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FirstService Residential (949) 448-6000

Ladera Ranch is professionally managed by FirstService Residential, California.

Ladera Happenings

Stay up-to-date with the latest events, announcements, and project updates by signing up to receive the official newsletter. Sign up at LaderaLife.com/newsletter

LaderaLife

If you have recently moved, check your LaderaLife account to ensure your home address, mobile number, and email address are current.

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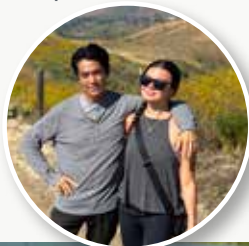


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LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD PRESIDENTS

Back to the Basics: Values, Community, Responsibility.

As we transition from summer to fall, we turn our attention back toward home. After a season of traveling, road trips, and enjoying adventures with friends, we return to our familiar routines.

Rather than rushing into the new season, we have an opportunity to refocus our time and energy on the things that bring us joy, peace, and what matters most.

Amid our busy lives, it is easy to lose sight of the significance of home—where we find comfort, build memories, and cultivate relationships. Neighborly relationships are the cornerstone upon which Ladera Ranch was built.

In this issue of Roots and Wings, we spotlight neighbors making a difference in our community. They are everyday people who exemplify the values upon which Ladera Ranch was founded – building relationships, improving our community, being mindful of our neighbors, being accountable for the care of our community, and actively participating in our hometown.

We hope that you will be inspired by this issue and encouraged to:

- **Discuss your family's core values with the young people in your life.** Promote awareness of how these values are similar to those who may think differently from you.
- **Notice the good behavior and traits in others – especially young people.** Validate individuals who are making a positive impact and show appreciation for how they improve our community.
- **Create a culture of care for our community.** Poor behavior is never acceptable. We're empowered to speak up as we expect all to take care of our amenities, parks, and open spaces and be mindful of each other.
- **Take an active role by volunteering.** From greeting neighbors on the trails, serving as a neighborhood representative, helping in the classroom, or serving on a committee, every effort has a ripple effect.

Congratulations to the **2023 Volunteer Service Award** recipients who were recognized at the annual appreciation event earlier this year. Kelly and Mark Hallbeck received the Family Volunteer of the Year award, the Ladera Ranch Ladies Pickleball Group was named, Community Group of the Year, Jim Finken was presented the Ranch Hand Volunteer of the Year, Connor Mai was named Teen Volunteer of the Year, and Jessica Geyer, Volunteer of the Year for the adult category.

As we look ahead to a new school year and our future as a community, we're reminded that "it takes a village." Responsibility is one of the most important values we can instill in our young people. It starts at home – in our community. We're responsible for our actions, our words, our thoughts, and the care of our community.

This is Ladera Ranch – it's our hometown!

As your neighbors, we're committed to serving you and Ladera Ranch, the place we call home. We hope you'll join us in caring for our community, participating in new productive ways, leading by example, and active participation.



Chase Fitzpatrick *Armando Rutledge*

CHASE FITZPATRICK
President
Ladera Ranch
Maintenance
Corporation (LARMAC)

ARMANDO RUTLEDGE
President
Ladera Ranch
Community
Services (LARCS)



- Sense of Community
- Neighborly Relations
- Positive Attitude
- Volunteer
- Be Reasonable
- Prevent Conflicts



- Be civil and courteous
- Use productive language
- Put safety-first
- Care for our community



Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 21
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Founders Park

Spend a delightful afternoon filled with music, games, activities, a costume contest, crafts, a handmade craft fair, food trucks, and more. From exciting photo ops to recreation program demonstrations, there's something for everyone at this harvest season celebration.



\$10
CASHLESS
EVENT

CHILDREN ACTIVITY WRISTBANDS

Purchase early and save!
Wristbands are available beginning Monday, October 2, through 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 18 on LaderaLife.com. Wristbands will \$18 at the event. All activity lines will close at 4:30 p.m.



COSTUME CONTEST

Enter the annual Costume Contest to win prizes and bragging rights. Registration opens at noon, with judging at 2:00 p.m. Categories include Best Kid 0-6 years, 7-12 years, and Best Group.



HANDMADE CRAFT FAIR

Showcase and sell your unique handcrafted items during the festival. For more information and to be considered, email contact.larcs@laderalife.com.

Fall EVENTS 2023



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 SYMPHONY IN THE PARK CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS DAY

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Oso Grande Park

This extraordinary event will bring families, neighbors, and friends together like never before! Join us for Symphony in the Park, a grand celebration for Grandparents Day. It's an experience that will create lasting memories and strengthen the bonds that connect generations.

