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## Strengthening Ladera's Sense of COMMUNITY

On behalf of the LARMAC and LARCS Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for making this a memorable summer. It was exciting to see so many of our families at the Summer Concert Series, the July 4th Celebration and the New Homeowner Welcome Reception.

As we head back to school and get back to our routines, it's a good time to reflect on the wonderful memories that summer leaves us. It's also an ideal time to introduce new ideas, conversations and habits that embrace the changes that life and different seasons bring. Did you know that volunteering offers each of us a way to be more present, experience the joy of giving, and inspire a deeper sense of community? Volunteering can be a healthy habit we form this school year in as little as an hour or two a month.

Earlier this year LARCS presented ten awards to outstanding individuals, families, groups and organizations at our annual Volunteer Recognition event. These residents have generously given their time and shared their talents by starting new programs, helping at events, serving on committees and taking on leadership roles. In reflecting on what makes our community special, the spirit of volunteerism, selfless acts of service to others, and neighbors looking out for one another comes to mind.

We dedicate this issue of Roots and Wings magazine to our community volunteers. We hope that their stories will inspire you to look for new ways to get involved. We have included ideas on ways that you can use volunteering to enrich your life.

In response to the questions we receive from residents who want to better understand how the master association operates and how you can get involved, we have included a spotlight on how LARMAC operates through a volunteer Board of Directors and committees (see page 16). The LARCS and LARMAC Boards and committees are operated by homeowners like yourself. We invite you to attend any of the LARMAC and LARCS open session meetings. Meeting schedules and contact information may be found on LaderaLife.com.

We understand that life can be busy and that the idea of volunteering or attending a homeowner association meeting can seem like a stretch. But, we encourage you to give it a try. Start small and involve the family. Invite a friend or a neighbor to join you. When you give back to serve your community, you strengthen it and improve the quality of life – for your family, and everyone you call 'neighbor.' ■

## LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENTS



**JOE RIBOTTO**  
President  
Ladera Ranch  
Maintenance  
Corporation (LARMAC)



**ARMANDO RUTLEDGE**  
President  
Ladera Ranch  
Community Services  
(LARCS)



Jay Rogers

The Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to Jay Rogers for his leadership as LARCS President over the last five years. Although Jay will continue to serve on the LARCS Board, we want to recognize his contributions as president which include creating the LARCS Scholarships for exemplary students, founding the partnership with the 1ST LAR Marine Battalion and strengthening relationships with the LARMAC Board of Directors, Ladera Ranch Civic Council, Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations. Jay and his family generously serve our community with passion to make Ladera Ranch the best it can be.





**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

## DIVE-IN MOVIE

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. | AVENDALE POOL

MOVIE STARTS AT 7:45 P.M. (DUSK) | REGISTER AT LADERALIFE.COM

Movie: **HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION**

## VIP EXPERIENCE

On sale Monday, August 19

**COST: \$350 INCLUDES**

- 6 tickets to the event, reserved table for cocktails
- Reserved seats in the first two rows of the comedy show
- Additional casino cash
- 2 drink tickets per person

Only six VIP Experiences available!  
These will sell-out fast!



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

## CASINO, COCKTAILS AND COMEDY

6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. | FLINTRIDGE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

\$35 PER PERSON (AGE 21+) | REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT LADERALIFE.COM

Ticket includes a drink ticket, appetizers, casino games and comedy show. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Proceeds benefit Laura's House, Ladera Ranch Relay for Life, Friends of the Ladera Ranch Library and James Henry Ransom Foundation.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT & HAUNTED MAZE

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. | COVENANT HILLS VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

GRADES 6-12 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT LADERALIFE.COM

Movie: **THE ADDAMS FAMILY**

Wind through a haunted maze, take pictures at the selfie station and enjoy dinner. Bring your own low-back chair or blanket. Two guests per Ladera Ranch teen.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

## BARRE3 IN THE PARK

9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. | COVENANT HILLS VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

\$25 PER PERSON | REGISTER AT [bit.ly/B3intheparkLR](http://bit.ly/B3intheparkLR)

Barre3 Ladera Ranch has partnered with LARCS and Mission Hospital's Valiant Women's Group to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. Enjoy a fun morning of community, vendors, music, and a 60-minute Barre3 class. 100% of the proceeds support mammograms and diagnostic care to underserved women in our own community.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

## JAMES RANSOM MEMORIAL 5K

7:30 A.M. | RACE STARTS IN FRONT OF THE AVENDALE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

REGISTER AT [JAMESHENRYRANSOMFOUNDATION.ORG](http://JAMESHENRYRANSOMFOUNDATION.ORG)

The 5K run/walk benefits teen mental health services in South Orange County. Costumes are welcome, and a prize for best individual and group costume will be awarded. Stay and enjoy a pancake breakfast from 7:45 to 10:30 a.m. for \$5. Proceeds benefit the James Henry Ransom Foundation.

**NEW HOMEOWNER**  
**welcome**  
RECEPTION  
TUESDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 24**  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.  
Register at  
**LaderaLife.com**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. | FOUNDER'S PARK



### Children's Activity Wristbands

Pre-sale wristbands will be available at LaderaLife.com or at the LARCS office, 9:00 a.m. on October 1 to 5:00 p.m. on October 24 for \$7. Day-of event wristbands sales will take place starting at 12:45 p.m. for \$15. An activity wristband or individual tickets are required for carnival games, euro bungee, rock climbing, face painting, crafts, inflatables, balloon artists, and more!

### Other Activities

Music by The Sundowners, photo op opportunities, temporary tattoos, recreation program demos, trick or treating and family-style games.

