



City of Lake Forest

e-Newsletter

February 2023

Lake Forest Launches Catalytic Theft Deterrent Programs

The City aims to reduce catalytic converter thefts by paying local repair shops to paint and etch identifying information onto the smog-reducing devices on residents' cars or shield them entirely with metal plates.

Repair shops in Lake Forest can get \$125 to paint and etch the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) onto the catalytic converter for residents' vehicles, making it possible for authorities to prosecute anyone who steals the device.

Residents can also get a \$250 gift card to help cover the costs of having a local shop install a shield to block access to their catalytic converter.



Only vehicles registered to a Lake Forest address via DMV registration are eligible to participate in the programs. [Visit the program's webpage to apply or learn more.](#)



Affordable Housing Project Set for 2023 Finish

Drywall is up, windows and balcony railings are in, and siding installation is underway at the 71-unit Mountain View affordable housing project off Raymond Way.

Construction has been ongoing since the groundbreaking in March 2022, allowing the project to be on track to finish in the summer of 2023.

Mountain View will offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom homes to individuals and families with a household income ranging from 30-60 percent of the area median income. Eight units will be reserved for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the region.

The application process for Mountain View will begin in February/March. National Community Renaissance (National CORE) will handle all housing inquiries and applications.

[Visit bit.ly/MountainViewLF](https://bit.ly/MountainViewLF) to sign-up for the property mailing list and be notified when the development nears completion.

We Want Your Input: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Do you believe there are threats of disaster facing the City?

Residents, businesses, and those who work in Lake Forest can share their thoughts at the City's outreach meeting on February 22. The feedback shared will be considered when the City develops its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The City's outreach meeting will be in the Maple Room at the Lake Forest Civic Center Campus from 6- 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.



[Those who cannot attend the meeting can take a short survey at bit.ly/lakeforestsurvey](https://bit.ly/lakeforestsurvey). The survey closes on March 17.

[Visit the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan web page for more information.](#)



Lake Forest BOGO Program Enters Round 2

The Community Gift Card Program continues to grow in popularity with Lake Forest residents. The City sold out of its first buy-one-get-one (BOGO) gift card funding round of \$150,000 and has added another \$175,000 in funds for its second BOGO round.

Not only can residents purchase up to two gift cards, but now those who work or go to school in Lake Forest can also

purchase two \$25, \$50, or \$100 gift cards and receive two bonus cards of equal value from the City.

Over 40 restaurants, retail, automotive, and personal care businesses have enrolled - and the list continues to grow. Local businesses can participate in the program if they qualify and accept MasterCard credit card payments.

[Click here to purchase your BOGO gift card or learn more about the program.](#)

City and Sheriff's Department Launching Neighborhood Watch Meetings

Does your community have an active Neighborhood Watch? Would you like to jump start an old program or launch a new one?

Neighborhood Watch launched in 1972, building strength and security in neighborhoods through neighbors working with neighbors. Lake Forest has a few active programs, but wants to reinvigorate Neighborhood Watch in older neighborhoods and launch new programs.



Interested? Go to <https://www.lakeforestca.gov/en/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-watch> and click the "Click Here to Register" button. A City representative will contact you.

See <https://www.nnw.org/> for more information about the National Neighborhood Watch and the group's history.

Other News



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[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)

It's Time to Put Your Trash on a Diet

Tossing food scraps into your trash carts leads to larger landfills and more methane gases that heat our climate. It's time to reduce landfill waste and rethink what we toss in the trash bin!

Food waste recycling is easy:

1. Set up a container in your kitchen.
2. Place food scraps - eggshells, meats, dairy, food-soiled paper products - in your bin. To help with odor, sprinkle baking soda inside.
3. Empty your kitchen bin into your organics cart before your trash pick-up.

[Do your part and recycle smart. Click here for more tips on food waste recycling!](#)



Volunteer for the 4th of July Parade Committee

Are you a fan of the City's annual 4th of July Parade?



Take part in the planning process and join the parade committee! Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Senior Clubhouse, 100 Civic Center Drive. The first meeting is on February 6.

[Please email Courtney Wysocki for more information.](#)

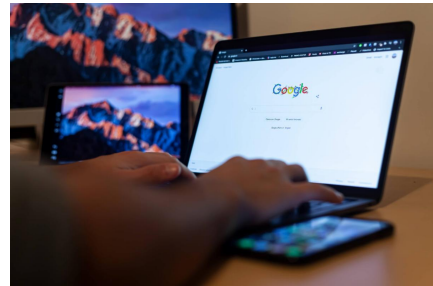
Claim Unclaimed Property in California

Are you aware you may have unclaimed property in California?

California's Unclaimed Property Law requires financial institutions, insurance companies, corporations, businesses, and other entities to report and submit their customers' property to the State Controller's Office when there has been no activity for three years.

Common types of unclaimed property are bank accounts, stocks, wages, uncashed checks, insurance benefits, and safe deposit box contents. Property does not include real estate.

[Click here to see if you have unclaimed property. There is no deadline for claiming property from the State's Controller's Office.](#)



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 Cirbo Introduction

January 18, 2023



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 [Lake Forest Agendas](#) 72 hours before the meeting. Residents can also watch the meeting through the City's Facebook Live stream at facebook.com/lakeforestca. For ways to provide the City with public comments, see the City's [Agendas page](#).

- Tuesday, February 7: City Council Meeting
- Thursday, February 9: Planning Commission Meeting
- Tuesday, February 21: 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 after the meeting.

January 3: The City Council approves the "Safe Lake Forest" program.

The Safe Lake Forest program aims to increase public safety within Homeowner Associations (HOAs) via community partnership. The program would allow the City and the Orange County Sheriff's Department to advise HOAs on where to install license plate reader cameras within the HOA communities.

Mayor Doug Cirbo took his Oath of Office during the January 3 City Council meeting. He was nominated as Mayor for 2023.



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