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City Council Adopts Resolution Supporting the U. S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



The Kyoto Protocol was adopted in late 1997 to address the problem of global warming by reducing the world's greenhouse gas emissions. It is considered a first step toward addressing climate-change problems; in February 2005, the protocol became law in 141 countries.

The Kyoto Protocol sets out an agenda for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by 5.2 per cent from 1990 levels. All countries are not treated equally by Kyoto. Canada, for instance, has committed to chopping its greenhouse-gas emissions by six per cent. The U.S. target was a seven-percent reduction. Kyoto also

allows some industrialized countries to make no cuts, or even to emit more greenhouse gases than they did in 1990. Developing nations are not subject to any emissions reduction caps under Kyoto.

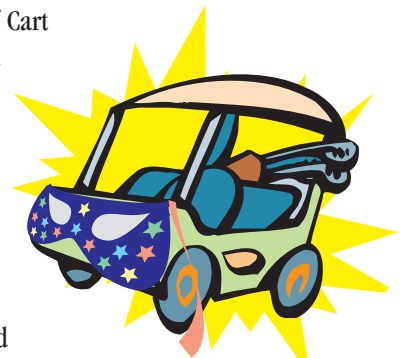
The United States has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol. It has been argued that Kyoto will be bad for the U.S. economy and will be ineffective because major developing nations like India and China were not covered by its provisions. However, on August 31, 2006, the California Legislature passed the Global Warming Solutions Act, aimed at reducing the state's greenhouse-gas emissions, which rank at 12th largest in the world, by 25 percent by the year 2020. This effectively puts California in line with the Kyoto initiative.

In June 2005, the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement was

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Do You Love a Parade?

The City of Laguna Woods is planning a decorated Golf Cart Parade on July 4th. The parade route will be along El Toro Road, starting and ending at City Hall. The City has asked the Village if some portion of the route can also be within the gated community. Vehicles eligible to participate include golf carts, electric scooters and Segways. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated vehicles in certain categories. We are asking residents who are interested in participating in or helping with this event to contact City Hall at 639-0500. This should be a fun 1st — and maybe annual — event for the City. 🌳



Partners in Preparedness

The damage caused by natural disasters and man-made events such as earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, flooding and terrorism can affect all elements of society and government. These events may severely restrict or overwhelm our response resources, communications, transportation utilities, and leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.

It takes time for emergency agencies to set up and prepare for an organized response, and damaged roads and disrupted communications systems may restrict access into critically affected areas. Thus, for the initial period immediately following a disaster — often up to three days or longer — individuals, households and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own resources for:

- ✓ FOOD ✓ WATER ✓ FIRST AID ✓ SHELTER

Individual preparedness, planning, survival skills and mutual aid within neighborhoods and worksites during this initial period are essential to coping with the aftermath of a disaster.

WHAT LAGUNA WOODS RESIDENTS CAN DO BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER

Each person's needs and abilities are unique, but every individual can take important steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies and put plans in place. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation. A commitment to planning today will help you prepare for any emergency situation. Preparing makes sense. Get ready now.

BEFORE

Prepare Yourself and Your Family

Develop an Emergency Action Plan with and for all members of your family. Important items to consider:

- Understand the types of disasters that are likely to occur in your area and how you will receive information. Make sure your telephone number is registered with the City's Connect-CITY (emergency notification) system.
- Plan to make it on your own for several days. It's possible that you will not have access to a medical facility or even a drugstore.
- Identify what kinds of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if they are limited or not available.
- Prepare and practice home-evacuation routes with a safe meeting area outside the home.
- Consider sheltering options that will be available for you, your family and your pets should you need to leave the area.
- Make copies of important documents and phone numbers for all family members.
- Establish an out-of-state contact for all family members.
- Practice the plan with all family members.
- Keep your car fueled in case you have to evacuate.

Identify and Mitigate Hazards in Your Home

- Strap your water heater and tall furniture to the studs in the wall.
- Place large or heavy items on lower shelves.
- Have a working fire extinguisher readily available and know how to use it.
- Check your smoke alarm at least twice a year.
- Know how to shut off water and power.
- Know the safe and unsafe spots in each room in your house.
- Have, and keep clear, an exit pathway from your home.

Create a Disaster Supply Kit

- Have enough food and water for every member of the family to survive for a minimum of

three days to two weeks.

- Include copies of your important documents.
- Have some cash, including coins, available.
- Include a family photo & photos of your pets.
- Be able to grab personal medication quickly. Make copies of your prescriptions and store them in your disaster kit.

