



# LCF Vista

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## Eaton Fire After-Action Report



The Eaton Fire and extreme wind events of January 2025 left an indelible mark on our community. Our region witnessed the heartbreaking destruction of thousands of homes, the displacement of many families and the tragic loss of lives in neighboring areas. While La Cañada Flintridge was fortunate to avoid major structural damage, we recognize the significant burden these events placed on our residents who experienced mandatory evacuations during a period of widespread power outages and hazardous debris.

In response, the City Council directed an objective evaluation of our emergency preparedness and response efforts. On January 20, the third-party consultant presented an After-Action Report that examines our strengths and, more importantly, the challenges we must address. By using these lessons to drive an official Improvement Plan, we are committed to building a safer and more resilient La Cañada Flintridge.

### Five Key Areas of Focus

The After-Action Report organizes its findings into five major components of emergency management. The following sampling of priorities represents our commitment to turning the challenges experienced in 2025 into actionable safety improvements:

- 1. Emergency Leadership & Coordination:** We are refining our internal structure and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation levels to ensure our leadership team remains synchronized with County and regional partners throughout an incident.
- 2. Public Information & Warning:** To reduce confusion, we are clarifying the specific roles of our alert systems and developing an emergency web hub that will be updated the moment an incident begins.
- 3. Evacuation, Access & Security:** We are updating our traffic management plans to better account for dark intersections and road blockages, while working with the Sheriff's Department to increase visible security in evacuated neighborhoods.
- 4. Debris Management & Recovery:** To speed up the return to normalcy, we are standardizing cleanup instructions and coordinating with waste haulers to ensure debris disposal is clear and organized from day one.
- 5. Preparedness & Training:** We are expanding our community outreach to help households prepare for cascading hazards, such as windstorms occurring during active fires or power shutoffs.

### Looking Ahead

Transparency is key to our progress. While many of the report's improvement actions are already complete or underway, we are dedicated to the long-term implementation of every task. We invite you to read the full report and track our progress at [LCF.ca.gov/EatonFireAAR](https://LCF.ca.gov/EatonFireAAR)

# Looking Ahead to Summer in LCF: Connection, Community and Celebration

As spring gives way to summer, the spirit of community takes center stage in La Cañada Flintridge with opportunities to gather and celebrate.

**Fiesta Days** • The season kicks off May 23 with the 53rd annual Fiesta Days, hosted by the LCF Chamber and the City of LCF. Enjoy the parade, live entertainment, games, food, fireworks and family fun while honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. For more information about Fiesta Days, visit [LCF.ca.gov/Annual-Fiesta-Days-Special-Event](https://www.lcf.ca.gov/Annual-Fiesta-Days-Special-Event).

**Music in the Park** • Following Fiesta Days, the Music in the Park summer concert series begins May 25 at Memorial Park, offering free Sunday evening concerts through August 31 for all musical tastes. For more information, visit [LCF.ca.gov/Music-In-The-Park](https://www.lcf.ca.gov/Music-In-The-Park).

Here's to a summer spent together! For the full calendar of upcoming events, visit [LCF.ca.gov/Calendar](https://www.lcf.ca.gov/Calendar).

## Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries Take Their Final Bow

A fixture of La Cañada Flintridge events since 2006, Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries have officially retired. Their summer 2025 performance marked the conclusion of their long-standing tradition of opening the Music in the Park summer concert series. In this special Q&A, drummer Tommy Sillen shares his memories, reflections and parting words with our community.

### How did Captain Cardiac & the Coronaries get started?

**SILLEN:** In 1972 at Monroe High School, the band was a last-minute get-together to play a school sock hop and was well received, so on it went! I was actually the fourth drummer invited into the band in 1977, and lasted 47 years.

### What inspired your love for '50s and '60s music?

**SILLEN:** The music of the 50's and 60's has some of the greatest dance hits, so people of all ages relate to these songs.

### Which songs or performances are you most proud of, and why do they stand out to you?

**SILLEN:** Hitting the end of our second set and getting the crowd on their feet to dance to "Shout" was quite memorable every year! Hearing the audience clap for an encore was also fantastic.

