

Shout Hooray for the USA!

Get ready for two days of fun-filled 4th of July activities!

The celebration will begin on Saturday, June 29, 2024, with the Claremont Village Freedom 5000 Run/Walk. The event features a 1K Kids Fun Run, a 5K Run, and a 5K Walk/Competitive Race Walk through the scenic tree-lined streets of Claremont. The 1K Kids Fun Run for ages 12 and under takes place at 7:30am. Everyone in the 1K Kids Fun Run receives a medal. The 5K Run/Walk begins at 8am. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the top three male and top three female finishers in each age division. A special award is given to the top male and top female overall finishers. Regular registration ends June 27, 2024 at 11:59pm and prices increase for late registration. Race shirt availability is not guaranteed for late registrations, so please register early!

The festivities will continue Thursday, July 4, 2024, with the festival, parade, and fireworks show. The Kiwanis Club will be serving a delicious pancake breakfast from 7am - 10am at Memorial Park. At 9am, there will be a flag raising ceremony that includes presentations for the Grand Marshal, Honored Citizen, and Honored Community Group. The festival featuring entertainment, food, non-profit organization information booths, and children's activities will begin at 10am and end at 2pm. The T. Willard Hunter Speakers Corner will run from 11am to 2pm.

The annual parade will begin at 10am at Memorial Park and travel south on Indian Hill Boulevard, west on Harrison Avenue and end at Larkin Park. The 4th of July Parade is the highlight of the day. It has approximately 60 entries, including bands, floats, specialty vehicles, musical and novelty groups, and dignitaries. The young and young at heart can bring their bicycle and helmet and join the Kids on Bikes entry that leads the parade.

The day ends with a concert and fireworks show at Pomona College Strehle Track. The gates open at 6:30pm and Upstream, sponsored by The Claremont Colleges, will play from 6:45pm to 8:45pm. The fireworks show by Pyrospectaculars will begin at 9pm. Kiwanis BBQ dinner will also be available for sale. Tickets for the show are \$10 pre-sale and at the gate, if available. Fireworks Show tickets are on sale at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, City Hall, and Vons.



Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 29

1K & 5K Run/Walk
Memorial Park
7:30am 1K Kids Fun Run
8am - 5K Run/Walk

Thursday, July 4

Festival & Parade
Memorial Park
7-10am Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast
9am Flag Raising Ceremony
10am Parade
10am 2:00PM Festival
11am - 2pm - T. Willard Hunter Speakers Corner

Concert & Fireworks Show

Pomona College Strehle Track
6:30pm Gates Open
6:30-9pm Kiwanis Club BBQ
6:45-8:45pm Live Concert featuring Upstream (Reggae/Soca/Caribbean)
9pm Fireworks Show by Pyrospectaculars

Additional information on these items and more can be found on the City's Website at www.claremont4th.org or you may contact the Recreation and Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490 or by email at SpecialEvents@ci.claremont.ca.us.



Interested in Running for City Council in November? Nomination period opens July 15 and closes August 12

Are you a civic minded Claremont resident who wants to make a difference in your community? Have you ever considered running for City Council? This November, the City will hold a General Municipal Election to elect Councilmembers to represent District 1 and District 5. The City of Claremont is divided into five City Council districts. Councilmembers are elected to four-year terms by the voters residing within their specific residential district.

The nomination period to run for City Council opens on Monday, July 15 and closes on Monday, August 12. If an incumbent who is eligible to run does not file, the deadline will be extended to Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

To be eligible to run for election in the City of Claremont, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident and qualified elector/voter of your district.

The nomination papers and candidate packet to run for Council office will be available on July 15, 2024. To receive nomination papers and packet, candidates must make an appointment with the City Clerk's Office. Candidates may schedule an appointment by calling (909) 399-5461 or (909) 399-5463. For more information, including district boundaries, visit the City website at www.ci.claremont.ca.us.

