



November 2019

Honoring our veterans



Join us on Monday, Nov. 11, as we honor those who have served our country at the city's annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

All are welcome to join city leaders as we show appreciation for members of all branches of the military.

- **What:** Anaheim Veterans Day Ceremony
- **When:** Monday, Nov. 11
- **Time:** 11 a.m.
- **Where:** Veterans Monument, downtown Anaheim
- **Address:** 241 S. Anaheim Blvd.
- **Free parking:** Center Street Promenade or City Hall, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd.

The ceremony will include special guest speaker Col. Andrew T. Priddy, commanding officer for the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

There will also be an invocation, presentation of colors, a memorial wreath, a cake-cutting ceremony to commemorate the 244th birthday of the Marines and a musical performance by the Esperanza High School Concert Choir.

Marine veteran and award-winning broadcaster Ed Arnold will serve as the ceremony emcee.

The Veterans Monument is adjacent to the MUZEO at 241 S. Anaheim Blvd.

Meet on Beach



The future of Beach Boulevard is bright, and we're ready to celebrate.

Meet us on Beach on Nov. 17 for the [biggest street party](#) Orange County's ever seen!

From La Habra to Huntington Beach, we're partying on the boulevard with free community activities. From Anaheim to Buena Park, we're turning it up a notch and closing down the street.

The idea? Jump on your bike, scooter, skateboard or your own two feet and journey the 1.5 miles from Knott's Berry Farm's Independence Hall in Buena Park to the West Anaheim Youth Center.

There will be food trucks, live music, giveaways and more all along the way.

At the West Anaheim Youth Center, you can enjoy laser tag, face painting, a kids bike rodeo, a mobile skate park, free bike maintenance by REI and more.

Alt 98.7 will be on hand with free concert tickets, giveaways and games. The Anaheim Ducks Street Team and Wild Wing will be there with Ducks freebies, photo ops and a mobile hockey rink. Kids can show their skills at a Junior Chef experience by Disneyland Resort and Disney VoluntEARS.

Entertainment includes live DJ sets and performances by the Anaheim Family YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Anaheim-Cypress, Danbrook Dolphin Performance Troupe, Grupo Folklorico Juvenil de Anaheim and an awesome military band.

We'll have food from Dragon Dogs, Fiesta Gourmet and Meet Up BBQ. Plus, thanks to a partnership with 39 Commons, there will be free In-N-Out Burger while supplies last.

Plus, learn about green transportation options and living a more active lifestyle at one of many educational booths.

Note: Northbound Beach Boulevard will be closed from Orange Avenue to La Palma Avenue on Nov. 17 from 6 a.m. and goes through 5 p.m. East/west traffic will still be allowed through normally at Lincoln and Crescent avenues. Southbound lanes on Beach Boulevard will remain open.

Free parking will be available at the lot at La Palma and Stanton avenues, next to the Buena Park Downtown Mall, or paid parking is available at Knott's Independence Hall. Then ride your bike along the route! Don't forget your bike lock!

Pledge to ride OC Bus to Meet on Beach and receive a free day bus pass. Visit OCbus.com/beach.

More information at MeetonBeach.com.

Anaheim Confidential



It's a true crime drama for a good cause.

On Friday, Nov. 8, Anaheim Confidential will showcase the story of a 2015 murder and manhunt across Orange County as told by the Anaheim Police homicide detectives who solved the case.

The dinner mystery event supports Cops 4 Kids, a nonprofit that builds ties between kids and Anaheim Police.

You'll enjoy food and drinks from Urbana Mexican Restaurant, Mamma Cozza's Italian Restaurant, Varsity Burgers, K&A Cafe, Corner Bakery, Anaheim Brewery and Brewery X.

Here are all the details:

- **When:** Friday, Nov. 8
- **Where:** River Arena, 201 E. Broadway
- **Time:** 5 p.m.
- **Food, bar, silent auction:** 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **Anaheim Confidential program:** 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$37 per person

Anaheim Confidential is always a riveting event for a good cause.

Please note that the event deals with actual incidents in Anaheim and is not suitable for children and others who may be sensitive about true crime stories.

Buy your tickets now [here](#).

Fire ready



Fire can happen any time, but the winds and dry weather of fall make it a critical time for Anaheim.

The most severe wildfires in recent memory, 2017's Canyon Fire 2 and 2008's Freeway Complex Fire, both came in the fall.

This fall, we've already weathered several rounds of Santa Ana winds without serious incident.

That's thanks in part to the pre-staging of strike teams and equipment by Anaheim Fire & Rescue.

Having firefighters, engines and gear at the ready has allowed Anaheim Fire to quickly respond to and contain the few fires we've seen this season.

As important as our first responders are, there's a lot more to our efforts.

This season is the first time we're using our new wildland cameras in east Anaheim.

When calls come in, the cameras are an extra set of eyes that we can use to look for smoke or the starting point of a fire.

At Metro Net Fire Dispatch, an emergency communications center serving Anaheim and other cities, dispatchers are now using heat-sensing satellite images to look for what could be early indications of a fire.

We've also boosted our ability to attack fires in canyons, on hillsides and other wildlands.

In the past year, Anaheim Fire & Rescue has acquired additional off-road support trucks that can serve as mobile command centers as well as Type 6 engines, specially equipped trucks to carry firefighters, gear and water to a fire in the brush.

