



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The end of summer is fast approaching, but there are still several great events on the calendar if you are looking for some fun - or want to cool off - before school starts. August 11<sup>th</sup> will be the final Concert in the Park with music by "The Answer," always a fan favorite and the Las Flores Park pool has recreation swim on Friday afternoons for some cool, wet fun.

Don't let summer slip by without enjoying some of the year's most popular events!

For more information about these events and other information about the City, keep reading!

*Bob Russi, City Manager*

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## CALENDAR

**August 11 - 6:30 PM**

Concert in the Park:  
"The Answer"  
*Heritage Park*

**August 17 - 6:00-9:00 PM**

Luau Dance for People with  
Special Needs  
*Community Center*

**August 19 - 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
*City Hall Council Chambers*

**August 19 - 8:00 AM**

First Day of School  
*Bonita Unified School District*

**August 27 - 6:30 PM**

YFAC Meeting  
*City Hall Council Chambers*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

The July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was canceled. At the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council:

- Proclaimed July as Minority Mental Health Month
- Recognized Gil Ivey and Norm Faustini each for their eight years of service on the Planning Commission
- Appointed Jason Lorge and Jeff Allred to vacant positions on the Planning Commission
- Recognized Micky's Jewelry Studio for being named 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's Small Business of the Year
- Reappointed Lorraine Missick and Scott Snider and appointed Bette Donovan to serve two-year terms on the Senior Advisory Committee
- Received an update on the status of Sierra La Verne Country Club
- Adjourned in memory of RSVP Gail Johnson Proctor, who passed away on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and in memory of RSVP Sherry Lou MacDonald, who passed away on May 12<sup>th</sup>

## Cooling Centers



The County of Los Angeles' Cooling Center Program identifies free places where any member of the public can go to find relief during hot summer days. The La Verne Community Center is one of the facilities, when activated by the County, which can provide relief when temperatures are high. When activated, the Senior Lounge area at the Center provides relief from 8AM-8:30PM. To view other facilities around the LA County area, visit [www.lacounty.gov/heat](http://www.lacounty.gov/heat).

## Sierra La Verne

Sierra La Verne Golf Course officially closed on July 21st. While, the events will be continued at the banquet facility most of the daily operations are expected to be suspended. In anticipation of this the city will be increasing their patrol and monitoring efforts of the property. Residents surrounding the golf course are also encouraged to let the City know if they notice any issues. To assist in that a portal has been created on the city's website to report concerns, unusual activities or possible violations. Following is a quick link to that log [Sierra La Verne activity log](#).

## Historical Society

On Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> the La Verne Historical Society will be holding its first annual plant sale. The sale will take place at the Community Center located at 3680 D Street, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM and all sales are cash only.



## Ribbon Cutting

On July 18<sup>th</sup> La Verne Landing held the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new off-campus housing located across from the University of La Verne. The off-campus housing was developed with active student life in mind, and offers numerous floor plans and options for students.

## Save the Date

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District will be holding their second annual “La Verne on Tap” Old Town Beer Walk on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Final Concert in the Park

“The Answer to Classic Rock” on August 11<sup>th</sup> enjoy the evening with your family and friends wonderful live music! There will be food



will be the last concert of the summer. Come on Sunday at 6:30 PM at Heritage Park for vendors and great raffle prizes as well.

### Las Flores Park Recreational Swim

Want to keep cool? Join us for some cool, wet fun during recreation swim on Fridays from 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at Las Flores Park pool for \$3.00 per person. Concessions available during regular recreation swim hours. More information can be found in the recreation guide at [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org).

### Aloha!

A luau dance for people with special needs will be held at the Community Center Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Participants can enjoy a DJ, refreshments, fun decorations, photo ops, and a chance to party with their peers. Tickets are available at the Community Services Office for \$5 presale, or they will be available at the door for \$7. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brandon at (909) 596-8776.



### Line Dancing Party

The La Verne Community Center invites you to attend our brand new Line Dancing Event! The event will be held on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM with an entrance fee of \$2 at the door. If you're a beginner, advanced, or just want to dance and enjoy yourself, come on down! Hosted by line dancing instructor, Jan Takemoto! Refreshments and snacks will be provided. All entry fees will go back into our Senior Program.

## PUBLIC SAFETY



### National Night Out - Stuff a Squad Car

Join us at Las Flores Park on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for live music, food, games, family, and fun at National Night Out! We will be accepting school supply donations for our Stuff a Squad Car program too. We hope to see you there!

