

Vetter, from Your Board Presidents

As we come to the end of 2021 with the winter issue of Roots and Wings, we reflect on a remarkable year in which we collectively have made strides towards normalcy.

With the reopening of all LARMAC-owned amenities including clubhouses and picnic shelters, residents once again held parties, birthday celebrations and other gatherings. Residents attended the LARCS Summer Concert Series and Celebrate Ladera with the largest fireworks show the community has ever seen. Students are back in the classroom and the sports fields are once again alive with activity and action.

LARMAC has completed clubhouse, pool, and playground renovations as well as hundreds of maintenance projects that keep Ladera looking great which in turn promotes strong property values. And, because LARMAC has a skilled operations team, it has saved the association money by doing most of the work in-house rather than hiring third party contractors.

This year-end issue of Roots and Wings looks back at some of the accomplishments from the year and includes resident-submitted photos from 2021. We also look ahead at several capital improvement/reserve projects including the renovation of the outdoor space at the Covenant Hills Clubhouse that includes the patio, grass area and bar-b-gues. The Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) Event Planning Committee and Board of Directors have planned an exciting holiday event calendar for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, we would like to thank all the LARCS and LARMAC committees, Board members, Ranch Hand volunteers and community volunteers for dedicating hundreds of hours each year to improve our community, making events possible, and keeping Ladera Ranch a premier community where thousands call home.

Happy Holidays!



Phase Fitzpatrick

Chase Fitzpatrick President Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC)



Armando Rutledge President, Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS)

LADERA RANCH

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LADERA RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES (LARCS)

Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse 28192 O'Neill Drive 949.388.8300 | contact.larcs@laderalife.com Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Available by appointment

Events • Programs • LaderaLife.com • Community Partnerships Groups & Clubs • Roots and Wings Magazine • Ladera Happenings

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Avendale Village Clubhouse 1 Daisy Street 949.218.0900 | contact.larmac@laderalife.com Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Office is currently closed for walk-in traffic Available by appointment.

Membership Cards • LaderaLife Registration Architectural Plan Submittal • Enforcement Review Common Area Maintenance • Facility Reservations

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Allied Universal Security Services 949 351 9253 Cox Sports Park and Field Conditions. 949 582 2414 FirstService Residential CA 949 448 6000

As a service to Ladera Ranch residents ("Participants"), LARCS makes available various service providers such as instructional and recreation class instructors, sports leagues, social events and others that may be added from time to time (collectively the "providers"), which agree to provide classes and other activities to Participants. However, neither LARCS, LARMAC, FirstService Residential CA, DMB Ladera, nor any of their directors or officers (collectively, the "Ladera Parties") recommend or endorse any of the Providers or any classes, activities, information, advice or services provided by such Providers (collectively, the "Products"). The Ladera Parties are not responsible for the accuracy, reliability or quality of any Product provided to Participants by or on behalf of any Provider. Any reliance upon any Products of a Provider shall be at the Participant's sole risk.

The Ladera Parties expressly disclaim any and all warranties, expressed or implied including, without limitation, warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with respect to any Product any Participant obtains from a Provider. In no event shall the Ladera Parties be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, punitive or consequential damages of any kind whatsoever with respect to any Product or information provided by, on or behalf of, a Provider. Since individual needs vary from Participant to Participant, the Ladera Parties suggest that each Participant conduc the necessary due diligence to ensure that any Product and/or Provider selected for use by a Participant is appropriate for such Participant's circumstances. LARCS reserves the right, as its sole discretion and without any obligation, at any time to withdraw any benefit of discount and to cancel any provider

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2022 SIGNATURE EVENTS



SATURDAY, MARCH 26 **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE AND GO GREEN LADERA**

7:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. | GARAGE SALE 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. | GO GREEN LADERA



SATURDAY, JUNE 4 PAWS IN THE PARK 9:00 - 11:30 A.M. | WAGSDALE PARK

MONDAY, JULY 4 JULY 4 CELEBRATION, PARADE AND FREEDOM RUN

7:00 A.M. | FREEDOM RUN 10:30 A.M. | PARADE 4:00 P.M. | CELEBRATION

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JULY 15, 22, 29, AUGUST 5 AND 12 **SUMMER CONCERTS**

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 30 - SUNDAY, JULY 31 **FAMILY CAMPOUT**

4:00 P.M.-9:30 A.M. | CHAPARRAL PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 HARVEST FESTIVAL 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. | FOUNDERS PARK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 **MIRACLE ON MERCANTILE WAY**

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. | TOWN GREEN







NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 17 LETTERS TO SANTA

Write a letter to Santa letting him know what you wish for Christmas. Your letter can be dropped off in Santa's special mailbox at the Avendale Village Clubhouse. From the North Pole, Santa will reply to each letter he receives.

NOVEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 15 TOY DRIVE

Ladera Ranch is collecting toys and gift cards to share cheer with children age newborn to 18 years old of 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance, a Marine Battalion based at Camp Pendleton.

Collection sites: Avendale Village Clubhouse Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTESTS

INDIVIDUAL HOME: DECEMBER 2 - 14

Get into the holiday spirit by entering your home in the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest by 12:00 p.m. on December 1. Categories include Most Creative Use of Lights, Best Use of Theme, Classic/Traditional, and Best Yard Display. Winners will receive a gift card and yard sign to display throughout the holiday season.

To vote for your favorite individual homes, visit LaderaLife.com starting December 2.

NEIGHBORHOOD: DECEMBER 11

Participating street(s) in a neighborhood will be judged on four separate criteria including Originality, Creativity, Curb Appeal, and Use of Lighting. Entries must have a minimum of 50% of homes in the same neighborhood participate. The entry deadline is 12:00 p.m. on December 8.

*Please be advised residents must obtain an "Encroachment Permit" from the County of Orange if holiday displays include strings of lights that are stretched over the public right of way.











FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 SANTA VISITS 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. 1 OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will listen to holiday wish lists while taking a photo with your family. Please remember to bring your camera. Space is limited. Registration is required.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 MIRACLE ON MERCANTILE WAY 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. | TOWN GREEN

Join us for an afternoon of fun with family activities, pictures with Santa, and more. Don't leave early, Santa will turn on the first holiday light show at 5:00 p.m. for everyone to enjoy.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 MENORAH LIGHTING 4:30 P.M. | TOWN GREEN

Come join us as we celebrate Hanukkah as a community at the Ladera Ranch Festival of Lights on the last night of Hanukkah. This year LARCS is partnering with local organizations to create an evening of community with music, dancing, dreidels, crafts, candle lighting and traditional Hanukkah snacks.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY

5:00 - 8:00 P.M. | COX SPORTS PARK

Witness the miracle of the very first Christmas and come share in the joy of the season with the story of Christmas featuring live animals. A LARCS partnership event with the Hope Crossing Church community group.

Scan with your smartphone. Events are subject to change or cancellation due to state and local COVID-19 guidelines.





EARMAC ATWORK



During 2021, LARMAC began painting facilities and started with the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse. The Clubhouse received an updated color scheme throughout, including the surrounding trellises and wrought iron gates. Painting will continue throughout 2022 and includes plunges, amenities at parks, and Flintridge, Avendale and Covenant Hills Village Clubhouses.

The Avendale Village Clubhouse received a full interior bathroom remodel featuring new paint, floor tile, countertops, sinks and mirrors. The outdoor shower was fully renovated which has five showers, plus an ADA shower. The Avendale great room received a fresh coat of gray paint and new window shades to bring the space up to date.



Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

COVENANT HILLS VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE *Renovation Project*



An exciting new project currently underway is the renovation of the exterior patio and open area behind the Covenant Hills Clubhouse. The renovation includes the expansion of the patio, the replacement of the gas grills, and expansion of the open area that will include resilient turf, new tree-lined walkways and a new border outline of olive trees that will provide for a more intimate venue for events such as weddings and other outdoor activities.

Exterior mood lighting will be added to enhance the experience for residents and their guests, and LARMAC will make movable arches as part of the clubhouse rental for residents. A Bocce Court will also be a part of the improvements. The project is expected to be complete by mid to late December.



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Disc Golf - 9 Hole Course

Opening in April of this year, the executive-style course has shorter distances than typical courses for faster play and is in the passive greenbelt open space between Sienna and Cambridge (across from the orange groves) in Covenant Hills. It runs along the Yukon Riley trail and beautifies the construction access road used for the build out of the last remaining open lots in Ladera Ranch.

increase of 370% from 2020.



Along Narrow Canyon is a unique art installation of the solar system original to Ladera Ranch. As part of maintaining the trail and its aesthetics the nine planets were repainted by a resident.

