

LADERA RANCH

# ROOTS AND WINGS

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Fireworks. Friends. Food.



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## ROOTSANDWINGS

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With the changing of the season, children head back to school, the weather starts to cool, trees change color, and we start to return to life – a little more as we knew it before the pandemic.

We would like to thank our fellow board members, committee members, resident volunteers and staff for the countless hours spent in navigating our organizations through the past year. The number one goal was the safety and protection of our residents. We are grateful to you who rallied around our neighbors, our business owners, and our youth, each who faced various challenges. 'Better together' was certainly a theme.

It's exciting to see families once again enjoying parties and celebrations at our clubhouses, the return of our summer concert series and other in-person events. This fall, we will enjoy the Harvest Festival, which returns on October 23. Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) has been busy working on a variety of renovation projects including the refurbishment of clubhouses, pools, and playgrounds. With recent improvements focused on the exterior of the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse, planning for interior improvements on our oldest clubhouse is underway. Outdoor space improvements are in the planning stages at the Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse, and a renovation of the Terramor Aquatic Park will commence soon after the water park closes this fall.

As a way to celebrate our resilience, independence, and the reopening of our community, the Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) Board of Directors, Event Planning and Ranch Hands Committees are happy to announce Celebrate Ladera. This Labor Day weekend event will include food trucks, music and a fireworks show. See page 7 for details.

**Volunteer Leaders Needed**

If you've been thinking about getting more involved in your community, consider volunteering for the Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Board of Directors or as a Neighborhood Representative. LARMAC will have three open seats on the Board and will be holding an election (see page 17). If you'd like to serve as a Neighborhood Representative, there are quite a few neighborhoods that currently do not have representation. In addition to serving as a connector, Neighborhood Reps play an important role in the LARMAC Board election. Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) has volunteer opportunities available on its Board and several committees. There is one non-voting seat available on the LARCS Board and applications are currently being accepted. The Event Planning and Ranch Hands Committees are seeking new members and welcome your interest form (see page 9).

Enjoy a wonderful fall season and all that this time of year has to offer.

*Chase Fitzpatrick*

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 President  
 Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation



*A. Rutledge*

Armando Rutledge  
 President  
 Ladera Ranch Community Services

# FALL EVENTS



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY 5K | JAMES RANSOM MEMORIAL RUN

5K: 8:30 A.M. | 1K KIDS RUN: 9:30 A.M.  
REGISTER AT [JAMESHENRYRANSOMFOUNDATION.ORG](http://JAMESHENRYRANSOMFOUNDATION.ORG)

Ladera Legs and the James Henry Ransom Foundation in partnership with LARCS encourages all residents to enjoy this opportunity to celebrate our national holiday and have fun running the streets of their community with a 5K and 1K for kids. For the fifth year, residents can support the James Henry Ransom Foundation through the race registration proceeds and sponsorship opportunities.



## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 NEW HOMEOWNER WELCOME RECEPTION

5:00 – 7:00 P.M. | TERRAMOR AQUATIC PARK

Now that you're settled into your new home, we'd like to invite you to a Welcome Reception just for you. Enjoy light appetizers and beverages while you meet others who also are new to the community. Registration is required.



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 OKTOBERFEST

7:00 – 10:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE  
\$40 PER PERSON | 21+

Come raise a glass with good friends, good food and good cheer. Prost! Ticket price includes two drinks, light bites, entertainment and more. Registration is required.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 TEEN MOVIE NIGHT AND HAUNTED MAZE

7:00 – 10:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE  
GRADE 6 – 12 | FREE

Back by popular demand is Ladera's most frightening teen event of the year sponsored by LARCS Teen Leadership Council. Registered teen residents will wind through a haunted maze, take pictures at the "Stranger Things" props, selfie station, enjoy dinner, a candy buffet and hand-dipped ice cream bars. Food provided by LARCS Community Partners Chick-fil-A and Tacos and Co. Bring your own low-back chair or blanket to enjoy the movie. Two guests per Ladera Ranch teen are allowed and must be identified during the registration process.



## OCTOBER 15 - 29 HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Unearth those spooky Halloween decorations, spider webs and jack-o-lanterns! It's time to enter the Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Use the interactive map on [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com) to view the home entries and vote for your favorites. Judging will conclude on Friday, October 29 at 12:00 p.m. Winners to be announced and yard signs placed shortly thereafter.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 HARVEST FESTIVAL

1:00 – 5:00 P.M. | FOUNDERS PARK

Residents will enjoy fun fall activities for all ages, including children's activities, music, food trucks, a beer garden, recreation programs demos, photo ops and trick-or-treating.

