



# COMMUNITY NEWS

from the Land of Gracious Living

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## BALANCED CITY BUDGETS

### City Council adopts two-year spending plan

In an era when most cities struggle each year to balance annual expenditures with annual revenues, the Yorba Linda City Council adopted balanced operating budgets for fiscal years 2005/06 and 2006/07 representing the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007. In formulating the City's spending plan for the next two years, the City Council proceeded with the following goals in mind: improve customer service, improve communication and public information, utilize technology to make City services more accessible, continue the beautification of City streets and rights-of-way, and complete the first phase of the Town Center Master Plan Implementation.

### General Fund Revenue

The General Fund is the primary source of funding for most City operations. Some of the money that is deposited in the General Fund such as sales tax is discretionary and can be used for any purpose. Other revenue, like the fees charged for Recreation classes is limited in how it can be spent. The total General Fund revenue is \$26.0 million and \$26.8 million for 2005/06 and 2006/07, respectively.

### General Fund Expenditures

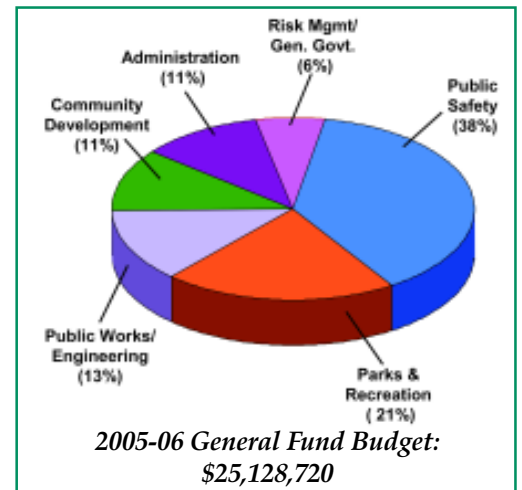
For 2005/06, the General Fund operating expenditure budget is \$25.1 million. In the second year, the budget is projected to decrease by 1% to \$24.9 million. General Fund expenditures for law enforcement continue to represent the majority of the City's discretionary spending. For instance, the law enforcement contract with the Brea Police Department is \$8.8 million in 2005/06. In 2006/07, the police services budget is projected to be \$9.2 million.

### Other City Funds

In addition to the General Fund, the City accounts for various revenues and/or expenditures in several other funds. For example, special revenue funds such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) pays for the Senior Lunch Program at the Community Center. The Golf Course Fund accounts for revenues from the Black Gold Golf Course. After all expenses related to the golf course, the net income ranges from \$150,000 to \$228,000 per year. The Yorba Linda Public Library Fund has a healthy fund balance with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$600,000 to \$975,000 per year over the next two years.

### Capital Improvement Program

The City Council adopted a Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in the amount of \$86.7 million. The CIP provides for the commencement and/or completion of several high priority projects including: the installation of landscaping along Esperanza Road, street widening along Bastanchury Road, installation of storm drains near Via del Caballo, and construction of a pedestrian bridge over Imperial Highway from the Yorba Station Shopping Center to the Town Center.



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## TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Many Yorba Lindans recognize the Town Center as one of the most significant projects shaping the future of our City. The Yorba Linda City Council would like to express appreciation to the residents and businesses in our community who have participated in the Town Center planning meetings. As stakeholders, your thoughts and ideas have been instrumental in creating the foundation for the future Town Center.

The Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency will be holding additional Town Center planning meetings in the future. Stakeholders are encouraged to continue active participation in the development plan for the Town Center. As a community, our collaborative efforts will result in a beautiful and prosperous Town Center that we will all be proud of!

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Enjoy a beautiful summer evening listening to the tunes! The City's "Concerts in the Park" series will be held on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Hurless Barton Park on the following dates:

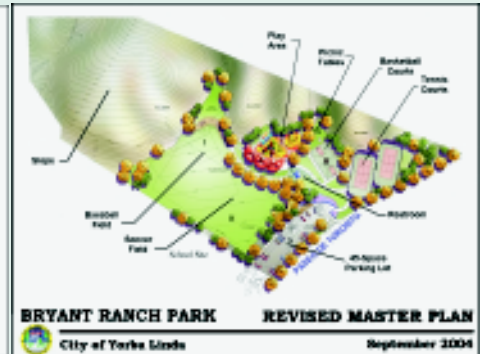
July 10	Calypso Compromise Sounds of steel drums/Caribbean
July 17	Pretzelogics Steely Dan Revue
July 24	Mike Henebry Orchestra Big Band Sound
July 31	Savor A Tribute to Santana
August 7	Film At Eleven Classic 60's and 70's
August 14	The Fat City Blues Band
August 21	Wild Pony Country Western

Seating is available in the amphitheater or on the grass at the park (bring a blanket or chair). Bring your own picnic dinner or buy hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments at the concert.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 961-7160.

## TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK

*Two new parks to be constructed*



Yorba Linda is renowned for high quality parks and recreational facilities. Families and exercise enthusiasts will be pleased to know that two new parks will be under construction this summer.

Vista Del Verde Park will be built adjacent to Lakeview Elementary School which is located on Lakeview Avenue near Valley View Avenue. This five-acre park will have a lighted open play field, turf, landscaping, restrooms and parking facilities. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Summer and the park should be open to the public in Spring 2006.

Bryant Ranch Park will be constructed adjacent to Bryant Ranch School which is located on Paseo de Toronto. This five-acre park will host a variety of amenities including a baseball field, open play fields, lighted basketball court, playground equipment, restrooms and parking facilities. Construction is scheduled to begin later this summer. By Spring 2006, we can expect to see all of the athletes playing sports and parents playing with their children in the parks!

## JUNIOR POLICE CADETS

*It's never too early to learn about the law*

The Brea Police Explorers has been a long running program that dates back to the 1960's. The Police Explorers offers a "birds eye view" into law enforcement for those ages 14 – 21. As a result of the success of the Police Explorers, the Brea Police Department has decided to launch a similar program called the *Junior Police Cadets*. Those ages 10 – 14 will be eligible to participate.

The *Junior Police Cadets* is designed to achieve the following:

- Instill respect and understanding for law enforcement.
- Improve school attendance.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Provide an opportunity to make a commitment to the youth of our community.



The *Junior Police Cadets* will meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Some of the activities include: homework and

tutoring, sports activities and physical training, leadership training, ethics training, and legal awareness.

The cost for participating in the program is a \$25.00 annual membership fee. For further information, please contact Detective Phil Rodriguez at (714) 990-7677.

## ON-LINE WEB SERVICES

### *City information at your fingertips on the web*

In an on-going effort to improve web services, the City is preparing to launch its new website. The new site is designed to be more service oriented, informative, and resident-friendly. The improvements will include greater availability of City documents (Agendas, Minutes, Resolutions, Maps, Forms, etc.) and the addition of on-line registration for Parks and Recreation classes. There will also be an on-line presence for simple building permits, building inspection requests, and inspection results. The update will also include a Community events calendar.

The website will have email links to allow you the opportunity to follow up with Departments should you have any questions or concerns about a project or issue. For further information, please contact Mike Saunders, MIS Manager at (714) 961-7158.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

### *Receive "Community News from the Land of Gracious Living" by Email*

The City is focusing on enhancing public information to keep residents apprised of noteworthy events in Yorba Linda. The City's newsletter, Community News from the Land of Gracious Living is designed to provide updates on major projects, developments, community events, City services and citizen recognition. Community News from the Land of Gracious Living will be published on a quarterly basis. Residents have the option of receiving the community newsletter by mail or via email. If you are interested in receiving Community News from the Land of Gracious Living via email, you may submit a request by emailing the City at: [gracious@yorba-linda.org](mailto:gracious@yorba-linda.org). Please be sure to include your name, email address and telephone number.

## IMPERIAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

### *Planning ahead for traffic and trains*



*Proposed Imperial Highway overcrossing*

Imperial Highway spans four miles through Yorba Linda and is highly regarded for the aesthetics and improved traffic flow thanks to significant improvements made five years ago. Imperial Highway represents a major ingress and egress point for Yorba Linda. As a result, the City will continue to ensure that this thoroughfare is well maintained.

A couple of significant improvements to Imperial Highway are in the planning stages:

- An increase in the volume of trains has caused traffic delays at Imperial Highway and Esperanza Road. A grade separation at Esperanza Road will involve building a bridge over the railroad tracks. The construction of this project is scheduled to begin in January 2007.
- Improved traffic access along the segment south of Yorba Linda Boulevard is in the final design stages.

