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# **PRESIDENTS**

# BOARD YOUR **FROM** ETTER

### Ladera Ranch – the SPACES AND PLACES that help us call Ladera home Welcome to the spring issue of Roots and Wings. With the holidays behind us and warmer weather approaching, it's time to

tune-up the bicycles, dust off your running or hiking shoes and get outdoors. Now is the perfect time of year to explore Ladera's trail system with preserved

open spaces and beautiful views from the mountains to the ocean. Head to your favorite nearby park, trail, or wherever your favorite Ladera outdoor space or place may be. There is plenty to see and do in Ladera.

In this issue of Roots and Wings, we spotlight some of your neighbors and the spaces that inspire, motivate and reflect their passions. We encourage you to discover new places throughout Ladera this year. Share photos of your favorite Ladera spots in the LARCS Spaces & Places Photo Contest (see page 8).

Thank you to the LARCS and LARMAC Board and Committee members who served in 2018. It was a productive year for our community and we appreciate your commitment to serve the community in the year ahead.

LARMAC would like to welcome Chase Fitzpatrick, Cary Sullivan and Samantha Talley to the LARMAC Board. We also welcome you to attend the open session Board meetings which are listed on LaderaLife.com.

The LARMAC Board of Directors is committed to responsibly maintaining and improving the community with refurbishment projects like playgrounds and facilities. Expanding on the capabilities of the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse facilities is under consideration. Maintaining the feel and the charm of this original clubhouse is important since it is unique to Ladera Ranch.

In January 2019 LARCS introduced a revamped Ladera Ranch Tennis program and has another exciting year of events, activities and programs planned. See the **2019 Calendar of Events** and **Summer Camp preview** on pages 9-10.

Make this a year that you attend as many Ladera events as possible starting with Spring Celebration on Saturday, April 13th. Be sure to visit LaderaLife.com to purchase pre-sale event activity wristbands (see page 6 for event information).

If you're new to Ladera, be sure to attend the New Homeowner Welcome Reception on Tuesday, February 26th. It's a fun way to meet others who are new to Ladera while learning about your community. Please be sure to RSVP on LaderaLife.com (Events).

On behalf of the LARCS and LARMAC Boards, we wish you a terrific year ahead. We look forward to seeing you at the events and around town.





Spring is a time of newness, growth, and creativity. This issue looks at the spaces and places where residents draw inspiration and motivation. This theme spotlights creativity and how our spaces shape who we are.

THE SPACES AND PLACES THAT INSPIRE CREATIVITY



### **JILL LAU: LADERA TRAILS**

I started running to stay in shape and reduce stress. I competed in several Spartan races, ran local 5/10K and 25K trail races and half marathons. This year I plan to run a 50K or Ultra Trail Marathon. Running is my time to unwind, unplug and reflect. And, I love the diversity of our trails in Ladera – from the beach to the mountain views, lush and dirt areas, challenging hills and gentler ones, we



### KARA CRISP: ART STUDIO

As a professional artist, I love it all. I enjoy painting with oil, watercolor, gouache and acrylics. And, I love creating jewelry, collage, pastels and more recently working with resin. I have turned our garage into a studio.

It's a place for me to get into my creative zone. Music is a must. I get the inspiration to work by simply entering the studio and being surrounded by blank canvases - and all of the colors waiting to be used.



### LYRIC FITZGERALD: HOME SCHOOL CLASSROOM

I recently started homeschooling my children Billy, Neve and Kyla and converted an entire room to a classroom. We love that everyone has their own space to work, and plenty of storage for the many books and school supplies we need. It's a calm space and gives us a quiet place to be together, plenty of light, and easy access to our school supplies. It truly inspires learning."



At the age of six, I put on concerts with my brother's drums, my electric keyboard and microphone. Four years ago, my family converted our playroom into a studio to set up my music and lighting equipment. Friends come over; we turn up the music and dance.

My dad and I spin beats together in my studio. Together, that experience has evolved my passion for music and lighting. I've pecome a DJ. I now have a business, Droppin' Beats Entertainment.





Kyla and Neve Fitzgerald



Todd Covey



### **RENE CUEVAS:** HOME OFFICE WORK SPACE

My favorite spot for inspiration is the office upstairs in a narrow landing that I had a difficult time imagining what to do with. Thanks to Claudia Meixner a Ladera interior designer, the area was transformed into a home office with a large custom built-in that is beautiful and functional.

This space inspires me to stay organized and has an extra desk that allows my kids to be near me working on their own projects while we are together. It gives me more time with my family and kids and do the things I love.



### **TODD COVEY:** APPAREL DESIGN STUDIO

I've been a designer for Fox Racing for twenty years. My office space at Fox is the coolest office I've ever worked in. It's a huge warehouse shell with a small "creative" city built inside of it with a main street running down the center of the building.

The space has open work spaces and a motocross track in the back that we can ride motocross whenever we want. By far, the best part about Fox is all the cool people that have become friends.

Todd founded Ladera-based, Webig (webiginc.com), a Moto clothing company located on Corporate Drive. He pays homage to vintage motocross, and beer. "I design clothing with an edge of twisted, funny humor that mostly speaks to bikers and moto kids", said Todd.

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### RICH CATALANO: MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

An avid mountain biker, Rich loves that biking can be tailored to whatever you want – from quiet night rides to competitive and technical riding, Rich loves that Cleveland National Forest is a short 10 minutes away and that long fire roads, technical climbs, challenging downhill, and even several hard pack trails are close by. Rich oversees the Ladera MTB team with 26 middle school age riders and 10 parent coaches as part of the regional SoCal Cycling League. Continued on page 8.



