

Award of Contract for Women's Locker Room Construction

In September, staff will recommend to the City Council an award of contract for the construction of a female locker room addition to the existing Claremont Police facility. Since 2003, sworn and professional female staff have been utilizing a prefabricated modular restroom and locker room building outside of the existing police facility, which is insufficient for department operations. In October of 2023, the City entered into an agreement with Dunbar Architecture to design a new locker room facility, which is proposed to be constructed on the east side of the existing police facility and will replace the current modular building. While plans were being finalized, the City engaged CMPG to The City Council has set aside \$50,000 to provide project management services, which will continue through the construction and project close-out phases. The project was put out to bid in May of 2025 and once awarded, construction is anticipated to start prior to the end of the 2025 calendar year.

Cannabis Ordinance Fails

A proposed ordinance that would have allowed cannabis retail sales in Claremont was voted down by the City Council on July 22, 2025. Claremont will continue to prohibit all cannabis sales other than deliveries. The City Council vote comes after Claremont voters approved a cannabis sales tax measure, a community survey, and numerous public meetings and workshops. The final decision came after a lengthy deliberation over the Apply today to take advantage of this impact of cannabis dispensaries on surrounding neighborhoods, parking, and existing businesses.

City Council Adopts Rental Housing Anti-Harassment Ordinance

On May 27, 2025, the City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting harassment in rental housing. The ordinance, first introduced on May 13 and effective as of June 26, 2025, establishes protections against harassment in rental settings. It applies to all parties, tenant-to-tenant, landlord, and landlord-to-tenant interactions.

For more information, including the full text of the Anti-Harassment Ordinance and details on other tenant assistance programs, please visit www.claremontca.gov/tenant-assistance.



New Grant Program Helps Protect Local Storefronts

support a new program called the Storefront Vandalism Prevention Business (SVPBG) Program. This program is designed to help local businesses protect their storefronts from vandalism and burglary.

Through the program, Claremont businesses can apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to install shatter-proof window film on storefront windows or doors. This added layer of protection can help prevent costly damage and keep our business community safer.

To qualify, businesses must have an active Claremont business license and a storefront. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, firstserved basis until funds are fully distributed.

opportunity before funding runs out! For details on eligibility and how to apply, please visit www.claremontca.gov.

Did You Know?

In Claremont, at least half of your front yard and street-facing yard must be landscaped with plants. This can include trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, flowers, lawns, or other types of greenery.

When calculating the 50%, the City also counts: The space between plants, as long as they've been planted with room to grow to their full size. Any area under a tree's drip line that is covered with a permeable material, such as mulch or decomposed granite and kept in good condition.



New Bulk Item Pickup Pilot Program for Multi-Family Residents

Starting July 1, 2025, the City's Sanitation Division launched a new pilot program to make bulk item disposal easier for multi-family residents. Each unit in a multi-family property will now receive up to three free bulk item pickups per year, just like the program already available for single-family homes.

Eligible items include furniture, mattresses, large appliances, and electronic waste. This program will help keep our community clean and provide a convenient way for residents to safely dispose of large unwanted items.

The City will use the pilot period to track participation and program costs. The long-term goal is to make this service permanent, with updated sanitation rates for multi-family properties anticipated in 2026 to cover ongoing expenses.

To schedule a bulk item pickup, please call the Community Services Department at (909) 399-5431.



Avoid a Parking Ticket by Applying for an **Overnight Parking Exemption**

The City of Claremont prohibits parking for more than one hour between the hours of 2am and 6am on City streets. To avoid a parking citation, the City offers overnight parking exemption requests. The City also suspends enforcement during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays.

The City prohibits overnight street parking to deter vehicle-related crime, prevent vehicles from becoming abandoned or living spaces, improve public safety by maintaining clear streets for patrols and emergency vehicles, and facilitate street maintenance operations. These restrictions also ensure that parking is available for residents and visitors, balancing the needs of the community and commerce particularly in areas with high demand or limited offstreet parking.

If you or your guest need to park on the street overnight, you may apply for an overnight parking exemption through the City website or smartphone app. You may apply for three exemptions per vehicle, per month. You will need to have your vehicle's make, model, and license plate or VIN number ready.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Halloween Spooktacular Saturday, October 11

The City of Claremont will be holding the 2025 Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday, October 11 from 3pm to 6pm 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

CHS Homecoming Parade Friday, October 17

On Friday, October 17, streets around Claremont High School will be closed for the annual Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin at 3:30 pm at the school parking lot near Oxford Avenue, proceed north on Oxford Avenue, east on Scripps Drive, south on Indian Hill Boulevard, and conclude at the school's south parking lot. Those streets will be temporarily closed from 3pm to 4:30pm. If you want to view the parade please arrive before 3pm, park in the Joat Park parking or email SpecialEvents@claremontca.gov. lot, and view the parade from the sidewalk.

Village Venture

Saturday, October 25

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce will host the 43rd Annual Village Venture Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, October 25 from 9am to 5pm. 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

Tuesday, 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 Tuesday, November 11, at 11am. This event will honor those who have served in the US Armed Forces.

