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This newsletter shares important updates, stories, and events happening right here in our community. Below, you'll find a table of contents featuring the top stories of the month. If you're interested, simply click the link to read the full article.

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Arcadia Signs Agreement for LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games

The City of Arcadia became the latest to sign a Venue City Games Agreement with LA28, the Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee in Los Angeles. Approved by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, November 4, the agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of both the LA28 Organizing Committee and the City of Arcadia.

LA28 identified Arcadia, home to the renowned equestrian center at Santa Anita Park, as an ideal staging area for the Games. During the Games, Arcadia will welcome spectators from around the world to see athletes compete in dressage, show jumping and eventing, all which have been part of the Olympic program since 1912. Santa Anita Park was also the site for equestrian events during the 1984 Olympic Games, but LA28 will mark the first time that para equestrian events are staged in Arcadia.



"We are thrilled to bring the Games back to Arcadia and to welcome international teams at such a historic venue," said Arcadia Mayor Sharon Kwan. "Arcadia is proud to be part of the LA28 story, which celebrates our community's history, diversity and inclusive spirit. With a long-standing tradition of hosting world-class equestrian events, Arcadia embodies the essence of the Olympic spirit and is honored to be named an LA28 Venue City."

Arcadia is one of two Venue Cities bringing the Games to the San Gabriel Valley. The City also shares LA28's commitment to sustainability by utilizing existing, world-class facilities across Southern California to create an impactful Games experience. Through this partnership, Arcadia will help showcase the region's offerings, leaving a lasting legacy for both the City and the broader region.

"This agreement provides a roadmap for coordinating efforts across various partners to make an event of this scale a success. I'm honored to serve on the City Council as we help deliver such a momentous event for Arcadia," said Councilmember Michael Cao.

Registration for LA28 tickets will open in January 2026. The City will share more information with community members and businesses on ways to get involved, including local watch parties, volunteering, transportation to the venue and planned celebrations.

To learn more about the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, [visit www.la28.org](http://www.la28.org).

Citywide Camping Ban Reinstated

At its October 21, 2025 meeting, the Arcadia City Council approved Ordinance No. 2410, allowing the City of Arcadia to reinstate its citywide ban on camping on public property. The change removes previous requirements such as offering shelter, providing notice, or storing personal belongings, in alignment with the Grants Pass decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. This update will help the Arcadia Police Department enforce the camping ban more effectively.

Despite the proposed changes to the Municipal Code, the presence of unhoused individuals in Arcadia is likely to remain, especially during daytime hours when the unhoused tend to move about the community. The ordinance does not ban homelessness but brings Arcadia's local laws in line with recent court rulings and provides a more effective tool to connect unhoused individuals with available services.

Case Management & Housing Navigation

Importantly, repealing and amending these sections of the Arcadia Municipal Code will not negate Arcadia's "service first" approach, and the City will continue providing street outreach and using a variety of prevention and diversion programs to address homelessness. The City of Arcadia contracts with [Los Angeles Centers for Drug and Alcohol Abuse \(LACADA\)](#) for homeless case management, housing navigation, Prevention & Diversion Program allocation, and Emergency Services distribution. Through this contract, Arcadia has three dedicated Case Managers/Housing Navigators that assist with street outreach, mental health support, substance abuse services, benefit services, essential resource distribution, rental assistance, application fees, security deposits, reunification services, housing placement, and more. If you or someone you know in Arcadia is experiencing homelessness or is at risk of becoming homeless, call [\(562\) 844-1484](tel:(562)844-1484) or email arcadia@lacada.com. One does not need to be experiencing homelessness to receive help, there are preventative services available to keep people housed.

Honoring Arcadia Veterans

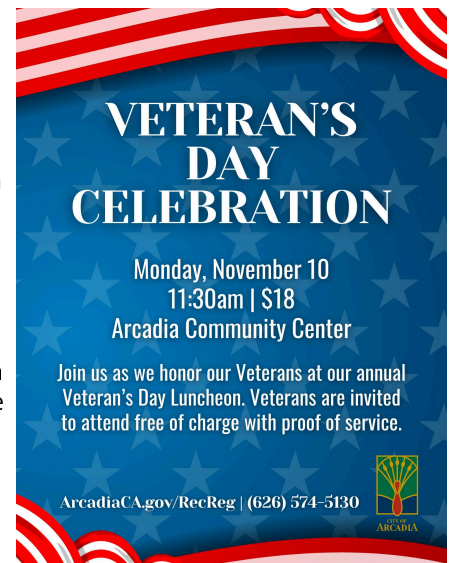
The City of Arcadia is dedicated to supporting and honoring its veterans throughout the year by offering various programs, events, and resources, including referrals to veteran service providers. Throughout the month of November, the City of Arcadia will display street light banners to recognize living military personnel with ties to Arcadia. These banners, proudly displayed along Huntington Drive and Baldwin Avenue will honor hometown heroes who have served in the armed forces.

