

The City was Born . . .

It all started with the convergence of several things – the thought that Canyon Lake would be annexed by Lake Elsinore or a potential city of Menifee; Railroad Canyon Road – it was one big pothole and wasn't being repaired; slow police response; the potential plans to close the fire station; and other issues. So in 1989, a Town Hall meeting was held to discuss cityhood. The Property Owners Association, under President Jack Wamsley, commissioned a feasibility study to determine if a new city would be viable. The answer was that it could be done financially, but it would be very close. The first step was to gather signatures in a petition drive to determine if the residents favored cityhood. Vick Knight, as President of the Home Owners Club, and Howard Ziff agreed to spearhead the drive. In just three weeks 1,572 signatures were obtained and in one year (record time), an election was held. The city was born . . . and did you know?

- The Canyon Lake City Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Canyon Lake Board Room; these meetings are open to the public.
- The City of Canyon Lake's official population as of January 1, 2011 is 10,647.
- The City of Canyon Lake processes passports by appointment; a convenient local service.
- The City of Canyon Lake has a Code Enforcement officer who has been busy working with owners and banks to alleviate foreclosed homes in order to raise property values in Canyon Lake.
- Northwest Mosquito and Vector District provides vector control services to the City of Canyon Lake. If you have a vector issue please call (951) 340-9792.
- The City of Canyon Lake's new City Hall was dedicated by the Mayor on April 1, 2000 in order to better provide City services to residents.
- The City has a public library that occupies 2,711 square feet with many resources to Canyon Lake residents.
- The City of Canyon Lake has a police store front located at 31516 Railroad Canyon Road and has installed a blue box at the entry to City Hall that has a direct line to Riverside County Sheriff Dispatch by simply pushing a button.
- The City of Canyon Lake received a grant of Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fees in the amount of \$7,508,000 to widen and beautify Railroad Canyon Road. Work will begin August 2011.
- The City of Canyon Lake applied for a grant from Supervisor Jeff Stone in order to construct a Veterans Memorial in the Canyon Lake Towne Center.

That memorial is on order and will be installed and then dedicated on November 11, 2011 at 11 a.m.

- The City of Canyon Lake supports the Canyon Lake Emergency Preparedness Committee, a group of over 130 dedicated volunteers. In the January and December 2010 storms this group volunteer over 443 hours of service to the community.
- The City of Canyon has produced two Water Summits to educate residents on water conservation and drought tolerable plants. At this year's Water Symposium attendees heard from Dr. Michael Anderson from UCR who talked about challenges and methods for improving water clarity in the East Bay. The group also heard from Mr. Andy Komor of PACE engineering who explained how oxygenation would improve the Main Lake.
- The city sponsors Explorer Post #315. A dedicated group of young men and women who volunteer in the community.
- The City has been dedicated and remains the Safest City in Riverside County.
- The City was deemed the most efficient city in Riverside County by Assemblyman Nestande because it outsources/contracts for City services.
- Fire Station 60 on Vacation Drive has been an integral part of the community, with over 83 percent of their calls being medical aids.
- The City of Canyon Lake has a very interactive web site; please visit it at www.cityofcanyonlake.com. Also the City provides weekly information in the City Connection Page of the Friday Flyer.