



LCF Vista

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SUMMER 2023

LCF Invites Residents to Fiesta Days

La Cañada Flintridge residents are invited to spend their Memorial Day weekend at the City’s 50th Annual Fiesta Days Celebration. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, this weekend-long event will take place Saturday, May 27, through Monday, May 29.

Fiesta Days festivities will kick off with a casino night at the Community Center followed by weekend activities, including a vintage car show, picnic, live music, Tournament of Roses Association activities and a fireworks show.

A memorial service and commemorative parade will take place on Monday, May 29.

Visit La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce for more information at LaCanadaFlintridge.com.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Saturday, May 27	8-11 a.m.	French Toast Breakfast	Memorial Park
	8-11 a.m.	Vintage Car Show	Memorial Park
	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Farmers Market	1346 Foothill Blvd.
	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Tournament of Roses Assn. Open House	4524 Hampton Road
	7 p.m.	Pre-Movie Music	Memorial Park
	8:30 p.m.	Family Flick – Monsters, Inc.	Memorial Park
Sunday, May 28	12-4 p.m.	Lanterman House Summer Picnic & Ukulele Rendezvous	4420 Encinas Drive
	6:30 p.m.	Family Dinner & LCHS Jazz Band Music	Memorial Park
	8:45 p.m.	Fireworks Show	Memorial Park
Monday, May 29	7 a.m.	YMCA of the Foothills Fiesta Days 1 mile Family Fun Run/Walk	Descanso Gardens
	7:30 a.m.	YMCA of the Foothills Fiesta Days Family Fun Run/Walk (5K & 10K)	Descanso Gardens
	9 a.m.	Memorial Service	Memorial Park
	10:30 a.m.	Parade	Memorial Park
	12-3:30 p.m.	Afternoon in the Park	Memorial Park
	4 p.m.	Music in the Park	Memorial Park

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Summer Concert Series

The City's Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series kicks off on Monday, May 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Memorial Park! Concerts will continue every Sunday thereafter from 6 to 8 p.m. until September 3. Featuring a variety of genres and bands, these music-filled evenings have something for everyone.

- 5/26 Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries**
Rock-n-Roll Oldies
- 6/04 Steve Roth - A Tribute to Elvis**
Elvis Presley Tribute
- 6/11 Brian Lynn Jones & the Misfit Cowboys**
Country
- 6/18 Misplaced Priorities**
Classic Rock
- 6/25 Rhythm Krewe**
Blues, Soul, and Rythm and Blues
- 7/02 Miskey Mountain Boys (Ends at 7:30 p.m.)**
Contemporary Bluegrass



Movie in the Park at 8:30 p.m.
"Minions: The Rise of Gru" - PG

- 7/09 The Jack Lantz Big Band**
Big Band
- 7/16 Live From Earth****
A Tribute to Pat Benatar
- 7/23 The Funky Hippeez**
Disco and Funk
- 7/30 Soul3Sixty**
Motown
- 8/06 Kalyn & The New Frontier**
Country Pop
- 8/13 Wheelhouse**
Current Pop Tunes
- 8/20 The Laurel Canyon Band**
Southern California 60's and 70's
- 8/27 Hot August Nights****
A Tribute to Neil Diamond
- 9/03 The Pistol Blonde**
Country

**Extended to 8:30 p.m.

- *Dogs/pets are welcome but must be on a leash and controlled at all times.*
- *No tents, umbrellas or canopies (except in the back row.)*



Home Burglary Awareness and Safety

With increased residential burglaries throughout the state, the Crescenta Valley (CV) Sheriff's Station is leveraging modern communication resources and a supplemented patrol presence to enhance the security of local homes.

"Burglaries are a nuisance to every community; unfortunately, LCF is no exception," stated CV Station Captain Robert Hahnlein. "Taking proactive measures to deter criminals from entering your property is the first step in reducing the burglary rate."

