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Historic Preservation Ordinance Protects La Cañada Flintridge Heritage Properties

On December 1, 2020, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council adopted an ordinance aimed at protecting the beauty and historic value of La Cañada Flintridge heritage properties.

According to local historian June Dougherty, the rich history of recorded development in La Cañada Flintridge extends back to 1843 when Ignacio Coronel, a Mexican soldier and Los Angeles schoolteacher, acquired a large parcel of land in the region and began building and farming. As the property changed hands and the area was settled over time, pieces of southern California history were memorialized in storied architectural homes and structures. Today, many of these valuable buildings continue to stand thanks to the combined efforts of community members and local preservation groups, including community members, local preservation groups and the City Council.

The adopted ordinance adds the Mills Act and Historic Preservation rules and provisions to the City's zoning code, allowing for the creation of a "historic buildings register" as well as increased benefits, incentives and flexibility for owners of historic properties. Under the Mills Act, owners of historically significant homes in La Cañada Flintridge receive a reduction in property taxes in order to invest in preserving the historic character and infrastructure of their protected buildings. Investments focus on elements of the property that are visible from the street or front and building systems that protect the



house's overall structural integrity.

During the second reading of the Historic Preservation ordinance, Councilmember Walker stated that she is "pleased to see an approach in this ordinance that balances between the rights of homeowners and the shared responsibility of ensuring historical preservation." Councilmember Walker further stated "the program is flexible and incentive-based to deliver the best outcome for all stakeholders in our community."

COVID-19 Update

Vaccines

Certain demographics in Los Angeles County have begun to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The current vaccines developed by both Pfizer and Moderna have proven to be safe and effective in large-scale (phase 3) clinical trials. While the vaccine prevents an individual from getting sick, it is not yet conclusive if it stops carriers from spreading COVID-19 to others or how long immunity will last. That is why it is still important to follow safety guidelines including the wearing of face coverings, keeping physical distance and not gathering in large groups.

To find more information about the vaccine, and to schedule a vaccination appointment when you are eligible to receive a vaccination, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com). From this website, you can also sign up for email updates on the vaccine or schedule your vaccination via telephone at 1-833-540-0473.

Please be aware that misinformation and scams about the vaccine and COVID-19 have been circulating. For more information on these scams and to learn how to be an informed health care consumer, visit [CityofLCF.org/coronavirus](https://www.cityoflcf.org/coronavirus) or scan the QR code here:



City Hall

As LCF City Hall remains closed to walk-in traffic, residents may access many City services online. Community members can use the online system, ConnectLCF, to obtain permits, licenses and more. This service can be found through the website, [CityOfLCF.org](https://www.CityOfLCF.org). Walk-in appointments are available and should be scheduled in advance.

City Council meetings and other public meetings continue to be accessible to the public via Zoom videoconferencing. Please check the City's website for updated agendas and instructions for tuning in or submitting comments.

Alert LCF

Residents are urged to continue monitoring up-to-date health information from the City, County, State and Center for Disease Control and to sign up to receive emergency notices through AlertLCF by visiting [CityofLCF.org/alerts](https://www.CityofLCF.org/alerts).

How to Sign Up for SCE Public Safety Power

The Role of Southern California Edison in LCF

Southern California Edison (SCE) owns and maintains the lines, wires, poles and transformers that deliver electricity to residents and businesses in the City of La Cañada Flintridge. SCE is also responsible for checking meters, providing rates and bills to customers and restoring power when outages occur.









Public Safety Power Shutoff Notifications

In an effort to reduce the risk of wildfires caused by downed or sparking electrical equipment during adverse weather conditions, SCE may choose to shut off power temporarily. These Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) may be implemented by SCE due to high winds, low humidity or other extreme weather conditions. The City is not consulted and does not have control over when or where these shut offs take place. SCE customers may sign up for PSPS alerts to be notified when a shut-off may occur at [sce.com/wildfire/pmps-alerts](https://www.sce.com/wildfire/pmps-alerts). Customers who rely on medical equipment for their health and safety may register to be exempt from power shut offs at [sce.com/MedicalBaseline](https://www.sce.com/MedicalBaseline).

For more information, or in the event of an outage, please visit [sce.com/safety/wildfire/pmps](https://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pmps) or call 800-655-4555.

