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Cordova Community Council 2026 Fun Book

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2026: Happy Birthday, America!



Bust out the red, white, and blue – 2026 is a milestone year for the United States of America, and we're ready to enjoy the celebration! It's the United States Semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which signaled the founding of our country. It's cause for celebration – and celebrating is what the Cordova Community Council does best.

As always, we will be offering a wide range of special events throughout the year. We will also take this opportunity to recognize what it means to be a Rancho Cordovan, as well as to celebrate what it means to be an American. That includes looking back, but also looking ahead. We can hardly wait to get started.

Who are we?

The Cordova Community Council was founded in 1959 as an "organization of organizations," a forum for citizens to meet, dream about the future, and plan community celebrations like fireworks on the Fourth of July. We've organized hundreds of successful events, which have become a hallmark of Rancho Cordova community life for more than 65 years. We are also growing our reputation as a place of collaboration and innovation.

Together with the City of Rancho Cordova and many community partners, the Cordova Community Council has continued to spread its wings to help Rancho Cordova soar to even greater heights. We're a curator of the community calendar and a champion of our wonderful city, which has been twice named an "All-America City" by the National Civic League. We like to say that "We Make the Magic!"

The federal government recognizes the Cordova Community Council Foundation as a 501(c) (3) public benefit non-profit organization. We are headquartered within Rancho Cordova City Hall. Our "can-do" spirit is reflected in the inspiring work of our many member organizations and active citizen and business members. Our spirited, high-quality community events, passionate art and history experiences, and "all in" attitude toward improving youth sports continue into the milestone year of 2026. Join us as we celebrate America 250, while keeping the focus forward! Connect with citizens and customers in every sector of our wonderful, vibrant city where community life is often surprising... and always fun.

We're always on the move, and you are invited to tag along. Welcome to the Cordova Community Council!

David Sander, Ph.D.President of the Board of Directors

Shelly Blanchard
Executive Director



2026 Calendarof events

JANUARY	JULY
Jan. 15-31 Kay Eilison Spotlight Artist • MACC	July 3 Fourth of July Fest & Fireworks • Hagan Park
Jan. 15 -Feb. 21Voices in Thread • MACC	July 4All America Mile Run • Coloma Road
Jan. 16 RC Luncheon • City Hall	July 4RC Fourth of July Parade • Coloma Road
Jan. 27-April 18 Where the Wild Things Grow' Exhibit •	July 4 Fourth of July Fest & Fireworks • Hagan Park
City Hall	July 16-Aug. 1 Honeycomb Project Exhibit • MACC
Jan. 30 Motoshi Duo Concert • MACC	July 16-Aug. 1 Frank Lopez-Mon Spotlight Artist • MACC
	July 17 RC Luncheon • City Hall
FEBRUARY	July 27-Oct. 23 The Art of Essence Exhibit • City Hall
Feb. 4 Art at City Hall Reception • City Hall	July 30 Art at City Hall Reception • City Hall
Feb. 5-21 Yannah Evans Spotlight Artist • MACC	July 31Vivian Lee Quartet Concert • MACC
Feb. 20 RC Luncheon • City Hall	
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MARCH	Aug. 7 Friday Night Concerts • Village Green
March 5-21 Exhibit – Moments in Focus • MACC	Aug. 14 Friday Night Concerts • Village Green
March 5-21Todd Domiano Spotlight Artist • MACC	Aug. 21
March 13Volunteer Awards • City Hall	Aug. 21 Friday Night Concerts • Village Green
March 13 Stellis Trio Concert • MACC	Aug. 28 Friday Night Concerts • Village Green
March 20 RC Luncheon • City Hall	SEPTEMBER
	Sept. 119/11 Observance • TBD
APRIL	Sept. 12
April 9-257 th Annual Student Art Show • MACC	Sept. 18
April 10Patrick Contreras Concert • MACC	Sept. 18FBI Band Concert • MACC
April 17 Student Art Show Reception • MACC	Sept. 18-20
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April 25 Kids Day in the Park • Hagan Park	OCTOBER
April 26Symphony d'Oro/Rachel Barton Pine •	Oct. 1-24Journey of Hope Exhibit • MACC
CHS Performing Arts	Oct. 1-24Jim Hunter Spotlight Artist • MACC
April 29 Art at City Hall Artist Reception • City Hall	Oct. 2-31 Heartstoppers Haunted House • Mine Shaft
MAY	Oct. 6RCRiver City Concert Band • Mine Shaft
MAY May 3RC Concert Band Concert • KP Market	Oct. 10-11 California Capital Air Show • Mather Airport
May 7-23 Art a la Carte Exhibit • MACC	Oct. 16 RC Luncheon • City Hall
May 7-23Maddison Dunn Spotlight Artist • MACC	Oct. 16Keep on Truckin' Band Concert • MACC
May 9iFest International Festival • Village Green	Oct. 26-Jan. 22Art at City Hall Fall Show • City Hall
May 15	Oct. 29Art Reception: The Fall Show • City Hall
May 15Swing Collective Concert • MACC	
May 16RC River City Concert Band • CHS Performing Arts	NOVEMBER
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JUNE	Nov. 9-11
June 6Symphony d'Oro Concert • RC City Hall	Nov. 12 Veterans Day Blood Drive • City Hall
June 6-7 RC River City Concert Band • Carmichael Park Band Fest	Nov. 20Rancho Cordova Luncheon • City Hall Nov. 20Hiroya Tsukamoto Guitarist Concert • MACC
June 8-13Micro Masterpieces Fundraiser • MACC	Nov. 27-29 Winter Art Fest • MACC
June 11-277 th Annual Members Show • MACC	Nov. 29 Christmas Tree Lighting • Village Green
June 12Moonlight Movies • Village Green	Nov. 29 Offisiting Tree Lighting Village Oreen
June 19 Moonlight Movies • Village Green	DECEMBER
June 26 Moonlight Movies • Village Green	Dec. 4-6 Winter Art Fest • MACC
June 26Left of Cool Concert • MACC	Dec. 6
June 19RC Luncheon • City Hall	Dec. 13RC River City Concert Band • CHS Performing Arts