### Beer Garden

21+. ID required. Cash only.

**\$7 Presale**  
**\$15 Day of Event**

## COSTUME CONTEST

Enter in one of the following categories:

- Best Kids Costume (0-12)
- Best Teen Costume (13-18)
- Best Adult Costume (18+)
- Best Family or Group Costume
- Overall Funniest Costume
- Most Original Costume

Prizes awarded to the winners!

Pre-register by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 23 or sign-up the day of no later than 1:30 p.m. at the costume contest booth next to the stage.

For costume contest rules and to register, visit LaderaLife.com.



## CRAFT FAIR

Showcase and sell your unique handcrafted items during the Harvest Festival. To reserve a space, visit LaderaLife.com by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 13.

# FALL EVENTS — 2019 —

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

## LADIES NIGHT OUT WINTER WOODEN SIGN WORKSHOP

6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

AGE 21+ | REGISTER BY OCTOBER 30 AT LADERALIFE.COM

The holidays are just around the corner. Create your own customized mantel or porch sign with a little help from painting, brushes, and stencils. Complimentary wine and cheese will be served.

\$50 Mantel Sign | \$60 Porch Sign



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

## LION'S HEART VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

11:00 A.M. | TOWN GREEN

An event to honor and bring awareness to local veterans and families by publicly thanking them for their service. Organized by Lion's Heart Group 2025.





# VOLUNTEERISM: CREATING <sup>a</sup> CULTURE OF Giving Back

**V**olunteers do not necessarily have an abundance of time, but they do have the heart. Perhaps more than any other community, the heart of what binds Ladera together is its volunteers. We all know the place we live is remarkable, and volunteers are part of the reason why.

From helping at their children's schools, to creating amazing annual events and bringing us the latest in technology, our neighbors tirelessly give us their time and passion. Their efforts provide other benefits as well—it strengthens community ties, creates bonds with other families and provides a wonderful life for residents.

We want to introduce you to some pretty incredible folks, both because they deserve this recognition, and as encouragement to anyone who has ever thought about volunteering. If you've ever wanted to sit on a committee or help at an annual event, but felt like you may not have the time, we hope the introduction to just a few of Ladera's exemplary volunteers may give you a different perspective.

## THE SUPER HERO: JANICE LUGO



Janice is presented the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award at the LARCS annual volunteer appreciation event.

If you've heard of a little soccer organization in Ladera Ranch called AYSO, you can probably thank Janice Lugo. Janice serves as the Regional Commissioner of **AYSO Region 1455**, runs the youth soccer program and leads the AYSO 1455 Board of Directors. As if all of this wasn't enough, she also brought the VIP soccer program to Ladera, which is a very special program for developmentally disabled children and adults. The VIP (Very Important Player) program provides a safe, fun environment with trained coaches,

VIP Buddies, and volunteers who facilitate an enriching experience that the players and their families will cherish forever.

Most weekends, you can find Janice on the soccer field coaching, mentoring players and playing the sport she loves. The enormity of this endeavor cannot be overstated and all of the hard work she undertakes for Ladera as a volunteer is appreciated by parents and kids alike.

## THE TECHIE: ROBERT LOZANO



The Lozano Family (L-R): Mia, Erin, Rylan and Robert

Robert Lozano lives in Ladera with his wife Erin and daughters Rylan and Mia. Robert is a busy technology executive who applied his extensive expertise in the technology industry to his volunteer position as Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC), which advises the LARCS Board of Directors.



by Michelle Berger

Because of the significant time demands placed on those in technology, it's a unique challenge to find volunteers, and at one point, TAC considered winding down the committee. However, Robert believed in TAC and the tremendous value this committee could bring to Ladera. Robert stepped in and revitalized TAC with his leadership, energy and momentum. Robert also brought many new faces to TAC and today, technologists, educators, digital marketers, digital agency executives, and other cutting-edge professionals are on the committee. Because of Robert, the LARCS Board of Directors, LARMAC and other committees regularly enlist the help of TAC on projects.



Robert Lozano and Emre Celik present the TAC 2019 goals to the LARCS Board of Directors and LARCS Committees at the annual meeting.

In addition to his busy work life and TAC volunteer position, Robert also finds time to volunteer as a **Watch DOG** at Rylan and Mia's school. We are enormously appreciative of Robert's down to earth personality and the generous gift of his time.

## THE NEWBIES: EMRE AND JOYA CELIK



The Celik family (L-R): Zadi, Joya, Nora, Emre and Milo.

The formerly Los Angeles based Celik family fully jumped into Ladera volunteering even before they became Ladera residents. In fact, both Joya and Emre Celik submitted their volunteer interest form, were accepted and attended their first Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting prior to moving in to their home (that they were kind enough to lease back to a family so their kids could finish out the school year.) The amazing Celik

family racked up enough volunteer hours to be invited to the annual volunteer appreciation event, all before getting their access card! As if this wasn't enough, the Celiks are informal Ladera Ranch ambassadors, convincing their closest friends to move to Ladera.



Emre and Joya after a TAC meeting. (L-R): Christopher McAndrew, Robert Lozano, Emre Celik, Joya Celik and Julien Cooper.

Despite balancing a stressful move, launching a new business, working as advertising/entertainment executives and parenting three children, the Celiks joined TAC and volunteered at several events, including the LARCS Harvest Festival. The emphasis on exposing their children to active participation in the community and volunteer experiences is a delightful way to instill important values and hopefully ensure that their children will one day give back to their community as well.