Improving THE OUTDOORS



LARMAC works closely with Orange County Fire Authority to maintain the landscape in areas surrounding the community in accordance with fire safety requirements.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS



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Spreading kindness

in the community

is a valuable act



As 2022 starts, it is important to notice that many teens still struggle with mental health and staying positive, especially with the recent changes to everyone's lifestyle. These acts of kindness not only make the person doing them feel amazing but the person on the receiving end as well. TLC will be asking teens in the community to perform random acts of kindness during the month and to take pictures of them doing so. These acts get posted on the TLC Instagram page @laderaranchtlc to promote kindness and to encourage others to participate. During these times, a little bit of extra kindness goes a long way!

To participate, all that you have to do is perform a random act of kindness, take a picture and email contact.larcs@laderalife.com with the subject line "Acts of Kindness." In your email, be sure to write a brief description including who was involved, what took place, where it took place, and when it took place! Spreading kindness in the community is a valuable act, and last February Ladera Ranch was shining with positivity and graciousness. The Teen Leadership Council hopes to achieve that again. Everyone's participation makes a positive difference.

GONGRATS **TLC Welcomes New Members**

As our 2021-2022 year of TLC begins, the council is excited to welcome seven new members to our team. Gabriella Bensadoun, Fae Nguyen, Sarina Ali, Brooklyn Whitcomb, Sophie Picariello, Naomi Nguyen, and Vikram Ganesan. These teens have worked hard to earn their

place on the Council, and we are looking

forward to serving our community along

with them!





Top Maintenance Requests Tree Maintenance: 432 Irrigation: 344 Landscape Maintenance: 295 The LARMAC Maintenance Team has increased its efficiency and capabilities Expected to complete close to 2,550

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KNOW?

TLC Plans on Making *'kindness'* a Theme in 2022



By Apoorvi Singh

This February, the Teen Leadership Council is going to bring Acts of Kindness month back. Last year, the participation was incredible with so many different acts that impacted many lives.









Brooklyn



Sophie



Naomi



Vikram



LARCS LADERA RANCH lifestyle





Events

LARCS has organized over 60 events, workshops, and programs with over 17,000 participants.

The Role of Ladera Ranch **Community Services (LARCS)**

LARCS is an independent community services organization (CSO) that builds a strong social fabric by encouraging neighborhood interaction through technology, programs, events, activities, and the spirit of volunteerism. LARCS promotes communications among neighbors, organizations, alliances and businesses through LaderaLife.com and publications to keep residents informed.

Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) is an independent 501(c)(4) nonprofit public benefit corporation with an independently elected governing Board of Directors.

LARCS is funded primarily through a

or resale of any home in Ladera Ranch.

• Resales: 1/4% of the purchase price

Community Enhancement Fee paid at the sale

• First time sales: 1/8% of the purchase price



As an unincorporated community, LARCS is similar to a municipality's community services department providing the following services to the community:

- Community Events
- Recreational and Social Programs and Classes
- Roots and Wings Magazine
- Neighborhood Block Parties Reimbursement Program
- Laderalife.com (Community Website)
- Ranch Hands Volunteer Program
- Community Clubs and Groups
- LARCS Scholarship Program
- Teen Leadership Council
- New Homeowner Welcome Receptions
- Event Planning Committee
- Technology Advisory Committee
- Leave a Legacy Program (Bricks)
- Community Outreach



Community Outreach Projects

Food Drives (2)	75 lbs.
Play Well Africa Lego Bricks Collection	300 lbs.
Diaper & Wipes Drive	25 boxes
School Supplies Collection Drive	100 lbs.
Toy Drive	250 toys
Care Packages	50 packa
Goodwill Donation Sites (2)	6,995 veh





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Clubs and Groups

LARCS Clubs: 9 LARCS Groups: 14





5 boxes

0 packages .995 vehicles

Community Programs & Neighborhood Activities

Blood Drives (10) Most Patriotic Home Decorating Contest Halloween Home Decorating Contest Scarecrow Decorating Contest Holiday Decorating Contest

415 donors 13 homes 35 homes 5 homes 42 homes



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LARMAC Delivers Gigablast Speed to

Ladera Residents

Ladera Ranch – Your internet service is about to be turbocharged to Gigablast

Great news! Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) in partnership with COX will soon be upgrading Ladera Ranch residents to Gigablast internet speed. Since high speed internet service is included in your monthly master homeowner assessment, there's no additional charge for this GIG increase and no service interruption is expected for those who have a current modem/equipment.

