

Mountain Avenue Complete Streets Project

The City of Claremont continues to work toward the completion of the Mountain Avenue Complete Streets Project. This project was initially brought before the Traffic and Transportation Commission (TTC) in October 2021 as part of the City's roadway maintenance program. At that time, the TTC suggested to staff a number of improvements that were above and beyond basic roadway maintenance. The extensive improvements required that Mountain Avenue be reviewed with consideration for complete streets features/components per the City's Complete Streets Policy. Staff subsequently took an item to the City Council in January 2023 to award a design contract to KOA Corporation. The scope of the design contract was to integrate Complete Streets components including curb extensions; raised crosswalks; pedestrian crossings with rapid flashing beacons, a road diet (north of Foothill Boulevard); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements; a Class I bike lane (Butte Street to Harrison Avenue); and Class II bike lanes from Base Line Road to Bonita Avenue on Mountain Avenue. Staff also asked KOA to consider the recommendations from a Complete Streets Safety Assessment (CSSA) conducted by UC Berkeley on Mountain Avenue. Since then, City staff has held public meetings regarding the Mountain Avenue Complete Streets Project eight times. This public process includes five TTC meetings, two City Council meetings and one neighborhood meeting.



Staff anticipates having a shovel-ready Mountain Avenue Complete Streets project ready in November in order to apply for the next round of SB1 Local Partnership Program (SB1 LPP) Grant funding. In 2018, staff was successful in obtaining a SB1 LPP Grant Award in the amount of \$7,000,000 to bridge the gap in funding for the Foothill Boulevard Improvement Project. Staff is hopeful that the SB1 LPP funds will be able to assist with construction of the Mountain Avenue Complete Streets project in a single phase, if awarded.

City staff has provided a dedicated webpage on the City's website where all public meetings are identified. On this page, the public can find archived staff reports, presentations, and any additional documents available for this project. If there are questions regarding this project, members of the public may contact the Engineering Division at 909-399-5465.

Currently, staff is working with KOA to complete the plans to the 60% stage, with the anticipation of completing the design by early November 2024.



City Council Election - November 5, 2024

A General Municipal Election will be held on November 5, 2024 to elect two members of the Claremont City Council. Voters in Districts 1 and 5 will elect by-district City Council representatives. The City transitioned from at-large voting (citywide) to a by-district election system in 2019, creating five geographic district areas. The City redistricted in 2022 following the Census. The first by-district election was conducted for Districts 1 and 5 in November 2020. City Council terms are for four years.

In addition to voting for City Council Districts 1 and 5, Claremont voters will be voting on Claremont Unified School District trustees for Districts 2 and 5, a variety of County and State elected representatives and measures, and the President of the United States.

The Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office will begin mailing ballots starting October 7 and official sample ballot pamphlets will be mailed on October 15. Vote-by-Mail ballot drop-off boxes are located at the Alexander Hughes Community Center and Claremont Helen Renwick Library. County voting centers will open 10-14 days before the election. A list of vote centers will be released by the County 30 days before the election. The last day to register to vote in the November 5 election is October 21, 2024.

To find out your City Council District or for more information on the November 5, 2024 election, please visit www.ci.claremont.ca.us/election.

Rental Assistance Funding Available


The City is now accepting applications for the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program Cycle 2. This program is designed to assist Claremont renters who are either income-qualified OR are in need of "Emergency Rental Assistance" due to:

- Qualifying as extremely low-, very low-, or low-income;
- Experiencing certain qualifying exigent circumstances (e.g., illness, job loss, etc.);
- Needing to move as a result of a no-fault eviction; and/or a rental increase imposed on an already rent-burdened household or a rental increase that would result in a household becoming rent-burdened.

The Program is also designed to provide financial assistance to housing providers in Claremont who may wish to make improvements or upgrades to their property and is designed to provide an incentive to housing providers to lease their units at or below Fair Market Rent (FMR).

