



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2019



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> is always a great tradition for La Verne. The events offered throughout the day showcase some of the qualities that we value most in La Verne: a small town feel, priority of family, and service to others. Both newcomers and long-time residents come together for a special experience. Included is a summary of activities that will be hosted throughout the day. So whether you can spend the whole day with us or can just squeeze one event in, I hope you will come be part of the "La Verne experience. "

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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

*Bob Russi, City Manager*

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## CALENDAR

**July 14 - 6:30 PM**

Concerts in the Park  
"Hard Day's Night"  
Heritage Park

**July 15 - 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers

**July 16 - 9 AM to 3 PM**

Red Cross Blood Drive  
City Hall Council Chambers

**July 28 - 6:30 PM**

Concerts in the Park  
"Cold Duck"  
Heritage Park



# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the June meetings, the City Council:

- Recognized the Bonita High School Varsity Baseball Team, winners of the Palomares League.
- Celebrated the badge pinning of Battalion Chief Kevin Greenway, Battalion Chief Danny Montoya, Fire Captain Kevin Wilton, Fire Engineer Travis Moore, Firefighter-Paramedic Erich Miranda, Firefighter-Paramedic Cory Bancroft, and Firefighter-Paramedic Tanner Walker.
- Heard presentations from Planning Commission applicants.
- Adopted the 2019-20 budget.
- Authorized annual City agreements for 2019-20

## BUDGET APPROVED

### 2019-20 Fiscal Budget Approved

City Council approved the 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget during the June 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

City staff presented Council with a \$65.5 million balanced budget, using \$200,000 of reserves, appropriated across all funds meeting the operational needs of all departments and maintaining existing service levels. Appropriations include \$22.8 million for Public Safety and \$12.3 million for Capital Improvements encompassing over 25 projects throughout the City, focused on improving and sustaining the Community's infrastructure.

Included in this budget are \$3.4 million of payments for the Pension Obligation Bond which was a cornerstone of the Fiscal Sustainability Plan previously implemented by Council. Additionally, a contribution of \$515,000 has been made to the City's 115 pension trust for future pension obligations.

City staff presented the final budget after months of meetings with Departments and Council and with the intent of providing high quality services efficiently and effectively while maintaining the high standards that the La Verne Community is accustomed to. The full budget will be available on the City's web site once the final formatting and page assembly is completed.

## COUNCIL CORNER



### July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Country Fair

Council will host another Council Corner event at the Country Fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Roynon Elementary School. Immediately following the parade until 1:00 PM, Council members and city staff will be on hand at the Fair's City booth. The City Council began the Council Corner series to provide opportunities to engage with residents in a one-on-one setting to ask questions, share ideas, or to get updates on the projects that affect the community or just your neighborhood. If you are at the event, stop by the city booth and say hello.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES



## 4<sup>th</sup> Of July

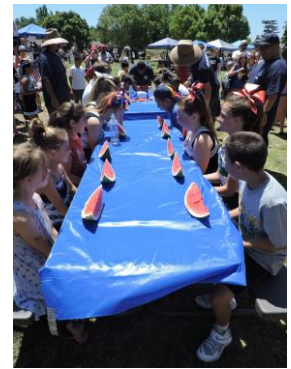
Join us in celebrating Independence Day; we will be holding events all day long. Please click [here](#) or see below for more information.

### No Parade Route Set Up before 10:00 AM

The Police Department would like to remind parade spectators that chairs, etc. **cannot** be set up along the parade route until 10:00 am on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (24 hours prior to the start of the parade). Any items set up before then will be removed and can be picked up at the City Yard, located at 2620 1<sup>st</sup> Street. For more information call 909-596-8726.

