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LADERA RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES (LARCS)

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Letter from your board presidents

Summertime is here and there's no better time to be a resident of Ladera Ranch. Our award-winning community remains an oasis with unique amenities, features, events and recreational programming that gain the attention of those who seek the wonderful lifestyle you're familiar with.

July 4th Celebration

We're excited to announce the return of the July 4th Celebration which will include a concert at Founders Park featuring *Undercover* and a spectacular firework show. This year would be a great time to sign-up to join the annual Freedom Run and enjoy a pancake breakfast. Congratulations to the Perkins family who are the winners of the LARCS July 4th Celebration Save My Spot contest.

2022 Assessments (Master Association and Special Benefit Areas)

As everyone has experienced, costs have continued to rise which has impacted operating and maintenance costs (e.g., utilities, landscaping, materials and labor) for LARMAC. As of June 1, new assessment rates for the master association and special benefit areas take effect. Although the new rates reflect current costs, your Ladera Ranch association membership remains an excellent value and has one of the lowest assessment rates compared to other local master-planned communities (see insert).

LARCS Lifestyle Legacy

The LARCS Board was disappointed that it had to cancel many of its signature events in 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic due to state and health agency mandates. However, this presented an opportunity to turn lemons into lemonade. LARCS is funded through a one-time fee that is generated on every home that is sold in Ladera, and sales over the past few years have been strong. Additionally, there were cost savings resulting from canceled signature events. This led to the LARCS Board exploring new and unique lifestyle opportunities and partnering with LARMAC to identify new lifestyle-related amenity projects that LARCS could fund to further add to the community. As a result, LARCS is providing a one-time investment to fund the installation of a second 9-hole Disc Golf course along the Yukon Riley Trail, four Pickleball courts, and a basketball half-court at the Avendale Village Clubhouse.

Pool and Bike Safety

As we head into summer, we want to encourage everyone to take the time to plan for and practice safety – around water (pools, wading pools) and on any type of transportation (eBikes, bikes, hoverboards, etc.). Schedule swim lessons, remain vigilant and pay close attention to your child. Also, schedule time to maintain your bike's brake and system; consider taking a bike safety and maneuvering class. See LaderaLife.com/eBikes for safety updates and resources.

Summer Events

We have a terrific schedule of community events for you to enjoy including **Family Campout** and the **Summer Concert Series** with bands playing at Town Green and Founders Park. Be sure to visit LaderaLife.com and watch for Ladera Happenings emails for the latest updates and announcements.

On behalf of the LARCS and LARMAC Board of Directors, we wish you and your family a terrific summer.



Chase Fitzpatrick *A. Rutledge*

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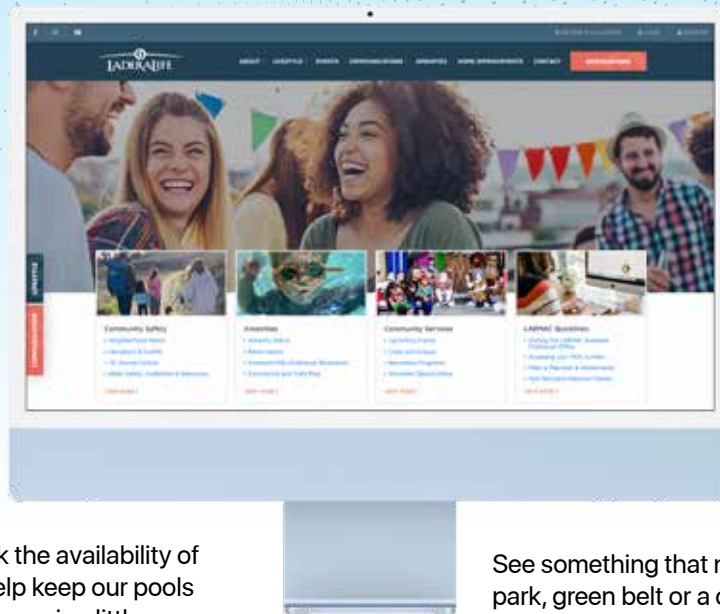
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LADERALIFE.COM

YOUR GO-TO RESOURCE THIS SUMMER

From event information, LARMAC project updates, checking the status of your favorite pool, clubhouse and amenity reservations, LaderaLife has everything you'll need to stay informed and in-the-know this summer.



Pool Status

Before you pack up and head out with the family, check the availability of your favorite pool. Help keep our pools open all summer by ensuring little ones wear swim diapers which are provided at all clubhouse pools to residents at no charge, courtesy of LARMAC.

Maintenance Requests

See something that needs attention at a park, green belt or a common use area? Report it to LARMAC by submitting a maintenance request on LaderaLife.



Announcements

For official community announcements from LARCS and LARMAC, visit the Communications section of LaderaLife. Here you'll find accurate information on topics and items related to the operation and maintenance of the community as well as official events, recreational programs, and more.

Safety

Community safety is a top-priority. Knowing who to contact saves time and frustration. Allied Universal Security Services patrols LARMAC property. If you see vandalism taking place, report it. Contact Orange County Sheriff to report a crime, report a suspicious person or activity. Have a traffic-related issue, contact the California Highway Patrol.



Reservations

It's the season for getting family, neighbors and friends together. It's easy to reserve a clubhouse, picnic shelter, tennis court, a lounge area at the water park, or a lap lane for some exercise.

If you can't make your court time or other reserved time, be sure to cancel it under your profile, and "My Reservations."

My Profile

Want to know the architectural influence of your home to submit a home improvement application? Contact your Neighborhood Representative or Neighborhood Activity Coordinator? Visit 'My Profile' on LaderaLife. You can update your contact information, including your email address and mobile number at anytime.



Be sure to bookmark these pages for easy access.





SATURDAY, **JUNE 4** **PAWS IN THE PARK**

9:00- 11:30 A.M. | WAGSDALE PARK

There will be plenty to bark about at this event featuring pet-related vendors, rescue groups, a complimentary refreshment bar, Interactive DJ with games, caricature artist, crafts and activities for all to enjoy. Please bring your access card to enter the Dog Park.



WEDNESDAY, **JUNE 15** **NATIONAL ANTHEM AUDITIONS**

Are you a child/teen solo vocalist who would like to share your talent with residents at the July 4th Celebration?*

Two teens will have the opportunity to perform at either the Freedom Run or prior to the fireworks display on July 4.

Auditions will take place in the evening on Wednesday, June 15 at the Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse and will be limited to the first 10 responses received.

To reserve an audition time or for more information contact events@laderalife.com

*Must be a Ladera Ranch resident



FRIDAY, **JUNE 17** **SIP'N DIP**

6:00 - 9:00 P.M. | FLINTRIDGE POOL
\$35 PER PERSON 21+

Let's make a splash and celebrate the start of summer with a tropical themed get-together. Ticket price includes two drinks, light bites, DJ, live entertainment and more.