## LADERA'S LIVE-WORK SPAC

FRONT STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT



Ron Luna, owner of Front Street Realty since 2003, has a unique space in Ladera Ranch – a two-story live/work space at the edge of Front Street Business District located across from Ladera's Avendale Village Clubhouse.

Luna raised his two daughters in his home/office and has enjoyed the convenience of walking his children to school when they were small. His daughter, Elisabeth returned to Ladera to work with her father and serves as the office and marketing manager.



### FRONT STREET REALTY

### **ELISABETH. RON AND SUSAN LUNA** 22 Daisy Street

frontstrealty.com Ron@FrontStRealty.com 949.310.2672

R&W: What brought you to the Front **Street business district?** 

Ron: I came across these homes being built in 2003 and thought it was a great idea. It reminded me of the old small town businesses on Main St. in so many cities across the U.S. where the owners lived above their shops.

### R&W: What inspires you?

**Ron:** I'm inspired by my late father, who always lived by the credo, "Any job you do, is a job worth doing well." He was a small business owner and worked with honesty and integrity. That's the way I run my business.

Kim Lee, owner of Atelier: Creative Art Studio (founded in 2010) says, "My studio allows me to combine my love of working with children and passion for art."



### **ATELIER: CREATIVE ART STUDIO** KIM LEE

26 Daisy Street

ateliercreativeart.com ateliercreativeart@gmail.com 949.294.2149

### R&W: What makes this business district neighborhood unique?

Kim: Front Street is unique because it is our hometown as well as our neighborhood.

### R&W: What inspires or motivates you in your business and life?

Kim: I've always loved working with children and being able to use my passion for art – moving to Ladera allowed me to combine the two. Support from my family make it easier to balance my family and work life.



Front Street Business Owners

Jeannette Currie, also original owner of one of Front Street's 22 live/work units and proprietor of Front Street Salon (founded in 2003) is proud of her recently remodeled salon that includes new stations, artwork and décor.



### **FRONT STREET SALON JEANNETTE CURRIE** 95 Zinnia Street

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### **MAGGIE'S PRESCHOOL**

### MARK AND MAGGIE MATTHEWS 81 Zinnia Street

facebook.com/maggieshousepreschool/ signsbymark@yahoo.com 310.529.2423

R&W: What inspires or motivates you in your business and life?

Maggie: We want to be a part of a community to live and work with our neighbors and to be part of the village that helps to raise and mold little minds and help develop children and support our local families.



Front Street Business District is one of two business districts in the community. Across town is the second business district, Banister Street Business Enclaves that has 24 townhomes that residents may use to operate their business.













# SPRING CELEBRATION

11:00AM - 3:00 P.M. | FOUNDER'S PARK

- Photos with Peter and Mrs. Rabbit
- Egg Scrambles for ages 4 and older\*
- Tykes and Toddlers Egg Scramble Area\*\*
- Games, activities and crafts
- Food and beverages for sale

Activity Wristbands Presale: \$7 Day of Event: \$15

### **Children's Activity Wristbands**

Good for all games, activities and crafts.

Presale: 9:00 a.m. on 3/18 to 5:00 p.m. on 4/11.

Day of event sales start at 10:45 a.m.

Purchase on LaderaLife.com

### dionase on Laderaline.com

### \*EGG SCRAMBLE PASSES

A pass system for egg scrambles will be implemented to allow families to enjoy all of the activities at the event. Passes will be distributed (1) per child ages 4+ the day of the event starting at 11:00 a.m. (must be present to receive pass). The first Egg Scramble will start at approximately 11:30 a.m.

### \*\*TYKES AND TODDLERS AREA

Children ages 0-3 years old will have a separate area to hunt for eggs. This area will open at 11:30 a.m. and will close when all eggs have been collected. A limited amount of children and parents will be allowed in at a time to take pictures and collect eggs.

# SATURDAY, APRIL 27 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

7:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M

To have your garage sale promoted be sure to register on LaderaLife.com!
Registration will take place starting Monday,
April 1 and will close at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday,
April 24.

# SATURDAY, APRIL 27 GO GREEN LADERA RANCH

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | LADERA RANCH ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Collection Services Offered:

- Goodwill (E-waste, Gently Used Clothes, Toys and Small Household Items)
- Waste Management (CFL Light Bulbs and Batteries)
- Onsite Shredding Services

For more details on what items will and will not be accepted, please check LaderaLife.com.

### Have extra items to donate after the event?

Goodwill will have a temporary donation center for household items and clothing only from April 29th to May 5th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Terramor Water Park.

# NEW TO LADERA? NEW HOMEOWNER PROCEPTION TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Ladera Ranch Community Services

Ladera Ranch
Community Services
(LARCS) hosts a casual
reception for new
homeowners to meet
and have fun.

RSVP on LaderaLife.com

LADERA RANCH

# SPRING EVENTS NTS -2019

Visit LADERALIFE.COM for more information.



LADERA DERBY DAY
Live Kentucky Derby Race & Bidding Benefiting Laura's House

Live Kentucky Derby Race & Bidding Benefiting Laura's House

Saturday, May 4, 2019 1:30 – 4:30 PM Covenant Hills Clubhouse

EVENT DETAILS:

Southern Buffet with Beer, Wine and Mint Juleps Live Horseracing & Lawn Game Tournament Derby Hat Contest with Fabulous Prizes for Winners! Silent Auction/Opportunity Drawings

\$75/Individual or \$140/Couple (age 21+)\*

Buy tickets before March 31st and receive \$5 off/person, use coupon cod Derby2019 for individual tickets and 2019Couple for couple's tickets.

