



LCF Vista

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Fall 2022

City Hosts Sister City Spanish Delegation and Exchange

The City continues to participate in the La Cañada Flintridge Sister Cities Association's partnership with the Spanish Sister City of Villanueva de la Cañada. The Sister City relationship began in 2016. The La Cañada Flintridge Sister Cities Association was founded with the goal of creating mutual understanding for people worldwide and establishing lifelong friendships.

On May 28th, the City welcomed Mayor Luis Partida and seven other delegates from Villanueva de la Cañada. The delegates attended the 2022 Annual Meeting and dedication of the Sister Cities' Friendship Path. The event took place at the historic Lanterman House Museum, where participants were able to enjoy a mix of Mexican and Spanish dishes and beverages as well as live music. The dedication of the Sister Cities Friendship Path took place at the trailhead, adjacent to Descanso Gardens.

"Now that the pandemic is becoming more manageable for many people, we are able to continue building our relationship in person with our Sister City friends in Spain," said Vicki Schwartz, president of the La Cañada Flintridge Sister Cities Association.

In June, LCF sent three City Council members and approximately 14 other dignitaries and students to Spain as part of the Sister City exchange. While there, the City Council members participated in the dedication of a future city park in Villanueva de la Cañada dedicated to La Cañada Flintridge. The delegation also enjoyed a Spanish City Council meeting, shared lunch at the local golf club and participated in English-speaking guided tours of special historic sites in the areas outside of Madrid.

"We were grateful for the opportunity to represent LCF at such an international level," said then-Mayor Terry Walker. "Cultural exchange is of utmost importance and we were pleased to continue growing our relationship with the City of Villanueva de la Cañada."

Sister Cities International is a world-wide volunteer organization with over 2,500 partnerships in 150 different countries. To learn more about LCF Sister Cities and the Annual Meeting, visit LCFSisterCities.org.

LCF Reminds Residents of Fire Preparedness Program "READY! SET! GO!"

Wildfires are a natural part of the beautiful region we call home. Get prepared for wildfire before it strikes by following the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's "Ready, Set, Go!" Program recommendations, as follows:

Be READY: Create and maintain defensible space and harden your home against flying embers.

Get SET: Prepare your family and home for a possible evacuation. Ensure you have a plan of what to take and

where to go. Ask friends or relatives outside your area if you would be able to stay with them, should the need arise.

Implement the GO!: When wildfire strikes, go early for your safety. Take the evacuation steps necessary to give your family and home the best chance of surviving a wildfire. Ensure that you have an emergency supply kit at the ready.

For more information, visit the LA County Fire Department website at <https://fire.lacounty.gov/>.

Robert Hahnlein Appointed Captain of Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station



Robert Hahnlein was appointed to Captain of the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station on April 17, 2022. Captain Hahnlein began his career in law enforcement 32 years ago, after graduating from Crescenta Valley High School.

We spoke with Captain Hahnlein and asked him to reflect on his career and his time at the CV Station.

What motivated you to pursue a career in law enforcement?

I wanted a career that would be rewarding and impactful. I had friends in law enforcement and hearing their stories about being at the forefront of action and protecting communities inspired me.

What is your proudest accomplishment during your time in service?

While being promoted to Captain at my hometown Sheriff's station has been a career highlight, I think my proudest moment was when I was able to help a girl who wanted to jump off a three-story building. I was able to convince her to step down from the edge of the building which saved her life.

What challenges do you foresee in this new position?

With technological advancements, criminal activity has become more complex. It's our job to stay up to date on the latest technologies and to adapt in keeping residents safe. I will prioritize more training so deputies are better equipped to make informed decisions in the field.

What message would you like to impart to residents of LCF?

One of my top priorities is fostering an environment that encourages community engagement. As Captain, I'd like to break down fear and mistrust that residents may have with law enforcement personnel. We are all in the fight together to keep our neighborhoods safe and to make our communities a better place to work, live and play. The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station is always here to help.

LCF City Council Appoints New City Treasurer and Thanks Former City Treasurer for 15 Years of Service



In June 2022, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council appointed Kelly Wine as the new City Treasurer and thanked former City Treasurer Jeffrey Wang for his 15-years of service as he enters retirement.

