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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
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Special City Council Election

A Special City Council Election for District 2 will be held on Tuesday, November 5. To cast your ballot in person, visit a Vote Center at the La Mirada Activity Center or City Hall. You may also place your ballot in a Vote by Mail drop box located at the La Mirada Library and Gardenhill Park. Voters may deliver their ballot to the 24-hour drop box location from October 7 through November 5.

For more information on voting options, visit lavote.gov.

La Mirada Property Values Rise

The Los Angeles County Assessor's Office has released its final figures for the 2024 Assessment Roll. The Assessment Roll is the annual inventory of all taxable real and business property from which property taxes are calculated and collected. The 2024 net assessed value for La Mirada is \$9.3 billion, which represents a \$355.7 million or 4% increase over the prior year and is La Mirada's highest assessed value ever recorded.

La Mirada includes 13,592 single-family homes, 62 apartment communities, and 472 commercial-industrial parcels for a total of 14,126 taxable properties. Countywide, the 2024 Assessment Roll reflects a total net value of \$2.1 trillion, which is 4.85% over 2023. This is the 14th consecutive year of property value growth in Los Angeles County.



City Recognized for Risk Management Efforts

The City was recently awarded the 2024 Risk Management Award from the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) for Best Overall Performance in the Liability Program.

The Risk Management Awards honor California JPIA member agencies for excellence and leadership in the areas of liability and workers' compensation. This recognition shows its commitment to risk management efforts including overall claims performance, claims performance trends, responsiveness to loss control recommendations, engagement with risk management programs, and training.

"We are honored to be selected for this recognition among more than 100 other agencies," says La Mirada City Manager Jeff Boynton. "The award reflects the City's commitment to managing risk for the safety and well-being of our community."

Free Mulch Distribution, Paper Shredding, and E-Waste Collection Event

The City and EDCO will offer La Mirada residents a free paper shredding, e-waste collection, and mulch distribution event on Saturday, October 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will be held at the Community Gymnasium parking lot, located at 15105 Alicante Road. Residents will have the opportunity to shred up to three banker boxes (10"x12"x15") of personal information and have unwanted electronics collected on site. Household hazardous waste will not be accepted at this event.

The mulch distribution will be a self-serve, self-loading activity. Residents must bring their own cans/bags and shovel. A limit of three cans/bags per vehicle will be enforced. Participants are requested to bring a tarp to cover the material if bringing an open truck or trailer. This event is limited to La Mirada residents only. Proof of residency (i.e., driver's license or a utility bill) will be required.



Love La Mirada Day of Service

Join Love La Mirada for its annual day of service event on Saturday, October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants can sign up for a variety of service projects around the community. All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and lunch. For more information or to sign up for a project, visit lovelamirada.com.



Bridge Replacement Underway at Creek Park

Replacement of the pedestrian/vehicle bridge at Creek Park is currently underway. The new replacement bridge will reestablish authorized vehicle access across the creek. Construction of the bridge is expected to be completed in spring 2025. The remaining pedestrian bridges will be replaced during a future Creek Park renovation project.

Did You Know? Student Exchange Program with Isehara, Japan

In an effort to promote greater international understanding and enduring peace among people from different countries, President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated the Sister Cities International Association. Comprised of dedicated volunteers, the La Mirada Sister City Association was formed by a Resolution of the City Council in 1973. The La Mirada Sister City Association aimed to promote intercultural knowledge and understanding, leading to long-lasting relationships through various cultural exchange programs.

In March of that year, the La Mirada Sister City Association announced that Santa Tecla, El Salvador, was selected as La Mirada's sister city. The Mayor of Santa Tecla, Jose Domingo Chavez Aguilar, made an official visit to La Mirada in April 1973, which was reciprocated by La Mirada representatives in April 1974.

In 1980, the La Mirada Sister City Association was interested in pursuing a Sister City relationship with a city in Japan. La Mirada was made aware of the City of Isehara through the Amada Company, a global manufacturing company in La Mirada, with headquarters in Isehara. The Amada Company was instrumental in connecting the two cities. La Mirada and Isehara began their Sister City connection on September 21, 1981. In April 1984, 75 La Mirada residents traveled to Isehara in a sports and cultural exchange program.

