

The Arcadia Hot Sheet

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Highlighting News and Events from Around Town

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Addressing Homelessness in Arcadia

Homelessness is a difficult reality for many individuals. The City of Arcadia is dedicated to addressing the crisis by working closely with specialized agencies to provide emergency housing, employment opportunities, food assistance, and more.

The City of Arcadia contracts with Los Angeles Centers for Drug and Alcohol Abuse (L.A. CADA) for homeless case management, housing navigation, Prevention & Diversion Program allocation, and Emergency Services distribution. Through this contract, three dedicated Case Managers/Housing Navigators assist with outreach in the field, connections to mental health support services, substance abuse services, housing placement, and much more. Additionally, Case Managers support Arcadia community members with housing matters, reunification services, benefit connections, etc. One doesn't need to be experiencing homelessness to receive help.



During Fiscal Year (FY) 22-23, staff addressed 3,558 homelessness-related service calls, and invested over 5,000 hours in field checks, emergency responses, and administrative tasks.

To directly and indirectly support programs related to homelessness, the City of Arcadia spent \$1,176,259.48 in FY22-23.

The primary source of grant funding for these programs is Measure H, a 0.25% sales tax increase approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2017. From FY2017-23, Arcadia's sales tax generated and allocated to Measure H approximately \$16.8 million in revenues for homeless services countywide, and about \$662,000 has been returned directly to Arcadia to fund homeless programs. Other funding sources include the Permanent Local Housing Allocation, a program under Senate Bill 2, and a \$250,000 allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Recent Success Stories

In partnership with L.A. CADA, Arcadia has provided individuals and families with the resources needed to rebuild their lives.



In November 2023, a mother and her 6 children faced homelessness after staying in a hotel for 5 months. Referred by the Foothill Unity Center, the outreach team met with the family and discovered they had a safe place to stay out of state but needed assistance getting there. The team extended their hotel stay, purchased plane tickets, provided jackets for the family, and organized transportation to the airport.

In May 2023, during a field visit, the outreach team encountered a woman and offered information about residential treatment options and free dental care. During a subsequent visit, they discovered she was living under the wash and in need of food and hygiene products. The team promptly provided these items, secured an emergency shelter bed, and provided transportation to the shelter.

In October 2022, after several months of assisting an individual, the outreach team witnessed significant strides in his recovery. The team fostered trust through consistent visits, assisting him in obtaining crucial items such as an ID, phone, and EBT card. With collaborative assistance from Union Station Homeless Services, he secured full-time employment at a restaurant and is working towards long-term housing.



If you or someone you know in Arcadia is experiencing homelessness or is at risk of becoming homeless, call 562.844.1484 or email arcadia@lacada.com.

Learn more about Arcadia's ongoing efforts to address homelessness and view statistical data at ArcadiaCA.gov/Homeless.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MAY

4 Don't miss the annual **Community Bike Ride** on May 4! Let "the force" guide you through the 7-mile ride around Arcadia. Check in begins at 7 a.m., ride starts at 8 a.m. *Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/BikeRide to learn more and to pre-register for this free event.*

7 **Education Kits**, celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, will be ready for pick-up at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage on May 7!

8 **Take the Arcadia Community Survey!** The online community survey will close on May 8, so share your thoughts on city services, programs, and more before the end of the day. Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/CommunitySurvey for ways to participate!

9 **Decorate journals** and learn how journaling can help your mental health and wellness, on May 9, at 7 p.m., at the Arcadia Public Library! Materials and guided prompts will be provided. Program is designed for adults. To learn more, visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Library.

11 The City of Arcadia is excited to host the annual **Law Day**, a free, 20-minute legal counseling with an attorney, on May 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Arcadia Community Center. Appointments required. *Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/LawDay for more information and to make an appointment.*

The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage will host a showing of **Norman Mineta and His Legacy: An American Story**, on May 11, at 10:30 a.m. A panel discussion will follow the screening.

13 Priority **Summer Registration** for Recreation programs and classes begin on May 13. General public registration begins on May 20. *Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/RecReg to browse and register.*

18 The **Mulch Giveaway** will take place on May 18, 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. This program is free to Arcadia residents, first come first serve, while supplies last. This is a self-haul event, and residents need to bring their water bill and containers to carry mulch, limited to 2 cubic yards per residence.

22 The **Health Education Series**, will take place on May 22, at 6 p.m., discussing Adolescent Mental Health. Presented by Robert Holloway, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry & the Behavioral Sciences, Pediatrics, and Anesthesiology. Pre-registration is recommended. Learn more at ArcadiaCA.gov/HealthSeries. Mandarin translation provided.

30 Calling all teens to take a well-deserved break from the books and join us at the library for **De Stress Fest for Highschoolers**, an afternoon of relaxation and huggable therapy dogs on May 30, at 3:30 p.m.

JUNE

1 Learn how to preserve and digitize your personal and family history at the next **Preservation Workshop**, on June 1, at 10 a.m., at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. Limited space. *To RSVP, visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Museum.*

8 Bring your documents to the **Shred Event** on June 8! This event will be held at the Arcadia Library - West Parking Lot, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Proof of Arcadia address is required and each vehicle is limited to 5 boxes; no plastic bags.

13 Celebrate Arcadia's gold medal moments at the **Mayor's State of the City**, on June 13, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Le Méridien. The City is honored to welcome San Gabriel Valley native and Olympian Mirai Nagasu as the keynote speaker. *RSVP by May 31 at ArcadiaCA.gov/StateoftheCity or call (626) 574-5113.*