The event is free. Registration is required.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

OKTOBERFEST

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse
\$50 per person | 21+

Raise a glass with good friends, food, and cheer. The price includes two drinks, beer or wine, light bites, entertainment, and more. Guests are encouraged to dress in festive attire for a chance to win prizes! Purchase your tickets before September 1 and save \$5 each.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 NEW HOMEOWNER WELCOME RECEPTION

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse

This event is designed for new homeowners and families to receive an introduction to the community and meet others new to Ladera Ranch. You'll meet and hear from Ladera Ranch Community Services (LARCS) and Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC). Enjoy light appetizers and refreshments, and crafts for the children.



OCTOBER 12 - 26 HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Entry Deadline is Wednesday, October 11

Unleash your creativity and transform your home into a spooktacular masterpiece with eerie decorations, spider webs, and jack-o'-lanterns. Winners will receive a gift card and well-deserved recognition with spooktacular yard sign that'll make their houses the envy of the neighborhood. Let's make our community come alive with the most captivating and spine-chilling displays for a ghoulishly good time!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
TEEN MOVIE NIGHT AND
HAUNTED MAZE

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. | Oak Knoll Village Clubhouse
Grades 6 - 12 | \$7 per teen

Calling all thrill-seeking teens in grades 6-12! Don't miss out on the ultimate event of the year, brought to you by the LARCS Teen Leadership Council. Brace yourselves for a spine-chilling maze, the original Jumanji movie, a photo booth for epic memories, and a mouthwatering nacho bar and candy buffet. You can even bring two guests (at \$7 per person) for an unforgettable evening. Get ready for the most epic, hair-raising event in Ladera. Be there or be scared!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Town Green

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



Georgette Shrake
Event Planning Committee
& Team Mom

This avid baseball fan is not only passionate about her Dodgers bobblehead collection, she loves volunteering as team mom. Georgette puts her enthusiasm and creativity in to serving as the LARCS Event Planning Committee Co-Chair. Her favorite event is the Summer

Concert Series. This year her family planned their family vacation around Yachty by Nature, her favorite cover band.

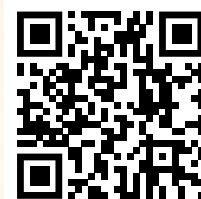
When Georgette's family moved to Ladera from Irvine, she wanted to feel more connected to where they lived - so she got involved. She encourages her 9 year old son to do the same.

Joanne Kopeny
LARCS Events Manager



Organizing the July 4th Celebration alone would give most people a head of gray hair. JoJo has been the Events Manager for Ladera Ranch for the past 12 years and has an amazing attention to detail. She loves music and can be found at the House of Blues in the Foundation Room or enjoying live entertainment along the coast.

Visit
laderalife.com/events
for up-to-date
event information.



LADERA RANCH

TEEN

MOVIE

night

& HAUNTED
MAZE

Get ready for a spine-chilling night of frights and thrills because Ladera is bringing back the ultimate event for teens in grades 6-12! Join us at the Teen Movie Night and Haunted Maze, presented by the awesome LARCS Teen Leadership Council. It's going to be the talk of Ladera!

Saturday, October 28

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

\$7 per teen, grade 6-12

Register at LaderaLife.com/events

Teens in LADERA RANCH

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Connor Mai

Teen Volunteer of the Year

Connor has developed his leadership skills through volunteering at many of the LARCS events and serving as an active member of the LARCS Teen Leadership Council since 2022.

Connor donates his time at the Nature Reserve and school organizations. This past year, Connor has written three articles for LaderaLife, with one being included in the summer issue of Roots and Wings magazine. Connor logged a record number of hours this year.

Recently, Connor used his passion for art to create potted plants that he sold at the weekly Farmers Market to benefit Ladera's Marine Battalion, 1ST LAR. A highlight for Connor was presenting a \$1,500 proceeds check to the Marine commander and sharing his appreciation for the Battalion's service.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the 2023 LARCS Teen Scholarship and Saddleback College Scholarship Award recipients. This LARCS program recognizes the efforts of outstanding Ladera students who will grow up to be our future leaders.



TEEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



David Engle
Brigham Young University



Hannah Hyepock
Baylor University



Grace Jackson
Pepperdine University



Zach Ward
University of Oregon



Rachel Warner
Vanderbilt University



Brandon McDonald
Nursing School
Saddleback College



LARMAC Enlists Titanium Security for Patrol Services in Ladera Ranch

The Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation (LARMAC) Board of Directors has hired Titanium Security, a regional security and patrol firm, to provide patrol and gate attendant services for the master-planned community of Ladera Ranch.

