



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2018



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to our residents and business owners!

This time of year is spent in the company of family and friends. There are many holiday inspired activities in La Verne such as the annual Christmas tree lighting at City Hall and Winter Wonderland at Heritage Park. Please enjoy the festivities throughout the City in the month of December.

The holiday season brings shopping, traveling and delicious baked treats! This issue provides helpful tips to use while doing all of the activities this month entails. We hope your holiday is joyous and safe.

All the best,

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

December 3 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

December 3 - 6:30 PM
Tree Lighting Ceremony
City Hall

December 8 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Winter Wonderland Event
Heritage Park

December 15 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Household Hazardous Waste
Roundup at Bracket Field

December 17 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

December 24 - All Day
Christmas Eve Observed
City Yard closed

December 25 - All Day
Christmas Day
*City Hall, City Yard and
Community Center closed*

January 1 - All Day
New Year's Day
*City Hall, City Yard and
Community Center closed*

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

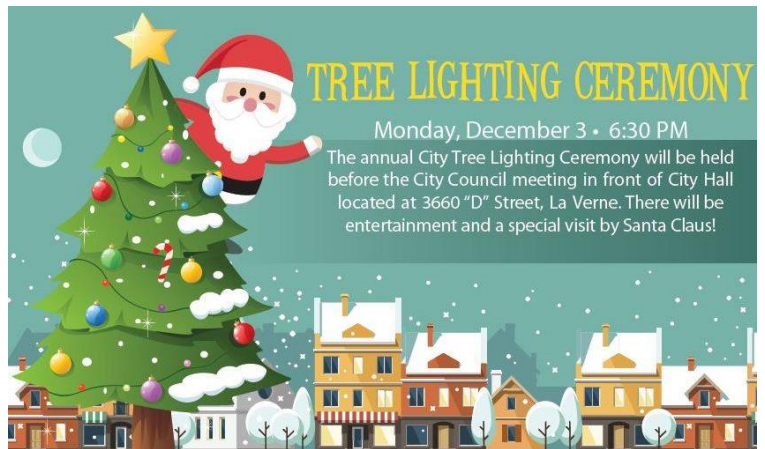
At the November 5th and 19th meetings, the City Council:

- Recognized the military service of residents Andre J. Batoon (Coast Guard), Chase E. Diato (Air Force), and Kody R. McGauran (Marines).
- Celebrated the badge pinning for new Police Officer Ryan D'Angelo.
- Heard the State of the State address by Senator Anthony Portantino.
- Received a status report on the design of the new Teen Center.
- Approved a labor agreement with the Police Officers Association through 12/2020.
- Directed staff to explore creation of a Mobility Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. the City will host its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held before the City Council meeting in front of City Hall located at 3660 "D" Street, La Verne. There will be entertainment and a special visit by Santa Claus!



"Let it Snow"



The annual Winter Wonderland event will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Heritage Park. Children ages 1-12 can enjoy three snow runs, two snow play lands, arts and crafts, a cup of hot cocoa and a doughnut, and of course, a visit with Santa! Kids should dress for snow: mittens, gloves, boots, and jackets. Sliding saucers will be provided. There will also be food and refreshments for purchase and craft vendors for early Christmas shopping. Tickets are \$12 per child presale at the Community Services Office and \$15 per child at the event.

Discover Your Recreation Guide Online

Registering for your favorite classes and events is more convenient by visiting our website at www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide. You can view upcoming classes and events at your convenience, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Beginning December 2018, the City's Recreation Guide will no longer be delivered to your home. If you have any questions about classes, programs, or events, call the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

Three new businesses were welcomed to La Verne in November with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at each one. On November 2nd, Golden Peach Café an Asian Fusion restaurant and tea room had their ribbon cutting ceremony at 2855 Foothill Blvd. On November 9th, Broken Yolk Cafe held their ribbon cutting at 2488 Foothill Blvd. near Target, specializing in a wide range of breakfast and lunch items. Then on November 29th, a ribbon cutting was held for the new owners of Pappas Artisanal in Old Town La Verne at 2232 D Street. Pappas is a great place to grab a specialty pizza, sandwich, salad, or try their incredible weekend brunch.

Gold Line Light Rail Public Scoping Meeting - December 10th

The La Verne Community Center will be the site of a Public Scoping Meeting on Monday, December 10th, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a proposed modification to the phasing of construction for the 12.3 mile, six station Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Glendora to Montclair.

The Construction Authority proposes to modify the Project to construct and operate the project in three phases (instead of two phases). In response to this proposed change, the Construction Authority will be initiating the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to evaluate potential for significant impacts that may result from the three construction phasing options under review, including: Phase 1 – to the La Verne/Pomona Fairplex Station; Phase 2 – to the Claremont Station, and Phase 3 – to the Montclair Station. The proposed construction phasing is necessary to match up with both existing encumbered funding and pending/future funding sources. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit input on potential issues to be considered and addressed, as applicable, in the SEIR.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spark of Love Toy Drive

The La Verne Fire Department is again participating in ABC7 News' Spark of Love Toy Drive this year. The drive began on November 14th, and we will continue accepting toys through Christmas Day. New, unwrapped toys, board games, or sports equipment for any ages, toddler to teenager can be dropped off for donation at any of the three LVFD stations, City Hall or the Community Center. The donated toys are distributed to the children of La Verne families who might otherwise go without any gifts this holiday season, as well as La Verne non-profit youth organizations such as David & Margaret Youth and Family Services, the LeRoy Haynes Center, Sowing Seeds for Life, and local church preschools. Last year, the La Verne Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive collected roughly 1,500 toys to help provide holiday cheer to the children of 50 La Verne families in need, as well as the local youth non-profits mentioned above.



