



# THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEST OF ORANGE COUNTY WINNERS

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## Best Retirement / Assisted Living Community



### 1. LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE

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- Opened its gates in 1964.
- Professional Community Management is Laguna Woods Village's property manager.
- The Golden Rain Foundation is responsible for services related to housing and common areas, and all shared amenities.
- Laguna Woods Village is within the city of Laguna Woods.



**Why they're No. 1:** Convenience. Seniors in Laguna Woods know there are amenities developed especially for them when they move to Laguna Woods Village. Shopping centers, restaurants, commercial businesses, houses of worship and Saddleback Memorial Medical Center are all close by. The community's bus service gives easy access to businesses.

**Claim to fame:** Activities abound. Fitness centers, swimming, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, and a computer learning center are all available to residents. There are frequent shows in the clubhouse theater. Seniors also enjoy yoga, dances, shuffleboard and more.

**Inside scoop:** Retirement is not a requirement. Anyone 55 or older may be a resident.

**Fan favorite:** "The biggest thing I noticed is that it's quiet and clean and feels safe. Some of the small neighborhoods, like mine, are reaching out to new residents. It's a way to get acquainted and make new friends." – David Russell Ohrn, Laguna Woods.

**Fun fact:** About 18,000 people reside in the community, where the average age is 78, according to its Web site.

– *Lois Evezich*