. The event was organized again through a partnership with Caltrans, CR&R, Senator Dave Min's office, and Saddleback Church.

More than 406 cars filled the Saddleback Church parking lot to drop off items. For the first time, the event had an e-waste partner, allowing

residents to dispose of those items.

Dump Days are put on in hope of reducing illegal dumping. Another bulky item drop-off is planned for early 2023 in southwest Lake Forest.

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## The City of Lake Forest wishes you a safe and happy New Year!

The Civic Center Campus will be closed the following day:



## Other News



[Fire Safety](#)



[OC Health Care Agency Prepares to Transition COVID-19 Response Out of a State of Emergency](#)

## Join Team Lake Forest





Enable your career to take root - Join Team Lake Forest! The City of Lake Forest is looking to attract bright, innovative, talented people who care about impacting the community they serve.

[Join the team. Apply at bit.ly/TeamLakeForest.](https://bit.ly/TeamLakeForest)

### I-5 El Toro Road Ramp Closures

The following ramps at El Toro Road will be closed this week as a part of the I-5 South County Improvements Project:

**NB and SB On-Ramps are closed**

Dec. 27 - Dec. 29 from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.

**NB Off-Ramp is closed**

Dec. 29 from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m.

**Full closure at El Toro Road and I-5**

Dec. 28 - Dec. 29 from 9 p.m. - 5 a.m.



### Be Disaster Ready

You can't predict a natural disaster, but you can prepare for one.

Learn how to prepare your home, family, and community to better face a large disaster by participating in the City's FEMA Community Emergency Response Team training program.

The program meets Wednesday evenings for seven classes (2.5 to 3 hours), includes live demonstrations, and ends with a disaster drill on a Saturday. Upcoming classes begin January 11, 2023.

[Email Sharyln De La Paz to register or for more information.](#)

### Hosts an Event at the Lake Forest Civic Center Campus

Looking to host a banquet, meeting, or performance? Reserve a space at the Civic Center Campus!

The Civic Center Campus opened in 2019 and was built primarily with developer fees, not tax dollars or debt.



The campus includes a Community Center, Performing Arts Center, and Senior Clubhouse.

The Community Center offers everything from small conference rooms to a banquet facility that can accommodate 400 guests. The Performing Arts Center seats up to 200 and has full theatrical lighting and sound and dressing rooms. All spaces offer special low rates to residents and Lake Forest businesses.

[Click here to see more information on the Community Center.](#)

[Click here to see rates and availability for the Performing Arts Center.](#)

### Avoid Food Waste This Holiday Season

Organic waste, including food scraps, is the largest material type landfilled in California annually. During the holidays, food waste spikes as Americans throw away [25 percent more waste](#) from Thanksgiving to

New Year's than any other time of the year.

Learn what can go in your green waste cart before you toss out leftovers:

## What Goes in the Green Waste Cart

Yes Please	No Thanks
Meats, fish, dairy, eggs, and cheese	Glass
Bones and shells	Plastic packaging
Paper plates	Polystyrene foam
Food-soiled paper towels, bags, napkins, tissues, and cardboard	Black/colored can liners
Yard trimmings, clippings, leaves, and wood	Pet waste

[Click here for tips on using your green cart and more.](#)

## Lake Forest Videos

The City releases frequent videos with the Mayor or City staff covering all things Lake Forest. [Subscribe to the City's YouTube Channel](#) or [Like the City's Facebook page](#) to see the latest videos.

### Mayor Pequeno's Accomplishments in 2022

December 21, 2022



## Upcoming City Meetings

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Civic Center Campus, 100 Civic Center Dr. The public session starts at 6:30 p.m. All Commission meetings also start at 6:30 p.m.

The agendas are available at [www.lakeforestca.gov/agendas](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/agendas) 72 hours before the meeting. Residents can also watch the meeting through the City's Facebook Live stream at [facebook.com/lakeforestca](https://facebook.com/lakeforestca). For ways to provide the City with public comments, see the City's [Agendas page](#).

- Tuesday, January 3: City Council Meeting
- Wednesday, January 4: Community Services Commission Meeting
- Thursday, January 5: Planning Commission Meeting

- Monday, January 9: Traffic and Parking Commission Meeting
- Tuesday, January 17: City Council Meeting

## City Council Wrap-Up

**NOTE:** City Council Wrap-Ups are a summary of meeting topics and events provided by the Management Services Department as a public service. This wrap-up is not an official record of Council action. The official record is posted by the City Clerk at [www.lakeforestca.gov/129/Agendas](http://www.lakeforestca.gov/129/Agendas) after the meeting.

December 6: The City Council swears in Scott Voigts (District 3), Mark Tettemer (District 4), and Benjamin Yu (District 2) as Council members.

The 2022 Lake Forest Academy graduates, five, 10, and 20 years of service employees, and the winners of the Mayor's Award were recognized by City Council at the December 20 meeting.



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Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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