

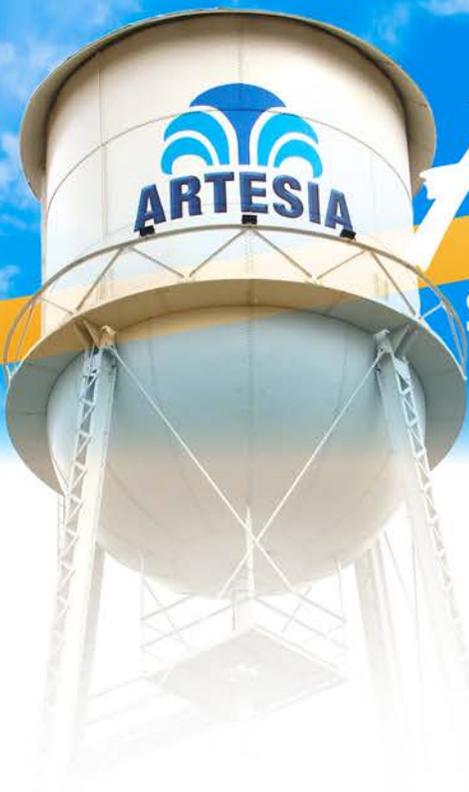


# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

CITY OF  
ARTESIA



*Service Builds  
Tomorrow's Progress*



# Artesia

## Service Builds Tomorrow's Progress

The City of Artesia is proud to share key highlights of our progress and milestones over this past fiscal year. Our dedicated City officials remain committed to ensuring Artesia remains a vibrant community where residents enjoy a high quality of life and visitors feel at home. This annual report serves not only as a reflection of what we have accomplished together, but also as a reaffirmation of the City's ongoing commitment to transparency, growth, and community engagement. Our progress is a reflection of our shared values, and we look forward to continuing this journey with the support of our community.

Over this past year, the City of Artesia reaffirmed its commitment to strong financial stewardship, achieving a strong financial performance with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 mid-year budget, which resulted in a balanced budget with a surplus that maintained and expanded City services. While service costs continue to rise, the City remains dedicated to prudent spending and careful financial management to sustain the high-quality services residents expect and deserve.

The City has actively pursued grant opportunities to support infrastructure, emergency preparedness, park improvements, and community programs. In the past year, the City has secured just over \$19 million in funding from federal, state, and local sources for critical projects and initiatives. These grants help ease the financial strain on the City's General Fund while enabling the City to complete capital projects.

The City has also expanded its efforts to secure additional funding for services. In the November 2024 election, voters widely approved Measure AAA which will bring significant benefits to Artesia by providing funding to support essential city services. This measure will help maintain public safety, enhance local roads, and essential community programs that contribute to a high quality of life for residents. New revenue sources are imperative to the City's long-term financial health as inflation and contract costs continue to rise.

Public safety remains a top priority for the City, with strong community support for maintaining 911 response and youth gang prevention programs. Not only did the FY 2024-25 budget fully fund the law enforcement contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, it allocated an additional \$321,000 for suppression activities to keep City neighborhood's safe. Overall, public safety accounted for 36% of the City's entire General Fund budget. Additionally, through grant funding, the City strategically placed 11 license plate readers throughout the City in coordination with the Sheriff's Department to enhance law enforcement capabilities. Furthermore, our Sheriff Deputies continue to build strong community relations through programs like Neighborhood Watch, "Coffee with the Captain," and community BBQs.

Community engagement remains a top priority for the City. Over the past year, the City has expanded efforts to connect with residents through a variety of digital platforms, helping to keep the community informed and involved. New tools and communication channels have been introduced to share updates on City services, programs, and initiatives, while also creating more opportunities for residents to provide feedback. These efforts reflect the City's ongoing commitment to transparency, responsiveness, and strengthening the connection between local government and the community it proudly serves.

In addition to digital engagement, the City's Parks and Recreation Department continues to offer a diverse range of community events to provide opportunities for the public to engage and interact at City parks. From the popular Eggstravaganza and Public Safety Expo, to the Mariachi Festival, these events help create memorable experiences for families in the community.

This annual report showcases Artesia's commitment to its core priorities and the meaningful outcomes achieved across every department, fostering a thriving community for all residents. The City remains dedicated to its motto, "Service Builds Tomorrow's Progress," and will continue working toward a prosperous future for all.



