

# CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

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April 2, 2020

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## Calendar

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## NEWS BRIEF

- This issue contains the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the City of Claremont's response, including closures, cancellations, City and Police Department operations, and community impacts.



# CITY NEWS

## Coronavirus Information

The City of Claremont continues to assess the impacts of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in consultation with Los Angeles County Public Health Officials and our local partners. The City is following and implementing guidelines from the State of California, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This is a rapidly evolving situation that staff is responding to quickly and with the safety and well-being of the community and our employees as our priority.

Please follow the City on social media, visit the City website, and sign up for emergency alerts on the City website. For more information about COVID-19 and what you can do to keep healthy and safe, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or the Los Angeles County Public Health Department at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

The City will continue to update our community as we have new information on our COVID-19 webpage at [www.ci.claremont.ca.us/living/coronavirus-information](http://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/living/coronavirus-information).

## Upcoming City Council Meeting – April 14, 2020

Due to the ongoing emergency concerning the COVID-19 virus, the next regular meeting of the City Council scheduled to be held on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. will conform to Executive Order N-29-20, which suspends certain requirements of the Brown Act. For the safety and well-being of the public and City employees, the meeting will be held remotely using Zoom, and therefore, members of the public will not be permitted to be physically present for this meeting. A link to the meeting will be provided on the City website the day of the meeting, so anyone who under regular circumstances watches online will be able to do so. Although not necessary to participate in the City meeting, you may download a personal Zoom account to familiarize yourself with its functions: <https://zoom.us/>.

The guidelines for how to participate remotely, including how to provide public comment, as well as how to view the meeting, will be posted on the City website, sent out in the City Manager Weekly Update on Thursday, April 9, shared on the City's social media platforms, and included in the email sent to those persons who have asked to receive City Council agendas. We appreciate the community's patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

## City Operations

City facilities are closed to the public through April 30, 2020. This includes all public meeting spaces, lobbies, and community buildings. This may be extended by County orders. If you have business with the City, we request you make a phone or online appointment.

### By Appointment Services:

- Building Permits & Plan Check Services: Call (909) 399-5471 for information or to schedule an inspection.
- Engineering Permits & Plan Check Services: Call (909) 399-5465 for permit review via online or by phone.
- Planning Permits & Plan Check Services: Call (909) 399-5470 for permit review via online or by phone.

## Sanitation Payments: No In-Person Payments Accepted

- Payment Via Telephone – (909) 399-5453
- Payment Via Online – Visit <https://www.onlinebiller.com/claremont/>
- Payment Via Check – Use the Drop Box located Outside the City Hall Main Entrance. Payment should be accompanied by a remittance slip so that it can be applied to the appropriate account.

All Other Services: Contact (909) 399-5460 and you will be transferred to Police Records. Police Department staff will assist with transferring you to the appropriate City personnel.

Police and Sanitation services continue as normal. The City is taking extra precautions for the safety and well-being of our staff and the public. City management is working with staff to accommodate personal circumstances while ensuring City operations continue. Please be aware that services may be reduced due to impacts to staffing.

## **Closures/Cancellations**

The City has taken the following actions:

- All Commission and Committee meetings have been cancelled through April 10.
- All recreation classes have been cancelled.
- All facility rentals have been cancelled.
- Large gatherings have been cancelled.
- The TAC and YAC have been closed.
- Joslyn and Blaisdell Centers have been closed.
- Congregate meal service for our seniors has been moved to meal pick up on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- All park restrooms, playgrounds, and courts are closed.
- Pooch Park is closed.
- The Claremont Hills Wilderness Park and Thompson Creek Trail are closed.
- The Overnight Parking Ordinance has been suspended. Village parking restrictions are not being enforced.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY**

## **More Auto Burglary Suspects Arrested**

On Monday, March 30, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a Hyundai Sonata on Foothill Boulevard at Mills Avenue. During the contact, the officer located a large amount of stolen property and burglary tools inside the vehicle. Due to the amount of possible stolen property within the car, it was impounded for evidence and brought to Claremont Police Department so officers could retrieve all the stolen property from the vehicle and process for additional evidence.

During the investigation, officers were able to locate several victims of auto burglaries and a mail theft victim from Claremont, Pico Rivera, Hacienda Heights, and Upland. Victims were located from crimes occurring as early as March 16, with the mail theft victim residing on Peninsula Avenue. Investigating officers are still working on contacting identified victims at this time.



The driver, a 37 year old from El Monte, and the passenger, a 31 year old from Pomona, were arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools, and later released on a citation for the misdemeanor crimes.

Theft from unlocked vehicles and auto burglaries from locked vehicles have increased during the COVID-19 Stay at Home Order. Please help the Police Department during this time by removing valuable property from your vehicles and LOCKING the doors. The Police Officers appreciate your efforts in preventing crime!

### **Attempted Murder Suspect Arrested**

On Monday, March 16, at approximately 6:17 p.m., Claremont Police Officers responded to the 100 block of Meredith Street regarding a shooting investigation. During the course of the investigation, the Detective Bureau was able to identify a suspect and related vehicle. With the assistance of LA Impact (a regional crime suppression task force), surveillance was conducted on the suspect over the course of the past three days, leading to the arrest for attempted murder. You can read the related press release here: <https://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=14529>.