For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Katie Wand, Deputy City Manager, by phone at 909-399-5454 or email at KWand@ci.claremont.ca.us.





Community Wildlife Meeting

September 26 from 6pm-7:30pm

Encounters with wildlife are a common occurrence in Claremont. Coyotes, bears, rattlesnakes, and other wildlife come into neighborhoods in the warmer months seeking food and water. Join City staff and local partner agencies to learn more about living with local wildlife and the urban-wildland interface. A community panel presentation will be held on Thursday, September 26 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Alexander Hughes Community Center. Representatives from the Inland Valley Humane Society, Claremont Park Rangers, and City staff will answer questions from the audience. For more information, contact parks@ci.claremont.ca.us.



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City Council Adopts Two Year Budget

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024, the City Council unanimously approved the Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for 2024-26. The FY 2024-26 budget continues to provide the high levels of service expected in Claremont and maintains the quality programs and services that contribute to the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to the city. The balanced budget not only meets the operational needs of the City but also sets aside \$1.2 million in funding to address long-term pension liabilities.










General Fund Revenue is projected to be \$35.8 million and \$36.6 million respectively for 2024-25 and 2025-26, with 60% coming from sales and property taxes. The balance is generated from other City taxes, fees for service, permits, and reimbursements. General Fund expenditures and transfers out are projected to be \$35.8 million and \$36.6 million respectively for 2024-25 and 2025-26. Expenditures are approximately 4.6% higher compared to the 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures budget.

The City Has

2,534 acres of park land	24,833 City Trees	231 Miles of Sidewalk	2,264 City Streetlights
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed 2024-26 Capital Improvement Program Budget includes funding in the amount of \$12,141,045 for a variety of street and sidewalk maintenance, sewer repairs, storm drain and water infiltration projects, accessibility improvements, cemetery expansion, and traffic signal modification projects, among others. Capital Improvement funding comes from a number of special dedicated and restricted funds.

 Sidewalk Repairs Sewer Assessment & Repairs	 Pavement Repairs	 Arrow Hwy & Cambridge Pedestrian & Bike Improvements	 Signal Upgrades
 Accessibility Improvements City wide Street Striping Traffic Calming Claremont Blvd. Improvements	 Bus Stops	 Park Improvements Lewis Park Playground Cemetery Expansion	 Police Station Seismic Improvements & Womens Locker Room
 Underground Utilities on Arrow			

TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET: \$12.14 MILLION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Halloween Spooktacular
Saturday, October 19

The City of Claremont will be holding the 2024 Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday, October 19th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Lewis Park. This free event will be celebrating Halloween with carnival style games, costume contests, spooky stories, and more. Food trucks will be operating throughout the entire event.

Village Venture
Saturday, October 26

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce will host the 42nd Annual Village Venture Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Village Venture takes place in downtown Claremont, east of Indian Hill Boulevard between First and Fourth Streets. Many of the streets in the Village will be closed to traffic. For more event information, please visit claremontchamber.org, or call (909) 624-1681.

Veterans Day
Monday, November 11

The City of Claremont and American Legion Keith Powell Post 78 proudly announce the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will take place at Memorial Park (840 N Indian Hill Blvd.), on Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. This event will honor those who have served in the US Armed Forces.

Holiday Promenade
Friday, December 6

The City of Claremont's Recreation and Human Services Department and the Village Marketing Group will host the annual Holiday Promenade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 6 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Claremont Village. Stop by City Hall for photos with Santa and walk to the historic Depot for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m.

Special Needs Meet and Greet With Santa
Saturday, December 7

Families with special needs children are invited to a special meet and greet with Santa Clause at the Blaisdell Community Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

For more information about special events in Claremont, please visit the City website at www.claremontca.org or email SpecialEvents@ci.claremont.ca.us.

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed:

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 28 - Thanksgiving

There will be no refuse pick up on the holiday. Refuse pick up will be delayed one day following the holiday.