LARMAC has contracted with Titanium Security to patrol and protect LARMAC-owned assets, property, and facilities. This includes trails, swimming pools, clubhouses, and fields and parks throughout its 125 neighborhoods. Titanium Security started on July 10.

The change from Allied Universal to Titanium Security resulted from an extensive five-month vendor and proposal review process stemmed from the community's evolving needs. Seven responded to the RFQ, and three were invited to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process; the others were unable to demonstrate sufficient relatable experience. After much discussion and consideration, the Board of Directors awarded the contract to Titanium Security.

Titanium Security's responsibilities include:

- Protecting LARMAC property by monitoring vandalism and suspicious activity to minimize unnecessary costs to homeowners and promote strong home values.
- Monitoring violations of the LARMAC governing documents on LARMAC property to maintain the standards that allow residents to enjoy their community.
- Enforcing parking regulations on LARMAC private streets that, in turn, preserve safety and access standards, as well as fairness to all residents.
- Within Covenant Hills – performing vehicle gate attendant duties and enforcing LARMAC parking regulations.

- Working closely with law enforcement to address the community's concerns and challenges that fall outside of LARMAC's jurisdiction

Note: The California Highway Patrol is responsible for traffic, vehicle, and ebike issues; the Orange County Sheriff's Department responds to crime-related matters (see page 11).

- Communicating with the LARMAC Board of Directors at monthly meetings to provide current data and information that will enable LARMAC to manage the community effectively.

Tony Castillo, LARMAC Asst. Secretary said, "The (LARMAC) Board is confident that we are aligned with the right partner to deliver the level of service and attention our community requires. We are happy to bring Titanium Security online and welcome Korey Bosworth and his team."



Korey Bosworth
Owner, Titanium Security

"We look forward to partnering with LARMAC and the residents of Ladera Ranch to provide patrol and gate attendant services. Although our responsibility and focus are protecting LARMAC property, we want to encourage residents to help foster a culture of safety and responsibility in their homes, neighborhoods, and community."



MEET MANNY

Ambassador for Strong Property Values in Ladera

One of Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation's (LARMAC) primary responsibilities is maintaining the aesthetic standards in Ladera Ranch. The team works diligently to promote strong property values and residents' enjoyment of their homes and neighborhoods.

Homeowners' responsibilities to maintain their property are outlined in the LARMAC Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and the LARMAC Aesthetics Standards, both of which speak to aesthetic standards for the community.

Manny is one of two LARMAC team members who serve Ladera Ranch homeowners to ensure that the community's property standards are maintained. He regularly inspects villages and neighborhoods and communicates with residents, helping guide them in their compliance inquiries.

Manny joins LARMAC from Chick-fil-A and brings an exemplary commitment to customer service and quality standards that serve the community well.

Manny's Tips to Maintain Your Home Exterior

1. Review the CC&Rs and Aesthetics Standards before proposing any changes to the outside of the home or yard.
2. Check with LARMAC at contact.larmac@laderalife.com before starting a home improvement project.
3. Inspect the exterior of your home, especially exterior paint which usually requires repainting every 5-7 years to protect surfaces.
4. Trim and fertilize outdoor plants on a regular basis to keep them healthy and attractive.



Get to Know Manny: Two Truths and a Lie

- Manny served as yearbook editor for his high school.
- Manny used to tattle as a kid.
- Manny loves helping people and collaborating to find solutions.



Carl Steindler Stein Time Podcast Host



As the host of the Ladera Ranch-focused, Stein Time podcast, Carl Steindler is living his dream. His intrigue and love of radio have stayed with him since childhood.

Carl combines his love of radio with the love of his community to produce a podcast focused on the people and lifestyle of Ladera Ranch.

Find Stein Time at LaderaRanchRadio.com, Spotify, Apple Podcast, Google Play, and iHeart.



A: Manny loved working on his high school yearbook and enjoys helping people.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

It Takes a Village and Starts at Home



with their neighbors, this sets a strong foundation and is the best way residents can partner with law enforcement,” Barba continued.

See Something. Say Something.

Residents play an important role in strengthening the sense of community in Ladera Ranch. As a resident, if you see something, say something. If you see an individual doing something good or acting productively, let them know you appreciate it. Validate good behavior and traits in others, especially young people, and how their behavior adds value to our community. On the contrary, if you see bad behavior, speak up and report it.

As the master homeowner association for Ladera Ranch, LARMAC is doing what it can by enforcing the Community Guidelines which is a governing document that every homeowner agrees to abide by. It outlines the Community Values and a Code of Conduct (see page 3).