Tickets and Premium Table Sponsorships Available at:
LAURASHOUSE.ORG

LAURA'S HOUSE
Inspiring Hope and Empowering Change to End Domestic Violence



SATURDAY, MAY 4

# MOTHER'S DAY MUFFINS AND MASTERPIECES

SESSION 1: 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. SESSION 2: 1:00 - 3:30 P.M.

OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE Fee: \$20 per person. Ages 7+

Come celebrate mom, grandma or someone special for Mother's Day. Enjoy muffins, and more while creating a magical masterpiece with step by step painting instruction from Pinot's Palette. \*Space is limited, Register on LaderaLife.com by Wednesday, May 1.

# FRIDAY, MAY 10 TEEN RETRO ARCADE GAME NIGHT

6:30 - 8:30 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

Play the games your mom and dad grew up on: Pac Man, Tetris, Donkey Kong, Asteriods and more! Pizza will be provided by Z-Pizza Ladera Ranch. Must RSVP in advance on LaderaLife.com.





AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE WALK

Visit relayforlife.org/socca for more information and to register





AS AN ATTENDEE AT ANY LARCS OR LARCS PARTNERSHIP EVENT, YOU AGREE TO ALLOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS' PHOTO, VIDEO OR FILM LIKENESS TO BE USED FOR ANY LEGITIMATE PURPOSE BY LARCS, LARMAC, FIRST SERVICE RESIDENTIAL AND LOCAL MEDIA SOURCES. FOR FULL POLICY INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE ON LADERALIFE.COM. EVENT INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND EVENT CANCELLATION MAY BE NECESSARY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

### LILIAN GHARAVI: COMMUNITY GARDEN

I started gardening back in Holland in my family's garden. I brought my love of gardening to Ladera's community garden. The gardeners share seedlings, vegetables and often meet to have potluck lunches together. I've been called "the godmother of the garden" because I love helping new gardeners discover the joy of gardening!



### **FEILI LEE: COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Growing organic vegetables is a great learning experience and very therapeutic. It helps to be more physically active and learn to eat healthier. I love seeing the plants grow from the seeds and to harvest the fresh produce, feed my family and share with friends. We clean up and turn the soil every six months. It's a great opportunity to get the family together, care for the garden and watch the vegetables grow.





LADERA SPACES AND PLACES



Spaces often shape who we are, and how we in-turn go out in to the world to do what we do best. What are the spaces and places that inspire and motivate you to be creative?

> Contest begins February 15th and runs through March 15th

### **HOW TO ENTER**

Visit LaderaLife.com and click on the 'Ladera Spaces and Places' Photo Contests ad. Follow the directions to enter your photo.

### WHAT LADERA RESIDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COUNTY REGIONAL OR LADERA TRAILS



Ladera's Open Space is part of The Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo, a habitat reserve designed to protect several endangered and sensitive species. County Regional and the Ladera Ranch Trails are home to the California gnatcatcher, a small grey-black bird whose call sounds like a kitten mewing.

Illegal BMX courses and single tracks continue to be cut in the Ladera Open Space. Illegal trails do great harm to the gnatcatcher and other native wildlife by removing and fragmenting the habitat they live in, destroying their nests, reducing food sources and causing erosion.

Persons who create illegal trails are trespassing and causing damage to private property (and are subject to fines and prosecution).

Please do your part in protecting the California gnatcatcher by staying on Ladera's legal trails: the County Regional Trail and the Ladera Ranch Trail.

### **APRIL**

Saturday, April 13 **SPRING CELEBRATION** 

Saturday, April 27 **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** 

Saturday, April 27 **GO GREEN LADERA** 



### JULY

Wednesday, July 4 **JULY 4TH CELEBRATION** 

FREEDOM RUN/PANCAKE BREAKFAST (6:00 - 10:00 a.m.)

**COMMUNITY PARADE** (10:30 a.m.)

**JULY 4TH CELEBRATION** (3:00 p.m.)

TEEN ZONE (5:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Friday, July 12 **SUMMER CONCERT** 

Friday, July 19 SUMMER CONCERT

Friday, July 26 **SUMMER CONCERT** 

Friday, August 2

Tuesday, August 6

(SAFETY FAIR AND

**BLOOD DRIVE)** 

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** 

Sat., July 27-Sun. July 28 **FAMILY CAMPOUT** (Registration — Monday, June 17)

**AUGUST** 

SUMMER CONCERT AND CAR SHOW

### **SEPTEMBER**

Friday, September 13 **DIVE-IN MOVIE** 



Saturday, September 28 CASINO, COCKTAILS AND COMEDY



### **OCTOBER**

Saturday, October 12 TEEN MOVIE NIGHT



Saturday, October 26 **JAMES RANSOM MEMORIAL 5K** 

Saturday, October 26 HARVEST FESTIVAL



### **NOVEMBER**

Monday, November 11 LION'S HEART VETERANS DAY **CEREMONY** 



### MAY

Saturday, May 4 **LADERA DERBY DAY**  LADERA DERBY DA

Saturday, May 4 **MOTHERS DAY MUFFINS & MASTERPIECES** 

FRIDAY, MAY 10 TEEN RETRO GAME NIGHT





Friday, June 14 MOVIE NIGHT ON THE GREEN

Tuesday, June 18 **NEW HOMEOWNER WELCOME RECEPTION** 



Saturday, August 16 80'S MOVIE NIGHT (21+)



### **DECEMBER**

Friday, December 6 SANTA PHOTOS

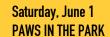
Saturday, December 7 MIRACLE ON MERCANTILE WAY & TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 8 LIVE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 22 MENORAH LIGHTING



### JUNE









# SUMMERCAMPS at a Glance



Looking for something fun to do this summer? Get an early jump on your summer plans and check out the following camps that will be offered here in Ladera Ranch!