**Thank you for the memories, Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries!**

### What are some of your most memorable moments performing at LCF events?

**SILLEN:** Seeing residents of all ages singing and dancing along to our music truly warms our hearts.

### What will you miss most about playing together for our community?

**SILLEN:** Since I live in North Glendale, I was able to play for so many family and friends. We can only hope they will miss us as much as we will miss La Cañada Flintridge's Memorial Park! We have to thank Dave Goldsworthy for recommending us, as he was on the committee at the beginning of Music in the Park. And a special thank you to Vance and Laura with All American Audio and to all of the staff at the City of LCF, who were wonderful to work with. I look forward to seeing you as a fellow audience member at future community events. Cheers and rock on!

## Living Safely with Wildlife



In LCF, our proximity to beautiful open spaces means residents must take proactive steps to discourage wildlife from entering residential areas. While wildlife sightings are common, following these safety protocols helps reduce the risk of close encounters and keeps our neighborhood secure.

### Discouraging Wildlife on Your Property

The most effective way to keep bears and coyotes away is to remove what draws them there in the first place:

- Never leave pet food, birdseed or fallen fruit outdoors.
- Use wildlife-resistant trash containers and keep bins in the garage or a secure enclosure until the morning of collection.
- Trim dense vegetation and secure fencing to eliminate potential shelter or hiding spots around your home.

### Safety Protocols for Encounters

-  **BEARS:** If you see a bear, give it plenty of space and a clear escape route. Do not run. Back away slowly while facing the animal, and make yourself appear larger by raising your arms and speaking in a loud, firm voice.
-  **COYOTES:** Always supervise small pets, especially during the early morning and evening hours. If a coyote approaches, use "hazing" techniques, including making loud noises or waving your arms, to reinforce their natural fear of humans.

By prioritizing these safety measures and eliminating food sources, we can reduce wildlife activity in our neighborhoods and help ensure the safety of our residents and pets.

# Rose Parade Float

## Built with Heart and Hand: How LCF's Rose Float Comes to Life



For nearly five decades, the La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association (LCFTRA) has transformed imagination into motion along Colorado Boulevard. Since 1978, volunteers have brought whimsical worlds to life — from gravity-defying dinosaurs and origami dragons to skateboarding dogs and the return of the long-lost dodo — all fueled by creativity, craftsmanship and community pride.

The 2026 float continued that tradition, captivating parade-goers with intricate detailing and bold color palettes.

Titled “Goin’ Nutz,” the float brings the theme “The Magic in Teamwork” to life with a whimsical woodland adventure of clever critters and Rube Goldberg-style contraptions. This spirit of collaboration earned the float the prestigious Mayor’s Award for the most outstanding entry from a participating city, celebrating the cooperation and resilience that define our community.

Adding a heartfelt local touch this year, the float also honored Altadena’s beloved Bunny Museum, a favorite local institution that was destroyed in the Eaton Fire in 2025. A bunny figure from the float, named “Robbie-Rah,” was created in partnership with the museum’s co-founders and will be donated to the museum’s future collection as it rebuilds.

While spectators enjoy only a few unforgettable minutes on New Year’s Day, the float represents nearly a year of behind-the-scenes work. Planning for the next float begins almost immediately after the current one concludes.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway for the 2027 float. Through every petal placed and bolt tightened, the LCFTRA continues to showcase the creativity, dedication and community spirit that define La Cañada Flintridge — and to remind everyone that even in challenging times, neighbors helping neighbors remains a story worth telling.

# New Daylighting Law Helps Keep LCF Streets Safer

Residents may begin to see more open space near intersections as a new California traffic safety law takes effect. The Daylighting to Save Lives Law, Assembly Bill (AB) 413, improves visibility at crosswalks by limiting how close vehicles can park to intersections, helping reduce collisions involving pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

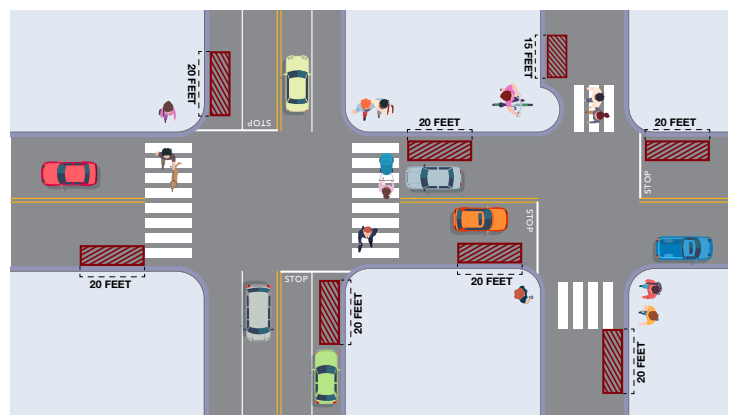
The law imposes the following restrictions on vehicles:

- No stopping, standing or parking within 20 feet of the approach side of any crosswalk
- No stopping, standing or parking within 15 feet of the approach side of any crosswalk with a curb extension or “bulb-out”

The purpose of daylighting is to remove visual obstructions near corners so drivers can more easily see pedestrians entering crosswalks, and pedestrians can better judge approaching traffic. Clearer sightlines are particularly important in areas with higher foot traffic, including near schools, parks and residential neighborhoods.

After an initial education period, local law enforcement has begun enforcing these requirements. Vehicles parked within the restricted areas may be cited, including in locations where parking was previously allowed.

By observing the new parking limits and allowing intersections to remain unobstructed, residents can help improve traffic safety and create a more accessible street environment for everyone in La Cañada Flintridge.



# Red Flag No Parking Program Update

## Keeping Streets Clear During Red Flag Warnings

During extreme wildfire conditions, narrow streets and parked vehicles can slow emergency response and make evacuation more difficult, sometimes when minutes matter most. To help protect residents, first responders and visitors, the City of La Cañada Flintridge has adopted a No Parking During Red Flag Warning Program. Approved by the City Council in November 2025 following extensive community discussions and workshops, the program is designed to keep key streets clear when wildfire risk is at its highest. Clear roadways allow emergency vehicles to move quickly and give residents safer, more reliable evacuation routes during dangerous conditions.





## Why Red Flag Warnings Matter

A Red Flag Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when a combination of low humidity, strong winds and dry fuels creates a high risk for wildfire ignition and rapid spread. Since La Cañada Flintridge lies within a very high fire hazard severity zone, maintaining unobstructed streets during these warnings is especially important for public safety.

## How the No Parking Program Works

When a Red Flag Warning is in effect, temporary parking restrictions will apply to certain streets where parked vehicles could limit emergency access or evacuation.

### Restrictions include:

-  No parking on both sides of major collector streets (streets that carry traffic from local streets to arterial roads)
-  No parking on both sides of streets less than 30 feet wide
-  No parking on one side of streets with a single point of access
-  No parking on one side of potential evacuation routes that require two-way traffic flow

## How Do I Know a Red Flag Warning is Active?

To help residents prepare, signs indicating these restrictions will be posted year-round. When a Red Flag Warning activates the program, the City will notify the community through AlertLCF (email and text messages), social media, the City website and pre-recorded phone messages. Residents can call the phone number on parking restriction signs to check the status of a Red Flag Warning.

## What's Next

At the direction of the City Council, staff are continuing to refine program implementation to address community input and operational needs, including finalizing signage locations. Citywide outreach and education efforts began in December 2025 and will continue through 2026 and 2027. These efforts will focus on explaining the program's purpose, how it will operate during Red Flag Warning events and how residents can stay informed.

By planning ahead and keeping streets clear during periods of extreme fire danger, residents can play an important role in protecting neighbors, first responders and the broader community, helping ensure LCF is better prepared when conditions become hazardous.

For additional details, including program maps, frequently asked questions and updates, residents are encouraged to visit [LCF.ca.gov/RedFlagInfo](https://www.lcf.ca.gov/RedFlagInfo).



## Save the Date: June 2 is Election Day

Your voice helps guide our City! On June 2, La Cañada Flintridge will head to the polls to fill two City Council seats. Ready to cast your ballot? Here is what you need to know:

Find Your Vote Center: [Locator.LAVote.gov](https://Locator.LAVote.gov)  
Election Resources: [LCF.ca.gov/Elections](https://LCF.ca.gov/Elections)

# Spring Cleaning Property Care Edition

Spring is the ideal time to clean and care for your property while strengthening wildfire readiness. To kick off your spring cleaning, start with routine maintenance:



Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent debris buildup



Trim overgrown trees, grass and shrubs



Remove dead leaves from roofs, patios and yards

As you complete your spring property maintenance, consider taking steps toward Assembly Bill (AB) 3074 “Zone 0” compliance. LCF is in a very high fire hazard severity zone, and creating defensible space is key to reducing your home’s vulnerability to wildfires. Making gradual improvements now will help you become compliant with AB 3074.