Get Trained

- Take advantage of training opportunities provided by the City and your homeowners association.

DURING

Stay Calm

- In an earthquake, drop — cover — hold on; move only a few steps to a nearby safe place. If outside, move to a clear area away from buildings, trees and power lines.
- In a fire, leave your home immediately. Check doors for heat before you open them and if you see smoke, stay low to the ground.
- Confine pets to one room. Take your pets with you if you evacuate.

Be Aware

- Watch for broken glass, falling debris and downed power lines.
- If you are warned that a wildfire is threatening your area, listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

AFTER

- Once a disaster ends, assemble available family members; check for injuries and make sure everyone has on shoes. Grab the disaster supply kit and proceed to your outside meeting area.
- Check for fires or electrical hazards; turn off utilities and do not touch downed power lines.
- Help neighbors or other community members who are injured or cannot help themselves.
- When safe, assess damage to neighborhood and home.
- Listen to the radio for information and directions.
- Do not go sightseeing. Keep the streets clear for emergency vehicles.
- Be patient and prepared for unforeseen emergencies. 🌳



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passed unanimously by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As of March 6, 2007, 418 cities representing over 60 million Americans have expressed support for the Climate Protection Agreement. On March 21st, the City of Laguna Woods joined the Orange County Cities of Aliso Viejo, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach and Santa Ana and became the 419th city to support the Agreement.

Under the Agreement, participating cities commit to take the following three actions:

- Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest-restoration projects and public-information campaigns;
- Urge their state governments and the federal government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission-reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol — 7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012; and
- Urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas-reduction legislation, which would establish a national emission-trading system. 🌳

Get Connected To City Services

Attend a City Council Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m., Laguna Woods City Hall, Council Chambers, 24264 El Toro Road. Cablecast live on LWV Communications Channel 6.

Visit the City's Website

www.lagunawoodscity.org

Call us at (949) 639-0500

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Apply To Serve on a Committee

Call the City Clerk's office: (949) 639-0500. 🌳



Good Samaritans Wanted to Assist Police Officers, Firefighters, and Hospitals



The Orange County Chapter of the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) is seeking citizen volunteers for their crisis intervention program. Volunteers will be trained to help fellow citizens who are in distress as a result of having been the victim of a crime or other traumatic event. Volunteers are called to emergency scenes by police officers, firefighters or hospital personnel to assist citizens who are despondent, victims of burglary and robbery, family members of suicide or sudden death, family disputes, disoriented older persons and other crisis situations.

"The first few hours after a crisis situation has occurred are very confusing for everyone involved," said Wayne Fortin, program founder. "The TIP volunteer provides the necessary temporary support until the persons involved in the crisis are able to depend on family, friends and others."

"We do not expect the volunteer to be a mental health professional in these situations," said Fortin, "but to provide basic emotional support, practical assistance and referral to professionals. This support is very important to victims, but often police officers and firefighters don't have the time to provide it."

The training class begins on Thursday, August 9, 2007. No prior experience is necessary to attend training or to become a volunteer. To register, call (714) 314-0744 or go to www.tipnational.org and click on Orange County under the Training Academy banner. 🌳



The City of Laguna Woods Turns Eight!

The City, which incorporated on March 24, 1999, celebrated its 8th birthday on Friday, March 23, 2007. Residents stopped by for cake and coffee and enjoyed watching the video showing locations throughout the City on the large screen. Residents also took tours through the building, visited various City Departments and met the staffs from the Orange County Library, California Fish and Game Department and Assemblyman Chuck DeVore's office. 🌳



Some Laguna Woods residents took the occasion of the City's 8th birthday to tour City Hall

**National Volunteer
Week – April 15-21
Get Involved!**

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Do You Know...



You can arrange pickup of hazardous household items through the City's hazardous-waste collection program by stopping at the City Hall to pick up a hazardous-waste container. For an electronic waste pickup, call 639-0500. We will ask for your name, address, phone number and items to be collected. Pickups may take up to a month based on the contractor's pickup schedule.

If you are in a hurry to get rid of electronic or hazardous waste items, you can take items to the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center in Irvine at 6411 Oak Canyon. They are open Tuesday through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed on rainy days, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year's Day). ♻️

City Meeting Schedules

- ◆ City CouncilThird Wednesday of month.....2 p.m.
- ◆ Community Services Committee (CSC)Fourth Wednesday of month9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Human Relations Committee (HR)Second Tuesday of month1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)First Thursday of month9 a.m.
- ◆ Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)Second Wednesday of month9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC)Second Monday bimonthly1:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA (949) 639-0500.

Meeting schedules are subject to change.