The power duo of Emre and Joya are valued assets to TAC and beyond. Joya recently stepped up to serve as a LARMAC Neighborhood Representative and is working on convincing a friend to serve as a LARCS Neighborhood Activity Coordinator. Their commitment to volunteering, especially given their limited free time, is truly remarkable and Ladera is fortunate to have them!

## THE ROOKIES: LION'S HEART 2025



Lion's Heart 2025 (L-R): Matteo Hernandez, Blake Collings, Jake Vuoso, Luke Underdahl, Billy Balck and Tommy Hernandez.

Deciding to become a volunteer in and of itself is commendable, but to do so as 11-and-12-year olds is simply awe-inspiring. **Lion's Heart 2025** is a group of six wonderful young boys who conceived, organized and led the first ever Veterans Day Ceremony in Ladera Ranch. With help from their parents, they advertised and purchased bunting to decorate the gazebo at Town Green, using funds they raised on their own. Flags representing each branch of the armed services were borrowed from local military recruiters and veterans. Refreshments were served at the ceremony and American flag pins were gifted to every veteran in attendance. The boys themselves described the five major branches of the United States armed services, their history and mission, and invited veterans of those services to stand and be recognized by the audience.



The boys of Lion's Heart 2025 present a report of the Veterans Day Ceremony to the LARCS Board of Directors and staff.

The ceremony was a complete success, but this is not the only volunteering the boys of Lion's Heart 2025 do. These boys also volunteer to make blankets for the needy, help at a special needs basketball program, support beach clean-ups and recycling programs, and collect toiletries for homeless veterans. Lion's Heart 2025 are exemplary and we can't wait to see what the future holds, within Ladera and beyond.

While we can't help but be inspired by these wonderful residents, we know that many of you reading this are inspiring, too.

### Take the next step:

If you have a special talent or skill and would like to help even in a small way, we'd like to hear from you. Contact LARCS at [contact.larcs@laderalife.com](mailto:contact.larcs@laderalife.com) ■



# LARCS 2019 *Volunteer* AWARDS

Celebrating Volunteerism,  
Community and Giving Back

On May 18, Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) held its annual Volunteer Recognition and Awards event at the Terramor Aquatic Park to show appreciation for volunteers and present awards to those who were nominated by the community and selected by the Ranch Hands Volunteer Committee. Volunteerism is an integral part of the Ladera lifestyle, fabric of the community and it's exciting to see families create a legacy of service to others. ■



Rookie of the Year  
**Lions Heart 2025**



Adult Volunteer Group of the Year  
**Ladera Rancho  
Chamber of Commerce**



Community Nonprofit Group of the Year  
**Friends of the  
Ladera Ranch Library**



Youth Volunteer Group of the Year  
**Ladera Ranch Library Teen Volunteers**



Family Volunteers of the Year  
**Dana and Eric DeVoe**



Neighborhood of the Year  
**Reston 4**



Neighborhood Representative of the Year  
**Gail Louie**



Adult Volunteer of the Year  
**Janice Lugo**



Teen Volunteer of the Year  
**Amrita Kaur**



Ranch Hand Volunteer of the Year  
**Robert Lozano**



LARCS 2019 volunteer award recipients

## Teens in LADERA RANCH

### Ladera Teens Volunteer to Give Back and Make a Difference

by Suhina Sharma

Volunteering gives us the opportunity to reconnect with our community and help create a difference in the lives of others. Recently I spoke to teenagers who have dedicated countless hours volunteering at organizations that have great importance to them – and their community.



#### Shaili Patel

Shaili volunteers at the **Mission Hospital** for the **Mission Hospital Auxiliary**, a non-profit charity that supports the hospital with volunteers to service and support patients with indirect care, visitors and staff. Services include **Baby's First Ride Program**, **Emergency Room** and **Surgical Services support**. Shaili notes, "I chose to volunteer at Mission Hospital because I wanted to gain hospital work experience and see what is was like to work in a hospital environment. And since I love helping people, a hospital is one of the best places I could think of to help others."

Shaili guides patients to their destinations, assists in discharging patients, and helps manage the front desk. Patel hopes that her service at the hospital will leave a positive mark.

#### Jillian Tobias



Jillian has volunteered for **National Charity League Organization (NCL)**, a non-profit charity for mothers and daughters who are devoted to community service, developing leadership qualities, and inspiring others to volunteer in their community. NCL appealed to Jillian who wanted to make an impact beyond Ladera Ranch, in other Orange County communities, and hopefully someday the world. Jillian states, "As part of NCL, we have the opportunity to play different roles in our league. One year I was President of my class in 7th grade. I have served as Historian, taking pictures of our work, and Sunshine, in which we show appreciation to our volunteers for their hard work."

Jillian hopes that through volunteering with NCL, she will encourage others in the community to aid other charities by doing volunteer work, donating and more. She also hopes to inspire other mothers and daughters to join and make a difference in their communities around the world.

#### Audrey Banzali-Marks



Audrey volunteers for the **Friends of the Ladera Ranch Library (FOLRL)**. FOLRL is a non-profit organization that funds programs that benefit the community of Ladera Ranch and surrounding areas. FOLRL is 100% funded and run by volunteers. Each year, county funding for libraries continues to decline, and the role of the Friends of the Library becomes increasingly important. When asked why she volunteers for FOLRL Audrey said, "Since I was three years old, I found my home at the library, with its availability of new stories and fun programs. I started volunteering at the library when I turned twelve and continue to do so today. I want to give back to the place that has provided me with so much."