Become a Rancho Cordova Magic-Maker Sponsor

The Cordova Community Council often talks about making magic. We strive to create enchanting moments that help our residents fall in love with their City.

We believe in the magic of creating lasting memories. Whether it's helping a family build a special moment or seeing a group of people unite for their neighbors, these are the moments that make our community truly magical. We see the sparkle of joy in a child's eyes as they watch a parade or fireworks, and feel the enchantment in the air as our Community Christmas tree comes to life.

Throughout the year, we work hand in hand with local corporations, government agencies, and fellow non-profits, creating magic every step of the way. We fondly refer to these essential partners as our "Magic-Makers," and becoming one means you're part of a community that's all about fun and surprises.

This is your exclusive invitation to join the Magic-Maker Team during what is set to be a genuinely significant and magical milestone year for our community and our country. Your participation will make this year even more special.

Magic Maker sponsors make an annual commitment, placing them at the forefront of the special events that comprise our Calendar of Events. Magic-Maker commitments are rewarded with special benefits and sponsorship discounts because we know you will be there for us. Once we craft a plan that fits your goals, we work hard to ensure you are seated in the front row of our significant community events, with the heavy lifting already done

Magic-Makers enjoy such benefits as:

- · Prime locations at our events
- Tables, chairs, and tents provided, and ready to go when you arrive
- Exposure lots of it! Magic-Maker logos are on signage, publicity... even our volunteers!
- Partnership: We know our events are not all you have to do. We partner to make outreach to the community easy, fun, and a good fit with your organization's resources and goals

Become a Rancho Cordova Magic Maker and, like us, fall in love with our community as we celebrate a remarkable milestone – the Semiquincentennial of our country. Your sponsorship will help us make this year truly magical. Be part of the MAGIC!

250 Years of Honoring American Heroes



AMERICA



The Cordova Community Council is proud to present community events honoring those who have bravely served the nation in times of war and peace for 250 years. Join us for these observances on Sept. 11, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day, 2026.

Rancho Cordova Memorial Day Observance

Cordova High School Performing Arts Center Monday, May 25, 2026

Nationwide, Memorial Day marks the kick-off of America 250. Our plans for 2026 include a moving musical tribute and recognition ceremony for Memorial Day, staged at the beautiful Cordova High School Performing Arts Center. Our theme for a Memorial Day Student Art Competition will be "You're a Grand Old Flag."

The sponsor deadline is April 1 for inclusion in collateral and marketing materials.

Rancho Cordova Sept. 11 Remembrance

Rancho Cordova City Hall Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

On Sept. 11, we honor Patriot Day during an observance of the 25th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Sponsor deadline is Aug. 1 for inclusion on collateral and marketing materials.

Rancho Cordova Veterans Day Observance

Flags on Folsom Boulevard • Nov. 8-11, 2026
Veterans Day Blood Drive • Nov. 12
Rancho Cordova City Hall

For Veterans Day, those in uniform will be honored by a spectacular installation of more than 700 American flags posted in special locations in Rancho Cordova. On Nov. 12, celebrate a veteran by donating blood during our Veterans Day Blood Drive.

Our theme for all events is: "Their Sacrifice. Our Gratitude."



