



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017



Artist rendering of future La Verne Gold Line Station

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I'm proud to share with you some of the high quality projects, programs, and activities that our departments and their talented staff provide the community. There's still plenty to do in La Verne this summer and I hope you use this newsletter as a tool to inform you of what is going on in your city.

Some events to note include: the next Community Meeting on the Foothill Gold Line will take place at Hillcrest Retirement Community on August 3rd at 5:30 pm; and, on August 19th at 10:00 AM at Mainiero Square in downtown there will be a re-enactment of the 1917 Wedding celebrating the vote to change the name of Lordsburg to La Verne.

Thanks for taking an interest in what's happening in La Verne!

All the best,

Bob Russi, City Manager

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EVENT CALENDAR

August 3 – 5:30 PM

Foothill Gold Line Community Meeting
Hillcrest Retirement Community
2705 Mountain View, La Verne

August 7 – City Council Meeting Cancelled

August 6 – 8:15 PM

Movie in the Park – Lego Batman Movie
Heritage Park

August 7 – 5:30 PM

Foothill Gold Line Community Meeting
Glendora Library
1405 Glendora Ave, Glendora

August 9 – 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall

August 13 – 6:30 PM

Concerts In the Park – The Answer (Classic Rock)
Heritage Park

August 16 – 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee
Community Center

August 18 – 6:00 PM

Luau Dance for Special Needs Population
Community Center

August 19 – 10:00 AM

Re-enactment of the 1917 Mock Wedding of Miss Lordsburg and Mr. La Verne
"D" and 3rd Street

August 21 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
Council Chambers

August 22 – 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting
City Hall

Every Saturday – 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

La Verne Fresh Farmer's Market
Old Town La Verne at "D" and 3rd

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the July 17th Council Meeting (July 3rd meeting cancelled), the City Council:

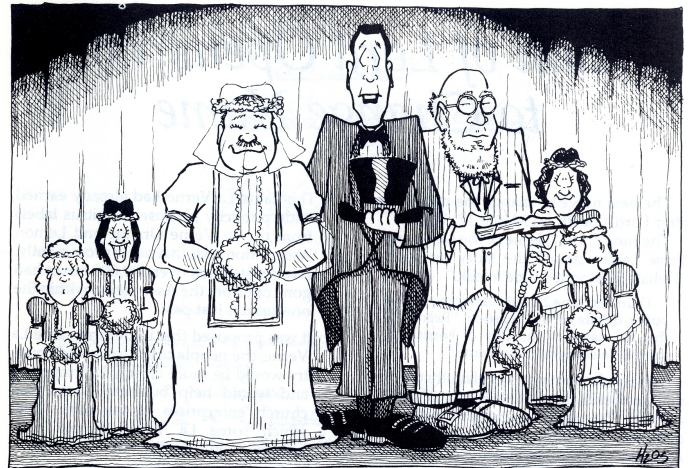
- Conducted a study session regarding Affordable Housing and Housing Program Rehabilitation Concepts.
- Approved a class specification for a non-sworn Communications Supervisor in the Police Department.
- Approved the purchase of approximately 2000 street light poles from Southern California Edison. Once the City owns the street light poles, they will be converted to LED technology. The City expects to save approximately 1.8M over a 20-year period in energy and maintenance costs.
- Heard an update on the Teen Center identified the preferred location for a 6000 – 7000 sq. ft facility in Las Flores Park.
- Heard from residents at Canterwood Road regarding an odor they believe is produced by the sewer lift station that is part of the Creekside residential project (22 new homes) under construction off San Dimas Canyon Road.

All Council Meeting agendas and back-up may be found at: www.cityoflaverne.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO A "WEDDING"!

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the August 16, 1917 election results in which the voters of the town of Lordsburg and the City of La Verne voted to change the name of Lordsburg to La Verne, thus creating one cohesive community. On September 27, 1917, a mock wedding was held in which Miss Lordsburg and Mr. La Verne shared vows to celebrate.

In honor of that historic day, the La Verne Historical Society, in conjunction with the City, will re-enact the mock wedding. **Join us at "D" and Third Streets on Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m.** for a special event to re-enact the 1917 mock wedding of Miss Lordsburg to Mr. La Verne.



