

LADERA RANCH

# ROOTS AND WINGS

LADERA RANCH'S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

WINTER 2019

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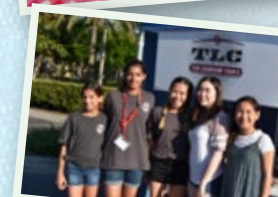
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## LADERA RANCH ROOTS AND WINGS

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## LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENTS

WINTER 2019

LADERA RANCH

## A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2019 WAS A YEAR OF PROGRESS

What a year it has been! 2019 has been a year of progress. From advances in technology, AI, Tesla, Ring, Alexa and home automation to the progress that our residents have made, it's been exciting to hear how people and families are making life, and our community better.

In this year-in-review issue, we celebrate accomplishments, events and community projects that have shaped the year. Community organizations such as the Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce, Ladera Ranch Civic Council, LARMAC and LARCS Boards and Committees have worked diligently to keep Ladera thriving, connected, looking good and engaged. We hope that you'll enjoy the **Year in Review in Photos** bonus pages.

As we look ahead towards 2020, we spotlight a handful of residents who moved to Ladera Ranch in the first few years of the community's development and growth. They share some of their early and fondest memories about visiting the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse which served as the new home sales center, entering the lottery to buy a home and moving here.

In the spirit of celebration LARCS invites residents to enter the **Ladera 20 in 2020 Logo Design Contest** (see page 8). The winning design will be used to commemorate Ladera Ranch's 20 Year Anniversary.

LARMAC has been busy with large projects including the **playground replacement**, **pool resurfacing** and **bench/trash receptacle replacement** projects. This summer the Pool Status page was added to LaderaLife.com making it easier for you to check the status of your favorite pool, plunge, wading pool or the water park before packing up the family. A new 'Projects and Landscape' section was recently introduced to keep you current on the latest projects and landscape maintenance schedules.

We have a fun holiday season planned for you. LARMAC is in the process of installing the holiday lights and LARCS will hold the **Holiday Decorating Contest** for individual homes and neighborhoods, which is always a fun experience. Please plan to attend the **Miracle on Mercantile Way** event on Saturday, Dec. 7 (see page 5). **Santa Visits** will be held at the Covenant Hills Clubhouse, a new location on Friday, Dec. 6 which will be a collection site for **Toys For Troops**.

Enjoy this year-in-review issue of Roots and Wings magazine. We wish you and yours a warm holiday season and look forward to seeing you around town and at the holiday events. ■

*Joe Ribotto*

Joe Ribotto  
President, Ladera Ranch  
Maintenance Corporation  
(LARMAC)



*A. Rutledge*

Armando Rutledge  
President, Ladera Ranch  
Community Services  
(LARCS)





# HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTESTS

Get into the holiday spirit by entering your home or neighborhood in the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Winners will receive a gift card and yard sign to display throughout the holiday season.

## Individual Home

Enter in one of the following categories:

- Most Creative Use of Lights
- Best Use of Theme
- Classic/Traditional
- Best Yard Display

**Entry Deadline:** Noon, December 2

**Resident Judging:** December 5 - 17

To vote for your favorites, visit [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com) starting December 5 (online voting only)

## Neighborhood

Participating street(s) in a neighborhood will be judged on four separate criteria:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Curb Appeal
- Use of Lighting

\*Entries must have at least half of the street participating in the same neighborhood

**Entry Deadline:** Noon, December 10

**Judging:** Saturday, December 14, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\*Please be advised residents must obtain an Encroachment Permit from the County of Orange if holiday displays including string of lights are extended over public rights of way. For more information, visit [ocpublicworks.com](http://ocpublicworks.com)

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 SANTA VISITS

4:00 - 8:00 P.M. | COVENANT HILLS VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

Santa will listen to holiday wish lists and take photos with your family.

Please bring your own camera to capture the moment. Line will close at 7:30 p.m.

Toys for Troops collection site.

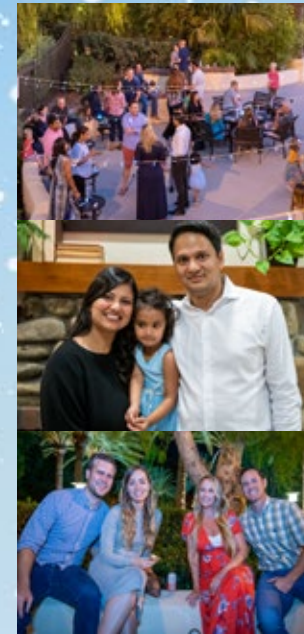
## NEW TO LADERA?