The Sister City Baseball Series, also known as the Friendship Games, between La Mirada and Isehara, began in 1983. The program, originated by the La Mirada Sister City Association, later became an activity directed by the La Mirada Little League.



The La Mirada Sister Association administered a student exchange program with the assistance of La Mirada High School, local families, and the support of the City. During a two-week homestay, students ages 15-17 immersed themselves in their counterparts' culture and lifestyle. Activities enjoyed by the exchange students from Isehara included a trip to Disneyland, tours of La Mirada and Downtown Los Angeles, pool and beach parties, horseback riding lessons and a baseball game at Behringer Park. Exchange students from La Mirada experienced traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, ceramic art lessons, inter-cultural classes, visits to Mt. Oyama and Tokyo Disneyland, and a tour of Isehara and the Amada Company's headquarters. Many participants shared that the student exchange program was a life-changing experience.

The cross-cultural exchange between La Mirada and its sister city was successful for several decades. The La Mirada Sister City Association officially dissolved in December 2003 though La Mirada would continue to welcome Isehara officials and facilitate local tours for many years after.

A Japanese-style art sculpture dedicated to Isehara remains in the La Mirada Civic Center Plaza. Memorabilia from Isehara is available to view in the La Mirada Resource Center and the La Mirada Activity Center.



CITY OF LA MIRADA HALLOWEENFEST

Looking for a Scare? Fright This Way!

Get ready to have a spooktacular time at the City's annual Halloweenfest on Thursday, October 31 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the historic Neff Estate. This event is great for all ages, including pets! Enjoy a haunted maze, costume contest, carnival-style games, crafting activities, a trick-or-treat area, and more!

Splash! FLOATING PUMPKIN PATCH

Splish Splash at the Floating Pumpkin Patch!

Celebrate Halloween with a splash at the Floating Pumpkin Patch at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. Participants will jump in the pool, pick a pumpkin from the floating patch, and decorate it. Crafts and treat bags will be included for all who participate. Two sessions will take place on Saturday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. All participants must register in advance in one of the available sessions. Registration for the event begins October 1, and the cost is \$10 per participant. For more information, call Splash! at (562) 902-3191 or email splashcustomerservice@cityoflamirada.org.

Line Dance Your Way to the Annual Fall Festival

Dust off your cowboy boots and pick out your favorite western outfit for the annual Fall Festival. The western-themed festival will be held at the Activity Center on Thursday, October 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The celebration includes line dancing, games, lunch, and dessert. The Fall Festival is free to attend, and a donation of \$2.75 is suggested for lunch through Café on the Green. To make a lunch reservation, call (562) 947-8787 by Friday, October 4.



Fall BOOK SALE

The Friends of the La Mirada Library will host its Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. An exclusive pre-sale for members only will be held on Friday, October 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For those interested in joining the Friends of the La Mirada Library, a \$10 annual membership fee can be paid at the event. A wide selection of books will be available. The funds raised during the book sale help support many library services and programs including author talks, newspaper subscriptions, and new books. For additional information, email LaMiradaFOL@gmail.com

After-School Club

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in the After-School Club Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Frontier, Gardenhill, and Windermere Parks. The After-School Club is a free, drop-in program where participants will enjoy fun activities such as outdoor games, arts and crafts, homework help, and more. Recreation staff are on site during program hours. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.



Spotlight a Hometown Hero!

Military veterans embody a strong sense of service and dedication that often extends beyond their time on active duty. Many veterans are volunteering and making contributions that have a positive impact and strengthen our community. The City is proud to offer a new recognition program to honor our local veterans.

The Hometown Hero Spotlight Award recognizes La Mirada veterans who, in addition to having served their country, continue to make a difference by giving back to their community through volunteer or charitable service. Nominations for the Hometown Hero Spotlight Award are now being accepted through Monday, October 14. Selected nominees will be honored during the 2024 Salute to Veterans Celebration at Neff Park on Saturday, November 9.