Focus on the three defensible space zones around your property.

- **Zone 0 (0–5 feet):** Clear combustible material, including mulch, firewood and dry vegetation.
- **Zone 1 (5–30 feet):** Maintain well-watered landscaping, space plants appropriately and trim branches away from structures.
- **Zone 2 (30–100 feet):** Reduce fuel loads by thinning vegetation and removing dead plants.

Support a safer LCF and help protect your home by combining seasonal property care with proactive home hardening this spring.



To learn more about home hardening, visit [LCF.ca.gov/Home-Hardening](https://lcf.ca.gov/Home-Hardening) or scan the QR code.

# Public Works Project Roundup

## Neighborhood Improvements Update

The streets, parks and pathways that connect our community are getting an upgrade. The Public Works Department is managing approximately 20 active improvement projects designed to make our neighborhoods safer and our commutes smoother.

Here is a look at what has been completed and what you can look forward to seeing this spring.

## Smarter Traffic Signals

We are replacing aging infrastructure to improve traffic flow and reliability at our busiest intersections.

### Completed

- We have fully replaced and upgraded all signal equipment at **Foothill Blvd/Verdugo Blvd** and **Verdugo Blvd/Descanso Dr.**

### Coming This Spring

- A new traffic signal replacing the existing flashing beacon at **Foothill Blvd** and **Viro Rd.**
- Full equipment modernizations at **Foothill Blvd** and **Oakwood Ave.**
- A new traffic signal at Memorial Park to replace the existing flashing beacon, improving pedestrian access to the park.

## Safer Pedestrian Crossings

To improve safety on our streets, we are installing signals that brightly alert drivers of pedestrians at crosswalks, significantly increasing visibility for both cyclists and pedestrians.

### Now Active

- **Foothill Blvd & Union St:** New rapid-flashing yellow beacons.
- **Descanso Drive Trail Crossing:** A new HAWK signal (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk) is now in use, using red lights to stop traffic for trail users.

### Coming This Summer

- A second HAWK signal will be completed at **200 Foothill Blvd.**

## A Fresh Look for Mayor’s Discovery Park

The transformation of Mayor’s Discovery Park is officially underway! Construction began in December 2025 to expand recreational spaces and modernize the grounds.

- **Status:** The park is currently closed for safety as crews work on these upgrades.
- **Reopening:** We are on track to welcome the community back to a revitalized park in spring 2026.

## By the Numbers: Our 2025-26 Project Progress



The Public Works Department is proud to build a safer, smarter and more vibrant LCF for everyone. To learn more, visit [LCF.ca.gov/Public-Works](https://lcf.ca.gov/Public-Works).

**During emergencies, residents may receive alerts from multiple systems. Here is a cheat sheet to understand the different systems in relation to one another.**

## Know Your Alerts

### County & Incident Command Alerts

#### Genasys Protect – PRIMARY ALERT

Used by incident command (joint agencies, including the City, responding to the incident) during major emergencies impacting the City, such as wildfires or large-scale evacuations. It issues zone-based evacuation orders and warnings. Evacuation status can be viewed on an interactive map; no registration is required.

#### Alert LA County

Opt-in system for Los Angeles County's notification system for regional or multi-jurisdictional incidents.

### State, Federal and City-Issued Wireless Alerts

#### Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) – LIFE-SAFETY Emergency Alert System (EAS) NATIONAL ALERTS

Automatic alerts delivered to mobile phones, radio and TV for imminent, life-threatening situations. In certain emergencies, the City can issue WEA messages directly as part of its alerting capabilities.

### City Alerts

#### AlertLCF – SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL NOTIFICATION

The City's primary emergency notification system. During major incidents, AlertLCF is used to amplify and localize messages issued through Genasys Protect and may also be used to issue WEA alerts. Registration is encouraged at [LCF.ca.gov/alerts](https://lcf.ca.gov/alerts).

*For day-to-day updates and non-emergency news, connect with us through our digital channels:*

#### Newsletter & Emails

Sign up at [LCF.ca.gov/signup](https://lcf.ca.gov/signup).

#### Social Media

Follow us for community updates.

*The City is revamping its communications. In the future, residents who register an email with AlertLCF will also receive select, non-emergency City updates.*

## 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.

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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date on the latest news and events by following the City on social media.



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