

HISTORY OF



OFFICIALS

1903 – 2026

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ARCADIA

ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, was part of an enormous land grant given to the San Gabriel Mission by the King of Spain and subsequently owned by several individuals. In 1875, Elias (Lucky) Baldwin purchased this 13,000 acre area, plus an additional 8,000 acres and helped to develop the Santa Anita tract that was to become the City of Arcadia.

The City was incorporated in 1903 and became a Charter City in 1951. It is an upper-middle class community of about 60,000 residents in an 11.2 square-mile area located 20 miles east of Los Angeles. It is a full-service community with its own police department, fire department and library. Arcadia functions under the City Council/City Manager form of government.

The information that follows offers a chronological portrayal of those elected and appointed officials who have been instrumental in shaping this outstanding community enjoyed by residents, businesses and visitors today.

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

* On July 27, 1903, Arcadia held its first election for incorporation and for its members of the Board of Trustees. Elected members were: E.J. Baldwin, M. Lawrence, H.A. Unruh, Hull McClaughry and D.L. Unruh.

* City incorporated in August 1903.

April 26, 1904	E.J. Baldwin, M. Lawrence, H.R. Stocker, Lowen Tucker, H.A. Unruh
April 16, 1906	E.J. Baldwin, M. Lawrence, H.R. Stocker, George L. Tucker, H.A. Unruh
April 20, 1908	E.J. Baldwin, M. Lawrence, H.R. Stocker, George L. Tucker, H.A. Unruh
April 5, 1909	Vacancy due to the passing of E.J. Baldwin. Position filled by Harry O. Comstock. Mr. Comstock did not run for re-election.
April 18, 1910	A.D. Bowman, John Compton, M. Lawrence, Ben Newman, H.A. Unruh
April 15, 1912	A.D. Bowman, M. Lawrence, G.E. Parker, H.R. Stocker, H.A. Unruh
April 22, 1912	M. Lawrence resigns - J.W. Barnes appointed
July 9, 1912	Election to recall A.D. Bowman - Proposition failed
February 2, 1914	Office of G.E. Parker becomes vacant by vote of the Board for lack of attendance (3-month period)
April 20, 1914	Albert Parker, Henry Roth, H.R. Stocker, J.A. Stoker, A.B. Tomlinson

June 6, 1914	A.B. Tomlison did not come forth to take oath of office; declared vacant. J.W. Barnes is appointed. H.R. Stocker's Office is declared vacant on the grounds of not residing in the city for one year. Charles Billings appointed.
April 7, 1916	C. Winthrop Bowen, William Millard, Albert Parker, William Slater, J.A. Stoker
September 19, 1917	Resignation of C. Winthrop
October 3, 1917	D.W. Simms appointed
April 15, 1918	Edward Arthur, O.D. Harris, William Millard, D.W. Simms, W.H. Taylor
February 13, 1919	Resignation of Dan Simms - S.L. Wheeler appointed
April 19, 1920	Burch Baldwin, O.D. Harris, Allen Muller, W.H. Taylor, Samuel L. Wheeler
October 19, 1921	Resignation of Allen Muller - P.L. Cuccia appointed
November 16, 1921	Resignation of W.H. Taylor - R.A. Anderson appointed
January 18, 1922	Resignation of R.A. Anderson - Raymond Knisley appointed
April 17, 1922	Edward B. Evans, John J. Granville, Raymond Knisley, A.N. Multer, Samuel L. Wheeler
August 16, 1922	Resignation of Edward B. Evans - C.L. Dunham appointed
October 3, 1923	Resignation of Raymond Knisley - O.E. Winkler appointed
April 21, 1924	John J. Ganville, Ferdinand Gramm, Charles Hawk, A.N. Multer, Samuel L. Wheeler
September 2, 1925	William Wheeler appointed to fill vacancy due to the death of his father, Samuel Wheeler
April 19, 1926	Charles Hawk, A.N. Multer, S.V. Schermerhorn, E.E. Williams, J.P. Williams
January 5, 1927	Resignation of J.P. Williams
January 19, 1927	W.S. Bailey appointed