We've also added a water tender, an engine designed to transport and distribute up to 2,000 gallons of water to a fire, including in the brush where there are no fire hydrants.

The great thing about the off-road engines and water tender is that we can use them to fight residential and industrial fires throughout Anaheim, too.

Then there are the goats.

Our favorite four-legged friends are hard at work in the hills of east Anaheim, munching away at weeds and other vegetation that could become fuel for a fire.

We have them working in east Anaheim almost year-round.

To learn more about what you can do to help us prevent wildfires, visit [Anaheim.net/prepare](https://www.anaheim.net/prepare).

Calling all poets



Do you have a way with words?

Enjoy the power of self-expression and the impact of literature on the community?

We've got a job for you.

Anaheim is seeking its second poet laureate and literary ambassador to help promote poetry and the arts in the city.

We're seeking a volunteer to serve as poet laureate for two years.

Anaheim's poet will hold free workshops at Anaheim Public Libraries, lead poetry readings at city events and head up community gatherings that promote poetry, literature and the arts.

Anaheim became one of the few cities in Orange County to have a poet laureate when we named Grant Hier as our inaugural poet laureate in 2017.

Hier, a west Anaheim resident with long family ties to our city, shared his love of poetry with Anaheim through public readings, library events, community gatherings and social media.

A poet laureate serves as the official poet for a city, county, state or nation. The tradition goes back centuries. In America, the precursor to our nation's poet laureate today dates back to 1937.

To be eligible for consideration as Anaheim's poet laureate, applicants must be a published poet, a resident of the city for the past five years, be at least 21 years old and be able to give public poetry performances.

Anaheim's poet will be recommended by a committee that includes representatives of the Anaheim Arts Council, Anaheim Public Library Board and Anaheim's school districts.

A final appointment will be made by the Anaheim Cultural and Heritage Commission.

The city is looking to have a poet in place by April, just in time for National Poetry Month.

Applications are due by Nov. 22.

You can apply online by visiting Anaheim.net/poet.

City Hall security



Everyone is welcome at Anaheim City Hall, and the safety of all who visit is a responsibility we take seriously.

We've introduced new safety measures, starting first at our City Council meetings and eventually expanding to elsewhere at City Hall and to other city facilities.

The new measures are the result of an internal safety audit and analysis of other cities by Anaheim's Executive Safety Committee and are being implemented at the direction of Anaheim's city manager.

These changes are not a response to any known threat or incident. They do reflect a time of added security risks and responsibilities.

They are for the safety and peace of mind of our residents, visitors and everyone at City Hall.

If you come to a City Council meeting, you'll now be asked to go through metal and bag screening before going inside.

Our goal is for the actual screening process to take two to three minutes. We're also hoping to minimize waits in line, though that will depend on how many people are in line at any given time.

Once you reach screening, a security representative will take a quick look inside bags, which are limited to one personal item and one additional item.

You'll then take out keys, cell phones and any other metal objects before walking through a doorway-style metal detector.

The process is exactly like what you've probably experienced at concerts, sporting events and theme parks.

Anaheim's safety measures are designed to safeguard our local democracy.

And safety is everyone's responsibility.

Help us by knowing what you can't bring. Find a list of prohibited items and more information at Anaheim.net/security.

The power of work



Sometimes the answer to homelessness is simply a job.

As part of Anaheim's comprehensive effort to address homelessness, we are marking a milestone.

It's been a year since we brought Chrysalis — a Los Angeles-based employment and job training nonprofit — to Orange County.

In the past year, from an office next to Anaheim City Hall, Chrysalis has worked with more than 500 people and placed 180 of them into jobs.

Chrysalis works with those who faces challenges to getting a job. Clients can include people recovering from homelessness or drug abuse.

Employers working with Chrysalis include Disneyland Resort, Honda Center, California Department of Transportation and aerospace products company Thermal-Vac Technology Inc.

Chrysalis client LeDonna is a success story.

After years of homelessness and drug issues, LeDonna worked with an employment specialist at Chrysalis in Anaheim to turn around her life.

She recently started work at Thermal-Vac, which is just over the city line in Orange.

LeDonna is Thermal-Vac's first female plating operator in the company's 35-year history.

She's now reunited with her two children and has the support of her family.

Chrysalis is one part of Anaheim's approach to addressing homelessness, which also includes daily outreach by social workers and Anaheim Police, access to drug and other health services as well as shelters and affordable housing.

You can learn more at Anaheim.net/homeless.

Brighten your holidays



Halloween's over and Thanksgiving is around the corner.

We've officially entered the holiday season.

Make sure your holiday lights are bright — and energy efficient — by taking advantage of Anaheim Public Utilities' holiday light exchange program.

Just bring in one of your old incandescent holiday lights strands and get a free strand of LED lights.

They'll look beautiful inside or outside your home, and use 90 percent less energy to help you save on your bill.

All you need is a utility bill or driver's license to show your Anaheim address. We're offering one string of lights per household.

Exchanges will be available Nov. 25 through Dec. 14 at two Anaheim libraries:

- Anaheim Central Library: 500 W. Broadway, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday
- Canyon Hills Library: 400 Scout Trail, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

We'll also offer the light exchange at this year's Nutcracker Tree Lighting and Holiday Village in downtown Anaheim on Dec. 7.

For more information, call (714) 765-4250 or visit Anaheim.net/utilities.