## City Meetings

### Council Meetings

7:00 pm - Second Monday of each month  
Council Chamber:  
18747 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

### Beautification & Maintenance Commission Meetings

6:00 pm - Third Thursday of January, April, July and October  
Council Chamber:  
18747 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

### Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

6:00 pm - Fourth Wednesday of January, April, July, and October  
Artesia Park Community Center,  
18750 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

### Planning Commission Meetings

7:00 pm - Third Tuesday of each month  
Council Chamber:  
18747 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

### Public Safety Commission Meetings

6:00 pm - Second Thursday of January, April, July, and October  
Council Chamber:  
18747 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

### Neighborhood Watch Meetings

6:00 pm - Second Wednesday of each month  
Artesia Park Community Center:  
18750 Clarkdale Ave. Artesia, CA 90701

# QUICK LINKS

## CITY COUNCIL

Ali Taj	Mayor
Rene Trevino	Mayor Pro Tem
Monica Manalo	Councilmember
Zeel Ahir	Councilmember
Melissa Ramoso	Councilmember

## CITY HALL

Business License Liaison 562-865-6262

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Artesia Park	562-860-3361
A.J. Padelford Park	562-407-1723

## PUBLIC WORKS

Graffiti Reporting  
[www.cityofartesia.us/RequestTracker.aspx](http://www.cityofartesia.us/RequestTracker.aspx)  
562-865-6262 ext. 0 during business hours

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram @officialcityofartesia  
Facebook @officialcityofartesia

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

City Emergency Notification System  
[Bit.ly/Artesia911](https://bit.ly/Artesia911)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Lakewood Sheriff's Station	562-623-3500
Dial-A-Ride	877-356-1230
So. Cal Edison	800-611-1911
So. Cal Gas	800-427-2200
Trash Company (CR&R)	562-347-2105
Golden State Water Co.	562-865-2111
Liberty Utilities	562-923-0711
Norwalk Municipal Water	562-863-8711

Artesia Transit runs Tuesday-Saturday  
8am-5pm, for full schedule:  
[www.cityofartesia.us/1563/Artesia-Bus-Schedule](http://www.cityofartesia.us/1563/Artesia-Bus-Schedule)

# FINANCES

## FY 25-29 Capital Improvement Plan

Roadway Pavement Rehabilitation Project	\$6,620,000
Pedestrian Enhancement Project	\$209,430
Pioneer Boulevard Traffic Synchronization Project	\$136,000
Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Intersections	\$64,200
185th Street Alley and Block Wall Project	\$573,000
Artesia Water Tower Improvement Project	\$120,000
Electric Vehicle Fleet Charging Facility Expansion	\$319,000
Monument Sign Replacement Project	\$350,000
Citywide Bus Shelter Replacement Project	\$310,000
Sidewalk Replacement Project	\$271,269
A.J. Padelford Park General Improvements	\$1,200,000
Artesia Botanical Garden	\$7,112,000
Artesia Park Facilities Improvement Project	\$1,998,953
Historical District Trails Project – Phase III Landscaping	\$325,000
Albert O. Little Community Center – Westside Renovation	\$550,000
Council Chamber Modernization Project	\$550,000
Public works Yard Fire Suppression System	\$16,000
Installation of Emergency Generators at City Facilities	\$709,826
City Hall General Improvements	\$330,000
HVAC Replacement for City Facilities	\$513,754

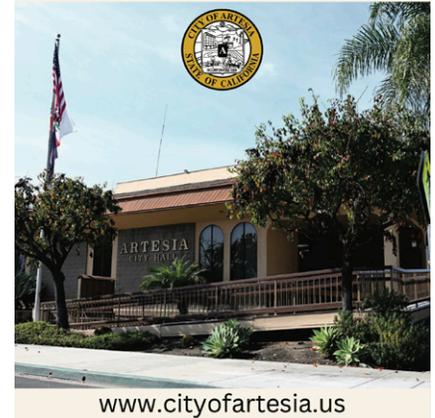
The City's ability to provide vital services to the community is dependent on its financial health and stability. The City Council adopts a budget annually to allocate funding for services and programs offered to Artesia residents.