Audrey volunteers six hours per week maintaining the bookstore, sorting donated

books, restocking and organizing shelves. She has helped plan and run several fundraising events including the recent book drive during the **Go Green** event which is part of the annual **Community Garage Sale** and a book sale during the Ranch Night Market. ■

### SJHHS Students Team Up for Good Cause



San Juan Hills High School's baseball team recently collected gently used shoes to send to Africa and South America. Over 700 pounds of shoes were collected to benefit micro-entrepreneurs who repair and resell the shoes in their villages and communities, helping them to support their families.

"The effort raised a small amount of funds for the team, but more importantly it was a way for our team members to give back to others in need while building team camaraderie," said Coach Bret LeVier. ■







## Meet new LARCS president: ARMANDO RUTLEDGE

Armando is an original homeowner moving to Ladera Ranch in 2000 where he and his wife, Lisa have raised their children. Armando is a retired Senior Traffic Engineering Analyst and is enjoying retirement which includes traveling and serving on the Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) Board of Directors. Armando enjoys the Ladera lifestyle and is passionate about creating memories for the community by connecting residents through events, programs, and partnerships with local charity organizations.

## Q&A

**R&W: What brought you to Ladera Ranch?**  
AR: In late 1999, my wife and I were trying to decide if we should remodel our 40-year-old home in Fountain Valley, or find a newer home to raise our three young children. We read about the grand opening of Ladera Ranch in the newspaper, and in early 2000 drove down to see what was being offered. At that time, only Oak Knoll Village was under construction. After a few more visits, we decided to buy a home and see how the developer's vision for the rest of the community was going to be realized.

**R&W: How did you get involved in the community?**  
AR: After four years, the size of Ladera Ranch was rapidly growing, as were the scale of the events. I read a post on LaderaLife.com that volunteers were needed at one of the events. I decided to help out. My wife and I volunteered to work at various events over several years, and I eventually joined two committees. In 2016, I officially became a member of the LARCS Board of Directors.

**R&W: What is your favorite Ladera event?**  
AR: Summer concerts are a great way to spend a summer afternoon. However, since I have been working behind the scenes for many years, I've come to appreciate the logistics of planning and executing the July 4th Celebration. There are hundreds of details that have to come together for a single day of activities. Our LARCS staff does an amazing job of coordinating with our vendors, partners, support staff, and volunteers to put on a fantastic event.

**R&W: How has volunteering enriched your life?**  
AR: Becoming involved in the community has been rewarding for our family. Our children had the opportunity to volunteer with me at various events. All three of them continued to participate in philanthropic activities in college. We have also developed many friendships with like-minded neighbors whom we would not have met without volunteering.

**Two Truths and a Lie:**

1. Armando was a scratch golfer in college
2. Armando asked his wife Lisa to marry him only four months after their first date
3. He has been to Las Vegas only one time in his life

A: Armando did not play golf in college.

# LARCS SCHOLARSHIPS




Congratulations to the 2019 LARCS Teen Scholarship and Saddleback College Scholarship Award recipients. These programs recognize the efforts of outstanding local students who will grow up to be our future leaders.

## Teen Scholarships

 <b>RYAN DUNKER</b> University of California, Los Angeles	 <b>ANMOL KAUR</b> Cal Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	 <b>ANYA SEARLE</b> Brigham Young University
 <b>AKSHAT ATALIWALA</b> University of California, Santa Barbara	 <b>MEGAN GRIFFITH</b> University of Colorado Boulder	 <b>SOFIA VOTAVA</b> Texas Christian University



  
**RACHAEL BETTS**  
  
**NAOMI WATTARNASRN**



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

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 LARCS Committees and the Neighborhood Activities Coordinator program, or to get more information on how to become a Ranch Hand volunteer, visit LaderaLife.com.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

<b>Saturday, Oct 26</b> Harvest Festival	<b>Friday, Dec 6</b> Santa Visits	<b>Saturday, Dec 7</b> Miracle on Mercantile Way and Tree Lighting
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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, LARCS Events and Programs Manager:

Joanne Kopeny  
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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 a musically-rich setting that supports many learning styles of children and adults. Fee includes (10) 45-minutes classes and materials included.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Mondays: September 16 - November 18  
Thursdays: September 19 - November 21  
**FEE:** \$202  
**REGISTER:** 949.350.0985 or 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

HOLIDAYS WITH MUSIC TOGETHER

This class follows the same format as a regular Music Together class but features holiday songs and music.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Mondays: December 2 & 9  
Thursdays: December 5 & 12  
**FEE:** \$32  
**REGISTER:** 949.350.0985 or svmusictogether.net  
**LOCATION:** Flintridge Village Clubhouse

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

ENRICHMENT

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 and 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:** September 7, October 5 or November 9  
**FEE:** \$65 for CPR/AED or \$85 for CPR/AED/First Aid  
**REGISTER:** 949.690.4606 or babylovenpc.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.

**PROGRAM DATES:** September 7, October 5 or November 9  
**FEE:** \$50  
**REGISTER:** 949.690.4606 or babylovenpc.com  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Family CPR	Sat	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	7+

LITTLE VILLAGERS – PARENT AND ME KIDS ACTIVITIES FOR CAUSES

Give back with us! What do you and your child enjoy doing together? Arts, crafts, science, cooking, jewelry making? Little Villagers has it all. And the best part, everything they make in class supports a cause! Registration includes all materials, deliveries, impact map and welcome gift.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Tuesdays: September 10 – November 12  
**FEE:** \$250  
**REGISTER:** 949.522.5287 or littlevillagers.org  
**LOCATION:** Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
LV Parent & Me	Tues	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	3 - 5