* August 3, 1927	Title of the Board of Trustees changed to Arcadia City Council
October 5, 1927	Resignation of E.E. Williams - John Granville appointed
December 21, 1927	Resignation of W.S. Bailey
January 4, 1928	Arthur Holt appointed
April 16, 1928	Emil Boltz, John Granville, Arthur Holt, A.N. Multer, S.V. Schermerhorn
June 19, 1929	Resignation of Arthur Holt - John Walshe appointed
April 21, 1930	Emil Boltz, John Bottema, Harry Link, Henry Seaman, John Walshe
May 5, 1931	Resignation of John Walshe - E.R. Hudson appointed
April 19, 1932	Earl Busse, Harry Link, Walter Schrader, Henry Seaman, Richard Krebs, Jr.
May 2, 1933	Earl Busse removed
May 16, 1933	Albert Daniels appointed
February 20, 1934	Resignation of Harry Link - R.A. Jensen appointed
April 16, 1934	Albert Daniels, Charles Hoffman, Charles McLean, Walter Schrader, Richard Krebs, Jr.
August 27, 1934	Walter Schrader recalled
November 8, 1934	Grant Corby elected in a Special Election to replace Earl Busse
April 20, 1936	Grant Corby, Albert Daniels, James Griffiths, Charles Hoffman, Charles McLean
August 3, 1937	Resignation of Albert Daniels - Edward R. Hudson appointed
November 2, 1937	Office of Mayor Corby declared vacant
November 9, 1937	Henry Seaman appointed

January 28, 1938	Rev. Nathan M. Fiske appointed to fill the unexpired term of Henry Seaman, deceased
March 8, 1938	Rev. Nathan M. Fiske was found not to have met qualifications as a member of council
April 19, 1938	Emil Bolz, James Griffitts, Arthur Malin, Everett Niday, William Murphy (four members elected due to the vacancy left by Rev. Fiske)
May 10, 1939	Arthur Malin and William Murphy recalled
May 16, 1939 – June 23, 1939	No City business was conducted due to the absence of Niday and the recall of both members Malin and Murphy – lack of quorum
May 27, 1939	Resignation of council member Everett Niday
June 23, 1939	Albert Perkins appointed by Emil Bolz and James Griffitts to fill unexpired term of Arthus Malin
June 27, 1939	Ernest Leeper appointed to fill the unexpired term of William Murphy. David S. Walter appointed to fill the unexpired term of Everett Niday.
April 15, 1940	Albert Adcock, Emil Bolz, Ernest Leeper, Martin Ormsby, Albert Perkins
April 21, 1942	Albert Adcock, George L. Jones, Ernest Leeper, Charles Nugent, Martin Ormsby
June 6, 1944	Resignation of George L. Jones - W. Clinton Billig appointed
February 20, 1945	Resignation of W. Clinton Billig - C.L. Russell appointed
April 16, 1946	Albert Adcock, T. Guy Cornyn, Charles A. Nugent, Martin Ormsby, C. Loree Russell
May 16, 1946	Resignation of T. Guy Cornyn - Ernest W. Leeper appointed
April 20, 1948	Ernest L. Boucher, Richard C. Ewing, Peter A. Klomp, Charles A. Nugent, C. Loree Russell
August 17, 1948	Resignation of Richard C. Ewing - Phillip A. Libby appointed
February 7, 1950	Resignation of Phillip A. Libby - T.C. Sullivan appointed

April 18, 1950	Raymond M. Kennett, Peter A. Klomp, Mark C. Nottingham, John A. Schmocker, T.C. Sullivan
* August 24, 1951	City Chartered
April 1952	Robert W. Dow, Dwight L. Hulse, Raymond M. Kennett, Mark C. Nottingham, John A. Schmocker
April 1954	Donald Camphouse, Robert Dennis, Robert Dow, Dwight Hulse, Raymond Kennett
April 1956	Donald Camphouse, Robert Dennis, Edward Jacobi, Elton Phillips, Conrad Reibold
April 1958	Jesse Balser, Donald Camphouse, Edward Jacobi, Elton Phillips, Conrad Reibold
April 1960	Jesse Balser, Edward Butterworth, Donald Camphouse, Elton Phillips, Conrad Reibold
April 1962	Jesse Balser, Edward Butterworth, Elton Phillips, Conrad Reibold, Dale Turner
April 1964	Jesse Balser, Robert Considine, George Forman, Conrad Reibold, Dale Turner
April 1966	C. Robert Arth, Edward Butterworth, Robert Considine, George Forman, Don Hage
April 1968	C. Robert Arth, Edward Butterworth, Robert Considine, James Helms, Don Hage
April 1970	C. Robert Arth, Edward Butterworth, Robert Considine, Don Hage, James Helms
April 1972	C. Robert Arth, Edward Butterworth, Don Hage, James Helms, Alton Scott
April 1974	Charles Gilb, James Helms, Floretta Lauber, Jack Saelid, Alton Scott
April 1976	Charles Gilb, Floretta Lauber, Robert Margett, David Parry, Jack Saelid

