Veterans Memorial design approved

Veterans Memorial Association raising funds for construction

Efforts to construct a memorial honoring fallen veterans took another step forward with the City Council's approval of a design and exact location for the memorial.

This artist's rendering of the approved design and location for Yorba Linda's Veterans Memorial is based on a concept submitted as part of a contest held last year by the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Association.

In May 2005, the City Council renamed Valley View Sports Park to Veterans Park and authorized the placement of a memorial monument in the park. Since that time, the City has been working with the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Association to develop and construct the memorial.

The approved design is based on conceptual drawings submitted by Bryan Davidson, a student at Esperanza High School and Yorba Linda resident, as part of a design contest held last year by the Memorial Association. Based on Bryan's drawings, the architectural firm EDAW developed final design drawings and renderings. City staff then looked at various locations in the park to identify a spot that would provide the most visibility and accessibility for the monument without negatively impacting other uses of the park. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the design and proposed location before forwarding them to the City Council for approval.

The next step in the process is to have construction specifications and drawings prepared, as well as continue with fund raising efforts. The Memorial Association is currently selling brick tiles imprinted with the names of veterans as a fundraiser. The bricks will eventually be placed on the "Walk of Honor" path leading up to the monument.

Anyone wanting to buy a tile, volunteer their services to the Association, or get additional information should call (714) 777-4551. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial Association at PO Box 144, Yorba Linda, CA 92885.

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Committee identifies priorities for Town Center

Draft recommendations to be discussed at community meeting

The Town Center Blue Ribbon Committee has identified nine topics it believes to be priorities for the revitalization of the community's downtown core. The topics are restaurants, entertainment, cultural arts, public open space, context, housing, parking, circulation, and retail.

Sub-committees were formed to develop a brief description, guiding principle statement, and recommended actions for each topic. Eventually, a full set of draft principles and recommendations will be prepared by the Committee for consideration by the full City Council.

The Blue Ribbon Committee is a citizen's advisory group charged with gathering additional public input on what the community would like to see included in the Town Center. One of the methods the Committee has used to collect that input has been a request for residents to submit their vision for the future of Town Center. Nearly 850 responses have been received, all of which are posted on the City's website.

The Committee is planning to host a community meeting in mid-October where residents can comment on the draft guiding principles and recommendations. An invitation with the details will be mailed to everyone in the community.

Input from that meeting will be used by the Committee to refine its guiding principles and recommendations, which it hopes to present to the City Council for consideration by the end of this year.

Teens get opportunity to use art to share their "Dreams & Realities"

Library hosting art contest in partnership with Nixon Library and Yorba Linda Arts Alliance

Local teenagers are invited to participate in "Exposed: Dreams & Realities," an art contest being hosted by the Yorba Linda Public Library.

Students in grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to submit their artistic interpretation of the theme in the following categories: Art (photography, drawings, paintings, three-dimensional art), Music (composition or vocals), or Literature (short story or poem). Each participant may submit up to two entries.

Judging of the entries will be done by the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance, which will also select the winners in each category. Following the judging, all of the artwork will be on public display at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum, where the public will have an opportunity to vote for the Best in Show/People's Choice Award as part of a "gallery opening" event in early December.

Entries are due to the Yorba Linda Public Library by 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 17, 2007. Prizes are being awarded and generously donated by the Friends of the Yorba Linda Public Library.

Official rules & guidelines along with additional information are available at the Yorba Linda Public Library as well as on the library's website at www.yorbalindalibrary.com.

City sets new residential trash rates

First adjustment in 11 years adds less than $1 per month

Residential trash rates in Yorba Linda have remained unchanged since 1996, due in large part to better than expected revenues from the sale of recyclable materials and a ten-year "freeze" on fees charged by the County of Orange for dumping trash at local landfills.

Operating costs to provide contracted trash-hauling services, however, have steadily increased over that time. Combine that fact with the need to set money aside for the eventual replacement of aging collection trucks and the likelihood of significant increases in County landfill fees and you have the reasons behind the City Council's recent decision to increase residential trash rates effective October 1, 2007.