Nomination forms are available online at cityoflamirada.org and at the La Mirada Resource Center. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

Celebrate Local Veterans

The Salute to Veterans Celebration recognizes the many veterans and military families who reside in La Mirada. To reach a greater number of veterans and families supporting a loved one currently serving, the annual event will take place on Saturday, November 9 at Neff Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to the many traditional ceremonial components of past events, this year's Salute to Veterans will include a live concert, food vendors, and family-friendly activities.

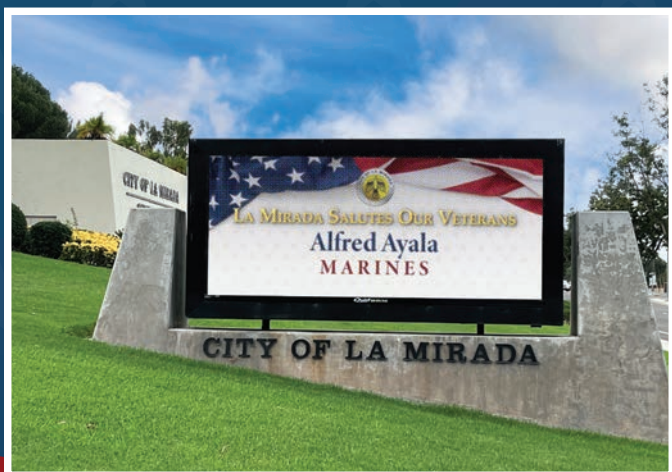
"We truly want to make honoring our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces a community-wide celebration," says Community Services Director Oliver Osuna. "This event is for all La Mirada residents who wish to join in thanking those who have served our nation."

The Salute to Veterans Celebration will also include veterans' services resources and memorabilia displays from local veterans. Veterans and members of military families are invited to display their military memorabilia. Memorabilia table applications are available at the La Mirada Resource Center, and should be returned by Monday, October 14.



Veterans Day Ceremony

The community is invited to join La Mirada VFW Post 9148 for a Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11 starting at 10:30 a.m. in the La Mirada Civic Center. The Veterans Day Ceremony will feature speakers and patriotic presentations.



Veteran Marquee Recognition

From November 5 through November 12, the City will honor local veterans with a special recognition on the City's marquee located in front of City Hall. Residents are encouraged to submit the name of a family member who has served our country and lives in La Mirada for this special recognition. The names and service branches will be rotated along with other City information. To participate, please submit the name, service branch, proof of La Mirada residency, and proof of Veteran status. All entries must be submitted via email to Community Services Analyst Valeria Andrade at vandrade@cityoflamirada.org by Monday, October 14. For more information, call (562) 943-7277.

Holiday Home Decorating Judges Needed

Are you interested in helping judge this year's Holiday Home Decorating Contest? In early December, volunteer judges will be canvassing neighborhoods for holiday displays and selecting one winner and one honorable mention in each area.

Winners will receive a certificate and yard sign, be announced on the City's website at cityoflamirada.org, and photos of winning homes will be posted on the City's social media.

If you are interested in helping judge this year's Holiday Home Decorating Contest, contact Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres at (562) 902-2986 or mcipres@cityoflamirada.org by November 1.



Empowering a Drug-Free Future

The La Mirada Public Safety Team supports Red Ribbon Week, which takes place the week of October 21 through October 25. Red Ribbon Week, which started in 1985, is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. Since that time, the campaign has reached countless children and families across the nation.

Red Ribbon week serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate children and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. This year's theme is "Life is a Movie. Film Drug Free."

"The Public Safety Team will be coordinating rallies at La Mirada schools during Red Ribbon Week," says Safety Education Officer Mary Cipres. "The rallies are designed to prevent and raise awareness of the harmful effects of drug use."

The Public Safety Team also encourages parents to talk to their children about the negative impacts of drug use. Studies have shown that teens whose parents talk regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs. Students and adults are encouraged to make personal commitments to live drug-free lives.