**Visit LaderaLife.com** for a listing of all instructors and camps offered including pricing and registration information.

Bionerds

### **WEEK 1: JUNE 10-14**

Basics of Skateboarding

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Bionerds: Insects - Bug Me If You Dare!** 

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 5-12

Bionerds: Mix Match Biology

Mon-Fri 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 5-12

Bionerds: From Insects to Mix Match Biology

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ages 5-12

Summer Tennis and Swim Camp

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 2: JUNE 17-21**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Little Brushes Camp** 

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ages 7-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 3: JUNE 24-28**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 4: JULY 1-5**

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 5: JULY 8-12**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Skyhawks: Beginning Golf Camp** 

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 5-8

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 6: JULY 15-19**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

Skyhawks: Mini Hawk Multi-Sport Camp

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 4-6

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 7: JULY 22-29**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 8: JULY 29-AUGUST 2**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Skyhawks: Basketball Camp** 

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 7-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 9: AUGUST 5-9**

Basics of Skateboarding
Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00

9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Skyhawks: Soccer Camp** 

Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ages 7-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

on-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

### **WEEK 10: AUGUST 12-16**

**Basics of Skateboarding** 

Tue-Fri 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Ages 3-12

**Summer Tennis and Swim Camp** 

Mon-Thur 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ages 4-12

# CONCEST LADERA RANCH

By Audrey Saunders



As we've heard in the movies, home is where the heart is. This simple expression and saying that we might tend to overlook carries deep meaning and weight. When we asked young people in the community what it means to call a place 'home,' the range of responses revealed the gratitude which many teenagers have about living in

Ladera Ranch. Here are just some of the responses we heard:

"Home is where one can feel safe and comfortable. Ladera has so many wonderful people who would be there in an instant to help you."

"To have a home means helping each other out. A home is where your family is. Ladera embodies this by putting on events and giving us a chance to come together and help each other out".

"I feel at home when I am in the outdoors on the many paths and trails found here in Ladera Ranch. I love that the beauty of where we live can be enjoyed while biking, running, or walking in the convenience of our own neighborhood."

 $^{\prime\prime}I$  feel most at home at the dog park. I love all the friends I've made here and I love all of the cute dogs."

Sometimes it can be difficult to be a teen growing up. It can feel unnatural to reach out of one's comfort zone and find the places in which a person feels most at home. Thankfully, Ladera Ranch provides teens, adults, and children with community bonding activities that bring everyone together and allow bonds to be formed. Perhaps this is the most significant reason why so many youth look to Ladera Ranch as their home and community.

As a teen that has grown up in Ladera Ranch for 10 years of my life, I am certain that I can speak for many of the youth in the community in saying thank you to the parents and adults in our lives that have made it possible for us to grow up in Ladera. May we never take for granted the beautiful community in which we are lucky enough to call our home and dedicate our whole hearts.

### TEEN RETRO GAME NIGHT (6TH-12TH GRADES)

Friday, May 10th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

- Play the games your parents group up on:
   Pac Man, Tetris, Donkey Kong, Asteriods and More!
- Pizza will be provided by Z-Pizza Ladera Ranch
- Must RSVP in advanced on LaderaLife.com



# LADERA RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES (LARCS) 2019 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The LARCS Board offers scholarship opportunities for Ladera Ranch teens who will be attending a university or four year college in the fall 2019. Visit LaderaLife.com for more information.

# ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

LARCS has established an endowment through Saddleback College to help support the educational and career aspirations of Ladera Ranch residents of all ages.

Saddleback College Scholarship Fund:

saddleback.edu/fao/scholarship-information



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### LARMAC BOARD MEETINGS HAVE MOVED!

All LARMAC Board of Director meetings will now be held at the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse. The Board welcomes Ladera owners to come and join them for any of the open session meetings.

The calendar of meetings can be found on LaderaLife. Whether you have something you'd like to bring up with the Board, or simply want to observe the process in action, there is more space for all at this new location.

### LARMAC WELCOMES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In November 2018 three new Ladera homeowners were elected to the LARMAC Board of Directors.

Welcome Chase Fitzpatrick, Cary Sullivan and Samantha Talley. While they are new to their Board positions, they are not strangers to volunteering for Ladera Ranch. Samantha had previously served on the Aesthetics Review Committee, Cary served on the Covenant Committee and Chase was active on the Sports and Recreation Committee and is also a Neighborhood Representative.

If your 2019 goals include serving your community, consider taking a look at all of the volunteer opportunities that LARMAC and LARCS have to offer.

**Cary Sullivan** 



**Chase Fitzpatrick** 



# WAGSDALE DOG PAR NOW OPEN THESDAYS!

Wagsdale Dog Park is now be open to residents starting at 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday. Previously the park had remained closed all day on Tuesdays in order for LARMAC to perform maintenance.

Responding to the request from residents who frequent the park, the LARMAC Board worked with their service contractors to consolidate the maintenance activities to

complete them earlier in the day, allowing enough time to open the park at 3:00 p.m.



### SKATE PARK ACCESS CARDS



You will need a separate Skate Park Access Card to enter the Skate Park. Your LARMAC Facility Access Cards that you use for pools and clubhouses will NOT

give you access to the Skate Park.