Holiday Promenade

Friday, December 5

The City of Claremont and the Village Marketing Group will host the annual Holiday Promenade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5 from 5pm to 8pm in the Claremont Village. Stop by City Hall for photos with Santa and walk to the historic Depot for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at

For more information on special events please visit the City website at www.claremontca.gov

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed:

- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 27 Thanksgiving

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







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City Adopts New CalFire Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map



The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, better known as Cal Fire, is the state agency responsible for protecting California's private and public forested lands from wildfires. One of Cal Fire's key responsibilities is to identify and classify areas across the state based on wildfire risk. These designations help determine where additional building standards and vegetation management are needed to reduce fire danger.

In March 2025, Cal Fire released its updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for Claremont. The new map expands the areas classified as "high severity" and organizes all designated zones into three levels of risk. The Claremont City Council adopted the updated map on July 22, 2025.

To make the information easier to use, City staff created a parcel-specific map so property owners can quickly see their fire hazard designation. Residents whose homes fall within designated fire zones are required to clear brush on their properties annually. In May 2026, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will begin conducting inspections to ensure properties meet brush clearance requirements.

It's important to note that while Cal Fire's maps guide state and local fire safety regulations, they are not used by insurance companies to set rates. Insurance carriers rely on their own assessments, which take into account each home's construction, location, and fire-prevention measures.

For more information on the Claremont fire map, please visit www.claremontca.gov/FHSZ.

Stay Informed During Emergencies

The City of Claremont has launched a new emergency alert system called RAVE Alerts. This system will keep you informed about emergencies, evacuations, and other urgent situations.

How to Sign Up

Register at

www.claremontca.gov/alerts

- If you were previously signed up with Everbridge, you'll need to register again in the new RAVE system.
- You can choose how you want to receive alerts: by phone call, text message, or email.
- Once registered, you can update your contact information at any

Other Ways to Stay Updated ■ The City also shares emergen-

cy updates on its website and through its official social media pages on Instagram, Facebook, X, and Nextdoor.

In the event of an evacuation, warnings and orders will also be sent directly to all smartphones and landlines through the County and State emergency notification systems.

By signing up for RAVE Alerts and following the City's communication channels, you'll always have quick access to important updates when it matters most.

Special Needs and Inclusion

Fall Special Events

Join us for events hosted by our Special Needs and Inclusion Program, open to participants and their families. These offer a chance to connect, celebrate, and create meaningful experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment

Fall Ball - September 18

Don't miss 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 19, 2025 from 6pm to 9pm at the Youth Activity Center (1717 N Indian Hill Blvd). This event will include a DJ, photo booth, and refreshments. Please note a parent/guardian must attend the event with the individual with special needs.

Halloween Spooktacular - October 11

Bring the family over to celebrate Halloween at our Halloween Spooktacular! This free event is Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 3pm to 6pm at Lewis Park. Along with many other activities, there will be a sensory zone available.

Paint Night - November 7

Experience the fun at our paint night for individuals with special needs and their families! This free event, open to all ages 5 and older, will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025 from 6pm-9pm at Taylor Hall (1775 N Indian Hill Blvd). The event will include light refreshments, and a parent/guardian must be present at the event. Limited spots are available so register early.

Meet and Greet With Santa - December 6

Families with special needs children are invited to a special meet and greet with Santa Clause at the Blaisdell Community Center from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Senior Program News

HICAP Counseling Returns to the Senior Program!

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) volunteer counselors provide Los Angeles County residents with free, impartial assistance with Medicare and related health insurance questions and problems. They can assist with topics such as:

- Orienting those new to Medicare
- Supplementing Medicare
- Financial assistance programs and share of cost
- Comparing costs for prescription drug plansHow Medicare and Medi-Cal work together
- Medicare and employer coverage

One-on-one appointments are available at 11am, 12pm, and 1pm on the third Monday of the month at the Joslyn Center. To schedule an appointment, please call the Center for Health Care Rights at (213) 383-4519.

Document Shredding

Join us for the yearly Document Shredding event on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 9am to 12pm at the Alexander Hughes Community Center. Every shred helps! A \$20 donation is suggested for this fundraiser. All proceeds will go directly to the Claremont Senior Program's Emergency Fund, which supports local seniors by preventing evictions and essential utility shutoffs due to unexpected financial hardships. Sponsored by Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services.

Document Shredding Tips

- Please do not bring your documents in boxes.
- We encourage large bags instead.
- The shredder accepts staples and folders but cannot process binders.
- Limit per person is equivalent to three large trash bags.
- Tax records should be kept for five to seven years. Check with your CPA.
- Last shredding is taken promptly at noon.
- Service will be first come, first served.

Blaisdell Community Center Reopening in September!

We're excited to share that the Blaisdell Community Center renovation is almost complete, and we can't wait to welcome you back to dine with us later this month!

What's New?

- A fully renovated kitchen
- A refreshed dining space
- New eco-friendly reusable dinnerware made possible by a new dishwasher

In the meantime, lunches for adults ages 60 and older are still being served at the Joslyn Center. Please call the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488 for the latest reopening news and lunch service details.