LITTLE VILLAGERS – KIDS ACTIVITIES FOR CAUSES

Give back with us! What activities does your child enjoy? Arts, crafts, science, cooking, jewelry making? Little Villagers has it all. And the best part, everything they make in class supports a cause! Registration includes all materials, deliveries, impact map and welcome gift.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Tuesdays: September 10 – November 12  
**FEE:** \$250  
**REGISTER:** 949.522.5287 or littlevillagers.org  
**LOCATION:** Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Little Villagers	Tue	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	5 - 12

PERFORMING ARTS

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 a great time is assured for all. Students must bring their own guitar to class.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Session 1: September 10 - October 8  
Session 2: October 15 - November 12  
Session 3: November 19 - December 17 (No class 11/26)  
**FEE:** Sessions 1 and 2: \$100, Session 3: \$80  
**REGISTER:** 949.525.1382 or rongorman.com  
**LOCATION:** Flintridge Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Guitar Lessons	Tues	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	10+

SPORTS AND FITNESS



LADERA RANCH TENNIS – JUNIORS PROGRAM

Ladera Ranch Tennis, partnering with Love Tennis offers a top quality tennis program under the supervision of Billy Casas, Director of Tennis and Coach Brian Pham. Ladera Ranch Tennis offers private and semi-private lessons as well as group classes and camps. All tennis programming is available for beginner to advanced players. Private lessons, classes and social events are also available for adult players.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Starts August 19  
**FEE:** Email: LoveTennisInquiries@gmail.com  
**REGISTER:** Laderaranchtennis.com  
**LOCATION:** Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse Tennis Courts

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Red Ball	Mon – Thur	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Beginner
Orange Ball	Mon – Thur	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Beginner
Green Dot	Mon – Thur	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Intermediate
Yellow Ball	Mon – Thur	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Advanced

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:** Session 1: September 13 - October 11  
Session 2: October 25 - November 22  
**FEE:** \$65  
**REGISTER:** 800.804.3509 or skyhawks.com  
**LOCATION:** Grass area outside the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

Session 1:				
PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE	
Baseball Tots	Fri	4:00 - 4:40 p.m.	3.5 – 4.5	
	Fri	4:50 - 5:30 p.m.	4.5 – 6	
Session 2:				
PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE	
Baseball Tots	Fri	3:30 - 4:10 p.m.	3.5 - 4.5	
	Fri	4:20 - 5:00 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:** September 9 - October 28  
**FEE:** \$99  
**REGISTER:** 800.804.3509 or skyhawks.com  
**LOCATION:** Grass area outside the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Mini Hawk	Mon	9:30 - 10:10 a.m.	2 - 3.5
	Mon	10:20 - 11:00 a.m.	3.5 - 4

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).

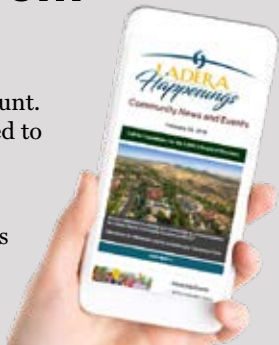
**PROGRAM DATES:** Year-round  
**FEE:** \$75 per month, \$20 Drop-in  
**REGISTER:** 949.291.7682 or laderaranch.fit4mom.com  
**LOCATION:** Cox Sports Park

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Stroller Strides	Mon -Fri	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	18+

Stay abreast with LaderaLife.com and Ladera Happenings enews

If you're a Ladera Ranch resident you should have a **LaderaLife.com** account. LaderaLife.com is intended to help connect you to the information you need to know about your community.

When you register for LaderaLife.com through the LARMAC office, you'll automatically receive **Ladera Happenings** enewsletter with news, updates and happenings.





SUPER SOCCER STARS

Super Soccer Stars offers child-development soccer classes. 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:** Session 1: Sundays: August 18 - October 6,  
Fridays: August 23 - October 11  
Session 2: Sundays: October 20 - December 15  
(No class 12/1)  
Fridays: October 25 - December 20 (No class 11/29)  
**FEE:** \$183  
**REGISTER:** 310.998.0010 or supersoccerstars.com  
**LOCATION:** Fri: Cox Sports Park Field #2, Sun: Wagsdale Park

Sessions 1 and 2:			
PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Super Soccer Stars	Fri	9:00 - 9:40 a.m.	1 - 2
	Fri	9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	2 - 3
	Fri	10:35 - 11:20 a.m.	3 - 4
	Fri	2:20 - 3:05 p.m.	4 - 5
	Fri	3:10 - 4:00 p.m.	4 - 5
	Sun	9:00 - 9:40 a.m.	1 - 2
	Sun	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	3 - 4
	Sun	9:50 - 10:30 a.m.	2 - 3
	Sun	9:50 - 10:40 a.m.	4 - 5
	Sun	10:35 - 11:20 a.m.	3 - 4
	Sun	10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	5 - 7
	Sun	11:10 - 12:10 p.m.	7 - 10
	Advanced Classes	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	4 - 6
		10:05 - 11:05 a.m.	6 - 8

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:** Ongoing enrollment through October 26  
**FEE:** Parent & Me: \$20 per lesson,  
Swim Lessons: \$25 - \$30 per lesson  
**REGISTER:** 949.388.4545 or evolutionswim.com  
**LOCATION:** Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse Pool

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Parent & Me Lessons	Sat	Please Call	6 - 36 months
Swim Lessons	Mon – Thurs & Sat	Please Call	2+



INTRO TO GATORS (NOVICE SWIM TEAM)

We provide a 45-minute workout Monday - Thursday 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 evolutionswim.com  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse Pool

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

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:** Starts August 19  
**FEE:** Please call  
**REGISTER:** 949.388.4545 or gatorsswimclub.com  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse Pool

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

LADERA JUNIOR WATER POLO

Junior Water Polo teaches beginning athletes, ages 6-14 the fundamental skills of water polo in an athlete-centered learning environment. The program is a collaboration by Olympic Medalist, Bradley Schumacher and National level athlete and coach, Trevor Rodin, to grow the sport of water polo.