Don't have one? No problem, stop by the LARMAC office at the Avendale Village Clubhouse and purchase one for \$5. Parents will need to accompany minors to sign the waiver form to receive a card.

Tip: Avoid the Summer rush and get your Skate Park and Pool access cards now.

# Did you know that Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) has resident volunteer lead committees worki support the LARCS Board of Directors and your committees.

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On Wednesday, January 23 members of the Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) Board of Directors and its volunteer committees attended the annual Board and Committee Planning Meeting. These resident volunteers discussed their 2018 accomplishments and shared their 2019 goals. Here are some of their plans for the year ahead:

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Maintain support of the 1ST Light Armored Reconnaissance (LAR) Marine Battalion based at Camp Pendleton
- Maintain current local community outreach projects and explore new opportunities
- Review LARCS community partnership packet to expand potential opportunities for locally owned business to participate and in LARCS events



Members delivering tovs to the 1st LAR Holiday Party: (L-R): Steven Lefevre, Jennifer Powers, Linda Bensadoun (LARCS Staff), Rob Campbell (LARCS Board), Janet Campbell (Co-Chair), George Blair (LARCS Staff) and Armando Rutledge (LARCS Board)



- Work closer with Neighborhood Representatives and Neighborhood Activity Coordinators to spread the word on upcoming volunteer opportunities in the community
- Use technology to help recruit, register and track volunteer hours



Members (L-R): Jim Finken and Anthony Guiso

- Plant and implement new 'pop-up' (smaller) events such as Mother's Day Muffins and Masterpieces, DJ and Games at the Waterpark
- · Research ideas for new events that appeal to all age ranges



EPC Members on judging night for the Holiday Decorating contest



- · Focus on defined, short-term projects that provide the greatest value and positive impact on the community
- Make resident's lives better through technology
- Attend LARCS Board and Committee meetings to understand the priorities of each of the groups and how technology can help achieve goals



Members (L-R): Julien Cooper, Jason Walsh, Joya Balfour-Celik, Robert Lozano (Chair). Emre Celik. Chris McAndrew and Bob Daly (not pictured)



- Use social media to promote Teen workshops, events, community outreach opportunities, teen-led articles for Ladera teens
- Plan, implement and coordinate new teen events
- Provide quarterly workshops that are of importance to teens



TLC members working on a community service project with the Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo



**Annual Board of Directors Selection Meeting** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse If you are interested in serving on the LARCS Board,

please complete the candidate form on LaderaLife.com. All candidate forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. RECREATION PROGRAMS

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Classes are open to all Ladera Ranch residents. As a resident, you are able to register non-resident family and friends as well.

For more information contact LARCS Events and Programs Manager: Joanne Kopeny joanne.kopeny@fsresidential.com 949.388.1906



### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

### **MUSIC TOGETHER**

Music Together is a gold standard in early childhood music and movement. Families participate together in songs, rhythmic rhymes, movement and instrumental play. We create fun, informal and musically rich setting that supports many learning styles of children and adults. Fee includes (10) 45-minutes classes and material included.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Mondays: April 1 – June 10 (No class 5/27)

Thursdays: April 4 - June 6

**FEE:** \$202

**REGISTER:** 949.350.0985 or www.svmusictogether.net

**LOCATION:** Flintridge Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Music Together	Mon	10:30 a.m. or 4:15 p.m.	0 - 4
	Thurs	9:15 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.	0 - 4

### **TINKERGARTEN**

Through outdoor play-based activities, kids develop important capabilities, including creativity, collaboration, persistence, and problem solving. Core life skills are learned while kids enjoy healthy, fun, engaging experiences in a classroom without walls... the park! Powerful learning themes emerge as children strengthen essential physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development through cooperative play and self discovery. Classes taught by credentialed Early Childhood Educator.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Tuesdays: March 26 – May 28 Wednesdays: March 27 – May 29

**FEE:** \$22

\$225

**REGISTER:** 301.849.1433 or www.tinkergarten.com

**LOCATION:** Boreal Plunge Park

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Tinkergarten
 Tue
 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
 18 months - 5

 Wed
 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
 18 months - 5

 Free Trial Class
 Tue, 3/5 or 3/12
 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
 18 months - 5

 Free Trial Class
 Wed, 3/6 or 3/13
 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
 18 months - 5

### **ENRICHMENT**

# BABYSITTERS TRAINING, CPR AND FIRST AID FOR TEENS SPONSORED BY THE TEEN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



This class will prepare teens for emergency situations when caring for children of all ages. Class will cover CPR, Choking Relief, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Machine, and First Aid for infants, toddlers, children, adults and even if you yourself are choking and alone. Teens will receive hands-on skills training with Manikins, First Aid supplies, AED machine and role play scenarios. Class is only 1.5 hours and includes a 2 year Certification.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Saturday, April 27

**FEE:** \$40

**REGISTER:** 949.690.4606 or www.babylovencp.com

**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Babysitters Training
 April 27
 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 12 – 18

 April 27
 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 12 – 18

### **CPR/AED/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION**

Class covers CPR, choking relief and use of an Automated External Defibrillator for adults, children and infants. Students will use videos, CPR Manikins & AEDs for practice. Students receive a Heartsaver CPR/AED certification card, valid for two years. There will be an optional First Aid segment at the end of the class.

PROGRAM DATES: March 30 or May 25

FEE: \$65 for CPR/AED Cert. or

\$85 for CPR/AED/First Aid Cert.