This past year, notable progress was achieved in transparency, accountability, and operational efficiency. Notable accomplishments include successfully completing the City's audit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 with an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and submitting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. These milestones have led to increased transparency and an enhancement of public trust.

With the overwhelming community support which passed Measure AAA in November 2024, the new 3/4 cent tax went into effect on April 1, 2025. In May 2025, the City Council approved a surplus spending plan to implement important projects utilizing the surplus revenue from Fiscal Year 2024-25. Projects included modernization and digitization of operations, landscaping and beautification, and providing additional funding to support youth and recreational programs.

The City expanded efforts to enhance operational efficiency by implementing a new Operational Budgeting module within its budgeting platform. This new module allows staff to develop more accurate and transparent budgets by streamlining departmental input, increasing data visibility, and supporting informed decision-making. The module also facilitates real-time collaboration across departments, helping to align financial planning with strategic

## Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024



# FINANCES



goals and ensuring greater accountability in the use of public funds.

The City also made significant improvements to its financial management processes to strengthen accuracy and sustainability. Accounting records were transitioned to a digital format, greatly reducing paper usage and improving access to important financial data. Additionally, the City implemented a consistent process for deposit reconciliation, enhancing coordination and ensuring funds

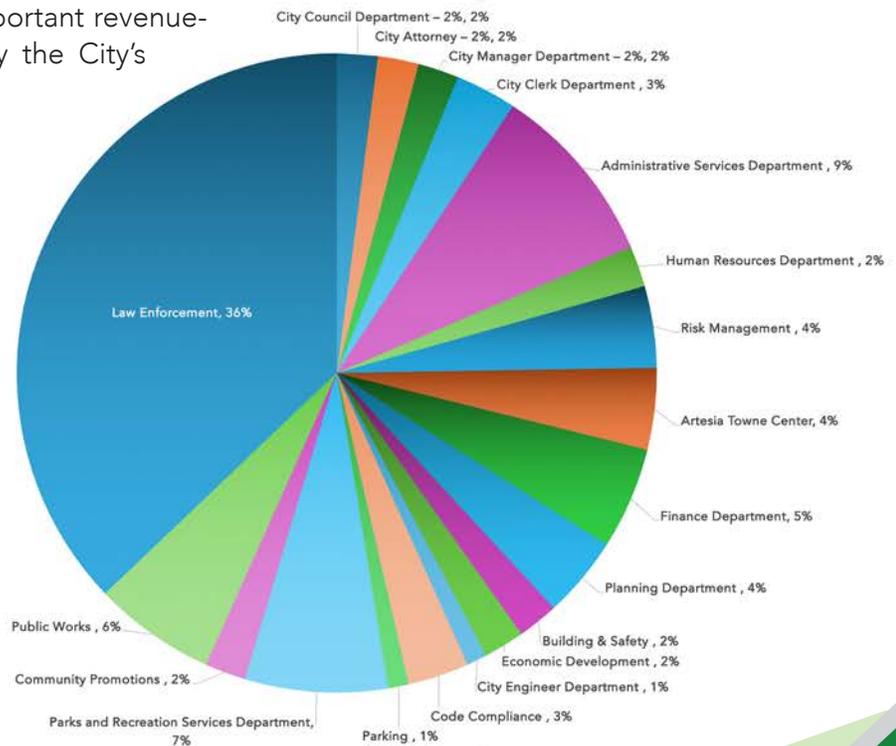
are properly tracked and accounted for in deposit accounts.

The City successfully completed the second phase of the Computer Replacement Program which marked a significant step in enhancing City-wide technological infrastructure. This Program ensures that systems include up-to-date technology to reduce technical issues, improve productivity, and enhance cybersecurity. This ongoing investment in modern tools reflects the City's commitment to maintaining a responsive and effective organization that can better serve the community.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 saw significant accomplishments for the Artesia Towne Center (ATC), a City-owned commercial property which is managed by a professional property management firm. This two-story center provides over 38,000 square feet of leasable space for retail and office tenants in a high-traffic area of the City. The ATC is an important revenue-generator for the City and helps to diversify the City's revenue streams.

In the last year, overall occupancy at ATC remained consistent and the first floor reached an all-time high of 96% occupancy. Additionally, all tenant leases were successfully renewed with standard annual escalators, bringing average rents more in line with current market rates. These adjustments, along with strategic cost management, enabled the City to begin quarterly reserve allocations to support long-term capital improvements and sustainability goals.

