



LCF Vista

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City Hosts Its First National Night Out



On July 16, the City hosted its inaugural National Night Out (NNO) event, fostering stronger bonds between residents and our public safety personnel. The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station, LA County Fire Department and 16 other agencies — including NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), the Red Cross and the Pasadena Humane Society — came together to showcase their services.

Community members also had a unique opportunity to explore 21 different emergency vehicles, from fire trucks to CHP units and even an armored rescue vehicle. Kids enjoyed an inflatable obstacle course, games and activities, while adults learned about Neighborhood Watch and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) from group representatives and members. Delicious food from

Los Gringos Locos food cart and other local vendors rounded out the evening.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie by establishing relationships between residents and first responders. This successful NNO event signifies a commitment to building trust and collaboration between the City, the LCF community and its emergency services.

The City extends its gratitude to all of the community members, emergency personnel and local vendors who participated and helped drive the success of the event.

Riding Safe: E-bike Enforcement

Due to increased use of e-bikers on streets, the City would like to remind riders to follow traffic laws and responsible biking tips:



Always wear and buckle your helmet.



Use hand signals when turning or stopping.



Ride with the flow of traffic and furthest to the right side of the road.



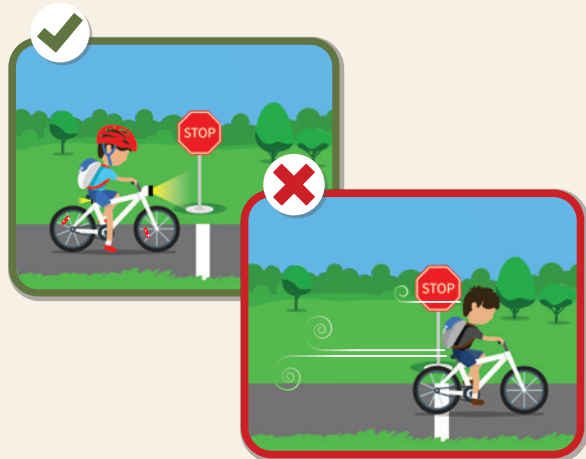
Yield to pedestrians and other vehicles.



Follow all laws and rules of the road.



Together, we can protect our community and keep our streets safe for everyone. For more information on bike safety, check out this helpful QR code. Let's ride safely, LCF! bit.ly/3xb2y80

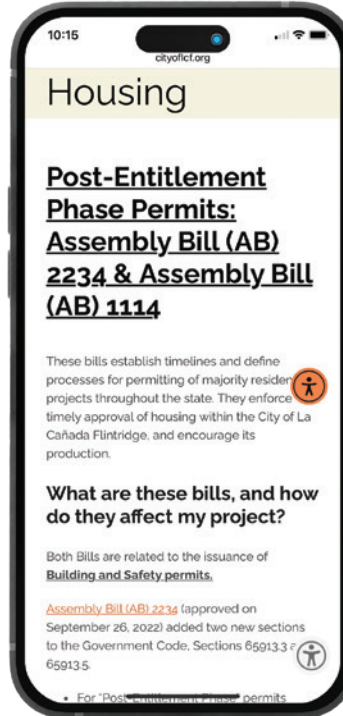


New LCF Housing Tools



To continue its commitment to providing additional housing options, the City of La Cañada Flintridge has created a new Accessory Dwelling Units-specific webpage (CityOfLCF.org/ADU). Recognizing the need for new residential units that are livable, appealing and affordable, the webpage serves as a convenient resource for residents to access ADU-related resources and its newly adopted ordinance. In fact, LCF had the 15th-highest number of ADU permits issued (per 1,000 housing units) of LA County's 88 cities during the period of 2018 to 2023. Residents can easily view standards and requirements, submittal procedures, approvals timing, FAQs and more.

Additional housing updates include:



The City adopted a zone change to rezone all identified parcels outside and within the Downtown Village Specific Plan, helping increase density, implementing objective design standards and reducing development standards, to make housing more easily developed.

The City created a webpage on post-entitlement housing permits that create additional dwelling units and do not apply to additions or alterations to existing residences or commercial permits. For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/Housing.

The City rolled out an informational page on antiquated laws and restrictions that may appear on older property records which need to be handled through Los Angeles County. Check it out: CityOfLCF.org/Covenants.

The City remains diligent in its efforts to tackle housing challenges, collaborating closely with the community to execute the Housing Element and maintain its dedication to a sustainable and equitable future. For more information, visit CityOfLCF.org/Housing.

Understanding and Safely Coexisting With Bears



La Cañada Flintridge's beautiful location in the foothills comes with the occasional wildlife encounter, including those with black bears. While these sightings can be daunting, it's important to understand bear behavior and biology, and take precautions for safe coexistence.

Adult black bears commonly found in our foothills weigh between 100 and 300 pounds. As omnivores, their diet consists of plants, berries, insects and small animals. To avoid attracting them, securing food and trash is important; their keen sense of smell allows them to locate food from afar.