The MACC — The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center — features a rich tapestry of exhibits by local artists, workshops, history displays, cultural demonstrations, musical performances, and more. These thought-provoking displays and events, spanning a wide range of art forms, are meant to inspire deeper exploration and greater understanding, in addition to providing high-quality art experiences and entertainment. Built in 1911, the Mills Station Building has always been a meeting place for the community and a stopping place for travelers. Now, it is all that and more as the MACC comes alive, offering a diverse and exciting array of artistic experiences.

Supported by a grant from the Rancho Cordova Community Investment and Enhancement Fund, the MACC returns in 2026 with a wide variety of fascinating topics:

- Voices in Thread: Social Justice Sewing Academy youth speak through quilting
- Moments in Focus: An exhibit of extraordinary photography
- 7th Annual Student Art Show: The next generation of artists in the spotlight
- Art a la Carte: Artists transform catering trays into a sustainable tribute to food
- 8th Annual Rancho Cordova Arts Members Show: Masterpieces from the artist next door
- Micro Masterpieces Fundraiser: Online auction raises thousands of dollars for local art teachers
- The Honeycomb Project: Hexagonal artwork cells produced by artists near and far
- Journey of Hope: Artists and writers share stories of hope and recovery
- 60th National Mother Lode Exhibit: Revered national show curated by Placerville Arts Association
- Winter Fest Local art mart... just in time for the holidays!

Visit rcmacc.org and see what's coming next! Because there's always something new – and old – at the MACC.





26th Annual Community Volunteer Awards

March VOLUNTEER Madness
All set to go with the perfect bracket

6 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2026 Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Drive

Attendance: 180



The Cordova Community Council Volunteer Awards is a public event celebrating and inspiring volunteerism in the community while raising the profile of outstanding volunteer efforts.

COLLABORATORS

This celebratory event includes dinner and awards ceremony, hosted by a celebrity emcee. The Cordova Community Council conducts all award nominating and selection efforts. Local businesses provide cash sponsorships and in-kind donations.

The awards are considered to be the premiere volunteer honors in the Rancho Cordova community, with the "Rancho Cordovan of the Year" a prestigious designation, usually recognizing a lifetime of community contribution. This event is a match for those whose corporate culture prizes volunteer contribution and service to the community and wish to identify with these values in Rancho Cordova.

ATTENDANCE

This theme party event is attended by a broad spectrum of civic leaders and local elected officials who participate in the award ceremony. Current venue limits attendance to approximately 180 people. This popular event traditionally sells out. The brackets are set, the teams are prepped and fans are ready. Let's go!

PUBLICITY

The Community Volunteer Awards enjoy widespread publicity in Rancho Cordova as it is recognized as the most prestigious of local awards events. The event is marketed to the community through local media, social media and high-quality flyers distributed among civic groups and the general public.

Sponsor deadline is Feb. 1 for collateral materials, including publicity flyers, programs, signage and event decoration. Event marketing is year-round on the Cordova Community Council website, which displays winners and their stories for posterity.

SPONSORS

For 2026, sponsorship opportunities include:

- · Table sponsorships, with opportunities for distribution of company information and giveaways
- General sponsorship benefits include logo recognition on publicity flyers, programs, signage and event decoration.

36th Annual Kids Day in the Park

America, the Beautiful

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026 Hagan Community Park 2198 Chase Drive Attendance: 5,000



MISSION

Kids Day is a festival geared to families of young children. A fun day of activities for kids and their families, it is also a health and resources fair with providers on hand to share information. The target group is children 12 and younger and their parents. Kids Day has been a favorite Rancho Cordova special event for more than three decades. This year, we are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the country, focusing on the beauty around us with "America, the Beautiful."

COLLABORATORS

Kids Day in the Park is a broad partnership of health, education, and other service providers in the community. Major players include Cordova Recreation and Park District, Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Folsom Cordova Unified School District, and health and family care providers. This year's event promises plenty of freebies and a safe day of green grass, blue skies, and fun!

ATTENDANCE

Kids Day in the Park is a cherished tradition that has been part of our community for over three decades. The Cordova Community Council is the event producer. Event admission is free. Food and beverages are available at modest prices. In 2025, our attendance exceeded 5,000 kids and adults, a testament to the enduring appeal of this event.

PUBLICITY

Kids Day is marketed to the community through local media, social media, signage, and information distributed by schools and preschools throughout Rancho Cordova. Online parenting websites and publications are also utilized.

The planning cycle begins in January, with the sponsor's deadline for collateral materials on March 15. Event marketing begins April 1. Kids Day enjoys strong support in the local media and colorful post-event coverage.

