

The Derby: Evolving to Serve for the Next 100 Years

Established in 1922 by renowned jockey George Woolf, The Derby has long been a beloved fine dining destination in Arcadia. Its iconic red booths, cozy fireplaces, and walls adorned with thoroughbred art and memorabilia have drawn guests in year after year. However, behind its charming facade lies a challenge: the building was never equipped to handle the high number of patrons it serves daily. Those visiting during peak hours often endure long wait times, while staff grapple with space constraints due to an unconventional layout. Over time, the wear and tear of the building has been heightened by factors like smoke, grease, and water damage.



The Derby (Restaurant & Tavern), 1936
Courtesy, Arcadia Public Library, Arcadia, CA

Setbacks & Successes

From his humble beginnings as a busboy to assuming ownership in 2007, Dustin Nicolarsen's dedication to preserving The Derby's legacy has remained steadfast.

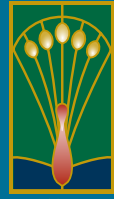
"The Derby holds a really special place within our community, and I had a very specific list of duties from the previous owner to protect the history of the restaurant," said Dustin. "There are thousands of different dining options in the San Gabriel Valley, and getting our guests to return to us over and over is something that we're incredibly grateful for."

Dustin has invested heavily in remodeling the space since becoming the owner. However, the onset of the pandemic created significant challenges. With the abrupt shutdown of indoor dining, there was an immediate loss of revenue. Unexpectedly, a local news segment brought much-needed attention to the business. In response, guests rallied behind the restaurant by purchasing gift certificates. Notably, one generous individual bought \$15,000 worth, demonstrating a remarkable show of support to keep the restaurant afloat during trying times.

Fueled by the support of the community, Dustin pursued various avenues to secure The Derby's future. Repeatedly, traditional banks cited the building's condition as a barrier to receiving financial assistance, but they acknowledged its land value. Ultimately, a strategic partnership was formed with an individual who shared an understanding of The Derby's significance, leading to the necessary funding for the restaurant's next chapter.



The Derby Mixed-Use Project Rendering



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SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

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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

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The Derby Mixed-Use Project

In December 2023, the Arcadia City Council approved The Derby Mixed-Use Project. This project will require demolishing The Derby's current building and constructing a new, expanded version. In its place will be a mixed-use development, consisting of a six-story building, with 214 residential units and three restaurants. Of the 214 units, nine will be dedicated as affordable units for seniors. The new 3,300 square feet restaurant has been designed to retain many of The Derby's most recognizable design elements while adding new elements such as an indoor-outdoor second-story bar and dining area.

Preserving The Derby's Charm

As part of the project review process, a detailed historical report was commissioned. Despite being a historic symbol within the community, the report concluded that the building does not hold significant historic status from a regulatory standpoint. This finding stems from the extensive modifications and expansions made to the building over the years to meet the restaurant's evolving needs.

Although The Derby will be a completely new building, prioritizing its historic charm will be the highest priority in the project. Once complete, guests arriving at the newly constructed restaurant will immediately recognize the iconic Derby and Guest Parking signage and be greeted by valet service. Inside, visitors will find a near exact replica of the original dining room, complete with the familiar red booths, fireplaces, and chimneys. The stained-glass windows will retain their distinct characteristic, incorporating reused components. Most notably, thoroughbred enthusiasts will be enthralled by the expanded area dedicated to showcasing the impressive horse racing memorabilia, which will be named "The Derby Centennial Collection."



The Derby Dining Room Rendering

The Derby Mixed-Use Project is scheduled to begin in early 2025, with an 18-to-24-month construction period. In the meantime, guests are encouraged to visit The Derby as it continues to serve the community! For more information, visit:

ArcadiaCA.gov/Projects



ARCADIA PARKS FOUNDATION PRESENTS

Arcadia Community Campout

APRIL 20-21, 2024
CITY HALL LAWN
240 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE

Bring your camping gear and join us for a fun night filled with dinner, a movie, hot chocolate and other activities! Open to people of all ages!




For more info and tickets, visit ArcadiaParks.org/campout or scan the QR code!



COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

Dress in your Star Wars best!

Saturday, May 4, 2024
Arcadia Community Center

Check-in begins at 7am
Ride starts at 8am

May the Fourth Be With You!



