



LCF Vista

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Love Blooms With Flower Power

Since 1978, the La Cañada Tournament of Roses Association (LCTRA) has made pigs and dinosaurs fly, origami dragons bend to the will of a wizard, dogs perform on skateboards and brought the dodo back from extinction. The 2024 entry was equally as amazing, as the organization created a flower-based tribute band to the Summer of Love including 'groubees' tagging along in a psychedelic bus. Featuring four band members all taller than 16 feet, the drumming daisy, guitar-wielding iris, bass-slapping sunflower and singing snapdragon all wowed spectators and took home the Golden State Award for the most outstanding depiction of life in California.

Ever wonder about what goes into the process of building a float for the country's most well-known parade? Funding, design and construction of each year's float is a year-long City, LCTRA, Community and volunteer project that welcomes the participation from all in the community.



- **January:** picking a float design, creating a color drawing, designing the needed structures and mechanisms
- **February-May:** dismantling the prior year's float
- **May-September:** building the current year's float
- **June:** mechanical inspection
- **September:** Technical Inspection 1: float skeleton must pass a road test by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses
- **October:** opening volunteer signup, vetting the flower order and finalizing the electronic press kit
- **First week of December:** closing the float's skeleton and Technical Inspection 2: a dress rehearsal of all float components by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses
- **Last weeks of December:** the float is moved and the final decorating process begins
- **New Year's Eve:** the float begins its journey to the parade in Pasadena

A celebration of love, nature and music, the 2024 float is a tribute to peace and gratitude as our community ushers in 2024.

A Powerful Tool in Home Security

Safeguarding your home begins with the powerful protection of an alarm system — a proactive step endorsed by the City of La Cañada Flintridge to ensure the security of residents' homes.

An alarm system is an effective deterrent, with signage showing potential intruders that the property is protected. Alarms provide a swift response mechanism in the unfortunate event of a break-in, as modern systems are equipped with a variety of features that go beyond the blaring siren. Equipped with surveillance cameras and sensors, alarm systems promptly notify law enforcement, enhance individual security and strengthen the safety of the La Cañada Flintridge community.

While an alarm system serves as the foundational element of home security, its effectiveness can be enhanced through additional preventive actions. Ensuring that all entry points are equipped with sturdy locks, investing in motion-activated lights and utilizing existing programs and resources, such as the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station's Vacation Patrol Checks and the City's Neighborhood Watch Programs, are among the extra measures that residents can take to elevate their overall home security.

By deterring burglaries, ensuring rapid response and embracing modern technology, residents can fortify their homes and foster increased security throughout our beautiful City.

For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/public-safety.



LCF's Communication Hub

The City of La Cañada Flintridge is pleased to announce the launch of "LCF in the Know," the City's one-stop-shop communications webpage.

LCF in the Know houses all of the City's press releases, archives of the digital newsletter — the LCF Bulletin — past editions of the LCF Vista newsletter, links to City social media and more! In addition, residents can view a summary of proposed City ordinances, upcoming annual community events and public safety resources.

LCF in the Know is a communication hotspot that streamlines LCF's communication efforts, making it part of the City's initiative to provide residents with easy-to-access information. You can easily view all communication-related information in one place on the La Cañada Flintridge website.



LCF in the Know is live here
CityofLCF.org/LCFintheKnow.

Summer in LCF: Events You Won't Want To Miss

With many beloved summertime events lined up, LCF is gearing up for a summer that everyone will remember. The City invites you to be a part of the festivities to kick off the golden days and enjoy the sunny season! **Mark your calendars:**



Annual Memorial Weekend Fiesta Days May 25 - 27

The 51st Annual Memorial Weekend Fiesta Days, hosted by the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce, will be held May 25 through 27. The event commemorates the men and women who have served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Last year's event featured various activities, including a vintage car show, Farmers Market, Tournament of Roses Association Open House, dinner in Memorial Park with live music, a one-mile Family Fun Run/Walk, 5K and 10k and so much more! The annual Memorial Service and Fiesta Days Parade made way for the official start of the Music in the Park Summer Concert Series.

Stay tuned for more information and a schedule of events as the event approaches at LaCanadaFlintridge.com.



Music in the Park Summer Concert Series

LCF residents, be sure to grab your dancing shoes for the 2024 Music in the Park Summer Concert Series beginning Monday, May 27. Held every Sunday thereafter through September 2, the City invites residents to bring along a picnic basket, blankets and chairs to enjoy the live music and summer weather. The concert schedule will be announced closer to the start of these musical gatherings.

There is something for everyone this summer, so join us in celebrating the warmth and the strong community that makes LCF so special. We hope to see you there!

