



# CITY WATCH

## CITY OF LAKEPORT NEWSLETTER



### CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

*Margaret Silveira, City Manager*

**Lakeport has stared down a wall of fire and survived.** Survival was not an accident. It was a result of the efforts of thousands of people each doing their part to respond to a dynamic and high risk situation. On behalf of our residents

and City, I first want to thank CalFire, all the mutual response fire agencies, the Lake County Sheriff, the Lakeport Unified School District, our Lakeport Fire District, Lakeport Police as well as City staff. If there is ever a moment for government to execute and deliver for our community, a major public safety threat is the best example, and I am proud of their response and dedication throughout the fire threat.

**Crisis is a chance to see the soul of a community,** and what I have seen the past weeks are neighbors helping neighbors, the business community rising up to unleash their considerable resources to help, and a spirit of civic duty that has infused everyone. This is not just government – this is an entire community working for its survival and assured safety of its residents. It is the best of us. Residents are also to be commended for heeding the warning from our emergency system and responding to public safety messages. An efficient evacuation process is critical to life preservation.

**Now is the time to capture the momentum** to prepare for an inevitable future fire risk to our community. Residents, especially in the wildland urban interface, should:

- ✓ Prepare plans to defend their homes with proper spacing and vegetation removal.
- ✓ Check their registration with the City's emergency alert system NIXLE to ensure you are registered and have an updated email, cell phone, home phone and other entries for every member of the family.
- ✓ Make a plan now for your "go bag" and the items you want in there if you had to walk out of your house in five minutes. It is a sobering effort, but important.

**While I ask that residents plan, know that the City is planning too.** We are in pursuit of grants to address wildfire mitigation plans and will be working proactively with authorities to address broader scale fire risks in our county.

Lakeport offers a simpler pace of life, a chance to connect with neighbors, a chance to have a positive impact. The actions of our community reaffirmed these community traits.

**Stay strong. Stay connected. Stay prepared.**



### CITY OF LAKEPORT PUBLIC SAFETY ROUND-UP

#### National Night Out

After a six week delay due to the Mendocino Complex Fires, we held our National Night Out at Library Park. This national annual event is focused on police and

other government partnerships with our residents and businesses to reduce crime and keep our city a safe place.

Even though we missed the national date due to the fires we felt it was important to still hold the event to give community members the opportunity to interact with local government responders as well as getting back to normal activities after a complete evacuation of our city.

We would like to thank the community for the large turnout at the event as well as the over 40 local businesses who donated over \$3500.00 in services, supplies and raffle prizes to the event. We also want to thank the 30 local agencies and organizations who came out to provide the public with important safety information. (See City of Lakeport website as well as city and police social media pages for complete details)

#### Police Vehicle Purchases



The city recently completed the first round of new police patrol

vehicle replacements for our aging fleet. Three new vehicles were put into service prior to the end of the last fiscal year ending this past July.

The vehicles include two Dodge Chargers and one Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4 command vehicle. The vehicles have redesigned markings and are safer and more effective for patrol use in the city. Additionally the command vehicle will allow us to more effectively respond to ongoing emergency situations.

These purchases were made possible by the **Lakeport Public Safety and other Essential City Services sales tax measure (Measure Z)** that was passed by our residents in the fall of 2016. Additionally \$45,000.00 of the cost of the command vehicle was paid for by a **United States Department of Agriculture** rural community facilities grant. We thank the community for their support of the sales tax measure which supports important programs in our city.

## COMMISSION & COMMITTEE OPENINGS

### Influence the Future of Your Community

The City of Lakeport has opportunities for the general public to become involved in local government by serving on local commissions and committees. If you have an interest in serving your community, applying for a position on a city commission or committee is a great place to start!

The City invites applications for the following Committees and Commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Measure Z Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee (LEDAC).

These appointments would be effective as of January 1, 2019.

Membership on these commissions and committees is voluntary. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, applications are available on the City's website, [www.cityoflakeport.com](http://www.cityoflakeport.com), under the Hot Topic, "Now Recruiting: Commission/Committee Openings".

For additional information, please contact Hilary Britton, Deputy City Clerk, at 263-5615, Ext. 102, or by e-mail at

[hbritton@cityoflakeport.com](mailto:hbritton@cityoflakeport.com).

Applications will be accepted until November 29, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.



### New Faces



The Utilities Department would like to introduce Ms. Alex Sharp as part of our team for the next eleven months. She is completing her Fellowship with CivicSpark which specializes in capacity building, volunteer engagement and professional development.

She will be assisting us with Infiltration and Intrusion (I&I) investigation with our sewer collection system.

This program is being sponsored by Engie who is contracted to install our upcoming solar project.

## FALL STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE



MONDAYS - Clearlake Avenue to North City Limits.

TUESDAYS - First Street to south city limits including Esplanade area, Lupoyoma Heights, Lakeport Boulevard and Parallel Drive.

WEDNESDAYS - Second Street to Clearlake Avenue.

THURSDAYS - Additional Streets that may have been missed on prior schedule.

FRIDAYS - Main Street and Westside Park Road, and any areas needing special attention. Every other Friday they will not be running the street sweeper.



Blowing leaves into the street is acceptable, but please DO NOT put them in piles as the street sweeper cannot sweep up piles of leaves. We do encourage residents to utilize their green waste service.



This schedule will remain in effect for the Fall season only. This schedule is provided for the City of Lakeport within city limits and is on an "as needed" basis to maintain City streets during this time of year when leaves and debris accumulate in our streets.



Please be advised that there may be minor interruptions to the schedule from time to time due to City workloads and availability of manpower.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Costume Parade & Trick or Treat Main Street

When: Wednesday, October 31, 12:30 p.m (Parade);  
2:30 p.m—5:00 p.m (Trick or Treat Main Street)

Where: Main Street Lakeport, CA.

Annual parade featuring elementary students in costume - precedes the Trick or Treat Main Street Event.

Trick or Treat on Main Street between 2 PM and 4 PM Then meet at Museum Park and Participate in the Costume Contest - This follows the annual Lakeport Elementary Halloween Parade.

### Dickens' Faire & Tree Lighting



When: Saturday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Main Street, Lakeport, CA.

Description: Enjoy the sights and sounds of an old fashion holiday. Main Street merchants and vendors will offer holiday gifts and food. Lots of free activities for the kids. Come in costume and enter the Dickens' theme costume contest for prizes. In addition to the Faire we will be singing carols and lighting the Museum Park Christmas Tree, courtesy of the Lakeport Kiwanis Club.