Senior Programs

Document Shredding Event

Wednesday, September 25, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Alexander Hughes Community Center
Safely dispose of sensitive documents and financial records without fear of identity theft. A \$20 donation is suggested. Proceeds will assist the Claremont Senior Program in purchasing outdoor game supplies, so that older adults can enjoy active recreation in our park! This event is sponsored by Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services.

Please note the following:

- Bring documents in plastic bags, not boxes.
- The shredder accepts staples and folders, but cannot process binders.
- Limit per person is three large trash bags.
- Tax records should be kept for five to seven years and should be verified by your CPA.
- Last shredding will be taken promptly at 12 p.m.
- Service will be first come, first served.

Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Joslyn Center

Free Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations will be available in partnership with the LA County Department of Public Health. This mobile clinic will be held at the Joslyn Center in the Weinberger Wing.

Written or verbal consent will be requested for those who are unable to consent for themselves (e.g, those under 18 years of age or those with cognitive disabilities). Minors must be accompanied by a guardian. Insurance information will be REQUESTED but is NOT required. To find more thorough vaccine information and frequently asked questions, please visit: www.vaccinatelacounty.com.



Senior Nutrition Program Site Spotlight: Blaisdell Community Center

Adults 60+ are invited to join us for lunch at our cozy neighborhood lunch site, nestled in Blaisdell Park. Hot nutritious meals are available Monday through Friday along with camaraderie, special events, and connection to all of the resources the Claremont Senior Program offers. Lunch is served promptly at noon on a first-come, first-served basis, for a suggested donation of \$2. The City also serves lunch at the Joslyn Center at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact the Claremont Senior Program at (909) 399-5488.

Youth Programs

After-School Programs Open

City of Claremont's after-school programs are now open to coincide with Claremont Unified School District's return to classes. The T.R.A.C.K.S. Activity Center is on the El Roble campus and the Youth Activity Center is in Joat Park, adjacent to Claremont High School. Each program site offers free, drop-in after-school programs for either middle-school or high-school-aged youth. Students will participate in a variety of fun and educational activities throughout the school year, along with free field trips and events. Registration is free and required before students can attend. Register online by going to www.claremontrec.com or visiting the Alexander Hughes Community Center to register in person.

Special Needs Programs

Fall Ball Dance

Join us for a fun night of dancing and activities for those with special needs and their families! Open to all ages, this free event will be held on Friday, September 20 from 6pm to 9pm at the Youth Activity Center and will include a DJ, photo booth, and refreshments. Please note a parent/guardian must attend the event with the individual with special needs. For more information, please call (909) 399-5356. Registration at www.claremontrec.com.

Community Safety and School Safety



Traffic Safety Tips For Back To School

With Claremont schools back in session, the Claremont Police Department will be strictly enforcing traffic laws in each of the school zones to ensure the safety of students, staff, and parents. Drivers are reminded to be especially vigilant before and after school hours when children are walking and riding their bikes.

Here are several recommendations on ways drivers can help to keep our kids safe:

- Give yourself plenty of time to get to school and drop off your child. Rushing can cause unsafe behavior and speeding.
- Slow down. The speed limit in school zones is 25 mph.
- Come to a complete stop at stop signs. Before proceeding, carefully check for children on the sidewalks and in the crosswalks.
- Drop off and pick up your kids in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street. Every vehicle has blind spots. Please check for children on sidewalks, in driveways, and around your vehicle before proceeding.
- Watch for children on bicycles. Slow down when passing bicyclists and allow at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist. Please ensure that your child wears a helmet while riding their bicycle to school.
- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving is against the law.
- Talk to your teen about vehicle safety. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States.

Please remember to follow all school drop off and pick up procedures. Claremont Police Officers will be patrolling the school zones and the streets surrounding the Claremont school zones to remind drivers to drive safely. We are looking forward to a safe and healthy school year for students, staff, and parents!