SATURDAY, **JUNE 18** **HOT DIGGITY DAD**

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. | OAK KNOLL VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE
\$8 PER PERSON

Let's Celebrate Dad! Dad might not have the best jokes but LARCS has the best activities. Enjoy a hot dog and root beer float. Dad or grandpa will get to relax while the kiddos make bug catchers and watch a reptile show.



FOR GRADES 6-12
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, July 4

TEEN ZONE AT THE
4TH

- Soda and Ice Cream Bar
- Game Truck
- Giant Slide
- Inflatable Mechanical Skate
- Henna Tattoo Artists
- Hair Design Stations
- Pool, Hockey and Foosball T

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

3:00 P.M. – 9:00 A.M. (OVERNIGHT) | CHAPARRAL PARK
\$75 PER CAMPSITE (MAX. OF 6 CAMPERS PER SITE)

This is a great way to gather with friends and enjoy a variety of activities including crafts, field games, roasting s'mores and watching a movie at dusk! Dinner and continental breakfast are included. Families should bring camping equipment including a tent and sleeping bag, as well as lawn chairs, picnic blanket, snacks, and flashlights. Online registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 13.



TUESDAY, **AUGUST 2** **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

5:30 - 7:30 P.M. | FOUNDERS PARK

National Night Out will promote awareness of local resources and services available in emergency situations as well as preventative measures that you can implement on your own.



FRIDAY, **AUGUST 5** **SUMMER CONCERT CAR SHOW**

6:00 – 8:30 P.M. | FOUNDERS PARK

Attention Ladera car enthusiasts! Would you love the opportunity to showcase your car during the summer concert? Classics, customs, hot rods, muscle cars and antiques are all welcome. No entrance fee required, but space is limited. For consideration, email contact.larcs@laderalife.com



SATURDAY, **AUGUST 20** **MOVIE NIGHT ON THE GREEN**

8:00 P.M. (DUSK) | TOWN GREEN

Bring a comfortable blanket, some chairs and come join us for a movie under the stars featuring Sing 2 (PG).





**BLANKETS MAY BE PLACED OUT AT
6:00 A.M. OR LATER**

PLEASE SEE LADERALIFE.COM/EVENTS FOR
EVENT AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



Children's Activity Wristbands

Good for all games & activities

\$7 | June 13 to 30 at 5:00 p.m.

\$15 | July 4 (day-of)



**4th of July
Cupcake Bake-Off**
Adult & Youth Divisions
Cupcakes will be judged on the following
• Use of Patriotic Theme • Originality of Recipe • Taste

Entry Fee \$10
Entry is limited to the first (10) entries in each age division

1st Place \$150 Williams Sonoma Gift Card
2nd Place \$100 Amazon Gift Card
3rd Place \$75 Target Gift Card

Register at LaderaLife.com

Schedule of Events

7:00 AM
10K FREEDOM RUN

7:45 - 11:30 AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:30 AM
5K FREEDOM RUN

9:45 AM
1K KIDS' FIRECRACKER DASH

10:30 AM
COMMUNITY PARADE

3:00 - 8:00 PM
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

3:00 - 9:00 PM
FOOD TRUCKS

5:00 - 8:00 PM
TEEN ZONE

6:00 - 9:00 PM
CONCERT – UNDERCOVER (Top 40)

DARK
FIREWORKS SHOW



4th of July COMMUNITY PARADE

Enter to win prizes or just to have fun!
Parade Decorating Contest for Most Patriotic
Groups-Neighborhoods, Business, Club,
Family and Organization.
Electric vehicles, ebikes, and vehicles are
prohibited.

**ANNUAL
FREEDOM
RUN**



Put on your red, white, and blue and join us
for the annual Freedom Run.
Featuring a 5K, 10K, and 1K Little
Firecracker Dash
Register at RunLadera.org



LADERA RANCH
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TOP 40



UNDERCOVER

JULY 4

FOUNDERS PARK
6:00-9:00PM

FUNK



SLAPBACK

JULY 15

TOWN GREEN
6:30-8:30PM

COUNTRY



**KATELYN MARIE
BAND**

JULY 22

TOWN GREEN
6:30-8:30PM

TOP 40



**THE MIGHTY
UNTOUCHABLES**

JULY 29

TOWN GREEN
6:30-8:30PM

80's MUSIC



**FLASHBACK
HEART ATTACK**

AUGUST 5

FOUNDERS PARK
6:00 PM CAR SHOW
6:30 PM CONCERT

90's MUSIC



**90's ROCK
SHOW**

AUGUST 12

FOUNDERS PARK
6:30-8:30PM

Make Money this Summer

By Emma Megerian and Apoorvi Singh

For many teens, earning money is a step towards independence. Teens who work for their own spending money say that it gives them a sense of pride, responsibility and boosts their self-esteem.

Are you starting to think about how to make money this summer? Businesses are looking for reliable teens to help fill shifts at local restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses.

Meet some teens who created their own opportunities to make money, using their creativity.



Jacob Grande (17)
(949) 292-5196
Grande Movers

Jacob is available to help with hauling items to the dump, to charity centers, or other locations within the immediate area. Jacob is also available to do some "odds and ends" jobs.



Colin Pitko (16)
(310) 955-8879
Ladera Yard Signs

When Covid started, Colin's mom bought a birthday sign for his birthday in April 2020. All of their friends loved it and asked about it. Colin thought it might be a good business idea to do yard signs for neighbors during Covid. He knew it would be something fun that he can do with his my dad and that it was also a way to make people happy during such a tough time. That's how Ladera Yard Signs was born. Colin mostly does birthday signs. However, once in a while, he places signs like "Welcome Home" or "Congratulations." Colin really enjoys it when families share pictures or videos of their kids coming out in the morning and being surprised by their sign. Colin also donates to a local charity each month with a portion of his earnings, as a way to give back to his community.



Nate Leuteritz (15)
(949) 899-5923
@natecandj on Instagram
DJ Nate

Nate has served as a DJ for all types of events, including birthday parties, Halloween parties, block parties, and celebrations of life. He took professional DJ lessons in OC prior to starting his business. Nate offers special rates for events in Ladera Ranch and also services the Orange County area.



Ashley Mitchell (15)
tinybirdbakeshop@gmail.com
@tinybirdbakeshop on Instagram
Tiny Bird Bakeshop

Ashley decided to pursue her dream of starting a business in the spring of 2021 and opened her own bakeshop with the help of her parents and community. Tiny Bird Bakeshop offers a selection of cupcake flavors, all made from scratch with high-quality ingredients. Ashley bakes themed, assorted boxes for the holidays, custom orders for events, and more! She is truly passionate about what she does and loves to share her love for baking with the community.