Captain Hahnlein recommends the following tips to control home access and protect property:

- **Trim bushes and brush away from windows and doors**, as tall bushes provide unintended visual protection for criminals.
- **Install motion sensor lighting** around your house. There are many different options to choose from, including solar-powered lights.
- **Install a simple camera system** to view on your cellphone or receive alerts when motion is detected.
- **Install high-security locks on rear doors**. The most common mode of entry for burglars is from the rear of the home, either through the back door or sliding glass doors.
- **Use a quality safe** and bolt it in your closet or to the floor in your garage. Bolting the safe will provide another layer of protection.
- **Join or start a neighborhood watch program**. Tell your neighbors when you will be on vacation so they can call the police if they see an unidentified person or vehicle on your property.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department also offers vacation patrol checks while you are away from your home, which includes routine patrol checks of your home. To begin this service, please call or stop by the station to fill out the needed information.

For more information on burglary prevention and vacation patrol checks, contact the station at (818) 248-3464.

The City is currently partnering with the CV Station to create an educational video on best practices for burglary prevention which will be released later this summer.

Mid-Year Budget Review Allows Funding of New Projects

At its March 21st meeting, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. The mid-year review revealed that the City's General Fund revenues were up \$702,575 (11%) from last year's midpoint.

"The increase is primarily due to a boost in local taxes and current service charges," explained Finance Director Alex Kung. "Specifically, we saw an increase in sales tax, property tax, building permit and plan check fees and rental fees for Lanterman Auditorium."

With revenue sources performing better than anticipated, the City Council approved additional funds for public safety, Civic Center and Lanterman House building improvements, a monthly digital newsletter for residents and more.

As a strong financial standing remains a City Council priority, the mid-year review helps ensure funds are spent responsibly while continuing to offer residents strong, safe infrastructure and vibrant recreational opportunities.

To view the review in its entirety, visit CityOfLCF.org/City-Clerk/Agenda-Minutes

The purpose of the Mid-Year Budget Review is to provide a six-month update (through December 31 - halfway through the fiscal year) of the City's revenues and expenditures.

Based on how projections have matched up to actual totals, the Finance Department proposes adjustments as needed to the existing budget for consideration and approval by the City Council.

General Fund Budget Adjustments

Net Change to Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue Increases	\$ 493,275
Revenue Decreases	\$ (133,525)
Net Change to Revenue Budget	\$ 359,750
Expenditure Increases	\$ 130,700
Expenditure Decreases	\$ (88,175)
Net Change to Expenditure Budget	\$ 42,525

Available for New Appropriations \$ 317,225



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Net change to Expenditures: \$42,525



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LCF Honors David A. Spence

On April 6, the newly constructed gazebo at Olberz Park and the Community Room at City Hall were dedicated in memory of the late Mayor David A. Spence. Mayor Spence is remembered as an esteemed LCF council member, six-time mayor and overall beloved member of the community.

Olberz Park Gazebo

The gazebo is available to be used by the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is large enough to accommodate small bands, string quartets, weddings and other special events. During the FY 2023-24 Budget Review process, the City Council will consider funding ongoing events at the Spence Gazebo.

Pickleball Moves Forward at LCF Skate Park

This year, residents can look forward to the opening of new pickleball courts. The La Cañada Flintridge City Council worked with the La Cañada Unified School District (LCUSD) Governing Board to allow the former LCF Skate Park to be converted into space for permanent pickleball courts. The City is now working to repurpose the skate park into a joint-use pickleball facility.

An agreement was presented to the LCUSD Governing Board at their March 28 meeting, where the Governing Board approved the supplemental agreement to the existing Joint Use agreement between the City and the LCUSD. City staff has begun work on construction plans and coordination of the conversion of the facility.



A joint use agreement is a contract between two or more entities to share indoor or outdoor spaces like gymnasiums, athletic fields, and playgrounds. Typically, these agreements are between a school or school district and a city or private organization.

These partnerships limit costs for both parties and prevent the duplication of facilities and expenses. In addition to cost efficiency, joint use agreements provide residents with access to additional recreational opportunities to build community and physical fitness.