Equipment check: You need a current modem to get the speed

To take advantage of this free upgrade, you must make sure you have the right internet equipment. You'll need a COXcompatible DOCIS 3.1 modem or higher. If you lease your modem from COX, simply contact COX to swap out your modem to a newer one that's compatible. If you own your modem and do not wish to lease your modem from COX, you can find what you need by visiting COX Certified Cable Modems (cox.com/residential/support/COX-certified-cablemodems.html). If your modem isn't listed or is 4 years or older, it's time to upgrade.



GIGABLAST

Modem/equipment: Lease versus buy

If you decide to lease the equipment from COX for \$12 per month, you'll receive an all-in-one Panoramic Wifi Gateway modem and router that delivers fast, secure internet coverage across your home. Plus, your WiFi will stay up to speed with free equipment upgrades every three years.

If you choose to purchase your own equipment, a DOCSIS 3.0 8x4 or higher modem is required (Gigablast service requires DOCSIS 3.1+). Choosing this option may limit the support and troubleshooting COX can provide for 3rd party devices.

No service interruption expected

Over the past 12 months COX has diligently upgraded its distribution and delivery infrastructure in Ladera Ranch, which includes upgrading the nodes that deliver its signal to homes. Since this equipment has been updated, COX does not expect to see any service interruptions as it rolls out the new Gigablast service to Ladera residents. With the exception of residents who must upgrade older modems/equipment to be compatible with the new service, residents with a DOCSIS 3.1 or higher modem will simply experience faster upload and download speeds once the service is deployed.

On behalf of the LARMAC Board of Directors and COX, we hope you enjoy the new, faster Gigablast internet service.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How much faster will my internet connection be?

A: Currently, through your LARMAC membership, the level of service you receive is 500 Mbps (download speed) X 10 Mbps (upload speed). With this change, your internet speed will increase to 940 Mbps (down) X 35 Mbps (upload). Note: There are residents who had opted for the legacy 300 Mbps (download speed) X 30 Mbps (upload speed); these residents will also automatically receive the new Gigablast level of service.

Gigablast service: According to COX, Gigablast is ideal for virtually unlimited devices and seamless 8K streaming, multiplayer gaming, working from home, virtual learning, ultra-connected homes. Compared to the current service, the 500 Mbps X 10 Mbps service was ideal for up to 9 devices and moderate 4K streaming and multiplayer gaming.

Q: When will the new Gigablast service be available?

A: COX will roll out the new Gigablast service in phases. Not all of Ladera will see the speed change at the same time since the rollout will be completed in phases and is expected to begin in December. Once the rollout has been completed, with the right equipment, the Gigablast service will simply be available.

Q: What happens if I am currently paying for Gigablast internet service?

A: If you are currently paying COX for Gigablast service, you will no longer be charged for the service.

Q: How may I check my current speed?

A: You may test your download and upload speeds by visiting Fast.com.

Modem Swap Out Event

In order to make it convenient for residents who opt to lease their modem from COX, LARMAC will be organizing a modem swapout event for you to exchange your outdated modem. Please bring your cable modem equipment in a plastic bag.

December 9

Avendale Clubhouse 1 Daisv Street 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

December 10 Flintridge Clubhouse 28112 Roanoke Drive 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

• Cox internet speed is increasing for Ladera residents

- No additional cost (included in your LARMAC assessments)
- Starting December 2021
- Action Needed
- If you have an updated modem: No.
- If you have an outdated modem, you will need to upgrade (details below)



December 11

Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse 28192 O'Neill Drive 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



AT A GLANCE

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. Classes are subject to change or cancellation due to state and local COVID-19 guidelines.

EARLY CHILDHOOD



HOLIDAYS WITH MUSIC TOGETHER

Register at svmusictogether.net Ages 0 - 4 This class follows the same format as a regular Music Together class but features holiday songs and music.

Mon / Nov 29 & Dec 6 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. / \$36 / Oak Knoll Th / Dec 2 & 9 / 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. or 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. / \$36 / Oak Knoll

MUSIC TOGETHER

Register at svmusictogether.net

Aaes 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. \$31 fee for books and CDs.