*Expenses by Department*



# PUBLIC SAFETY

Public safety remains Artesia's top priority. The City's public safety philosophy emphasizes active community outreach and effective law enforcement collaboration. The City made significant progress last year and achieved a reduction of 42% part-one crime rate over the previous year. Deputies made 14 arrests for illegal firearms possession and recovered 16 firearms, which contributed to a safer environment for residents.

Last year, the City made a strong effort to increase resident participation in public safety initiatives by promoting the Neighborhood Watch program, Rave Mobile emergency alert platform, Neighbors App, and Operation Night Light. These outlets help residents communicate amongst each other, City Staff, and public safety providers to assist in creating a more vigilant and safer community. In addition, the City made significant strides in increasing emergency preparedness capacities.

The City's internal emergency operations team held two trainings including a mock emergency situation, ensuring City staff is prepared to respond in the case of an emergency. The City was also awarded two grants to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and create a Climate Adaptation Plan, both tools which help the City plan for and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, and flooding.

The City continued to fund the Downtown Foot Patrol Program with two deputies on Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays along Pioneer Boulevard to increase community safety in the commercial corridor and surrounding neighborhoods. The City also installed 11 license plate reader cameras throughout the City to enhance public safety and support efforts in crime prevention and investigation.

Additionally, the City worked diligently with non-profit and county partners to continue proactively addressing homelessness in the City. The City continues to reach out to the unhoused through homeless outreach services



*Mounted Deputies at Public Safety Expo*

# PUBLIC SAFETY



to encourage individuals to accept housing vouchers and seek medical and mental health assistance.

The City enhanced school safety measures by conducting bi-monthly safety meetings with principals and participating in school safety drills. Lastly, the City contracted with Southwest Patrol, a private security guard company, for additional enforcement support leading up to the Fourth of July holiday period. These comprehensive efforts highlight the City's dedication to addressing a wide range of safety concerns, reducing crime rates, and ensuring that Artesia remains a safe, thriving community where residents and visitors feel secure and supported.

## TARGETED FUNDING RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

- Achieved a reduction of 42% part-one crime over the previous year
- Continued Downtown Foot Patrol Program
- Installed 11 license plate reader cameras citywide
- Contracted with Southwest Patrol for dedicated firework patrols
- Executed 14 Arrests for Illegal Possession of Firearms
- Recovered 16 Firearms





# PARKS & RECREATION

## CITY OF ARTESIA 2024-25 EVENTS

Independence Day Programs  
Senior Summer Luau  
National Night Out  
Labor Day Community BBQ  
International Street Fair & Diversity Festival  
Red Ribbon Week  
Senior Halloween Party  
Halloween Spooktacular & Trunk or Treat  
Dia De Los Muertos Procession  
Veterans Day Ceremony  
Artesia 5K Run/Walk  
Project Joy Thanksgiving  
Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon  
Thanksgiving Feast  
Winter Wonderland and  
Holiday Tree Lighting  
Virgin de Guadalupe Procession  
Las Posadas  
Senior Holiday Luncheon  
Project Joy & Holiday Program  
Jungle Bell Express  
Senior Masquerade Ball  
Senior Valentines Party  
Dog Day Afternoon  
Baseball Opening Day  
Senior Mardi Gras Party  
Restaurant Week  
Golf Tournament  
Senior Spring Luncheon  
Via Crucis Procession  
Spring Eggstravaganza &  
Public Safety Expo  
Earth & Arbor Day Beautification  
Senior Mothers Day Party  
BBQ with the Sheriffs  
Mariachi Festival  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Baseball Closing Day  
Senior Fathers Day Party  
Miss Artesia Pageant

The City continued to enhance the quality of life in Artesia throughout the year by providing vibrant community programs, enhancing community engagement, and offering a diverse range of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages. This past year, the City offered 38 community events, each contributing to our cultural vibrancy. The City recognizes the importance of providing residents easy access to recreational opportunities and the ability to enjoy outdoor space is an important resource in a community.

