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RANCHO CORDOVA

4th OF July

It's a fresh take on awesome when the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July celebration returns for its 31st year for two fun-filled days on July 3 and 4 to Hagan Park, 2197 Chase Drive. The Fourth of July Celebration is the Cordova Community Council's largest community event of the year, and includes free concerts and attractions, thrilling carnival rides, plenty of festival food and two great nights of the best fireworks in the region. General admission is \$2 for everybody 5 years and older, and parking is \$10.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Get an early start on the holiday by spending July 3 at Hagan Park with your neighbors and friends. Admission gates open at 4 p.m. for the carnival and free kids activities and continue until 11 p.m. Spend the dinner hour enjoying great festival food from a wide range of vendors, then settle in your lawn chair or spread out a big blanket for a free concert for Sacramento favorite "Hip Service" at 8 p.m. This warm-up to the holiday is topped off by a Fireworks Mini-Show at 9:45 p.m.—a star-spangled sampling of the big show that will explode overhead on July 4.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Start off your Fourth of July by strapping on your running shoes for the 2nd Annual All American Red White and Blue 5K at 9 a.m., a jaunt that takes runners right down the parade route. You can run or walk, or simply be on the sidelines to cheer on the runners. For registration information, visit www.ranhocordovajuly4th.com.

The Rancho Cordova Fourth of July parade follows down Coloma Road at 10 a.m. You can be a star by signing up to participate! The parade is organized by Immersion, so expect some new features in addition to old favorites.

Parade applications are available at www.ranhocordovajuly4th.com and at the Cordova Community Council office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 117.

Follow the parade to Hagan Park where you will be greeted by lively music and plenty of laughter until 11 p.m. Fortify yourself with fun festival food, wander through exhibits, play some games and more. The action shifts to the concert stage beginning at 8 p.m. featuring "Super Huey" and then at 9:45 p.m. it's KA-BOOM! The Fireworks Spectacular fills the skies for a dazzling ending to a fabulous Rancho Cordova day.

For everybody's safety, no personal fireworks or grills are allowed, and please leave your pets at home. The Hagan Dog Park will be closed both days for the festivities. The event is a no smoking zone.

Discount carnival ride tickets are available, so save money while taking in the thrills! Visit www.ranhocordovajuly4th.com for new attractions, event activities, concert acts, where to purchase carnival tickets, how to become a vendor or exhibitor, and volunteer opportunities.



Nurturing Trees During a Drought

As temperatures increase and the drought continues, we will all be doing our part to cut back on outdoor irrigation. Sacramento Tree Foundation has provided helpful tips to protect your high value landscape assets—trees.

Trees have different water needs, so it is easy to responsibly water your trees—young and old—to keep them alive during the drought.

Mature trees give you and Rancho Cordova cleaner air, cool shade, and higher property values. They are also difficult to replace. Give your trees a drink by slowly soaking the soil beneath and beyond the edge of the leaf canopy with a soaker hose or oscillating sprinkler. This will allow water to reach the roots 12–18 inches below the surface.

Plus the shade they provide minimizes water loss through evaporation. A new shade tree only requires 10–15 gallons of water per week. That's the same amount of water used for a six minute shower—a small amount for a big investment in the future.

Sacramento Tree Foundation and SMUD have partnered for the last 25 years to provide free expert advice and free shade trees to residents in Sacramento County. Call 916-924-8733 or visit sactree.com for more information.

Free Trees and Advice

Call (916) 924-8733 or visit sactree.com

Save Our Water, Rancho Cordova

In April 2015, the Governor implemented new watering mandates in response to California's drought. Rancho Cordova is served by two private water companies (Golden State Water and California American Water) and two public agencies (Sacramento County Water Agency and City of Folsom Water District). The City has partnered with our water providers to provide information on mandatory water restrictions, conservation programs, and drought friendly landscaping. Sign up for Fresh News for the full story.

Leadership Rancho Cordova Recruiting for Class 10

Leadership Rancho Cordova launches a new class on a year-long exploration of our city, and the search is on for eager citizens! You could be one of 25 students selected for the 2015-16 class that starts this October. Fun, engaging, and educational are a few words to describe the program offered by the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce. Read full details on the program and application process by signing up for Fresh News.