September 27, 1917—The wedding of Miss Lordsburg to Mr. La Verne featured Oscar Raley as the Bride and W. S. Romick as the Groom. The Minister was Harvey Nichols and the six flower girls were Lois Durward, Lois Miller, Lola and Miriam Shirk, and Gladys and Hazel Snoko.
—Cartoon courtesy Mark Waters

PUBLIC SAFETY

TAKING BACK OUR COMMUNITY EFFORT

The City of La Verne, along with many other cities, is starting a community awareness campaign regarding legislation that is impacting the Criminal Justice System in California. Increased crime has been attributed to State legislative changes enacted through Assembly Bill 109 and Propositions 47 and 57.

AB 109 – transferred the responsibility of housing certain criminals from State prison to County jail facilities. Because these facilities are already full, this has resulted in the early release of approximately 45,000 low-level criminals to relieve overcrowding.

Prop 47 – approved by the voters in 2014, changed the following crimes from felonies to misdemeanors:

- Shoplifting, theft, forgery/fraud (where value does not exceed \$950)
- Possession of illegal drugs, including cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine

Proposition 57 – allows the State complete authority to release up to 30,000 inmates in California State prison back into our communities.

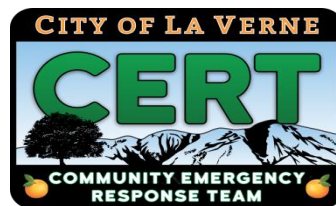
This legislation has placed limitations on law enforcement's ability to respond to increased criminal activities. So, what can the public do? Getting educated about the facts is the first thing that you can do to make a difference. Only the State can make the criminal justice system changes needed to ensure that violent and career criminals are kept off of our streets. Contact your State representatives today and ask that they help protect our communities:

Governor Jerry Brown
State Capital Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-445-2841
Fax: 916-558-3160

Senator Anthony Portantino
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-651-4025
Fax: 916-651-4925

Assembly Member Chris Holden
State Capital, PO Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0041
Phone: 916-319-2041
Fax: 916-319-2141

CERT CORNER On July 4th, sixteen members of La Verne CERT supported our first aid booth and recruitment efforts at La Verne's fireworks show. They did minor first aid and a great job of recruiting, handing out 55 brochures to potential team members! Our presence was acknowledged by Mayor Kendrick, City Council, and hundreds of La Verne residents.



STUFF A SQUAD CAR The Police Department is proud to announce the return of the "Stuff a Squad Car" campaign to collect school supplies for needy local children. Collection sites are currently open and located at the Police Department, City Hall, and the Community Center **through August 16th**. We will also be collecting during the Police Officer's Association sponsored Movies in the Park at Heritage Park on August 6th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SO "BEARY" HELPFUL Officer David Weaver became an internet sensation on July 8th when the Police Department posted video of him steadying a bear cub that had its head stuck in a plastic jug. An agent from Fish and Wildlife was able to remove the jug and free the cub, who returned to its mother, who had been monitoring the entire scene from just yards away. Since the posting of the video on the Department's Facebook page, over 80,000 people have viewed it. Media outlets from all over the world have reposted the video, including the BBC and the Taiwanese news. Great job Officer Weaver!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ALOHA! A Luau Dance for People with Special Needs will be held at the Community Center **Friday, August 18th** from **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** 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 Max at (909) 596-8776.



La Verne Concerts in the Park

There is still one amazing concert left for your enjoyment. **Sunday, August 13 – The Answer – Classic Rock** The La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne have jointly hosted these great free Summer Concerts for over 20 years at the beautiful historic Heritage Park. Mark your calendar to come and enjoy the wonderful music while relaxing with your family and friends. Food and beverages will be available from the Popcorn King, Kona Ice, and Rocking Roasting Corn.

“Movie in the Park”

The City will be holding its second “Movie in the Park” on **Sunday, August 6** at Heritage Park. The LEGO Batman Movie will start at approximately 8:15 pm. The La Verne Police Association and the Community Services Department are sponsoring this event.