SPONSORS

Kids Day is a wonderful gathering of our community's youngest children and their parents, all exploring and celebrating together during a fun day. This year, it is an opportunity for families to focus on the history and beauty of the United States. Along the way, families receive information to lead healthy, happy lives in Rancho Cordova. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, whose support makes this event possible. If healthy, happy kids are your mission, Kids Day is your event.



CORDOVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL Presents



America, the Beautiful

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Hagan Community Park
2197 Chase Drive
Rancho Cordova

FREE Admission and Activities

FREE Giveaways
FUN Attractions
PARENT Resources













Saturday, May 9, 2026
5-9 p.m.
Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive
Rancho Cordova





Art Music Dance International Food Children's Activities

Wines of the World

Special Ticket Required ◆ 21 and older only
Buy tickets at cordovacouncil.org

Presented by





17th Annual Rancho Cordova iFest

E Pluribus Unum

5-9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2026 Village Green Park • 3141 Bridgeway Drive Attendance: 3,000



MISSION

The Rancho Cordova iFest International Festival celebrates the community's ethnic diversity and reaches out to newcomer groups by offering them an opportunity to showcase their cultural heritage. The event is a free, family-friendly evening in an outdoor setting. It celebrates the sounds, dance, and tastes from around the world... and around the corner.

During the Semiquincentennial year, this event will include an exhibit exploring the role of immigrants in our nation's history and the meaning behind the U.S. motto of "E Pluribus Unum" – from many, one.

COLLABORATORS

This volunteer-driven event is organized by a Cordova Community Council planning group that includes community residents. The centerpiece of this event is the colorful and lively entertainment line-up on stage in the amphitheater. Admission to the event is free of charge. Food and beverages are available for purchase. "Wines of the World" is a unique wine-tasting experience for adults. A special ticket is required for this activity.

ATTENDANCE

Participation is broadly diverse, with performing groups representing more than a dozen international cultures. Audience members are all ages, with families making up the biggest sector.

PUBLICITY

Fest is marketed to the community through local media, social media, community signage, and flyers distributed through the schools. iFest has enjoyed generous coverage by local media.

The planning cycle begins in February, with the sponsor deadline on April 1 for collateral materials, including publicity flyers, programs, and volunteer gear. Event marking starts in mid-April.

SPONSORS

Rancho Cordova iFest is the Cordova Community Council's diversity and cultural arts showcase. If you are seeking to reach out to ethnic populations by celebrating their rich cultural heritage, join us at iFest 2026.







Celebrating America's 250th Birthday!

Friday, July 3 * 4-11 p.m. Festival & Fireworks

Saturday, July 4 ★ 9 a.m. Fun Run • 10 a.m. Parade • 4-11 p.m. Festival & Fireworks



Rancho Cordova Fourth of July is a two-day festival and parade celebrating the local community and our American heritage. It is the signature event for the community. We're celebrating America's Semiquincentennial this year – we're 250 years young!

COLLABORATORS

This complex event engages hundreds of local volunteers, service organizations, and many business sponsors. Its popularity is confirmed by the large audiences that turn out for the parade, the two-day festival, free concerts, and fireworks shows. The Cordova Community Council is the producer.

ATTENDANCE

Who attends the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July? Who doesn't? With its many activities, festival food, carnival rides, concerts, fireworks, and more, the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July lays claim to the title of "premier Fourth of July event in the region." No other community celebration offers the breadth of activities as does the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July, and an extraordinary fireworks show is guaranteed. Attendance has grown steadily over the years, welcoming 25,000 people to the festival and fireworks. Approximately 10,000 participate in or watch the parade.

PUBLICITY

This event is marketed to the community and region through local media, social media, billboards, and radio advertising, all conducted by sponsors on our behalf. The event enjoys excellent pre-event support from local media and is often part of regional news coverage.

Sponsor deadlines for collateral material, including publicity flyers, programs, and volunteer gear, are May 1. Event marketing and advertising, including a publicity campaign, begins June 1.

SPONSORS

Sponsorships for the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July range from \$25,000 for major event sponsors to \$250 for other contributors. Sponsorship packages offer a spectrum of exposure and benefits of supporting the community's largest event. No event captures the spirit of the community like the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July. It's especially significant this year as we celebrate America's 250th!



We're celebrating America's 250th Birthday! Join us for the All American Mile FUN RUN, Fourth of July PARADE, plus CARNIVAL RIDES, CONCERTS, COLD BEER and FIREWORKS!



JULY 3

4 p.m. Gates open to Hagan CommunityPark events4-11 p.m. Carnival Rides8 p.m. Concert

9:45 p.m. FIREWORKS!

JULY 4

9 a.m. All America Fun Run • Coloma Road 10 a.m. Fourth of July Parade • Coloma Road 4 p.m. Gates open to Hagan Community Park events 4-11 p.m. Carnival Rides 8 p.m. Concert 9:45 p.m. FIREWORKS!

