

ARCADIA

COMMUNITY NEWS



Investing in Safety, Community Growth, and Vital Services

ARCADIA'S ADOPTED BUDGET IN BRIEF

In today's economic landscape, cities across the San Gabriel Valley and beyond are navigating a variety of factors that impact their fiscal future. For Arcadia, a series of responsible choices that included delaying large purchases and moderating costs in a post-pandemic inflationary environment has continued to put the City in a good financial position.

This fiscal year, the budget will be utilized to maintain existing infrastructure, upgrade equipment, add key positions, and introduce exciting new programs. Most importantly, it will prioritize public safety.

Despite spending on these essential programs, deliberate planning and maintaining flexibility to adjust to unforeseen economic shifts will guide Arcadia into another year of surplus. The City anticipates a \$2.5 million surplus, allowing for future savings and prepayments to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to further reduce future pension obligations.

NEW PROGRAMS TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

In FY 2024-25, \$1.43 million will be dedicated to new programs to make our City safer and more connected. Here's a glimpse of what's coming:

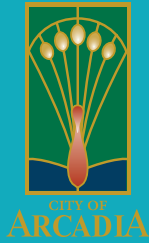
- Twenty additional mobile surveillance units will provide real-time insights to Arcadia Police, enhancing security and ensuring quick responses to potential threats and incidents.
- The SWAT Paramedics Program will train and equip six paramedics over two years, boosting emergency medical services during high-risk situations.
- Arcadia's website will be redesigned to include improved customer service features, search functions, and an intuitive design.
- This past year, Arcadia EDGE was introduced to allow online project plan and permit submissions. The final phase of this software will streamline department-wide processes to facilitate faster turnaround times on plans and applications.
- The youth basketball program will expand to offer non-competitive learning experiences for children during the summer.
- Arcadia Public Library will expand its electronic and print collections to meet rising demand.
- The Veteran's Banner Program will honor over 120 living military veterans with banners along Huntington Drive and Baldwin Avenue.
- The Citywide Health Education Series will continue to offer interpretation services for non-English speakers.



INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT

In Arcadia, a significant portion of the budget is dedicated to essential maintenance projects such as pavement rehabilitation, building repairs, and parks upkeep. The upcoming Fiscal Year's Capital Improvement Fund will support key initiatives, including meeting new water quality standards, facility upgrades at Fire Station 105, and installing a new cooling tower at the Library, all totaling \$37.8 million.

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SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

City Council

Michael Cao, *Mayor*
Sharon Kwan, *Mayor Pro Tem*
April A. Verlato, *Council Member*
Eileen Wang, *Council Member*
Paul P. Cheng, *Council Member*

City Officials

Dominic Lazzaretto, *City Manager*
Linda Rodriguez, *City Clerk*

City Council Meetings


The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. View the live meetings on:

- AT&T Channel 99
- Spectrum Digital Channel 15-257
- ArcadiaCA.gov

No Regular Meeting on July 2 and August 6.

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 City of Arcadia

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City Hall 574-5400
Building 574-5416
City Council 574-5403
City Manager 574-5401
Coyote Reporting Hotline 278-8039
Development Services 574-5415
Fire Administration 574-5100
Graffiti Hotline 821-4333
Historical Museum 574-5440
Library 821-5567
Planning 574-5423
Police Administration 574-5151
Public Works Services 254-2720
Recreation & Community Services 574-5113
Senior Citizen Services 574-5130
Shopping Cart Removal (800) 506-9983
Water Conservation Hotline 574-3000
Water Service 254-2700



Additionally, the Equipment Replacement Fund, budgeted at \$7.7 million, addresses the need to replace computers, vehicles, and office equipment as they reach the end of their useful life. This allocation will also cover essential purchases like a new Fire Department Ladder Truck for \$3 million, \$1.5 million for replacement vehicles in the Streets Division, \$504,500 for Police vehicle replacements, and \$293,200 for vehicles in the Water Division.

ENHANCING SERVICE THROUGH KEY POSITIONS

Several new positions included in this year's budget will create operational efficiencies and address evolving organizational needs. Competing for top tier talent remains a priority and a new Human Resources Manager will oversee recruitment, retention, compliance with employment laws, and more. Due to heightened regulatory requirements in fire grants and reimbursement programs, a new Management Analyst will optimize funding opportunities and support administrative functions within the Fire Department. Additionally, the Community Services Department will hire a new Recreation Supervisor dedicated to managing all homelessness duties in Arcadia, including required reporting, grants, stakeholder meetings, homeless plan updates, case management, and other needs as they arise.

PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS	FY 2024-25 START UP COSTS	ONGOING ANNUAL COSTS
Administrative Services		
Reinstate Accounting Supervisor	\$176,500	\$181,400
City Manager		
Website Redesign	\$60,000	\$7,400
Development Services		
EnerGov Business License Module	\$101,000	\$13,000
GIS Analyst	\$126,000	\$126,000
GIS Upgrade & Migration of Data	\$85,000	\$7,000
Fire		
Special Weapons and Tactics ("SWAT")		
Paramedic	\$15,000	\$93,500
New Management Analyst	\$152,400	\$142,000
Human Resources		
New Human Resources Manager	\$173,700	\$181,700
Fair Labors Standards Act ("FLSA") Audit	\$125,000	-
Library & Museum Services		
Veteran's Banner Program	\$37,200	\$10,000
New Library Materials	\$40,000	\$40,000
Police		
Mobile Surveillance Units	\$91,800	\$91,800
Cellphone and Digital Evidence	\$85,000	\$55,000
Scheduling Software	\$20,500	\$13,700
Recreation & Community Services		
New Recreation Supervisor	\$112,800	\$124,000
Coed Summer Youth Basketball League	\$9,700	\$9,700
Health Committee	\$22,000	\$22,000

For more information on the City's budget and all news related to Arcadia, visit

WWW.ARCADIACA.GOV/BUDGET

SUMMER CONCERTS & MOVIES IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 8
NO CONCERT ON JULY 4
CONCERT AT 6:30PM | MOVIE AT DUSK



JUL 11

STONE SOUL
Motown
KUNG FU PANDA 4, PG

JUL 25

ANYTHING FOR SALINAS *Selena Tribute*
ENCANTO, PG

JUL 18

DANCE DANCE EVOLUTION *Dance Hits*
NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM, PG



AUG 01

COLD DUCK
70s & Top 40s
THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE, PG

AUG 08

LATIN SOUL BAND
Funk/Old School
WISH, PG
Arcadia's 121st Birthday Celebration with First Responders

Arcadia City Hall Lawn, 240 W. Huntington Drive
Parking available at City Hall & Santa Anita Race Track, Gate 5

Pageant OF THE Masters

A LA MODE: THE ART OF FASHION



AUGUST
FRIDAY 9 5 PM - 12 AM

\$91 per person

Includes transportation & admission to a unique production where art comes to life.
ArcadiaCA.gov/Pageant

Friends of the Arcadia Public Library Present...

GOLD LINE QUARTET CONCERT



A Gregorian Chant, Family Tributes, and Jazz Hits will be performed in a French-American program by the Gold Line French Quartet.

Cay Mortenson Auditorium
Saturday, September 14, 2024
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
ArcadiaCA.gov/Library

Moon Festival
Saturday, September 14
5 PM - 8 PM
Arcadia City Hall Lawn

In collaboration with

亞凱迪亞華人協會
Arcadia Chinese Association
www.arcadiachineseassociation.org

ARCADIA
Chamber of Commerce

ArcadiaCA.gov/MoonFestival

City of Arcadia HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, August 10 **9am-12pm** **Arcadia Community Center**
Lectures | Doctor Consults | Health Screenings | Free & Open to All

Co-hosted by Arcadia City Health Committee



Keynote Speaker Lieutenant General Mary K. Izaguirre
46th US Army Surgeon General, Commanding General of US Army Medical Command



For more information, appointments, & seminar schedule, scan the QR code or visit ArcadiaCA.gov/HealthFair



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

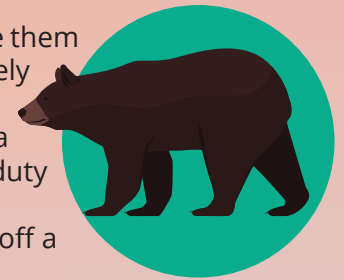
Part of Arcadia's beauty comes from our close proximity to the foothills, an area that's abundant with wildlife. It is important to be aware of how to interact with animals such as bears, coyotes, raccoons, mountain lions, snakes, and peafowl. Most wildlife poses little threat to humans as they have a natural fear of people and are not comfortable in unnatural surroundings. However, with a significant water shortage and the destruction of food sources by fire, animals are entering residential neighborhoods frequently.



Feeding peafowl on public and private property is prohibited in Arcadia. When residents feed peafowl, it creates an unnatural attractant, causing unusually large musters of peafowls in residential areas. The resulting overpopulation of peafowl further distresses their ecosystem, which causes the peafowl to seek out resources in nearby neighborhoods. In Arcadia, feeding peafowl on public or private property carry the same penalty. One violation is punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine, six months in jail, or both in accordance with AMC Section 1200.