How to Stock an Outage Supply Kit

PSPS events can last several days so it is important to plan ahead and gather supplies that can increase your safety and comfort in the event of a Public Safety Power Shutoff. Some items you may wish to keep on hand include:

-  **Batteries and back-up charging devices**
-  **Flashlight**
-  **Battery-operated radio**
-  **Analog telephone or fully charged cell phone**
-  **First aid kit**
-  **Bottled water**
-  **Non-perishable food**
-  **Cooler**

For more information, please visit

[sce.com/outage-center/preparing-for-outages](https://www.sce.com/outage-center/preparing-for-outages).

How The City and Southern California Edison Work Together

When necessary, the City will bring issues to the attention of SCE so that they are aware of residents' concerns, such as processes related to SCE's wildfire mitigation or ways to improve service to the community. At times, SCE will arrange public presentations and workshops in the City to explain their processes to residents and to allow citizens to provide input.

Also, during forecasted events and emergencies, SCE and the City maintain consistent communication with one another so that residents can be kept informed. Through efforts such as these, SCE works to establish collaboration with residents and City Hall.

In advance of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event, SCE will provide projections to the City and first responders informing them about the PSPS protocol, including the location of circuits in their jurisdictions that may be shut off. SCE will alert potentially affected customers through a first notification of a possible PSPS two days in advance and a second notification of an impending PSPS one day ahead. A third notification of an active PSPS is put out upon confirmation of the decision and a fourth notification upon restoration of power.

How to Develop an Emergency Medical Back-Up Plan

- If you use a life-support device, **work with the hospital or medical company** that supplied your device to access special emergency services.
- Contact the Los Angeles County Fire Department to **join their list** of customers with special medical needs.
- Keep **emergency phone numbers**, including your doctor and medical equipment company, in an easy-to-access location.
- **Create a plan** for leaving your home in the event of a lengthy outage and share this plan with you family and friends.
- Keep a **fully charged cell phone** and **spare battery pack** on hand.

For more emergency plan tips, please visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

City Launches LCF Citizen Reporter Application

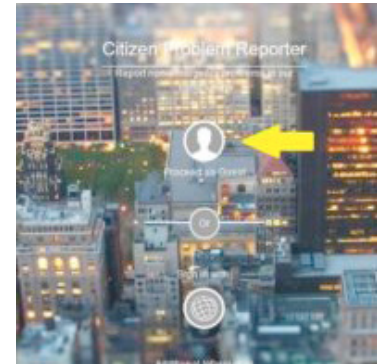
The City recently launched a mobile-friendly application, LCF Citizen Problem Reporter, to facilitate the reporting of a variety of non-emergency matters to the City.

After accessing the app on a mobile phone, users can report issues to the City, such as graffiti or pothole problems, through the application. Once launched, users can enable the GPS locator feature to let the app track its location and upload a photo of the issue. Users also have the option of putting in the address manually. The application also allows residents to view issues that have been previously reported by others.

“This application will enable residents to easily communicate with the City while they are out and about

in the community,” said Division Manager Arabo Parseghian. “As City staff, we hope this application will improve efficiency and the ease of reporting problems so that they are remedied as quickly as possible.”

For instructions on how to download the app, visit cityoflcf.org/citizen-problem-reporter-app.



Stolen Vehicles Recovered with Help from Flock Safety Cameras

Since the implementation of the Flock Safety Cameras program in August 2020, the technology has helped the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Crescenta Valley Station identify stolen vehicles or vehicles wanted in connection with crimes in the City or the County.

The Sheriff's Department has highlighted several Flock Camera-assisted arrests and recoveries on social media over the last several months, keeping the community abreast of the program's results. You can follow these stories in real time, along with other important law enforcement updates, on Twitter (@CVLASD) and Facebook (@CrescentaValleySheriffsStation).

During the Fall of 2020, many notable arrests and recoveries were recorded including:

- In September, the Flock Camera database returned critical information to help locate a vehicle involved in a residential burglary
- In October, five stolen or wanted vehicles were recovered in a matter of weeks with the help of Flock Camera footage and data. In one incident, a vehicle stolen in Escondido raised Flock Camera alerts and was recovered in La Cañada Flintridge, leading to an arrest in connection with other crimes
- In November, Flock Camera alerted deputies to a stolen vehicle, allowing field units to conduct a traffic stop leading to a grand theft auto arrest
- In January, Flock Cameras identified a vehicle associated with a suspect wanted for alleged kidnapping. An arrest was made as a result.

