



COUNTY OF LAKE *Community News Update*

Introducing Our Official Newsletter: **COUNTY OF LAKE COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE**

County of Lake Community News Update is your gateway to civic involvement and empowerment. By subscribing, you join a community dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Lake County. You'll receive timely and relevant information about:



Quality of Life: initiatives and projects to improve the living conditions in Lake County.

Community Building: local events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to get involved

Fire Life Safety: crucial updates and safety tips regarding fire hazards.

Health: public health news, programs, resources

Seniors: services, activities, and support for seniors

Families with Children: educational programs, activities, resources

Environmental Stewardship: efforts to preserve and protect our natural environment.

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Summer's Here!
Stay Safe, Be Healthy, Have Fun
Enjoy a fantastic summer in the County of Lake with plenty of outdoor fun. Explore the parks and places for picnics, walks, and games. Stay safe boating and mind the mosquitoes! [Read More.](#)



Take A Hike: Our Master Plan for Trails and Parks
The County's first-ever Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan helps us celebrate, honor, and conserve our natural resources from lakes to peaks. [Read More.](#)

Welcome County of Lake's New Directors



Rachael Dillman Parsons
Social Services Director
Effective May 15, 2024

Ms. Dillman Parsons began service with the Lake County Department of Social Services in May 2002. Her leadership has been critical to ensuring timely issuance of \$3M in monthly public benefits payments. She has also supported and coordinated Sheltering, Local Assistance Center Operations and other response operations for numerous disaster events since 2015. [Read More.](#)



Anthony Arton
Health Services Director
Effective Feb. 29, 2024

Director Arton previously served with distinction as Public Health Director for Coos County, Oregon (10/2020-2/2024). Prior to that, Arton was Public Health Director and Emergency Planner for Missouri's Johnson County. His diverse professional background also includes training in firefighting, management of Hazardous Materials and HIPAA Compliance. [Read More.](#)



Raymond Buenaventura
Chief Public Defender
Effective Sept. 19, 2023

Mr. Buenaventura attained his Bachelors degree in Legal Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and his Juris Doctorate (JD) at Whittier College School of Law. His vast experience in more than 100 jury trials in diverse California communities proves the life-changing effects professional criminal defense can have on individuals facing pivotal life circumstances. [Read More.](#)



Tree Mortality Crisis: Here's How to Help

From 2019-2022, Lake County saw exponential growth in conifer tree mortality, with the estimated number of dead trees growing from 3,000 to 590,000. Amidst Lake County's escalating Tree Mortality Crisis, fueled by factors like extreme drought and bark beetle infestations, the urgent emphasis on the Right of Entry (ROE) permit process shines as a beacon of hope. With dead and dying trees posing substantial risks to public safety and fueling wildfire hazards, community involvement in the ROE process (beginning in portions of Districts 1 and 5) is a vital solution. If you receive an ROE permit in the mail or are interested in participating in the program, please complete a ROE permit. [Read More](#)



Wildfire Season is Upon Us

While wildfires can happen at any time of the year, in Northern California, the peak fire season typically runs from June or July through late October or November. Check out these tips to make sure that you are prepared for wildfire season and that you're up to date with the County of Lake's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. [Read More.](#)



Learn About Lake County 2050

Expect to hear more about LAKE COUNTY 2050 in the coming months. It's our way of making sure we're living our best lives in terms of land use, transportation, housing, climate change, environmental justice, agriculture, natural resources, and other important issues over the next 25 years. [Read More.](#)

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