



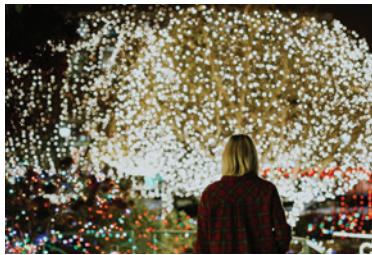
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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

Winter 2022

Celebrate the Holidays in La Cañada Flintridge

Celebrate the holidays with cherished community events and festivities hosted by local organizations.



Enchanted Forest of Light

November 9, 2022 -
January 8, 2023

Daily from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Descanso Gardens

Be enchanted with a one-mile interactive, nighttime stroll through the most beloved parts of Descanso Gardens. Magical “stained glass” creations by sculptor Tom Fruin, sparkling geometric installations from HYBYCOZO, Flower Power on the Promenade and exquisite lighting effects in the Ancient Forest provide a unique sensory experience for the whole family, rain or shine. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Learn more at
descansogardens.org.



Festival in Lights

December 2, 2022
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Memorial Park

In partnership with the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce & Community Association, the City of La Cañada Flintridge celebrates the 28th Annual Festival in Lights—a family-friendly affair, featuring live reindeer, real snow, live holiday music and an appearance from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The 2022 Miss LCF Royal Court will also be announced. Please consider bringing canned food and/or a new, unwrapped toy to support the CV Sheriff Station’s Annual Toy and Food Drive.



Learn more
at members.lacanadaflintridge.com



Holiday Ceramic Sale

December 9-10, 2022
LCF Community Center

The annual Holiday Ceramics Sale showcases unique, handmade ceramic pieces. Find the perfect holiday gift for your loved ones while supporting local artists and the LCF Community Center’s programming. The sale will be held in the Community Center’s parking lot, weather permitting.

Learn more by visiting
CCLCF.org.



Christmas/Holiday Tree Recycling

December 26, 2022 -
January 17, 2023

When the festivities have concluded, Allied Waste Services, Athens Services and NASA Services will provide residents with free recycling of Christmas/holiday trees. Take advantage of this offering by placing your trees on the curb on your regular collection day. Be sure to remove any decorations and cut trees over six feet in half for eligibility. Trees are 100% recyclable and will be used as mulch, cover material or compost.

For more information, visit
cityoflcf.org/treerecycling.



La Cañada Flintridge Hosts a School Safety Summit

On September 20, the City of La Cañada Flintridge hosted a School Safety Summit on active shooter preparedness training at Lanterman Auditorium.

Participants included the La Cañada Unified School District staff, public/private school site administrators, school faculty, and City staff.

Over 100 attendees were welcomed by LCF City Councilmember Terry Walker and LCF Emergency Services Coordinator Shahan Atmajian.

Participants took part in a 4-hour, in-depth discussion on school safety topics and threats, including examining physical site security, advance planning, training/drills, advance reporting systems, threat assessment and how to respond to an incident. The summit included school safety thought leaders and event speakers, including Erik Franco of High Speed Tac Med, Lieutenant Ryan Vienna of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Captain Dave Laub of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Dr. Albert Vasquez of Chapman University, Dr. Aaron Cotkin and Ms. Arlene Macias of the U.S. Secret Service.

Through these types of efforts, the City of LCF is demonstrating its commitment to the safety of all students, teachers and administrators at both public and private schools.

LCF Adopts New Housing Element

On September 12, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council held a special meeting and public hearing to discuss the Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element. During the meeting, La Cañada Flintridge City staff explained:

- The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.
- The Draft 2021-29 Housing Element.
- The role of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- Recent changes to State law that affect the 2021-29 Housing Element.

Following the presentation, meeting attendees were given the opportunity to provide public comment on the Draft Housing Element.

After hearing public comments, councilmembers directed staff to make modifications to the Sites Inventory and continued the public hearing to their next scheduled regular meeting on October 4. At that meeting, staff presented the revised Housing Element, which was then adopted by the City Council.

"We appreciate and thank everyone who attended the various meetings held throughout this process," said Mayor Keith Eich. "The comments we heard were compelling, thoughtful and illustrate how engaged residents are in considering both the needs of today and the long-term future of our community."

An update of the Housing Element is required of all California local governments every eight years. In order to help the community better understand RHNA complexities, the City held several public Planning Commission study sessions and workshops, invited residents to attend City Council meetings, and produced a video to explain the process.

For this cycle of RHNA, LCF received an allocation of 612 new housing units. This is the targeted number of housing units required by the State to be zoned for. The City is required to demonstrate that there is capacity to accommodate 612 new housing units under the current land use and development standards, including zoning. The City is not required to build such units.



