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Happy New Year, Arcadia! We are excited to bring you the first edition of our new monthly e-newsletter. As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you informed and connected, this newsletter will share important updates, stories, and events happening right here in our community.

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It's going to be a ball! Pickleball Courts Coming to Tierra Verde Park

After hearing numerous concerns from residents about the need for additional pickleball courts, Mayor Michael Cao was determined to find a solution to enhance a neighborhood park. In the fall of 2024, Mayor Cao initiated meetings with various public officials to identify potential funding opportunities for this project. Thanks to his persistence, the City of Arcadia was recently awarded \$30,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to upgrade the courts at Tierra Verde Park!

"With pickleball gaining popularity and long waits at local courts, we needed a way to make better use of our existing court space, and this project will do just that," said Mayor Michael Cao.

With Mayor Cao's leadership and support from Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office, Arcadia can address the growing demand for racquet sports without incurring the high cost of building a new court in its southern parks. The project is entirely grant funded and includes resurfacing and restriping the courts. This will alleviate the need for players to manually convert the courts each time they want to play pickleball, or switch back to tennis. Project work is expected to finish by early spring and will require a brief closure of the courts to make the necessary improvements. A notice will be posted at the courts and on the City's website to provide project updates.

In the meantime, explore some of Arcadia's other fantastic parks! Pickleball enthusiasts can head to Camino Grove Park, where courts are ready for play. Tennis players have courts available at Bicentennial Park, Camino Grove Park, Hugo Reid Park, and Orange Grove Park.



High Wind Warning, January 7 - 8

The National Weather Service has issued a High Wind Warning, which will affect the Arcadia area from Tuesday, January 7, to Wednesday, January 8. During this time, winds of 30–50 mph are expected, with gusts reaching 60–80 mph, and potential isolated gusts as high as 100 mph in some areas. With dry conditions and strong winds, there is an increased risk of wildfires.

Prepare ahead of the expected high winds:

- Secure outdoor items, close windows, and doors tightly.
- Prepare your emergency kit with food, water, medication, and other essentials.
- Prepare for potential power outages with flashlights, batteries, and portable chargers. Charge cell phones and other essential electronics.
- [Sign up for Alert Arcadia](#) to receive local emergency information and other important community messages via text messages, emails, and over the web.



During the windstorm:

- Stay indoors and avoid unnecessary travel during peak wind gusts.
- All urgent or life-threatening emergencies and downed power line should be reported to 911.
- Windstorm-related issues like downed trees or roadway damage should be reported to Public Works Services at [\(626\) 254-2720](tel:626-254-2720).
- To report damage outside regular business hours, call Arcadia Police's non-emergency line at [\(626\) 574-5123](tel:626-574-5123).

Arcadia Shines in the Rose Parade

The Arcadia Fire Department made history on New Year's Day as its 1926 American La France fire engine rolled down Colorado Boulevard in the renowned Rose Parade! Adorned with over 5,000 hand-placed flowers from across the nation, this antique fire engine was the perfect centerpiece to transport members of the prestigious Rose Bowl Hall of Fame.

Joining the ride were former Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio and Oregon's record-setting running back LaMichael James, driven by Arcadia's very own Fire Chief Chen Suen. The engine has long been retired from service but makes appearances in local parades and community events across Arcadia.



Photo Courtesy Rose Parade



Celebrating Lunar New Year in Arcadia

Happy Lunar New Year! Join us in celebrating the Year of the Snake with a lineup of exciting programs throughout the month.

- [Lunar New Year Exhibit at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage](#) - See artwork decorated by community members, opening January 18.



- Lunar New Year Festival in Downtown Arcadia - Downtown Arcadia will host a family-friendly celebration filled with excitement and tradition on Sunday, February 2, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. From Dragon Dances to culinary delights, there's something for everyone as we ring in the Lunar New Year!



- Lunar New Year Lunch, 50+ - Experience a vibrant lineup of live performances showcasing Chinese culture, all while enjoying delicious Chinese cuisine for lunch! February 14 at 11:30 a.m., reservation required.



Welcome Council Member David Fu, District 1

David Fu comes to the Arcadia City Council after a long history of public service. He has served on the Judicial Council of California, the State Bar of California's Commission, and the co-chair of the Real Property Law Section for the State Bar. In the community, he has served on the Arcadia Rotary Club and on the Board of Directors for the Arcadia Fire Department Foundation. During his term, Council Member Fu is focused on supporting first responders, fostering commercial district development, and encouraging vibrant community and cultural events.

Council Member Fu is a 28-year real estate and business lawyer, practicing in Arcadia, and living in Highland Oaks with Natalie, his wife.



District 4 Re-Elects Council Member Paul Cheng

Council Member Paul Cheng has been re-elected for his second term on the Arcadia City Council. Since first taking office, Council

Member Cheng has been an advocate for public safety, and language access and inclusivity. His commitment to service extends to honoring local veterans through initiatives such as Operation Gratitude, and supporting the development of the new Veterans Banner Program. Council Member Cheng also launched the annual Community Cleanup Day, a special event where Arcadians unite to beautify the City while also recognizing individuals who have made a lasting impact on Arcadia.

Council Member Cheng was originally elected to the Arcadia City Council in 2020, serving as the Mayor between 2022-2023.



Arcadia Police Leverage Cameras to Combat Crime

The Arcadia Police Department is keeping our community safe by utilizing innovative tools like the Flock Camera System. This license plate reader connects to a broader camera network, aiding in the swift identification and tracking of suspects involved in criminal activities.

One recent success story involved an armed robbery on the 800 block of Arcadia Avenue. The incident began when a pickup truck reversed out of a driveway and deliberately collided with the victims' vehicle to rob the occupants.



With help from the Flock Camera System and neighboring law enforcement, the suspects were located in the City of Los Angeles a few hours after the incident. After being detected by the camera system, officers followed the vehicle and ultimately apprehended both individuals, who were taken to the Arcadia Police Station for booking.

By leveraging innovative technology and strong inter-agency partnerships, the Arcadia Police Department is taking a smart approach to maintaining the safety of our community.

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