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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

Summer 2022



A SUMMARY OF THE
..... 2022 Annual
Memorial Weekend
FIESTA DAYS



The 49th Annual Memorial Weekend Fiesta Days, hosted by the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, was held May 28-30. The event commemorated the men and women who have served and those that made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. The three-day event featured traditional festivities that honored and paid tribute to our fallen service personnel.

The first day started with a Kiwanis French Toast Breakfast and vintage car show, Farmers Market and LCF Tournament of Roses Association Open House. From there, residents were able to enjoy entertainment by Isabella Bazler of Moulin Bleu and a family movie night in Memorial Park.

On Sunday, May 29, festivities included a family dinner at Memorial Park with music from the LCHS Jazz Band and a firework show to close the night, sponsored by Allen Lund Company.

Memorial Day kicked off with the YMCA of the Foothills Fiesta Days 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk, 5K and 10k. A Memorial Service was held in Memorial Park followed by the Fiesta Days parade, with the Grand Marshal, Luis Partida, Mayor of our Sister City Villanueva de la Cañada, Spain. In the afternoon, residents were able to enjoy music in the park from "Misplaced Priorities" and the first band of the summer concert series, "Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries."

The City thanks residents for participating in the Fiesta Days festivities and honoring our nation's service members.

For more information on events held by the LCF Chamber of Commerce, visit www.lacanadaflintridge.com.

Mid-Year Budget Review Reveals Rising Revenue

The City of La Cañada Flintridge's updated mid-fiscal year 2021-22 budget reflected the City's strong financial position, including a balanced budget.

"Sales tax is looking good—we're back to pre-pandemic numbers," explained Finance Director Alex Kung. "Shops have been open again and it's great to see we are getting back to normal."

The purpose of the mid-year budget review was to provide a year-to-date status of the City's revenues and expenditures; for reference, the City's fiscal year runs July 1-July 30.

The City's Department of Finance proposes adjustments as needed to the existing budget for consideration and, ultimately, approval by the City Council.

The City's general fund revenues, which serve as the primary funds to pay for general City operations, currently projects a net increase from last year. The main sources of general fund revenues include property tax, sales tax, business license and franchise fees and grant revenues. Although business license fees are performing as expected, this revenue falls behind pre-coronavirus figures.

With revenue sources performing better than anticipated, the City Council approved additional funding for street maintenance, an edible food recovery program, parks and landscape costs, Flint Canyon Trail improvements, Civic Center repairs and sewer maintenance costs.

The City continues to prioritize fiscal responsibility while ensuring that residents are equipped with a strong, safe infrastructure and vibrant recreational opportunities.



LCF Offers Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training



LCF residents and employees came together to participate in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to learn about best practices in fire safety, light search and rescue and organizing teams. CERT is a free curriculum approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to equip participants with basic disaster response and community volunteer skills. The goal is that graduates of the program will act as informal community ambassadors for promoting safety and preparedness.

"Disaster preparedness is not only the responsibility of the government, it comes down to individuals within the community to do their part to be prepared for a disaster," emphasized Shahan Atmajian, Emergency Services Coordinator. "During CERT training, participants are working, learning and building relationships together, which is very essential during a disaster. Even if there isn't a disaster, there are important skills residents should know, such as how to turn utilities on and off or how to extinguish a small fire."

The 20-hour course began on April 6 and concluded on May 25. The level of community interest in the program will help inform the City's future decisions on moving forward and creating a comprehensive CERT volunteer program.

Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series

As summer approaches, one of the City's most anticipated events is set to begin. The City's Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series kicked off on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Park! Concerts will continue every Sunday thereafter from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day weekend, featuring entertainment from soul, reggae, rock and country artists. Come see new and returning performers. Bring your picnic basket, blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a music-filled evening with family and friends.