**REGISTER:** 949.690.4606 or www.babylovencp.com

**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 CPR/AED/First Aid
 Sat
 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
 7+

### **FAMILY CPR & CHOKING RELIEF**

This class covers CPR and Choking Relief skills for Adults, Children and Infants. Students will get to use CPR manikins for hands on practice. This class is great for parents, grandparents, sitters, nannies and siblings. This class does not provide certification cards and is for self-education purposes. Duration: 1 Hour

**PROGRAM DATES:** March 30 or May 25

**FEE:** \$5

**REGISTER:** 949.690.4606 or www.babylovencp.com

**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Family CPR
 Sat
 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 7+

### **PERFORMING ARTS AND DANCE**

### **GUITAR LESSONS**

Learn to play songs of your choice in this year round music class. This class is designed for beginners as well as returning students. The atmosphere is always friendly and great time is assured for all. Students must bring their own guitar to class.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Session I: March 19 – April 23 (no class April 2)

Session II: April 30 – May 28

FEE: \$100/session

**REGISTER:** 949525.1382 or www.rongorman.com

**LOCATION:** Flintridge Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Guitar Lessons
 Tues
 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
 10 +

### **CHILDREN'S COOKING**

### **COOKING WITH KIDS – COOKING & BAKING**

Children will learn extensive knife skills in addition to the basics of cooking and baking. Our unique small class size ensures that each child will have the maximum hands-on learning opportunity. See our website for details of each class session.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Grades 1st -5th: Wednesdays, April 10 - 24

Grades 4th -10th: Thursdays, April 11 – 25

\$160 per session

REGISTER: 949.254.1011 or www.cookingwithkids.info
LOCATION: Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse Kitchen

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 GRADES

 Cooking Basics
 Wed
 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
 1st – 5th

 Thurs
 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.
 4th – 10th

### **SPORTS AND FITNESS**

### **KICK & PLAY**

FEE:

Kick & Play is a parent-child program specifically designed for toddlers. Experienced instructors along with our puppet friends, Mimi & Pepe, take your little one through a world of exciting physical activity. Individual attention, positive reinforcement, and engaging original music help to develop presoccer skills that will have your toddler learning to balance, run, kick and play.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Fridays: March 29 – May 17, Sundays: March 24 – May 19,

no class 4/21

**FEE:** \$183

REGISTER: 310.998.0010 or www.supersoccerstars.com
LOCATION: Fri: Cox Sports Park, Sun: Wagsdale Park

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Kick & Play
 Fri or Sun
 9:00 – 9:40 a.m.
 1 – 2

### **SKYHAWKS BASEBALL TOTS**

Baseball Tots uses a variety of fun games to engage kids while teaching the sport of baseball and developing fundamental skills. The goal is to build fitness, muscle coordination, baseball fundamentals and create a love of the game.

**PROGRAM DATES:** April 5 – May 24 **FEE:** \$99 per session

**REGISTER:** 800.804.3509 or www.skyhawks.com

Fri

**LOCATION:** Grass area outside the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Baseball Tots
 Fri
 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
 3.5 – 4.5

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

4.5 - 6

### SKYHAWKS MINI HAWK MULTI SPORT

Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This baseball and soccer class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development. Parent participation may be required for younger ages.

PROGRAM DATES: April 1 – May 20

**EE:** \$9

**REGISTER:** 800.804.3509 or www.skyhawks.com

**LOCATION:** Grass area outside the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

 PROGRAM
 DAYS
 TIME
 AGE

 Mini Hawk
 Mon
 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
 2 - 3.5



### **STROLLER STRIDES**

Stroller Strides is a fitness program that moms can do with their babies. These classes are no walk in the park, but a full cardio and resistance workout. Classes are taught by certified fitness instructors and accommodate all fitness levels. Unlimited classes per month. First class is FREE! One-time Registration Fee of (\$95).

**PROGRAM DATES:** Year-round

FEE: \$75 per month, Drop-ins are welcome (\$20)

REGISTER: 949.291.7682 or www.laderaranch.fit4mom.com

**LOCATION:** Cox Sports Park

PROGRAMDAYSTIMEAGEStroller StridesMon – Fri9:00 – 10:00 a.m.18+

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RECREATION PROGRAMS



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### **SUPER SOCCER STARS**

Super Soccer Stars offers child-development soccer classes for ages 2-3 years old. With the lowest child-to-coach ratios in OC, Super Soccer Stars teaches soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive and educational environment.

PROGRAM DATES: Fridays: March 29 – 17,

Sundays: March 24 - May 19, no class on 4/21

REGISTER: 310 998 0010 or www.supersoccerstars.com LOCATION Fri: Cox Sports Park, Sun: Wagsdale Park

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Super Soccer Stars	Fri	9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	2 - 3
	Fri	10:35 – 11:20 a.m.	3 - young 4
	Fri	2:20 – 3:05 p.m.	3 - young 4
	Fri	3:10 - 4:00 p.m.	older 4 - 5
	Sun	9:50 – 10:30 a.m.	2 - 3
	Sun	10:35 – 11:20 a.m.	3 - young 4
	Sun	11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	older 4 - 5
	Sun	12:20 – 1:20 p.m.	5 -7



### **YOGA**

### **ADULT GENTLE YOGA**

Appropriate for all seeking the benefits of a combination of gentle hatha and deep restorative work. Improve range of motion and joint mobility while reducing pain and the effects of stress. Designed to build strength and the power of the breath to heal and vitalize the body. Beginners welcome!

