



LCF Vista

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Fall 2021

New Project Links Residents and Safe Pathways

In October 2018, the LCF City Council approved a plan to add new bikeways and pedestrian paths along the south side of Foothill Boulevard, between Hillard Avenue and Leata Lane, as well as a raised center median, resurfacing of the pavement and street lighting upgrades. The project, named the "Foothill Boulevard Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project", is scheduled to begin construction at the end of this summer.

"We are excited to begin work on this project, which has been discussed for many years," said Patrick DeChellis, Director of Public Works. "This project will make the boulevard safer for bicyclists, improve traffic flow, and improve aesthetics on the west side of our community."

Construction will take place between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. beginning in September and lasting until February 2022. Throughout this period, traffic will be limited to one lane of travel in each direction, with no left turns out of driveways or intersecting streets and no public parking on the streets between La Canada Plaza Road and Hillard Avenue.

For questions, please call the Public Works Department at (818) 790-8882.

Soundwall Phase III

Construction on Phase III of the soundwall project along the I-210 is expected to begin in late 2021 and be completed in early 2023. Phase III involves the construction of three soundwalls (S311, S335, and S336).

S311:

Length: 0.28 miles

Location: South side of I-210 from Alta Cañada Road to the west terminus of St. Francis Place.

S335:

Length: 0.29 miles

Location: South side of I-210 from north of Vineta Avenue to the Foothill Boulevard on-ramp (eastbound)

S336:

Length: 0.5 miles

Location: North side of I-210 from the intersection of Baptiste Way and Vineta Avenue to the Foothill Boulevard off-ramp at Crown Avenue

The cost of the Phase III project is estimated at \$12 Million.



New Database Details Community Resources for LCF Seniors



Following an assessment of community needs by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City of LCF created an online database detailing the local resources available to senior citizens.

The webpage, accessible at CityOfLCF.org/Live-Well/Seniors, lists a variety of resources for seniors that cover transportation, enrichment classes, health and wellness, financial assistance and social/cultural activities, among others. Each entry notes the service provider, describes the resource and lists contact and location information.

Through this database, the City hopes to increase financial and technological literacy, advance mobility, provide care and diversify the events and activities available to the senior community.

“The City is committed to supporting an excellent quality of life for our LCF senior population,” said Mayor Terry Walker. “We hope this database facilitates greater access to all of the helpful resources that are available.”

Resources described on the webpage include:

- **Transportation:** Shuttle, Dial-A-Ride, Beach Bus
- **Health & Wellness:** YMCA, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital
- **Classes & Education:** LCF Community Center, LCF Library
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Descanso Gardens, Cornishon Tennis Courts, LCF Farmer’s Market, YMCA, LCF Community Center
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Kiwanis Club, Thursday Club, Tournament of Roses
- ...and much more!

A Sign of the Times

As part of LCF’s annual street resurfacing project, the City has been upgrading over 1,000 street signs since 2018. The new signs feature the City logo and are more reflective, improving visibility and safety. Old signs have been donated to the Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge (CCLCF) to help fundraise. Contact the CCLCF if you would like to own a piece of LCF history.

Initially, the Public Works Department anticipated the project would take five years to complete, but upgrades were so well-liked by residents that the department expanded the program and completed all upgrades in three years.

If your street name sign is damaged or missing, or if your street sign still needs to be upgraded, please contact the Public Works Department at (818) 790-8882 or report it via the *City’s Citizen Problem Reporter App* at CityofLCF.org/citizen-problem-reporter-app.



LCF Comes Together for Hometown Parade Celebration



On Monday, July 5, the community came together to enjoy a parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Community Association. The parade's theme, *Dare Mighty Things*, was chosen to honor NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory's historic mission to Mars.

Unique to this year's parade, both Miss La Cañada Flintridge 2021 and 2020, as well as their accompanying royal courts, rode in the parade. "Since we didn't get a chance to celebrate the 2020 Miss LCF and her Royal Court due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to ensure both courts were celebrated this year," explained Pat Anderson, President & CEO of the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association. Katherine Markgraf, Royal Court Advisor and Chamber Board member added, "It was important to recognize these young women and their many accomplishments."

The Chamber of Commerce looks forward to planning events for next year's Fiesta Days celebration, which will be held over Memorial Day weekend in 2022.

Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station Successfully Adopts Body Worn Cameras

As part of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's ongoing efforts to advance transparency, community trust as well as public safety, the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station was trained and equipped with Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) in January 2021.