Children's Activity Wristbands are available for purchase online at [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com) starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4 for \$7, through 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 21. Wristbands are available at the event for \$15.

### Costume Contest

Enter the annual Harvest Festival Costume Contest for a chance to win prizes and bragging rights. Registration is open through 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 20 or sign up the day of event by 2:30 p.m. at the costume contest booth next to the stage.

Categories: Best Kid (Ages 0-12), Best Teen (Ages 13-18), Best Adult (18+) and Best Family or Group.

### Handmade Craft Fair

Showcase and sell your unique handcrafted items during Harvest Festival. For more information and to be considered, email [events@laderalife.com](mailto:events@laderalife.com). Participants must be Ladera Ranch residents.



**Purchase Pre-Sale and Save**

Presale (thru 10/21): \$7  
Day of Event: \$15

Scan with your smartphone to visit [LaderaLife.com/events](http://LaderaLife.com/events). Events are subject to change or cancellation due to state and local COVID-19 guidelines.



# fall events

## CONTINUED



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
**YOGASIX IN THE PARK**  
 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE  
 \$25 SUGGESTED DONATION

YogaSix Ladera Ranch has partnered with the James Henry Ransom Foundation to support the Teen Wellness Center. Enjoy a fun morning with a Y6 101 Class designed to provide a well-rounded, full body experience. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds support the James Henry Ransom Foundation Teen Wellness Center. Teens are welcome and encouraged to participate.



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
**LADIES NIGHT OUT: CHUNKY KNIT BLANKET**  
 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE  
 21+ | \$30 PER PERSON

Why buy when you can DIY? Pinot's Palette will guide you through a step-by-step process to make your very own blanket. Each blanket will be unique to its creator. Enjoy snacks and drinks while you work. Registration is required.



**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. | TOWN GREEN

This is a wonderful family event to publicly honor our local veterans and families and to personally thank them for their service. This event is organized by Lion's Heart Group 2025.



A hometown celebration   
 Sunday, September 5 | 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. | Founders Park

Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) invites you to celebrate Ladera's 21st anniversary at a patriotic hometown celebration with friends, food and fireworks. The day will start with a 5K and 1K kids' run. Then head down to Founders Park in the afternoon for music by **Color of Sound** (local teen band) and **The Zippers** (Top 40), food trucks and the biggest fireworks show Ladera Ranch has seen.

**Event guidelines**

Blankets and personal items may be placed starting at 7:00 a.m. Pets, with the exception of registered assistance dogs, are not permitted. For additional event guidelines and a detailed schedule, visit [LaderaLife.com](http://LaderaLife.com).



# Going Behind the Scenes with LARCS

## An Interview with LARCS President, Armando Rutledge



With the state government and health agencies reopening California for 'business as usual,' Ladera's community services division, LARCS has received the green light to host events again. We caught up with LARCS President, Armando Rutledge to ask him about challenges of the event business and what residents can expect going forward.

**R&W:** What was the past year like for LARCS?

**Rutledge:** It was a year of learning that came wrapped in challenges, setbacks and the unexpected. We endured the impact of cancelling our traditional events and pivoted to innovate and create new programming and events that kept our residents safe and complied with state and health agency mandates. Today we're poised for a great year which started with our summer concert series, will continue with the Celebrate Ladera event, which will be held on September 5, and our winter events later in the year.



**R&W:** What is Celebrate Ladera?

**Rutledge:** It's an event that is meant to bring the community together following a tough year. We had plans last year to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary which had to be cancelled. It was disappointing to have to cancel our July 4th event earlier this year. It's time to celebrate and to promote unity in our community. Celebrate Ladera is for all residents to enjoy – we will have live musical entertainment, food trucks and the biggest fireworks show Ladera has ever seen.

**R&W:** What can residents look forward to when it comes to events?

**Rutledge:** There is a great deal to look forward to. The LARCS Event Planning Committee, staff, vendors and Board of Directors are working closely to plan and implement a full calendar of events. Although our vendors need time to ramp up to offer their full line of capabilities, we're confident that our fall and winter events will be better than ever.

**R&W:** How can residents participate and share feedback?

**Rutledge:** First, we are actively recruiting for open volunteer positions on our Event Planning and Ranch Hands Committees and for a non-voting position on the LARCS Board. These are some of the ways that residents can get involved. Then, in addition to surveys that we have planned, residents may reach out to LARCS by email at [contact.larcs@laderalife.com](mailto:contact.larcs@laderalife.com).