DISCOUNT CARNIVAL RIDES!

\$30 unlimited ride one-day wristbands when purchased in advance through July 2
(\$40 when purchased at the gate)

Buy ADVANCED SALE CARNIVAL TICKETS at KP INTERNATIONAL MARKET

10971 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

CASH only • NO fees

Buy ONLINE at ranchocordovajuly4th.com



SUMULE SCHUS What are you doing Friday Night?

Moonlight Movies * Summer Concerts

MISSION

Our Summer Series has become as much a part of a Rancho Cordova summer as floating down the American River. This is a series of "FREE Friday nights out" that will keep you happily entertained throughout the summer. In June, Moonlight Movies returns with some All-American favorites, just in time for the Semiquincentennial. Watch for America 250 giveaway specials. We rock the month of August away during our Friday Night Concerts.

COLLABORATORS

Our summer series of outdoor movies and concerts will be held at the beautiful Village Green Park amphitheater. The Cordova Recreation and Park District is a major collaborator. Admission to all films and concerts is free of charge. Snacks and other food are available for purchase at these events.

ATTENDANCE

We entertain up to 1,000 visitors during our free summer concerts. Our entertainment is family-friendly, and our audiences are the same. Movies attract 300 or more flick-fans. Our sponsors frequently set up at tables we provide to interact with audience members circulating before the shows. It's a stress-free, casual way to start a Rancho Cordova summer weekend. Grab a snack from our vendors and enjoy!

PUBLICITY

The summer series is publicized utilizing local and social media, event signage and fliers, website and email campaigns, and citywide signage.

SCHEDULE

Moonlight Movies are every Friday night in June: June 5 • June 12 • June 19 • June 26 Showtime is 8:30 p.m.

Summer Concerts are every Friday night in August: August 7 • August 14 • August 21 • August 28

Show begins at 7 p.m.

SPONSORS

Summer Series sponsorships are available through the Magic Maker program with benefits that include: logo identification on all pre-event publicity, event signage, website exposure, plus venue marketing opportunities. Other sponsorships are also available. Deadline to be included in collateral material is May 1.

The Spirit of Independence in Rancho Cordova



Two hundred and fifty years ago, a small group of visionaries dared to imagine something extraordinary — a nation built not on privilege or power, but on freedom, equality, and the simple but profound idea that every person has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The Declaration of Independence wasn't just a document; it was a promise. A promise that ordinary people could shape their destiny, stand up for what's right, and work together to create a better world.

Here in Rancho Cordova, that promise isn't just history — it's alive. Our city was built by people who believed in possibility. Farmers, families, veterans, and dreamers looked at open land and saw opportunity. They imagined a place where people could grow, thrive, and belong. They didn't wait for someone else to lead the way. They rolled up their sleeves, put in the work, and created a community where dreams could take root.

The notions that government closest to the people governs best, and that communities are stronger when they control their own destiny, are not just ideals reflected in the Declaration of Independence. They were the rallying cries when Rancho Cordovans marched to the polls to vote themselves a new form of government back in 2002. The words that inspired the formation of our city echoed the same ideals expressed by the Founding Fathers as they penned the Declaration of Independence.

And that pioneering spirit hasn't faded. You see it every day in Rancho Cordova. You see it in our neighborhoods, where neighbors check on one another and celebrate milestones together. You see it in our schools, where teachers inspire young minds to think, question, and dream. You see it in our local businesses, where entrepreneurs turn ideas into opportunities, and in our community organizations, where volunteers give their time to lift others.

Our city's story is a living reflection of the ideals that sparked the Declaration of Independence. Just as the founders believed that government should serve the people, we believe that our community thrives when every citizen contributes, cares, and participates. Just as they believed that freedom and responsibility go hand in hand, we see it in our daily lives — in how we work together, support each other, and build a city that is stronger, safer, and more vibrant with every passing year.

Think about it: Rancho Cordova is a city of dreamers. Every family that moves here, every business that opens its doors, every community volunteer who lends a hand — all of them are part of the same bold experiment that began in 1776. We are living proof that ordinary people, united by hope and purpose, can accomplish extraordinary things.

And this year, as our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, let us not only honor the courage of those who came before us, but let us also renew our own commitment to their ideals. Let us commit to fostering opportunity, celebrating diversity, supporting one another, and building a future that is brighter for everyone in Rancho Cordova.

Our story is still being written. Every choice we make, every hand we lend, every dream we pursue adds a new chapter. And together, we are shaping a community that embodies the very best of what America promises: freedom, hope, and the chance to make a difference.