- 5 / 30 Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries**
Rock-n-Roll Oldies
- 6 / 05 4 Lads From Liverpool**
Beatles Tribute
- 6 / 12 The Jack Lantz Big Band**
Big Band
- 6 / 19 The Gary Seiler Band**
Jimmy Buffet Tribute
- 6 / 26 Live From Earth**
A Tribute to Pat Benatar
- 7 / 03 The Funky Hippeez**
Disco and Funk
- 7 / 10 My Generation**
- A Tribute to the British Invasion
- 7 / 17 Upstream Music**
Reggae, Calypso, Soca, & Caribbean Music
(Steel Drums)
- 7 / 24 Steve Roth - A Tribute to Elvis**
Elvis Presley Tribute
- 7 / 31 Rhythm Krewe
(formerly Floyd & the Flyboys)**
Soul Rhythm and Blues
- 8 / 07 Hot August Nights***
- A Tribute to Neil Diamond
- 8 / 14 Past Action Heroes**
Light Rock 80's & 90's
- 8 / 21 Wheelhouse**
Current Pop Tunes
- 8 / 28 FM Radio**
"Every Style Along the Dial"
- 9 / 04 Brian Lynn Jones & the Misfit Cowboys***
Country

*Expanded to 8:30 p.m.

City Manager's Annual Report of City Activities: 2021

The City Manager's Annual Report is a compilation of departmental statistics and activities for each of the City's departments—Administration, Finance, Community Development and Public Works—over the previous calendar year. The report is presented annually to the City Council. The following are some highlights from the report which demonstrate significant accomplishments of the City, particularly in light of challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 615 Public Records Act requests were responded to in 2021.
- City budget revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1.4 Million.
- 10 Music-in-the-Park Concerts were held.
- 6,050 City tree service requests for trimming or spraying.
- 100 potholes were repaired.
- Joined AARP's "Age-Friendly Community Program."
- Adopted the City's updated Emergency Operations Plan.

To view the report in its entirety, visit <https://bit.ly/35O0k0E>.

2021 By the Numbers



13,624 Pounds of Construction and Demolition Debris Recycled for a 92% Landfill Diversion Rate



1,453 Business Licenses Issued



1.67 Miles of Streets Resurfaced



50 Flock Safety Cameras Approved for Installation



297 Road Maintenance Requests Processed



\$33,200 E-Gift Cards Redeemed at Local Businesses

Annual Progress Report on the General Plan

At the March 15th meeting, the LCF City Council reviewed the *Annual Progress Report on the General Plan*. This annual presentation covers how the General Plan was implemented during the previous calendar year and explains the ways in which land use decisions relate to the goals and policies of the City as a whole.

The progress report also identifies necessary modifications to the General Plan as a means of remaining in legal compliance with State requirements while balancing the values and needs of the LCF community.

The state-mandated General Plan Elements include Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Noise, Conservation, Open Space, Air Quality and Environmental Justice. Last updated in 2013, the City is currently working on updating the Housing and Safety Elements.

Information and upcoming meeting dates on the Housing Element Update can be found on the City's website: cityoflcf.org/housing-element-update.

The City will commence preparation of an Environmental Justice Element, a new requirement, in 2022-23.

Below is a short sampling of some of the activities the City undertook to implement each element of the General Plan:

Land use element

- **Zoning Code Update** – eight Special Meetings were held in 2021 to review the updated Zoning Code. The zoning code update is projected to reach the City Council in early 2023 for formal review and adoption

Open space and recreation element

- **Foothill Boulevard Link Bikeway & Pedestrian Greenbelt Project** – provides protection and improves safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by implementing a separated right-of-way for the exclusive use of a bike path and walkway on the south side of Foothill Boulevard
- **Sister Cities Friendship Path** – an alternative entrance to the Descano Trail is scheduled to start construction this summer

Conservation Element

- **Water Efficient Landscape** – includes 9 projects totaling almost 60,000 square feet of landscaping
- **Residential Solar** – 121 rooftop solar installations approved
- **EV Charging** – 24 residential charging stations approved
- **Historic Preservation** – 4 Mills Act contracts approved



Safety element

- **Safety Element** – Update was presented during 2 public workshops held by the Planning Commission and reviewed by CALFIRE; City Council will review the update in May 2022
- **Local Hazards Mitigation Plan** – coordinating with other local agencies within Los Angeles County to identify and map evacuation areas and create evacuation routes utilizing ZoneHaven software. This will provide a source for first-order evacuation updates and preparation resources

Circulation element

- **Foothill Boulevard Traffic Signal Improvements Project** – includes upgrading traffic signals at Commonwealth Ave., Hillard Ave., Hampton Road and Gould Ave to improve safety to motorists and to comply with ADA requirements
- **Descano Drive Resurfacing Project**
- **Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge ADA parking lot improvements**
- **Installation of sidewalk on Gould Avenue** between Vineta Avenue and Knight Way

Noise Element

- **I-210 Soundwall Improvements Project, Phase III** – Design and construction of three soundwall segments along eastbound and westbound I-210. Construction started in February 2022 and it is expected to be completed in February 2023.