**PROGRAM DATES:** Session 1: September 3 - 26  
Session 2: October 1 - 24  
**FEE:** \$60 per session  
**CONTACT:** 949.285.6112 or juniorwaterpolo.com  
**LOCATION:** Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse Pool

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Water Polo	Tues & Thurs	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	6 - 14

YOGA

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:** September 10 – December 10 (No class 10/8 & 11/26)  
**FEE:** \$205  
**REGISTER:** pearlsforlife.org  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Story Time Yoga	Tues	3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	1 - 5

KIDS YOGA

These classes are offered for the school age child who is discovering life and connection with their bodies. Kids Yoga helps build self-esteem and health. This class is a fun way for kids to learn the basics of the practice and grow and develop their skills.

**PROGRAM DATES:** September 10 - December 10 (No class 10/8 & 11/26)  
**FEE:** \$205  
**REGISTER:** pearlsforlife.org  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Kids Yoga	Tues	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	6 - 11

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:** September 10 - December 10 (No class 10/8 & 11/26)  
**FEE:** \$205  
**REGISTER:** pearlsforlife.org  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Teen Yoga	Tues	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.	12 - 17

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. Those with injuries, arthritis, chronic conditions of age, or size limitations are welcome. No prior yoga experience required.

**PROGRAM DATES:** September 10 - December 10 (No class 10/8 & 11/26)  
**FEE:** \$205  
**REGISTER:** pearlsforlife.org  
**LOCATION:** Avendale Village Clubhouse

PROGRAM	DAYS	TIME	AGE
Adult Yoga	Tues	6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	18+

Event Planning Committee: the faces behind Ladera’s Signature Events

Resident volunteers comprise the Event Planning Committee (EPC) who work with Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) staff to plan and put on the calendar of events that include signature events like the July 4th Celebration.

Hundreds of details go into putting on events and EPC members research and survey residents to determine the events and activities that appeal to the community. The EPC works with Ranch Hands, LARCS’ volunteer organization, to coordinate the efforts of dozens of volunteers to make events happen.



EPC members are (L-R): Casey Micheil, Sienna Thornburg, Dana DeVoe, Alison Duff and Christine Reves. Not pictured: Catherine Hollinger and Janene Koerner.



July 4th Celebration



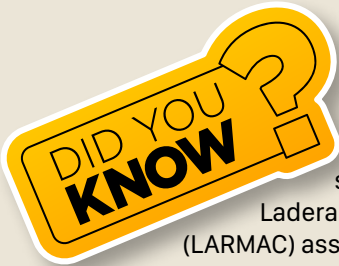
Summer Concerts



Spring Celebration



Harvest Festival



Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) is funded by a community enhancement fee (CEF) not HOA dues. CEF fees are paid on the sale of each home through escrow. Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) assessment fees are used for the maintenance and management of property, amenities and grounds that are owned by LARMAC.





# THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING LADERA: BOARD MEETINGS

Residents sometimes ask, "How do I get something added to the Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Board of Directors meeting agenda? Or what is the format for presenting information to the board?"

Meetings of an association's board of directors are governed by the Open Meeting Act found within the Davis-Stirling Act. The board meets monthly to conduct association business. Each year, the board approves an annual meeting calendar, which lists all scheduled meeting for the year, which may be adjusted at times. The schedule may be found on the LARMAC Board of Directors page of LaderaLife.com.

Board meetings must have a minimum of three directors at a meeting to establish a quorum. The Open Meeting Act requires that homeowners, also known as LARMAC members, are notified of the location and date/time of meetings and that the agenda will be available. LARMAC does this by publishing the notice and agenda at the LARMAC's office at Avendale Village Clubhouse, and on LaderaLife.com. Notices must be published two days in advance of executive session meetings and four days in advance of open session meetings. The board is prohibited from taking action on items of business outside of a board meeting.

During open session meetings, homeowners may observe the board conducting business and may address the board during the open forum portion of the meeting, which occurs toward the beginning of the meeting. Each homeowner who wishes to address the board has three minutes to speak. The Open Meeting Act limits the board to discussing only items that are on the agenda. However, all comments, concerns and questions are taken into consideration and when appropriate, the board may direct the management staff to place the topic on a future executive session meeting or open session meeting agenda (depending on the item).

Executive session meetings are closed to homeowners due to the sensitive nature of the items that are discussed. These items include: legal matters, formation of contracts, member discipline, personnel matters and delinquency-related matters. However, any matter discussed in executive session is generally noted in the following open session meeting that is open to the membership. ■

## LARMAC BOARD MEETINGS

Open session meetings (Open to all homeowners)	Executive session meetings (Closed to the public)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/4 Open Session</li> <li>11/13 Open Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/4 Executive Session</li> <li>10/2 Executive Session</li> <li>11/13 Executive Session</li> <li>12/4 Executive Session</li> </ul>

Meetings are held at the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

## DID YOU KNOW?

LARMAC Board members are Ladera homeowners who volunteer their time to serve the community.

# LARMAC COMMITTEES



The Aesthetics Review Committee (ARC) is comprised of 3 to 5 people appointed by the Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Board of Directors to oversee the design and aesthetic aspects of properties covered by Ladera's CC&Rs which include homeowner lots.

LARMAC's governing documents require approval of improvements by ARC, before any change, modification, alteration, additions to a lot or property are made.