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*Give back to your community*



## Volunteer Committees: *The Heart and Soul* of LARCS

Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) is supported by three resident volunteer led committees that work to plan events, organize resident volunteers and advise on technology that enrich the lives of residents in our community.

The **EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE** provides input to the annual planning process with LARCS staff for the annual proposed calendar/budget of signature events. They help conduct research and assist with surveying residents to determine the events and recreational activities with the greatest appeal when planning future events.

The **RANCH HANDS COMMITTEE** provides a comprehensive volunteer program in collaboration with LARCS staff and Neighborhood Activity Coordinators. They promote and coordinate volunteer resources at community events and activities. This committee supports the coordination of volunteer opportunities with local non-profit organizations, providing programs and services in Ladera Ranch.

The **TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** advises the LARCS Board of Directors on technology-related matters and provides ideas on how to provide information and encourage dialogue with our residents by promoting greater resident use of the LaderaLife website. The committee looks to enhance neighbor-to-neighbor communications through Ladera Happenings, the bi-monthly e-Newsletter and LaderaLife.com.

## LARCS Seeks Committee and Board Members


Interested in volunteering? Ladera Ranch Community Services is looking for volunteers to serve on its committees and the LARCS Board of Directors. Please complete and submit an interest form by scanning the QR codes below.

LARCS Committees



LARCS Board of Directors





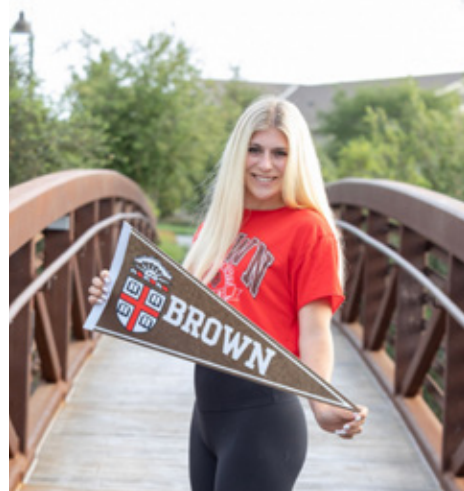
# LARCS SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the 2021 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. This year, LARCS awarded a total of \$15,000 to exemplary teens who were anonymously selected based on overall academic performance and service to their community.

## teen scholarships



**AMRITA KAUR**  
United States Military Academy West Point



**MACEY LEONARD**  
Brown University



**RYAN LITTLE**  
University of Georgia



**SUHINA SHARMA**  
University of California, Berkeley



## SADDLEBACK COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Ladera Ranch resident, Stephanie Smith, the recipient of the 2021 Ladera Ranch Community Services Endowed Scholarship.



**STEPHANIE SMITH**  
Marketing



# RECREATION PROGRAMS

Classes are open to all Ladera Ranch residents. Residents are able to register a non-resident friend or family member but must accompany the non-resident to class.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD



#### MUSIC TOGETHER

Register at [svmusictogether.net](http://svmusictogether.net)

Ages 0 - 4

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

Mon / Sep 13 - Nov 15 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. / \$220 / Flintridge  
 Mon / Sep 13 - Nov 15 / 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. / \$220 / Flintridge  
 Th / Sep 9 - Nov 11 / 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. / \$220 / Flintridge  
 Th / Sep 9 - Nov 11 / 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. / \$220 / Flintridge

### ENRICHMENT

#### CPR/AED/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Register at [babylovencp.com](http://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 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.

Sat / Sep 11 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale  
 Sat / Oct 9 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale  
 Sat / Nov 6 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale

#### FAMILY CPR & CHOKING RELIEF

Register at [babylovencp.com](http://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 / Sep 11 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale  
 Sat / Oct 9 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale  
 Sat / Nov 6 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale

### MUSIC LESSONS



#### BEGINNING GUITAR AND UKULELE ENSEMBLE CLASS

Register at [rongorman.com](http://rongorman.com)

Ages 10+

Learn to play great songs on your choice of instrument in this new and exciting class. Students will learn how to read and play an easy musical notation called tablature. Bring your own instrument of choice to class.

Tu / Sep 14 - Oct 12 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. / \$120 / Flintridge



#### RHYTHM KIDS

Register at [svmusictogether.net](http://svmusictogether.net)

Ages 5 - 7

Rhythm Kids is an exciting comprehensive music program. Through singing, djembe drumming, creative movement, and pre-literacy games, Rhythm Kids by Music Together helps children become confident music makers. Children will gain a deeper level of musical understanding, preparing them for formal music introduction.