The Debut of “Sister Cites Friendship Path”

The City of La Cañada Flintridge is pleased to announce the anticipated completion of the Sister Cities Friendship Path in spring of 2024, funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD).

For more than 25 years, the RPOSD has awarded \$1.5 billion in grants to agencies and community-based organizations for park, recreational facility, trail and open space improvement projects.

When selecting a trail to benefit from this funding, the City found that the existing Descanso Trail entrance into Cherry Canyon was difficult for trail users due to its 15% slope and required equestrian users to dismount and walk the trail. After analyzing the terrain, City staff identified an alternative route near the trail, providing access to the canyon at a more manageable slope of approximately 8%.

This alternate route has been converted into a new, approximately 1,600-foot-long path named Sister Cites Friendship Path in honor of the relationship with LCF’s sister city, Villanueva de la Cañada, Spain.

The City is grateful for this opportunity to utilize grant funds from organizations like RPOSD to fund City projects that enrich our community. For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/public-works.



Pathways to Road Safety

In a community where bike lanes and sidewalks weave through our surroundings, safety remains a shared responsibility between **drivers**, **pedestrians** and **cyclists**.

Pedestrians should walk against traffic, stay on sidewalks and follow traffic signals. It is important to stay visible while walking, especially during darker conditions, by wearing bright or reflective clothing.

Cyclists should follow the flow of traffic, following the direction of cars. When turning or stopping, use the proper hand signals. **Cyclists** are required to adhere to traffic laws similar to vehicles. They must stop at a stop sign, wait at a red signal, etc. Always wear a helmet to protect yourself in the event of an accident.

E-bikes have grown in popularity. However, due to their increased speed and power, e-bikes can pose risks to both riders and pedestrians, especially when operated recklessly or without proper safety precautions. Riders should be properly trained and wear a helmet at all times.

As a **driver**, remain vigilant and watch for individuals at intersections and crosswalks. Obey speed limits and be prepared to yield the right of way. Creating a community where each road user prioritizes safety will ensure that all members of LCF can travel with confidence and security.



Energy Options, Powered by Residents

In November 2023, the La Cañada Flintridge City Council approved membership in the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) to give residents and businesses greater access to renewable energy options through Community Choice Aggregation.

What is Community Choice Aggregation?

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is a program that allows cities and counties to procure electricity for customers by unbundling electricity generation from electricity delivery. For La Cañada Flintridge, this means using CPA to supply electricity and continuing to use Southern California Edison (SCE) for delivery.

How do I opt out?

All customers will have the option of opting out of receiving CPA services at any time or changing their tier rate by contacting the CPA customer service.

How will this affect LCF electricity services?

Residents and businesses should see no impact on their electricity services. All customers will have the option of opting out of CPA services or changing their tier rate. All customers will continue to receive bills directly from SCE.

When is the transition to Clean Power Alliance?

The transition to CPA generation services is expected to be completed in October 2025. City staff, in coordination with CPA, will continue outreach and education about the transition.

For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/CleanPowerAlliance.



Housing Element Certified by HCD

On November 17, 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) certified the City's Housing Element as conforming with State law, recognizing the City's diligent efforts to address housing needs and promote sustainable community development.

The Housing Element, a critical component of the City's General Plan, serves as a comprehensive blueprint for addressing housing challenges and ensuring that La Cañada Flintridge remains a vibrant and inclusive community. The State's certification reflects the City's commitment to meeting its fair share of regional housing needs while maintaining the unique character of the community.

This certification is a testament to our community's commitment to inclusive growth, responsible urban planning and the expansion of housing options. La Cañada Flintridge remains a community that values its residents, their input and the unique character that makes our community a special place to call home.

The City will continue its efforts to address housing challenges, working closely with the community to implement the Housing Element and uphold its commitment to a sustainable and prosperous future.

For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/general-plan.





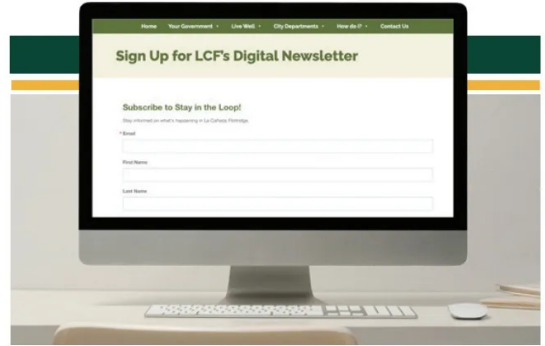
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CITY INFORMATION

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 Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

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 Website: www.CityOfLCF.org

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