Register online at ArcadiaCA.gov/events



City of Arcadia is a proud sponsor of Downtown Arcadia's

PATRIOTIC FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS SHOW

June 29, 2024
5 PM - 9:30 PM

DowntownArcadia.org

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

-  **2024 Spring Home Awards**
Nomination Period: April 1 - 28
Winners Recognized on May 21
ArcadiaCA.gov/SpringAwards
-  **Alexan Azelea Development Project**
Construction activities set to begin April 2024
ArcadiaCA.gov/Projects
-  **Arcadia Community Survey**
Take the Open Online Survey: April 24 - May 8
ArcadiaCA.gov/CommunitySurvey
-  **Newcastle Park**
Closure for park renovation begins May 1
ArcadiaCA.gov/NewcastleParkRenovation



LAW DAY 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 11
10AM - 1PM

Arcadia Community Center

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED, SCHEDULING BEGINS APRIL 17
Free 20-minute Legal Counseling with Attorney

ArcadiaCA.gov/LawDay | (626) 574-5113

Save the dates!


SUMMER CONCERTS & MOVIES IN THE PARK

Thursdays, June 20 - August 8
Concert at 6:30 p.m.
& Movie at Dusk

ArcadiaCA.gov/Events



Scan for info

City of Arcadia
CITY-WIDE HEALTH EDUCATION SERIES

Hosted by the
Arcadia City Health Committee

Free and open to all
Pre-registration recommended

ArcadiaCA.gov/HealthSeries



For seminar dates and topics, scan the QR code.

Arcadia Public Library presents in partnership with the
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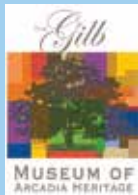
Arcadia Goes Green

Join us in celebrating Earth Day at Arcadia Goes Green!

Our inaugural Environmental Day celebration features a lineup of educational and exciting programs focused on zero waste living and sustainability. Learn about composting, item repairing, water-safe landscaping, and more!



ARCADIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM



PROTECTED TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY

Trees are essential to the unique character and charm of Arcadia and the City has long prioritized the preservation of oaks, sycamores, and mature trees. Trees enhance the City, support property values, and provide ecological resources, amongst other benefits.

The City has a **Tree Preservation Ordinance** which outlines **requirements** for the **maintenance** and, where necessary, **removal** of protected trees.

Property owners are responsible for the proper care of protected trees on their property and must receive approval from the Planning Division before removing a protected tree.

If you wish to trim or remove a tree and are unsure if the tree is protected, please **call Planning staff at (626) 574-5423 or consult with a licensed arborist.**

For more information about Protected Trees in Arcadia, please visit ArcadiaCA.gov/ProtectedTrees.

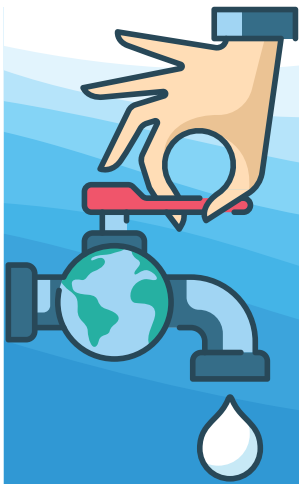


Mulch Giveaway

Arcadia Public Library Parking Lot
April 27 & May 18 • 7 AM - 12 PM

This program is free to Arcadia residents, first come first serve, while supplies last. This is a self-haul event, and residents need to bring their water bill and containers to carry mulch, limited to 2 cubic yards per residence. Trash bags, barrels, or other durable containers make excellent options to transport mulch.

For more information, contact Public Works at (626) 254-2700.



Water Conservation Rebate Programs

SHOWER HEADS • FAUCETS • POOL/SPA COVERS

Download the rebate applications at
ArcadiaCA.gov/WaterConservation, or contact Public Works
for more information at (626) 254-2700.

Schedule a Pickup

Contact Waste Management to pick-up the following items:

Household Hazardous Waste • (800) 449-7587

Paints, anti-freeze, cleaning supplies, pesticides, fertilizers, medications, etc.

Bulky Items & E-Waste • (800) 266-7551

Furniture, appliances, batteries, computers, TVs, etc.



Shred Event

Arcadia Public Library Parking Lot
June 8 • 8 AM - 12 PM

- Proof of Arcadia residence required
- Limit of 5 boxes per vehicle
- No plastic bags

For more information, contact Public Works at (626) 254-2700.



Thank you, Volunteers!

April is National Volunteers Month and the Arcadia community is fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and skills to serving the city, schools, and charitable organizations!

Did you know?

The **Arcadia Police Foundation** has raised funds to sponsor crucial operations such as the K9 program. Established in 2015, the K9 Program consists of two dogs committed to protecting and serving Arcadia. K9 Kopper, a scent discrimination bloodhound, is trained to search for missing adults, children, or individuals with mental disabilities. K9 Kruz is certified in both patrol and narcotic detection duties.