NEW HOMEOWNER  
**welcome**  
RECEPTION

TUESDAY  
**FEBRUARY 11**  
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

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

RSVP on [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com)



# WINTER EVENTS — 2019 —

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 MIRACLE ON MERCANTILE WAY EVENT

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. | 25692 CROWN VALLEY PKWY. STE J-2

Join family, friends and neighbors to kick off the holiday season. The event will end with Santa lighting a 60 foot tree. Food will be available for purchase at restaurants in the Mercantile West shopping center.

- Photos with Santa with a professional photographer
- Cookie decorating
- Ornament decorating
- Caricature artists
- Write a letter to Santa
- Winter themed photo ops \*\*Bring your own camera
- Hot chocolate
- Toy for Troops collection site



# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 LIVE NATIVITY

5:00 P.M. ACTIVITIES, 5:30 P.M. NATIVITY | TOWN GREEN

Witness the miracle of the very first Christmas. Come share in the joy of the season with your community, family and friends featuring the story of Christmas, live animals, Christmas carols, kids crafts, visit from Santa and refreshments.

A LARCS partnership event with Hope Crossing Church community group.



# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 MENORAH LIGHTING

4:30 P.M. ACTIVITIES | TOWN GREEN

Enjoy the warmth and feeling of community at the Ladera Ranch Festival of Lights. This will be a kosher event in partnership with the Chabad Jewish Center of Mission Viejo and will be the 17th annual Menorah Lighting. There will be music, dancing, dreidels, face painting, crafts and traditional foods for all.



# SAVE THE DATE

**Spring Celebration**  
Saturday, April 4

**Community Garage Sale**  
**Go Green Ladera**  
Saturday, April 25



# Family holiday Traditions

Ladera Families Share their Fondest Holiday Traditions



## Cristina Nebot Christmas Cookie Party

For the last four years, Cristina has invited friends to sign up for her annual (Homemade) Cookie Exchange, "the most delicious party of the year." The theme is Christmas cookies and each person bakes approximately six dozen. Christmas attire is always encouraged and Cristina gives fun prizes for the best, most unique and festive cookies. At the end of the evening, each guest fills a container to take home cookies and donate the extra cookies to families needing some holiday cheer.

## Drew Brasch Family Trip to Arizona

For as long as I can remember, we have traveled to Arizona for Thanksgiving. Every year we enjoy a great Thanksgiving feast, then my Papa, sister and I jump in the freezing, unheated pool after our meal. Papa is the only person who gets excited about this tradition.

Next are the Christmas lights. Thankfully I get the easy job of holding the lights and pretending I didn't hear any four-letter words from my dad (and I'm not talking about "Noel"). Then, the family decorates the Christmas tree and we rock out to Christmas carols in our pjs. By far the best tradition is the time we spend with friends and family.



Ure family photo in matching holiday pajamas



## Rebecca Nazzal Christmas Train

The Nazzal family always visits the Irvine Christmas train with other Ladera Ranch families (in matching pjs or outfits). We do not have a lot of extended family who live locally so this is a special and exciting thing that our kids get to do with family friends who are like cousins, aunts and uncles. It is meaningful to us to have our village to raise our kids and celebrate the holidays together.



## Darcy and Nathan Ure A Christmas Carol Play

We have the tradition of going to see the play 'A Christmas Carol' every Christmas with our grandparents. Definitely gets us in the Christmas spirit. We love going to church together, getting everyone matching pjs and decorating the Christmas tree together.



## Jamie O'Keefe Hanukkah Party

Everything is centered around food. We go to my mom's house on the first night of Hanukkah and make latkes and have dinner, light candles and open presents.

We also have a big Hanukkah with all our family (cousins, aunts, uncles, etc.) where we have dinner and latkes and then we always have an epic white elephant gift exchange. ■

# YOUR LARMAC HOA at work



Solar array project at Cox Sports Park

## MAINTAINING LADERA AS A PREMIER ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY

by Joe Ribotto

As we approach the holidays and look back on 2019, it has been an exciting and productive year for LARMAC. This year, some major projects were completed: the installation of the new irrigation system throughout Ladera, and the solar array at Cox Sports Park. The completion of both projects has already resulted in significant cost savings. Additionally, much of the common area lighting was converted to LED which resulted in both cost savings and improved safety for our residents.