Teens in LADERA RANCH

Teen Leadership Council Graduates

Congratulations to our high school graduates who have actively served on the Teen Leadership Council by giving back to their community and inspiring leadership in others. We are so proud of you!



Aditya "Adi" Narayan
San Juan Hills High School
Texas Christian University



Aneri Nararayan
San Juan Hills High School
University of Southern California



Isabella "Izzy" Searle
San Juan Hills High School
Brigham Young University



Rayyan Ali
San Juan Hills High School
University of Washington



Sandyha Ganesan
San Juan Hills High School
University of California, Berkeley



Shirin Dunker
San Juan Hills High School
University of California, Los Angeles

Teen Leadership Council (TLC) Accepting Applications

TLC is looking for Ladera Ranch teens who genuinely want to get involved in the community and make an overall difference. Interested teens may complete a candidate application on LaderaLife.com. Applications will be accepted until August 6 at 5:00 p.m. There are six member positions available.

Water Park

Terramor Aquatic Park

26281 O'Neill Drive

Regular Operating Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- May 28 - 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- June 4 - August 14
- Sept 3 - 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

Modified Operating Hours: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

- May 31 - June 3
- August 15 - Sept. 2
- Sept. 10-11, 17-18, 24-25

Pool Monitor Hours

LARMAC provides pool monitors at Avendale, Covenant Hills, Flintridge and Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse pools from 12:00-5:00 p.m. on the following dates: Friday-Sunday, May 28-August 14, May 30, July 4 and September 3-5.

SAFETY: LEARNING TO SWIM



Because the world is 71% water and children are 100% curious. Let's keep them safe!

#1 Swimming can save lives! Swimming is the only activity that can save your child's life or someone else's. Being comfortable in the water is a necessity, because even if kids don't go to a pool regularly, they should be at ease near any body of water. Water is everywhere! Drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1-4 years old, and the second leading cause of death for children age 5-14.

#2 Improves social life. Rare are the times where you'll find a child who doesn't enjoy a pool party, a summer dip to cool off or a chance to splash around. Your child is likely the same and will have friends who swim that they will want to spend time with. Taking swim lessons early means that your child will be able to participate without you having to constantly worry.

#3 Confidence is key. Find a child swimming in any body of water and, chances are, they're confident. Swimming gives kids something to do where they're truly in charge of how quickly they improve. When kids feel confident about swimming, it builds their confidence and makes them feel like they can handle other areas of their lives.

Need a Member Access Card?

Reach out to a LARMAC Member Services Representative at contact.larmac@laderalife.com. To schedule a time to pick up your access card. Be sure to include your name, home address, mobile phone number and email address.



Swim Diapers Help Keep Pools Open

Help keep pools open by ensuring that young infants and children who are not yet potty-trained wear swim diapers. Swim diapers are available, free-of-charge, to residents at clubhouse pools and the water park.





Summer LARCS PHOTO Contest



This summer will be known as **the time we got back to events, parades, fireworks and concerts in the park.** To celebrate, LARCS presents a Summer Photo Contest to capture families and friends enjoying the outdoors and community.

Who can enter?

Any resident over 16 years old.

Deadline: August 30 by 5:00 p.m.

Legal: You must own **all** rights to submitted photos.

Categories:



SPLASHING AROUND Enjoying the pools, splash pads, slip n slide, water balloons and anything with water.



MONKEYING AROUND Fun at the parks, playground, neighborhood and out-and-about in the community.

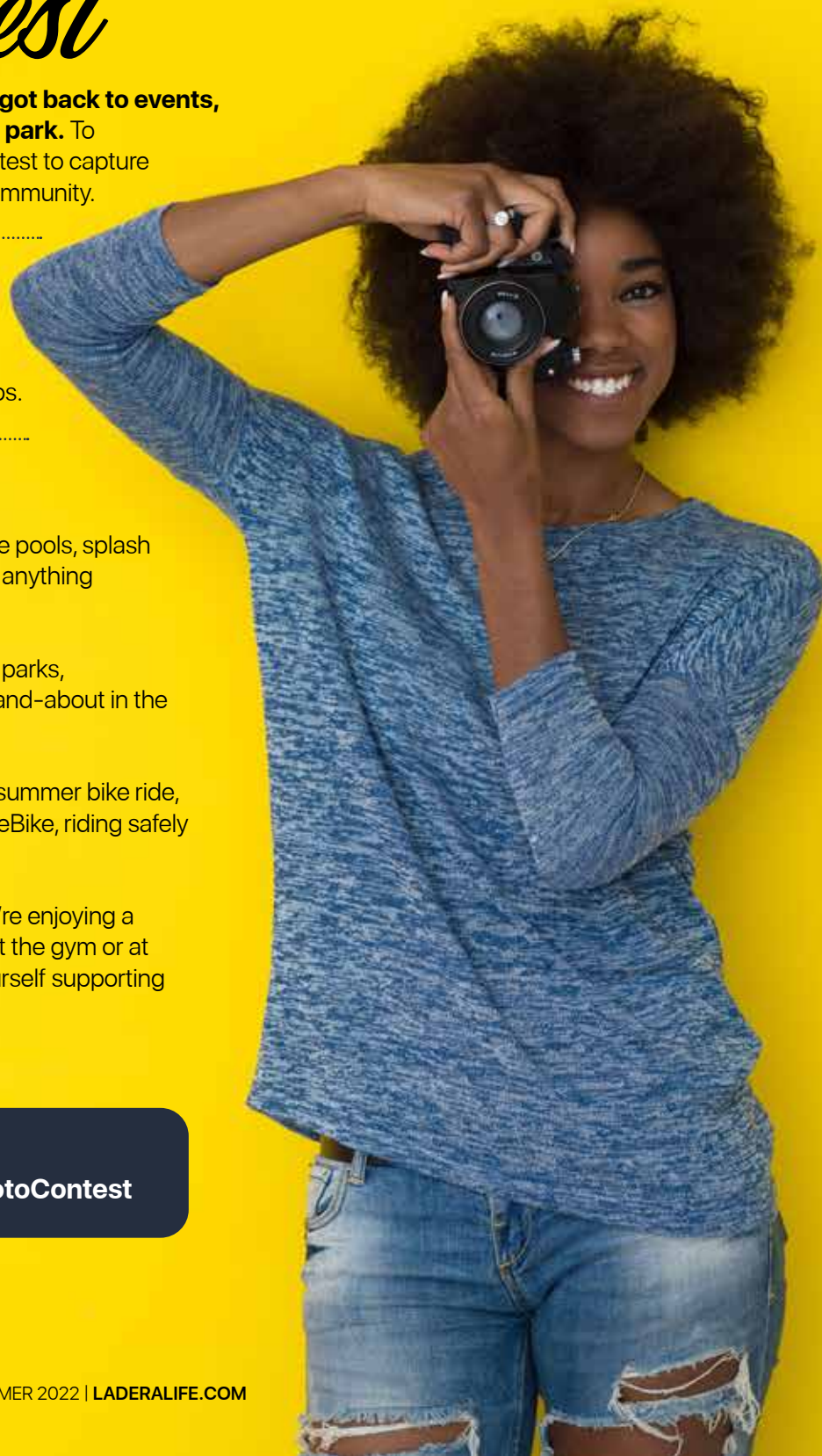


BIKE SAFETY As you're enjoying a summer bike ride, share a photo of you on your bike or eBike, riding safely and showing courtesy to others.