Mon / Jan 10 - Mar 28 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. / \$212 / Oak Knoll / Ages 0 - 4 Mon / Jan 10 – Mar 28 / 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. / \$212 / Oak Knoll / Ages 0 - 4 Th / Jan 13 – Mar 17 / 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. / \$212 / Oak Knoll / Ages 0 - 4 Th / Jan 13 - Mar 17 / 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. / \$212 / Oak Knoll / Ages 0 - 4

ENRICHMENT

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 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 / Dec 4 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale Sat / Jan 29 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale Sat / Feb 26 / 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / \$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. Duration: 1 Hour

Sat / Dec 4 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale Sat / Jan 29 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale Sat / Feb 26 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale

YOUNG EINSTEINS: STEM LAB

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Ages 6 - 9

Our young scientists will learn all about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in this exciting hands-on course. Each day students will explore different concepts through fun and engaging projects, from Chemistry, Rocketry, Physics, Engineering, Coding, Electronics and even Robotics, this course covers it all. By learning through exploration, students can make connections beyond the classroom and apply them to the real world. No class 1/17.

Mon / Jan 10 - Feb 21 / 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. / \$139 / Avendale

MUSIC LESSONS



BEGINNING GUITAR AND UKULELE

Register at rongorman.com Ages 10+ Beginning Guitar & Beginning Ukulele Ensemble Class. 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. Please bring your own instrument of choice to class.

Tu / Jan 4 - Feb 1 / 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. / \$120 / Flintridge

YMCA ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

The Mission Viejo Family YMCA is proud to provide the following classes. 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.



ACTIVE OLDER ADULT - BALANCE, CORE AND MOBILITY

Register at ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca Aaes 40+ 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 / Jan 11 - Mar 15 / 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT - STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Register at vmcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca Aaes 40+ This class is designed and crafted for the active older adult to improve quality of life and independence and is tailored to build muscle, strength, and endurance in addition to cardiovascular capacity. Accommodations for physical limitations can be made.

Th / Jan 13 - Mar 17 / 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll

SPORTS AND FITNESS

LADERA RANCH TENNIS – JUNIORS PROGRAM Register at laderaranchtennis.com

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, visit LaderaLife.com.

Red/Orange Ball / M - F / 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Ages 5 - 10 Green/Yellow Ball / M - F / 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Ages 10 - 15 Yellow Ball+ / M - F / 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Coach Approved

Juniors Tennis Program Pricing:

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 Ball & Yellow Ball+ 2 days per week: \$540 3 days per week: \$720 4 days per week: \$840



SKYHAWKS BASEBALLTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

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 / Jan 21 - Feb 25/ 3:30 - 4:10 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 4.5 Fri / Jan 21 - Feb 25 / 4:20 - 5:00 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 - 5

SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTSTOTS

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 class 1/17 & 2/21.

Mon / Jan 10 - Feb 28 / 10:00 - 10:40 a.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 - 3.5 Mon / Jan 10 - Feb 28 / 10:50 - 11:30 a.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 5 Mon / Jan 10 - Feb 28 / 3:30 - 4:10 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 - 3.5 Mon / Jan 10 - Feb 28 / 4:20 - 5:00 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 5

RECREATION PROGRAMS

Ages 5 - 18

Ages 3.5 - 5

SKYHAWKS SOCCERTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

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 2-3.5 years.

Tu / Jan 18 - Feb 22 / 3:30 - 4:10 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 - 3.5 Tu / Jan 18 - Feb 22 / 4:20 - 5:10 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 4 Sat / Jan 22 - Feb 26 / 1:00 - 1:40 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 2 - 3.5 Sat / Jan 22 - Feb 26 / 1:50 - 2:30 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 3.5 - 4.5 Sat / Jan 22 - Feb 26 / 2:40 - 3:20 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Ages 4.5 - 5

SKYHAWKS SOCCER

Register at skyhawks.com

Your young athlete will gain the technical skills and sport knowledge required for their next step into soccer. Areas of focus are dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. By the end of the program, your child will have learned new life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship, made new friends and improved their soccer skills.

Sat / Jan 22 - Feb 26 / 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Ages 6 - 8

STROLLER STRIDES

Register at laderaranch.fit4mom.com

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 a.m. / \$75 month / Cox Sports Park

AQUATICS

EVOLUTION RACING CLUB

Register at evoluntionswim.com

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, please visit our website or email evan@evolutionswim.com.