Mon / Sep 13 - Nov 1 / 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. / \$185 / Flintridge

## YMCA ADULT FITNESS

The Mission Viejo Family YMCA is proud to provide the following class. First time participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to class to register. Classes will be free of cost to current Ladera Ranch residents with an active Mission Viejo Family YMCA membership. Payments via debit/credit cards only. Register at [ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca](http://ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca).

## AOA BALANCE, CORE AND MOBILITY

Register at [ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca](http://ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca) Ages 40+ Active Older Adult (AOA): Balance, Core and Mobility. Designed and crafted for the active older adult to improve quality of life. This class offers challenging balance exercises along with dynamic coordination movements: designed to improve one's sense of balance, core, strength and mobility.

Tu / Aug 10 – Oct 12 / 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll  
 Tu / Oct 19 – Dec 21 / 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll  
 Th / Aug 12 – Oct 14 / 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll  
 Th / Oct 21 – Dec 16 / 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll

## YOGA

### TODDLER STORY TIME YOGA

Register at [pearlsforlife.org](http://pearlsforlife.org) 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. \*No classes 10/19 & 10/20.

Tu / Sep 21 – Nov 16 / 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. / \$185 / Oak Knoll  
 Wed / Sep 21 – Nov 17 / 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. / \$185 / Avendale



### TEEN MINDFULNESS YOGA

Register at [pearlsforlife.org](http://pearlsforlife.org) 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. \*No class 10/19, 10/20 and 11/9.

Tu / Sep 21 – Nov 16 / 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. / \$165 / Oak Knoll  
 Wed / Sep 22 – Nov 17 / 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. / \$185 / Avendale

## SPORTS AND FITNESS



### LADERA RANCH TENNIS – JUNIORS PROGRAM

Register at [laderaranchtennis.com](http://laderaranchtennis.com) Ages 5+ Ladera Ranch Tennis, partnering with Love Tennis, offers a top quality tennis program. Love Tennis trains students in firm foundations, excellent technique, and instills the skills participants need to break into competitive tennis. Coaches have an unwavering commitment to help students reach their highest tennis potential, and have fun while doing it. Private lessons and classes are also available for adult players.

#### Red/Orange Ball

M – F / Aug 23 – Dec 17 / 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Ages 5 – 10

#### Green/Yellow Ball

M – F / Aug 23 – Dec 17 / 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Ages 10 – 15

#### Yellow Ball+

M – F / Aug 23 – Dec 17 / 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Coach Approved

#### Red/Orange Ball

1 day per week: \$240  
 2 days per week: \$420  
 3 days per week: \$540  
 4 days per week: \$720  
 Drop-In: \$45 per class

#### Green/Yellow/Yellow+ Ball

2 days per week: \$540  
 3 days per week: \$720  
 4 days per week: \$840

### SKYHAWKS BASEBALLTOTS

Register at [skyhawks.com](http://skyhawks.com) Ages 3.5 - 5 BaseballTots 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 / Sep 17 – Oct 15 / 3:30 – 4:10 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 4.5  
 Fri / Sep 17 – Oct 15 / 4:20 – 5:00 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 – 5  
 Fri / Nov 5 – Dec 10 / 3:30 – 4:10 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 4.5  
 Fri / Nov 5 – Dec 10 / 4:20 – 5:00 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 – 5

### SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTSTOTS

Register at [skyhawks.com](http://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 is required for ages 2 to 3.5 years.

Mon / Sep 13 – Oct 18 / 10:00 – 10:40 a.m. / \$79 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 – 3.5  
 Mon / Sep 13 – Oct 18 / 10:50 – 11:30 a.m. / \$79 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 5  
 Mon / Nov 8 – Dec 13 / 10:00 – 10:40 a.m. / \$79 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 – 3.5  
 Mon / Nov 8 – Dec 13 / 10:50 – 11:30 a.m. / \$75 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 5

### SKYHAWKS SOCCERTOTS

Register at [skyhawks.com](http://skyhawks.com) Ages 2 - 5 SoccerTots is our flagship program! These soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun, fun, fun! Parent participation required for ages 2 to 3.5 years.