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State of the City

A Civic Experience for Rancho Cordova

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026 Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Drive Attendance: 250

MISSION

The State of the City event is a civic gathering during which the Mayor of Rancho Cordova delivers a "State of the City Address." It is an opportunity to take stock of where we are as a city and look to the future. The Cordova Community Council produces the event.



ATTENDANCE

The State of the City occurs in the early evening and features a complimentary reception. It draws about 250 residents and businesspeople for an engaging presentation by the Mayor and highlights other community achievements. The event is organized in partnership with the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLICITY

The event is widely publicized by the City of Rancho Cordova, the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, and the Cordova Community Council. The event enjoys strong support and coverage by the local news media.

Planning cycle begins in August. The sponsor deadline is Oct. 1 to be included in collateral materials, including publicity flyers, advertising by sponsoring organizations, event programs, and signage.

SPONSORS

The State of the City event has become Rancho Cordova's leading civic experience. For those who wish to be associated with good government and the bright future of Rancho Cordova, the State of the City is an excellent match.



Mayor Garrett Gatewood



Rancho Cordova City Council





2026 State of the City Address

Mayor Garrett Gatewood Wednesday, Nov. 4 Rancho Cordova City Hall

FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING

5:00 p.m. Public Reception 6:00 p.m. State of the City Address









event inspiring community unity, showcasing Rancho Cordova community life, promoting local business and providing a community branding experience.

COLLABORATORS

This vibrant holiday celebration is a happy collaboration of numerous Rancho Cordova organizations, faith communities, and performers who give our celebration a true community appeal. This event is powered completely by volunteers from local civic associations and churches, led by the Cordova Community Council and an active planning group. Food trucks, fireworks, snow and Santa make it a party!

ATTENDANCE

Event admission is free to the public. Attendance has exploded to more than 5,000 in what has become a leading community event.

PUBLICITY

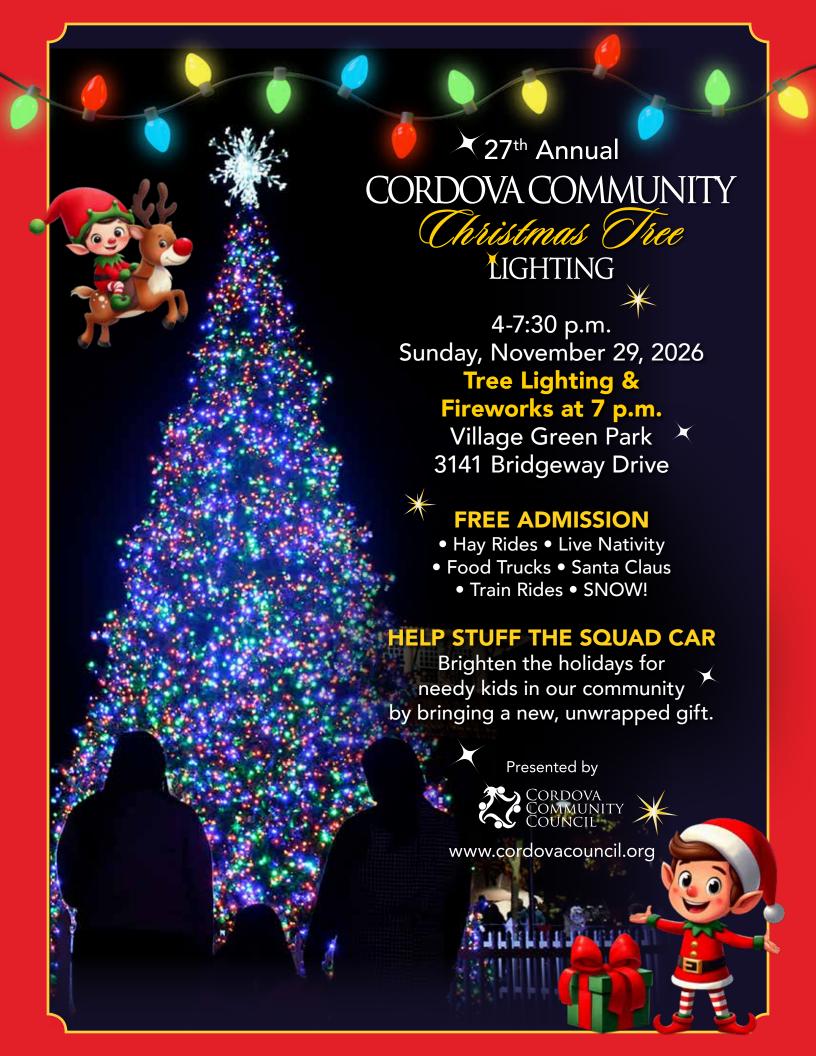
This event is marketed to the community through citywide signage, local media, social media, billboards and more.