County of Los Angeles Public Library

August events in La Verne:

Summer Discovery Days
1:00 PM Tuesday August 1

Family Storytime
6:30 PM Wednesday August 2

Storytime for Tots
12:00 PM Friday August 4

Summer Discovery Final Party
2:00 PM Friday August 4

Musical Performance: Nichelle Monroe with Butterfly
6:30 PM Wednesday August 9

Solar Eclipse Lecture with JPL's Dr. William Owen
2:00 PM Saturday August 12

"M?kM" Monday
3:30 PM Monday August 21

Family Storytime
6:30 PM Wednesday August 23

Storytime for Tots
12:00 PM Friday, August 25

Family Storytime
6:30 PM Wednesday August 30



Los Angeles County Library – La Verne Branch
3640 D Street
La Verne, CA 91750
909 596-1934

Library Hours

Monday	10 - 6
Tuesday	10 - 6
Wednesday	11- 8
Thursday	11 - 8
Friday	9 – 5
Saturday	9 – 5
Sunday	Closed

PUBLIC WORKS

CLEANING UP STORM WATER MAKES LA VERNE GREENER Storm water is the water that flows over our roofs, streets, sidewalks, and other impervious surfaces picking up pollutants like trash, cigarette butts, motor vehicle fluids and materials, sediment, animal waste, and many more. In order to minimize the effect of humans on the environment, the City of La Verne is focused on citywide and regional programs that address storm water pollution through green infrastructure. These programs include a new monitoring program for pollutants, increased street sweeping, stricter requirements for new and redevelopments, and infrastructure projects designed to increase water supply reliability and remove pollutants. All of these programs have the goal of making La Verne more environmentally friendly by better mimicking the natural world around us, while maintaining the City's distinct atmosphere.

The long-term goals of these programs are improved water supply reliability and water clean enough for recreational activities throughout the entire San Gabriel River. These goals, however, present monumental funding challenges and a reassessment of cities' administrative framework around storm water.

In order to help meet these challenges, La Verne has partnered with the neighboring cities of Claremont, Pomona, and San Dimas (collectively known as the East San Gabriel Valley Watershed Management Group) in order to address challenges of storm water management as a region. Funding will continue to be a chronic issue, so La Verne will continue to actively seek private, public, and non-profit partners. Residents can make their voices heard on these issues by attending La Verne City Council meetings or Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board meetings or by writing and calling your elected representatives to ensure they know how regional storm water management efforts will affect you.

GLENDORA HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT After cleaning up the house this summer, you may have some old paint, outdated computers, a bulky television, expired medications, old cell phones, or used batteries lying around. Hopefully, you don't throw them in the trash since these items contain toxic chemicals. Those chemicals then make their way into our landfills, water supply, soil and into our bodies. Additionally, they contain chemicals that can often be recycled, reducing the resources needed to produce new goods.

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 Glendora on **August 19th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Citrus College**, Stadium Parking Lot, Barranca Avenue just north of Alostia Avenue, Glendora. All L.A. County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to this event, there is a roundup nearly every weekend in L.A. County. The entire schedule and more details are posted at www.888cleanla.com.



CONSERVATION



SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

On April 7th, Governor Brown formally ended the emergency drought declaration. However, there are still long-term effects of the drought to overcome. These include managing overdrawn groundwater basins, mitigating effects of large-scale tree death, and strengthening drought resilient water supplies, but most short-term water supply problems have been significantly relieved. The State is reacting to a much wetter and milder rainy season in 2016-2017, but there is the possibility that this is a temporary reprieve in a long-term drought.

If we enter into another dry year or if conservation does not yield results, the State may reinstate mandatory drought requirements. New goals regarding water conservation will be set by State agencies so that California can continue to become more water-efficient. This will help mitigate the effects of future droughts even if they are longer or more severe than our most recent drought.

Water conservation will continue to be one of our most effective water supply management strategies. La Verne residents should take this opportunity to transition into conservation as a way of life in Southern California.

AB 341 and AB 1826: Commercial and Organics Recycling

Two state laws, AB 341 and AB 1826, mandate commercial/multi-family and organic recycling. This means that all businesses, apartments, and other residential areas with 5 or more units must recycle both traditional recyclables like metal, cardboard, and paper, along with organics, like produce. Recycling has many benefits such as extending the life of our landfills, reducing air and water pollution, limiting greenhouse gas emissions, and saving energy. For businesses and multi-family homes there may also be opportunities to save money through lower cost recycling options.