[View the Military Banner Display Map](#)

On November 10, veterans will be celebrated at the annual Veterans Day Celebration luncheon at the Arcadia Community Center. This special event offers veterans the opportunity to share a meal with family and fellow service members, enjoy camaraderie, and receive a gift from Operation Gratitude as a token of appreciation. To all veterans, thank you for your service and the sacrifices you have made for our Country. The Arcadia community is grateful for your bravery, and we salute you for your service.

Resources for Veterans

- To stay informed on upcoming events and veteran programs, join the City of Arcadia mailing list. Call [\(626\) 574-5130](tel:(626)574-5130) or visit www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Veteran to be added to the list.
- The Veteran Peer Access Network helps veterans navigate complicated systems to receive the services they deserve. Learn more by calling [\(661\) 405-6901](tel:(661)405-6901) or visiting dmh.lacounty.gov/veterans.
- The San Gabriel Valley Veterans Affairs Clinic is an outpatient clinic that provides primary care and specialty health services. Learn more by calling [\(818\) 672-2800](tel:(818)672-2800) or visiting VA.gov.
- Veterans services are available at the Office of Supervisor Barger, offering assistance with compensation and benefits claims, medical and mental health referrals, educational and vocational support, home loans, grant applications, and legal services. For more information, call [\(909\) 394-2264](tel:(909)394-2264).



- Visit the Arcadia Veterans Local History Room, a permanent exhibit space located in the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage, dedicated to veterans from the City of Arcadia.
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Autumn Cleanup Resource Guide

Properly dispose of FOGs, schedule bulky item pickups, manage yard waste, and keep up with property maintenance to keep our community clean.

Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOGs)

The holidays are near, which means plenty of cooking! Remember, fats, oils, and grease (FOGs) should never be poured down the drain. FOGs from meat, oil, butter, and products like mayonnaise and salad dressings can clog pipes and damage sewer lines, causing wastewater backups, creating serious public-health risks. Here's what you can do instead:

- Used FOGs can be properly disposed of by pouring or scraping it into a sealable container, then placing the sealed container into the black trash cart.
- Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing, then throw away the paper towels in the black trash cart.



Bulky Item Pick-Up

Waste Management offers four (4) free bulky item pick-ups per calendar year for each single-family residential account and two (2) for each multi-family residential account. Call [800-266-7551](tel:800-266-7551) to schedule.

Landscaping

Lawns and landscaping should be maintained regularly for a tidy appearance. Be sure to water, mow, edge your lawn, and remove weeds or overgrown vegetation. Fill in any bare areas to keep your yard looking well-kept. Also, ensure walkways are clear of tree leaves and debris, especially now that school is back in session, to provide a safe path for students. [Visit www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RLG](http://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/RLG) for more tips.

With many trees around the City, leaf cleanup becomes essential as the leaves begin to fall. Remember to dispose of leaves and green waste in your organic waste cart. Do not rake or pile them in the street. Excess leaf debris can't be collected by street sweepers and may cause blockages.

Property Maintenance

Keep your property safe from the elements and in good condition by fixing or replacing exterior components that are broken or in disrepair. Be sure to also store inoperable vehicles, debris, and equipment out of public view. For more information, contact Code Services at [\(626\) 574-5432](tel:626-574-5432).

Safety Spotlight: Thieves Tunnel Through Roof into Jewelry Store

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, at approximately 10:47 a.m., Arcadia Police Department officers responded to L & Z Jewelry, regarding a commercial burglary report. Officers determined that between 7 p.m. on October 17 and 10 a.m. on October 18, unknown suspect(s) gained access to the roof of the vacant business next door, forcibly entered the premises, and then tunneled into the jewelry store's safe room.

Instances of thieves gaining access through unconventional methods, such as entering through the roof, are becoming increasingly common, as seen in cases across the Los Angeles area, like [Glendale](#), [Manhattan Beach](#), and [El Monte](#). This approach allows criminals to bypass security cameras and other safeguards, giving them access to highly secure areas. Homeowners and business owners can enhance security by installing cameras that cover rooftop access points and by using motion-activated lighting to detect and deter suspicious activity early.

The case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Arcadia Police

Department at [\(626\) 574-5151](tel:(626)574-5151), case number 25-4164. If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store, or by using the [website lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org).

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