Only Rain Down the Drain

When it rains, stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. All these pollutants get transported through underground pipes to creeks and channels. Water that enters storm drains does not get treated. Here are a few quick tips to prevent water pollution:

- 1 Recycle or properly dispose of harmful chemicals like insecticides, pesticides, paint, used motor oil, and other fluids.
- 2 Don't over-use fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens. These chemicals could wash off into storm drains and affect water quality.
- 3 Washing your car at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm system. Consider using a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater.
- 4 Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria in local waters when it is not getting picked up and properly disposed of.

To dispose of household hazardous waste, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov to locate a collection facility near you.

To request free oil and filter containers call (916) 683-9000.

If you witness illegal dumping of pollutants into a storm drain, creek, or canal, please contact the City's Stormwater Quality Program at (916) 851-8710.



GROWING

Our Future Leaders

Leaders are emerging in Rancho Cordova—from the volunteers who spend time teaching reading and math, to the faculty members who ensure the needs of students are met, to the administrators working to open new facilities. They may come from different organizations or institutions, but they all have one thing in common—supporting education in our community.

Reading to Learn

Did you know there are children whose reading skills are more than two years below their grade level? In five Rancho Cordova schools, volunteers with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) Community Readers Program meet with Rancho Cordova children twice a week to help improve their reading abilities.

Two FCUSD staff members, Curtis Wilson, Assistant Superintendent

of Elementary Instruction, and Jon Wallace, Director of School Improvement, developed the Community Readers program in early 2014. They collaborated with Angela Griffin Ankhelyi, Community Outreach Coordinator, and the principals of Cordova Villa Elementary, Williamson Elementary, Cordova Meadows Elementary, White Rock Elementary, and Rancho Cordova Elementary to launch the program. Teachers at these schools identify students who are reading at a lower level and recommend them for the program, which focuses strongly on never pulling the students out of class.

“If a child is already behind, why would we want them to miss more class time? That’s why it’s so important to have this (program) take place before or after school,” says Griffin Ankhelyi.

“Community Readers Program volunteers meet with Rancho Cordova children twice a week to help improve their reading abilities”

Every child receives flashcards with sight words—common words such as “thought” and “enough” that may not come naturally to the student—and a book. Volunteers have 30-minute sessions with the children to help them go over flashcards and read, followed by an evaluation of the child’s improvement. First-grader Santana Scott and his volunteer, Sean Twilla, read “Pete and the Peach” that has become one of Santana’s favorite stories (pictured above).

“Santana loves to read now,” says Twilla, a Golden State Water employee. “His love of it and his reading progression will become even better if he stays in this program.”

Each program is six weeks long, and the third six-week program ended in March. The total number of students involved across Rancho Cordova is about 35. According to Griffin Ankhelyi, the average improvement after six weeks is a 33% increase in reading skills and understanding of the sight words.

The Community Readers Program has more than doubled its amount of volunteers since the program launched. However, the program is always looking for more people to volunteer only an hour per week to help a child learn to read.

For more information, please email agriffin@fcusd.org or visit the Community Readers page at www.fcusd.org/Page/17016.

Making It Easy As 1,2,3

What do accountants, college students, and Spanish translators have in common? They all volunteer at local schools during the week to tutor students in math. Sign up for Fresh News to read about the FCUSD math tutoring program and volunteers who make it possible.

Lights, Camera, Action

Music, choir, and drama students at Cordova High School will soon experience life in the theatre. The new Performing Arts Center is estimated to be completed in August 2015. The City received a backstage pass to the 35,000 square foot project including interviews with students and a tour of the construction site. Sign up for Fresh News for a behind-the-scenes video on the new center.

Folsom Lake College Makes Progress on New Rancho Cordova Center

Folsom Lake College (FLC) provides educational opportunities to the communities of eastern Sacramento and western El Dorado counties. The college currently serves about 8,100 students total each semester across three locations: the main Folsom campus, El Dorado Center in Placerville, and the fast-growing Rancho Cordova Center.