Secure Your Trash & Deter Wildlife

- Put meat scraps in the freezer until trash day and wait until the day of pick-up to place them on the curb. Bear-resistant trash carts are available for purchase and would ultimately replace the green cart if utilized.
- Eliminate odors by double-bagging garbage and cleaning trash bins regularly with a strong-smelling disinfectant such as ammonia, bleach solutions, or a heavy-duty pine-scented cleaner.
- Soak sponges or rags in ammonia and place them inside your cans. Ammonia gives off a strong smell that animals do not like, helping to mask the odors that attract them.
- Keep barbecue grills clean and stored in a garage or shed when not in use, and promptly harvest or collect fallen fruit from trees.



Secure Your Home

Wildlife often find the crawl space under homes and elevated decks appealing for habitation. To prevent this, it is important to secure all ground-level access points and repair any ripped screens, holes, or missing boards. Raccoons are particularly notorious for tearing up roofs to gain access to attics. To minimize their access, trim branches away from the sides of the house and remove ivy and trellises. Additionally, installing a chimney cap can prevent squirrels and raccoons from establishing a residence and can also keep birds from falling in.

Safeguard Your Family & Pets from Coyotes

- If a coyote approaches you, do not turn your back and run – maintain eye contact and be as big and loud as you can. Make loud noises and throw objects in the animal's direction.
- If you see a coyote while walking with your pet or small children, pick them up and calmly leave the area.
- Do not leave small children outside unsupervised; do not leave cats and small dogs outside unattended.
- Do not leave pet food, water, fallen fruit from trees, or food waste in accessible areas.
- Dispose of garbage in secure containers and wait to place your trashcans at the curb until the day of pick-up.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

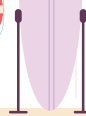
If your life is being threatened by a wild animal, call 911 or the Police Department at (626) 574-5151.

- Report injured or deceased peafowl to Pasadena Humane: (626) 792-7151
- Report abnormal coyote encounters and incidents: (626) 278-8039 | Coyotes@SGVCOG.org
- Learn more about bear-resistant trash carts: (626) 254-2720

SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT DROWNINGS



- Always watch kids and small pets around the water and designate a water watcher.
- Teach children to swim, or sign them up for swim classes.
- Properly fence all pools at least 4-feet in height around the perimeter of the pool/spa, and use a self-closing and self-latching gate.
- Know life-saving skills, including CPR for adults and kids. CPR classes are available through many hospitals, community centers, or by contacting the local American Red Cross/San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter at (626) 447-2193.



**VISIT WWW.POOLSAFELY.GOV
FOR MORE RESOURCES ON ESSENTIAL WATER SAFETY STEPS**

BEAT THE MOSQUITO HEAT

Tip 'n Toss! Mosquitoes can turn from egg to adult in a week. Eliminate stagnant water weekly in and around the home.

Repel, don't swell! Apply repellent to exposed skin to stop mosquito bites. Use Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, which is EPA-registered and CDC-recommended. Other effective repellents are Picaridin, DEET, and IR3535.

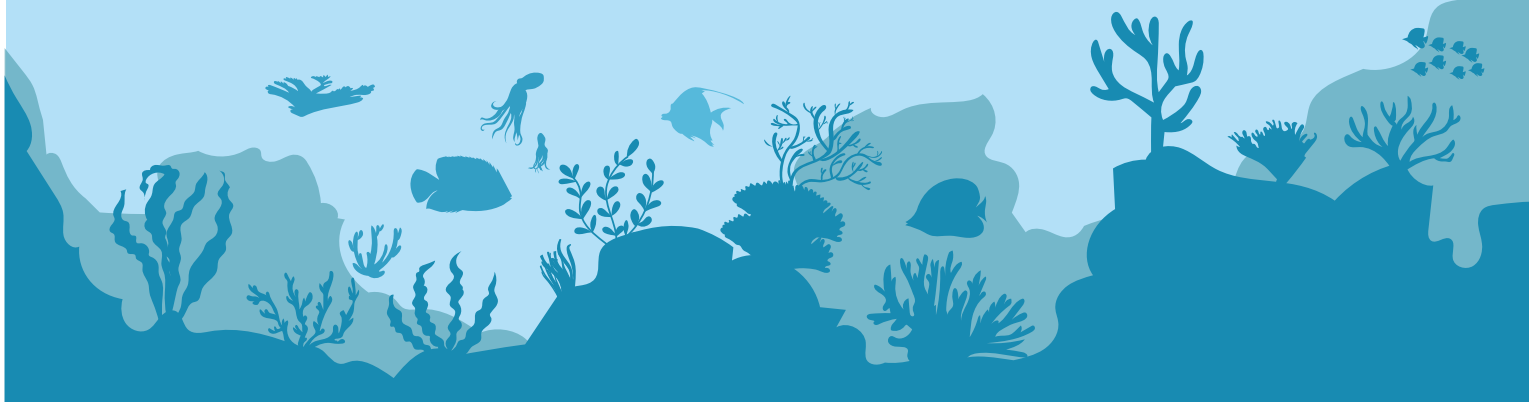


STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Stormwater refers to water that flows over our streets and yards and is captured in storm drains along street curbs. Storm drains are identified by the "No Dumping - This Drains to Waterways" logo, which drain from our street curbs directly to active watersheds that wildlife and plants depend on. Because stormwater drains directly to waterways, it's important to keep pollutants out of storm drains.