## **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT**

### **Driving Over Sidewalks Prohibited**

Vehicles are not permitted to drive across any public sidewalk, or use ramps or blocks to jump public street curbs (except over permanently constructed drive approaches), to access rear or interior side yards. Properties where vehicles jump curbs, even to access permitted parking areas, are in violation of the City's Municipal Code and could be found liable for damages to the public sidewalk or curb. If you have questions, please contact the Community Improvement Division at (909) 399-5467.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **All City Parks and Trails Closed**

Due to the COVID-19 Safer at Home Executive Order, all City parks are closed until further notice. This includes all sports courts, fields, restrooms, trails, and playgrounds. Passive areas of parks remain open to members of families that reside together who wish to get some fresh air and exercise. This does not mean gatherings are permitted. For your health and safety, we remind you to use caution and abide by social distancing requirements. During this time, City staff will be working to make necessary maintenance improvements and repairs, so that parks are spruced up and ready to go when the Order is lifted. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort.

### **Sanitation Special Services**

While residents are encouraged to stay home, the Sanitation Division is currently fully operational and available to provide service to our customers. In addition to standard collection services, residents can also schedule bulk item pickups and bin rentals. The Sanitation Division will pick up three bulk items per household, per calendar year at no charge. The program is intended for large, bulk items that do not fit in your regular refuse container, such as large appliances, furniture, and mattresses. Appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. After the three free items have been picked up, additional items can be collected for a fee. Due to recent increases in bed bug infestations, soiled, infested, or contaminated items must be sealed in heavy plastic. Glass items, such as mirrors and windows must also be taped and wrapped in heavy plastic for safety. Bin rentals are also currently available for those looking for extra disposal capacity to

accommodate your spring cleaning. For more information regarding our services or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Community Services Department at (909) 399-5431.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Meals on Wheels

Claremont Meals on Wheels continues to provide meals during the Coronavirus pandemic. Meals on Wheels is a volunteer-run organization that provides nutritious lunches five days per week to seniors and other vulnerable residents of Claremont at an extremely reasonable cost. Currently, they are serving about 75 clients. Those seeking service at this time can call (909) 621-4018 and leave a message. You will be contacted by intake volunteers, but will be placed on a waiting list until they have the opportunity to add you as an active client.

Meals on Wheels is currently seeking additional volunteers. Anyone interested should call (909) 621-4018 and leave a message. Prospective volunteers will be called back promptly. For more information, visit <http://www.claremontmealsonwheels.org>.

## RECREATION, SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Wilderness Park Pass Extension

In response to Federal, State, and LA County orders, park restrooms, playgrounds, the Claremont Wilderness Park, and the Thompson Creek Trail remain closed.

For those who have a Wilderness Park Annual Pass, these will be extended beyond December 31, 2020 to match the duration of this closure. For example, if the Wilderness Park remains closed for 60 days, annual passes will be valid 60 days after December 31, 2020. For up to date information, please visit the City website at [www.ci.claremont.ca.us](http://www.ci.claremont.ca.us).

## RECREATION CLASSES

*The City offers a range of camps, classes, and activities for children and adults. To view a complete class description or to register for an activity, please call the Hughes Center at (909) 399-5490 or visit [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).*

### Recreation Classes and Park & Facility Reservations Cancelled/Hughes Center Closed

- The Alexander Hughes Community Center is closed. All reservations and classes, including contract classes, park reservations, and facility rentals at the Alexander Hughes Community Center have been cancelled. If you have a question, please email us at [HSCounterStaff@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:HSCounterStaff@ci.claremont.ca.us). We are currently replying to emails Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## YAC & TAC ACTIVITIES

*The City offers supervised activities for teens in middle school and high school at the YAC and TAC Activity Centers. For more information on the activities, please contact the YAC at (909) 399-5363 and/or the TAC at (909) 399-5378.*

### YAC and TAC Closed

- Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo extended her recommendation to close all schools in Los Angeles County for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to limit the community spread of COVID-19. The TAC and YAC will remain closed.

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The City offers a variety of activities for older adults. For a full description of the activities, please contact the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488 or visit [www.claremontrec.com](http://www.claremontrec.com).

### Drive-Up Meals for Seniors

- The Claremont Senior Program will continue to provide lunches to-go for adults 60+ on Monday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 8 starting at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Joslyn Center. The drive-up meal distribution is first-come, first-serve while supplies last. Anyone 60+ is welcome to utilize this service, but it is highly encouraged that a proxy (someone under the age of 60 in good health) is sent to pick up meals for seniors so that they can stay safely in their homes. Seniors will receive lunch for Monday and Tuesday during Monday's distribution, and lunch for Wednesday through Friday during Wednesday's distribution. For any questions, call the Joslyn Center at (909) 399-5488 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## City of Claremont

### Helpful City Phone Numbers

City Hall/General Info	(909) 399-5460
City Manager	(909) 399-5441
City Clerk	(909) 399-5460
City Council	(909) 399-5444
Code Enforcement	(909) 399-5467
Building	(909) 399-5471
Engineering	(909) 399-5465
Planning	(909) 399-5470
City Yard	(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

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