La Verne strongly encourages our businesses to recycle through reputable waste haulers like the City's waste hauler, Waste Management. If recycling is done by waste haulers other than Waste Management, please report the weights and types of materials so that businesses can get proper credit for recycling. Report the weight and type of material from commercial and multi-family recycling to lobrien@cityoflaverne.org

Recycling organics is the single biggest improvement most Californians, including our businesses, can make. Having separate recycling containers for food waste can go a long way towards reducing the amount of solid waste that ends up at our landfills. Even food waste that might normally decompose will take significantly longer to do so at a landfill. Diverting organic materials away from our waste stream and instead recycling them into compost significantly improves sustainability in La Verne.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Foothill Gold Line is the First Measure M Rail Project to Move Forward *Community Groundbreaking is scheduled for October 21*

In June, the Los Angeles County Metro Board of Directors approved the Funding Agreement (FA) and Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) for the Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Glendora to Montclair – making the project the first Measure M rail project to move forward.

The 12.3-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line system, will include six new stations, including one in the City of La Verne (see artist rendering below). The FA and MCA lay the framework for \$1.4 billion to be available to complete the Los Angeles County portion of the project (from Glendora to Claremont), and the roles and responsibilities of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) and Metro as partners to complete the line in the coming years. The Construction Authority continues to work with San Bernardino County to fully fund the portion of the project from Claremont to Montclair.

With this major milestone achieved, the Glendora to Montclair project will break ground in October 2017 and is anticipated to reach substantial completion in 2026. After groundbreaking, the first two years of the project will be spent relocating utilities, conducting pre-construction activities, finalizing engineering and hiring a design-build contractor. A contractor is anticipated to be hired in late-2018 and major construction is not anticipated to start until late-2019.

The next community meeting will be held in La Verne Meeting is at Hillcrest on **August 3rd from 5:30pm-7:30pm**. More than 400 people have attended the series of community meetings hosted by the Construction Authority over the last few weeks, with about 150 attending last week's meeting in Claremont. The Claremont meeting was the most heavily attended so far and participants were extremely engaged. Many spent time viewing the 3D model of the station area and asking questions, and nearly everyone provided feedback to the city on a 3D model they brought of a possible light rail bridge design for Indian Hill Boulevard (to be used if the CPUC requires a grade separation).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The City has recently hired a consultant, De Novo Planning Group, to work with the Planning Department to update the City's General Plan, which was previously adopted in 1998. A General Plan is the citizens' "blueprint" for development and a guide to

achieving the City's overall vision for the community. Although La Verne's small town values remain, there are big changes in our future with the expansion of the Gold Line. This two-and-a-half-year process will be an effort of the entire City, including our residents, managed through the Planning Department. If you have any questions please contact Candice Bowcock in Planning at cbowcock@cityoflaverne.org for more information.

CITY OF LA VERNE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



2017 LA VERNE COMMUNITY DESIGN AWARDS: THE CIRRITO HOUSE

The Cirrito House at 2273 6th Street is a single-family residential home built from the ground up on a vacant lot. Michael Cirrito, a professional custom home builder and the owner of the Cirrito House, carefully crafted a home that would fit seamlessly into the neighborhood. The **Cirrito House** is a recipient of the **2017 La Verne Community Design Award** in the **Residential** category. Great work!



2017 LA VERNE COMMUNITY DESIGN

AWARDS: 986 PHARMACY

986 Pharmacy is an independent, neighborhood pharmacy that strives to keep patients' body temperature at 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. 986 Pharmacy opened in La Verne in 2016, and owner Ken Thai considers the La Verne branch to be the flagship store of their 5 locations.

The interior design of 986 is modern and inviting, incorporating elements such as a chalkboard wall, marquee letters and photos of City landmarks. For their fine interior design work, **986 Pharmacy** is a recipient of the **2017 La Verne Community Design Award** in the **Interior Design** category. Kudos to the 986 Pharmacy team!



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