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## #ReadyRC – A Culture of Preparedness

Take an active role in keeping Rancho Cucamonga safe and prepared.

Whether you are a lifetime Rancho Cucamonga resident or new to the area, calling this city home is a point of pride. It also requires balancing beautiful weather, recreational and professional opportunities, and a necessary level of preparedness. Successful response and recovery efforts in emergency situations require us to establish and promote a culture of preparedness.

Purchasing and maintaining a home emergency kit, creating defensible space

around your property, keeping trails and pathways clear of weeds and brush, and having a household evacuation plan are common residential preparedness practices. Communitywide preparedness goes beyond emergency kits to developing informed, engaged, and steadfast residents that are resilient in the face of outside threats. These community traits ultimately lead to successful response and recovery.

The area is vulnerable to a diverse range of emergencies such as wildfires, earthquakes, flooding, wind events, mudslides and more. The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District is committed to empowering you, your family, and your neighbors with resources and tools that protect and prepare you for these circumstances. We can all work together as a community to protect life and property in an emergency.

The Fire District offers many ways to stay informed and prepared through the ReadyRC program, including the ReadyRC Academy scheduled for this fall. This series of classes provides important information on how to

protect your home, family, and neighbors during an emergency. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Business Emergency Resiliency Training (BERT) are also offered annually to better prepare neighborhoods and businesses. We also offer on-site presentations for community groups, schools, workplaces, and churches.

Our goal is to offer resources and knowledge to as many people as possible, so our #RCCommunity can remain strong and vibrant. We are all in this together when an emergency arises. Creating awareness, increasing our home preparedness, and strengthening our neighborhoods will help us become as resilient as possible.

For more information about available classes and educational resources, visit our website at [www.RCFire.org](http://www.RCFire.org) or call (909) 477-2770. To stay connected with us during an emergency event, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



## City Manager's Message

### Preparing for a World Class 21st Century Community

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victor or defeat." Teddy Roosevelt

The FY 2019-20 budget is now complete and adopted and the local economy is strong. We are in the ninth year of a recovery and have exceeded most pre-recession peaks. Unemployment in March 2019 reached a record low of 3.2 percent, similar to 2018. Median household income sits at \$90,000 and continues to rise along with property values. Overall, inflation is low and employment levels are high. It appears these factors will outweigh challenges like labor shortages, housing shortages, market instability, softening in the upper end of the housing market, and a growing wealth disparity for at least another 12 months.

The logistics/manufacturing sector remains strong with buildings of all sizes under construction. Sale prices for appropriately zoned land is going from \$25 to \$35 per square foot. This bodes well for Rancho Cucamonga as we focus on e-commerce, high tech manufacturing, and manufacturing/sales opportunities. Hospitality and Tourism are both growing industries for the local region and Rancho Cucamonga is poised to add almost 200 new hotel rooms between a new Hampton Inn and a Tapestry Hotel. This is on top of adding over 200 rooms last year at a Fairfield Inn & Suites and a Residence Inn. Similarly, after adding Shogun restaurant in 2018, Lonestar Steakhouse began construction and Haven City Market is scheduled to open before Labor Day 2019.

The strong local economy is also creating new opportunities for existing and future residents and the City Council is utilizing these opportunities to further invest in critical infrastructure. LMD2R and LMD4R are both spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to reduce costs with new water conservation projects. A \$1.7 million Class IV bike lane is planned for 6th Street to improve accessibility to Metrolink. New residential developments include projects under construction like:

- Cadence Senior Living: 97 units of assisted living.
- Solstice: 380 for sale single-family homes by D.R. Horton.
- The Row and The Bungalows at Terra Vista: 214 for sale single-family homes by Van Daele.
- Nova, Tempo and Enliven: 400+ single family units by Van Daele, New Home, and Tri Pointe at The Resort.
- Arte: a 182 unit 5-story mixed-use project.

Work continues on the \$12.7 million Rancho Cucamonga Fiber Optic Network. For FY 2019-20, the City will spend almost \$4.5 million on street improvements, including major pavement rehabilitation projects on Church Street and Highland Avenue as well as numerous local street projects throughout the City. Etiwanda Grade Separation is well under way for the project design, utilizing more than \$50 million in outside funding sources and the City is embarking on Phase 1 of an Advanced Traffic Management System project to install cameras, video detection system, fiber optic cable, and software/hardware upgrades to over 30 traffic signals throughout the City for improved traffic flow. The latter is a \$4 million project.