PROGRAM DATES: April 2 - 23

FEE:

**REGISTER:** www.pearlsforlife.org LOCATION: Avendale Village Clubhouse

**PROGRAM** DAYS TIME **AGE** Adult Yoga 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Tues

### **TEEN YOGA AND MINDFULNESS**

These classes are offered for the teenager who is discovering life and connection with their body. As they take time to stop, be still, breathe, and relax their minds; this experience gives them an opportunity to develop their own skills of mindfulness. Our Teen Yoga class builds self-esteem and health

PROGRAM DATES: April 2 - 23 \$85 FEE:

REGISTER: www.pearlsforlife.org LOCATION: Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM DAYS AGE TIME Teen Yoga Tues 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. 12 - 17

### **TODDLER STORY TIME YOGA**

Combines quiet, educational experiences with age appropriate yoga exercises for toddlers. A fun way for your child to learn the basics of yoga while moving, playing and making friends. Creative yoga moves, music, and movement are used to tell a story to introduce the beauty of yoga to toddlers.

PROGRAM DATES: April 3 – 24 FEE: \$85

REGISTER: www.pearlsforlife.org LOCATION: Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM DAYS TIME AGE Story Time Yoga 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.



# THERE IS NO "I" IN TEAM BUT THERE IS A "U" IN

Whether it's volunteering at an event, hosting a neighborhood block party, or serving on a committee, LARCS has a variety of volunteer opportunities available for you to make a difference within your community. To learn more about all LARCS Committees and the Neighborhood Activities Coordinator program, or to get more information on how to become a Ranch Hand volunteer, please visit LaderaLife.com.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

Saturday, April 13 Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 27 Go Green Ladera Ranch

Saturday, May 4 Mother's Day Muffins and Masterpieces

### **AQUATICS**

### **EVOLUTION SWIM ACADEMY**

Evolution Swim Academy is the premier Learn-To-Swim program in Orange County and the official swim lesson programmer in Ladera Ranch. Evolution Swim offers Parent and Me, swim safety and stroke technique lessons, and a novice and non-competitive swim team option.

PROGRAM DATES: Starts April 1 FEE: Please Call

949.388.4545 or www.evolutionswim.com REGISTER:

LOCATION: Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse Pool

**PROGRAM** DAYS TIME AGE Swim Lessons Please Call Please Call 18 months+ Parent & Me Lessons Please Call Please Call 6 - 36 months



### **GATORS SWIM CLUB**

The Gators Swim Club is a competitive and conditioning swim team. Times subject to change due to enrollment. Annual USA registration additional.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Ongoing Please call

REGISTER: 949.388.4545 or www.gatorsswimclub.com

LOCATION: Avendale Village Clubhouse Pool

AGE PROGRAM DAYS TIME 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Group 3 Mon - Fri 10 & under Group 4 Mon - Fri 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. 10 & under Group 5 Mon - Fri 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. 11+ Group 7 Mon - Fri 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. 13+

### **INTRO TO GATORS (NOVICE SWIM TEAM)**

We provide a 45-minute workout Monday -Thursdays during the summer, and our coaches will work with your child to teach him/her the four major swim strokes. This program is offered to our students that have a working knowledge of the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke

PROGRAM DATES: Year-round, Ongoing Enrollment

FEE: Please call

REGISTER: 949.388.4545 or www.evolutionswim.com

LOCATION: Avendale Village Clubhouse Pool

PROGRAM DAYS TIME AGE Intro to Gators Mon - Thurs 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. 5+

### **LADERA JUNIOR WATER POLO**

Junior Water Polo is an athlete-centered program designed to introduce & teach the fundamental skills of water polo to beginning athletes, ages 6-14. Train in an atmosphere that reinforces high self-esteem, teamwork, physical fitness and respect for others.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

PROGRAM DATES: Session I: April 9 - May 2

Session II: May 7 - May 30

FEE: \$105/session

CONTACT: 949.285.6112 or www.juniorwaterpolo.com

LOCATION: Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse Pool

**PROGRAM** DAYS TIME AGE Waterpolo Tues/Thurs 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



### **LARCS Introduces Ladera Ranch Softball League**

Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) now offers Adult Softball leagues at Cox Sports Park beginning spring 2019. The inaugural season of the league began in late January and takes place on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The goal is to add additional days of play to include coed leagues in future seasons.

LARCS will offer three seasons per year, each consisting of ten games plus playoffs for qualifying teams. All leagues for the spring season are filled, but we are forming a "free agent" list for individuals that are interested in playing but don't have a team for the spring as well as future seasons.

LARCS would like to thank several residents, who serve as team managers for asking us to coordinate the league on their behalf. We look forward to the opportunity to serve the Ladera Ranch softball community and offer leagues here in Ladera Ranch. LARCS would also like to thank Mike and Cheri with Selma's Chicago Pizzeria here in Ladera Ranch for partnering with the league.

Check LaderaLife.com for league and registration information for the summer season. Contact LARCS Community Services Director, George Blair at George.Blair@fsresidential.com for more information.

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ave you been considering transforming your yard from a water-loving lawn to an attractive, sustainable, and low water use garden but don't know where to start? Are you looking for landscape design inspiration that fits with your lifestyle?

Let Santa Margarita Water District be your local guide!

The Santa Margarita Water District will be hosting its 3rd annual SustainaBlue Landscapes Tour in April 2019. On this self-guided tour, the District highlights homes with outstanding, sustainable gardens that incorporate drought-tolerant or California native plants, as well as features for onsite rainwater capture (e.g. rain barrels, dry creek beds, rain gardens, or permeable paving). There are many benefits to having a low water use garden. Not only do drought-tolerant gardens require less water to thrive, they also create a rich habitat for our local wildlife, like birds and butterflies.

