



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2022

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

This issue provides highlights from the two City Council meetings in February including the New Small Business Assistance Grant Program. La Verne small businesses will soon be able to apply for a grant to help assist with the financial impacts of COVID-19. In addition, there is information regarding this month's events, and news that might be of community interest and the upcoming election.

Additional information about what's happening in the City can be found at www.cityoflaverne.org.

I hope this newsletter is helpful in keeping you up to date with City news, activities and programs.

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

March 13 – 2:00 AM

Daylight saving time begins

March 21 - 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting via Live Stream
City Website at cityoflaverne.org

March 22 - 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee
Meeting via the City's YouTube
channel at
www.cityoflaverne.org/stream.

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the February meetings the City Council:

- Directed staff to work with VFW for placement of a Chair of Honor in the Council Chamber
- Celebrated the completion of military service for community member David C. Halberg, Navy
- Proclaimed February as Black History Month
- Appointed Dr. Zuhey Espinoza to complete a vacated term on the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Board
- Approved an agreement with the City of Pomona for median improvements on Arrow Highway
- Heard the annual audit report
- Approved a Business Assistance Program using ARPA funds
- Adjourned in memory of Frances Divine, longtime La Verne resident and enthusiastic City volunteer

CITY NEWS

Secured Youth Treatment Facility

At their Tuesday, March 15th meeting, the County Board of Supervisors will be considering permanent sites for the Secured Youth Treatment Facility. Item #10 is a motion by Supervisors Kuehl and Mitchell. While Afflerbaugh and Paige are not part of their recommendation, it is still important for La Verne residents to participate in the meeting to reiterate their views and position for not considering these the two locations. Instructions on how to sign up can be found here: [SYTF](#). The City will continue to update our website with additional information as it becomes available.

New Business Assistance Grant Program Launched



La Verne small businesses will soon be able to apply for a new business assistance program that will provide grants of up to \$10,000 to help them deal with the financial impacts brought about by COVID-19. The program will be administered in partnership with the La Verne Chamber and University of La Verne SBDC. Learn more: [grant](#)

Unanimous Decision to Keep City Fire Department and Abandon Service Negotiations with County

The La Verne City Council unanimously decided to proceed with improving the city's fire department and abandoned negotiations with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Council determined that keeping our fire services will be a more efficient and effective solution to the community's emergency response and administrative needs. Learn more: [fire](#)



Financial Audit Earns Positive Results

La Verne has good news to report from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY 2020-2021! The auditor did not detect any major accounting or policy issues and did not recommend modifications to the City's current financial processes, confirming that City staff has maintained effective internal controls. For additional information check the City website.

ELECTION NEWS

District 3 Nomination Period Extended

After serving on the La Verne City Council for 13 years, Councilmember Robin Carder announced she will not run for re-election in what is now District 3 of the City's five-district election system so that she can spend more time with her family. This means the District 3 nomination period will be extended until **March 16 at 5:00 PM.** to allow additional time for residents to obtain and complete nomination papers. Learn more: [newsrelease](#) Please note: At this time all those interested in running for Districts 1 and 4 seats still currently have a deadline of **March 14 at 5:00 PM** to submit completed nomination paperwork. Learn more about running for Council: [council](#)

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Active Transportation Improvement Plans are Rolling Along in La Verne

La Verne began the year with an Active Transportation Plan that was approved by the City Council at the end of 2021. This plan established the vision and approach for making the city a place where residents, visitors, and employees are able to walk, bike, and roll to destinations throughout the community no matter their age or ability. Learn more: [transportation](#)



CASI

Diverse La Verne



The Cultural Awareness and Social Inclusion Committee aims to provide a space for La Verne residents to educate and connect with fellow community members. Information may be obtained on the Committee's website at DiverseLaVerne.org. Questions regarding the committee and its activities can be directed to CASI Vice-Chair Julia Wheeler at jwheeler@laverne.edu.

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Carder

After 13 years on the dais, Councilmember Robin Carder will not seek re-election; she has decided to spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will continue to volunteer her time to the community as her devotion to this great City will be forever strong.

LA VERNE DAY AT THE FAIR



*La Verne Day at the
LA County Fair*

Friday, May 6, 2022

\$1 Admission for La Verne Residents

The LA County Fair returns in May to celebrate its 100th anniversary. For the Centennial celebration, the Fair is taking guests Back to Our Roots, when life was kinder, simpler, funner. Enjoy nostalgic carnival rides like the bumper cars and Tilt-A-Whirl. Indulge in old-time ice cream and traditional Fair favorites. Join us at this year's Fair, May 5-30!

Be on the lookout for details on \$1 admission for La Verne Residents on La Verne Day at the Fair coming to your mail box in April!

Offer only valid for La Verne residents. Must reside in a La Verne zip code to redeem offer.

Learn more at LACountyFair.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Bonita Bearcats

Congrats to the Bonita Bearcat Girls Water Polo Team, and both the Girls and Boys Soccer Teams for making it to the CIF playoffs. The Girls Water Polo Team, Division 3 coached by Olga Quiroz won their division and advanced to the State playoffs.