All in all, FY 2019-20 continues the trends of the last few years as the City reinvests in updating and maintaining existing infrastructure, installing new infrastructure, and creating long-term plans to help guide community growth, park development, communications, and sustainability. This will ensure Rancho Cucamonga remains the jewel of the Inland Empire, a world-class community for our residents to live, work, and play and where business begins, grows, and thrives.

– John R. Gillison  
City Manager

## Family Fun Jumps Off the Page This Fall

The Rancho Cucamonga Library will host two exciting events for the whole family this fall.

### Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Night Friday, September 27th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Paul A. Biane Library

Join us in celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month at a special Cultural Arts Night celebration on September 27th at the Paul A. Biane Library. This family-friendly event highlights the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Enjoy live music in the Courtyard along with storytelling, crafts, games, and much more. Free tickets are available at both libraries starting September 16th. For more information call (909) 774-3976.



### Fall into Fun! Friday, November 15th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Archibald Library

The Rancho Cucamonga Library invites all to celebrate fall with a fun and relaxing evening at the Paul A. Biane Library. Highlights will include crafts, games, entertainment, and much more. This family-friendly event will have something for everyone. Free tickets are available at both libraries starting October 28th. For more information call (909) 774-3976.





## New Affordable Senior Housing in Rancho Cucamonga

Local seniors have even more options for living independently and affordably.

Construction is now complete on Villa Pacifica II, an affordable apartment community designed for senior citizens, located at 7418 Archibald Avenue. This new three-story apartment building features 60 units with elevator service and is the result of a partnership between the City of Rancho Cucamonga, Orange Housing Development Corporation, and C&C Development.

Villa Pacifica II is a proud “walkable community” located near bus stops, grocery stores, pharmacies, general retail, a public library, and a medical clinic.

This quality home environment for seniors is available in one-bedroom apartments measuring approximately 697 square feet, and two-bedroom units measuring 954 square feet. Rental rates range from 30 percent to 60 percent of area median income (AMI) and all the apartments are adaptable to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The property also includes a 4,907 square-foot community room with leasing office, onsite laundry, outdoor exercise equipment, 11,645 square feet of common area, and 60 surface parking spaces.

Both Villa Pacifica II’s building systems and design reduce utility costs, maintenance, and environmental impacts thanks to the installation of energy efficient HVAC systems, efficient water heaters and water conserving plumbing, and Energy Star appliances. The property’s landscaping features attractive, environmentally sensitive, low-maintenance, and drought resistant plant materials that provide aesthetic value, shade, and the benefit of stormwater runoff retention.

Al Arguello, Bank of America Inland Empire market president, remarked on his company’s more than \$15 million loan and equity investment in the project, explaining that “The senior population has been the fastest growing age demographic in the city... so it is vitally important to help create safe and secure affordable housing for local seniors.”

C&C Development purchased the site from the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the National Equity Fund, an affiliate of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), provided \$6,077,251 in funding as the project’s Low-Income Housing Tax Credit investor. Other financing sources include the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, California Debt Limit Allocation Committee, and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

## 2019 Spooktacular to Haunt the RC Epicenter

A spooky good time for the whole family!

The Community Services Department and Alaska USA Federal Credit Union are excited to announce that another year of family Halloween fun is coming to the RC Epicenter with the second annual Spooktacular! This free event will offer entertainment for all age groups and planned activities include the traditional trunk or treat, inflatables, face painting, food, raffles, and Halloween scares.

Last year’s event produced a massive turnout, so be sure to arrive early to allow for enough time to enjoy as much as possible! We look forward to seeing you on October 26th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Visit [RCpark.com](http://RCpark.com) and follow us on Facebook at [@RanchoCucamongaCSD](https://www.facebook.com/RanchoCucamongaCSD) for event details and learn how to become a trunk host.





## Caring is Always in Season

The Compassionate Community initiative launched by the City of Rancho Cucamonga and Healthy RC in 2017 continues to inspire

residents to make a difference in their community. Whether a project is big or small, the effort of sharing compassion and promoting acts of kindness ultimately leads to a more healthy, sustainable, and resilient community.

### Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting

Book lovers celebrated the ribbon cutting for the recently installed Little Free Library at Los Amigos Park on Tuesday, May 21st. Members of the Healthy RC Compassionate Communities Subcommittee, teachers and students from Los Amigos Elementary School, and residents from the neighborhood attended and enjoyed story time as well as a kindness craft hosted by the Los Amigos Elementary School Kindness Club. The Little Free Library project is possible thanks to a partnership between the Healthy RC Compassionate Communities Subcommittee and the City's Library Services, and Public Works team. We welcome everyone to visit the park and the Little Free Library to take a book or leave a book, and to remember to always be compassionate toward each other.