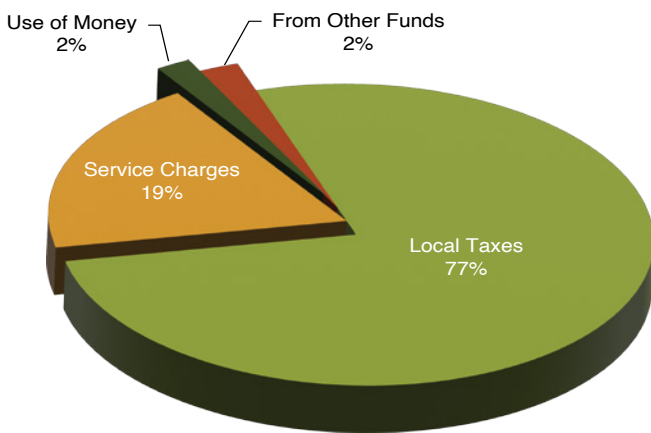
Wine has over 35 years of experience of bond sales, trading and public finance with national brokerage firms. As an active member of the LCF community, Wine is involved with the Women's Golf Association through her membership at the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club, volunteers at her child's elementary school and has volunteered with the La Cañada Presbyterian Church.

At the June 28, 2022, Special Meeting, the City Council presented Wang with a recognition plaque, a 15-year service pin and a personalized LCF street sign to thank him for his 15 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the City. His leadership and faithful guidance contributed to the City's financial stability and success.

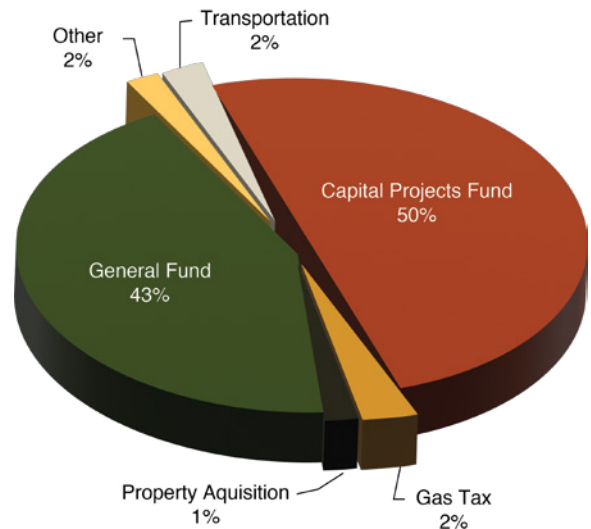
The City of LCF is looking forward to having Kelly Wine serve as City Treasurer and would like to congratulate Jeffrey Wang on his retirement and thank him for his exceptional service over the years.

Report on the FY 2022-23 Annual Budget

REVENUES (General Fund Only) \$17,868,725



EXPENDITURES (All Funds) \$48,851,450



On July 5, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget & Financial Plan.

The City remains in a strong financial position to respond to the needs of our community. Due to the City's past fiscally conservative approach toward budgeting and spending, the City maintains a significant reserve that will help the City remain well-poised to absorb potential revenue shortfalls should a national recession impact our local economy.

General Fund revenues for FY 2022-23 are projected at \$17,868,725, representing a 3.8% increase over the prior FY budgeted revenue. Budgeted sales tax continues to remain a strong source of revenue.

During FY 2021-22, the City received the second installment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which assists and responds to the City's recovery efforts from COVID-19. Federal guidelines provide some spending latitude for these funds. The one-time cash infusion allowed the City to pursue a number of capital improvement projects, multiple

rounds of the Small Business Grant Program, and allows the City to prioritize and invest in COVID-19 recovery programs that benefit local businesses and residents.

With a steady and stable revenue stream, the City plans to enhance City resources and infrastructure while maintaining sufficient reserves. The City Council appropriated over \$4.3 million in new capital projects. The City Council also earmarked an additional \$4M for other capital projects, including Foothill/Verdugo/La Canada Blvd traffic signal improvements, citywide street resurfacing. Soundwall design, upgrading mid-block crosswalks, intersection improvements at Foothill/ACH, LED lighting retrofits, and Community Center accessibility improvements.

General Fund expenditures for FY 2022-23 are budgeted at 17.6M, a 5.8% increase from the prior fiscal year. The City will be addressing some needed infrastructure improvements, equipment upgrades and maintenance enhancements. The City's reserves are projected to remain strong at \$14 million.



To learn more about the budget, view the report on page 16: <https://bit.ly/3yGXWEz>

Capital Improvement Projects Link Residents to Safer Pathways

Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) are considered major, non-routine expenditures for new construction, major equipment purchases or improvements to an existing building, facility, land, streets, storm drains, or utilities, or the expansion of the City parks system. The City of La Cañada Flintridge is progressing on several major CIP projects that will significantly address community concerns.