This past year, the City proudly launched the inaugural Artesia 5K, a new community event that brought residents together to promote health, wellness, and support for local youth. In addition, the City hosted its annual Golf Tournament, a long-standing tradition that continues to grow in impact, raising \$19,000 last year to support youth recreation programming. Both events reflect the community's strong commitment to enriching the lives of Artesia's young residents and are becoming valued annual traditions.

The City made several improvements to its parks and community centers to ensure vibrant spaces for the community. At Artesia Park, the Albert O. Little Community Center saw renovations with a brand-new roof and new exterior paint, enhancing the City's largest community building and ensuring its long-term sustainability. Additionally, several small park buildings also received exterior paint to match the new look of the community center. Last summer, the baseball diamonds were laser leveled, and a new groomer was purchased to ensure the infields used for youth and adult sports are well maintained. Other park improvements include

# PARKS & RECREATION



additional outdoor lighting to improve safety and visibility and improvements to the interior of the snack bar used for youth baseball and softball programs.

At A.J. Padelford Park, the City continued efforts to expand the park with the purchase of two additional properties to enhance the available open space for the surrounding community. Additionally, new amenities were added including outdoor exercise equipment, the basketball court received new surfacing, and additional outdoor lighting was installed.

The Parks and Recreation Department worked to ensure the safety and security of our park assets by installing security cameras at both Artesia Park and A.J. Padelford Park. Security cameras assist the City in ensuring parks remain safe places for visitors and act to deter vandalism of facilities. The City also received a grant last year to begin a Youth Activities League in partnership with Los Angeles County Probation Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide positive afterschool programs for youth in Kindergarten to 8th grade. The program will begin in conjunction with the 2025-26 school year.

The City is also working to expand park space in the City with the development of the Artesia Botanical Garden. As part of the planning process, four community meetings were held to gather input and shape the project's vision. The City Council has approved a 60% design, which includes a variety of amenities such as a welcome plaza, a community center, walking paths, an art installation area, educational gardens, a central lawn, and a demonstration creek. A construction contract is anticipated to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2025-26.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



*2025 Storefront Beautification award winner*

Economic Development is the process of strengthening a community's overall economic well-being. Our goals include expanding our tax base and diversifying commercial offerings, nurturing existing businesses, and welcoming new ventures to our community to expand the City's local economy. Economic Development oversees business retention and attraction as well as maintaining relationships with the City's merchants, owners, investors and residents.

This past year, the City's three cannabis retailers opened operations in the City, further diversifying the City's revenue tax base and providing funding for the Community Benefits Pilot Grant Program. The inaugural Community Benefits Pilot Grant Program supports local initiatives aligned with enhancing community services. A total of \$99,000 in grant funds were provided to five Artesia non-profit organizations. This program provides monetary assistance to eligible non-profit organizations in their efforts to provide social, educational, and cultural services to the community.

The City continued its tradition of its dine local program, Restaurant Week, to encourage patronage at local food establishments and bolster the local economy. Restaurant week saw a 10.5% increase in

participation from local restaurants, with forty-two participating establishments attracting residents and visitors to enjoy Artesia's diverse eateries.

Last year, the City approved the issuance of 170 new business licenses, an 86% increase from the previous year, contributing to a healthy local economy. Furthermore, support for local businesses remained a top priority this past year, with a focus on delivering efficient and responsive licensing services that also contribute to the City's financial stability. Timely processing of business license applications and renewals resulted in a 90% renewal rate, helping to maintain a steady stream of revenue that supports essential City services. Lastly, the City maintained the commitment to respond to business license inquires within one business day.

The City partnered with the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO) to offer the Youth at Work Program. This Program delivers free career services such as resume assistance, job training, and business development while providing on-the-job training and experience to youth workers to prepare them for the workforce. Participants engage in various roles, including senior services, recreational assistance, youth sports programming, office support, and event support. Last year, this Program provided over 3,000 practical work hours and professional development training hours for youth ages 14-24.

# INFRASTRUCTURE

The Public Works team has been working hard at maintaining public roads and infrastructure. This past year, the City has made significant investments in infrastructure, public spaces, and community safety through a series of capital and maintenance projects. These efforts reflect the City's commitment to enhancing quality of life and preserving key community assets. To improve pedestrian safety and roadway conditions, the City completed sidewalk trip hazard remediation by removing and reconstructing broken or uplifting panels at seven locations throughout the community. In addition, pavement improvements were completed on Dena Street between 186th Street and the dead-end, and on 168th Street between Pioneer Boulevard and Clarkdale Avenue, enhancing overall street quality and accessibility for drivers and residents alike.