## It's Your Turn

You can get involved in creating a welcoming and unifying environment for everyone. Take action and share your story by tagging us on social media with #BeKindRC. You can also participate by sharing your compassionate stories with friends, getting involved as a volunteer, or becoming part of the planning committee which meets every third Tuesday of the month from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at City Hall, Chaffey Room. Contact us at [RC.Healthy@CityofRC.us](mailto:RC.Healthy@CityofRC.us) or (909) 774-2043, or visit [HealthyRC.com](http://HealthyRC.com) for more information.



## Head Back to School with Safe Routes and Healthy RC

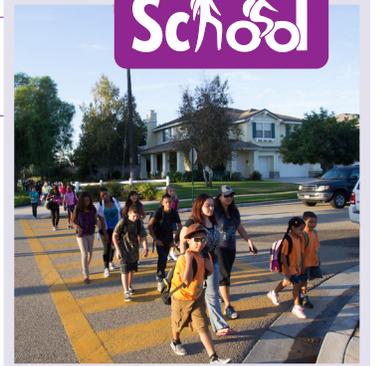
Learning starts with getting to school safely.

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to start a healthy, new habit—like walking, biking, or rolling to school! Healthy RC's Safe Routes to School program will begin another school year of working to make sure that everyone gets to school safely. The SRTS program is a comprehensive approach to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children, including those with disabilities, to walk, bike, and roll to school. The program teaches students (and drivers!) to stop, look, and listen before crossing an intersection.

To kick-off the school year, Rancho Cucamonga students, parents, teachers, and City leaders will join others around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 2, 2019 – an educational day that shows how fun walking to school can be. Join us this year by getting involved in Safe Routes to School!

Several schools in Rancho Cucamonga have participated in Walk to School Day and Safe Routes to School including Los Amigos Elementary School in Cucamonga School District; Ruth Musser Middle School in Central School District; Victoria Groves Elementary School and Vineyard Junior High Schools in Alta Loma School District.

Get in on the fun and bring safety education to your school! If you would like join an existing program, create a new program in your school, or you would like additional information, please email [SRTS@CityofRC.us](mailto:SRTS@CityofRC.us) to get started!





# Health Equity Summit

A community discussion on health equity was held during a unique and interactive experience.

Healthy RC partnered with a local non-profit organization to host a Health Equity Summit. The event, held on May 7, 2019, was a huge success with more than 150 participants from local businesses, non-profits, utility providers, school districts, as well as legislative representatives and residents. The innovative three-hour event included a role-playing experience and various interactive discussions on the challenges of living and providing with limited resources. The event gave participants insight into these real-life challenges and explore what health equity means for our community. One participant shared, "Incredible event! The opportunity to "walk in the shoes" of families in constant crisis was invaluable. There is no substitute for a community gathering together to stand for everyone having access to a healthy, happy environment."

The Summit kicked off the City's efforts to develop a community engagement policy with a health equity lens. We invite the entire community to get involved with Healthy RC as we strive to achieve the highest level of health for everyone in Rancho Cucamonga!



# Rancho Cucamonga Joins LEED for Cities

A nationwide effort to advance sustainability through data.

As the City continues to aim for a sustainable future, it is an honor to announce we have been selected to be part of the U.S Green Building Council LEED for Cities and Communities national cohort. Rancho Cucamonga is one of 15 cities embarking on this data-driven approach to analyze energy, water, waste, transportation, and human experience. This program will result in a formal certification for the City on a national scale. The City's participation in LEED for Cities and Communities aligns with the Healthy RC Initiative program, which strives toward a healthy and sustainable Rancho Cucamonga by adopting data informed policies, programs and strategies that advance health and environmental sustainability in the community.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING RANCHO CUCAMONGA THE HEALTHIEST IT CAN BE?

Healthy RC is asking residents about their quality of life and we want to hear from YOU!

Please take our survey!

For more information or translated surveys, please contact HealthyRC@CityofRC.us

# Quality of Life Survey

Make your voice count.

You can help make Rancho Cucamonga the healthiest it can be. Healthy RC is asking residents about their quality of life and we want to hear from you!

Be a part of the process to improve health and wellness for you and your loved ones. Take our Quality of Life survey at an upcoming community meeting or event or by visiting [www.bit.ly/qlhrcsurvey](http://www.bit.ly/qlhrcsurvey).

Healthy RC works to promote environments where everyone can establish healthy behaviors, connect to resources, and lead healthy resilient lives. The information collected will serve as a catalyst to create innovative programs and targeted strategies to address health issues and gaps in access to resources within our community.





## Wildfire Prevention is Most Successful as a Community Effort

You can help protect your neighborhood from the threat of wildfires.