The first phase of the new Rancho Cordova Center will open in fall 2015. This new facility is located at the northwest corner of Folsom Boulevard and Paseo Drive and is strategically situated across from the Mather Field/Mills Station light rail station. The first phase, 26,000 square feet of classrooms, computer labs, and student support services, will allow the center to triple the number of classes offered and students served as compared to the current location near Mather Field Road on Rockingham Drive.

“This new facility is not only fulfilling the Los Rios Community College District’s promise for public higher education,” said FLC President Rachel Rosenthal. “It is allowing Folsom Lake College to provide greater access and opportunities to the people of the Rancho Cordova community.”

When the first phase is completed, an estimated 2,500 students will be able to enroll each semester in a wide range of courses. “We are excited to not only meet the needs of the traditional students in the area,” said Rancho Cordova Center Dean Dale van Dam, “but now, when local businesses tell us they need more students with technical backgrounds, or have employees who need to upgrade their skills, we will be able to meet that demand.”

Preparing Students for College

FCUSD offers an International Baccalaureate program at Mitchell Middle School and Cordova High School. The internationally recognized program gives students the opportunity to earn university credit and prepares them for selective universities. Learn more by signing up for Fresh News.

Follow construction progress of Folsom Lake College, Rancho Cordova Center at www.flc.losrios.edu



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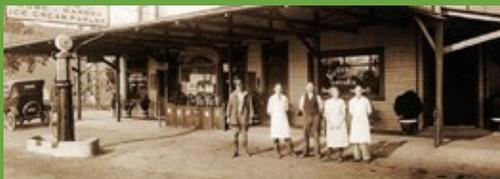
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Monday Meal



Do you like to cook? Our community has submitted their favorite recipes since March as part of the "Monday Meal" campaign. Every Monday, a new recipe is featured on the City's Instagram page. Enjoy a weekly meal idea by following @CityofRC. Submit your recipe to adownton@cityofranchocordova.org with the subject line "Monday Meal," and it could be featured on our page!

Throwback Thursday



Folsom Boulevard in the late 1950s. Mills Station in the 1920s. A historical photo of Rancho Cordova is featured every Thursday on the City's Instagram page. Many were submitted by our community. You won't believe your eyes! Follow us @CityofRC. Do you want to be featured? Email photo@cityofranchocordova.org.

Loans Help Residents with Home Repairs

White Rock resident Nancy Copeland participated in the City's CalHome Rehab Program. She used the loan to upgrade her home with a new roof, laminate flooring, gutters, and a fresh coat of paint on the outside.

The State of California awarded a \$720,000 grant to the City of Rancho Cordova to fund home improvement loans by April 2016. The program is open to Rancho Cordova homeowners who need home repairs but have a modest income.

"There is really nothing I can complain about," said Copeland. "I'm beyond happy with the results and with this whole program in general." Copeland said if CalHome hadn't been an available resource, her roof would have collapsed into her living room.



See if You're Qualified

Visit our website or contact Housing & Neighborhood Development Specialist Peter Ibrahim.

calhome.cityofranchocordova.org
pibrahim@cityofranchocordova.org
(916) 851-8785

Community PRIDE Scholarship Winner Awarded



Puspita Hutajulu, a Cordova High School student, was awarded the \$500 Community PRIDE Scholarship this year. Since 2009, City of Rancho Cordova employees have raised funds and awarded the scholarship to qualifying high school seniors living in the community.

During her high school education, Puspita has shown tremendous leadership and involvement with the Rancho Cordova community. Her contributions, along with her 3.78 GPA, and glowing recommendations from faculty and community leaders made her a model recipient of this award.

Congratulations to Puspita! We wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter of her education. Stay tuned to Fresh News to learn about future scholarship opportunities and other ways City employees serve our community.

Super Hero Summer Moonlight Movies

Friday at 8:30 p.m. every week in June
Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive

The Fresh Take on Friday series kicks off in June to celebrate “Super Hero Summer” at Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Drive.

Admission is free and seating is plentiful in the beautiful amphitheater in the park. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

Snack vendors and food trucks open at 7 p.m. to purchase food and drinks, or feel free to bring your own. Plus, you can grab dinner at great area restaurants right down the street.