CONSERVATION

Check out the Conservation Corner Newsletter!

Did you know that the City releases a Conservation Corner newsletter every month?

The newsletter provides tips on ways to conserve water, local recycling and collection events, and much more!

Check out the newsletter on the City's website here: [conservation](#)

Water Bottle Refill Stations

More water bottle refill stations have been installed at 11 La Verne parks, including four that have a pet fountain! Look for the new refill stations at:

Challenger Park
Kuns Park
Las Flores Park
Lincoln Park
Live Oak Park
Lordsburg Park
Los Encinos
Lowell Brandt Park
Mills Park
Oak Mesa Park
Pelota Park



GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES



Foothill Gold Line

-Glendora to Pomona-

KIEWIT-PARSONS, A JV

NOTICE: Full Street Closure

A ST. AT RAILROAD CROSSING NORTH OF ARROW HWY (CITY OF LA VERNE)

NOVEMBER 22, 2021 - MARCH 22, 2022

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Crews will be fully rebuilding the railroad crossing on A St. north of Arrow Hwy in the city of La Verne, as part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project. Construction activities include underground utility work, median construction, new track installation, roadway paving, new curb & gutter and the construction of the right turn pocket from westbound Arrow Hwy. to northbound A St. All of this work requires a **full closure of A St. at the railroad crossing for approximately 4 months.**

WHEN

Monday, November 22, 2021 and continuing daily thru March 22, 2022, A St. north of Arrow Hwy, will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Arrow Hwy (just south of the crossing) and 2nd St. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes, see map below.

- Crews plan to work daily from 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM. Overnight work and Sunday shifts may also be required.

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- A St. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing north of Arrow Hwy.
- Access to homes on A St. within the closure area will be maintained at all times, as well as access to 1st St. and 2nd St.

PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

- A detour route (see map below) will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians. Please follow detour signs.
 - ✓ A St. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Arrow Hwy and 2nd St.
 - ✓ Wheeler Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.
 - ✓ Arrow Hwy (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.
 - ✓ 2nd St. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

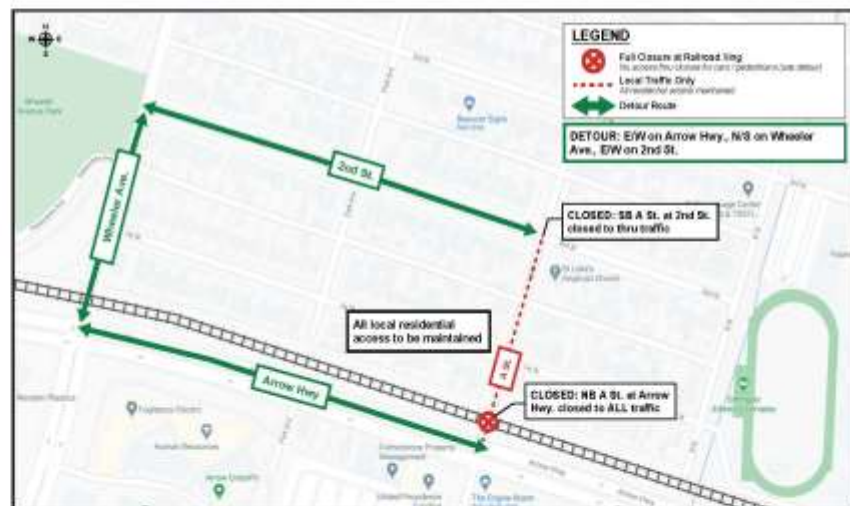
NOTE TO RESIDENTS / BUSINESS OWNERS

- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones.
- Bus stops may be temporarily relocated, for more information:
 - Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/ (800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org
 - Metro Bus: (323) GO-METRO/ 323) 466-3876 or www.metro.net

STAY SAFE

Please obey all posted construction signs and do not enter the construction work zone.

Para información en español por favor llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a (626) 513-5788.



QUESTIONS?

Project Construction Questions Hotline: (626) 513-5788 Email: CommunityRelations@Kiewit-Parsons.com
General Project Questions: (626) 471-9050 Email: PublicAffairs@Foothillgoldline.org

Stay ahead of construction, sign up for alerts: www.foothillgoldline.org

*Construction schedules are subject to change for various reasons, including, but not limited to, weather conditions and unforeseen delays.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Let's Get Juiced Up

Interested in a smoothie? Or maybe some acai bowls? What about some healthy juices? Well, good news because Robeks Juice is in the process of moving to La Verne! They offer a large quantity of different types of smoothies, juice blends, acai bowls, and even toasts. Robeks Juice also has locations nearby in Glendora and in Chino Hills if you're interested in trying them out sooner. Keep an eye out for their arrival within the next months!