The new rate for residential trash collection will be $16.35 per month, just 90 cents more than the current rate. Yorba Linda's rate is right in the middle of rates for other Orange County cities, which ranged from $12 to $21 per month. When you consider that much of the cost of trash collection is based on the amount disposed, Yorba Linda's rates are a relatively good value. That's because Yorba Lindans dispose of seven pounds of trash per person per day, more than the residents in any other city and more than twice the countywide average of 2.5 pounds.

This year's adjustment is part of a multi-year plan to ensure rates are sufficient to pay the full cost of providing trash collection services. Residential rates will go up another 95 cents per month on July 1, 2008 with future rate adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus any increases in landfill fees charged by the county.

Commercial trash rates have also been adjusted to recover increased costs. CPI-based increases for commercial rates will go into effect July 1, 2008. For more information about trash collection services, contact the City's Administrative Services Department at (714) 961-7110.

Federal website offers "one stop shopping" for variety of government programs

Provides eligibility and application information for Federal and State benefits

GovBenefits.gov is a website offering citizens a single, easily accessible source for information on State and Federal government benefit and assistance programs.

The website was launched in April 2002 as part of the federal government's eGovernment initiatives, an effort to use the latest technology and the Internet to make it easier for citizens and businesses to access government services and information.

Using GovBenefits.gov is simple: Go to www.GovBenefits.gov and determine how you want to locate benefit programs. You can either search by locating specific Federal or State benefits, browsing by category, or answering a list of confidential questions to determine potential eligibility and receive a customized report detailing the programs you may be eligible to receive and information on how to apply.

GovBenefits.gov is a resource for all citizens; veterans, seniors, students, teachers, children, people with disabilities, dependents, disaster victims, farmers, caregivers, job seekers, prospective homeowners, and more. You are encouraged to visit the website regularly, particularly when life events - applying for college, seeking food/nutrition services, property damaged following a storm, retirement, starting a business, etc. - occur that could change your eligibility status.

Celebrating Yorba Linda's heritage

Annual Fiesta Days Parade and Family Faire scheduled for October 27

"Yorba Linda - Four Decades on Parade" is the theme of this year's Fiesta Days Parade and Family Faire to be held Saturday, October 27 starting at 10:00 a.m. Coordinated by the Yorba Linda/Placentia Family YMCA in cooperation with the City of Yorba Linda and organizations from throughout the community, the event is an annual celebration of our community's heritage

Special thanks to the many community volunteers who serve on the Fiesta Days Committee, which is responsible for planning the day's activities.

The parade will get underway promptly at ten o'clock from Yorba Linda Boulevard and Mountain View (near the Nixon Library). From there, the parade travels west along Yorba Linda to Valley View and then heads up to Veterans Park.

After the parade, everyone is invited to enjoy live entertainment; food, game, and information booths; a craft faire; displays; and a Kids Play Zone at the Family Faire. The Faire will be held at the Yorba Linda Middle School field from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free parking for the day's event is available at City Hall, Yorba Linda Middle School, Thomas Lasorda Field House, Hurless Barton Park, and the Yorba Linda Community Center.

For more information, call the Yorba Linda/Placentia Family YMCA at (714) 777-6470.

City files suit to collect Anaheim's full share of Esperanza wall construction costs

More than $1 million still owed per previous Settlement Agreement

A breach of contract complaint has been filed against the City of Anaheim because officials have refused to pay its full share of the construction costs for the Esperanza Mitigation Project, the wall and landscaped berm that were built along the railroad right-of-way.

The suit asks that Anaheim pay the $1,109,666 it still owes for its share of the construction costs, along with interest, attorney fees, and court costs.

Under the terms of a 2003 Settlement Agreement between the two cities, Anaheim agreed to share equally in the costs of building the project. That Agreement was reached following a previous lawsuit in which Yorba Linda asserted that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Anaheim prepared for the construction of the soundwall was deficient because it didn't address the negative visual impacts the soundwall would have on Yorba Linda residents. The trial court agreed and Anaheim filed an appeal, at which point a Settlement Agreement was negotiated.