In January 2024, the **Arcadia Chinese Association** hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Arcadia Fire Department Foundation. This event successfully raised \$20,000, which will be allocated towards various fire fighting training projects.

The **Friends of the Library** sponsored the Arcadia Public Library's summer reading program using funds raised from their book sales. Children, ranging from infants to 8th graders, earned virtual tickets through reading, which they redeemed for various prizes. In 2023, a total of 1,345 participants logged an impressive 693,554 reading minutes throughout the summer months!

If you're interested in serving the Arcadia community, consider volunteering for a city department! Learn more at ArcadiaCA.gov/Volunteer.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

2024 VACANCIES NOW OPEN

The Arcadia City Clerk's Office is accepting applications from residents who would like to serve on a City Board or Commission! To serve on a Board or Commission, applicants must be 18 years or older, a registered voter and resident of the City of Arcadia.

There are vacancies on the Arcadia Beautiful Commission, Arcadia Museum Commission, Human Resources Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Recreation & Parks Commission, and Senior Citizens' Commission.

Citizen Service Resumes are available at ArcadiaCA.gov/Service. The application deadline is May 16, 2024. Appointments are expected to be made at the City Council Meeting on June 18, 2024; in-person attendance is not required for appointment.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (626) 574-5455 or email at CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov



CALIFORNIA MORTGAGE RELIEF WORKS. AND THERE'S HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS.

 <p>MORTGAGE RELIEF Up to \$80,000 for past-due mortgage payments</p>	 <p>PROPERTY TAXES Up to \$80,000 for delinquent property taxes</p>
 <p>PARTIAL CLAIM/LOAN DEFERRAL Up to \$80,000 to reduce or eliminate a partial claim or loan deferral received during or after January 2020</p>	 <p>REVERSE MORTGAGE Up to \$80,000 to help with late taxes and homeowners insurance for reverse mortgages</p>

The California Mortgage Relief Program has already provided *millions of dollars in assistance to thousands of California homeowners* struggling with financial hardships.

This government program is **FREE** and **HERE TO HELP.** There is **nothing to pay back.**

*Qualified applicants may apply for additional funding; maximum of \$80,000 in total assistance per eligible household.

<p>APPLY ONLINE TODAY AT CaMortgageRelief.org</p>	<p>CALL WITH QUESTIONS 1-888-840-2594 MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.</p>
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Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Interested in adding an ADU to your property or curious about the City's regulations? A guide to ADUs is now available on the City's website at ArcadiaCA.gov/ADU. An ADU is an independent dwelling unit that can be detached from, attached to, or located within the main dwelling unit (known as a "Junior ADU"). To learn more, visit ArcadiaCA.gov/ADU or contact the Planning Division at (626) 574-5423 or by email at Planning@ArcadiaCA.gov.

Friendly Reminder! Construction Hours & Landscaping and Gardening Noise

In Arcadia, construction is allowed, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturdays. No construction is allowed on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact the Building Division at (626) 574-5416.

The hours for landscaping and gardening noise in residential areas is 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Sundays. If you notice repeat offenders of the specified times, please contact Code Services at (626) 574-5432.



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CONGRATULATIONS, JOANNA LIANG! 2023 SENIOR OF THE YEAR

For nearly 30 years, Joanna has dedicated her time and expertise to numerous Arcadia organizations, serving in various capacities from board member to president. Her volunteer work spans across a wide range of groups including the Arcadia Unified School District Booster Club, Mentor Mom, Arcadia Chinese Association, Arcadia Library English Conversation Class Chair, Arcadia Library Foundation & Trustee, the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage, Las Alas, and Arcadia Women’s Club, among others.




Joanna's exceptional contributions within the community, and beyond, make her especially deserving of this award and truly distinguish her from others! In recognition of her outstanding service, Joanna will be honored at the 2024 Older American Recognition Lunch hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults and the Department of Aging & Disabilities on May 16, 2024, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Additionally, she will be recognized at the Arcadia City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Each year, the City of Arcadia’s Recreation & Community Services Department calls for nominations for individuals aged 55 and above who reside in Arcadia and have made significant contributions to better the Arcadia community. These nominations are carefully reviewed and voted upon by the Arcadia Senior Commissioners. The Department is proud to select Joanna Liang as Arcadia’s 2023 Senior of the Year!

If you’re interested in participating in senior programs, visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Seniors.

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