Sat / Sep 18 – Oct 16 / 1:00 – 1:40 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 – 3.5  
 Sat / Sep 18 – Oct 16 / 1:50 – 2:30 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 5  
 Sat / Sep 18 – Oct 16 / 2:40 – 3:20 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 – 5  
 Sat / Nov 6 – Dec 11 / 1:00 – 1:40 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 – 3.5  
 Sat / Nov 6 – Dec 11 / 1:50 – 2:30 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 – 5  
 Sat / Nov 6 – Dec 11 / 2:40 – 3:20 p.m. / \$65 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 – 5

### STROLLER STRIDES

Register at [laderaranch.fit4mom.com](http://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. A one-time registration fee of \$95. Stroller Strides meets year-round.

Mon – Fri / 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. / \$75 month / Cox Sports Park

## AQUATICS

### EVOLUTION SWIM ACADEMY

Register at [evolutionsswim.com](http://evolutionsswim.com) Ages 6 months+ Evolution Swim Academy is the premier learn-to-swim program in Orange County and the official swim lesson programmer in Ladera Ranch. For more program information, schedule and pricing information, visit their website.

Parent & Me Lessons / Ongoing / Oak Knoll Village Pool / 6 – 36 months  
 Swim Lessons / Ongoing / Oak Knoll Village Pool / Ages 2+

### EVOLUTION RACING CLUB

Register at [gatorsswimclub.com](http://gatorsswimclub.com) Ages 5+ Formally known as Gators Swim Club. Evolution Racing Club is a competitive swim club, offering year-round and seasonal swim team options at the Avendale Clubhouse Pool. For more program information, schedule and pricing information, visit their website.



### ERC FALL SWIM TEAM

August 16 – November 4 Ages 5+ This 12-week, seasonal swim program meets Monday to Thursday and swimmers may attend up to 4 days a week. Pre-requisite – swimmers must have a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke. Great for swim team experience, future competitive swimmers, fall programming and fitness.

### EVOLUTION PRECOMPETITIVE TEAM

Register at [evolutionsswim.com](http://evolutionsswim.com) Ages 5+ Formally known as Intro to Gators. Year-round, non-competitive swim team program at the Avendale Clubhouse Pool. Prerequisite – swimmers must have a working knowledge of the freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Great for year-round fitness, summer prep, and future competitive swimmers.



### LADERA JUNIOR WATER POLO

Register at [setwaterpolo.com](http://setwaterpolo.com) Ages 6 - 14 SET JR. Water Polo is where you learn to play water polo—swim with the ball, pass, shoot, egg beater, and rules of the game. The goal is to help the athletes discover the sport and learn the fundamental skills. Athletes must be water safe and must be able to enter and exit the water without help.

Tu & Th / Sep 7 – 30 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. / \$145 / Township Plunge  
 Tu & Th / Sep 7 – 30 / 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. / \$145 / Township Plunge  
 Tu & Th / Oct 5 – 28 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. / \$145 / Township Plunge  
 Tu & Th / Oct 5 – 28 / 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. / \$145 / Township Plunge  
 Tu & Th / Nov 2 – 18 / 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. / \$110 / Township Plunge

Scan with your smartphone to visit the recreation programs page on Laderalife [laderalife.com/lifestyle/recreational-programs](http://laderalife.com/lifestyle/recreational-programs)





# RENOVATING LADERA

## LARMAC proceeds with playgrounds and other amenity improvements

The LARMAC Board of Directors has approved the next phase of playground renovation projects which include the replacement of play structures at eight parks.

The playground replacement project has been in the works over the past two years and continues with the replacement of play structures and rubber play surfaces at Arroyo Grande, Boreal, Canterra, Cherry, Celestial, Flintridge, Founders and Oso Grande parks starting in September.

Each of these parks has reached the end of their 'useful life,' a term that is used in LARMAC's Reserve Study, which assigns an estimated life for every asset, and a funding plan for future repair and/or replacement projects. A portion of the HOA monthly assessments fund the reserves projects, which helps to keep LARMAC's amenities in good condition. The equipment at each of these original parks was showing signs of wear, and maintenance costs were starting to increase.

Although the physical portion of the project has yet to commence, a great deal of research and planning work has been done by LARMAC staff, the Facilities Committee and residents. Feedback received included the desire to incorporate inclusive elements of play for children with varying abilities.

Founders and Celestial parks will feature inclusive playground equipment and ramps that are integrated into the play structures. Each of the new play structures are designed for children ages 5 to 12; Oso Grande Park will also have play equipment for children ages 2 to 5 years old.

LARMAC received over 105 playground designs by seven vendors that provided proposals. In order to maximize value, all eight locations were bundled together in one project.

According to Chase Fitzpatrick, LARMAC President, "By grouping the eight locations into one project, LARMAC can

take advantage of the economies of scale and reduced costs due to the mobilization of material and equipment. The installation and maintenance of the playgrounds will be easier to manage having one vendor for the installation and the ordering of replacement parts."