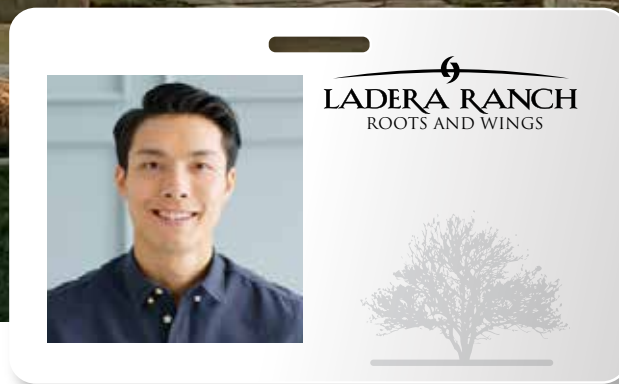


LADERA BUSINESS Next time you're enjoying a meal, shopping locally, working out at the gym or at an appointment, snap a photo of yourself supporting Ladera businesses.

Submit your photo at
LaderaLife.com/LarcsSummerPhotoContest



Your LARMAC MEMBERSHIP



With the recent rise in costs across the economy, your Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) membership remains an excellent value. When compared to other local master-planned communities, Ladera Ranch homeowners (members) have one of the lowest monthly assessment rates.

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Access to four clubhouses, parks, splash pads, pools and trails for hiking and biking
- Access to unique amenities, such as Terramor Aquatic and Skate Park
- High speed internet service valued at \$119/month

THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING

Ladera Ranch is located in unincorporated Orange County. The responsibility for maintaining the community's common areas, parks, clubhouses and pools, green belts and amenities falls to Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC).

When you think about it, its quite an undertaking to maintain our beautiful community at the standards that we've become accustomed to. Enjoy these fun facts about LARMAC and what it takes to operate Ladera.

LADERA AMENITY/FACILITIES



FUN FACTS

LANDSCAPE FACTS

LARMAC maintains:

- Over 40,000 trees in Ladera Ranch (excludes trees in homeowner's private yards)
- Twice as many trees as Central Park in New York City, which has a similar sized landscaping footprint
- 76 different species of trees
- 800 acres of landscaping
- 78 acres of fuel modification zones per OCFA requirements

REINVESTING BACK IN TO LADERA

Every year LARMAC Board of Directors reinvests assessment funds back into the community, which keeps the community looking great and operating smoothly. Much of this is done through Reserves, Ladera's 'savings account', which is used to replace and/or repair aging community assets. Recent examples include:

- Covenant Hills Clubhouse renovation
- Next phase of the playground replacement projects (8 parks)

WHAT DOES YOUR LARMAC ASSESSMENT GO TOWARD?

You may wonder what your monthly master association assessments go toward each month. Since Ladera Ranch is located in unincorporated Orange County and is therefore not a city, much of LARMAC homeowner association fees go toward maintaining association facilities and assets. LARMAC has negotiated a discounted rate for Gigablast, Cox High Speed Internet service (see next page for details).

Administration & Consultants \$37.37

Mailings
Insurance
Contract Management
Legal Expenses
Facility Staff

Cox High Speed Internet Service \$29.79

Common Area Maintenance & Services \$21.60

Patrol Service
Pest Control
Facility Operating Expenses
Pool Service
Access Control Service
Lighting Repairs and Maintenance Janitorial and Maintenance Supplies

Landscape & Tree Maintenance \$57.85

Landscape Service
Tree Maintenance
Irrigation Repairs
Plant Replacement
Irrigation Controllers

Reserve Contribution \$32.86

Utilities \$27.38

Water
Electricity
Gas (Pool Heating)

WHAT DOES MY MASTER LARMAC ASSESSMENT PAY FOR?

\$207.00



Learn about these and other projects.
Visit Your HOA at Work on LaderaLife.



Playground Replacement Project

COX HIGH SPEED INTERNET



Every single-family home and condominium is wired to receive Gigablast speeds from Cox Communications. Residents pay \$29.79 per month through LARMAC, which is a significant savings over the \$119/month retail value.

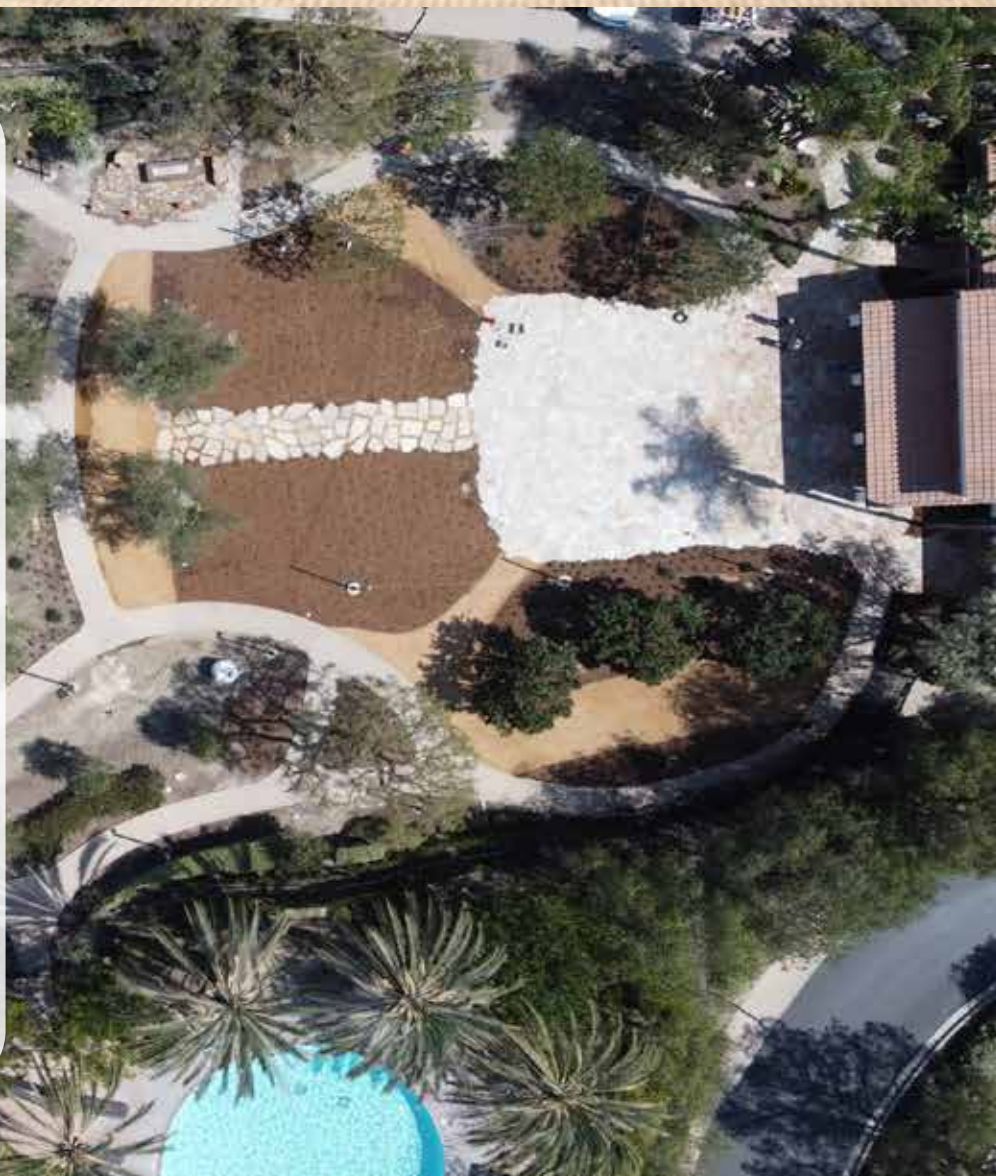
If your employer reimburses you for home internet service, you're in luck! Simply complete the form using the QR code to request a letter from LARMAC to submit to your employer.



