

Community Information

Laguna Hills





LAGUNA HILLS

Located where the Interstate 5 freeway splits into the 405 (The El Toro 'Y'), the city of Laguna Hills is home to some of Orange County's best medical facilities, the Laguna Hills Mall and many fine restaurants.

The city of incorporated in 1991, while annexing the North Laguna Hills area in 1996 and adding a residential area to the west in 2000.

City of Laguna Hills

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History

Laguna Hills is built on one of the major land grants developed during the Rancho Era. Following Mexico's independence from Spain in 1821, those who had served in the government or who had friends in authority, were given vast lands for cattle grazing. Rancho Lomas de Santiago, Rancho San Joaquin, and Rancho Niguel covered much of the western portion of the Saddleback Valley. Don Juan Avila was granted the 13,000 Rancho Niguel on which Laguna Hills is located.

In 1874, Lewis Moulton purchased Rancho Niguel from Don Juan Avila and increased the original grant to 22,000 acres. Moulton and his partner, Jean Piedra Daguerre, used the ranch to raise sheep and cattle. The Moulton Ranch was eventually subdivided in the early 1960's, part of which is recognized as Laguna Hills. The city was incorporated in 1991.

Laguna Hills gained recognition when the private senior community Leisure World was developed. The community of Leisure Worls has now incorporated into the new city of Laguna Woods.

Places of Interest

Costeau Park: A significant fossil site known as the Costeau Pit includes several thousand fossil cranial and skeletal elements of terrestrial "Ice Age " animals. This site is located and preserved "in situ" beneath Costeau Park at the corner of Alicia Parkway and Costeau Street. Costeau Pit was situated in an old stream channel in which water flowed throughout the year. Today the channel is filled and covered over by Alicia Parkway.

Today, the fossil remains from Costeau Pit are curated at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History and have been placed on display by the City at the Laguna Hills Community Center.

Fossil Reef Park: Extending for six miles north-south across the Saddleback Valley is an unusual limestone deposit called the "Pecten Reef ". The actual extent of this limestone is suggested to be as great as twenty square miles in Orange County and also found on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, San Clemente Island, Santa Catalina Island, and in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. Its maximum thickness appears to be 300 feet.

Fossils collected from the reef have been curated by the city and placed on display at the Laguna Hills Community Center.

Juan Avila Adobe: The 1855 Surveyor General's Plan Map places an adobe belonging to Juan Avila, on Aliso Creek, just west of El Camino Real, what is





now the 1-5 freeway. This adobe was the only one built by Juan Avila on his property titled Rancho Niguel. Avila, a popular, well-liked man, died in San Juan Capistrano in 1889 at the age of 77. Avila's life spanned the period from the Spanish Franciscans to Mexican dons and American settlers. Juan Avila was a man of the nineteenth century, well remembered for his generosity, hospitality, honesty, and prosperous ownership of Rancho Niguel.

In 1995, members of the Mission Viejo Historical Society, researching the Serrano adobes, visited the site of the Avila adobe. At that time, the adobe foundation was visible and pottery remains were collected and deposited at Heritage Hill Historical Society. Although the actual site of the Avila adobe resides within the City boundaries, it is owned and maintained by OC Parks.

Juan Avila Adobe is on Aliso Creek between the 5 Freeway and Paseo de Valencia.

Laguna Hills Mall: The mall's redevelopment plan includes the inclusion of a new 110,000 square-foot cinema, 225,000 to 300,000 square feet of retail, a 125 room hotel, 390,000 to 520,000 square feet of office space, two three-story parking structures, and a potential of 1,200 to 1,500 more apartments. The redevelopment plans are scheduled to be completed by 2031.



Utilities

Cable TV/Phone: Cox Communications (949) 720-2020 / www.cox.com
AT&T (800) 310-2355 / www.att.com

Trash: CR&R Waste & Recycling Svc 877-728-0446 / www.crrwasteservices.com

Water: Moulton Niguel Water District 949-831-2500 / www.mnwd.com
El Toro Water District (949) 837-7050 / www.etwd.com

Gas: Southern California Gas 800-427-2200 / www.socalgas.com

Electricity: Southern California Edison 800-655-4555 / www.sce.com

Parks

Beckenham Park: Off Alicia Parkway, turn north on Costeau. At intersections of Wilkes/Camberwell and Beckenham. Picnic Tables. Lighting. Tot Lot. Drinking Fountain. Walkways. Benches. Sports Field.