If you are a La Verne family in need of assistance with toys for your child(ren) for the holiday, please call the La Verne Fire Department at (909)596-5991, or stop by at 2061 Third Street to apply for toy donations

93rd Annual Christmas Morning Program

Did you happen to hear we celebrate Christmas Morning in La Verne? Every year we have a few new residents who wake up to sirens on their street not knowing about this yearly event. If you have a new neighbor, please let them know!

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Can you tell me what time you will be on our street Christmas morning?*

Unfortunately, no! Approximately 100 fire department members, their families, city staff, and volunteers work to deliver bags to the 500+ streets in La Verne. The city is divided into seven separate routes with Santa and his crew working to complete the deliveries on each route by 2:00 p.m. (6 hours). Each year adjustments are made to the routes to make the delivery process more efficient. This means that you could see Santa early in the morning one year, and not until noon the next. The only way to know for sure is to **listen** for the sirens on your street! If you want to track where the team is you can follow the progress of the trucks on our Santa Tracker by clicking the following link on Christmas morning.

<http://www.cityoflaverne.org/santatracker>

2. *How did the tradition of the fire department bringing Santa to every child in La Verne begin?*

In 1925, this long-time La Verne tradition began. Initially, the firemen distributed food to needy families on Christmas morning. It has grown to a citywide event where firefighters, family members, and volunteers deliver bags of candy, peanuts, and fruit to each and every child in the city on Christmas morning.

3. *Do you buy the candy, nuts, and fruit? How many do you deliver on Christmas?*

The fire department buys the fruit, nuts, and candy. We purchase from La Verne companies when possible. The cost is budgeted by the fire department and we also receive donations every year from members of the community which go towards the items. This year we will fill 12,000 bags with a total of 2,150 pounds of peanuts, 865 pounds of candy, and one apple each.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pink Patch Project is over

This year's Pink Patch Project is over. Originally started by Laguna Beach for the purpose of collecting funds for the fight against breast cancer, the project has expanded to over 300 law enforcement agencies participating across the United States and an unknown number overseas. This year the Pink Patch was able to present the City of Hope with a check for \$330,000 from various L.A. County Agencies, including \$4,700 from La Verne. Nationally over one million dollars was collected and donated to various cancer research facilities.

Operation Yule Push

This holiday season, the La Verne Police Department will once again roll out Operation Yule Push. Yule Push is a program that provides additional officers in the City's commercial business parks during the evening hours on weekdays and all day and night on the weekends. Officers may be seen in patrol cars, on bicycles, or on foot. These extra patrols are meant to help deter criminal activity and ensure the residents of La Verne have a happy holiday season. However, we want to encourage you to report suspicious activity. If you see something, say something.

Holiday Safety Tips from La Verne Police Department

La Verne Police Department wants to protect you during the holidays! Here are several tips.

1. *The holidays are a great time to get to know your neighbors.*

Neighbors watching out for neighbors and reporting suspicious activity to the police help make our community safer. If planning to travel during the holiday season, inform a trusted neighbor about your plans, including where you will be and when you might be expected back to your residence. Ask a neighbor or other dependable persons to watch your house and retrieve your newspapers and mail if possible, or place those services on hold. The La Verne Police Department offers "Vacation House Checks" while you are out of town. More information on this service as well as the Vacation House Check form may be found on our website at www.lvpd.org or obtained at the Public Safety Building located at 2061 Third Street. The completed form must be returned to the Public Safety Building.

2. *When you're out shopping for the holidays, stay alert to surroundings.*

Take a moment to glance around for possible suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity. There is safety in numbers; arrange to shop with friends and relatives. The holiday season is notorious for con artists who may attempt to distract you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. Don't overload yourself with packages. Avoid wearing expensive, flashy jewelry and carrying large amounts of cash. Never leave personal belongings, including your purse, unattended. Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a secure place at home. Park and walk in well-lit areas and carry keys in your hand. Always lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight.

3. *Know that shopping online is not risk-free.*

The National Cyber Security Alliance recommends that you make sure you have a security suite (firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware) installed and updated before shopping online. Keeping your operating system and Web browser up-to-date is also recommended. Before you enter your personal and financial information for an online transaction, look for signs that the site is secure. This includes a closed padlock on your Web browser's address bar or a URL address that begins with shttp or https. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured. Never use unsecured wireless networks to make an online purchase. Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used. When possible shop at known, trusted websites. Print and save records of your online transactions. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there are no unauthorized charges. If there is a discrepancy, report it immediately. Don't leave packages on your porch or in visible areas. Arrange to have packages delivered to work or a friend's house.