BWCs are being adopted in police departments across the country to collect evidence for use in criminal investigations, encourage cooperation during public contacts, promote accountability through objective record keeping, assist with resolving complaints and provide data for evaluation, training and improvement.

"We expected our personnel to have a bit of a learning period, but they actually transitioned almost immediately and instinctively to using BWCs in documenting their daily tasks and contacts with the public," commented Operations Lieutenant David Holwager. "The implementation of BWCs

has been a great tool in reviewing our deputies' work, resolving public complaints and providing a complete record of our de-escalation efforts during tense encounters."

Department personnel are trained to activate their BWCs during all investigative or enforcement contacts with members of the public. Video and audio evidence captured by BWCs is protected by confidentiality laws and Department policy and is only used for law enforcement, investigative or administrative review purposes.

"The BWCs program fits into the bigger picture of the Department's multifaceted accountability and transparency promise," Operations Lieutenant Holwager continued. "We hold community trust as one of the highest markers of success as we carry out our duty to service and protect the public."

2021-22 Budget Shows Strong Fiscal Position for City

The City entered the 2021-22 Fiscal Year in a favorable financial position exceeding projections and showing a strong recovery from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The City's General Fund is the primary operating budget supporting basic services such as public safety. The General Fund revenues for 2021 are projected at \$16.8 million compared to last year's \$15.6 million, in large part due to expanded property tax and building permit revenues. The General Fund was also bolstered by savings from the pause of in-person events in 2020, which led to temporary operating cost reductions.

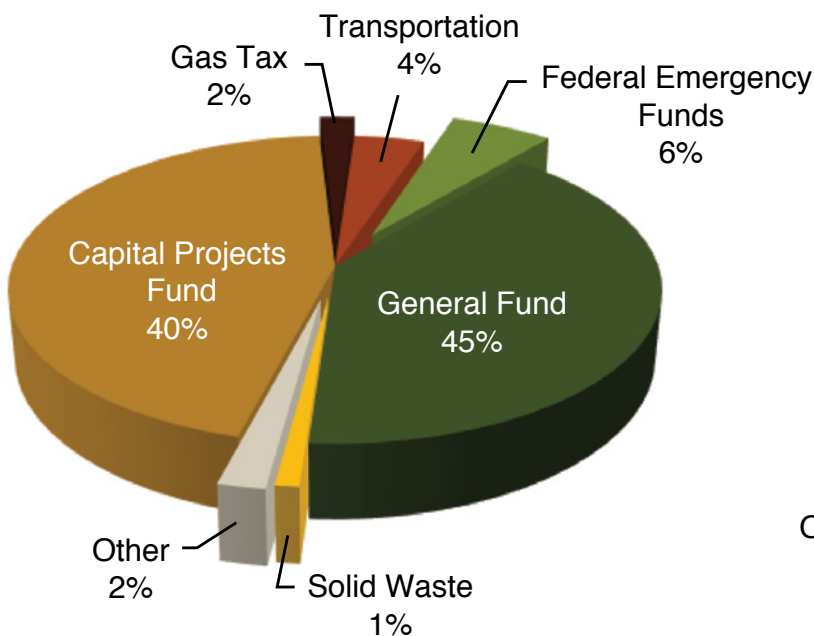
General Fund expenditures approved by the City Council for 2021-22 include funding for investment in technology infrastructure at City Hall, expanding maintenance of parks

and athletic fields, installing additional Flock safety cameras throughout the community and continued funding for the successful Shop Local Community Gift Card program.

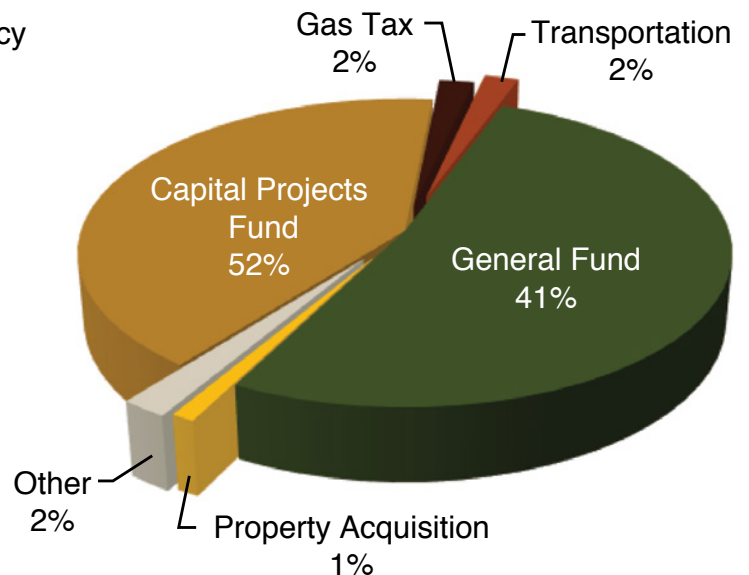
Separate from the General Fund, the 2021-22 budget includes over \$2 million for capital improvements including street and sidewalk maintenance, traffic signals and repairs to the Memorial Park Gazebo. Construction funding was also included for the Sister City Friendship Trail.