April 1978	Charles Gilb, Robert Margett, David Parry, Donald Pellegrino, Jack Saelid
April 1980	Charles Gilb, Jeffrey Dring, Richard Haltom, David Parry, Jack Saelid
April 1982	Jeffrey Dring, Richard Haltom, David Hannah, Dennis Lojeski, Donald Pellegrino
April 1984	Charles Gilb, David Hannah, Dennis Lojeski, Donald Pellegrino, Mary Young
April 1986	Roger Chandler, Charles Gilb, Robert Harbicht, Dennis Lojeski, Mary Young
April 1988	Roger Chandler, Charles Gilb, Robert Harbicht, Dennis Lojeski, Mary Young
April 1990	Joseph Ciraulo, George Fasching, Charles Gilb, Robert Harbicht, Mary Young
April 1992	Joseph Ciraulo, George Fasching, Robert Harbicht, Dennis Lojeski, Robert Margett
April 1994	Barbara Kuhn, Dr. Sheng Chang, Dennis Lojeski, Mary Young, Robert Margett *
	* Margett resigns from City Council when elected to State Assembly. Peter Ulrich appointed to fill unexpired term (4/96).
April 1996	Dr. Sheng Chang, Robert Harbicht, Barbara Kuhn, Dennis Lojeski, Mary Young
July 1996	Dennis Lojeski died at age 53
August 1996	Gary A. Kovacic appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dennis Lojeski (4/98)
April 1998	Gary Kovacic, Roger Chandler, Robert Harbicht, Gail Marshall, Gino Roncelli
April 2000	Gary Kovacic, Mark "Mickey" Segal, Roger Chandler, Sheng Chang, Gail Marshall

April 2002	Gail Marshall, Sheng Chang, Gary Kovacic, Mark "Mickey" Segal, John Wuo
April 2004	Roger Chandler, Gary Kovacic, Gail Marshall, Mark "Mickey" Segal, John Wuo
April 2006	Peter Amundson, Roger Chandler, Robert Harbicht, Mark "Mickey" Segal, John Wuo
April 2008	Peter Amundson, Roger Chandler, Robert Harbicht, Gary Kovacic, John Wuo
April 2010	Peter Amundson, Roger Chandler, Gary Kovacic, Robert Harbicht, Mark "Mickey" Segal
April 2012	Peter Amundson, Gary Kovacic, Robert Harbicht, Mark "Mickey" Segal, John Wuo
April 2014	Tom Beck, Roger Chandler, Gary Kovacic, Sho Tay, John Wuo
October 2015	John Wuo resigned October 6, 2015
October 2015	Mark "Mickey" Segal appointed on October 20, 2015 to fill the unexpired term of John Wuo (4/16)
April 2016	Peter Amundson, Tom Beck, Roger Chandler, Sho Tay, April Verlato
April 2018	Peter Amundson, Tom Beck, Roger Chandler, Sho Tay, April Verlato
April 2020	Tom Beck, Roger Chandler, Paul P. Cheng, Sho Tay, April Verlato
November 2021	Roger Chandler passed away
March 2022	Michael Danielson appointed to fill the unexpired term of Roger Chandler, deceased
April 2022	Tom Beck, Paul P. Cheng, Michael Danielson, Sho Tay, April Verlato
November 2022	Michael Cao, Paul P. Cheng, Sharon Kwan, April Verlato, Eileen Wang

November 2024	Michael Cao, Paul P. Cheng, Sharon Kwan, David Fu, Eileen Wang
May 11, 2026	Resignation of Eileen Wang
June 16, 2026	John Han appointed

MAYORS

Presidents of The Board

Elias J. Baldwin	7/03-3/09	Richard Krebs, Jr.	5/32-4/36
Hiram A. Unruh	4/09-4/14	Grant W. Corby	4/36-11/37
C.A. Billings	6/14-4/16	J.R. Griffiths	11/37-4/38
J.A. Stoker	4/16-4/18	A.F. Malin	4/38-5/39
Dan W. Simms	4/18-2/19	J.R. Griffiths	7/39-4/40
W.D. Millard	2/19-4/20	A.H. Perkins	4/40-4/42
W.H. Taylor	4/20-12/21	M.H. Ormsby	4/42-4/48
O.D. Harris	12/21-4/22	C. Loree Russell	4/48-4/50
S.L. Wheeler	4/22-4/24	Thomas C. Sullivan	4/50-4/52
John J. Granville	4/24-4/26	John A. Schmocker	4/52-4/54
A.N. Multer	4/26-4/30	Raymond M. Kennett	4/54-8/54

