

February 2024

Message from the City Manager

Hello Sara,

Welcome to the February Edition of The Roundup! We have exciting events and other happenings this month, including excursions to the San Diego Auto Museum and the Nixon Library, the Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance, and other meetings and events from community partners. Be sure to follow us on social media for additional City and community news.

Warm regards, Jarad Hildenbrand

Upcoming Events

February 2024

2/7 - 7 PM - Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is February 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download here.

2/8 - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM - ETWD Community Advisory Group Meeting

The El Toro Water District is holding a Community Advisory Group meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024. Visit **etwd.com** for more information.

2/13 - 7 PM - City Council Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download here.

2/16 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM - Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance

Join the Community Services department for a roarin' good time! Register online here.

2/19 - City Hall Closed for President's Day

In observance of President's Day, City Hall will be closed for business on Monday, February 19, 2024. City Hall will reopen for normal business on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

2/27 - 7 PM - City Council Meeting

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is February 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Once posted, the agenda will be available to view and download here.

Coyote Update from MV Animal Services

Coyote Pup Season

Coyote breeding season runs from January to March, and pups are born March through May, just in time for spring when food is more abundant. Litter sizes vary due to population density and abundance of resources in a particular area but are generally between four to seven pups.

In these months, coyotes seek to establish or defend their territory from encroaching coyotes searching for food and optimal places to den. During breeding season, coyotes are more active, so there is a greater chance you will have some sort of interaction with them.

Coyotes live among us every day, and the most effective solution to the coyote "problem" is hazing. Repeated hazing effectively trains a coyote to respect human boundaries and includes yelling, clapping, chasing away, spraying with a hose, and throwing objects at the coyote with the intent to scare and not injure.

As always, be sure to keep your pets safe by keeping them indoors when unattended. For more information, **visit coyotes**.



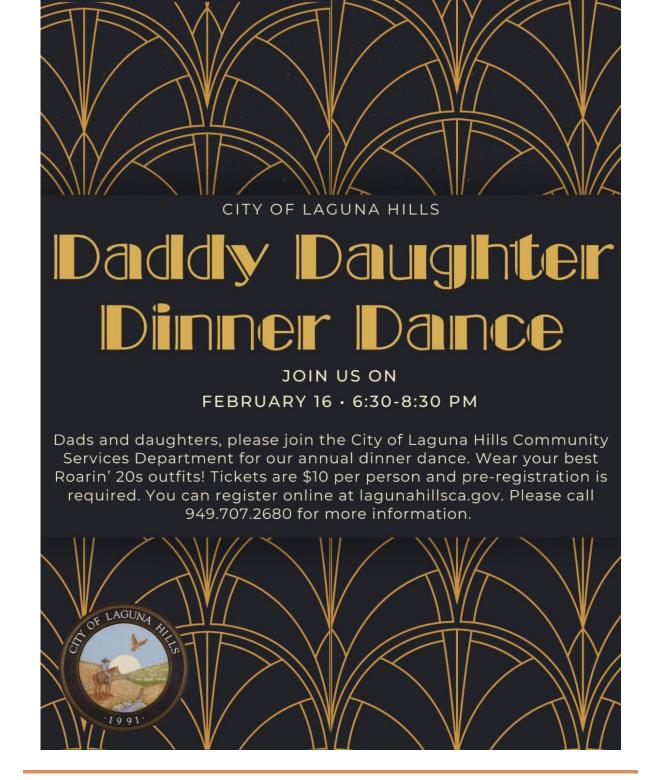
Excursion to Nixon Library Museum



Celebrate Presidents Day at the Nixon Library, as we head to Yorba Linda for a self-guided tour. Meet and take photos with the Presidents look-a-likes. Tour the most modern presidential museum in the country to learn about Richard Nixon the man, his life, and his presidency. Tour Richard Nixon's original birthplace and boyhood home, walk through the presidential helicopter that flew four Presidents, take in the splendor of the White House East Room and pay respects at the final resting places of President and Mrs. Nixon.

Bring a sack lunch or purchase from onsite Coffee Cart concession. Participants meet at the Laguna Hills Community Center where City staff will provide transportation.

Call (949) 707-2680 for more information. No refunds or transfers for this event. Register here.



Excursion to San Diego Auto Museum



The San Diego Automotive Museum is a 17,000 square foot exhibit space that showcases both cars and motorcycles in distinct and sometimes thematic collections. With a mix of rotating exhibits and our permanent collection, SDAM features over 75 vehicles and motorcycles that tell the story of the social and technological past, present, and future of motorized vehicles. Explore their collection and appreciate the beauty, design, style, construction, history and future – and perhaps spark a memory of your own.

Bring a sack lunch or purchase on site. Participants meet at the Laguna Hills Community Center where City staff will provide transportation.