Recently a teenager was called to an association hearing for his behavior – blocking a woman from leaving a driveway and displaying a lewd gesture in defiance after she asked him to move his bike. Another hearing involved a teen who vandalized association property. Because residents were able to provide timely documentation and photos, LARMAC was able to investigate, call the homeowner to a hearing, and assess fines and charges to repair damages.

The fine for damage to LARMAC property is \$1,500, plus the cost to repair the damage. The fine a Code of Conduct violation is \$500.

Earlier this year, as LARCS Board President, Greg Sink helped organize a meeting between LARMAC, LARCS, Supervisor Katrina Foley, 5th District Orange County, and representatives from the California Highway Patrol, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, and the Orange County Fire Authority to discuss the state of community safety.

This initial meeting laid the groundwork for LARMAC and these public safety agencies to improve upon how they work together to address issues such as ebikes, public safety, crime, and fire prevention.

These agencies have the right leadership, they are well-equipped and prepared to do their job. Following the meeting, which was productive, one fact was clear to all in attendance – community safety is a joint effort with residents.

When it comes to the issue of public safety, it truly takes a village. Law enforcement, politicians, and the homeowner association can’t solve public safety and conduct issues themselves in a vacuum.

Residents are essential to making an impact.

Whether the crime, code of conduct violation, or malicious behavior is committed on LARMAC property, on County streets, or in business parks, law enforcement requires help from residents.

There are many more residents than there are officers in the community. With timely reporting that includes photos, video, location, and incident details, officers are able to take action.

“In my experience, when residents take pride in and are active in their community, criminal activity is curtailed.” Sergeant Justin Barba with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department said.

“When residents maintain situational awareness, make safety a priority, secure their personal effects and property, install and use security technology, and strengthen communication and relationships



Greg Sink Active Volunteer in Ladera

Greg is an original Ladera homeowner. He has served on the LARCS Board of Directors, the Event Planning Committee and as a Neighborhood Representative. He has a heart for our Marines and creating a magical experience for neighbors during the holidays by decorating his home and the neighborhood.



Faces of Public Safety in Ladera Ranch



County of Orange Katrina Foley, Supervisor Fifth District

Elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2022, Supervisor Foley represents the newly established District 5, which includes south Orange County cities and communities. Known as a woman of action, she works tirelessly to protect our beaches, parks, and open spaces, ensure safe neighborhoods, and provide the resources law enforcement and the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) need to do their jobs well.

Supervisor Foley is a hands-on community leader, keenly aware of the needs of her south county constituents and agencies under her authority. After becoming aware of incidents that threatened the safety of residents this summer, she promptly called a meeting with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and other officials to address the issues, which included reallocating resources as needed.

Residents may sign up for Supervisor Foley's newsletter at d5.ocgov.com/newsletter



California Highway Patrol Captain Brad Palmer

The primary role of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is traffic safety, traffic enforcement, crime prevention, and community engagement. One of the most pressing issues that CHP is focused is bicycle/ebike safety.

Bicycles and ebikes must follow all the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. They must stop at red lights and stop signs, ride with the flow of traffic and closest to the right curb as possible, also ride in bike lanes when available. Parents are encouraged to actively educate their kids on the responsibilities and dangers of sharing the road with motor vehicles.

Capt. Palmer shares, "Helmets are required for all riders and passengers under 18 years riding Class 1 and 2 ebikes, and for all ages on Class 3 ebikes. They can significantly reduce the risk of head injuries. Most ebikes are not equipped with an additional seat for passengers. Passengers are not authorized to ride on the handlebars, pegs or to share a seat with the operator of the ebike."



Orange County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Justin Barba

When it comes to deterring crime and promoting public safety Sgt. Justin Barba suggests that residents enhance their situational awareness and become actively involved in the community. Residents can serve as their Neighborhood Representatives through LARMAC, serve on committees, participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, and attend association meetings.

The OCSD teaches residents to look for signs of suspicious activity, recognize potential threats, and report issues of concern. Barba notes that the use of technology such as surveillance cameras, video doorbells, additional lighting, and other security devices enhances situational awareness in neighborhoods and around the home.

Read more at LaderaLife.com/publicsafety

See Something. Say Something.