YOUR HOA^{AT}WORK

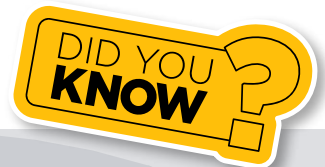
COVENANT HILLS RENOVATION PROJECT

One of the primary goals of the Covenant Hills Clubhouse renovation project was to improve this LARMAC facility to meet the changing needs of the community, which is in keeping with LARMAC's mission to maintain Ladera as one of Orange County's premier master planned communities.





SEEKING **ACTIVITY COORDINATORS** FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Ladera Ranch is expanding its **Neighborhood Activity Coordinator (NAC)** program and is recruiting interested residents. If you enjoy planning or attending parties, this volunteer role is for you!

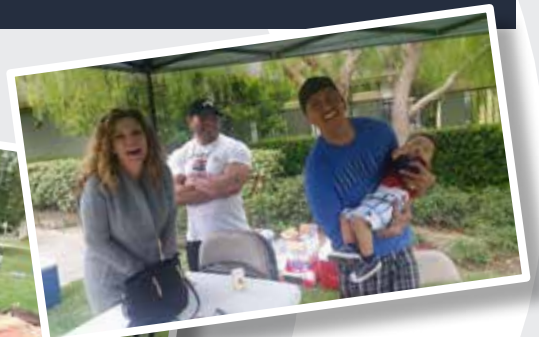
Let your creativity and hospitality skills shine as you bring together your neighborhood to enjoy fun activities this summer. Neighborhoods that have an Activity Coordinator experience more connectedness and deeper friendships with their neighbors. NACs also promote a safer community and foster an immediate sense of belonging with new residents.

If you're interested, LARCS has resources for you, including ideas for neighborhood activities, a list of recommended vendors, and we even have items you may borrow.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to gather your neighbors, encourage some fun and maybe start a new neighborhood trend or tradition. If you are interested in becoming a Neighborhood Activity Coordinator, visit LaderaLife.com/nac.

LARCS provides funding to help residents put on neighborhood social events for by reimbursing Neighborhood Activity Coordinators for food and other approved items.

No. of Homes in a Neighborhood	Max Reimbursement
12 - 25 Homes	\$100
26 - 49 Homes	\$200
50 - 74 Home	\$300
75 - 99 Homes	\$400
100+ Homes	\$500





SUMMER CAMPS

Looking for something fun to do this summer?

Get an early jump on your summer plans and check out the following camps that will be offered. For up-to-date information, visit LaderaLife.com.



BASICS OF SKATEBOARDING

Register at basicsofskateboarding.com

Age 3 - 12

Basics of Skateboarding is a hands-on weekly camp designed to bring kids together within the community. Children develop and enhance their skills while creating new friendships with other kids in the camp. Skateboards, helmets and pads required. Fee is per week.

Tu - Fri / Jun 7 - Aug 12 / 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. / \$150 / Skate Park



LOVE TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

Register at laderaranchtennis.com

Age 5 - 12

School's out! Campers will be introduced to the game of tennis all while playing fun games and enjoying summer time social activities. Each day campers will learn a basic tennis fundamental in a fun atmosphere and then head to the pool for some fun in the sun. For weekly pricing please email LoveTennisInquiries@gmail.com. Fee is per week.

June 6 - 9 / June 20 - 23 / July 5 - 7 / July 18 - 21 / August 1 - 4
Mon - Th / 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. / \$240 / Covenant Hills

SKYHAWKS: BEGINNING GOLF CAMP

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 5 - 8

Participants will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting, body positioning, etiquette and keeping score. The program is specifically designed for the entry-level player, simplifying instruction so that young players can make an easy and effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment provided.

Tu - Fri / Jul 5 - 8 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$135 / Cox Sports Park



SKYHAWKS: MINI HAWK CAMP

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 4 - 6

This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. Soccer, Baseball and Basketball are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through exciting games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Mon - Fri / Jul 11 - 15 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Cox Sports Park

SKYHAWKS: BASKETBALL CAMP

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 7 - 12

This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. Using our curriculum, we focus on the whole player - teaching sportsmanship and teamwork. Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense through skill-based instruction and small-sided scrimmages.

Mon - Fri / Jun 20 - 24 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Avendale
Mon - Fri / Jul 18 - 22 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Avendale
Mon - Fri / Jul 25 - 29 / 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Avendale

SKYHAWKS: SOCCER CAMP

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 4 – 12

Young athletes 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.

Mon – Fri / Jun 13 – 17 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 4 – 6
Mon – Fri / Jun 13 – 17 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 7 – 12
Mon – Fri / Aug 8 – 12 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 4 – 6
Mon – Fri / Aug 8 – 12 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$169 / Cox Sports Park / Ages 7 – 12



YOUNG EINSTEINS: SUPER SCIENTISTS

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 6 – 9

In this course, our Super Scientists will explore the world of Science through fun and educational hands-on experiments and projects. Harness the power of static electricity using a Van de Graff generator, create electric circuits to bring their creations to life and put your engineering skills to the test by building a real wooden catapult. A perfect camp class to keep any curious and creative young scientist engaged and learning through fun hands-on experiences.