David A. Spence Memorial Community Room

The David A. Spence Community Room, adjacent to the City Council Chambers, was originally completed in February 2019 but was not able to be dedicated due to pandemic restrictions. The room is available to be used by local community non-profit organizations by registration only. Contact the City to reserve the room at (818) 790-8880.

The City is pleased to honor the memory of Mayor Spence with spaces that can be used to build camaraderie, share ideas and contribute to the LCF community experience, as “Dave” was so well-known for.

LCF Congratulates City Manager Mark Alexander

The City of LCF congratulates and extends gratitude to retiring City Manager Mark Alexander for his 44-year career in public service. Having served the City of LCF for the last 35 years—and as city manager for the past 20 years—Alexander's retirement on June 13, will make him the longest-tenured employee and the longest-serving city manager in the City's 47-year history.

Some of the notable projects, programs, and successes that transpired or were spearheaded during Alexander's tenure in LCF include:

- launch of the annual Music-in-the-Park concert series;
- acquisition and subsequent creation of Mayors' Discovery Park;
- launch of the City's recycling and LCF shuttle programs;
- acquisition and transition to a new City Hall;
- 34 years of consecutive surplus budgets; and
- defeating the proposed 710 freeway extension project.

“Mark has served an integral role in helping guide our community through many complex issues over the past three decades,” said Mayor Keith Eich. “He has built an excellent team at City Hall that will ensure that even after his departure, there will be no disruption to the high quality of services offered to our community.”

The LCF City Council has selected the next city manager and a feature article will appear in the next issue of the LCF Vista.

Discover What's Coming to Mayors' Discovery Park



These photos are conceptual and the final project may look different.

On February 8, 2023, the LCF Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a panel to discuss potential upgrades to Mayor's Discovery Park with grant funding coming from Proposition 68.

Passed in 2018, Proposition 68 allocated \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects and flood protection projects. If the Mayors' Discovery Park project is completed by the end of the year, the City is eligible to receive up to \$200,000 in grant funding.

The proposed renovations—including new playground equipment, bocce ball courts, outdoor gaming tables and more—would encourage outdoor activity and increase the use of the park. The project will focus on preserving the trees and the feel of the park as much as possible.

The panel also suggested the addition of LED lighting, drought-friendly landscaping and upgrades to the park's restrooms and kitchen.

The goal of the project is to create an improved park that fits the needs of the community while maximizing green space and limiting tree removal.

The City has submitted its Proposition 68 application and is currently awaiting approval. Once approved, the City will begin renovation, starting with the demolition of the fountain and sand pit.

Active LCF

Get active with ActiveLCF, the City's new reservation system for parks, athletic fields and facilities such as the Lanterman Auditorium.

To view user guides and instructions on how to access and use the new system, visit [CityOfLCF.org/ActiveLCF](https://www.cityoflcf.org/ActiveLCF).

For more information on ActiveLCF, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (818) 790-8880.





Age-friendly Community Project Team Seeks Input

The Age-Friendly Community Project Team is in the process of assisting the City in developing a five-year Master Plan to determine, understand and address the needs of the City's residents. The project team is comprised of 11 LCF volunteers working to make the community more accessible for residents of all ages.

The project team recently completed their first community-wide survey inquiring about what forms of communication work best for the LCF community. The Project Team has received hundreds of responses and is working on producing new solutions to improve communications.



The Project Team has a dedicated webpage where regular updates and new surveys are posted. Visit by scanning the QR code or visit CityOfLCF.org/Age-Friendly-Community-Initiative.



As the Master Plan development moves forward, the Project Team will use the preferred channels of communication to publicize other surveys and reports that will allow residents to shape the team's work and ensure that the future of LCF is age-friendly for all.

Subscribe to get on the email distribution list: CityOfLCF.org/Age-Friendly-Community-Initiative.

CITY INFORMATION

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

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day and Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

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