- 1 Determine Who to Contact
- 2 Document the incident
- 3 Submit a report



California Highway Patrol (CHP)
Traffic and e-Bike Issues
Non-emergency: (949) 670-7030
Emergency: 911

Orange County Sheriff
Crime or Suspicious Activity
Non-emergency: (949) 770-6011
Emergency: 911

Titanium Security
LARMAC Property
Vandalism & Graffiti
Text or call: (949) 351-9253

Robert Lozano

Founder, Ladera Ranch
Tech Support Facebook Group

Robert is a technology leader and founder of the Ladera Ranch Free Tech Support Facebook Group. The group has grown to over 1,400 members. With a passion for helping others, he uses his expertise to build community in Ladera Ranch, providing answers to technology-related questions. Robert values trips to wine country with his wife, family time, and assisting neighbors. Robert also serves as the Co-Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee for LARCS.



Chase Fitzpatrick

President, LARMAC Board of Directors

Chase, LARMAC Board President, is an accomplished professional with a background in education and business development. Currently an Enterprise Sales Director in the healthcare industry, Chase's passion for community led him to actively serve Ladera Ranch. With extensive volunteer work and dedication to maintaining the quality of the community, Chase ensures Ladera Ranch remains a cherished home for its residents.



Armando Rutledge

President, LARCS Board of Directors

Armando and his family were interviewed in the developer marketing video for Ladera 20 years ago. Since the days of raising his family here, Armando's love for the community endures. He has played an active role in shaping and nurturing the community. Even in retirement, his love for Ladera Ranch drives his ongoing dedication to creating a sense of community that benefits all residents.



Todd Stearns

President, Ladera Rancho
Chamber of Commerce

Of the things that Todd is most passionate about, Ladera Ranch businesses and the weekly Farmers Market top the list. Todd is an avid cyclist, outdoorsman and now, pickleball player. Mostly Todd loves Ladera Ranch, Laderians, and connecting people.



Stephanie Jebbia

Assistant General Manager, LARMAC

More than her amazing smile, love for the Steelers, or talking with her hands, this Italian-American is known as a seasoned community manager who brings her expertise and leadership to running Ladera Ranch. Steph is a dedicated, hard-working pro who has a great sense of humor, loves her alma mater, San Diego State University, and loves Blues music.



Jay Rogers

Rugby Coach & LARCS Board Member

When Jay's not traveling to the rain forest or having fun putting business deals together, you'll find him coaching rugby or hurdles. Jay formed the LARCS teen scholarship fund with his cohorts, and enjoys mentoring young people. This east coast native has planted his roots, and heart, in Ladera Ranch.



For over twenty years Ladera Ranch has been a unique and wonderful place to call home. Everything we love about our hometown doesn't simply happen or fall into place. It truly takes a village of individuals and families coming together with intention to create the sense of community that is Ladera Ranch.

These are some of the faces who are using their talents and time to make Ladera Ranch uniquely remarkable.

Learn more at LaderaLife.com/FacesOfLadera

Kim Diaz

Neighborhood Activity Coordinator

Kim is known for her positive energy, ability to take charge and get things done, and her love for connecting neighbors. In her role, she enjoys putting on block parties, encouraging neighbors to decorate their homes for the holidays, and doing what she can to keep Ladera amazing.



Samantha Talley

Treasurer, LARMAC Board Member

As a new mother, Sam has her hands full with raising her family and working as a finance professional. She views public service as an investment in her community and uses her talents to benefit others.



Jim Finken

LARCS Event Planning Committee Member

Combining his love of his community with his love of music and concerts, Jim serves on the Event Planning Committee. He often works at LARCS community events where he enjoys meeting neighbors and seeing families enjoy themselves.



Ashley Blair

Director, Ladera Ranch Community Services

Known as a parks and recreation services rockstar, Ashley brings a wealth of expertise in aquatics, sports programs, and recreation program management. She has a degree from Cal State Long Beach and has an eye for the big picture.



Emre Celik

Event Volunteer & Co-Chair,
Technology Advisory Committee

Emre started volunteering in Ladera before he actually moved to Ladera. He can be found volunteering at LARCS events like Go Green Ladera and Spring Celebration. He works in technology and uses his strengths advising the LARCS Board on tech-related matters. Emre is a cool dad and loves being involved in YMCA Adventure Guides too.



Joya Celik

PTA President & LARCS Board Member

Why has Joya been featured in Roots and Wings more than any other? Not because she used to work on The Office and Parks and Recreation TV shows, but for the work she does in Ladera. Joya loves to give residents a voice, and keep them informed. She's been a neighborhood rep, tech committee member, board member and much more.





STEWARDSHIP

Care and Responsibility

As residents of Ladera Ranch, we are entrusted with the care of the land - from the trails, open spaces, amenities, and our overall community.