Residents Encouraged to Review Updated 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element and Provide Feedback

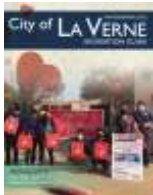
An updated version of the 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element has been revised based on recent feedback received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development. La Verne residents are invited to review the Housing Element and provide feedback at the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting on March 9th at 6:30 PM. Learn more: [housing](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Center Update

The Community Center has resumed regular hours and is now open Monday-Friday. Mt. SAC classes have returned and so have other activities, including weekly Bingo on Fridays. AARP Tax Assistance has started and only has appointments left in April.

Recreation Guide



The Winter/Spring Recreation Guide is now available to view and download from the City website. Every resident in La Verne received a copy of the Recreation Guide via mail. Spare hard copies are available for pick-up from the Community Center or the Community Services Department.

Resources for Reducing & Preventing Homelessness

Did you know that the City of La Verne has prioritized reducing and preventing homelessness by pursuing and implementing initiatives from its 2018 Homeless Plan? Since its enactment, the City has seen progress toward helping those in need within the community.

By partnering with Tri-City Mental Health Services and Union Station Homeless Services, the City and La Verne Police Department's Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) provide resources and assistance to those experiencing homelessness in our community. This includes motel vouchers, short-term rental assistance, utility assistance, mental health services, and clothing referrals.



- Learn more about LVPD's HOST program: [host](#)
- Refer at-risk individuals to the City's Prevention & Diversion Program: [diversion](#)
- Find a complete guide to the City's homeless resources: [resources](#)
- Read LVPD's Homeless FAQs: [homeless](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Congrats!

La Verne Fire Department recently held a promotional recruitment and six incumbent firefighters tested for fire engineer. One of the top scoring candidates, Mike Bentz, has accepted a promotion to engineer. Mike will be starting his new position as a fire engineer at fire station one assigned to the "B" shift.



January 2022 Calls for Service

The Fire Department responded to a total of 386 calls for service during January. These calls include the following responses:

- 2 Building fires
- 289 EMS calls excluding accidents
- 4 Motor vehicle accidents
- 2 Hazardous condition
- 1 Gas leak outside
- 1 Assistance other
- 1 Assist police department
- 18 Assist invalid
- 12 Good intent
- 20 Dispatched and cancelled in-route
- 11 Electrical wiring or equipment problem
- 13 Power lines down
- 1 Building weakened or Collapsed
- 3 No incident found
- 2 Smoke scare
- 1 False alarm
- 1 Smoke detector activation
- 3 Windstorm or hurricane assessment

PUBLIC WORKS/CONSERVATION

Hazardous Waste Event



There is a One-Day Collection Event on March 19th in El Monte at El Monte Airport, 4233 N. Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte. From 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM. Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) collection event participants will continue to be asked to wear a face covering (even if being vaccinated) and remain in their vehicles with windows closed, if possible. Please stay home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, have been asked to quarantine, or have recently traveled internationally. Please visit the LA County Public Works Department website at [cleanla.com](https://www.cleanla.com) for additional COVID-19 safety guidelines and future calendar dates.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March Events



The poster features a green background with a white border. At the top left is the Bonita High School logo, which includes a bear head and the word 'BONITA'. To the right, the text 'Bonita Bearcats' is written in a simple font, with 'Car Show' below it in a larger, bold font, enclosed in a dashed-line box. Below the logo is a photograph of a classic car. To the right of the car photo is a white rounded rectangle containing the text 'Car Lovers' and an invitation to the car show. Below this is a white box with event details: 'Where: Bonita High School Parking Lot, 3102 "D" Street, La Verne, CA 91750', 'When: Saturday, March 19th, 2022', and 'Time: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.'. At the bottom left is a yellow box with text about the event being free and open to the public, and supporting students. At the bottom right is a photograph of students working on a car wheel.

BONITA

Bonita Bearcats
Car Show

Car Lovers
Come to the Bonita High School parking lot from 9am-1pm to see a car show featuring the work of BHS students

Where: Bonita High School Parking Lot
3102 "D" Street
La Verne, CA 91750

When: Saturday, March 19th, 2022

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

This event is free & open to the public.
Support students from auto shop classes at Bonita High School

Conservancy Presentation

Are you interested in Wildland Conservancy, their work to purchase additional property, and the importance of historical land preservation in the foothill communities? Then mark your calendar for the Zoom presentation, on Monday, March 14th from 7:00-8:00 PM. Here is the Zoom link: <https://ulv-edu.zoom.us/j/96418990104>

March Newsletter

The monthly newsletter is now available. [Click here](#)

Marmalade Fundraiser

Pucker up! The LVHS is fundraising for the 1938 International truck restoration by selling marmalade. Pick your favorite: Melting Meyer Lemon or Wonderful Washington Navel, ½ pint for \$10.00. Contact Sherry Best at 909-596-4679 or by email at sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org for details about sales and delivery.



LA VERNE BRANCH - LA COUNTY LIBRARY

New Hours of Service

The Library is now opening an hour earlier Tuesdays through Saturdays. The new hours are:

- Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Sunday and Monday

For more information, please visit LACountyLibrary.org/La-Verne-Library