Throughout the tour, participants have the unique opportunity to speak one-on-one with the homeowners at each of the featured residential gardens. Many of these gardens are DIY projects, so come and learn first-hand how your neighbors accomplished a complete landscape transformation from start to finish—that includes the landscape design, plant selection, installation, irrigation design, and maintenance of the site.

For more tour details and to view the featured gardens from our previous tours, visit www.smwd.com/tour.

Do you know of a beautiful front yard in your neighborhood that should be featured in our 2019 SustainaBlue Landscapes Tour?

Tell us more and nominate a landscape at: https://goo.gl/9A4xb7

Santa Margarita Water District offers its customers plenty of resources that can help inspire the design for your new landscape! Browse through plant lists and galleries of beautiful local gardens at OCplants.org.





### From Cox Communications

### **CLEAN YOUR ROUTINE**

pring cleaning is more than just a cliché, as the season of renewal and new growth inspires many to reduce clutter in our lives. Clutter is anything that takes up space but doesn't add joy to your life. In fact, clutter can include tasks that create stress and consume valuable time in your day. Fortunately, home security and automation technology is readily available to help automate tasks and reclaim time to enjoy the things you want to do, rather than focusing on the mundane tasks you have to do.



By leveraging technology to streamline your routine, you really can be everywhere at once. Innovative home security and automation technology such as Cox Homelife offers features

that give you the ability to see and control what's going on at home from your smart phone. In addition to 24/7 professional security monitoring, smart home features can provide convenience, peace of mind and even lower utility bills.

In other words, you can stop and enjoy a beautiful sunset, knowing you can simply use a mobile app to turn the lights on and adjust the thermostat at home. Expecting someone at your house? Avoid the stress of rushing home to let them in, and simply verify who it is through the camera and then unlock the door remotely. And no more of that nagging feeling that you left a small appliance on, you can control those, too. The customizable system also lets users set text alerts for certain events, such as doors opening and closing, so you can enjoy peace of mind that your home and loved ones are safe.

For more information about Cox Homelife and other helpful home technology, visit cox.com/homelife.  $\blacksquare$ 





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# **Spaces that Shape the Best Version of You**



By C. Todd Stearns, President Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce

Our retail centers and local business are spaces and places that can help motivate you to bring your best every day. From morning coffee with friends, a haircut, new clothes, healthy groceries, and a work out and lunch or dinner with the

family, our local businesses help keep us looking fresh and healthy. They also provide social settings for us to meet new people and share time with our families. In short, they improve our lives.

Creating spaces that motivate you to sweat is no easy task (remember those New Year's resolutions?), but our many fitness options can help inspire you to do things you never thought possible. Want to get inverted? Melt Hot Yoga will teach you how to do headstands or even handstands. Shredz Gym's signature high intensity interval classes (HIIT) will make you faster than you've ever been.

Sharing an open-air meal with friends or family is the perfect way to unwind and recharge. We have two of south Orange County's best outdoor patios at Selma's and Casa Ranchero (both regularly host our Chamber mixers). The mountain bikers who gather around the fire pit after the Wednesday night Selma's ride share pizza, beer and camaraderie. Casa Ranchero's Taco Tuesdays are legendary.

The "Main Street" look as First Street transitions into Mercantile West under its namesake archway is probably the most visually iconic space of our retail centers – and is sure to motivate you to open a small business in Ladera. We can't think of a better concept than a good, locally owned coffee shop. The only things missing are some comfy outdoor seating, light jazz to relax and a sketchbook.

We've been inspired too and Mercantile West is the planned location for our Farmer's Market set to re-launch on Friday March 15th.

Dream big. Shop small. Dine out. Live large!  $\blacksquare$ 



Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce mixer at Casa Ranchero

# CIVIC

### We've Moved and Are On the Move



By Stephanie Ramsey, Chair Ladera Ranch Civic Council

For 2019, the Ladera Ranch Civic Council (LRCC) is moving our public meetings from Santa Margarita Water District back into our community. These meetings, typically on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (except around holidays), will now occur at the

Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse. We want to be centrally located to encourage resident participation, particularly as we take on important topics such as the O'Neill/Roanoke intersection, proposed toll road extension, and other County roadway improvements; public safety efforts of Orange County (OC) Sheriff and California Highway Patrol; economic development within our retail/commercial centers; and interface with CUSD. These topics have a direct impact on the quality of the lives of all residents.

After a productive 2018, LRCC has set our 2019 goals related to our committee initiatives for: local governance, education, traffic and public safety, communications, land use, economic development and fundraising. Check out our goals at lrciviccouncil.org, and know that we are always looking for interested residents to join our committees. We are excited to work with you in capitalizing on the momentum of our 2018 "The Magic of Partnerships" State of the Community, co-hosted by the Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce and County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and presented by US Bank.

Have a voice. Get involved. Let's make the most of all of Ladera Ranch's spaces and places in 2019! ■



2018 State of the Community: Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce President Todd Stearns, County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, US Bank Manager Brandon Hauseman, LRCC Chair Stephanie Ramsey

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### Are you or someone you know making a difference in Ladera Ranch?



2018 Volunteer Award Recipients

Help us identify the many outstanding volunteers that are making a difference every day in our community.

Category information and nomination forms are available on LaderaLife.com. The deadline to submit a nomination form is 5:00 p.m. on April 5.

To learn more about the LARCS Volunteer Recognition Program and other Ranch Hand volunteer opportunities, please visit LaderaLife.com.



### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Supporting the Ladera Ranch Community

Thank you to our Community Partners who are part of the Ladera family and community. Your presence and support at local events is appreciated.

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