When we intentionally spend time with the young people in our lives, and share the values upon which Ladera Ranch was founded, we instill the responsibility of stewardship in them.

By focusing on the values that we share, we ensure the legacy of the land and our community continues. This strengthens our bond as neighbors and deepens our connection with our hometown, Ladera Ranch.



LADERA RANCH
It's our Hometown

LaderaLife.com/hometown



More than Fun and Games

Building Community through Pickleball

Pickleball was invented in 1965 by two men from Washington State who returned home from work to find their families sitting around with nothing to do. They specifically created the game so their families could play together.

Since then, pickleball has gained popularity and is the fastest-growing sport nationwide. This growth has found its way to Ladera Ranch.

Denise Frank, a 22-year Ladera Ranch resident, learned to play pickleball while on summer vacation. She was immediately hooked and spent the rest of that summer playing every chance she got.

Upon returning home, Denise searched the area for pickleball courts and didn't find many options. She learned that the Avendale Village courts were lined for pickleball, so she added a post to the Ladera Ranch Moms Facebook page and found three other women who wanted to play and reserved a court on LaderaLife.

Denise is an athlete who loves her community and enjoys connecting with others, especially over sports. She spent summers in Lake Arrowhead and has been water ski racing competitively since age seven. Denise still enjoys water skiing during the summer.

This summer, you'll find Denise playing pickleball with other women from the Ladera Ranch Ladies Pickleball Group that she founded in December 2021 and officially became a Ladera Ranch Community Services club in 2022.

The popularity of the club exploded, and today it has over 450 members.

Pickleball as a sport has grown and made its way to Ladera. It's heart-warming to see the sense of community that Denise and her group have preserved and promoted.

Women in the group have developed wonderful new friendships and feel a genuine connection to the community. These friendships have formed through consistently spending quality time together.

Denise said, "While pickleball can be a sport that is taken seriously, most of us are on the courts for camaraderie, exercise, and laughter." The group has attracted ladies who are new moms, empty nesters, and everyone in between! Our group welcomes ladies of all ages and those with varying playing abilities.

Because of the group's positive impact on the community, the Ladera Ranch Ladies Pickleball Group was presented the 2023 Community Group of the Year service award by Ladera Ranch Community Service (LARCS).

Jill Lau notes, "It's wonderful to experience the ripple effect that one person's action can make on our community. Denise used her passion for a sport to create something much bigger than a list of playing partners. She created a "community" which benefits everyone – whether they play the sport or not."



Denise Frank



EARLY CHILDHOOD



MUSIC TOGETHER

Register at svmusictogether.net

Age 0 - 4

Experience the gold standard in early childhood music and movement. Families participate in songs, rhythmic activities, movement, and instrumental jam sessions. Participants create a fun, informal, musically rich social setting that supports the different learning styles of children and adults. No class on 11/23.

Mon / Sep 11 / 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. / Free Demo / Oak Knoll
 Mon / Sep 18 - Nov 20 / 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. / \$230 / Flintridge
 Mon / Sep 18 - Nov 20 / 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. / \$230 / Oak Knoll
 Th / Sep 14 / 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. / Free Demo / Oak Knoll
 Th / Sep 21 - Nov 30 / 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. / \$230 / Flintridge



LADYBUG MUSIC CLASSES

Register at magicstepstudios.com

Age 0 - 5

Join us for our award-winning class filled with upbeat and original Ladybug Music that nurtures your child's basic music skills and is designed for optimal early childhood development. Moms, dads, grandparents, and nannies are invited to enjoy the fun!

Tu / Sep 12 / 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. / \$30 / Trial Class / Oak Knoll
 Tu / Sep 19 - Nov 21 / 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. / \$325 / Oak Knoll
 Tu / Sep 19 - Nov 21 / 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. / \$325 / Oak Knoll
 Wed / Sep 13 / 4:00 - 4:45p.m. / \$30 / Trial Class / Chaparral Park
 Wed / Sep 20 - Nov 22 / 4:00 - 4:45p.m. / \$325 / Chaparral Park

ENRICHMENT

RHYTHM KIDS

Register at svmusictogether.net

Age 4 - 6

Children have fun making music with their friends - drumming, singing, moving, and playing to rhythms inspired by musical traditions worldwide. Students learn to compose and conduct as they play various musical instruments and, use their voices and bodies. Children will develop the facility, repertoire, and creativity to be confident music students. Excellent as a stand-alone music class or as a companion to private lessons.