Below is a link to a video that gives a few tips that can be used to prevent becoming a victim of package theft. The holiday season is upon us and many of us will be making online purchases. We suggest that when possible, schedule delivery for a day when you expect to be home. Have your packages delivered to work, a neighbor, or a friend's house. Request that packages be placed at a side or back door, instead of the front porch.



<https://lumen5.com/v/jin8/>

4. *Keep your home safe throughout the holidays.*

Lock and secure all windows and doors, including sliding glass or French doors when leaving for any length of time. We suggest keeping the entrance points into your house secured while you're at home as well. Set indoor and outdoor lights on timers and think about doing the same with a television to make it appear as if someone is home. Never keep gifts or valuable objects in plain view from any window. Deter potential burglars by closing blinds, shutters, drapes, and curtains. If a person knocks at your door and you don't recognize them, don't feel obligated to open your door. Do not ignore the knock though-make it known that you are home, but

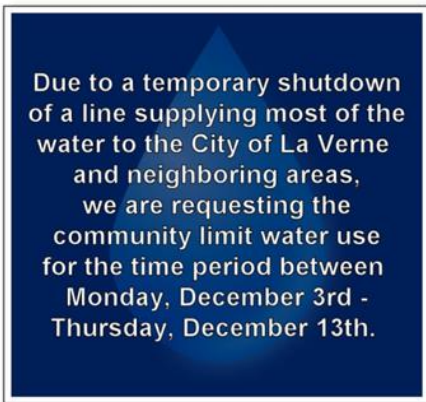
unavailable to open the door. Teach your children that by no means will they open the door to anyone prior to your knowledge and authorization.

5. *When celebrating the holidays, celebrate responsibly.*

Many people celebrate the season by attending holiday parties with family and friends. Enjoy these gatherings responsibly so this time of joy does not become a time of tragedy. Watch how much you drink. Never drink and then drive. Assign a designated driver, or call a taxi or ride share service. The Police Department recommends you plan ahead if you plan on consuming alcoholic beverages.

PUBLIC WORKS

Temporary Water Shutdown



Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is scheduling a shutdown of the Rialto Feeder water line from December 3rd-December 13th. The Rialto Feeder is the main connection to provide water for the City. During this time, we are asking the community to conserve water, as we have a limited amount to utilize until the connection is available for use again. Three Valleys Municipal Water District is taking advantage of the shutdown and conducting maintenance that is normally scheduled to occur in February, so as to avoid a future shutdown.

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Roundup

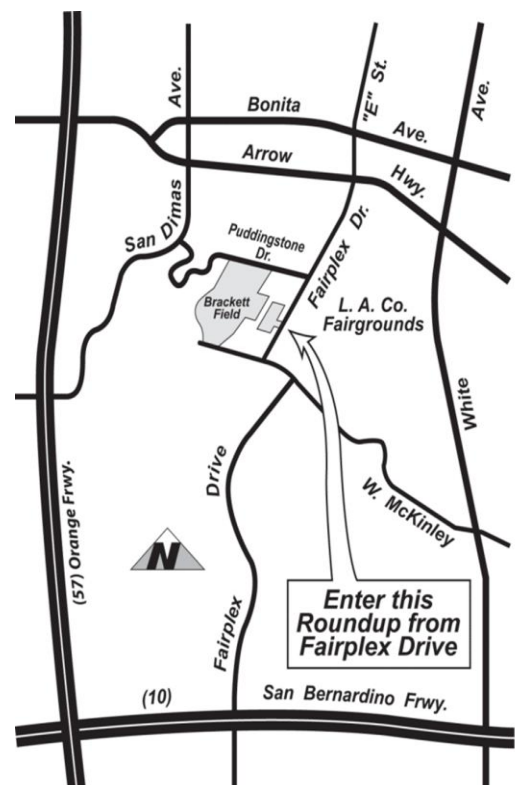
There will be a FREE collection event in La Verne on Saturday, December 15th, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Brackett Air Field. Roundup is sponsored jointly by the Sanitation Districts and the [Department of Public Works](#). The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

THINGS WE WANT YOU TO BRING...

- Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner
- Turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Household and car batteries
- Old computers and television sets
- Sharps or used needles
- Expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers

THINGS WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BRING...

- Explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials
- Waste from businesses will NOT be accepted
- Trash or old tires
- White goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air conditioners



HOW TO PREPARE...

- In general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle
- Bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers
- Be prepared to leave your containers
- Do not mix products together

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

La Verne City Hall at (909) 596-8726 or the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County at (800) 238-0172

Christmas Tree Recycling

On December 31st and January 7th, Waste Management will pick up Christmas trees that have been placed curbside for recycling. If your tree is six feet or more, please cut it in half and avoid flocked trees if possible, as they cannot be recycled.

LA VERNE BRANCH - LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY**Library Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

The library will be closed on the following dates:

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1, 2019

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



*Happy Holidays from the
City of La Verne!*