Major landscape projects were completed including the renovation of the center median along O'Neill from Sienna to Antonio, a much-needed complete makeover of Cox Sports Park Soccer Field B, and landscape improvements at Cherry Plunge and Arroyo Park. Additionally, significant time and effort has been devoted to working with the Orange County Fire Authority to remove fire prone plants surrounding Ladera Ranch. Other significant projects include the playground replacement at Dawnwood and Chaparral parks, the replacement of the pool deck at the Oak Knoll recreation pool, and the renovation of kitchens and bathrooms at several clubhouses.



Chaparral Park is home to the tallest play structure in Ladera.



New playground at Dawnwood Park.

All of the projects completed in 2019, as well as future projects contribute to LARMAC's mission which is to manage and maintain Ladera Ranch as one of Orange County's premier master-planned communities.

LARMAC is excited to finish out the year with the installation of spectacular holiday lighting displays throughout Ladera Ranch. Back by popular demand are the falling star icicle lights in the roundabouts! ■

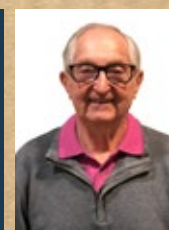
## 2019 COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Clubhouse kitchen renovations at Avendale and Flintridge
- LED pole light conversions (436 fixtures throughout Ladera)
- Oak Knoll recreation pool deck and landscape renovation
- Astoria mailbox replacement
- Club and park trash receptacle replacement
- Playground structure replacement at Dawnwood and Chaparral parks
- Tennis court resurface at Avendale and Flintridge
- Cox Sports Park field 4 baseball net extension
- Pickleball court line addition (Avendale Tennis Courts)
- Cox Sports Park Soccer Field A artificial turf sideline improvement
- Cox Sports Park Soccer Field B renovation
- Park landscape renovations at Arroyo, Brittlestar, Linear, and Eton parks
- Cherry Plunge landscape renovation
- South O'Neill center median and parkways landscape and tree project

### COMING SOON:

- Clubhouse restroom refurbishment at Avendale
- Wagsdale Dog Park hydration station replacement
- Updated homeowner plant and exterior paint options
- Playground replacement at Pleasanton park

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As Ladera Ranch approaches its 20th year anniversary as a community, neighbors reflect on the early years and where they are today.

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## Jennison Family

In 1998 while driving to a USC football game, Ann Marie Jennison read an Orange County Register article about a new community that would have cul-de-sacs, clubhouses, splash playgrounds, parks and villages that would draw residents from their homes to build friendships. Immediately Ann Marie and Jeff knew that Ladera Ranch was the place for them.

The Jennisons had one child with one on the way. They became obsessed with reading about the plans for Ladera Ranch and took frequent drives to Oso and Antonio where

they would look off in the distance - at the land and some cows - as the beginning of Ladera Ranch was being established.

Eventually their names were drawn from the housing lottery to purchase a home which was "the best call we've ever received" said Ann Marie. Someone had fallen out of escrow and they were next on the list!

With a 2 1/2 year-old and a 6 month-old in tow, they moved to Bramford Street located in the Sarasota neighborhood on December 19, 1999. The first item brought into their home was a pre-decorated Christmas tree. That night, Jeff put lights up on the roof for the holidays - the Jennisons were home!

After living in the same home in Oak Knoll Village for 12 years, the Jennisons moved to Clifton Heights in the Flintridge Village in 2011. It was a tough decision to leave a neighborhood that was filled with people they considered family, but as their family grew to having four children in the span of 10 years, the extra space was welcomed.



# Ladera Ranch 20th Anniversary LOGO CONTEST

Ladera Ranch is celebrating its 20th Anniversary throughout 2020 and invites the community to participate in its logo design competition aimed at deriving an attractive and meaningful commemorative logo for the year-long celebration. Participation is free and a special prize will be awarded to the winner.

Visit [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com) for details.

## MacCartie Family



The MacCartie family moved to Ladera Ranch from Chicago in 2000 for Kevin's new job. They purchased their first home in Ladera because of the small town community feel, the amenities, and they knew it would be an amazing place to raise their

kids. Laura remembers the day they moved in. "As I looked out of my kitchen window, all I could see were wide open, dirt lots. They were just starting the framework of Chaparral Elementary School with nothing beyond that. I never could have imagined what Ladera would grow into 20 years later" said Laura.

Today, the MacCartie family lives in their third Ladera home. They moved to Orlando, Florida for one year in 2010 and couldn't wait to return to Ladera Ranch.

Laura joined the 2001 Babies playgroup when Kyleen was six weeks old. To this day, they count these families as some of their closest friends. Their kids have grown up together and they celebrate many holidays with one another, as well as vacation together. Most recently, nine families, 43 people, all from Ladera, went on a cruise together through the Caribbean and Mexico. They have created many annual traditions with friends, such as, celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Arroyo Trabuco every year and hosting the annual Father/Son Turkey Bowl at Cox Sports Park every Thanksgiving.