Cabot Park: At intersection of Cabot Road and Rapid Falls Road between Oso Parkway and Crown Valley Parkway. Parking Lot. Restrooms. Concession Stand. Tot Lot. Drinking Fountain. Baseball Field. Sports Field. Picnic Tables. Benches. Bike Rack. Walkways.

Clarington Park: Off Alicia Parkway. Turn on Hon to Georgia Sue - Left to park. Tot Lot. Picnic Tables. Walkways. Sports Field. Lighting.

Costeau Park: Alicia Parkway and Costeau (2 streets west of I-5 Freeway) Basketball Court. Picnic Tables. Tot Lot. Drinking Fountain. Lighting. Benches. Bike Rack. Walkways. Baseball Field. Volleyball Sand. Baseball Field.





El Conejo Park: Off Paseo de Valencia near La Paz. Turn on Alisal to Linda Vista, go right. Turn left on El Conejo. Tot Lot. Benches. Picnic Tables. Lighting. Walkways. Sports Field. Bike Rack. Basketball Court.

Knotty Pine Park: Off La Paz and I-5 - Left on McIntyre to Knotty Pine. Volleyball Sand. Tot Lot. Walkways. Drinking Fountain. Picnic Tables. Bike Rack. Sports Field.

Mackenzie Parks: Off La Paz and I-5 - Go right on McIntyre, left on Pike to Mackenzie. Tennis Court. Walkways. Picnic Tables. Drinking Fountain. Sports Field. Tot Lot.

Mandeville Park: Off La Paz near Moulton. Alameda to Monte Royale to Las Alturas and right on Mandeville. Tot Lot. Walkways. Picnic Tables. Drinking Fountain. Sports Field.

Mendocino Park: Off Aliso Hills between La Paz and Alicia Parkway. Turn on Mendocino. Tot Lot. Walkways. Benches. Drinking Fountain. Picnic Tables. Sports Field.

San Remo Park: Off Moulton past El Toro (before Ridge Route). Left on Santa Maria. Right on San Remo. Picnic Tables. Benches. Tot Lot. Tennis Court. Volleyball Sand.

Santa Vittoria Park: Off Moulton past El Toro (before Ridge Route). Left on Santa Maria. Right on Santa Vittoria. OR off Lake Forest past Moulton. Left on Santa Vittoria. Tot Lot. Volleyball Sand. Handball Court. Tennis Court. Benches. Walkways.

Stockport Park: Off Alicia Parkway and Wilkes (before PDV). Turn right on Wilkes to Stockport. Picnic Tables. Volleyball Sand. Sports Field. Lighting. Drinking Fountain. Tot Lot. Walkways.

Veeh Ranch Park: Lake Forest Ave west to Santa Vittoria St south, park is on Santa Vittoria St. Basketball Court. Picnic Tables. Tot Lot. Drinking Fountain. Sports Field. Benches. Walkways.



Community Center & Sports Complex

The Laguna Hills Community Center is the focal point of the City's recreational, leisure, and cultural interests. The 43,000 square foot building includes a gymnasium, fossil exhibit, Rotating Art Gallery, and Technology Branch of the Orange County Public Library. The Center also provides a large banquet facility referred to as the "Heritage Room", a full-functioning catering kitchen, two classroom facilities, an Art Room, and a Physical Activity Room. These rooms are available for rent through the Community Services Supervisor who handles facility rental. For additional information regarding these facilities, please call (949) 707-2692.

The Sports Complex features a softball field, baseball field, soccer field, Skate Park, roller hockey rink, snack bar, picnic shelter, and a Prehistoric Playground. The Skate Park and Prehistoric Playground are open to the public and the roller hockey rink is contracted with California Street Hockey Association. The snack bar is operated by Laguna Hills High School Music Boosters.





Use of the baseball, soccer, and softball fields, as well as the picnic shelters, requires a reservation as these facilities host several sport leagues including Little League, AYSO, and the City Leagues.

Picnic Shelters: The Picnic Shelter area consists of six tables that can accommodate approximately 15 people per table. The shelter is adjacent to the playground and restroom facilities. There are five BBQ grills, limited power is available. For additional information on picnic shelters, please contact Todd Smyser at (949) 707-2690.