Mayors

August 3, 1927, the title President of the Board changes to Mayor

John M. Walshe	4/30-5/31	Robert F. Dennis	4/57-4/58
Harry A. Link	5/31-2/32	Elton Phillips	4/58-4/59
John J. Bottema	2/32-4/32	Conrad T. Reibold	4/59-4/60

Earl Busse	4/32-5/32	Donald Camphouse	4/60-4/61
Jesse Balser	4/61-4/62	Dennis A. Lojeski	4/83-4/84
Edward L. Butterworth	4/62-4-63	David S. Hannah	4/84-4/85
Elton Phillips	4/63-4/64	Donald D. Pellegrino	4/85-4/86
Dale E. Turner	4/64-4/65	Mary B. Young	4/86-4/87
Conrad T. Reibold	4/65-4/66	Charles E. Gilb	4/87-4/88
George Forman	4/66-4/67	Robert C. Harbicht	4/88-4/89
Robert J. Considine	4/67-4/68	Roger Chandler	4/89-4/90
Don W. Hage	4/68-4/69	Mary B. Young	4/90-4/91
C. Robert Arth	4/69-4/70	Charles E. Gilb	4/91-4/92
Edward L. Butterworth	4/70-4/71	George Faching	4/92-4/93
James R. Helms	4/71-4/72	Joseph Ciraulo	4/93-4/94
Don W. Hage	4/72-4/73	Mary B. Young	4/94-4/95
C. Robert Arth	4/73-4/74	Dennis Lojeski	4/95-4/96
Alton E. Scott	4/74-4/75	Barbara D. Kuhn	4/96-4/97
Charles E. Gilb	4/75-4/76	Robert C. Harbicht	4/97-4/98
Floretta K. Lauber	4/76-4/77	Gary A. Kovacic	4/98-4/99
Jack Saelid	4/77-4/78	Roger Chandler	4/99-4/00
David E. Parry	4/78-4/79	Gary A. Kovacic	4/00-4/01
Robert G. Margett	4/79-4/80	Mark "Mickey" Segal	4/01-4/02
Donald D. Pellegrino	4/80-4/81	Gail A. Marshall	4/02-4/03
Charles E. Gilb	4/81-4/82	Sheng Chang, M.D.	4/03-7/03
Donald D. Pellegrino	4/82-4/83	Gary A. Kovacic	7/03-10/03

Centennial Rotation

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John Wuo	10/03-1/04	April A. Verlato	9/23-7/24
<i>Centennial Rotation</i>			
Mark "Mickey" Segal	1/04-4/04	Michael Cao, M.D.	7/24-4/25
<i>Centennial Rotation</i>			
Gary A. Kovacic	4/04-4/05	Sharon Kwan	4/25-2/26
John Wuo	4/05-4/06	Eileen Wang	2/26-5/26
Roger Chandler	4/06-4/07	Paul Cheng	5/26- Present
Mark "Mickey" Segal	4/07-4/08		
Robert C. Harbicht	4/08-4/09		
John Wuo	4/09-4/10		
Peter Amundson	4/10-4/11		
Gary A. Kovacic	4/11-4/12		
Robert C. Harbicht	4/12-4/13		
Mark "Mickey" Segal	4/13-4/14		
John Wuo	4/14-4/15		
Gary A. Kovacic	4/15-4/16		
Tom Beck	4/16-4/17		
Peter Amundson	4/17-6/18		
Sho Tay	6/18-4/19		
April A. Verlato	4/19-4/20		
Roger Chandler	4/20-4/21		
Sho Tay	4/21-4/22		
Tom Beck	4/22-11/22		
Paul P. Cheng	11/22-9		

CITY MANAGERS

10/51-6/56	William J. Richard, first City Manager
6/56-6/59	Neil Anderson, former Police Chief
6/59-8/59	Lawrence Cook, former Assistant City Attorney
8/59-12/59	Charles Lortz, former City Engineer
12/59-5/66	Harold K. Schone
5/66-9/66	Wesley McDaniels, former City Manager Pro Tem
9/66-9/77	Lyman H. Cozad
1/78-2/81	Lyle Alberg
7/81-5/92	George J. Watts
9/92-12/93	Donald R. Duckworth
1/94-12/07	William R. Kelly
1/08 –10/11 10/11-03/12	Donald Penman (Contract)
03/12-Present	Dominic Lazzaretto