Presented by the Cordova Community Council, the Super Hero Summer line-up features blockbuster favorites. The weather is great and the price is right, so mark your calendars!

June 12: Batman (PG-13, 1989)

June 19: Spiderman (PG-13, 2002)

June 26: Ironman (PG-13, 2008)



Summer Concerts in the Park

The Fresh Take on Friday series continues in August and Labor Day weekend as the Cordova Community Council brings back a rockin’ summer series of concerts at Village Green Park, 3141 Bridgeway Dr.

Food trucks roll in around 6 p.m., and the music begins at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, the kids and the neighbors, for a family-friendly line-up of the best musicians in the region. Admission is free.



Aug 7: Summer of Love

Tribute to the best music from the 60s.

Aug 14: Nathan Owens Motown Revue

Sounds from the Four Tops, Temptations, Aretha Franklin and Michael Jackson.

Aug 21: Flock of 80z

Endless 80s pop music.

Aug 28: Cripple Creek Band

Combo of country, classic and southern rock.

Sept 4: Superlicious

Rancho Cordova’s favorite party band.

It’s Elementary!

Art lovers have two great reasons to stop by City Hall this summer. Sign up for Fresh News to learn about our art exhibits “Wheels” and “Elements”.



Community Profile



Joseph Piazza
Principal

Joseph Piazza is the principal of Cordova Meadows Elementary School, and he’s giving young Rancho Cordovans a fresh take on education.

Piazza has worked in every level of education, from elementary to adult school. He feels inspired by his work every single day.

“I have a very high hug per day ratio, which is one of the best parts of my job. That’s one of my indicators that I’m exuding an energy that makes them feel safe and welcome.” He believes that school should be a place of both support and high expectations, because when the balance is right, it becomes an indicator of love.

Every day students and faculty of Cordova Meadows gather for the “Morning Line Up,” a short assembly complete with hip-hip-hoorays, school announcements, and expressions of gratitude from different students. Whether he is asking a child what their super power is, or allowing even the shyest child to speak out about misbehavior, Piazza is extremely passionate about his job.

“We need to develop thinkers,” he said. “Just because we teach the students to read, write, and do math doesn’t mean they’re going to get into college or even have a vision of that. We try to help them create that vision for themselves.”

When he’s not going above and beyond at his job, or fathering six children, or pursuing a doctorate at UC Davis, he enjoys outdoor adventure sports like kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Because of his unique position as both a parent and a school administrator, he truly is bringing our city a fresh take on education.



City Views

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Linda Budge, Council Member | lbudge@cityofranchocordova.org
Dan Skoglund, Council Member | dskoglund@cityofranchocordova.org
Donald Terry, Council Member | dterry@cityofranchocordova.org

Important Contacts

Police
Emergency: 911 or 362-5111
Non-Emergency: 362-5115
Traffic Hotline: 876-7558

California Highway Patrol
Emergency: 911
Business Office: 464-1450

Fire
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 859-4300

Parking Enforcement
876-7558

Sewer (24-hr)
875-6730

Stormwater
851-8710

SMUD
Emergency: (888) 456-7683
Information: (888) 742-7683

PG&E
(800) 743-5000

Republic Services
638-9000

Sacramento County Water Agency
874-6851

Golden State Water Co.
(800) 999-4033

American Water Co.
(888) 237-1333

California Shopping Cart Retrieval Corp
(800) 252-4613

Cordova Recreation and Park District
362-1841

Cordova Senior Activities Center
366-3133

Cordova Community Council
273-5704

Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce
273-5700

Rancho Cordova Library
264-2700

Folsom Cordova Unified School District
294-9000

Sacramento City Unified School District
643-7400

Elk Grove Unified School District
686-5085

San Juan Unified School District
971-7700

Sacramento Regional Transit District
321-2877
TDD 483-4327

City Offices

Animal Services
851-8852

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851-8760

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[Michael Goold](#)
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[Mindy Cuppy](#)
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City Manager
[Brian Nakamura](#)
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