For information relating to Imperial Highway or other transportation issues, you may contact the Engineering Department at (714) 961-7170.



## WEST NILE VIRUS

### *Take a few safety precautions*

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-transmitted virus found in birds, humans and other vertebrate animals. West Nile Virus is transmitted to people and animals by infected mosquitoes. Most infected people with the virus do not exhibit any symptoms or only mild ones such as fever, headache and body aches. People with a severe form of West Nile Virus experience symptoms such as severe headaches, high fever, muscle weakness, confusion, stiff neck and nausea.

To help control mosquitoes and reduce mosquito bites, residents are urged to take the following precautions:

- Eliminate standing water from around your home.
- Use insect repellents containing DEET.
- Limit outside activity at dusk and dawn.
- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when outside.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens.
- Maintain swimming pools and ponds.

If you suspect a mosquito infestation in your area, please contact Orange County Vector Control at (714) 971-2421.

## YORBA LINDA CITY COUNCIL

Mayor ..... Keri Lynn Wilson

Mayor Pro Tem .... Michael D. Duvall

Councilmember ... Allen Castellano

Councilmember ... Ken Ryan

Councilmember ... Jim Winder

Yorba Linda City Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (714) 961-7150.

### LIBRARY COMMISSION

Library Commission meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (714) 777-2466.

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (714) 961-7160.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (714) 961-7130.

### TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Traffic Commission meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (714) 961-7170.

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## Redevelopment Agency

The Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency budget is \$20.8 million and \$21.4 million in 2005/06 and 2006/07, respectively. The Town Center Master Plan is arguably the highest priority for both the City and Redevelopment Agency. As this project moves forward the budget will be developed. At the appropriate time, a budget will be brought forward to the Redevelopment Agency for approval.

The City's spending plan is designed to maximize tax dollars in continuing to provide a high level of service for Yorba Linda residents and businesses. For further information regarding the City's budget, you may contact the Finance Department at (714) 961-7140.

## YORBA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL ON THE WAY!

### School District plans for new High School

The Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District is in the process of planning for a new high school in Yorba Linda. The new Yorba Linda High School is quickly becoming a reality with an anticipated opening in the Fall of 2008. This comprehensive high school will be the first ever in Yorba Linda and is a long-awaited dream of the community.

Thanks to the community's overwhelming approval of Measure Y on March 5, 2002, the School District was able to purchase the first portion of land earmarked for a high school. The School District purchased 16 acres of land at the former North Orange County Community College campus located on North Fairmont Boulevard. The School District is currently in the process of negotiations to purchase additional land surrounding the former college site. Additionally, the architectural firm of WLC has been retained to design the new high school.

The anticipated groundbreaking for a new high school is scheduled for the Fall of 2006 with an anticipated opening in 2008. You are invited to check the school district's website at [www.pyusd.org](http://www.pyusd.org) for more information.

## GET IN TOUCH BY EMAIL

*Residents can now reach the  
City by email*

In the modern world of technology, many of us use the internet and email to conduct business and communicate with friends and family. The City of Yorba Linda is utilizing technology to make City services more accessible, efficient, and convenient. Toward this end, the City has set up an email address to receive feedback from residents. You may contact the City via email at: [gracious@yorba-linda.org](mailto:gracious@yorba-linda.org) if you have a request for service, questions or concerns. Many residents have already taken advantage of the email capabilities. The City welcomes your feedback and hopes to hear from you soon!

## POOL SAFETY TIPS — Be cool at the pool

With the start of summer, Yorba Lindans will take the plunge into swimming pools to cool off. To help you enjoy a safe and healthy summer poolside, we offer some important safety tips:

- Make sure that children are properly supervised by an adult.
- Make sure the adult supervisors have been trained in CPR.
- Prevent accidents by not running by the pool or engaging in horseplay.
- Keep lifesaving equipment and a first aid kit nearby.
- Be certain the pool is properly sanitized with chlorine to kill harmful bacteria.
- Ensure against unattended pool use by maintaining safety devices such as fencing, latched gates and pool covers.

Safety and fun must both be a part of the swimming experience in order to ensure that the swimming season is enjoyable for everyone. Swim, splash and be safe!

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