

# Leadership Los Gatos

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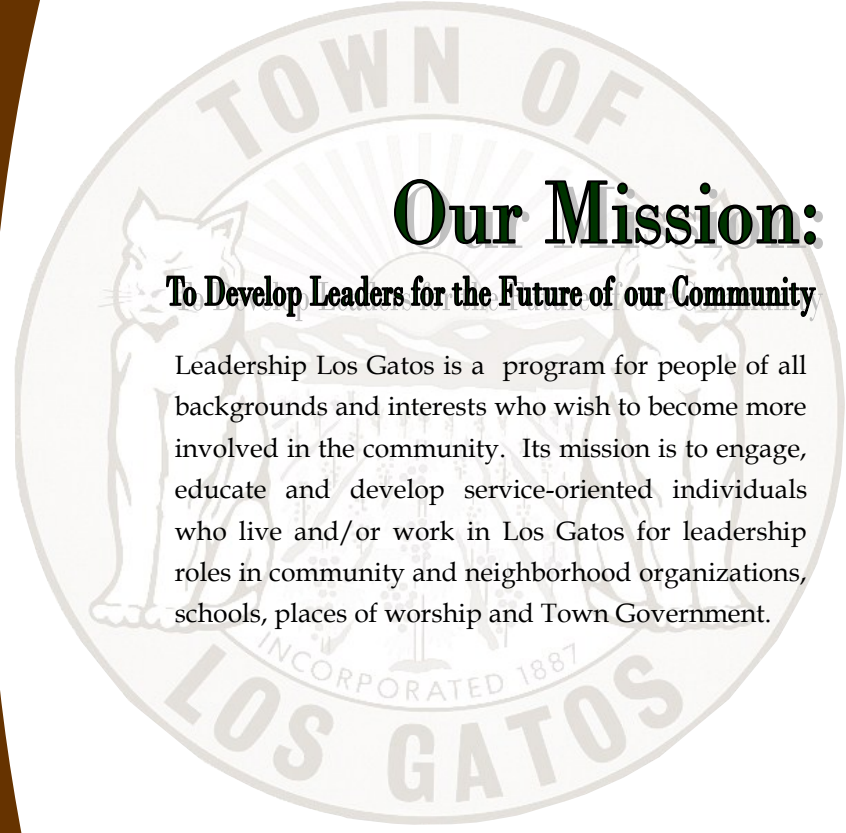
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## Our Mission:

**To Develop Leaders for the Future of our Community**

Leadership Los Gatos is a program for people of all backgrounds and interests who wish to become more involved in the community. Its mission is to engage, educate and develop service-oriented individuals who live and/or work in Los Gatos for leadership roles in community and neighborhood organizations, schools, places of worship and Town Government.



"Leadership Los Gatos was a fantastic experience. I would highly recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about how their community functions. Personally, it helped prepare me for years of service to the Town of various commissions, as well as introducing me to several new friends."

-John Bourgeois  
Class of 2003/04  
Member, Planning Commission

"Leadership Los Gatos was a wonderful experience. It has enhanced my view of where I live, work, play and volunteer. During the program I received a bigger picture of the community and how it works. It motivated me to become more involved in the town I love. It is a experience not to be missed."

-Janice McCabe  
President, LG Community Foundation  
Board Member LG Chamber of Commerce  
Class of 2001/02

"Leadership Los Gatos is an outstanding program for anyone interested in wanting to learn more about our community. It offers a unique birds-eye view into its inner workings along with various speakers who dealt with topics of relevance to various aspects of leadership. At first I thought the 10 session program would be tedious and more of a chore. However, after the first session and the delicious catered lunch, I looked forward to attending each session. This is a fun program!"

-Julie Dinapoli  
Class of 2008/09  
Past Chair, Rotary Plein Air Art Show

"Leadership Los Gatos was one of the best programs I have ever attended. The variety of topics and the knowledge and expertise of the presenters was first class---it really helped me understand how and why decisions are made in our community. As a community leader in Los Gatos, the information I learned was and continues to be relevant in my work with the various agencies and organizations in our town. I highly recommend this program!"

-Chris Miller  
Class of 2001/02  
Board of Trustees, Los Gatos Union Elementary School District

"Leadership Los Gatos is an awesome way for community members to obtain a robust understanding of town governance and thus, it serves as a great platform for committed volunteers to select leadership roles...perhaps on a commission or even as a

CERT Instructor!"  
-Connie Kirby  
Class of 2001/02  
CERT Instructor

"Looking back to my experience, I truly believe that this program continues to be a very vital link and what makes Los Gatos the "Small Town Gem" of Santa Clara Valley. On a personal level, this program provided me with more than an introduction to the town's infrastructure. I was able to make new friendships with my classmates who represented a cross section of the town. Even if I were not to have become involved in any capacity with the Town, this class provided me the once in a life time personal self improvement growth which I will always cherish."