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We're Hiring! City of Laguna Hills

Community Services Leader 1 Part-Time Starting at \$16/hour



ABOUT THE JOB

- Assist in Community Services programs, classes, and special events
- Provide excellent customer service both in-person and over the phone
- Positions include: front desk and customer service, events, and more!
- Professional development opportunities
- · Flexible scheduling

ABILITY TO:

- Work independently
- Communicate effectively
- Adapt to new situations

To apply visit: lagunahillsca.gov/jobs 949.707.2680

I-5 South County Improvements Project

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A PROJECT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
AND CALTRANS DISTRICT 12



The SB El Toro weekend ramp closure planned for 2/2 to 2/4 has been cancelled due to rain. The South County Improvements project team will send updated information to the community at a later date.

Laguna Hills High School Scholarships

Senior Scholarships for LHHS students (PTSA, LHHS Alumni, and other local scholarships) are now open.

See the **LHHS Guidance Google Site** for more details.



CIP Project Updates

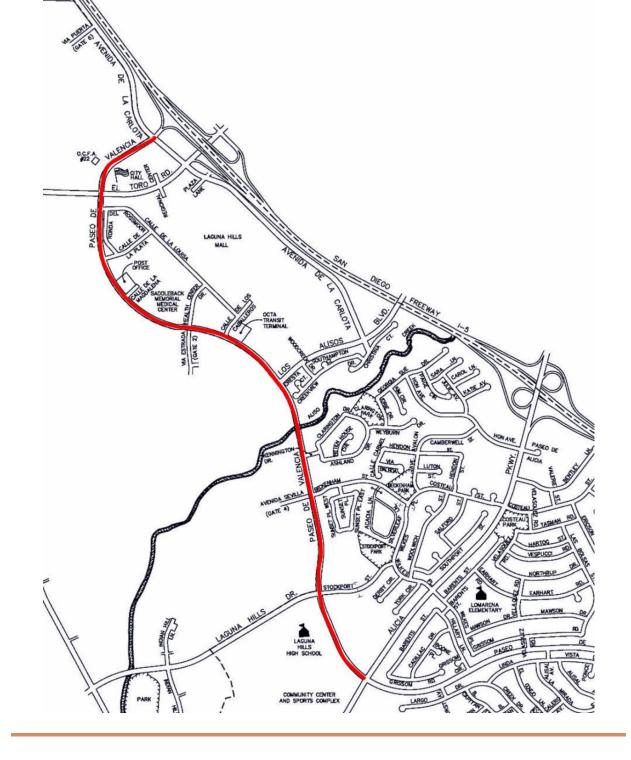
La Paz Road Retaining Wall Project (CIP 106)

In partnership with Saddleback Valley Unified School District, the City has entered into a construction contract for the construction of a new retaining wall on the south side of La Paz Road between Paseo de Valencia and Grissom Road to prevent soils on the District's adjoining slope from sloughing onto the sidewalk. This project also includes the widening of the sidewalk in this segment. Construction is slated to begin in February, 2024, weather permitting. This project is part of a larger Citywide concrete sidewalk replacement project where severely uplifted and cracked sidewalk panels will be replaced in areas identified by City staff and citizen requests.



Paseo de Valencia Pavement Rehabilitation Project (CIP 104)

This summer, the City is slated to begin repaving Paseo de Valencia between Avenida de la Carlota and Alicia Parkway. The project will include upgrades to curb ramps along the route, and the reconstruction of the nearly zero-inch height median curbs to full height median curb to improve traffic safety. Following the repaving project, the City plans to upgrade landscaping in the medians.



OCFA Safety Campaign



Burn Safety

Every 60 seconds, someone in the United States sustains a burn serious enough to require treatment. Create a safety zone of at least three feet around hot objects or appliances and follow the safety tips included in our **burn safety flyer** and social media post.

- Do not leave hot objects unattended and unplug tools when not in use.
- Keep hot objects away from counter edges and out of reach of children.
- Call 9-1-1 if you have any burn larger than your hand, or if the burn affects the feet, face, eyes, or genitalia.

Home Escape Plan

Fires can spread quickly once the smoke alarm sounds, leaving only a minute or two to escape. Make a home escape plan and follow the safety tips included in our home escape plan flyer and social media post.

- Test your smoke alarms once a month with your children so they recognize the sound.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year. During your drills, practice escaping from different exits and teach children to escape on their own.

Safety in Public Buildings

The risk of injury and death increases in fires where there are a large number of people in one main space. When entering any building, take a moment to identify exits in case of an emergency and follow the safety tips in our **safety in public buildings** flyer and social media post.

- Pick an outside meeting place where people in your group can meet if a fire or other emergency occurs.
- Look for alternative exits, sprinklers, smoke alarms, and fire extinguishers.

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