Planning cycle begins in September. Sponsor deadline is Oct. 1 for inclusion in collateral materials, including publicity flyers, programs and volunteer gear. Event marketing begins Nov. 1.

SPONSORS

In 2026, sponsorship opportunities include:

Stage sponsorship, Hay Ride sponsorship, Steam Train sponsorship, attractions and more! All offer business branding opportunities at a particularly joyous community gathering... during a particularly congenial time of year!



Rancho Cordova Athletic Association

The Cordova Community Council, with its signature collaborative spirit, is a key player in supporting youth sports organizations in our community. Our motto: "Where all kids play."

The Rancho Cordova Athletic Association (RCAA) brings together leaders dedicated to elevating youth sports leagues and programs. Their efforts focus on collaborative marketing, planning, facility improvement, sports fee assistance, and positive coaching models. The goal is to ensure every child in Rancho Cordova has access to affordable fun that promotes good sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and the rewards of commitment and hard work.

The Rancho Cordova Athletic Association is expanding alongside the community with more leagues and players! This is a great partner for those interested in promoting the importance of healthy bodies and minds through lessons learned in sports.



11th Annual Rancho Cordova **Sports Hall of Fame**

6 p.m. Saturday, September 12, 2026 Rancho Cordova City Hall 2729 Prospect Park Drive Attendance: 400

Rancho Cordova has an extraordinary sports history, and it comes to life each fall during inductions into the Rancho Cordova Sports Hall of Fame. The event returns with yet another All-Star line-up of honorees on Sept. 12, 2026, and another sell-out crowd is expected.



MISSION

Capture and preserve the legendary sports legacy of Rancho Cordova, while inspiring our community's youth to reach for their own greatness.



ATTENDANCE

This evening event begins with a cocktail reception, where you can mingle with fellow sports enthusiasts and community members. This is followed by a video presentation honoring individual inductees and the presentation of handsome medals. An elegant keepsake program is also produced, providing a lasting memory of the event.

PUBLICITY

This popular event is widely publicized in local and social media. Planning cycle begins in February. Sponsor deadline is Aug. 1 to be included in event collateral, including marketing materials and the commemorative program.





The Cordova Community Council is proud to champion the arts in 2026 and beyond. We believe art isn't just something you hang on a wall or perform on a stage—it's the heartbeat of our community. That's why we never stop creating, innovating, and growing our vibrant arts scene right here in Rancho Cordova.

At the center of it all is **The MACC – the heart of the arts in Rancho Cordova**. Every exhibit, performance, and creative gathering brings us one step closer to fulfilling the City's Arts Strategic Plan vision of being "a place for art and artists." We're not just talking about that vision. We're living it.

RANCHO CORDOVA ARTS: WHERE CREATIVITY COMES TO LIFE

Rancho Cordova Arts represents the visual soul of our creative movement. Led by active artists from our own community, this dynamic group organizes fine art exhibits, artist talks, and workshops that inspire both emerging and established creators.

From quarterly City Hall art displays to special events at The MACC, Rancho Cordova Arts is where imagination meets opportunity. Whether you're a professional artist, a weekend hobbyist, or simply someone who loves the beauty of artistic expression—this is your community. Come connect, create, and be inspired!

RANCHO CORDOVA RIVER CITY CONCERT BAND: THE SOUNDTRACK OF OUR CITY

The **Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band** brings the joy of live music to life with nearly 70 volunteer musicians who perform across the city and the region. Their spirited performances—always free and always uplifting—span everything from timeless classics to beloved modern favorites.

Under the skilled direction of **Conductor Tom Seaton**, this band is the musical heartbeat of community celebrations, holiday gatherings, and veterans' events. When the band plays, the whole city listens.

SYMPHONY D'ORO: THE GOLDEN SOUND OF RANCHO CORDOVA

Celebrating its 12th anniversary in 2025, **Symphony d'Oro** (formerly the Rancho Cordova Civic Light Orchestra) continues to shine as one of our community's most treasured cultural gems. Under the baton of **Conductor Pete Nowlen**, its 60 talented musicians bring fresh energy and imagination to every performance—transforming familiar favorites into unforgettable experiences.

From traditional concert halls to creative pop-up performances, Symphony d'Oro is redefining what a community symphony can be. It's proof that great music doesn't just belong in big cities—it belongs right here, in Rancho Cordova.

JOIN US — LIVE THE ARTS!

Art thrives when people participate. Whether you attend a concert, volunteer at a gallery, or simply spread the word, you're helping make Rancho Cordova a true destination for creativity. Together, we are building a legacy—one brushstroke, one note, one performance at a time.









The Rancho Cordova Luncheon The one, and only...!