Air Quality Element

- **Climate Action Plan** – City Council allocated \$60,000 for consultant work to update the Climate Action Plan

Housing Element - See Next Page

To review the report in its entirety,
please scan the QR code to the right.



LCF Advocacy Group Seeks to Create a More Livable Community for All Ages

In November 2021, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council showed its dedication to becoming a more age-friendly community by approving a letter of commitment and applying to join the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age-Friendly Community Program.

By joining the program, LCF joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities with the goal of creating a community that is more livable for residents of all ages, especially older adults.

One of the City's first initiatives was the creation of an Age-Friendly Community Project Team that will assist the City in developing a five-year Master Plan to determine, understand and address the needs of the City's older population. The project team will meet regularly to discuss various pillars of livability and develop action items to include in the Master Plan for the City Council's consideration and adoption. As the plan is being developed, the project team will actively engage the community for its input.



One of the ways the team will gather information is with an email distribution list. To register and receive updates from the advocacy group, visit <https://cityoflcf.org/lcf-seeks-applications-for-age-friendly-community-project-team/>.

Housing Element/ Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update

What is the housing element? - State Law requires that the City adopt a Housing Element as part of the General Plan update every 8 years.

What is RHNA? - The Housing Element includes the "Sites Inventory" a listing of sites able to accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Who establishes the City's RHNA allocation? - The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) develops the RHNA allocation plan for this region. SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization (MPO), representing 6 counties and 191 cities, including the City.

What are the City's RHNA numbers? - The City's RHNA allocation is 612 housing units through the next RHNA Cycle. Non-compliance could result in the loss of State funding. The RHNA process does not require development of new housing. It does require the City make zoning available to support such future housing. The type of housing built will depend on the local housing market and economy.

What's been done to date on the housing element update? - A successful Housing Element is based on an inclusive process in which all residents are able to participate. The City has held a number of Commission meetings, public workshops, and City Council study sessions. For more information please visit: <https://cityoflcf.org/housing-element-update/>

LCF Embarks on Two Major Infrastructure Projects

The City of La Cañada Flintridge has launched two major projects this year to address significant community needs.

Soundwall Project

The City of La Cañada Flintridge, in partnership with Caltrans and Metro, will complete the planned program construction for Phase III of the Soundwall Project on Interstate 210 Freeway, which consists of three sound wall segments.

The City thanks former Councilmember and current Senator Anthony J. Portantino for his part in moving this project forward by assisting and supporting the City's efforts in getting approval of the \$5 million Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program funds.

Foothill Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project

This project will create a half mile of Class I bicycle and pedestrian paths and two miles of Class II bike lanes with bicycle amenities between La Canada Plaza Road and Hillard Avenue. The existing pavement will be resurfaced and restriped, the street lighting and traffic signals will be upgraded and new medians will be installed.

These projects are critical to ensuring our City has solid infrastructure that supports public safety and the local community.



Scan for more information on these two projects.



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LCF Seeks Community Input on Athletic Field Master Plan

The City of La Cañada Flintridge is seeking community input as it produces an Athletic Field Master Plan. Residents are asked to review the current needs assessment created by the La Cañada Flintridge Parks and Recreation Joint Use Subcommittee and direct feedback to City staff.

To make the process as straightforward as possible, the City created a high-level overview of the assessment that the public can view at the following link: Cityoflcf.org/DraftAthleticFieldMasterPlan



After review, the City asks that residents use the form on the website to submit any feedback to ensure that the resulting Master Plan will be reflective of the desires and needs of community members.

For additional information, please contact Arabo Parseghian at aparseghian@lcf.ca.gov.



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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