Mon – Th / Jun 20 – 23 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 11 – 14 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Aug 1 – 4 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

LEGO® ENGINEERING: JEDI'S AND SUPERHEROES

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 6 – 9

Our LEGO Engineers will design and create amazing vehicles, contraptions and creatures. Create an amazing Superhero City, complete with Hero's hideouts and villain's lairs. Make amazing motorized machines, including tumblers, zipline aerial ascenders and even super weapons. Then battle it out against the bad guys! Next, students travel to a galaxy far, far away and race Pod Racers and SpeederBikes, create motorized battle droids and awesome out-of-this-world vehicles to help in the epic battle between the Rebels and the Empire. Engineers will explore motors, engineering, architecture and all things LEGO®!

Mon – Th / Jun 27 – 30 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 18 – 21 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Aug 8 – 11 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

YOUNG EINSTEINS: STAR WARS & SUPERHERO PROGRAMMING

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 6 – 9

Kids will create Star Wars and Superhero games of their own design. They'll discover their own superpowers as they unlock the power of coding by programming heroes to battle bad guys, leap over tall buildings and capture the villains. Then create code to fly an X-wing, wield a lightsaber or use the Force. During the course, kids will use Scratch, a graphical programming language developed at MIT which allows students to think creatively while learning fundamental coding concepts, such as loops, variables, and constructors. Great for beginner and intermediate students looking to explore coding in a simple and intuitive environment.

Tu – Th / Jul 5 – 7 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$200 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 25 – 28 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS: LEGO® ROBOTICS UNIVERSITY

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 9 – 12

Explore the exciting world of robotics by programming and engineering robots to automate a robotics factory, perform robot rescues and build a base on Mars! Using the amazingly versatile LEGO® MindStorm robotics systems, our students will imagine, build and program robots to solve a wide array of real world problems. Utilizing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) framework, this course teaches kids truly valuable fundamentals in engineering and programming all while having lots of fun!

Mon – Th / Jun 20 – 23 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 25 – 28 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

STEAM STUDIO: YOUTUBE MASTERS

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 9 – 12

Learn the software and skills to become the next YouTube star in this creative and engaging class. From YouTube beginner basics to awesome editing techniques, students will explore all aspects of video production. Turn a passion for gaming into a professional online presence with gamecasting, make your own Let's Play video and more. Become your own YouTube personality while learning how to record and live-edit your broadcasts. A perfect class for kids that are looking to become creators!

Mon – Th / Jun 27 – 30 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 11 – 14 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Aug 8 – 11 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

CODE ACADEMY: PYTHON PROGRAMMING

Register at brainstormedu.com/book-online/

Age 9 – 12

Python is a powerful, multi-purpose programming language that can be used for web development, artificial intelligence, scientific computing, apps, games and more. This course provides an interactive and educational experience that will help break down the fundamentals of programming in an intuitive and engaging way, as students learn to program to create games, simple applications and even art. Students will be introduced to fundamental coding concepts such as variables, functions, and conditionals through hands-on projects.

Tu – Th / Jul 5 – 7 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$200 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Jul 18 – 21 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills
Mon – Th / Aug 1 – 4 / 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. / \$260 / Covenant Hills

RECREATION PROGRAMS

EARLY CHILDHOOD



MUSIC TOGETHER

Register at svmusictogether.net

Age 0 - 6

Music Together is the Gold standard in Early Childhood music and movement. Families participate together in songs, rhythmic activities, movement, and instrumental jam sessions. We create a fun, informal, musically rich social setting that supports different learning styles of children and adults. No class 5/4

Mon / Jun 27 - Aug 22 / 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. / \$185 / Oak Knoll / Age 0-4
Wed / Jun 29 - Aug 17 / 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. / \$185 / Flintridge / Age 0-4
Th / Jun 30 - Aug 18 / 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. / \$185 / Oak Knoll / Age 4-6
Th / Jun 30 - Aug 18 / 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. / \$185 / Oak Knoll / Age 0-4

ENRICHMENT

CPR/AED/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Register at babylovencp.com

Age 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 certification card, valid for two years. There will be an optional First Aid segment at the end of the class.

Sat / Jun 18 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale
Sat / July 30 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale
Sat / Aug 27 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$85 / Avendale



FAMILY CPR AND CHOKING RELIEF

Register at babylovencp.com

Age 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 / Jun 18 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale
Sat / July 30 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale
Sat / Aug 27 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$50 / Avendale

YMCA ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

The Mission Viejo Family YMCA is proud to provide the following classes. First time participants need to 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

Age 40+

Register at ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca

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.

Tue / May 31- Aug 2 / 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Age 40+

Register at ymcaoc.org/mission-viejo-family-ymca

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.

Thu / Jun 2 - Aug 4 / 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. / \$55 or \$6 Drop-In / Oak Knoll

SPORT & FITNESS



LADERA RANCH TENNIS – JUNIORS PROGRAM

Register at billylovetennis@gmail.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. Love Tennis has been training students in firm foundations, excellent technique giving them all the skills they need to break into competitive tennis. You will see unwavering commitment to helping students reach their highest tennis potential...and have fun while doing it. Private lessons and classes are also available for adult players.

Green/Yellow Ball / M – Th / 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Age 10 – 16
Yellow Ball+ / M – Th / 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Age 14+



SKYHAWKS BASEBALLTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 3.5 - 5

BaseballTots classes focus on fine and gross motor skills as well as body control. We teach all the baseball basics, such as throwing, catching, hitting and running control. We are excited to help these little ones develop a love of the game!

Fri / July 8 – Aug 12 / 4:00 – 4:40 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 – 4.5
Fri / July 8 – Aug 12 / 4:50 – 5:30 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 – 5

SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORTSTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 2 - 5

Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This soccer and baseball class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness sport skills and child development. Parent participation required for ages 2 – 3.5.

Mon / Jul 11 – Aug 15 / 4:00 – 4:40 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 – 3.5
Mon / Jul 11 – Aug 15 / 4:50 – 5:30 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 – 5

SKYHAWKS MULTI-SPORT

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 6 - 8

Multi-Sport programs are designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of soccer, and baseball, along with the vital life lessons such as sportsmanship and teamwork.

Mon / Jul 11 – Aug 15 / 5:40 – 6:40 p.m. / \$90 / Oak Knoll

SKYHAWKS SOCCERTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 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 2-3.5 years.

Sat/ July 9 – Aug 13 / 2:00 – 2:40 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 – 3.5
Sat/ July 9 – Aug 13 / 2:50 – 3:30 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 – 4.5
Sat/ July 9 – Aug 13 / 3:40 – 4:20 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 – 5
Tue/ July 5 – Aug 16 / 3:30 – 4:10 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 – 3.5
Tue/ July 5 – Aug 16 / 4:20 – 5:00 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 – 4.5
Tue/ July 5 – Aug 16 / 5:10 – 5:50 p.m. / \$80 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 – 5

SKYHAWKS SOCCER

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 6-8

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.