Political Yard Signs: What You Need To Know

As the November 5, 2024 election season draws closer, political and candidate yard signs will begin to pop up in front yards. The City of Claremont allows political signs, flags, and banners to be displayed on private property as long as they do not exceed size limits and do not pose a safety hazard to motorists or pedestrians. Signs of a maximum 16 square feet in area and, if freestanding, a maximum of six feet in height are permitted. You may have multiple signs on your property. Political signs may not be placed on public property or within public rights-of way. Signs may not be affixed to City trees or light poles. For flags, the City has a restriction of no more than two flags per pole.

The City does not regulate the content of the political signs or flags as this would violate the right to Free Speech. Even offensive language on political signs or flags is protected under the First Amendment and has been upheld by the courts. To find out more about the City's Municipal Code, please visit the City's website www.ci.claremont.ca.us/municipalcode.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Events and Meetings

Friday Nights Live

Friday Nights Live is back in the Claremont Village! Starting each year in May, live bands perform every Friday night from 6pm-9pm through September 27, 2024. The locations are the Village Plaza (101 N. Indian Hill Boulevard), Chamber of Commerce (205 Yale Avenue), and Shelton Park (W. Bonita Avenue & N. Harvard Avenue). For more information and for a band schedule, please visit www.claremontchamber.org.

Lewis Park Playground Community Workshop

The City is inviting the community to a planning workshop for the new Lewis Park Playground on Wednesday, June 26 at 6pm at the Alexander Hughes Community Center. City staff and a designer will be facilitating a discussion on what the neighborhood would like to see in the park's two playground areas.

Summer Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed for holidays on:

- **June 19 - Juneteenth**
No trash collection on Wednesday, June 19.
- **July 4 - Independence Day**
No trash collection on Thursday, July 4.
- **September 2 - Labor Day**
No trash collection on Monday, September 2.

Trash collection will be delayed one day following the holiday. For residents with a Thursday trash day, trash will be collected on Friday. Police Services will continue uninterrupted. For after-hours emergencies like downed trees or water leaks, please call the Police Department at (909) 626-1296.

Tell Us What You Want In City Parks Improvements!

The City is soliciting community feedback to gauge what residents would like to see in its City parks in the future. While planning for new playground equipment at Lewis Park, community members reached out to staff and the City Council asking for a reassessment of how the City plans and funds park improvements. The City Council directed staff to work with the community on an assessment of Claremont's park amenities and use the feedback to develop a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan for future park improvements. The City will be launching a community survey on July 1, 2024 with community workshops to follow. For more information on parks, please visit the City website at www.ci.claremont.ca.us.

Fun in the Sun!

Claremont is the Place to be for Live Music, Movies, & Events

Summer is here and Claremont is heating up with a full schedule of free concerts and movies in the parks, live music in the Village, children's camps, and family-friendly events. Make sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss a minute of fun.

Monday Night Concerts

Memorial Park (840 N. Indian Hill Boulevard)
Monday nights at 7:00pm

- July 8 Cold Duck (70s Top 40)
- July 15 The Silverados (Country Rock)
- Jul 22 The Smokin' Cobras (Oldies)
- July 29 Suave (Jazz/Rock/R&B/Latin)
- Aug 5 Acoustical Mystery Tour (Beatles)
- Aug 12 Pop Vinyl (Pop & Dance)
- Aug 19 The Snipes (80s Rock & New Wave)
- Aug 26 The Answer (Classic Rock)

The Kiwanis Club will be offering concessions each night beginning at 6:00pm. All proceeds go directly to benefit the concert series.

Movies in the Park

Thursday nights
Kids activities at 7:30pm. Movies start at dusk.

- July 11 at Lewis Park
Super Mario Bros (PG)
- July 18 at June Vail Park
The Wizard of Oz
- August 1 at Memorial Park
Toy Story 4 (G)
- July 11 at Lewis Park
Trolls (PG)

Please bring a blanket and refreshments.