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Back to School Safety

The beginning of a new school year brings the excitement of new experiences and connecting with friends, but it also brings increased risk of dangers. If your children walk to and from school or the bus stop, make sure that you have their route planned out with the fewest street crossings and walk it with them beforehand to point out any potential hazards along the way. Especially emphasize that they must stay away from parks, vacant lots, and similar areas that do not have many people around, and to NEVER talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from them. Also, if possible, they should walk their route with a neighbor, classmate, or friend rather than alone. Remind them to obey all traffic signals, signs, and crossing guards.



Drop your children off and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Do not drive away until they are inside the secured schoolyard or building. If they ride a bike, ensure that they wear a helmet at all times which meets certified safety standards. There should be a label inside the helmet indicating this. For those who ride the school bus, teach them to stay out of the street at the bus stop, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, and to remain seated at all times with their head and arms inside the bus.

To help avoid any playground injuries, teach your children the proper behavior: no pushing, shoving, hitting, or bullying. It is also a good idea to avoid any drawstrings around the hood or neck of clothing that could get caught on playground equipment.

With these safety tips in mind, your child should be ready for a fun and educational school year with reduced risk of injury. Accidents do happen, in the case of an emergency, always call 9-1-1, and make sure that your emergency contact information on file with the school is up to date.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Community Design Awards 2019: Micky's Jewelry Studio

In 2016 Russell and Micky Rehm purchased the historic commercial building at 2343 D Street. The building was previously home to Generations Antiques, but is now home to the Rehms' family-owned and operated business – Micky's Jewelry Studio – which has been in La Verne for over 10 years.

Prior to re-locating Micky's Jewelry Studio from Foothill Boulevard to Old Town, the Rehms proposed several renovations to the historic building, which was constructed in 1936. The renovations included plastering over the building's exposed concrete, replacing the front façade's stone finish with brick in order to be more consistent with the original building, enlarging the storefront window, and adding in new decorative wood doors. The Rehms also preserved some of the building's original architectural details, including a concrete chevron design on the front façade.

The Rehms' restoration of the building at 2343 D Street successfully maintained the historic nature of the building while also adding modern touches. The Rehms and Micky's Jewelry Studio are recipients of the 2019 La Verne Community Design Award in the Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse category for their work to preserve and rehabilitate the historic resource at 2343 D Street. Outstanding work!

Micky's Jewelry Studio was recognized at the July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for being named 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's Small Business of the Year at the Annual Small Business of the Year Luncheon organized by the California Small Business Association. Congratulations!



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Local Household Hazardous Waste Event

Please collect your hazardous waste (pesticides, old batteries, used automotive fluids, used cleaning products, etc.) and electronic waste products (computers, old televisions, and broken cell phones) for a FREE collection event in Arcadia on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Santa Anita Race track, gate #6, Colorado Place, Arcadia. All LA County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to this event, there is a roundup nearly every weekend in LA County. The entire schedule and more details are posted at [www.888cleanla.com](http://www.888cleanla.com)



# LIBRARY

## August Events for children:

**Meet Dory's Best Friend: The Whale Shark** - Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) An exciting real-life adventure with undersea explorers, Wayne and Karen Brown. In this program you will come face-to-face with Dory's best friend – a Whale Shark! You will also see that the largest shark on the planet is also the most docile shark on the planet! For ages 7 and up!

**Smarty Pants Story Time** - Wednesdays, August 7-28<sup>th</sup> (11:30 AM - 12:00 PM) Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun! Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Story Time is for ages 2 - 5 with an adult caregiver.

## August Events for Teens:

**Teen Advisory Board** - Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> (3:00 PM - 4:00 PM) Join your friends at the library and discuss programs and activities you would like to have at the library. Don't miss this opportunity to provide valuable input and possibly direct your own program. Teens 13-18

**Adult 101- Saving Money** - Monday, August, 26<sup>th</sup> (3:00 PM – 4:00PM) It's never too soon to start saving for your future. Create your own piggy bank and get started today!

### **Library Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday: 11 AM - 8 PM  
Friday, Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM  
Sunday: Closed



For more information visit the library's website: <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/laverne/index.php>

# CHAMBER NEWS

## Installation of New Board Members

A celebratory reception was held to mark the official installation of the 2019-20 Board of Directors for the La Verne Chamber of Commerce. The executive board members are:

- Chairman of the Board, Scott Snider
- Chairman Elect, Michael Mergil
- Treasurer, Tina Henton
- Secretary, Teri Muse
- Immediate Past Chair, Wayne Hurley

Accepting the role and duty of a Board member means officers and directors are charged with the responsibility to promote member businesses and organizations, protect the organization’s assets, and to ensure members receive an honest accounting for their investment of time and financial support. “The Board of Directors is the highest governing authority within the management structure of the Chamber. It is the board’s responsibility to oversee and to ensure the appropriateness of operations and procedures,” says Leah Skinner, Executive Director of the La Verne Chamber of Commerce.