For more information on the Housing Element Update, please visit the City's Housing Element Update webpage, cityoflcf.org/housing-element-update

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Organic Waste Recycling in La Cañada Flintridge

California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires all California cities and towns to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills by 75%. To reach this goal, the bill requires residents and businesses to separate organic waste—food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, and non-hazardous wood waste—from traditional waste into a separate bin. For La Cañada Flintridge residents, this bin has been provided by the trash haulers.

SB 1383 was passed as an effort to divert organics from landfills as they emit methane—a powerful greenhouse gas 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide. As of now, organic waste constitutes approximately 50% of landfills but, when correctly harvested, green waste has the potential to enrich soil, help water conservation and even generate electricity.

Residential Requirements:

- Residents must dispose of organic and compostable waste in their existing green organics cart.

Commercial Requirements:

- Businesses that produce two cubic yards of trash or more weekly are required to recycle organics and food waste.
- Beginning in 2024, food service businesses must donate unused edible food to food recovery organizations. This effort will help feed the approximate 1 in 4 Californians facing food insecurity. California's goal is to redirect 20% of edible food thrown away to people in need by 2025.

Self-Hauler Requirements:

- Self-haulers will need to ensure that all organic compostable materials—tree and hedge trimmings, cardboard, wood scraps, etc.—are separated from landfill materials and properly sorted.

The roll-out of SB 1383 will require residents to reshape the way they think of food waste. Here are some tips to reduce the amount of food waste generated:

- Buy what you need:** Plan your meals by making a shopping list and avoiding impulse purchases of fresh produce.
- Love “ugly” produce:** Many fruits and vegetables are often thrown away because they don't meet arbitrary cosmetic standards, even though they taste the same. If your produce is about to go bad, freeze it first and use for smoothies, juices and desserts.
- Store food correctly:** Move older products to the front of your cupboard or fridge and new ones to the back. Store fresh produce in the crisper drawer and place herbs upright in a small jar with water. Use airtight containers to keep open food fresh.
- Understand food expirations:** “Best before” and “use-by” dates are not the same. Food can be safe to eat after the “best before” date, whereas the “use-by” date tells you when something is no longer safe to consume.
- Eat your leftovers:** Freeze or use your leftovers as an ingredient in a different meal.
- Put your food waste to use:** Compost food scraps to fertilize your garden and reduce your carbon footprint. You can also save money and waste less by collecting your vegetable scraps in a freezer bag and using them to make vegetable stock.
- Sharing is caring:** Donate non-perishable food that would otherwise be wasted.

For more information on organic waste recycling, visit CalRecycle's Organic Materials Management webpage at calrecycle.ca.gov/organics.



Preparing for Rainy Weather in La Cañada Flintridge

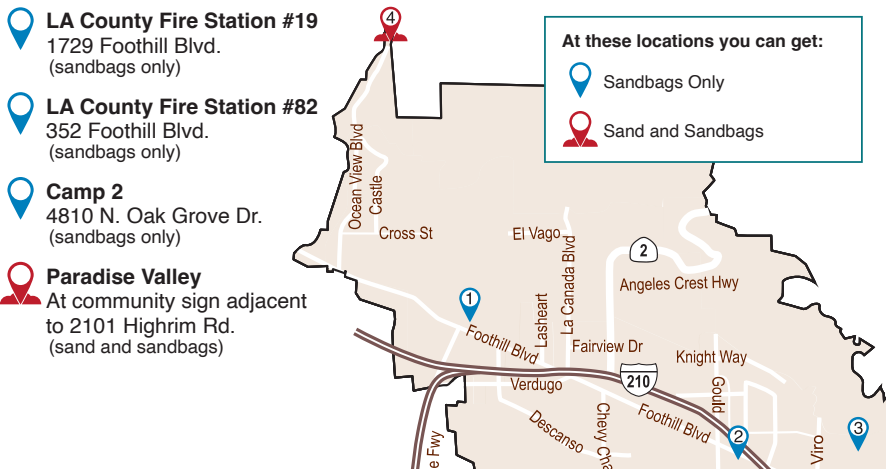
While Southern California is in the midst of a drought, La Cañada Flintridge residents should still prepare accordingly for possible winter storms. Ahead of rainy days, make sure to protect yourself and your home from potential flood damage.

One of the most cost efficient and sustainable methods to prevent flood damage is by utilizing sandbags. This method is especially important for residents living in low-lying and vulnerable areas. Prior to a storm, sandbags can be stacked to form a barricade around your home to decrease the likelihood of adverse effects from excess water runoff. Keeping your windows sealed shut during storms is another easy flood prevention tactic as water can damage your home's electrical wiring.