Public Safety News



Traffic Safety in School Zones

The new school year has just started, and the Claremont Police Department wants to make sure our kids get to and from school safely. As traffic around schools picks up, a little extra care and patience can go a long way in protecting students, parents, and staff. Here are some helpful reminders for drivers:

- Plan ahead. Give yourself plenty of time for the morning drop-off. Rushing often leads to unsafe driving and speeding.
- Take it slow. The speed limit in school zones is 25 mph. Slowing down helps you react quickly to unexpected situations.
- **Stop completely**. Always come to a full stop at stop signs and check carefully for children in crosswalks, on sidewalks, and near the road before moving forward.
- Use designated areas. Please drop off and pick up your children only in your school's assigned zones—not in the middle of the street. Be mindful of blind spots, and always check for kids walking or biking nearby.
- Share the road with bicyclists. Watch closely for children on bikes. When passing, slow down and give at least three feet of space. And don't forget—helmets are a must for kids riding to school.
- **Stay alert.** Keep your phone down and your eyes on the road. Using a handheld device while driving is against the law and distracts from keeping students safe.
- Talk with your teens. Car crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers in the U.S. Remind your teen drivers to follow the rules of the road and practice safe habits behind the wheel.

Claremont Police Officers will be patrolling school zones and surrounding streets to help ensure a safe start to the year. Thank you for doing your part to protect our students. Together, we can look forward to a safe and healthy school year for everyone!

E-Bike Safety Reminders for Families

As more students in our community ride electric bicycles (e-bikes) to school, the Claremont Police Department would like to share some important safety reminders to help keep everyone safe on the road:

- Always wear a helmet. Helmets aren't just for kids—they help protect riders of all ages.
- Stay visible. If riding at night, wear reflective gear and use a white front light and red rear light.
 Ride on the right. Stick to the bike lane when available and follow all traffic signs and
- signals, just like other vehicles.

 Be alert. Make eye contact with drivers before turning, and avoid distractions such
- as earphones.

 Ride defensively. Don't weave in and out of traffic. Stay aware of pedestrians and
- watch for hazards in the road.

 Follow the law. Riding responsibly helps protect everyone and sets a good example for our younger community members.

It's also important to note that Surron electric motorcycles and similar off-road-style e-bikes are not street-legal in California unless they meet specific equipment, licensing, and registration requirements. Unfortunately, many of these bikes are being used on public roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and even near school zones, which creates serious risks for riders, pedestrians, and drivers.

Any unregistered electric motorcycle found operating illegally on public streets, sidewalks, or school property may be impounded at the rider's or parent's expense, in line with California Vehicle Code requirements.

E-BIKE DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS THROTTLE? | MINIMUM AGE CLASS **TOP SPEED PEDAL** HELMET (MOTOR) ASSIST? **REQUIRED** CLASS 1 UNDER 18 **20 MPH** YES NO NONE ONLY CLASS 2 **20 MPH** YES YES NONE UNDER 18 ONLY CLASS 3 28 MPH YES 16 AND OLDER YES (ALL RIDERS) (PEDAL ASSIST) E-Motorcycle N/A NO YES 16 AND OLDER YES / E-Dirt Bike / LICENSE REQUIRED

For more information about public safety, e-biles, or traffic laws, please visit the City website or follow the Claremont Police Department on Instagram or Facebook.

TAC & YAC Are Open!

We're excited to welcome students back to the T.R.A.C.K.S. Activity Center (TAC) and Youth Activity Center (YAC). Both programs are open with regular hours and daily activities. All participants must be registered to enter the TAC or YAC.

The T.R.A.C.K.S. Activity Center (TAC), located at 650 N Mountain Ave., is a free, exclusive afterschool program for middle school teens who attend El Roble Intermediate School. Students can drop in for a pool game, pingpong, sports equipment, video gaming, listening to music, working on art projects and homework, or sitting and talking with peers and staff. The TAC provides free workshops, peer support groups, wellness and mental health resources, and informational services.

The Youth Activity Center (YAC), located at 1717 N Indian Hill Blvd., is a free, afterschool program for high school teens. Students can drop in for a pool game, ping-pong, sports equipment, video gaming, listening to music, working on art projects and homework, or sitting and talking with peers and staff. The YAC also provides free workshops, peer support groups, wellness and mental health resources, and informational services.

Follow these simple steps to complete your registration!

If your child has previously registered with the Recreation and Human Services Department:

Register at https://TAC.claremontrec.com or https://YAC.claremontrec.com

If your child has never registered with the Recreation and Human Services Department:

- Create an ActiveNet account using a parent's email address, then create a profile for your child.
- Submit proof of residency (Claremont address or enrollment in a CUSD/Webb Schools).
- Wait 1–3 business days for Claremont Recreation and Human Services staff to approve your account.
 Register at:
- https://TAC.claremontrec.com https://YAC.claremontrec.com or scan the QR code.





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.











Find out what's happening in Claremont, follow the City on social media! The City posts events, news, and public notices on social media.