Meet SRO Jeff Dunbar

Meet Jeffrey Dunbar, the new School Resource Officer at the Claremont Police Department. A fun fact about Officer Dunbar is he loves baseball. He grew up playing and played in college for UC Riverside. He was drafted by the Seattle Mariners and played minor league baseball for almost six years. Officer Dunbar has been with the Claremont Police Department for two years and thoroughly enjoys being an Officer every day. As the new SRO and a parent himself, Officer Dunbar hopes to be resource for students, parents, and teachers. He will provide a crucial link between the Claremont Police Department and the CUSD community.



City Welcomes New K-9 Pria

Meet Pria, the newest member of the Claremont Police Department's K9 Unit! Pria is a three-year-old yellow English Labrador. She is a Support Services K9 trained to detect and aid those in a mental health crisis and will be used to aid in victim interviews, aid in critical incidents, help with Police Officer and staff mental wellness, aid citizens during any time of crisis, and more. Pria's handler is Corporal Chariya Chilson, who has been with CPD for nine years.

Thank you to the Claremont Police Foundation and their generous donors who enabled CPD to add a second K9 to the department. If you see K9 Pria in public, come and say hello – she would love to meet the people she is now serving!

Short Term Rentals Survey

The City is considering a Short-Term Rental Ordinance that would regulate short-term rentals of homes in Claremont. Short-term rentals are rentals of less than 30-days and typically rent through a booking website like Airbnb and Vrbo. Currently, the City does not allow home rentals under 30 days in duration. To gauge residents concerns in allowing short-term rentals, the City is inviting residents to take a survey. Staff and the City Council will utilize the responses to develop effective and balanced short-term rental regulations. To take the survey, please visit www.ci.claremont.ca.us and click on the banner on the homepage.

Housing Development Updates



La Puerta Development Update

On August 12, 2024, Trumark Homes informed the City of its intent to pursue its original 56-unit residential housing project.

For over two years, the City worked with Trumark Homes to revise a plan for a 56-unit townhome development on the site of the former La Puerta Intermediate School. The Claremont Unified School District owns the property. The School District designated the site as surplus property and put it up for sale in 2013. The Claremont Unified School District entered into an escrow agreement with Trumark Homes for the property in 2020.

Trumark Homes announced in April of 2024 that it was moving forward with a 91-unit residential project with 20% affordable units using the State's "Builder's Remedy" law. Builder's Remedy projects are subject to less restrictive zoning requirements and generally must be approved under a streamlined approval process with fewer public hearings. With the most recent announcement, City staff will return to moving the 56-unit project through the Commission and City Council review process.

The Architectural Commission reviewed the preliminary design of the 56-unit project on February 28, 2024. The draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 56-unit project was circulated to the public in July 2023. The 45-day public comment period on the DEIR ended in September of 2023. The Final EIR will be considered for certification by the Planning Commission and City Council in the upcoming public hearings. The City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendation and make the final decision on whether to approve the 56-unit project.

For project updates, visit www.ci.claremont.ca.us/lapuerta.



City of Claremont Helpful City Phone Numbers

City Hall/General Info	(909) 399-5460
24-Hour Public Comment Line	(909) 399-5389
City Manager	(909) 399-5441
City Clerk	(909) 399-5460
City Council	(909) 399-5444
Code Enforcement	(909) 399-5499
Building	(909) 399-5471
Engineering	(909) 399-5465
Planning	(909) 399-5470
Trees, Trash, & Recycling	(909) 399-5431
Hughes Center	(909) 399-5490
Joslyn Center	(909) 399-5488
Blaisdell Center	(909) 399-5367
YAC	(909) 399-5363
TAC	(909) 399-5378
Police Department	(909) 399-5411
Bulk Item Pick Up	(909) 399-5431
E-Waste Curbside Pick Up	(909) 399-5431
Utility Billing	(909) 399-5453

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