Tue/ Jul 5 – Aug 16 / 6 – 7 p.m. / \$90 / Oak Knoll
Sat/ Jul 9 – Aug 13 / 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. / \$90 / Oak Knoll

STROLLER STRIDES

Register at laderaranch.fit4mom.com

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

AQUATICS



EVOLUTION SWIM ACADEMY

Register at evolutionswim.com

Age 6 months+

Evolution Swim Academy is the premier learn-to-swim program in Orange County and the official swim lesson programmer in Ladera Ranch. Visit website for more program information, schedule and pricing.

Summer Two Week Accelerator Program
Jump start your summer with a 2-week, 8-day, 30-minute small group swim lesson program. This program operates Monday – Thursday.
Five, 2-week lesson blocks are available.



EVOLUTION RACING CLUB

The Evolution Racing Club is a competitive swim club, offering year-round and seasonal swim team options. For more program information, schedule and pricing information, please visit our website.

EVOLUTION SUMMER SWIM TEAM

June 6 – July 28
Register at evolutionswim.com

Age 5+

Eight (8) week, seasonal swim program. This program meets Monday through Thursday and swimmers can select a 2-day flex program or unlimited up to 4 days a week. Prerequisite: Swimmer must have a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke. Great for fall swim team prep, fitness, and future competitive swimmers.

EVOLUTION RACING CLUB: FALL

August 15 – November 3
Register at evolutionswim.com

Age 5+

Twelve (12) week, seasonal swim program. This program meets Monday through Thursday and swimmers can select 2 days per week. Pre-requisite – Swimmer must have a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke. Great for fall swim team prep, fitness, and future competitive swimmers.



Upgrade your Cox Modem to Access Faster Internet Speed through Gigablast

Even with a return to a sense of societal 'normalcy' in our midst, the pandemic continues to reshape the ways we work, live, and play. With more than half of working professionals in the U.S. opting to continue doing their jobs from home despite having the option to return to their workplaces, we're spending more time at home now than ever before. Whether we're working, streaming movies or music, or gaming, internet speed has never been more relevant to our day-to-day lives.

Cox Gigablast High-Speed Internet offers a reliable solution to our everyday need for fast, responsive internet service. Gigablast debuted to residents of Ladera Ranch in December 2021, but to access the increased internet speed available through Gigablast, a modem upgrade may be required.

When you upgrade your modem and tap into Cox Gigablast-level internet speed, you can look forward to:

- Faster downloads: Up to 1 Gbps (1,000 Mbps) download speeds
- Faster uploads: Up to 35 Mbps upload speeds
- More data: 1.25 TB (1280 GB) monthly data included
- More wifi access: Easy access to over 3 million wifi hotspots
- Better internet security: Cox Security Suite powered by McAfee included

Cox Gigablast is perfect for Ladera Ranch families who all need to connect at once (9+ devices) for 8K video streaming, multi-player gaming, work from home, virtual learning, and more. The best part: Cox Gigablast internet service is available at no additional cost to Ladera Ranch residents. You may never want to leave your house again.

A Cox-compatible DOCSIS 3.1 modem (or higher) is required to take advantage of Gigablast internet speed. If you don't have the right model modem, or if your modem is more than four years old, upgrading is easy! Purchase one on your own or call a Cox representative at (855) 512-8876 to rent one from your local Cox store. Visit cox.com/stores to find the location nearest you.

Plus, you can download the Cox mobile app for easy access to real-time local updates. Use the app to check internet speed, monitor service outages, and more.

Cox is proud to have invested more than \$15 billion in the past 10 years in our network to better serve our customers and bring next-generation gigabit internet speeds to homes. And, today, we continue to invest in our network, which was built to handle peak usage.



Give your Sprinklers a Day Off

Reduce Outdoor Watering by One Day a Week

As California enters its third consecutive year of drought and one of the driest years on record, local water provider, Santa Margarita Water, is asking everyone for a 15% reduction in water use.

"15% may sound like a lot, but if everyone takes just one day off from outdoor watering we can reach our goal," said President Justin McCusker. "This means homeowners, businesses, landscapers, and HOAs water just three days a week instead of four or two instead of three to help out during the drought."

Don't have a yard or other landscaping? No problem. Everyone can "Help Out During the Drought":

Around your home:

- Take 5-minute showers; you'll save 12.5 gallons per shower. Stop by our office for a timer!
- Turn off the water when you're brushing teeth and washing your hands. That will save 8 gallons of water each time.
- Fill the bathtub just halfway. You'll get just as clean and you'll save 25 gallons per bath

Around your yard:

- Take a break, water just one day less each week
- Upgrade to water-wise, drought-resilient plants. That'll save 30-60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. each time you water
- Fix leaks within 48 hours (we can help; give us a call or visit smwd.com/SaveWater)
- Use a broom to clean outdoor areas instead of a hose. You'll save 6 gallons a minute

Santa Margarita Water serves over 9.8 billion gallons of drinking water each year. Roughly 80% of it is imported from hundreds of miles away in northern California and the Colorado River and it's at risk of natural and regulatory drought. The State Water Resources Control Board – the agency responsible for regulating California's water supply – issued a request for voluntary water reductions several months ago; mandatory reductions are expected as the drought worsens.

The district is also doing its part to help out and ensure local, reliable, and sustainable water supplies. It's invested \$23 million in water supply projects to reduce its dependence on imported water. In the past year, the District completed the annexation of the city of San Juan Capistrano's water and sewer utility (that includes a water treatment plant with direct access to groundwater,) put 326 million gallons of recycled water into Orange County's largest recycled water reservoir at Trampas Canyon, and is gearing up to construct its first drinking water treatment plant in Rancho Mission Viejo.

"All three of these efforts are important pieces in our water supply portfolio," McCusker said. Learn more about how to save water by visiting smwd.com/SaveWater.



Culture of 'Local'



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

Happy Summer everyone! Thank you for supporting our local businesses in our four retail centers! Their success continues to depend on you. When you visit and keep your dollars in Ladera, our brick-and-mortar businesses continue to thrive. The number one factor that makes a business successful in the long-term is how many

folks walk through the front door and make a purchase. Busy businesses almost never close.

Our Chamber calls this the culture of local. It is choosing local businesses first, and last. Feel like Italian tonight? Dine at Joe's or Pino's. Kids need tutoring? Think Mathnasium or Kumon. Time for a new outfit? Drop into a Touch of Jane or Belle Boutique. Need groceries? Head to Stater Bros. or Albertsons. Upping your fitness? Yoga Six or Shredz. Our local businesses have chosen to invest and lay down roots in our community and it is our responsibility, as neighbors, to support them.