After experiencing more winter and spring rainfall than usual, it may be difficult to think of wildfires as a prevalent danger for summer and fall. However, more rain means more vegetation that will eventually dry out and become combustible.

Firefighters prepare for wildfires through training and fire hazard abatement and community awareness programs, but also encourage residents to proactively prepare their homes. Here are a few tips to keep you, your loved ones, and your home safe:

- We live in a high risk area so be sure to create a defensible space around your home that includes low growing plants with high moisture content.
- Remove dead branches or trees and clear weeds and dry vegetation from around your yard, parkway, and trails.
- Protect your roof and eaves from embers that fly in a wildfire by cleaning your rain gutters and inspecting attic roof vents for proper installation and integrity.
- Create and practice an evacuation plan with your household, especially for what to do when everyone is not home.

Rancho Cucamonga firefighters stand ready to respond to wildfires following joint training exercises with Federal, State, and local agencies that strengthen relationships and refine strategies and tactics for an effective response. Community help is also critical to remaining resilient to the threat of wildfires in our region. We encourage you to take this opportunity to not only consider the tips above but also put a plan together that benefits the entire ReadyRC community. History shows that wildfire threats are not a matter of if, but when. Join our efforts to be a safe community that is always #ReadyRC.



## Sheriff's Department Safe Return Program

Leveraging technology to protect our vulnerable neighbors.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Safe Return Program website assists citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities who are at risk of wandering away from home. The Program centers around a registry database designed to help citizens register and track their loved ones. Sheriff's Deputies often receive reports of missing persons who wandered because of a disability like autism, Alzheimer's, and dementia.

Citizens and caretakers can visit the Safe Return website and create a profile for a loved one that provides important information to law enforcement that can be critical to finding the missing person quickly and safely. This information includes a physical description, disabilities, behavioral triggers, best approach methods, places they are likely to wander, a digital photograph, and emergency contact information.

These profiles not only help reduce the amount of time a person is missing but also keep law enforcement resources available for other calls. The program also works in reverse. If a missing person is found by a citizen or law enforcement official, we can search the database based on a number of parameters and immediately access emergency contact information that can facilitate a quick return home to their loved ones.

Anyone wishing to register a loved one can access the Safe Return page through the Sheriff's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/safe-return-program](http://www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/safe-return-program). For answers to your questions, please contact the Sheriff's Public Affairs Division at (909) 387-3700.



## Keep Your Home Healthy and Safe by Properly Disposing of Toxic Waste

Hazardous waste may be hiding in plain sight.



The City of Rancho Cucamonga operates a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility to help you keep your home healthy and safe. It is easy to forget how many commonly used household products are toxic and require proper disposal. The City encourages residents to check out these guidelines and keep their homes safe.

The disposal facility accepts household cleaners, paint, and used motor oil. Some other acceptable items include

batteries, used cooking oil, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, television sets, and computers. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per trip and products must be in containers no larger than 5 gallons. Proof of residency is required. The facility only accepts waste from residents of Rancho Cucamonga or San Bernardino County. Business waste is not accepted.

It is illegal to abandon hazardous substances outside the facility when it is closed. Residents can also use any of the other participating HHW collection facilities in the County. Days and hours of operation vary. Call 1-800-OILYCAT (800-645-9228) or visit [www.TooToxicToTrash.com](http://www.TooToxicToTrash.com) for information about alternate disposal sites.

The Rancho Cucamonga collection facility is open on Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and located at 8794 Lion Street between Vineyard Avenue and Hellman Avenue off of 9th Street. The facility is closed on the following dates in 2019: August 31, November 30, December 21, and December 28. Call the Environmental Programs Info Line at (909) 919-2635 for a complete list of acceptable items, transportation guidelines, and additional information.

## Keeping Your Neighborhood Clean

Don't let the weather litter your street.

Gusty Santa Ana winds can cause problems with the collection of trash and recyclables. Containers frequently tip over causing spillage, and materials end up strewn throughout streets, and neighborhoods. Help keep your neighborhood clean on windy days by doing the following:

- Avoid placing trash and recycling out on windy days.
- Bag any excessive trash and recyclables that will not fit in your barrel. The waste hauler will collect all accumulated bags placed alongside your containers on your next scheduled collection day.
- Place your trash into a large trash bag and tie it closed before placing in the barrel to make cleanup efforts easier should the barrels tip over.



## Say Goodbye to Bulky Items

One small step can ensure proper disposal of large items.

Unwanted large or bulky items don't have to take up space in your home any longer! Burrtec Waste will pick up these items from single-family Rancho Cucamonga residences up to four times per year. Simply schedule your pickup at least 24 hours before your service day.