These notable successes of the Flock Safety program are thanks to a team effort between the station, the City of La Cañada Flintridge and Flock Safety. “The early results of the Flock Camera system are impressive and, thanks to the fine work of our Sheriff's Department, the technology has contributed to greater public safety and security in our community,” said Mayor Davitt.

We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe and secure. For information on neighborhood watch programs and other public safety tips, contact Deputy Matejka by calling (818) 236-4020 or emailing EJMatejk@LASD.org.

Link Project to Improve Bicycle Safety

The Foothill Link Project is currently underway in the City of La Cañada Flintridge and, by late-2021, it will offer the first continuous bikeway path between Los Angeles County's La Crescenta Valley Sub-region and the cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Glendale and Pasadena.

The Link Project consists of bicycle, pedestrian and landscape enhancements along Foothill Boulevard, from the westerly City limits at Briggs Avenue to Alta Canyon Road—a street segment that is approximately 1.3 miles long. The Project will connect existing bike lanes and fulfill a bikeway gap as part of Los Angeles Metro's 2006

Bicycle Transportation Strategic Plan.

Foothill Boulevard, in each direction, currently includes a sidewalk, parking lane, Class II bike lane and two travel lanes. The Link Project will improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians along Foothill Boulevard by providing an eastbound Class I bike path, a pedestrian greenbelt and raised medians along a half-mile portion of the street segment, beginning 300 feet west of Leata Lane and extending to Hillard Avenue.

By decreasing overall street width, adding raised medians and reducing the number of turning conflicts across bicycle and pedestrian routes, the Link Project will also help ease speeding on Foothill Boulevard.

"Foothill Boulevard serves as the primary street for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians traveling across town," said Director of Public Works Patrick DeChellis.

"The new continuous bike lane and additional safety enhancements are going to provide a great benefit to our community and the region."

Visit CityofLCF.org/Public-Works for more information on capital improvement projects in the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

What's the difference between a Class I bike path and a Class II bike lane?

CLASS I BIKE PATH

- Paved right-of-way
- Completely separated from the street

CLASS II BIKE LANE

- On-street lane
- Designated for bicyclists using stripes and stencils.

The physical barrier between a Class I bike path and the street makes these types of bikeways safer than Class II bike lanes.



Use Sandbags to Prevent Flooding

Sandbagging is an effective and inexpensive method used to create temporary barriers that can prevent and reduce the impact of flooding on your property. Sand hardens when wet, but remains flexible and easy to stack, making it an ideal material for temporary protection from heavy rain. To help residents prepare for the rain, the City of La Cañada Flintridge provides 24-hour access to sand and sandbags at the locations here.

TIPS TO OPTIMIZE SANDBAG USE:

- Fill sandbags one-half to two-thirds full so that they will lie flat (like bricks) when stacked.
- Stack bags with ends overlapping to reduce gaps.
- Budget enough time to fill, carry and stack bags prior to a storm.
- Add plastic sheeting over a sandbag wall to further improve the performance of the barrier.



Residential Bulky Item Pick-Up: May 17-21

During the week of May 17-21, 2021, bulky waste, including electronic waste and green waste, will be collected by waste haulers.

Bulky waste includes furniture (such as chairs, sofas, mattresses, box springs, carpets and rugs); appliances (including ovens, washers/dryers, water heaters, and dishwashers); tree branches/scrap wood; and up to two tires (auto or light truck, with or without rims). Electronic waste, normally not accepted in waste collection, may also be disposed of during this special pick-up event. Household hazardous waste and construction debris will not be accepted.

In addition to the May 17-21 city-wide pick-up, each

household has the opportunity to request two free bulky item pick-ups throughout the year.

This event is part of a set of programs the City has developed to achieve and maintain compliance with the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), with the goal of reducing landfill waste by 50%. These programs are primarily implemented by the City's authorized waste haulers and include recycling, green waste reuse and composting, mixed waste processing for material recovery and waste-to-energy conversion.

For more information, please visit CityOfLCF.org/public-works/waste-disposal-recycling or call (818) 790-8882.

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*.

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