Laura shared "Moving to Ladera Ranch was one of the best decisions we ever made. We have been blessed with the most amazing friends who we now consider family. We have taken full advantage of everything Ladera has to offer including the pools, parks, sports teams, restaurants (The Ranch and Diho Siam being two of our favorites) and local businesses. No matter where life takes us, the memories we have made in Ladera Ranch will be with us forever!"



## Doyle Family



The Doyle Family moved to Ladera Ranch in February of 2001 for a larger home to raise their family. At the time homes in south Orange County were going fast and they had to wait in lines to place deposits on homes they were interested in. They were lucky to land a home in Flintridge Village's Hampton Road development. At the time, Ladera Ranch ended at Flintridge and there was nothing south of that village.

The Dolye family lived in the same home in Flintridge Village for 15 years where they have made some of their dearest life-long friends. Today they live in Covenant Hills. "Raising our kids on our street has been an incredible gift that I don't believe would have happened anywhere but here. Friday nights in the cul-de-sac, Halloween celebrations in the pocket park and giant waterslides right in the middle of the street are some of our fondest memories," said Sarah.

"We cannot talk about raising our kids in Ladera without referencing the July 4th Celebration. In 18 years we have never missed a single celebration. Hands down, it's the best event of the year. Our kids never want to be anywhere else that day. It is magical!" added Sarah.

The Doyles are founding members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and are still active parishioners. Sarah was the first resident board member on the LARCS (Ladera Ranch Community Services) Board of Directors and served as President; Sarah was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award in 2008. "We have enjoyed being grownups at the summer concerts - attending without our kiddos and enjoying all that Ladera has to offer." ■





# LARCS LADERA RANCH lifestyle



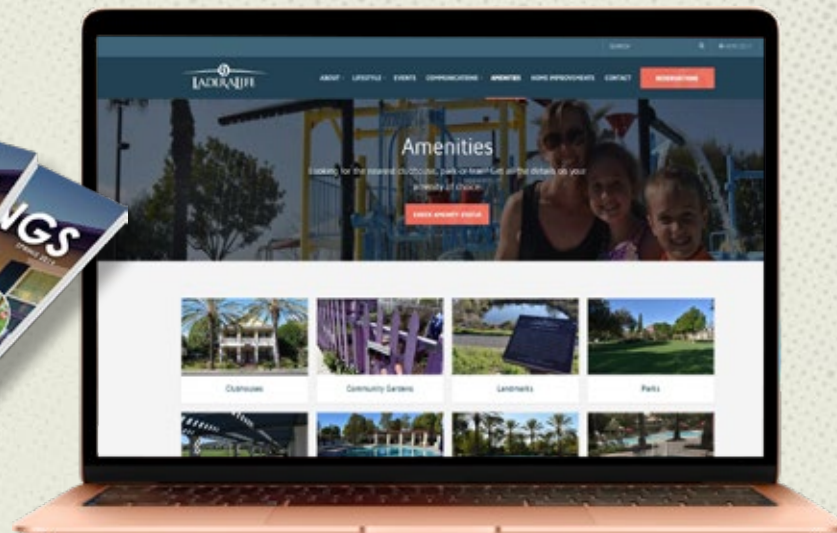
Added three new partnership events: James Ransom Memorial 5K, Barre3 and YogaSix in the Park



July 4th Celebration

## EVENTS

- Summer Concert Series: introduced two new bands
- Annual July 4th Celebration (Freedom Run, Community Parade, Teen Zone and Fireworks)
- Added Teen Retro Game and Teen Movie and Haunted Maze Nights
- New Homeowners Welcome Reception for over 250 residents
- Introduced two new events: Mother's Day Muffins and Ladies Night Out Wintery Wooden Sign Workshop



## COMMUNICATIONS

- Enhanced LaderaLife.com with new Pool Status page
- Increased resident written articles in Roots & Wings
- New Projects and Improvement sections added to LaderaLife.com



## PROGRAMS

- Implemented new and improved tennis program
- Implemented new Men's Adult Softball League
- Increased the number of recreation programs and classes in the community



Mother's Day Muffins and Masterpieces



Ladies Night Out Wintery Wooden Sign Workshop



## CLUBS AND GROUPS

- Continued Community Partnerships with Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce and Ladera Ranch Civic Council
- Increased the number of club and community group offerings for residents



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Classes are open to all Ladera Ranch residents. To register, please reference the website listed with each class.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Register at [svmusictogether.net](#) Ages 0 - 4

MUSIC TOGETHER

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. No class on Feb 17.