By approving all locations at once, LARMAC saved approximately 40%.

Great Western Recreation and GameTime (equipment manufacturer) were selected to partner with LARMAC on the project. GameTime has been a leader in the play industry since 1929 and has significantly invested in the research and enrichment of childhood play. KJ LeCesne, Playologist at Great Western Recreation said, "We've applied this research to these new play spaces and have carefully designed these parks to promote exploration, imagination, multigenerational play, inclusion and youth physical fitness. We're excited for your families to experience your new playgrounds."

In an effort to recycle, reuse and support a good cause, LARMAC has partnered with Kids Around The World (KATW) to refurbish seven of the eight existing playgrounds. The donated equipment will be removed by KATW at their expense which will save the community \$70,000 on the demolition and disposal of the existing play structures.



KATW refurbishes and installs playground equipment in underserved communities. KATW has partnered with a job training program in Mexico which consists of welding and other trades. After a few months of the playgrounds being installed, KATW will share photos and the impact the playgrounds are having in the communities they are placed. To learn about KATW, visit [kidsaroundtheworld.com/play/](http://kidsaroundtheworld.com/play/).



### Terramor Aquatic Park

Ladera's water park is 16 years old and includes all original structural equipment and components. Annual maintenance has helped to extend the life of the structure; however, it is showing signs of its age and is in need of an update. Many of the water features will be updated in the offseason along with additional maintenance with hopes of extending the life of the structure a few more years before a full replacement will be needed.



### Covenant Hills Clubhouse

Design plans to improve and enhance the outdoor patio and grass area at the Covenant Hills Village Clubhouse are currently being reviewed and considered. The Covenant Hills Clubhouse is one of the most popular among residents who rent the space for weddings, bridal showers and receptions. The initial improvement plans have been designed with these types of events in mind.



### Oak Knoll Clubhouse

Ladera's original clubhouse continues to receive updates as part of a phased approach to updating and refreshing the clubhouse. To-date, the exterior and interior have been repainted and the flooring in the great room has been replaced. The next phase will focus on remodeling of the great room and entry area.

These projects are expected to initiate late this year and into 2022. Check LaderaLife for project updates. If you are not receiving the Ladera Happenings weekly email, go to 'My Profile' found in the upper right-hand corner of LaderaLife to opt in to receiving email notifications.



## Meet Stephanie

### LARMAC Assistant General Manager

The newest addition to the LARMAC team is Stephanie Jebbia. Bringing over 14 years in community management experience, Stephanie joins the LARMAC executive team as the Assistant General Manager and will work closely with the Board of Directors and the Member Services team.

Stephanie's experience in community management includes both newly developed and well-established communities, portfolio management and master associations. Most recently Stephanie served as the General Manager for Baker Ranch in Lake Forest. She has a Bachelor of Arts from San Diego State University, holds the CMCA designation from the Community Associations Institute and is excited to be a part of our beautiful community. For fun and to balance her career, she enjoys cooking, traveling, and the excitement of being a huge sports fan.

Congratulations to Andrew Comeau, the former Assistant General Manager who was promoted to General Manager at the Lake Mission Viejo Association.



# LARMAC

## Landscape Management: Organic Landscape Management Practices

In a continued effort to apply Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices within LARMAC's landscape, the LARMAC Board is pleased to share this update of an organic landscape consulting contract with Osborne Organics. The scope of work is focused on gathering information and developing a transitional plan to organic pest management at the following locations:

- Founders Park
- Oso Grande Park
- Chaparral Park
- Cambridge/Covenant Hills Drive Greenbelt Area
- Wagsdale Park

All portions of the parks (turf and planter beds) have been included in this transitional program, which is estimated to occur over the next 2-3 years. The initial process will involve site analysis, review of current and historical maintenance practices and soil tests.



The work that began earlier this year is part of a transitional process. Soil tests have been completed and once the results have been analyzed, the preliminary program will begin. When moving from a chemical materials program to an organic one, it should not be expected that everything is completed by the end of Year One.

New practices will be introduced over the transitional three-year process. This will include improving soil health, introducing new product, and ultimately looking to have a healthy, biologically active soil that will improve plant health and vigor and maintain expectations. Throughout the transition, Osborne Organics will set goals to create a soil and plant environment that will require less input in the years that follow.

The determination of a management level depends upon the communicated individual site expectations. Site expectations govern the level of cultural intensity. Cultural intensity is everything that goes into managing the Ladera Ranch site. This includes labor, product input, and water.

