



CITY WATCH

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Westshore Pool Programs

Swim season, including swimming lessons, summer day camps, and pool parties, is in swing at the Westshore Pool. Swimming lesson sessions will be: July 5-14; July 18-28; and August 1-11. Space is limited is taken on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions regarding pool programs, please contact Tina Banuet at 263-0751 or send an email to tbanuet@cityoflakeport.com



Day camps were a great hit last season. This season there will be a total of 5 day camps. The camps are Mondays – Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The City provides breakfast and snacks for the children. Parents bring sun block, towels, and a sack lunch. The campers experience daily crafts, guest speakers, games, daily journals, swim lessons, and open swimming. Each camp has a theme, and the children work hard all week long for a fun family ceremony on Fridays. The themes for upcoming camp this year include: Music Week (July 11-15); Magic/Carnival Week (July 25-29); Science Week (August 8-12). Each camp is limited to 30 children. You may enroll your child if he/she is 6 years or older.



Easy Pay

Would you like to save yourself a stamp or a trip to City Hall each month? Would you like to guarantee that you never pay a late fee for not getting your utility bill paid in time? If your answer is yes, consider signing up for the City of Lakeport's "Easy Pay" Program. By enrolling in Easy Pay, your bank or financial institution will deduct funds from your checking account to pay your City of Lakeport utility bill. Your bill will automatically be paid on the fifth day of the month (or the next business day if the fifth falls on a weekend or holiday). You will continue to receive a copy of your bill, and you will have seven to ten days to review it before it is paid by your bank. A call to the City Finance Department will stop the payment if an adjustment needs to be made. You can also notify the City if you wish to discontinue Easy Pay for any reason. For more information regarding this program, please call the Finance Department at 236-5615, Extension 18.

Police Department Roundup

Have you ever been curious as to the types and quantities of different crimes that occur in the City of Lakeport? Would you like to receive notifications or alerts regarding criminal activities and/or public announcements? Have you been the victim of a crime and would like to know if your offender is still in custody? The Lakeport Police Department, in an effort to work in partnership with the community, has made links available through its website, www.lakeportpolice.org, for CrimeReports.com, Nixle, and VINE. The Department encourages everyone to visit its website and Facebook page for the latest news, news releases, public announcements, employment opportunities, and much more.



CrimeReports.com is a comprehensive crime mapping and anonymous tip network that enables the community to make informed decisions that help to improve the safety of the community. Citizens can receive email crime alerts, and the Police Department can utilize this network as a valuable crime analysis tool as well.

Nixle is a website that allows citizens to be provided with news and information via web, email or mobile application. Alerts are free when registered through Nixle, and are provided by the Police Department.

VINE assists crime victims in obtaining information regarding the custody status of their offender. Free service is available 24/7, is available in English or Spanish, and it is strictly confidential.

Utilities Services Advisory Committee

The City of Lakeport is looking for individuals willing to participate in a Citizens Utility Services Advisory Committee to provide insight into citizen perceptions and expectations for utility services and to review proposed rate adjustments for the City's drinking water and sewer treatment and disposal needs. The City understands these are challenging times. Establishing this committee will help in the outreach efforts and help us have a better understanding of the community needs. If you are a resident of Lakeport and interested in participating, please send an email to mbrannigan@cityoflakeport.com or send a letter of interest to the Utilities Director at 591 Martin Street, Lakeport, CA 95453. Information should include, contact information, professional background and why you would like to be part of the Committee. For more information please contact Mark Brannigan, Utilities Director, at 263-3578, Ext, 20.

Committee/Commission Positions Filled

Congratulations to the following members who have been chosen to fill positions on the Parks & Recreation Commission: Lynn Andre, Ron Bertsch, Ann Blue, Suzanne Russell, and Cindy Ustrud. Also appointed to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee were Ann Blue, Wally Cox, and Suzanne Russell. Ken Wicks, Jr., has been appointed to the Planning Commission to fill a term recently vacated by Marc Spillman, who is now serving on the LAFCO Board. Membership on these committees is voluntary, and the City truly appreciates the time and effort given by these citizens.

Events Coming Up This Quarter



There will be many events in Lakeport in the upcoming months: **July Events** include the weekly Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. in Library Park. **August Events** include A Taste of Lakeport on Main Street on August 19. On August 6 the Westside Park Committee will hold its second annual Grillin' on the Green to raise money to complete the next phase of the park. **September Events** include the annual Fair Parade on September 1 with the County Fair running from though September 1-4. On September 17, the Lakeport Main Street will host a dinner and movie night in Library Park. In addition to these events, the summer concerts series, sponsored by NCC Radio Group, are held in the gazebo in Library Park at 6:30 p.m. every Friday through August 12. For more event information, please see the events calendar at www.cityoflakeport.com.

Outstanding Citizens

The City would like to recognize citizens of Lakeport whose contributions should be acknowledged. If you know someone who should be recognized, please send an email to Janel Chapman at jchapman@cityoflakeport.com or call her at 263-5615, Extension 12.

The City would like to recognize and thank Carol Kesity for her dedication to the City of Lakeport. The City's Parks and Recreation Commission was established in 1984. Carol was one of the founding members of that Commission and served in that capacity until this past year, volunteering her services for 26 years. There have been many positive changes in those years, and the City would like to thank Carol for being a part of that.

We would also like to recognize Bill Knoll who served on the City Council from 1994 to 2006 and was Mayor in 2000. Bill was also a founding member of the Parks and Recreation Commission in 1984, serving until 1986. In 2008 he decided he missed that Commission and was appointed again, finishing his term in 2010. Bill served on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee from 2007 to 2011. Bill was recognized with a Volunteer of the Year Award at the Stars of Lake County. Congratulations, Bill!

Mayor's Message

Suzanne Lyons



Recently I toured the Lakeport sewer treatment plant with Mark Brannigan, Lakeport's Utilities Director. He promised I would be pleasantly surprised, and he was right. The facility is located in a stunning setting, and it doesn't smell! Unlike water treatment, which takes a lot of chemical and mechanical processing, sewer treatment is more natural and organic. I learned how the system works. They are ways that you can personally help keep the cost of your sewer rates down.

A major expense comes from I&I (inflow & infiltration), which is ground or surface water entering the sewer system. Directing storm water (the water that falls from your roof during a rain storm) through the sewer system is an illegal practice. That water should travel in storm drains to the Lake. If it is diverted to the sewer system by citizens running it into their sewer clean out, it requires unnecessary, expensive pumping and treating.

Another problem is sewer system blockages caused by things like plant roots plugging sewer pipes. You, as a customer, can help keep the cost of sewer treatment down by making sure you have not planted large shrubs or trees near sewer pipes.

Running fats, oils, and grease into the sewer system can clog pipes causing nasty back-ups (yuck). Dispose of kitchen grease in the garbage. The City has a brochure explaining in detail how oil and grease should be handled.

City Hall Hours

City Hall and the City Corporation Yard are now open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays.



City Contact Information

City Hall Main Phone Number:	263-5615
Administrative Offices	Ext. 12
Building.....	Ext. 14
Community Development/Planning	Ext. 25
Engineering	Ext. 11
Finance.....	Ext. 16
Human Resources	Ext. 30
Utility Billing	Ext. 10

Other Offices:

Redevelopment/Economic Development.....	263-8840
Police	263-5491
Public Works, Parks, and Utilities.....	263-0751

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