Th / Jan 9 / 9:15 - 10:00 am / FREE / Flintridge  
Mon / Jan 13 - Mar 23 / 10:30 - 11:15 am / \$207 / Flintridge  
Mon / Jan 13 - Mar 23 / 4:15 - 5:00 pm / \$207 / Flintridge  
Th / Jan 16 - Mar 19 / 9:15 - 10:00 am / \$207 / Flintridge  
Th / Jan 16 - Mar 19 / 10:15 - 11:00 am / \$207 / Flintridge

HOLIDAYS WITH MUSIC TOGETHER

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

Mon / Dec 2 & 9 / 10:30 - 11:15 am / \$32 / Flintridge  
Mon / Dec 2 & 9 / 4:15 - 5:00 pm / \$32 / Flintridge  
Th / Dec 5 & 12 / 9:15 - 10:00 am / \$32 / Flintridge  
Th / Dec 5 & 12 / 10:15 - 11:00 am / \$32 / Flintridge

ENRICHMENT

BRINGING BABY HOME

Register at [christa.mantey@gmail.com](#) Ages 18+  
Calling all expecting and new parents! Even the strongest relationships are strained during the transition to parenthood. Gottman's Bringing Baby Home course is a research-based workshop supporting couples for life with baby and insights on growing closer together as a parenting team.

Sun / Feb 2 & 9 / 9:00 am - 4:00 pm / \$250 per couple / Avendale



CPR/AED/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Register at [babylovencp.com](#) Ages 7+  
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/First Aid certification card, valid for two years. There will be an optional First Aid segment at the end of the class.

Sat / Dec 7 / 10:00 - 11:00 am / \$85 / Avendale  
Sat / Jan 4 / 10:00 - 11:00 am / \$85 / Avendale  
Sat / Feb 1 / 10:00 - 11:00 am / \$85 / Avendale

FAMILY CPR & CHOKING RELIEF

Register at [babylovencp.com](#) Ages 7+  
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.

Sat / Dec 7 / 10:00 - 11:30 am / \$50 / Avendale  
Sat / Jan 4 / 10:00 - 11:30 am / \$50 / Avendale  
Sat / Feb 1 / 10:00 - 11:30 am / \$50 / Avendale

PERFORMING ARTS

GUITAR LESSONS

Register at [rongorman.com](#) Ages 10+  
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.

Tu / Jan 7 - Feb 4 / 4:30 - 5:30 pm / \$100 / Flintridge

SPORTS AND FITNESS

LADERA RANCH TENNIS-JUNIORS PROGRAM

Register at [laderaranchtennis.com](#) Ages 4+  
Ladera Ranch Tennis is the official year-round tennis program of Ladera Ranch. 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. For pricing please email [LoveTennisInquiries@gmail.com](#). Yellow Ball + requires coach approval.

Mon - Th / Starts Jan 6 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm / Covenant Hills / Red Ball (ages 4-8)  
Mon - Th / Starts Jan 6 / 3:00 - 4:00 pm / Covenant Hills / Orange Ball (ages 6-10)  
Mon - Th / Starts Jan 6 / 4:00 - 5:30 pm / Covenant Hills / Green Dot (ages 8-11)  
Mon - Th / Starts Jan 6 / 4:00 - 5:30 pm / Covenant Hills / Yellow Ball (ages 8-15)  
Mon - Th / Starts Jan 6 / 5:30 - 7:00 pm / Covenant Hills / Yellow Ball+

SKYHAWKS BASEBALL TOTS

Register at [skyhawks.com](#) Ages 3.5 - 6  
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.

Fri / Jan 17 - Feb 14 / 3:30 - 4:10 pm / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 4.5  
Fri / Jan 17 - Feb 14 / 4:20 - 5:00 pm / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 - 6

SKYHAWKS MINI HAWK MULTI SPORT

Register at [skyhawks.com](#) Ages 2 - 5  
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. No classes on Jan 20 & Feb 17.

Mon / Jan 13 - Feb 24 / 9:30 - 10:10 am / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 - 3.5  
Mon / Jan 13 - Feb 24 / 10:20 - 11:00 am / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 5

STROLLER STRIDES

Register at [laderaranch.fit4mom.com](#) Ages 18+  
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). Stroller Strides meets year-round.