Third Friday of Each Month Rancho Cordova City Hall Attendance: 120





MISSION

Each month, the Cordova Community
Council and the Rancho Cordova
Chamber of Commerce team up to
host a luncheon featuring a community
newsmaker. This alliance of leading
Rancho Cordova organizations brings
together Rancho Cordova's "threelegged stool" of citizens, business, and
government in a setting that encourages
teamwork and collaboration. Believe it or
not, this luncheon has been meeting each
month for 65 years, making a significant
impact on our community.

We call it The Rancho Cordova Luncheon... the one and only! That's because it is the only monthly forum where all sectors of our community turn out in force. It's our primary civic networking event.

ATTENDANCE

The Rancho Cordova Luncheons attract approximately 120 people each third Friday, constituting the most significant and longest-running regular public event of its kind in Rancho Cordova. Speakers have included Members of Congress, State Legislators, and many others who make the news. The topics discussed range from current events to local issues, ensuring that if it's in the news, it's likely to be on the agenda at The Rancho Cordova Luncheon.

SPONSORS

Both the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce are excited to offer sponsorship opportunities during these important monthly civic huddles. If you are interested in sponsoring the Rancho Cordova Luncheon, we would love to hear from you. Your support is integral to the success of this event.

Becoming a supporting partner of The Rancho Cordova Luncheon, attended by leaders of local civic organizations, business, and government officials, amounts to a helping hand to citizen engagement, good government, and a healthy city.









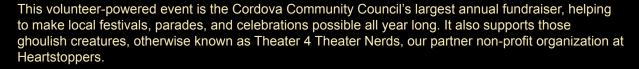
Support the community... If you dare!

Selected Dates in October
The Mine Shaft
2300 Mine Shaft Lane
Rancho Cordova

Get ready for the ultimate scare—and a great cause! The Cordova Community Council's Heartstoppers Haunted House returns this October to deliver thrills, chills, and plenty of screams in the name of community spirit.

Each year, the historic Mine Shaft property transforms into Rancho Cordova's most terrifying attraction. For 13 fright-filled nights, brave guests journey through haunted tunnels and eerie hallways where ghosts, ghouls, and zombies await around every corner. With more than 15,000 visitors each

year, Heartstoppers is consistently rated the Best Haunted House in the Sacramento region. But behind every scream is something even more powerful—support for our community.



Be part of the scare that cares! Sponsorships:

- Put your business in front of thousands of guests while supporting a great local cause.
- Group Packages: Bring your team, friends, or clients for a spooky night out at a discounted rate.





We do *events*. And more.

CORDOVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL E-NEWS

Keep in touch with what's happening in the community and get connected to Rancho Cordova's most active citizens by subscribing to our free e-news service. This lively email delivers Rancho Cordova to more than 22,000 e-news subscribers multiple times a week. What's happening in Rancho Cordova? Don't worry; we'll let you know.

CORDOVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITES

Visit cordovacouncil.org to meet our members, join our organization, and find out what's coming next! Our website features regular updates of our diverse membership. Please drop by soon.

Looking for arts information? Cordovacouncil.org is the gateway for local artists and art lovers in the community. It is through this portal that hundreds of Rancho Cordova artists and musicians discover and find their route to advancement of the arts in our city. Are you an artist? Join our partner organization, Rancho Cordova Arts at ranchocordovaarts.org. Wondering what's coming to the MACC? Visit remace.org and find out!

What's happening on the local youth sports scene? You will find the answers at rcathletics.org, home of the Rancho Cordova Athletic Association. Here is where you can find league sign-up information and a pathway to fee support. It's always game time at rcathletics.org!

Cordova Community Council is also the power behind ranchocordovajuly4th.com, a popular website visited by thousands during the ramp-up to the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Celebration. Be a Magic-Maker and you are well-situated on this important site.

DIGITAL GRAPEVINE

Interested in local history? The Cordova Community Council hosts The Digital Grapevine, online access to the long-running Grapevine Independent, Rancho Cordova's local newspaper. Visit cordovacouncil.org, look for the Digital Grapevine logo, and dive right in!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Like everybody else, the Cordova Community Council is evolving its outreach through various social media channels. Be our Facebook friend, follow us on X and Instagram to keep up to the minute with what's happening with our organization.

ONE STOP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Rancho Cordova citizens enjoy the benefits of visionary leadership, which has made Rancho Cordova City Hall the heart of the community. City government is housed here. The Cordova Community Council and our partner, the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, are also providing citizens with the "three-legged stool" upon which our city is seated - government, citizens, and business – all under one roof. Making a stop at City Hall to view the latest exhibit of local art and checking out what's new at the Cordova Community Council in Suite 117 should be part of your Rancho Cordova agenda. We'll be waiting for you – just as we have for more than 65 years!





















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