Product applications will be natural, organic and preferably materials that are approved by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). If a product is not able to be sourced to meet the above criteria, an organic compatible product that is not OMRI certified will be allowed. This includes fertilizers, soil amendments, microbial inoculates, and those amendments that are considered to be microbial food sources.




# YOUR HOA AT WORK

## reservations

### LaderaLife Account

To reserve any amenity in the community you must have an active LaderaLife.com account. To create a new account, visit LaderaLife.com and click on 'register.' Complete the registration form and make sure to have your 4-digit HOA number ready. Your HOA number can be found on your LARMAC monthly assessment statement.

To reset your password, visit LaderaLife.com and 'login.' Select 'forgot password' to reset your password.

### Reserving a Clubhouse or Picnic Area

If you are planning your next special gathering, consider reserving a clubhouse or picnic area in the community.

- Step 1:** Visit LaderaLife.com/reservations to select the amenity location
- Step 2:** Complete the online reservation request form with your reservation details
- Step 3:** After you have completed the online request form, please contact the LARMAC office within 72 hours to complete the next steps to confirm your reservation

### Reserving a Tennis Court or Lap Lane

Ladera has seven tennis courts, two Pickleball courts and multiple lap lanes available within the community.

- Step 1:** Visit LaderaLife.com/reservations to select the court or lap lane you would like to reserve
- Step 2:** Select your reservation date and time
- Step 3:** Select submit

For reservations guidelines and restrictions, visit LaderaLife.com/reservations and select the amenity you are interested in.

**Member Services Team Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed daily  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### Visiting the LARMAC Office

The Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Member Services Team is available to assist you with any HOA related matters, such as member access cards, gate transponders, amenity reservations, home improvements and more. To best serve our residents, please contact the Members Services Team by email at [contact.larmac@laderalife.com](mailto:contact.larmac@laderalife.com) to schedule an appointment or follow-up on an amenity reservation. Our Member Services Team is committed to responding to emails with one business day, and have appointments available during office hours.



### LARMAC Board of Directors Election

An annual election is hosted each year to fill open seats as they come up on the rotation schedule that is outlined in the community bylaws. The Board of Directors are elected by the membership (homeowners) through the Neighborhood Representative system.

- Individual members submit their votes electronically
- Neighborhood Representatives certify the membership votes for their neighborhood
- Apartment owners serve as the Neighborhood Rep for their communities and can cast one vote for every three apartments (e.g. An apartment complex with 300 unites can cast 100 votes)

### Serve as a Neighborhood Representative

Did you know that there are 62 neighborhoods out of 126 that do not have representation in Ladera Ranch? If you're interested in serving your community as a Neighborhood Representative, visit [LaderaLife.com/NRIInterest](http://LaderaLife.com/NRIInterest) to see if your neighborhood has a vacancy.

For questions or additional information, contact [Jennifer.Taylor@fsresidential.com](mailto:Jennifer.Taylor@fsresidential.com).



### Schedule for 2021 LARMAC Election

- September 3, 5:00 p.m.**  
Close of Nominations
- September 22, 7:00 p.m.**  
Meet the Candidates Night
- September 24**  
Opening of Balloting
- October 29**  
Close of Balloting
- November 3, 7:00 p.m.**  
Annual Meeting and Election



## Fire Safety and Prevention

Many choose to live in Ladera Ranch for its beautiful topography and surrounding open space. With this privilege comes a level of responsibility to keep our community safe, as fall brings increased risk of wildfires, especially in the midst of drought and record-breaking heat.

Over the years, California has experienced more severe wildfires and a longer wildfire season, resulting in the loss of lives, homes, businesses, natural habitat and more.

According to a 2020 PBS report, 95% of wildfires in California are caused by human activity. While these statistics barely scratch the surface of the state's history with devastating fire events, we all can play a role in limiting our impacts and reducing the kinds of behaviors that are likely to spark a fire.

### Here are a few tips on how you can take action this fire season:

#### See something, Say something.

Dial 877-4rRanch (877-477-2624) to report those who are engaging in activities that could spark a fire in any of our natural open spaces. Citations are being issued for those violating posted rules and restrictions.

**Create and maintain defensible space** by clearing dry brush and vegetation from around your home.

**Volunteer for the Orange County Fire Watch Network.**  
Visit [bit.ly/VolunteerFireWatch](http://bit.ly/VolunteerFireWatch)



## Cox Homelife Home Automation + Security

Cox Homelife makes it easy to keep an eye on your home and take control of your smart home devices - no matter where you are.