Mon - Fri / 9:00 - 10:00 am / \$75 month / Cox Sports Park

SUPER SOCCER STARS

Register at [la.supersoccerstars.com](#) Ages 1 - 10  
Super Soccer Stars offers child-development soccer classes for ages 1-10 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. No classes on Feb 14 & 16.

Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 9:00 - 9:40 am / \$206 / Wagsdale Field/ Ages 1 - 2 (Parent & Me)  
Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 9:50 - 10:30 am / \$206 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 2 - 3  
Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 9:00 - 9:45 am / \$206 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 3 - 4  
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Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 9:50 - 10:40 am / \$206 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 4 - 5  
Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 10:45 - 11:45 am / \$206 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 5 - 7  
Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 11:25 - 12:25 pm / \$206 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 7 - 10  
Sun / Jan 12 - Mar 8 / 11:50 am - 12:50 pm / \$291 / Wagsdale Field / Ages 5 - 7 (United)  
Fri / Jan 10 - Mar 6 / 9:00 - 9:40 am / \$206 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 1 - 2 (Parent & Me)  
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Fri / Jan 10 - Mar 6 / 2:20 - 3:05 pm / \$206 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 3 - 4  
Fri / Jan 10 - Mar 6 / 3:10 - 4:00 pm / \$206 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 4 - 5

YOGA

Register at [pearlsforlife.org](#)

TODDLER STORY TIME YOGA

Ages 1- 5  
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.

Tu / Jan 14 - Apr 7 / 3:30 - 4:15 pm / \$220 / Avendale

KIDS YOGA

Ages 6 - 11  
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.

Tu / Jan 14 - Apr 7 / 4:30 - 5:15 pm / \$220 / Avendale

TEEN YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

Ages 12 - 17  
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.

Tu / Jan 14 - Apr 7 / 5:30 - 6:15 pm / \$220 / Avendale

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Ages 18+  
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!

Tu / Jan 14 - Apr 7 / 6:30 - 7:15 pm / \$220 / Avendale

AQUATICS

Register at [evolutionsswim.com](#)

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. Swim Team meets year-round.

Mon - Fri / 3:30 - 4:30 pm / Avendale / Group 3 (Ages 10 & under)  
Mon - Fri / 3:30 - 5:00 pm / Avendale / Group 4 Silver (Ages 10 & under)  
Mon - Fri / 4:30 - 5:30 pm / Avendale / Group 5 (Ages 11+)  
Mon - Fri / 5:30 - 7:00 pm / Avendale / Group 6 Silver (Ages 11+)  
Mon - Fri 5:00 - 7:00 pm & Sat 8:00 - 10:00 am / Avendale / Group 6 Gold (Ages 9 - 14)

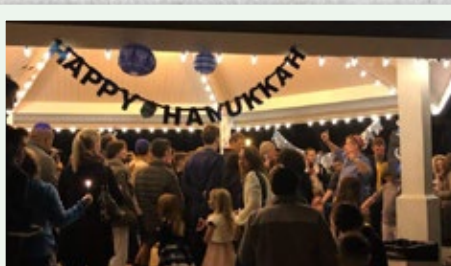
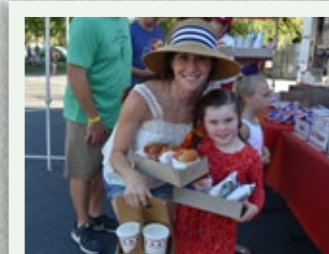
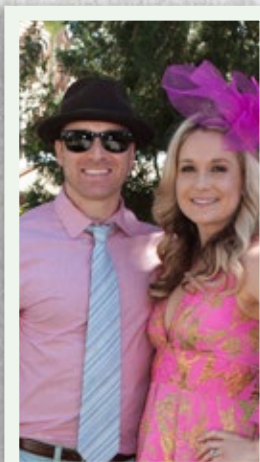
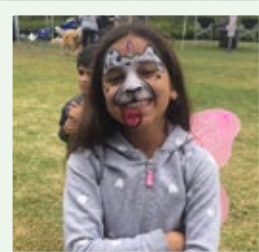


INTRO TO GATORS (NOVICE SWIM TEAM)

Ages 5+  
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. Intro to Gators meets year-round

Mon - Th / 4:30 - 5:15 pm / Please call for pricing / Avendale





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# Teens in LADERA RANCH

by Suhina Sharma



With the start of the new school year, the Teen Leadership Council (TLC) has appointed new members to be a part of this year's Council. TLC is excited to hear some of the new members' creative ideas regarding the planning of annual events to ensure they are enjoyable for all. Below are some activities organized by TLC for the year ahead.