The City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration events:

6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast at the Methodist Church
10:00 AM	Parade begins
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Country Fair at Roynon Elementary School
11:30 AM	Rotary Sponsored Free Watermelon at the Country Fair
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Free Recreation Swim located at the Aquatic Center
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	56 <sup>th</sup> Annual Deep Pit BBQ located at the Methodist Church
6:00 PM	Fireworks show gates open
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	The Band "The Answer" plays
9:00 - 9:30 PM	Fireworks Show



### Concerts in the Park

Come enjoy the evening with your family and friends on Sundays at 6:30 PM at Heritage Park for wonderful live music! There are food vendors and great raffle prizes as well.

Concert schedule:

July 14:	"Hard Day's Night"
July 28:	"Cold Duck"

### La Verne Youth "Pride of La Verne" Award

This year's recipient of the La Verne Youth "Pride of La Verne" Award is Vanessa Hess. Vanessa has been a great voice and advocate for La Verne's youth and issues facing them. As a youth representative on the Youth and Family Action Committee, she led the group to put out information on the harms of vaping and the realities of mental health issues in the community. Vanessa is mature beyond her years as well as brave. She continues to be active and vocal on issues concerning La Verne all while being a successful student and participating in extracurricular activities. She has also been a leader in organizing volunteers for community projects/events such as maintaining the Veteran's Memorial and the City's Winter Wonderland event.



to prepare, the importance of having defensible space around your home and the preparations you need to make so you can leave early, evacuating well ahead of a fast-approaching fire. Download the action plan [here](#).

### DMV Opening Offices Earlier

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will start opening some offices an hour earlier beginning Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Several local field offices will open at 7 a.m. every weekday except Wednesday to help ease customer wait times, El Monte, Rancho Cucamonga, and Pomona, The offices will continue to open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday and close at 5 p.m. daily. For more information click [here](#)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### New Businesses Opening

#### Chop Stop

Chop Stop has opened in La Verne with more salad, more flavors, and more goodness. Choose from a variety of options, such as Santa Fe Chop, BBQ Chop, or Vegan Chopurrito, or build you own salad. It is as easy as 1, 2, 3. First pick your greens, second pick your toppings, and third pick your dressing. The options are endless! Visit La Verne's Chop Stop at 1335 Foothill Blvd., in the Foothill Plaza with Sprouts and Bank of America.



#### Community Design Awards 2019: Ding Tea

In early 2018 Ding Tea officially opened their doors for business in La Verne at 1457 Foothill Blvd in the Heritage Plaza shopping center. The tea house, which specializes in boba tea drinks, is run by owner Nha Le. It was Le's

love and passion for boba tea drinks which inspired her to start a business and share her favorite drinks with others. Ding Tea's playful and fun furniture and décor, which features murals, chalkboard art and many toy figurines, is reflective of Le's personality and passion for tea. For their wonderful interior design work, **Ding Tea** is a recipient of the **2019 La Verne Community Design Award** in the **Interior Design** category. Congrats!



## United Sports Academy - Get ready to “play ball”!

Want to learn how to strike a soccer ball into the back of the net? There’s a new sports training facility in town that is ready to meet your needs. United Sports Academy recently held their grand opening for their new facility at 1338 Palomares Avenue. The new indoor sports training facility will offer training and conditioning for soccer, as well as boxing and other sports. The 12,000 square foot facility has multiple open turf areas, a boxing ring and fitness equipment that athletes can use to hone their sports skills. Step up your game and visit United Sports Academy.

## 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 Glendora on July 20th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Citrus College Stadium Parking Lot on Barranca Avenue just north of Alost. 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

### July Events:

**Steam Art** - Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30 (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Unique art program for kids and teen.

**Smarty Pants Storytime** - Wednesday, July 3 (11:30 AM -12:00 PM) Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun! Attendance is limited and advance registration is required.

### Friday Summer Discovery Programs

Friday, July 5, (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Mayan Clay masks, learn the ancient art and create your own mask to keep.

Friday, July 12, (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Twinkle Time, a kidzapalooza extravaganza concert.

Friday, July 19, (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Best Bubble Show, a perfect way to learn science and have fun too.

Friday, July 26, (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM) Barbara Wong Storyteller. One World, Many Stories: Tales from Here, There and Everywhere.

### 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>