High gas prices have helped to reinforce the frequency of local picks but there are a number of other benefits about shopping locally:

- Spending dollars locally keeps businesses strong and minimizes commercial vacancy
- More businesses equate to more jobs
- Local businesses prefer to hire local residents
- Surplus dollars get re-invested back into our community
- Businesses give back to local organizations
- Tax dollars pay for street maintenance, law enforcement and fire protection
- Fostering of relationships between our businesses and their employees

It is important that we continue to grow the culture of local. Local should be the primary driver of each purchase decision for goods or services you make. This summer, try not to leave Ladera. There are more brick-and-mortar businesses with greater diversity than at any time in Ladera's history. It has taken us years to get here. Whether or not we can keep them is wholly up to us.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support of the Ladera Ranch Farmers Market and our 50 small businesses! We see many of you each Sunday and your participation has solidified it as one of Orange County's best weekly markets!



Step up. Lean in.



By J. Ocana
Chair, Ladera Ranch Civic Council

The Ladera Ranch Civic Council is focused on educating our community about future options for our unincorporated community that will take us into the future. These options include potential to become a full city, annexing to another city in our vicinity, or becoming a community services district along with

other options. These must be evaluated by our residents and decided upon at some later date after research, study and discussion. This will take years to execute, and we are just in the beginning stages of evaluating these many options. In the meantime, there are other great ways to get involved in our local community governance right now.

Organizations like the Civic Council as well as LARMAC and LARCS work every day to help make Ladera Ranch better, safer and keep it the best community in the state. Yet, many residents do not take advantage of having their voices heard by participating in public meetings or better yet running for office for one of these elected bodies. For the foreseeable future, these organizations are our government, equivalent to a city council in an adjacent town. Residents should seek to engage more fully with these organizations to have a voice in local governance now which will also benefit the future direction of Ladera Ranch.

As we have seen during the pandemic, local governance is often more important than your State Senator we tend to know more about. We saw during this time that your county board of supervisors and your local school board had more impact on your daily life than any state or federal election. In November 2022, there will be an election for 5th District Supervisor to replace outgoing Lisa Bartlett. Do you know who the candidates are? As an unincorporated area, our 5th District Supervisor is the De Facto Mayor for Ladera Ranch so it's important to know who will replace her.



HOME TECHNOLOGY REFRESH CHALLENGE



Author **April Sather**, technology system and security professional and member of the LARCS Technology Advisory Committee

As many facets of our lives return to normal after a two-year pandemic rollercoaster, one thing has changed permanently: our appreciation for, and reliance on technology. It kept us connected, productive, educated, informed and engaged. For those of us with strong technology essentials in place, such as a high-speed Internet connection, full-home Wi-Fi coverage and up-to-date computers, peripherals (e.g., cameras, microphones, printers) had one experience, while those without, had another. Things that we thought we could get by without, or would upgrade later, became essential and scarce at the same time.

Make this season an opportunity to take an objective look at your technology and create an action plan to close any gaps. How many of the following can you say 'yes' to with confidence?

INTERNET

- My cable modem is up to date and compatible with Ladera's Cox Gigablast service.
- All rooms in my home have an acceptable Wi-Fi speed and coverage to support work, school, home security, home automation and home entertainment needs.
- I regularly update my network router firmware.

DATA

- My desktop/laptop/mobile files are automatically backed up to a different location. If they were lost, stolen, or infected with malware (e.g., ransomware), I would be able to restore them without a problem.
- I can access my important data, files and photos from any device by leveraging a reliable and secure cloud-based solution.

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

- My devices are reliable and capable (e.g. have enough memory, hard drive space, processing power) to support the latest operating systems and applications that are important to me.



- My desktop, laptop, phones, Smart TVs and gaming consoles, have the latest hardware/firmware and software updates installed.
- I uninstall applications that I do not use from my computer and phone and cancel recurring subscriptions to applications and services that I no longer use.
- I periodically check the security and privacy settings (e.g., in browsers, apps, devices) to ensure they are aligned with my preferences.
- I regularly scan my devices for malware.

PERIPHERALS

- My computer camera and microphone quality are sufficient for taking part in video meetings/appointments using mainstream tools such as (e.g., Zoom, Teams, Google Meet).
- I have (or have access to) a printer or multi-function printer/scanner/copier that meets my needs and maintain at least three months' worth of supplies on hand (e.g., toner and paper).
- regularly update peripheral software and firmware (e.g., printers, headsets, mice, cameras).

GENERAL

- I periodically dispose of broken, outdated technology through donation, selling and recycling.
- I cancel auto-renewals for services I don't use anymore. (e.g., unused, or excess anti-virus subscriptions, entertainment and/or gaming subscriptions, Box or Dropbox accounts, Microsoft O365, Apple app subscriptions).
- I have a technology refresh routine and budget.

HOW DID YOU DO?

While not everything on the following list may apply to your home technology set-up, it may have sparked an idea or two for where you can begin.

Take the technology refresh challenge and prioritize one item on this list this summer and take the next step towards building your household technology effectiveness and resiliency.



LARMAC BRINGS BACK THE LADERA LANDSCAPE AWARDS

Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Landscape Committee announced the return of the Ladera Landscape Awards. This program is designed to recognize residents who have made an excellent effort to maintain their properties and in-turn contribute positively to the overall appearance of the community.

Chase Fitzpatrick, LARMAC President said, "We are excited to bring back this program that celebrates our residents who take pride in their home and our community."

LARMAC will announce its front yard landscaping winners in early October 2022. One winner will be selected from each of the four categories which include Best Use of Space, Most Creative, Overall Appearance and Water Wise, and will receive their choice of an item from a list of coveted prizes. Additionally, the winners will receive special recognition on LaderaLife and in a future issue of Roots and Wings magazine, as well as a lawn sign to commemorate their recognition.

Ladera Ranch residents may nominate themselves and as many neighbors as they like on LaderaLife through September 19, 2022 when nominations close. Visit LaderaLife.com/LandscapeAwards to see the award program guidelines and to submit your nominations.

LARMAC kindly reminds residents that all modifications to a home's existing landscape requires approval by the Aesthetics Review Committee (ARC). See LaderaLife.com/Home-Improvements for details.

CATEGORIES

- Best Use of Space
- Most Creative
- Overall Appearance
- Water-Wise

PRIZES

Choice of one:

- \$50 Amazon Gift Card
- Complimentary Water Park Picnic Area Rental
- Complimentary Rental at the Avendale, Flintridge, or Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse
- Complimentary Picnic Area in the Park Rental

Please visit LaderaLife.com/LandscapeAwards for guidelines and to submit a nomination.



LARMAC staff, Megan and Sara announce the return of the Ladera Landscape Awards



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- Community Safety



Ladera Happenings weekly newsletter. Watch for it Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

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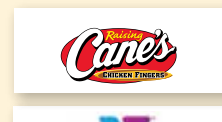
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