The City Council also allocated over \$427,350 to support a range of community groups whose services and activities contribute to the quality of life in La Cañada Flintridge, including the LCF Chamber of Commerce, the Assistance League of Flintridge and many more.

Revenues (By Fund)



Expenditures (By Fund)





LCF Flex Vote Center

(One Day Only)

Monday, September 13, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

City Hall
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

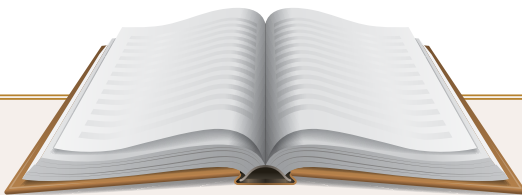
11-Day Vote Center

September 4 – 13, 2021 | 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 | 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

La Cañada Unified School District – Board Room
4490 Cornishon Avenue
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

For more information, visit LAVote.net



LCF One City, One Book Committee - 2021 Selection

The La Cañada Flintridge One City, One Book Committee has chosen “142 Ostriches” by local author April Davila Geraldine Brooks as its selection for 2021. Set in an ostrich ranch in the California desert, April Dávila’s beautifully written debut conjures an absorbing and compelling heroine in a story of courage, family and forgiveness. The Committee will be holding a reading event open to the public on October 24, 2021; 3:00 PM at the La Cañada Flintridge Library located at 4545 Oakwood Avenue.

LCF Welcomes New and Returning Commission and Committee Members

At its May 18, 2021 meeting, the LCF City Council selected new members to serve on City Commissions and Committees from a highly qualified pool of candidates.

The City Council expressed its gratitude for the interest and commitment demonstrated by all applicants wishing to serve and encouraged them to continue their efforts toward bettering the LCF community.

The new and returning appointees are:

- **Design Commission** — Tom Fuelling and Andrew Svitek
- **Investment & Financing Advisory Committee** — Jeremiah Arnold and Michael Gross
- **Parks and Recreation Commission** — Kim Bowman and Marija Kristich Decker
- **Planning Commission** — Mike Hazen and Jeffrey McConnell
- **Public Safety Commission** — Wes Seastrom
- **Public Works and Traffic Commission** — Eldon Horst and Edward Yu
- **Youth Council** — Sienna Arrobio, Brendan Ehrhart and Enzo Fong

For more information on City Commissions, Boards and Committees, visit CityOfLCF.org/City-Clerk/Commissions-Boards-Committees.



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SCE’s Circuit Reliability Review

The City recognizes the difficulties recent Southern California Edison (SCE) power outages have caused and has been meeting with SCE representatives to ascertain their efforts to address the problem. To reduce the frequency of power outages, SCE has mobilized crews to analyze circuit performance and load, pinpoint potential infrastructure weaknesses, identify sources of critter intrusions and implement proper remedies. Part of this effort involves the use of drones to inspect overhead equipment, especially in hard-to-reach areas, as well as crews on the ground and inspections of underground vaults. Residents may have already noticed the drones or additional SCE trucks and workers inspecting or installing equipment.

The City has been assured that SCE is committed to finding and resolving these outages and they have dedicated the resources necessary to accomplish the task at hand.

The City understands how frustrating this has been and we will continue to do our part to ensure that SCE fulfills its obligations as a vital utility that serves our community.

To view SCE’s August 3rd and 24th presentations to the City Council on circuit reliability and response, visit cityoflcf.org/city-clerk/agenda-minutes.

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 Monday, September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day and Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

City Council

Teresa “Terry” Walker – Mayor
Keith Eich – Mayor Pro Tem
Jonathan C. Curtis
Michael T. Davitt
Richard B. Gunter III

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Mark R. Alexander - City Manager
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Jeffrey Wang - City Treasurer
Carl Alameda - Assistant City Manager
Patrick DeChellis - Director of Public Works
Susan Koleda - Director of Comm. Development
Alex Kung - Director of Finance
Tania Moreno - City Clerk

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Public Works: (818) 790-8882

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Website: www.CityOfLCF.org

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