While the home of the future is seemingly at our fingertips, there are too many apps to control your devices (different apps for your main security system, door locks, doorbells, light fixtures, security cameras, thermostats, water sensors, smoke alarms, and more). The Cox Homelife App integrates all of your home monitoring in one place - and, to give you added flexibility, you have the freedom to use different products and brands.

## Company Reimbursement for Cox Internet Service

Some organizations reimburse their employees for home Internet service. If you are eligible for a company reimbursement or business expense reporting and you can receive a letter that notes the Internet assessment breakout. The letter will be automatically emailed to you once you complete the online form. The Cox Internet service portion of the master association monthly assessment fee is \$27.84. Visit [LaderaLife.com/reimburse](http://LaderaLife.com/reimburse).

Residents living in apartment communities are not eligible to receive a letter because they do not pay a monthly assessment fee to LARMAC.



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Chamber of Commerce  
your circle of influence



## RESURGENCE OF LADERA BUSINESS AND RETAIL

Thanks to everyone who supported our businesses during the pandemic. You helped keep many of our businesses open that surely would have closed. Your engagement helped them emerge more focused and better overall.

We hope that you are as excited as we are to be living in Ladera Ranch right now. It reminds me a lot of how much fun it was to live here around 2005 when the community was almost built out and everything was new. A lot is new again.

It is still too early to tell how long the effects of COVID will linger but things certainly look promising as businesses return to normal operations.

Certainly, you have seen the flurry of activity in the retail centers. Traffic has grown significantly over the past year, and that is helping all of our tenants.



*Rancho Capistrano Winery, Board & Brew, Mama's, Joe's, The Sweet Hand, Med Lounge, Amy Sims, Code Ninjas, Pokeworks, Providence ExpressCare, EOS Fitness, Chick-fil-A, Jersey Mikes, Danckuts, Movement by Shredz and Sola. Selma's plans to make some interior and exterior enhancements too.*

The change in Mercantile West has been nothing short of astonishing since Stater Bros. opened. When all is said and done, there will be seven dining choices there! Residents have enjoyed the addition of Mama's and Joe's and look forward to the opening of Rancho Capistrano Winery and Board & Brew.

On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to thank Westar for listening to our residents regarding the type of businesses they wanted to see, and would support. Westar identified these businesses and worked with them to locate their businesses in Ladera Ranch.

So please continue to support our businesses, the new ones and our established ones. Thank you!



## Taking Big Steps to Ensure a Bright Future in Ladera



The Council is leading the conversation regarding future governance options for Ladera and we want you to be part of the process. Now is the time to consider the options and plan ahead. Will you join us?

Many residents are still indifferent or undecided as to what they prefer moving forward: continue as an unincorporated area, pursue annexation by a neighboring city or take action to become a city of our own (perhaps with other unincorporated

communities joining us.). We are looking to engage all Ladera residents in the dialogue - whether you are undecided, currently indifferent, or still unclear about how our local governance works.

The Civic Council seeks to leverage the government agencies and bodies that are supported by our tax dollars in order to create a strategic plan that ensures a bright future for Ladera in the decades to come. Please reach out if you would like to join the cause or want more information. We welcome your feedback.

The Council is actively pursuing solutions that work for the future governance of Ladera as well as many other issues that affect our lives. This work gets done primarily through our committees. Here are the standing committees of the Council: Local Governance, Traffic and Public Safety, Land Use/Economic Development, Education/CUSD, Communications/Technology, Budget/Fundraising.

Let us know what issues or committees you are interested in. We'd love to hear from you. Better yet, volunteer to be part of a committee. Even a couple hours a week or month could go a long way to setting up Ladera for long-term success.

For more information about our committees, or anything related to the Council, please reach out to me at [JosephBrenneman@gmail.com](mailto:JosephBrenneman@gmail.com) or at [council@lrciviccouncil.org](mailto:council@lrciviccouncil.org).

What are your thoughts? I welcome your feedback. We are in this together!



*Ladera Ranch Civic Council members (L to R): Justin Finch, Ed Gow (Vice Chair), Adam Henningsen, Joe Brenneman (Chair), J Ocana (Treasurer), Rosemary Scott and Matt Bottomly (Secretary)*



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**4:00 – 8:30 p.m.**



- Latest Events and Recreation Programs
- Reservations and Amenities
- Home Improvements
- Community Safety

## Community Partners

Supporting the Ladera Ranch Community

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### PLATINUM



### GOLD



### SILVER



### BRONZE



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