The City completed the installation of decorative wrought-iron fencing and shrubbery along the Historical District Recreation Trail near the 185th Street cul-de-sac, enhancing safety and preserving the charm of this well-used community space. Additionally, to support environmental sustainability and reduce stormwater pollution, trash capture systems were installed in 95 catch basins across the City, helping to keep local waterways clean and compliant with state regulations.

At the Artesia Botanical Garden, 6 structures were demolished to make way for future improvements, and 10 onsite trees were officially designated as heritage trees, recognizing their environmental and historical significance within the community.

Aside from physical infrastructure projects, the City is also strategically planning for future improvements to ensure accessibility for all residents. This past year, the City completed an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, which assesses existing facilities and public rights-of-way for potential barriers to access. The plan provides a roadmap for making necessary modifications and upgrades over time, helping ensure that City infrastructure is inclusive and compliant with current accessibility standards. This effort reflects the City's ongoing commitment to equity, inclusion, and creating an environment that serves everyone. These infrastructure improvements and strategic planning reflect the City's ongoing commitment to enhancing public spaces, ensuring community safety, and investing in long-term sustainability. Through thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship, the City continues to build a stronger, more resilient environment for all residents and visitors.



*New Landscaping on the Historical District Recreational Trail*

# BEAUTIFICATION & CODE COMPLIANCE



The City strives to keep Artesia beautiful through enforcement of City Codes, and through various beautification projects and initiatives. To help maintain Artesia's visual appeal and uphold code compliance, the City continues to operate its graffiti abatement program as part of our commitment to a clean and welcoming environment.



2025 Landscape Beautification Award winner

To encourage cleanliness, three successful Bulky Item Collection events were held this past year, allowing residents to dispose of an unlimited number of bulky items free of charge, resulting in over 17 tons of bulky waste removed from the community. These events were particularly beneficial to residents who reside in multi-family units and do not have access to special curbside pickups.

The City hosted a park beautification event in conjunction with Earth and Arbor Day this past April, which included a gardening demo, tree planting ceremony, and a free mulch giveaway for residents. Additionally, the City hosted a clean-up of the on/off ramps of State Route 91 at Pioneer Boulevard with CalTrans where over 20 volunteers collected 62 bags of litter and an estimated 10.29 cubic yards of debris. These events

strive to encourage community involvement in actively beautifying the City and improving quality of life.

To further assist beautification efforts citywide, our Code Enforcement Officers collaborate closely with residents and businesses to maintain community health, cleanliness, and safety standards. The City developed and shared targeted social media campaigns to increase public awareness and help reduce code violations. This past year, they achieved voluntary compliance in resolving code violations in 82.8% of cases.

Last year, the City took an important step to address the negative impacts of neglected vacant properties by adopting a new ordinance aimed at improving how these sites are maintained. Vacant lots and buildings can quickly attract unwanted activity, negatively impact public health, and decrease surrounding property values if not properly maintained. The new rules require property owners to keep vacant sites secure, clean, and well-landscaped, helping to prevent blight and preserve the character of our community.

Nine properties were recognized in the 2025 Spring Beautification Program, with five residential and four commercial properties awarded for their beautiful landscaping or sustainable practices. The City recognizes these properties to celebrate and encourage those that enhance the community's appeal and overall neighborhood pride.

# SUSTAINABILITY



The City of Artesia remains dedicated to promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship through proactive programs and initiatives. This recent year's efforts reflect Artesia's ongoing commitment to building a cleaner, more sustainable future for generations to come.

In 2024, the City proudly earned the Gold level Gateway Cities Energy Action Award in recognition of its outstanding leadership in energy efficiency and environmental stewardship. This milestone marks the second consecutive year the City has achieved Gold level in the Gateway Cities Energy Action Award program, a testament to Artesia's ongoing commitment to innovation in energy efficiency, and collaborative efforts to reduce its environmental footprint while improving community infrastructure.