Soundwall Project

The City is working with Caltrans and Metro to complete the planned program construction for Phase III of the Soundwall Project on the east and westbound lanes of Interstate 210 Freeway, which consists of three total soundwall segments. These soundwalls will reduce existing noise levels on I-210 through La Cañada Flintridge, for the benefit of the community. The City has a dedicated page for the project here: cityoflcf.org/public-works/engineering/soundwallphaseiii/

Foothill Blvd. Link Bikeway and Pedestrian Greenbelt Project

To be completed in August 2022, the project includes a half-mile long Class I bike trail between Hillard Avenue and Leata Lane; a 1.5-mile-long Class II bike path; new landscaped medians and widened parkways, creating a pedestrian greenbelt. The existing pavement was resurfaced and restriped, the street lighting and traffic signals will be upgraded, and new medians will be installed. The City has a dedicated page for the project here: cityoflcf.org/public-works/engineering/link-project/

Street Resurfacing Projects

In addition to the Foothill Blvd. Link Bikeway project, the City has completed several resurfacing projects including, the Community Center Parking Lot ADA Improvements and Descanso Drive Street Improvements

The ADA Community Center Parking ADA Lot Improvements included reconstruction of two parking stalls to meet ADA requirements, striping and other related works. Descanso Drive Street Improvements included rehabilitation of pavement and other related improvements on Descanso Drive, from Chevy Chase Drive to Verdugo Boulevard.

Learn more on active projects within the City here: cityoflcf.org/public-works/projects-out-to-bid/#cips

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



Age Friendly Project Team Strives for a More Livable City 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.

In January 2022, a selection committee conducted the interviews of 24 applicants for a project team, recommending 11 applicants who were appointed in June 2022.

The Age-Friendly Community Executive Board will assist the City in developing a five-year Master Plan to determine, understand and address the needs of the City's older community. The board 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 input.

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



Scan for more information.

LCF Elects New Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilmembers

During La Canada Flintridge's (LCF) July 19 meeting, the City Council officially selected Keith Eich as Mayor and Rick Gunter as Mayor Pro Tem and certified the results of the June 7, 2022 election for two seats on the City Council.

Four candidates vied for the two seats and residents ultimately re-elected incumbent Michael Davitt and elected nonprofit attorney Kim Bowman to replace the departing Jon Curtis from the City Council.

Mr. Davitt is a Property Manager and local business partner who has served on the LCF City Council for eleven years, including two terms as Mayor. Mr. Bowman's background includes serving as Special Counsel for a Los Angeles County nonprofit legal organization and as FUSE Executive Advisor to LA County's Chief Deputy of Juvenile Services.

Congratulations to LCF's newly elected officials and thank you to former Councilmember Jonathan C. Curtis for your dedicated service.

LCF One City One Book Committee Selects 2022 Book

The La Canada Flintridge One City One Book Committee has announced "Miracle Country: A Memoir" by Kendra Atleework as their 2022 selection. The committee invites the community to a discussion of the book on Sunday, November 13, 2022, 3:00 PM at the La Cañada Flintridge County Public Library (4545 North Oakwood Avenue).

General Plan and Housing Element Progress Continues



At the March 15th meeting, the City Council identified necessary modifications to the General Plan as a means of remaining in state and legal conformance with statewide housing goals 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. The updated Housing Element of the General Plan will be the City's sixth cycle of certification from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The City has been working on the updated Housing Element for the past two years and is near the final submission. In order to help the community understand RHNA complexities, the City conducted several public meetings with Planning Commission study sessions, public workshops and City Council meetings. To further this education, the City recently released an educational video explaining RHNA, the mandated housing requirements for the 2021-2029 planning period, and how it will affect the City.

"Getting community input and providing educational material is a vital part of the process when updating our Housing Element. Our educational video provides more insight into RHNA and the process of planning for future housing needs," said Mayor Keith Eich. "We encourage our residents to watch the video and provide any feedback as we near final submission of the Housing Element."

For this cycle of RHNA, LCF has received an allocation of 612 new housing units. This is a targeted housing number required by the State, which the City now must plan for and demonstrate that there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing units, under the current land use and development standards. State law does not require the City to build housing units, rather, to zone for their possible construction by the private sector.

The updated Housing Element will be going to City Council which will be a Special Meeting of the City Council on Monday, September 12.



For more information on the Housing Element Update and educational video, please visit cityoflcf.org/regional-housing-needs-assessment-rhna/



Help Protect Local Waterways with Stormwater Management

LCF is located in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed where stormwater, such as rainfall and runoff, flows from local storm drains into creeks and the Pacific Ocean without being treated. This allows for pollutants that exist on streets, pavement and other non-permeable surfaces to make their way into our waterways and oceans which can be harmful to the environment and our health.

Fortunately, there are simple things we can do to help reduce stormwater pollution, including:

- Dispose of trash and pet waste in trash cans
- Fix leaks on vehicles
- Wash your vehicle at a car wash that recycles water and directs any waste to the sanitary sewer

Protecting our waterways is part of maintaining LCF. To learn more about stormwater management, visit: cityoflcf.org/public-works/storm-water-management/.

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 on Monday, October 10, 2022 in observance of Columbus Day.

City Council

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Kim Bowman
Michael T. Davitt
Teresa "Terry" Walker

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