Technology Branch of the Orange County Public Library: The Laguna Hills Technology Library offers patrons high speed Internet access via 18 workstations. Each computer also offers the full complement of Microsoft Office products including Word, Excel, Power Point, Access and Publisher. There is a small collection of books for all ages as well as popular magazines and major newspapers. The library is a wireless hotspot for laptop users and there are study tables available for public use. Library staff is available and uniquely gifted to help find books and other library materials, do research, and help with homework and make the most of the software and World Wide Web.



Education

Saddleback Valley Unified School District

25631 Peter Hartman Way / Mission Viejo, CA 92691
949-586-1234 / www.svusd.k12.ca.us

Elementary Schools

Lomarena

25100 Earhart Road / Laguna Hills, 92653 / 949-581-1370

San Joaquin

22182 Barbera / Laguna Hills, 92653 / 949-581-3450

Valencia

25661 Paseo de Valencia / Laguna Hills, 92653 / 949-830-3650

Middle Schools

La Paz

25151 Pradera Drive / Mission Viejo, 92691 / 949-830-1720

Los Alisos

25171 Moor Avenue / Mission Viejo, 92691 / 949-830-9700

Esperanza - Special Education School

25121 Pradera / Mission Viejo, 92691 / 949-830-5470

High Schools

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25401 Paseo de Valencia / Laguna Hills, 92653 / 949-770-5447





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INCORPORATED: 1991
AREA: 6.6 square miles
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CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Don Sedgwick
Mayor Pro Tem	Janine Heft
Council Members	Dore Gilbert, M.D. Erica Pezold Dave Wheeler

DEPARTMENTS

City Manager	(949) 707-2610
Community Development	707-2670
City Council	707-2610
Community Services	707-2680
Fire Authority	(714) 573-6000
Sheriff Services	(949) 770-6011

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION			2010 POPULATION BY AGE (1)			2010 RACIAL & ETHNIC POPULATION (1)		
1960	*			Total	%		Number	%
1970	*		0-4	1,563	5.2	Non-Hispanic White	18,725	61.7
1980	*		5-9	1,780	5.9	Hispanic of any race	6,242	20.6
1990	*		10-14	2,024	6.7	Non-Hispanic Asian	3,790	12.5
2000	31,178	(1)	15-19	2,187	7.2	Non-Hispanic Black	373	1.2
2010	30,344	(1)	20-24	1,825	6.0	All Other NH Races	1,214	4.0
			25-34	3,466	11.4			
2006	31,096	(2)	35-44	4,172	13.7	Total:	30,344	100%
2007	30,818	(2)	45-54	5,147	17.0			
2008	30,656	(2)	55-59	2,316	7.6			
2009	30,494	(2)	60-64	1,974	6.5			
2010	30,270	(2)	65-74	2,106	6.9			
2011	30,439	(3)	75-84	1,050	3.5			
2012	30,723	(3)	85+	497	1.6			
2013	30,894	(3)						
2014	30,936	(3)	Total:	30,344	100%			
2015	31,010	(3)	Median Age:	40.8				
2016	31,033	(3)	% of County:		1.0			
2017	31,875	(3)						
2018	31,751	(3)						
2019	31,572	(3)						

CURRENT PROJECTIONS SERIES POPULATION: OCP-2018 (4)

2016	31,155
2020	31,572
2025	32,247
2030	34,290
2035	34,291
2040	34,271
2045	34,004

VOTER REGISTRATION, 2019 (6)

Democratic	5,336	Peace & Freedom	43
Republican	7,044	Misc.	54
Independent	546	Decline To State	5,056
Green	59		
Libertarian	170	Total:	18,308

VITAL STATISTICS (5)

	2014	2015	2016
Total Births	299	319	314
Birth Rate	9.7	10.3	10.2
Total Deaths	285	276	246
Death Rate	9.2	8.9	8.0

*City not incorporated at this date.

Sources: (1) April Decennial Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau.
(2) E-8 Released November 2012, State Dept. of Finance, includes errata.
(3) E-5 (Revised) Released May 2019, State Dept. of Finance.

(4) Center for Demographic Research, CSUF.
(5) California Department of Public Health rates per 1,000 population. 2016 is the latest published data by city.
(6) OC Registrar of Voters, 2019.