Along with food, bears seek three other essential elements in their habitat: water, shelter and other bears. Secure your home of potential attractants and be mindful of water sources like ponds and fountains to avoid creating a habitable location. Remember to use caution under decks as bears might seek cover or dens. LCF's trails offer plenty of opportunities to explore nature, but black bears prefer

wooded areas. A bear's vision focuses on movement, so if you encounter a bear, stay calm and avoid sudden movements.

Bear activity and incidents fall under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). CDFW responds to general bear activity (such as rummaging through trash), public safety concerns, frequent sightings and property damage caused by bears. To report a wildlife incident, visit apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir/incident/create.

Relocation of bears is a common suggestion when discussing bear encounters. However, relocation often creates new problems and shifts conflicts to different communities. Relocation sites for bears without potential human encounters are difficult to find, and relocated bears often return to their original location.

For more bear safety tips and to view a presentation from CDFW, visit CityOfLCF.org/Bears.



Save the Date

At 5 p.m. on September 11, residents are invited to attend a bear safety forum at City Hall Council Chambers that will include an expert speaker on bear awareness and precautions.

Guide to Election Day



This November, all registered voters in Los Angeles County, including La Cañada Flintridge, will have several options for casting their ballots for the General Election on November 5.

VOTE CENTER

Voters can cast their ballots at any in-person voting location throughout the County. Locations will include both “Vote Centers” and “Flex Vote Centers,” to be determined and announced by October 7, 2024.

VOTE-BY-MAIL

In addition to in-person voting, all voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot and may choose to vote by mail instead of going to a vote center.

24-HOUR SECURE BALLOT DROP-OFF BOX

The La Cañada Flintridge Library, located at 4545 North Oakwood Avenue, will host an official ballot drop-off box until 8 p.m. on November 5 (Election Day). Ballot Drop Boxes provide voters with a safe, accessible and contact-free method to return their voted ballot.

The City encourages residents to exercise their right to vote! Registered voters should verify their address and registration status at LAVote.gov. If you will be 18 years of age on November 5, you can register now.

For more information or to register to vote, visit LAVote.gov. To find a vote center near you, visit locator.lavote.gov/locations/vc.

Voting Timeline

October 7

Mailing of
Vote-by-Mail
Ballots

October 15

Mailing of Sample
Ballot Books

October 21

Deadline to
Register to Vote

October 26

Vote Centers Open

November 5

Election Day

A New Era for Pickleball in La Cañada Flintridge

La Cañada Flintridge's pickleball community celebrated a milestone with the grand opening of newly constructed pickleball courts on Saturday, July 27. The transformation of the former skatepark marks a significant enhancement to the City's recreational facilities.

The renovation included essential upgrades such as resurfacing the courts for a safe playing area, striping them to meet regulation standards and installing durable nets for sustained use. Additionally, new gates were added to enhance security and accessibility, and paddle racks and benches provided storage and seating.

With two permanent courts and one mixed-use court now completed, the facility accommodates pickleball and other activities, maximizing the space's utility and enjoyment for the entire community. The City extends its gratitude to the La Cañada Unified School District for supporting this project, and to all community members for their ongoing patience throughout the initiative.

Head over to 4490 Cornishon Avenue to experience the excitement firsthand and be part of our growing pickleball community. Hours of operation are Mon-Fri: 9:30 a.m. to dusk, Sat-Sun: 7 a.m. to dusk.



LCF Hosts Beloved Annual Summer Events

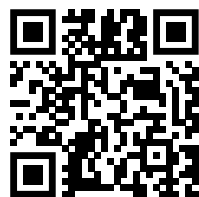


The City of LCF has a longstanding tradition of bringing the community together through engaging summer events. This year, the City kicked off the summer season with two beloved annual traditions: Fiesta Days and the Music in the Park concert series.

Fiesta Days, a 51-year tradition honoring the City's veterans and Spanish heritage, returned over Memorial Day Weekend. Cohosted with the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association, the three-day celebration featured many family-friendly activities, including a captivating parade, delicious food, live music and a dazzling fireworks display.

Following Fiesta Days, the Music in the Park concert series continued each Sunday through Labor Day Weekend. The concert series offered a diverse lineup of 15 bands spanning classic rock, reggae, soul and more, providing something for community members of all ages to enjoy. The City also hosted a special Movie in the Park screening to enhance the summer fun, creating a memorable outdoor cinematic experience.

LCF is committed to continuing this tradition of exceptional summer programming and encourages community members to share their feedback on the Music in the Park series by visiting bit.ly/MusicInTheParkSurvey.





Enhancing Home Security in LCF



Protecting your home in LCF is more than a precaution — it's a commitment to security.

Start by strengthening entry points with sturdy locks and deadbolts. Well-lit surroundings and maintained landscaping minimize hiding spots and improve visibility. Community resources like the Crescenta Valley Sheriff Station's Vacation Patrol Checks and the City's Neighborhood Watch Programs add an extra layer of protection through collaborative efforts.

Installing security cameras and timers for lights can create the impression of occupancy, deterring potential intruders. Additionally, keeping valuables out of sight and ensuring all entry points are locked are simple yet effective habits to adopt.

For more tips and to take advantage of the rebate programs offered by the City, visit CityOfLCF.org/public-safety.

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, September 2, for Labor Day.

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