Under the terms of the Settlement, Yorba Linda was given the authority to oversee the design and construction of a block wall and landscaping to reduce the soundwall's visual impact. Additionally, the cities agreed to seek federal grant funds to help cover the construction costs and then share any costs in excess of the grant on an equal basis.

Anaheim believes the wall should have been built using plain gray cement blocks with minimal landscaping and that anything beyond that is an enhancement Yorba Linda should have to pay for on its own. However, the Settlement Agreement provides that Yorba Linda has sole discretion to manage and direct the project's design and construction. It also indicates that both cities will pay for one-half of the costs, whatever they may be.

Every effort was made to work cooperatively with Anaheim on building the wall and getting it paid for. However, none of those approaches have been successful so the City Council felt it was now appropriate to take legal action.

Sharing the trail requires some "horse sense"

Yorba Linda's system of recreational trails is designed to be shared by hikers, bikers, and equestrians. To help ensure the safety and satisfaction of all trail users, we ask that everybody follow a few simple rules.

Equestrians

- ❑ Equestrians always have the right of way. Let other users know if your horse is safe to pass.
- ❑ The weight of a horse can damage a muddy trail. Use an alternate route if possible.
- ❑ Travel at a safe speed. Approach each turn as if someone were around the corner.

Pedestrians

- ❑ Use caution when approaching a horse, especially from the rear. They are prey animals and it is natural for them to panic if they are frightened.
- ❑ If you are in a group, don't block the trail for other users.
- ❑ When being approached by others moving faster than you, step aside and let them pass.

Cyclists

- ❑ Always travel at a slow, safe speed. Approach each turn as if someone were around the corner.
- ❑ When approaching a horse, pull to the side of the trail and let them pass before continuing. If coming up behind a horse, stop, let the rider know you are there, and ask if it is safe to pass.
- ❑ Announce your presence to hikers before passing them from the rear.

YORBA LINDA CITY COUNCIL

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Yorba Linda City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 961-7150.

All regular council meeting are also shown live on Time Warner Cable Channel 3, with tape replays airing on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Library Commission meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 777-2466.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 961-7160.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 961-7130.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Traffic Commission meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 961-7170.

City Phone Numbers

City Council	961-7110
Administration	961-7110
Building	961-7120
City Clerk	961-7150
Code Enforcement	961-7138
Finance	961-7140
Job Line	961-7107
Library	777-2873
Maintenance	961-7168
Parks & Rec	961-7160
Planning	961-7130
Police (business)	990-7623
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Police department provides quality service by using the right person for the job

The Brea Police Department is committed to providing high-quality public safety services to the citizens of Yorba Linda as effectively and cost-efficiently as possible. To help achieve that goal, the department uses a combination of sworn and civilian employees with each job classification handling those tasks appropriate to their skills and training.

One of those classisfications is Police Service Officer, or PSO. PSOs are civilian employees who perform a variety of tasks that don't require the presence of a sworn police officer. These include taking police reports, performing basic crime scene investigations, enforcing parking laws, conducting traffic accident investigations, and responding to non-emergency citizen service requests. They do not carry firearms or take physical enforcement action against criminal suspects.

Keeping more officers "on the street"

By using PSOs for less serious situations, the Police Department is able to have more sworn officers available to handle crimes in progress and service calls that require the tactical or enforcement skills of a police officer. It also helps ensure persons requiring non-emergency assistance don't have to wait until a sworn officer is available to respond.

PSOs also have tremendous expertise in documenting criminal activity, preparing written reports, and gathering information. Their skills are critical to the work of the detectives who will investigate the crime and potentially apprehend the criminals. They are also focused on providing a high level of customer service to everyone with whom they come in contact.

Good police work is a team effort

For those situations where a higher level of expertise is needed, the PSOs are able to rely on the full resources of the department. For example, Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) staff can be called in to perform more sophisticated evidence collection when necessary. This type of teamwork is an important factor in allowing the Police Department to provide the highest level of service possible to the people of this community.

For more information about the police department, including information on how to protect yourself and your belongings, visit the "Keeping Yorba Linda Safe" portion of the City's website. To learn more about how to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, you can call the Police Department at (714) 990-7624.

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