## DECEMBER: Tree Lighting Ceremony and Letters to Santa

Every year, the community kicks-off the holiday season with the Miracle on Mercantile Way and Tree Lighting in which children and parents are both able to enjoy a multitude of fun activities: photos with Santa, winter-themed photo opportunities, delicious winter treats, the chance to make a contribution to Toys for Troops, and last but not least, the lighting of the 60 ft tree at Town Green. TLC ensures that young children have the opportunity to write letters to Santa and receive a letter in response, written by Santa himself!



## MARCH: Spring Celebration

Spring Celebration is a signature event in Ladera Ranch and TLC hosts a variety of spring activities to keep children engaged in the hunt for Easter eggs!



## JULY: July 4th Teen Zone

TLC works hard every year to put on a memorable Teen Zone during the July 4th Celebration with exciting activities for teens in grades 6 to 12.



## Ladera Ranch Community Services 2020 Scholarship Opportunities

The LARCS Board is proud to offer scholarship opportunities for teen residents of Ladera Ranch who will be attending a college, university, local trade school or junior college in the fall of 2020.

This scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding teens who have demonstrated a commitment to the community through volunteer participation as a LARCS Ranch Hand Volunteer and/or Teen Leadership Council. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of per scholarship may vary based on the number of qualified applicants on annual basis.

For more information, visit [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com).

Students enrolling at Saddleback College may apply for the LARCS Scholarship directly through Saddleback College to help support their educational and career aspirations at <https://www.saddlebackcollege.edu>



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



2019 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](http://LaderaLife.com). The deadline to submit a nomination form is 5:00 p.m. on April 3.**

To learn more about the LARCS Volunteer Recognition Program and other Ranch Hand volunteer opportunities, please visit [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com).



## COMMUNITY PARTNER



## Cox Paves Way for Smarter Homes, Business in Ladera Ranch

It's amazing how quickly technology evolves. It's projected the average household will have 50 internet-enabled devices by next year. Once limited to the imagination, consumer demand is strong for home automation features and smart appliances such as wifi-enabled refrigerators and washing machines. The rapid increase in internet-enabled devices and new technology continues to make our lives easier and helps businesses run more efficiently. But how?

The backbone of technological advancement is a strong infrastructure. With rapid deployment of gigabit internet speeds to customers in Ladera Ranch, Cox Communications is enabling smarter homes, businesses and cities by delivering ultra-fast speeds throughout the community. Gigabit internet speeds allow users to:

- Run all internet-enabled devices at the same time
- Stream more than 25 4K HD videos simultaneously
- Download an HD movie in less than 60 seconds
- Download 100 songs in three seconds
- Upload about 1,000 photos in about a minute

Cox is now offering GIGABLAST internet service to 100% percent of residential customers in Orange County.

"Our entire household runs on a fast internet connection," said Wade Chapman, a Ladera Ranch resident with Cox high speed internet service. "Whether it's for work, school or entertainment, it all requires a strong wifi connection."

Cox has committed to investing \$10 billion in its network nationally over the next five years, and the significant upgrades to its infrastructure in Ladera Ranch are part of that commitment.

"By heavily investing in our infrastructure, we are enabling smart homes, smart businesses and smart cities that are more connected than ever before," said Sam Attisha, Senior Vice President and Region Manager for Cox Communications in California. ■





## Thank you for Supporting Local Businesses

By C. Todd Stearns  
President  
Ladera Rancho  
Chamber of Commerce



2019 was a great year in Ladera Ranch. Let's recap what businesses opened or are in the process: Grit Cycle, Xclusive Taqueria, Row House, Poke Bowlz, Yoga Six, EOS Fitness, Stater Bros... and there's more! We expect the property manager to sign a major restaurant to occupy the former Beach Fire Grill location and another popular

concept in the former Cinnamon Productions. Positive changes are happening at the Terrace Shops too.

It's exciting to report that Bridgepark Plaza, Mercantile East and the Terrace Shops are all near full occupancy! In support of the work that still remains to be done in Mercantile West, the Chamber started Ranch Night Market - the farmer's market re-imagined - and we want to say 'thank you' for making the Night Market a huge success.

Each market drew approximately 2,000 people to Mercantile West who would otherwise not have visited. That's been good for the surrounding businesses and in providing visibility for the storefronts that still need quality operators. Your feedback has been valuable and you have been clear on the types of businesses you want to see there, namely, food and beverage vendors. We've had a great time shaping the market into an event that you and your families want to visit. Its been fun!