INTRO TO EVO (PRECOMPETITIVE SWIM TEAM)

Register at gatorsswimclub.com

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2021 Business in Review Ladera Rancho Chamber of Commerce



2021 was a year of transitions! The business community started out under the myriad of COVID-19 restrictions and the eagerly anticipated full opening which came in mid-June.

The sole mission of the Chamber of Commerce is to help support businesses in Ladera Ranch and Rancho Mission Vieio from brick-and-mortar locations to homebased businesses. Unlike other Chambers,

we are completely self-funded and receive no financial support from a city or municipality. We are the only Chamber of Commerce that operates in any of the unincorporated areas of Orange County.

We helped our member businesses apply for and receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and loans that helped keep them open.

Despite the climate, 2021 was a year of grand openings and we helped open the most new businesses in Ladera's history, including Rancho Capistrano Winery. That location had been closed since 2012 and we worked extensively behind the scenes to secure a business our residents wanted and would support. Cheers!

We held networking mixers to help facilitate collaboration between businesses and helped promote special events through Instagram and Facebook.

The Ladera Rancho Chamber is the only chamber to sponsor a weekly Farmers Market and have successfully held 50 in 2021! We worked with elected county, state, and federal officials on a number of issues, all of which promoted our area and business-friendly policies and legislation. We even lobbied for and oversaw street repaving projects on Narrow Canyon and Avendale.

We got serious about the future and along with the Civic Council started looking at what future governance structure is the best for Ladera, including becoming a city.

We want to encourage you to support our businesses to ensure they flourish! How can you do that? It's simple! Dine and shop LOCALLY and do so FREQUENTLY! We hope that you are visiting one of our four retail centers once a day for fitness, eating or the multiple services our businesses offer. Thank you for doing your part!

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!











Setting Ladera up for Success

By Joe Brenneman, Former Chair Ladera Ranch Civic Council



In Ladera we celebrated our 20-year anniversary as a premier neighborhood. As with any anniversary celebration, we acknowledge our past and look to the future. Your Ladera Ranch Civic Council has been hard at work this past year to address current issues at hand and to position us for what lies ahead.

E-bikes, traffic and public safety were hot topics among our residents this year and the Council led the way by listening

to feedback, initiating dialogue, and leveraging assistance from our elected officials and government entities in order to create solutions that work for everyone. Other cities and communities were also receiving increasing complaints regarding E-bikes, but no solutions were to be found. So, we started the conversation and got the ball rolling. We have been recognized by our county public works and public safety divisions for leading the way for E-bike safety and best practices discussions and actions. Now other communities and cities are following our lead.

The council has also been focused on long term planning for local governance. 20 years from now we will most certainly be a city or part of another city. And while it is not something on our near horizon, we believe that now is the time to plan for it so that we have a voice and input as to what will happen. We have begun the process of planning for all possible options in our future. To that end, we have listened to our residents, talked to other communities in similar positions, pressed local agencies and leveraged our government officials. We are leading the conversation in south Orange County and will continue to do so. We want you to be part of the process.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Council these past several years and an honor to have served as Chair. I chose to step down from the Council this election cycle so that other residents may offer their voice and input to our important cause. It's exciting to see new additions to the Council and the new energy and ideas they will bring.

2021 has been a successful and productive year for the Council. We have solidified key relationships and created new ones that will help pave our own future. Relationships with elected officials and governmental agencies have never been better. Coordination with OCPW, OCSD, CHP and OCFA are at all-time highs. And this council is on its best financial footing ever. We are more inclusive and representative of all of Ladera residents. We are more diverse in our thought. We are proactive in leading the way and excited to pursue future goals and outcomes that will serve our residents.

Please help me congratulate the 2021 Ladera Ranch Civic Council and welcome them as the council makes the transition. This is the group that will lead the charge as the Council continues to set Ladera up for success. I am excited for what lies ahead for Ladera!

The 2021-22 Council (Left to Right): Melissa Snow (Council member), Brandon Willnecker (Council member) Kevin Martin (Treasurer), Adam Henningsen (Vice Chair), J Ocana (Chair), Matt Bottomly (Secretary) and Rebecca McKenna (Council member).



Let the Council know what you think. Better yet, join the cause! Reach out at council@lrciviccouncil.org







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