National Night Out

Get to know the men and women who protect and serve Claremont at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, at Joat Park (1717 N. Indian Hill Blvd) from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. National Night Out is an annual community event that brings neighbors together with local law enforcement to increase safety and foster dialogue. The event will feature police vehicles, booths, and displays, as well as games and prizes for kids. This year there will be a new Public Safety Meet & Greet before the event for special needs individuals and their families between 6pm - 6:30pm. At dusk, join the fun while watching the movie, Frozen Sing-A-Long. The Police Department will be accepting donations of children's toys, school supplies, and non-perishable snacks for the Children's Advocacy Center. For more information, visit www.claremontca.org or email SpecialEvents@ci.claremont.ca.us.



Did you know

The official Claremont flower is the Sticky Monkey Flower or *Diplacus aurantiacus*. The Sticky Monkey Flower is notable for its cheerful orange and yellow blooms, said to resemble a monkey's face. It is in the *Mimulus* genus which includes snapdragons. It's called the Sticky Monkey Flower because the leaves produce a protective sticky resin. This low-water plant's flowers attract hummingbirds and bees.

Parks & Trails Information



Wildlife Alert

Claremont Park Rangers have observed several species of wildlife in and around the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. Visitors to the park are warned to be cautious. Animals such as bears, deer, bobcats, coyotes, and mountain lions are becoming more active as the days become warmer.

If you see any wildlife, remain calm, stand tall, back away slowly, and do not try to get closer or engage the animal. While hiking, make noise to alert all animals of your presence and keep dogs on a leash next to you.

Snakes are also more active between April and October. If you're out on a hike, it is important to be cautious of your surroundings. Always look ahead of you and where you are stepping. Avoid going off trail into bushes and places where it is harder to see a snake. On very hot days, snakes hide under rocks and in holes, so be aware of where you place your hands and feet.

If a snake bites you, it is important to stay calm. If bitten, try to identify the snake to know whether it is venomous or not. If you are bitten by a venomous snake, you should seek medical attention as quickly as possible.

Stay safe by being aware of your surroundings and have a plan if an emergency arises. If you need assistance, please contact the Claremont Police Department at (909) 626-1296.



Mosquito Prevention

Don't let mosquitoes ruin your outdoor fun! Take a few precautions to ensure a relaxing, bite-free summer.

Warm weather allows mosquitoes to breed, bite, and blossom in our neighborhoods. This is when fatal diseases like West Nile virus can be transmitted to humans.

To prevent mosquitoes from biting, make sure to use mosquito repellent on your skin and clothes before going outdoors, especially around dusk. Make sure that your repellent has one of the following CDC-recommended active ingredients: Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, Picaridin, DEET, or IR3535.

Remove standing water from around your home to eliminate breeding areas. Mosquitoes need 7 days in water to grow into biting adults and can lay eggs in only a teaspoon of water. To keep mosquitoes away from your home, tip and toss stagnant water from containers and sources that hold water in your yard.

Pools should be kept clean and chlorinated. If you observe stagnant pools, please report the property to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District at www.sgvmosquito.org.

Wading Pools Are Open!

The City's wading pools will be open this summer beginning June 24, 2024 and closing August 23, 2024. The Memorial Park wading pool will be open Monday through Friday from 11am to 1pm. The wading pool at El Barrio Park will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11am to 1pm. The wading pool at Wheeler Park will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.

Reserve a Park For An Event

Park picnic areas may be reserved this summer for private events in seven Claremont parks. To reserve a park picnic area, please call the Recreation and Human Services Department at (909) 399-5490.

Community Safety & Crime Prevention



Safety Tips To Secure Your Home This Summer When On Vacation



Heading into summer, it's time to start planning for that perfect getaway. But while you are planning for fun in the sun, don't forget about keeping safe along the way. Here are some friendly reminders to make sure your vacation stays memorable for all the right reasons.

■ Share Your Itinerary and Hold Your Mail and Deliveries

Before you set off, make sure someone you trust knows where you'll be and how to reach you in case of an emergency. It's also a good idea to pause your mail and newspaper deliveries or ask a friend to collect them for you while you're away. You can easily arrange to stop your mail online or by contacting your local post office.

■ Be Cautious on Social Media

We all love sharing our excitement about upcoming trips but be cautious about broadcasting your plans to the world. It's best not to announce that your house will be empty while you're away. Keep those details to yourself to avoid any unwanted attention from potential intruders.