Large or bulky items include furniture, appliances, rimless tires, and televisions. Ineligible items also include vehicle parts, construction materials, or hazardous waste. Apartment, condominium, and mobile home park residents should contact their property management for bulky item disposal options.

Please do not place items at your curb until the morning of your scheduled pick-up. Leaving these items unattended and without proper notice on the curbside, in alleys, or in open areas can lead to additional illegal dumping and contribute to homeless encampments. Keep our #RCCoMMUNITY beautiful and schedule a bulky item pick-up with Burrtec today at (909) 987-3717.



## Give Used Cooking Oil the Slip Through Recycling

Recycle your leftover liquid cooking oil to avoid the hassle of clogged pipes and other sewer problems. Follow these simple steps to recycle your cooking oil:

1. Let the oil cool to a safe temperature and filter it to remove leftover food.
2. Pour into a jar or plastic container with a tight-fitting lid.
3. Take to your nearest Household Hazardous Waste collection center.

For more information and a list of collection centers near you, visit [www.TooToxicToTrash.com](http://www.TooToxicToTrash.com).

# Announcing the 14th Season at Lewis Family Playhouse

Raising the curtain on another season of entertainment!

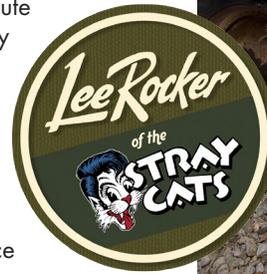
The 14th season at Lewis Family Playhouse will focus on artistry, diversity and excellence. From world-renown musical greats to inspirational comedians to evocative theatrical experiences, this season will provide memorable arts experiences for all ages and cultures. Here are just a handful of the outstanding offerings awaiting audiences.

The season begins on September 14th with 80's pop idol, Rick Springfield. Other notable musical icons appearing throughout the season include: wildly creative and high-tech group, OK Go; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members, Darlene Love, and Lee Rocker of the Stray Cats; Oscar, Tony, and Grammy winner, Rita Moreno; legendary British swing band, The Jive Aces; and extraordinary jazz pianist, Justin Kauflin. There will also be a nostalgic tribute to the great Nat King Cole by versatile actor Keith David, and for Valentine's Day, Grammy-nominated chanteuse, Jane Monheit's very special tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. The Playhouse is also launching a new World Music Series sponsored by the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation that aligns with significant cultural holidays including Mexican Independence Day, Martin Luther King Day, and Mardi Gras.

Be sure to check out our family-friendly programming produced by professional and nationally recognized MainStreet Theatre Company: *Olivério: A Brazilian Twist*, *And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*, and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Swiss Mime Company Mummenschanz will make their Playhouse debut with their new dazzling show and Inland Pacific Ballet will return with perennial audience favorites *The Nutcracker* and *The Little Mermaid*.

Join us for an evening with Henry Winkler or Tig Notaro for a little wit and wisdom. Or you can feel the lights of Broadway at a sparkling Broadway Princess Party featuring Laura Osnes (Cinderella in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*), Susan Egan (Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*) and Courtney Reed (Jasmine from *Aladdin*), as well as our Broadway at the Gardens production of the feel-good musical *Sister Act*.

There are a lot more surprises in store, tickets are on sale. For more information about our season or to purchase tickets please visit [www.LewisFamilyPlayhouse.com](http://www.LewisFamilyPlayhouse.com) or call (909) 477-2752.



## Founders Day Parade 2019

The City of Rancho Cucamonga invites businesses, schools, youth groups, and other organizations to submit applications for participation in the 2019 Founders Day Community Parade. The theme for this year's parade is "Through the Eyes of A Child: Celebrating Children's Storybooks." Join us for the excitement on Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Entries will travel along the parade route that begins south of Day Creek and Foothill Boulevards, continues south to Jack Benny Drive, and concludes at the Rancho Cucamonga Epicenter. Groups are encouraged to create small floats or themed marching units. All entries must have a banner to identify their group and wear uniforms or costumes that depict their favorite storybook characters and appropriately represent the parade theme. Award categories include best representation of theme, most spirited, most participation, and best overall float. The group that best embodies the spirit of the day will receive the coveted Founders Award.

Participation for non-profit groups is free while commercial businesses are required to pay a \$50 entry fee. Please note that all groups must pre-register and submit an entry application by Tuesday, October 1st. Applications are available online at [www.RCpark.com](http://www.RCpark.com). For more information regarding the Founders Day Community Parade, please contact the Special Events Division, City of Rancho Cucamonga Community Services Department at (909) 477-2760 or visit [www.RCpark.com](http://www.RCpark.com).