CITY CLERKS

1903 - 1907	J.P. Cavalier
1907 - 1912	A.M. Stout
1912 - 1914	C.M. Pedley
1914 - 1917	George E. Grimes
1917 - 1924	E. Grimes Farwell
1924 - 1932	Giles G. Mead
1932 - 1946	W.H. Nesbitt
1946 - 1948	W.C. Billig
1948 - 1952	Richard C. Ewing
1952 - 1956	Walter Cornish
1956 - 1988	Christine Van Maanen
1988 - 2004	June D. Alford
2004 - 2012	James H. Barrows
2012 – 2024	Gene Glasco
2024 - Present	Linda Rodriguez (Appointed per City Charter)

CITY ATTORNEYS

6/50 - 7/51	Marshall & Burke
7/51 - 5/52	Marshall & Burke
5/52 - 12/67	James Nicklin
12/67 - 1/68	Rex H. Minter
1/68 - 2/68	James Nicklin, Special Counsel
2/68 - 3/68	James Nicklin, Acting City Attorney
3/68 - 3/74	Robert D. Ogle
3/74 - 7/76	J. William Phillips
8/76 - 1/83	Charles J. Liberto
2/83 - 10/99	Michael H. Miller
10/99 - 12/22	Stephen P. Deitsch, Best, Best and Krieger LLP
01/23 - Present	Michael J. Maurer, Best, Best and Krieger LLP

POLICE CHIEFS

1903 – 1906	Elmer Anderson	1944 – 1947	Loren F. Sihler
1906 – 1908	O.C Berdie	1947 – 1951	William Cahill
1908 – 1912	Charles S. Smith	1951 – 1956	Neil F. Anderson
1912 – 1914	William T. Bush	1956 – 1958	William S. Orr
1914	John R. Ott	1958 – 1974	Robert S. Seares
1914 – 1916	E. F. Glass	1974 – 1985	Charles D. Mitchell
1916 – 1917	William T. Bush	1985 – 1995	Neal R. Johnson
1917 – 1922	Fred W. Treen	1995 – 1999	Ronnie D. Garner
1922 – 1923	Myer J. Miller	1999 – 2005	David H. Hinig
1923 – 1926	Hugh M. Topping	2005 – 2011	Robert P. Sanderson
1926 – 1930	Arthur N. Coberly	4/11 – 7/11	Robert Guthrie, Interim
1930 – 1934	Louis J. Richards	7/11 – 12/20	Robert Guthrie
1934	L.I. Hollowell	01/21 – Present	Roy Nakamura
1934 – 1935	Louis J. Richards		
1935 – 1938	Donald G. Ott		
1938 – 1939	Loren C. Roosevelt		
1939 – 1942	Donald G. Ott		
1942 – 1944	William S. Orr		

FIRE CHIEFS

Note: Until 1936 the Police Chief also served as Fire Chief

1909	Commencement of the city's first fire department. Charles S. Smith becomes responsible for both fire and police services.
1923	H.M. Topping assumes duty as Fire Marshal
1926	A.N. Coberly appointed Fire Marshal
10/16/34	L.J. Richard, Fire Marshal
3/21/35	J.M. Nellis, Fire Marshal
6/19/36	Donald Ott, Fire Chief
8/1/36	Chief of Police relieved as Fire Chief. Frank Steffel appointed to serve as Fire Chief
8/5/36	Frank Steffel resigns as Fire Chief, effective 8/31/36
8/24/36	John S. Eshelman appointed to fill vacancy
6/2/38	Eshelman resigns; J.M. Nellis appointed
7/1/47	Volunteer fire department disbanded
7/1/58	J.M. Nellis resigns; Laurence J. Way appointed
1973	Laurence J. Way retires
1973	Gene Mahoney appointed
1975	Mahoney resigns; Robert Dick appointed
1977	Gerald Gardner

1997	Ken Lavoie
1998	Jim Reed (interim)
1999	Pete Bonano
2002	George Trupelli (interim)
2002	David Lugo
2007	Tony Trabbie
2014	Kurt Norwood
2016	Michael Lang
2021	Barry Spriggs
2022 - Present	Chen Suen