How do we protect our waterways from storm water pollution?

- Never dump anything down a storm drain and properly dispose of trash waste.
- Do not dump discharge wastewater, such as soapy water from car washing, into the storm drain system.
- Properly dispose of green waste - do not blow, sweep, hose or rake leaves into the street, gutter, or storm drains.
- Always recycle used oil, antifreeze and other chemicals.
- Pick up pet waste and properly dispose of it in a trash container.
- Report illegal dumping, spills, and illicit discharges to the Public Works Services Department at (626) 254-2720.






New Park Improvements Coming to Hugo Reid Park and Bonita Park

Beginning in summer, after the Little League season ends, improvements will be made, including: new bleachers with improved safety railings, ADA accessible seating, and shade canopies over the new bleachers to provide sun and heat protection.



Stay tuned! More information will be shared on ArcadiaCA.gov.

Improvement Project Funded By: LA County Regional Park and Open Space District



TREE CITY USA®
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

Arcadia designated as a "Tree City USA"

The Public Works Services Department plants 70 - 75 new trees every year! With approximately 15,300 trees under their care, they ensure that the trees in our parks, rights-of-way, medians, and public facilities flourish. Every tree is routinely trimmed to preserve their health and safety.

Celebrating 29 Years

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Volunteer



English Conversation Tutors

with the Arcadia Public Library
Help adults improve their English pronunciation & conversational skills

Contact the Arcadia Public Library at (626) 821-5569

Volunteer in Patrol Support (VIP)

with the Arcadia Police Department
Conduct vacation checks, assist with traffic control during major incidents & help with community events

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Jackie Hsu
(626) 574-5173 | jhsu@ArcadiaCA.gov



ARCADIACA.GOV/HOUSING

Explore Arcadia's Certified Housing Element, find information on affordable housing, home improvement grants for low-income property owners, ADU information and more.

NEW BUSINESSES ARRIVING IN TOWN!

Stay updated on the latest businesses setting up shop in our community! Each month, the City's website features a list of newly approved business licenses, including restaurants, retail stores, and more.

Visit ArcadiaCA.gov/BusinessLicense and click on the "New Business List" tab to see the new additions!

Public Works Events

Cookies & Compost | July 23 | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Join Public Works & Food Ed, at the Arcadia Community Center, for an afternoon treat and learn all about composting and how to use the community compost bin.

Garden 101 Workshop | August 27 | 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Learn about the gardening basics, including flower and vegetable gardening, and how to use compost to boost your garden at the Arcadia Library Auditorium.



The HIGHLANDS HOA

ANNUAL MEETING & BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPT 8

intersection of
Highland Oaks Drive & E. Woodland Ave.

4PM - 7PM

Games & Prizes, Food Trucks, Entertainment & Music, Bounce House & Petting Zoo

ARCADIA EDGE

Planning & Building Services is now only accepting online submittals for project plans and permits through Arcadia EDGE. You can conveniently submit your plans and documents online from anywhere, anytime!


ARCADIA EDGE
SCAN THE QR CODE
or visit ArcadiaCA.gov/EDGE



SHORT-TERM RENTALS PROHIBITED IN ARCADIA

To preserve the quality of life for Arcadia residents, short-term rentals, homesharing, and the advertisements of these uses are strictly prohibited. Renting out a room or an entire home on Airbnb or other short-term rental platform for less than 28 consecutive days is not allowed.

To report a short-term rental or for any questions regarding these regulations, contact the Code Services Division at (626) 574-5432.





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September Is...

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Here are 5 great reasons to have a Library Card...



1. eBook Access

Access and check out digital materials.



2. Study Rooms

Reserve a room for meeting or studying.



3. 3-D Printing

Make and take home a 3D print.



4. Hiking Backpack Kits

Take a hiking kit on your next adventure.



5. Memory Lab

Digitize photos, film slides, and more!

Visit the Arcadia Public Library and
apply for a free Library Card!

Gilb Museum Reminders



SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Every Saturday for the month of July!
Register online for FREE!



EDUCATIONAL KITS

Hispanic Heritage Kit
August 6 - September 30



NEW EXHIBIT OPENING

Santa Anita Park 90th Anniversary
Exhibit Opens August 10



PRESERVATION WORKSHOPS

Paper Workshop - September 7
Photograph Workshop - September 28



PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Every Friday starting September 6th!
Ages 2- 5

For more information:



arcadiaca.gov/museum

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