Mon / Sep 18 - Nov 6 / 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. / \$195 / Oak Knoll

FAMILY CPR & CHOKING RELIEF

Register at orangecountymidwife.com

Age 7+

This class covers CPR and choking relief skills. Students will use CPR manikins for hands-on practice. This class is excellent for parents, grandparents, sitters, nannies, and siblings. This class does not provide certification and is for self-education purposes.

Sat / Sep 16 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$60 / Avendale
 Sat / Nov 11 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. / \$60 / Avendale



MANNERS, CHARACTER, AND SOCIAL SKILLS

Register at theetiquettefactory.com

Age 5 - 10

This unique learning experience helps children understand why integrity, respect, empathy, and charity help our lives personally and professionally. Over 50 different etiquette skills are taught using games, role play, and activities. A one-time supply fee of \$20. No class on 9/13.

Wed / Sep 6 - Oct 18 / 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. / \$145 / Flintridge

SPORTS AND FITNESS

SKYHAWKS SOCCERTOTS

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 2 - 5

This soccer-themed motor skill class is very easy for youngsters. 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. The instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development; above all else, we promote fun! Parent participation is required for ages 2-3.5 years. No class on 11/11, 11/24, and 11/25.

Fri / Sep 15 - Oct 13 / 4:00 - 4:40 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 - 3.5
 Fri / Sep 15 - Oct 13 / 4:50 - 5:30 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 - 4.5
 Fri / Sep 15 - Oct 13 / 5:40 - 6:20 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 - 5
 Fri / Nov 3 - Dec 8 / 2:30 - 3:10 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 - 3.5
 Fri / Nov 3 - Dec 8 / 3:20 - 4:00 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 - 5
 Sat / Sep 16 - Oct 14 / 2:00 - 2:40 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 - 3.5
 Sat / Sep 16 - Oct 14 / 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 - 4.5
 Sat / Sep 16 - Oct 14 / 3:40 - 4:20 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 - 5
 Sat / Oct 28 - Dec 9 / 2:00 - 2:40 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 2 - 3.5
 Sat / Oct 28 - Dec 9 / 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 3.5 - 4.5
 Sat / Oct 28 - Dec 9 / 3:40 - 4:20 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll / Age 4.5 - 5

RECREATION PROGRAMS



LADERA RANCH TENNIS - JUNIORS PROGRAM

Register at lovetennisinquiries@gmail.com

Age 5+

Ladera Ranch Tennis is the official year-round tennis program of Ladera Ranch. The coaches train students in firm foundations and excellent technique, equipping them with the skills they need to break into competitive tennis. Students will receive an unwavering commitment to help them reach their highest potential and have fun while playing the sport. Private lessons and classes are also available for adult players.

Red/Orange Ball / M - F / 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Age 5 - 10
 Green/Yellow Ball / M - F / 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. / Covenant Hills / Age 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

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

SKYHAWKS SOCCER

Register at skyhawks.com

Age 6 - 8

Young athletes will gain the technical skills and sports 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. No class on 11/11, 11/24, and 11/25.

Fri / Sep 15 - Oct 13 / 6:30 - 7:10 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll
 Fri / Nov 3 - Dec 8 / 4:10 - 4:50 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll
 Sat / Sep 16 - Oct 14 / 4:30 - 5:10 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll
 Sat / Oct 28 - Dec 9 / 4:30 - 5:10 p.m. / \$85 / Oak Knoll



STROLLER STRIDES

Register at laderaranch.fit4mom.com

Age 18+

FIT4MOM is the nation's leading prenatal and postnatal fitness program, providing fitness classes and a network of moms to support every stage of motherhood. From pregnancy through postpartum and beyond, our fitness and wellness programs help make moms strong in body, mind, and spirit. Unlimited classes per month.

Mon - Fri / ongoing / 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. / \$79 month / Cox Sports Park

YOGA



TEEN MINDFULNESS YOGA

Register at pearlsforlife.org

Age 13 - 17

These classes are offered for teenagers discovering life and connection with their bodies. As they take time to stop, be still, breathe, and relax their minds, this experience allows them to develop their mindfulness skills and build self-esteem and health.

Wed / Sep 13 - Nov 15 / 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. / \$200 / Avendale

AQUATICS



EVOLUTION RACING CLUB

Register at evolutionracingclub.com

Age 5+

Evolution Racing Club is a competitive swim club offering year-round and seasonal swim team options. Visit the website for more program information, schedule, and pricing.

EVOLUTION RACING CLUB FALL SWIM TEAM AUG 14 - NOV 2

Register at evolutionracingclub.com

Age 5+

Twelve-week seasonal swim program meets Monday through Thursday, and swimmers can attend up to 4 days per week. Prerequisite: The swimmer must have a working knowledge of the freestyle and backstroke. Great for a swim team experience, fitness, and future competitive swimmers.