Last year, the City converted its code and parking enforcement fleet vehicles to all-electric, promoting sustainable transportation options and reducing emissions within our community. This transition supports the City's broader environmental goals and aligns with state initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By investing in cleaner technologies, the City is taking meaningful steps toward a more sustainable and energy-efficient future.

The City proactively reduced emissions and waste from building materials by administering the Construction and Demolition Recycling Program. Through this program, 65% of nonhazardous construction and demolition waste was recycled and/or salvaged for reuse from 54 construction projects.

The City continues to administer the Organics Waste Disposal Program that was first introduced in July 2022, in compliance with state mandates aimed at reducing emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. The City continues to distribute free kitchen food scrap collection pails at City Hall and continues to provide educational materials to assist residents in transitioning to proper waste disposal practices. Additionally, appreciating the significance of urban forest management, the City was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for a third consecutive year.

These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to pursuing new opportunities and partnerships that support a cleaner, more sustainable future for Artesia.

## AWARDS

**2023 Gateway  
Cities Energy Action  
Award**

**2024 Gold Level Gateway  
Cities Energy Action Award**

**2022, 2023, & 2024  
Tree City USA**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strengthening engagement with the community has been a key focus for the City over the past year. To keep residents informed and involved, the City has expanded efforts to connect with residents through digital platforms. This past year, the City introduced its first monthly E-Newsletter to provide timely updates on events, initiatives, and services.

City social media presence has grown throughout the year, with an increase of 18.6% Instagram followers and 9.1% Facebook followers. Instagram reach also grew by 106%, significantly expanding visibility and engagement. The City's website saw over 94,000 visitors contributing to a 5.3% increase in website traffic, and the online Service Request System received more than 283 service requests. This growth highlights Artesia's strong commitment to enhancing communication and community engagement by utilizing digital platforms to connect more efficiently and respond quickly to residents' needs.

This past year, the City's Council Chambers also underwent extensive digital modernization. Phase I of the Council Chamber Modernization Project included a comprehensive upgrade of the audio-visual system, aimed at enhancing meeting accessibility, sound clarity, and broadcast quality for both in-person attendees and remote viewers. These improvements ensure a more inclusive and transparent public meeting experience, with improved technology to support community engagement.

Whether through digital tools, public meetings, or special events, the City continues to create opportunities for residents to share their voices and stay involved in local decision-making. As we look ahead, the City remains committed to strengthening these connections and ensuring that community input helps shape the future of Artesia for generations to come.



*Teen program on a summer excursion*



# TRANSPORTATION



*Future location of Southeast Gateway Transit Line*

Providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options continues to be a key focus for the City of Artesia. This year, the City advanced several initiatives aimed at improving mobility, reducing congestion, and enhancing overall transit experience for residents. These efforts reflect

our commitment to keeping Artesia connected and moving forward.

The City recently completed the replacement of all 13 bus shelters within the community, enhancing comfort and accessibility for transit riders. Each shelter now features new benches and trash receptacles, contributing to a cleaner, more welcoming public transportation experience for the community.

The City's dial-a-ride service has been operating successfully for an extended period, offering daily transportation Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. This reliable and accessible service continues to provide vital mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Additionally, the City operates the Artesia Transit bus program on a fixed route, available Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dial-a-ride ridership rose by 56%, while Artesia Transit ridership grew by at least 10% from the previous year.

This past Fiscal Year, the City partnered with LA Metro to host the utility groundbreaking ceremony for the Southeast Gateway Line, marking the official start of construction on this transformative regional transportation project. This momentous event signaled a historic milestone for Artesia and neighboring communities, as this 19.3-mile light rail project will enhance mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and expand access across multiple cities in Southeast Los Angeles County. Artesia's involvement underscores its continued commitment to regional collaboration and sustainable transportation solutions that will benefit residents and future generations alike.

In preparation for the arrival of the Southeast Gateway Line, the City has made significant progress on the development of its Downtown Specific Plan, which aims to guide growth, and promote transit-oriented development in the heart of the City. The Downtown Specific Plan envisions a vibrant, mixed-use downtown area that complements the future transit hub, supports local businesses, and creates new opportunities for housing and economic development. Through community engagement and strategic planning, the City is laying the groundwork for a more connected and accessible downtown. The Downtown Specific Plan is expected to be officially adopted by Fall 2025.



*New Bus Shelter on 183rd and Alburdis*



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