When leaving home during a storm, residents should exercise caution by only making necessary trips. When driving in a rainstorm, turn on your regular headlights and not high beam lights, as they reflect off the water and impair visibility for other drivers. Drive slowly to avoid hydroplaning and always stay clear of downed power lines and electrical equipment.



To help residents prepare for the rain, the City of La Cañada Flintridge provides 24-hour access to sand and sandbags at the following locations.



LCF Summer Concert Series Success



This past summer, the City of LCF lined up 14 incredible bands for the community to enjoy as part of the annual Music-in-the-Park summer concert series. The series kicked off on Memorial Day and continued every week through Labor Day. Performances by Hot August Nights and FM Radio brought out some of the highest numbers of attendees this summer. The City would like to thank the bands that performed as well as the community members who came out to hear live music. LCF looks forward to continuing the summer concert series next year and providing music-filled summer evenings for the whole family to enjoy.



Southern California Edison's Annual Circuit Reliability Update

At the August 2 City Council meeting, Southern California Edison (SCE) representatives presented their annual circuit reliability review. Based on direction from the City Council, SCE then held a public town hall on October 3 to discuss recent outages, planned projects to improve service reliability and answer questions that local business owners and residents have regarding energy reliability in the City.

During their presentation, SCE outlined their services, the measures they take to protect public safety and improvements made to provide clean energy while increasing reliability. SCE also presented outage and circuit data for the La Cañada Flintridge service area, which showed that LCF experienced longer periods of unexpected outages throughout the past year. To mitigate this for the future, SCE shared that they have increased investments to their infrastructure over the past year in comparison to prior years.

"Energy reliability and efficiency are important for the well-being of the City's businesses and its residents," said Mayor Keith Eich. "While more needs to be done, we appreciate SCE's investment to implement the solutions and new equipment identified as needed in their circuit reliability study."

At the town hall and City Council meeting, SCE discussed the installation of 50 fast-acting fuses, which were noted to be 80% complete. SCE credited the circuits' performance improvements to the installation of these fast-acting fuses that helped isolate incidents. This lessens the number of impacted customers and reduces the amount of time technicians need to investigate outages.

To watch the full presentation, visit:
lacanadaflintridge-ca.granicus.com/player/clip/1045



Pickleball Court Update



At the October 18 City Council meeting, the City Council voted to discontinue the pilot pickleball use at Glenhaven Park effective Friday, October 28, 2022, and to proceed with seeking LCUSD approval to install permanent pickleball courts at the current skatepark facility on Cornishon Avenue utilizing City funding supplemented with State grant funding that has been made available to the City.

The City will begin the design process by closing and removing the skatepark equipment permanently and/or find another venue to relocate the park.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

February 2022

After conducting research on multiple possible locations, the City Council considered Mayors' Discovery Park as the location for permanent pickleball courts. Staff was authorized to explore the design process and proceeded with the request for proposal process for a consultant to design up to four pickleball courts.

August 2022

At the August 16 meeting, the City Council received an update and a design proposal for the Mayors' Discovery Park pickleball courts. The proposal's cost estimate was much higher than the original estimated design costs. City staff provided an overview on the history of the process including alternative sites considered, the results of a consultant's sound impact study and the options available at Mayors' Discovery Park. The City Council then heard public comment from numerous stakeholders, including adjacent residents, current park users and the pickleball community. After deliberation, the City Council advised staff not to proceed with installing pickleball courts at Mayors' Discovery Park.

September 2022

At the City Council special meeting on September 20, City staff provided the City Council with a report on locations that could possibly support a pickleball facility, one of which was the La Cañada Flintridge Skatepark. After hearing public testimony, the City Council decided to move forward with three pickleball courts at the skatepark.

To view the agenda report from the October 18 meeting, visit lacanadaflintridge-ca.granicus.com/GeneratedAgendaViewer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=1076





Bear Safety Tips

As a City located in the beautiful Angeles National Forest foothills, there is a higher likelihood that LCF residents may experience encounters with wildlife, including bears. With that in mind, the City would like to remind residents of the following bear safety tips:

- Never feed bears, whether intentionally or unintentionally.
- Secure trash cans and never leave food outside (including pet food).
- Use a bear-resistant trash can.
- When outdoors, remain alert and always be aware of your surroundings.
- Remember to lock the doors to your home and car.
- Never turn and run from a bear.
- Never leave small children or pets unattended.
- If you need immediate assistance, contact the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station at (818) 248-3464.

For more information on wildlife safety, visit wildlife.ca.gov. To report a wildlife incident, visit apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir.



CITY INFORMATION

The City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011.

City Hall will be closed December 23, 26, 30 (Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Eve observed), January 2 (New Years Day observed) and January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

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