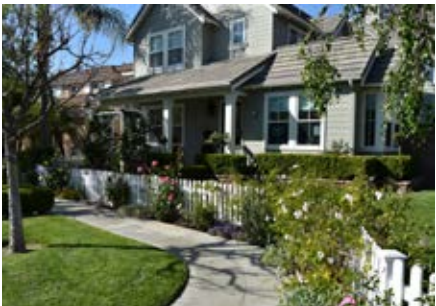
Aesthetic Review Committee (L-R): Joe Ribotto, Andrew Stevens, Sue Boardman and David Geisinger

Applications, also known as submittals, should be delivered with the necessary detailed plans to the LARMAC office located at 1 Daisy Street. Detailed requirements for a plan to be considered complete can be found in the LARMAC Aesthetic Standards or Custom Home Design Guidelines on Laderalife.com (Documents and Forms).

ARC meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month to review plans. To be included on the agenda for review, plans must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the week of review.

Submittals include a Property Improvement Form, Neighbor Notification Statement, and the drawings and applicable information. ARC ensures submittals are complete and consistent with LARMAC's Aesthetic Standards or Custom Home Design Guidelines.

- The Committee has forty-five (45) days to approve or deny a completed submittal
- After plans are processed, the result is mailed to the homeowner at the property address
- Once a homeowner receives approval from ARC, timely completion of improvements is required
- Implementation of improvements must proceed in accordance with the approved plan; all deviations must be submitted for further review



For information about the ARC process, visit LaderaLife.com or contact Kelli Austin at [kelli.austin@fsresidential.com](mailto:kelli.austin@fsresidential.com).



Ensuring the adherence of the community's standards and guidelines, and the collection of assessments to maintain the amenities at a high standard protects property values. This responsibility falls to a committee of volunteer homeowners, known as the Covenant Committee.

The Covenant Committee is made up of members who are appointed by the LARMAC Board of Directors and currently consists of three members and one alternate. This committee has the responsibility of enforcing the restrictions in the LARMAC governing documents, and meets once a month to hold hearings.

Common violations of the community's governing documents include inappropriate storage of trash containers, failure to maintain landscaping, and the existence of unsightly items visible on a homeowner's property.

Another important compliance issue that is governed by the committee is home maintenance, primarily, exterior paint. The Covenant Committee works diligently to monitor neighborhoods on a cyclical basis and makes the appearance of homes a priority. The committee's goal is to keep Ladera looking great and protect property values.



The Sports and Recreation Committee provides a review process for the best use of the LARMAC sports and recreation facilities in the community.

The LARMAC Sports and Recreation Committee advises the LARMAC Board of Directors with the purpose of:

- Reviewing new sport organizations being considered for approval and permit requests in Ladera Ranch fields
- Providing a venue where discourse may occur between the committee, management and sport organizations
- Reviewing the allocation and use of sports and recreation facilities
- Assess the fair and efficient use of LARMAC sports courts, fields and facilities
- Reviewing resident feedback and provide recommendations to the LARMAC Board related to sports and recreational facility use







## Ranch Night Market – Farmers' Market Reimagined!



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

Isn't Ranch Night Market a blast? Great vendors, live music, hot and packaged foods, beer and wine, delicious produce, flowers, jewelry, crafts. But we hope the best part is the vibe and chance to spend time with your neighbors!

If you've missed out on the fun at our new farmers' market, don't worry, it will continue monthly and will get bigger and better.

How does the market work? We organize the event to include the elements people want: great vendors with cool things to eat and wear that are unique, live music, activities for kids and fun. Residents visit and hopefully spend some money that makes it worthwhile for the vendors to participate and drives revenue for the tenants in the center: Barrels & Birdies, Z-Pizza, Which Wich, Casa Ranchero, etc. that are then revisited more frequently between markets. Of course, those businesses also provide jobs for local residents and pay taxes. It's a win for everyone and then we do it all over again next month.

Why has the Chamber started a farmer's market? Among the many reasons, the main one is to drive commerce! Mercantile West has suffered in the absence of a grocery store and anchor restaurant and our hope is to drive foot traffic and to show perspective tenants the center can perform as it was designed: to serve as a hub of activity in Ladera Ranch. We want to get the vacancies filled with the types of businesses you've told Westar you want and will support.

We also created the market because we felt Ladera needed a recurring outdoor event for residents of all ages to get together, hang out, interact, be spontaneous and have fun! A "farmers' market" type of event was the perfect fit.

How can you support Ranch Night Market? Grab some reusable bags and the family and head over to Mercantile West the second Friday of each month. See you there! ■



Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce Ranch Night Market



## Putting Safety First

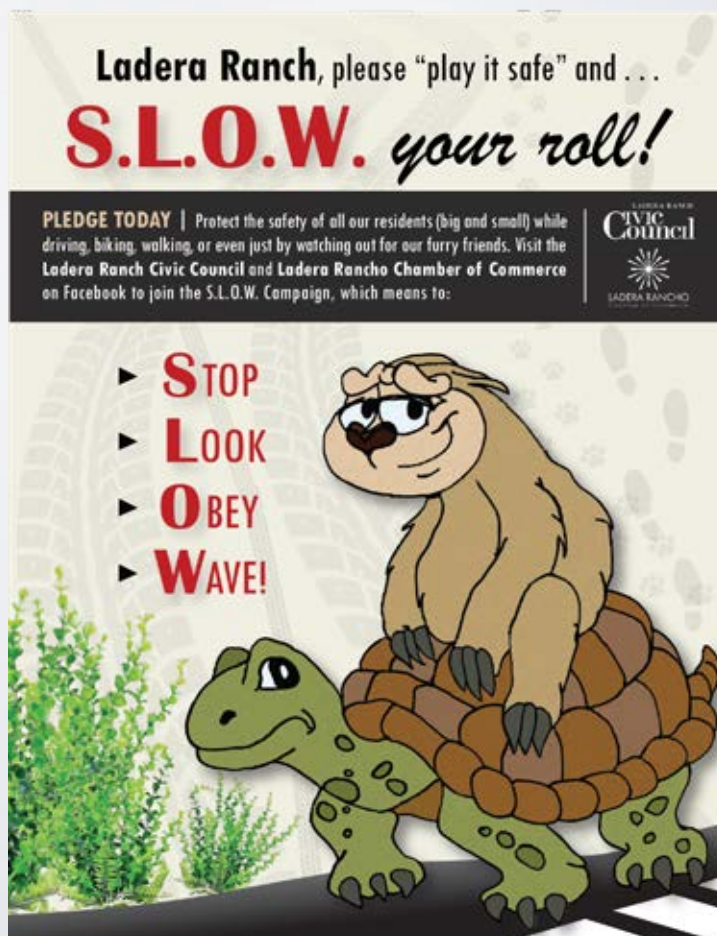


By Stephanie Ramsey, Chair  
Ladera Ranch Civic Council

The LRCC has partnered with the Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce, County of Orange, OCSD, and CHP to bring increased awareness to traffic and public safety within our community. This multi-pronged approach includes making road signage requests to

the County, speed limit radar signs being placed strategically by the CHP, as well as the launch of our new S.L.O.W. campaign targeting both drivers and pedestrians.

S.L.O.W., or Stop Look Obey Wave, is a pledge that all residents can make in effort to keep our streets safer for all. The ask is that everyone in Ladera Ranch participates by "slowing your roll" and taking a few extra seconds to make eye contact and acknowledge the vehicle driver or pedestrian, both on foot and cyclists. Visit [lrciviccouncil.org](http://lrciviccouncil.org) for more details on S.L.O.W. and to take the pledge! ■



## BACK TO School WITH SAFE DRINKING WATER

Your drinking water continues to  
meet or exceed cleanliness standards

Santa Margarita Water District works every day to ensure that the drinking water delivered to homes, schools and businesses is clean and high-quality.

Drink up! Your drinking water meets or surpasses all cleanliness standards set by the state and federal governments. Each year, the District prepares a Water Quality Report to share the results of water quality testing from the previous calendar year. The 2019 report is now available at [smwd.com/2019WaterQuality](http://smwd.com/2019WaterQuality).

Nearly everyone living in south Orange County consumes imported drinking water that travels hundreds of miles from its source in northern California and the Colorado River. This water is tested thousands of times, including over 20,000 tests run a year by the Santa Margarita Water District's in-house laboratory. Santa Margarita Water District continues to safeguard its water supply and make water quality its number one priority. ■



CONTACT US: [custservice@smwd.com](mailto:custservice@smwd.com) or (949) 459-6420

WEBSITE: [smwd.com](http://smwd.com)

## Fall Back Into Giving Back!

Fall is just around the corner. From pumpkin-spiced everything to football season rivalries, back-to-school nights, and preparing for the holiday season; this time of year life can feel full of things to do, places to be, and things to shop for. Fortunately, this is also the season of giving. It's easy to forget, in the hustle and bustle, that sometimes the best gift is time. As a company committed to making real human connections by investing in our community and its organizations, Cox Communications believes that giving back through volunteerism is the best part of autumn, or any season for that matter!



In 2019, Cox Charities, a foundation funded by employee contributions and matched by Cox, is celebrating its 20th anniversary in California with 20 Acts of Kindness throughout the state. These year-long celebrations have included additional opportunities for Cox team members to volunteer, increased philanthropic giving to local nonprofits, and a record amount given in scholarships to graduating high school seniors. To further support this philosophy, this year the company increased paid volunteer hours and employees can take up to 16 hours to spend volunteering with their favorite non-profit organizations.

We're proud of the work the Cox team is doing in the community to give back, yet we know life also pulls us all in many directions. It's hard to be everywhere. With products like Cox Homelife you don't have to be. You can leverage the power of technology to make more time for volunteering and helping others while protecting your home and family.

Instead of worrying about what's happening in your house, be it pets, house guests or delivered packages while you're at a volunteer activity, use Cox Homelife to see what's going on back at home via the smart phone app. In addition to 24/7 professional security monitoring, Cox Homelife offers smart home automation features that empower you to check what's on the doorstep, turn on and off the lights, lock and unlock the doors and more from anywhere you are volunteering your time.

Take some time out this fall to reconnect with the community and support people and causes that mean the most to you and your family and friends. So many of our local community organizations welcome volunteers of all talents. But if you're looking for that perfect opportunity to give back through volunteerism in Orange County, check out OneOC. Cox proudly supports this vital organization that connects other nonprofit organizations, companies and individual volunteers to each other. They maintain a comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities throughout the county that's only a click away: [oneoc.org/volunteers](http://oneoc.org/volunteers)

For more information about Cox Homelife and other helpful home technology, visit [cox.com/homelife](http://cox.com/homelife). ■





## New Homeowner Welcome Reception

**Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**RSVP at [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com)**

### NEW HOMEOWNER *welcome* RECEPTION



Thank you to our event community partners, Cox Communications for the raffle prize and Zpizza for the delicious food. Thank you also to Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce and the Ladera Ranch Civic Council for attending to welcome, serve and inform our newest families.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*Supporting the Ladera Ranch Community*

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### GOLD



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