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2023 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

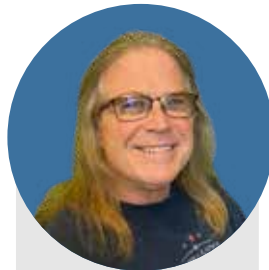
Ladera Ranch Community Services and Ladera Ranch Maintenance Corporation hosted the annual volunteer appreciation event at the Terramor Aquatic Park, where the 2023 volunteer service award recipients were named. Volunteers had the opportunity to enjoy a day at the water park with their families.



Kelly and Mark Hallbeck
Family Volunteer of the Year



Connor Mai
Teen Volunteer of the Year



Jim Finken
Ranch Hand Volunteer of the Year



Jessica Geyer
Adult Volunteer of the Year



Ladera Ranch Ladies Pickleball Group
Community Group of the Year



The Ranch Hands is a volunteer organization comprised of Ladera Ranch residents who give their time in various ways to the community.

The following recipients were recognized for their years of service.



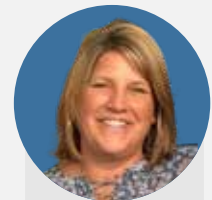
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5 years



Emre Celik
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Kim Diaz
5 years



Corie Gibson
5 years



Samantha Talley
5 years



Jim Finken
10 years



Jill Lau
10 years



Heidi Anne Duerr
20 years



Great News to Report



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

Over the past year I've had great news to report about new businesses opening in Ladera. Bridgepark Plaza, Mercantile East, the Terrace Shops, Mercantile West are near full capacity. This success is because of only one factor: you.

Our residents are connecting with our businesses like never before and visiting them way more frequently now than in the past. Mercantile West had 48,800 customer visits during the last week of May. That is the kind of visitation our businesses need to be successful so, thank you!

The opening of Crumbl was an instant success as Ladera Ranch welcomed another outlet. Posh Paws Pet Spa is a great new place to groom your dog. The Counter is coming along nicely. Other new businesses planning to open soon are Churned Creamery, Game Stop, Ten Mile Brewing, Amazing Lash Studio, Hotworx, and Japanese Lemon & Life.

Organizing grand opening ribbon-cutting events is one of our favorite activities, and you are invited to attend these. They are a great opportunity to meet the owner and learn about their business.

The Chamber recently celebrated the Grand Opening of Movement Recovery in the Terrace Shops. Movement is the third retail business that Ladera resident, Brittany Raymond has opened! Brittany also owns Med Lounge and Shredz Gym.

Movement Recovery offers Contrast Therapy that uses cold plunges, infrared saunas, compression recovery sleeves, and HIIT classes for your recovery and fitness needs!

Thank you also for continuing to support the Ladera Ranch Farmers Market on Sundays at Founders Park, sponsored by our Chamber of Commerce. When we started the market, we had no idea we would still be going strong four years later! Last month we began rotating in new vendors and will continue doing that to give more local businesses the opportunity to participate and to keep things new and exciting.



The Role of Government



*By J. Ocana Chair,
Ladera Ranch Civic Council*

People have different ideas of what the role of government should be. Yet the original role of government is to protect its people from those that would do harm by establishing law and order. The three branches of government create, interpret, and carry out the law to maintain order, even as things like technology change our requirements for what that may look like.

The introduction of the automobile certainly changed traffic laws at that time. So, the government's role adapts and changes over time to maintain that law and order and to continue to protect its citizens.

The adoption of e-bikes has exploded in the past three years and like any other new technology, they have brought great benefits and significant challenges.

The Ladera Ranch Civic Council has been inundated by residents reaching out about their concerns over inexperienced riders driving them too fast and dangerously and disturbing residents who are out on the trails or sidewalks.

For almost two years, the LRCC has worked tirelessly with the County of Orange to secure resources and support for the e-bike issue. While the LRCC has been successful in getting new signage installed on street posts, bike lanes installed, and creating a new education program, it's not enough! The Orange County government is much larger and slower moving than cities when it comes to adapting to address the new e-bike phenomenon. So maybe it's time for our government to adapt.



*Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez,
71st District Office that was opened in RSM. Left to right:
Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez, John Gresko, Vice Chair LRCC,
Tafa Jefferson, Secretary, LRCC.*



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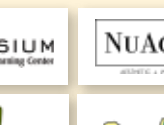
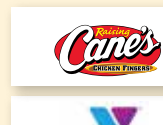
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