For more information on Red Ribbon Week, contact the Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2986.

Code Enforcement Enhances Property Values

La Mirada is recognized as a community of attractive and well-maintained neighborhoods.

The City's Code Enforcement staff works cooperatively with residents and business owners to achieve compliance and keep La Mirada among the most desired places to live in Southern California.

"The code compliance team enforces property maintenance standards in a proactive manner and in response to complaints or concerns from the community," says Senior Code Enforcement Specialist Andres Lemus.

The types of violations addressed include unpermitted construction, illegal dumping, inoperable vehicles, illegal signage and parking, unhealthy or unsecured swimming pools, and substandard property maintenance. Enforcing these codes helps to maintain property values and promotes the positive image of the community.

For more information on the City's property maintenance program, call the Code Enforcement Division at (562) 943-0131.





Microchip Your Pets

You can help reduce the number of lost pets by keeping your pet license current and having your pet microchipped. While tags can become lost or damaged, microchips provide a permanent identification that cannot be changed. Due to the presence of a microchip, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control has reunited owners with pets that had been missing for as long as five years.

Microchipping is a simple, non-surgical procedure. The microchip, which is approximately the size of a grain of rice, is injected beneath the skin with a needle, similar to a vaccination. There is no anesthesia required and even the smallest animals such as fish, puppies, and kittens can be safely microchipped.

“Each microchip has a unique code number,” says Senior Code Enforcement Specialist Andres Lemus. “When a special, hand-held scanner is passed over the area where the microchip has been implanted, the scanner reads the microchip and displays its code number.”

Code numbers are stored in a national database where the owner’s contact information is maintained. The animal care agency can then retrieve the owner’s information from the database and contact the owner so he or she can promptly recover the pet.

For additional information regarding pet licensing and microchipping, visit the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control’s website at <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>.

Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic

A Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic will be held in the La Mirada Civic Center parking lot near the Community Gymnasium on Tuesday, October 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. by appointment only. Bring your pet in costume to be eligible to win prizes!

Services offered include cursory exams, vaccinations, and microchipping. Pet vaccination and microchipping will be available at the following rates:

Microchips for Dogs and Cats.....	\$35
Dog Vaccine: Rabies	\$10
Dog Vaccine: DHPP	\$28
Dog Vaccine: Bordetella.....	\$25
Dog Vaccine: H3N2	\$37
Dog Vaccine: Lyme	\$25
Dog Vaccine: Leptospirosis.....	\$27
Cat Vaccine: Purevax for Rabies	1 year-\$27
	3 years - \$70
Cat Vaccine: FVRCP	\$26
Cat Vaccine: FELV	\$35

Reservations, including payments, must be submitted online.

To make a reservation visit <https://www.heart4pets.org/> and click on the “Clinic Services” tab.

For more information regarding the clinic, call (562) 943-0131.



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LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Enjoy Broadway in Your Own Backyard

The La Mirada Theatre is following up its recent record-breaking season with a line-up of new and classic audience favorites. First up is *Waitress*, based on the hit film and featuring a score by pop icon Sara Bareilles, with an uplifting story about a young woman who breaks free of her chaotic life and embraces her future, playing September 20 through October 13. Then, see Tony Award-winner Jason Alexander (best known as “George” from *Seinfeld*) starring in one of the greatest musicals ever written, the heartwarming *Fiddler on the Roof* from November 8 through December 1.

Ready for some slapstick comedy? You’ll get your fill with the hilarious comedic play where the actors trip up and the set falls down: *The Play That Goes Wrong* runs January 24 through February 16, 2025. The fun continues with fan favorite character “Elle Woods” who gets her own musical in *Legally Blonde* playing April 25 through May 18, 2025. Finally, the Theatre will be sending audiences out on a high note when Disney’s family-friendly mega-hit *Frozen* hits the stage June 6 through 29, 2025.

Reminder, La Mirada residents get the best seats at the biggest discounts! For more information on tickets and subscriptions, visit the Box Office, call 562-944-9801, or visit LaMiradaTheatre.com.



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