We have terrific businesses here and we encourage you to make them your first choice for food, groceries, haircuts, banking, workouts, and more. The more revenue you circulate through our local economy, it ensures that businesses stay and thrive, and that we attract new businesses. Resident support is the number one factor that contributes to a business' success - not rent. Please do your part to support our business community. ■



Ranch Night Market

## Ladera Ranch is Growing Up

By Joe Brenneman,  
Chair  
Ladera Ranch Civic Council



As Ladera leaves its teen years as a community and enters a mature phase, it's a good time to reflect on how we much we've learned and who we are going to be when we 'grow up'! As we move into our 20's, there is much to be done and there are plenty of big decisions that lie ahead for us as a community. The Ladera Ranch Civic Council has been hard at work this past year to ensure our continued success and

to prepare Ladera for a bright future.

The Civic Council represents the interest of Ladera residents and serves as a liaison between our community and the Orange County governing boards. As a result, we spend considerable time in meetings and conversations with our elected representatives and their staff to ensure that Ladera Ranch is not forgotten when considering items that affect our residents. We also stay connected to Capistrano Unified School District through board meetings, roundtable discussions and meetings with the Superintendent.

Traffic and public safety are areas of high concern and we have made great strides in the past year to improve the quality of our roads, enhance signage and ensure safety. To that end, the Council partnered with the Ladera Rancho Chamber to launch the S.L.O.W. campaign to increase awareness and encourage residents to make a pledge to Stop, Look, Obey and Wave! Please visit our website to find our more and sign the pledge.

We continue to partner closely with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and CHP to monitor our safety and work with OC Public Works to make sure needed improvements are made.

There is so much more to share, but not nearly enough space. We also partner with LARMAC, LARCS, Rancho Mission Viejo, Westar and other organizations to help Ladera as we continue to grow up!

Won't you join us? Please visit our website for more information. Better yet, come to one of our Public Meetings. We would welcome your input and involvement.

Let me know your thoughts. You may reach me at [jbrenneman@lrciviccouncil.org](mailto:jbrenneman@lrciviccouncil.org) or [council@lrciviccouncil.org](mailto:council@lrciviccouncil.org). Learn more at [LRCiviccouncil.org](http://LRCiviccouncil.org). ■



Photo (l-r): Ladera Ranch Civic Council: Rosemary Scott, Ed Gow, Stephanie Ramsey, Joe Brenneman, Chenin Boutwell, and Heather Redd



## TOYS FOR TROOPS TOY DRIVE BENEFITING MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Ladera Ranch is participating in the Toys for Troops toy drive. Donations of new toys or gift cards will be given to children (ages 0 to 18) of deployed Marines at Camp Pendleton and Miramar Air Force Base. Please consider making a donation.

### Collection Sites:

Ladera Ranch Clubhouses (November 4 through December 7):

LARMAC office at Avendale Village Clubhouse (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

LARCS office at Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse offices (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

### Events:

Santa Visits (December 6, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse)  
Miracle on Mercantile Way and Tree Lighting (December 7, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

### Businesses:

- Barkate Orthodontics
- Canopy Alley
- Gators Swim Club at Avendale
- Good Indeed
- Parker Dentistry
- Lola's Cafe
- Nekter
- The Goddard School

If your business is interested in participating in the toy drive, please contact Melissa Sorenson at (949) 244-3992. ■



## CHANGING LIVES BY RECYCLING CLOTHES, HOME DÉCOR AND ELECTRONICS

Goodwill of Orange County is in the business of helping people who are facing barriers to get and keep jobs, which provides them purpose, pride and dignity. We believe the power of work changes lives. Through our retail operations, [shopgoodwill.com](http://shopgoodwill.com), and an array of life-changing programs and services, we help individuals and the local community to thrive.

Goodwill is much more than a store. Through our key programs, including job placement and supported employment services, we have helped change more than 27,000 lives in the last year.

For more than 90 years, Goodwill of Orange County stores have used revenue from reselling donated goods to fund programs and services that help local people, including many veterans and individuals with disabilities, find a pathway to independence.

The money raised from reselling the goods collected at the Ladera Ranch Go Green event has made a significant impact on our ability to connect unemployed individuals with jobs, helping them advance their careers and achieve their personal and professional goals.



Please consider donating to the Ladera Ranch Goodwill site. Donate your gently-used clothing, home décor, electronics and more. This collection event will help those with barriers to employment become a productive participant in society. ■

Dates: Open 7 days a week through Sunday, January 26  
Location: Terramor Aquatic Park, 26281 O'Neill Drive,  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)  
Closed: Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day





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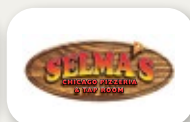
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