■ Create a "Lived-In" Appearance

To give your home that "lived-in" appearance while you're away, consider using timers for your lights and arranging for someone to mow your lawn. And of course, don't forget to lock up securely before you leave. If you have spare keys, be discreet about where you hide them, and consider leaving a spare with a trusted neighbor instead.

■ Utilize Vacation House Check Service

For added peace of mind, you can sign up for a Vacation House Check through the Claremont Police Department. This free service involves volunteers keeping an eye on your property while you're away, reporting any suspicious activity to the authorities.

■ Keep Your Valuables Secure While Traveling

When it comes to traveling, whether by air or otherwise, it's important to keep your valuables close. Carry essential items like identification, credit cards, and medications with you, and consider using traveler's checks instead of carrying large amounts of cash.

■ Stay Aware and Secure at Your Destination

While you are enjoying your vacation destination, remember to:

- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Keep your belongings secure
- Stick to well-lit and populated areas
- Always lock your hotel room door
- Use any available safety features like room safes

By taking these precautions, you can reduce the risk of any unwanted incidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable vacation for you and your loved ones. So go ahead, relax, and make some unforgettable memories!

Recreation & Human Services Department New Name, Same Great Services!

The City's Human Services Department has been renamed to add the word "Recreation" to reflect the many recreation activities, programs, and services the Department offers to the community. The Recreation and Human Services Department is responsible for recreation classes, special events, youth and senior services, parks, trails, facility rentals, Community Based Organization grants, social services, and the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. The Recreation and Human Services Department includes 11 full time employees and over 40 part-time and seasonal employees.

This summer, the Recreation and Human Services Department will present the Concerts in the Park Series, Movie Nights in the Park, Camp Claremont, wading pools, and a full schedule of classes and activities for the whole family. Summer Recreation Brochures with a list of all classes and information on events were mailed to all homes in April. The brochure is also available online at www.ci.claremont.ca.us/Recreation_Guide.



Rental Assistance Funding Available

The City is now accepting applications for the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program Cycle 2. Cycle 2 funding will begin July 1, 2024 for qualifying residents and housing providers. 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, Assistant to the City Manager by phone 909-399-5454 or email at KWand@ci.claremont.ca.us.



Housing Development Updates

Claremont Housing Element Update

The City is in the process of updating its Housing Element for the period 2021-2029. The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan and must be updated every eight years as the City plans for how it can accommodate Claremont's current and future housing needs. In July 2023, the City Council voted to adopt the Housing Element Update and provided staff direction to explore potential changes to proposed Housing Opportunity Sites in North Claremont and in South Claremont. City staff has worked diligently with representatives at the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and has updated the Housing Element according to the City Council's direction. The Housing Element Update (version 4.1) is available for review on the City website at www.ci.claremont.ca.us/housingelement. The City will bring the revised Housing Element Update and rezoning of the Housing Opportunity Sites to the Planning Commission and City Council in June.

Descanso Walk on Foothill & Towne

Construction activity is underway at the Descanso Walk property near the intersection of Towne Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The site is being graded and prepared for building. In Fall 2023, the Claremont City Council approved The Olson Company's 56-unit town home development that includes 12 live/work units fronting Foothill Boulevard. The Olson Company anticipates an 18-24 month construction process with the project completion in late 2025 or early 2026. The Olson Company is one of the leading residential urban infill developers in Southern California and has completed two projects in Claremont (Village Walk and Ivy Walk).

La Puerta Development on Forbes Avenue

In April, Trumark Homes informed the City of Claremont that the developer would be pursuing a plan to build 91 housing units on the site of the former La Puerta Middle School. Of the total units, 20% would be set aside as deed-restricted low-income affordable housing units. Trumark submitted the revised plan under a state law aimed at promoting affordable housing called "Builder's Remedy." Builder's Remedy applications are subject to a streamlined approval process. The project Draft EIR completed last July will be revised to account for the additional units. 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 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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After Hours Non-Emergencies, please call the Police Department at (909) 626-1296.



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