-Chris Tanimoto  
Class of 2006/07  
Transportation and Parking Commission

"Leadership Los Gatos gave me insight into and an appreciation of municipal government in California. As a relative newcomer 10 years ago, LLG offered me a chance to become involved in the community. My service on the General Plan Committee is a direct result of the encouragement I received in this program. I strongly recommend LLG to anyone who is looking for a way to "give back" to this wonderful town."

-Jane Ogle  
Class of 2001/02  
Past member General Plan Committee & Planning Commission



Class of 2010-2011

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**Why are you interested in Leadership Los Gatos? What do you hope to gain from the experience? Why should you be chosen to participate?**

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**Organization & Community Involvement:** Please list civic, community, or professional organizations/activities in which you have participated. Include any offices you may have held.

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**Education:** Please list your educational background including degrees awarded, field of study, training programs, etc. Include special honors or awards.

## 2011/2012 LEADERSHIP LOS GATOS APPLICATION

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2011

Return completed application and participation commitment agreement with tuition to:

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Please make checks payable to the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce.  
Use additional sheets where necessary

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Home Address

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City & Zip Code

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Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

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Email Address

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Employer

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Position

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Business Address

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How long have you lived and/or worked in Los Gatos?

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Leadership Los Gatos sessions are held on the first Friday of each month from October through June. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and are followed by 9:00 a.m. program session. All sessions include lunch and conclude by 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Meeting locations vary and will be announced prior to the session.

Leadership Los Gatos discussion topics include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership Development
- Role of Town Government in the Community
- Presentation and Communication Skills
- Land Use and Economic Vitality
- Ethical Decision Making
- Local Infrastructure and Resident-Serving Utilities
- Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness

Class participants are required to complete a variety of assignments, such as:

- Attend at Town Council Meeting and other public meetings
- Participate in a Los Gatos/Monte Sereno Police ride-along
- Participate in a Community Unity Volunteer Project

"Leadership Los Gatos was more than I expected. I learned many things about Los Gatos that I did not know, which surprised me since I have been a member of this community for 20 years. The collaboration between the Chamber and the Town provides a tremendous and worthwhile learning experience for anyone who lives or works in the Town of Los Gatos"

**Loreen Huddleston**  
CPA  
Class of 2010/11



With Mayor Joe Pirzynski & Councilmember Diane McNutt at the 2010/11 Graduation Ceremony

## APPLICATION, TUITION, AND FEES

The application and tuition deadline for the 2011/12 Leadership Los Gatos program is Wednesday, August 31, 2011. The tuition for the 2011/2012 Leadership Los Gatos program is \$400 per participant. Tuition received after August 31 will increase to \$450. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status no later than Friday, September 16. Applicants not accepted to the program will receive a full tuition refund.

\*A minimum of 15 participants is needed for the class to proceed.

## 2011/12 PROGRAM SCHEDULE\*

### October 7 – Opening Session & Community Tour

- Participate in leadership development and team building exercises.
- Understand Town Government and take a Community Tour (concludes by 3:00 p.m.)

### November 4 – Ethical Decision Making

- Gain insight into community and political decision making techniques and challenges.

### December 2 – Land Use and Economic Vitality

- Discuss fiscal and economic impacts related to land use decisions and community vitality.

### January 13 – Public Safety (Police)

- Explore local safety issues, practices, and services.

### February 3 – Presentation and Communication Skills

- Assess your communication style and learn presentation techniques to effectively communicate your message.

### March 2 – Education/The Arts & Community

- Discuss local educational issues with key Los Gatos educators.
- Learn about the service organizations, non-profits and the arts in Los Gatos.

### April 6 – Fire Safety & Emergency Preparedness

- Learn about the Santa Clara County Fire Department and disaster preparedness for you and your family.

### May 4 – Municipal Infrastructure

- Tour local utility facilities and become familiar with Town infrastructure.

### June 1 – Regional Government & Graduation

- Conclude the program with a regional perspective on government and a special graduation ceremony.

\*Dates and topics are subject to change.

"Every session was packed with informative and interesting topics. I learned more about the inner workings of the Town of Los Gatos than I have in my 15+ years living here. I graduated with a stronger connection to this uniquely special community."

-Michele Boudreau  
Realtor, Alain Pinel Real Estate Los Gatos  
Class of 2010/11



With Mayor Joe Pirzynski  
& Councilmember Diane  
McNutt at the 2010/11  
Graduation Ceremony

## SELECTION PROCESS

Selected Leadership Los Gatos applicants must live and/or work within the Los Gatos Town limits. Applications are screened by a selection committee to balance professional and community interests. Class size is limited to ensure quality class sessions and full participation by all participants.

## PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

In order for Leadership Los Gatos to be successful, full participation is necessary. Attendance is required at each session for the duration of the program. Please carefully evaluate your availability to commit before applying to the program, as termination will result with no refund of the program tuition if you:

- Fail to attend the October class.
- Miss more than 2 sessions during the program year.

To affirm your commitment to the program, we ask that you sign and return the Participation Commitment Affidavit with your application.

### Participant's Commitment Affidavit

*I have read the above guidelines, and I am willing to abide by the participation requirements.*

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Applicant's Signature

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Date