



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2018



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Summer is finally here. It's a great time to take advantage of the many programs and activities that we offer. There are classes for youth, excursions for seniors and events for families. What a great opportunity to learn or experience something new. For a complete list of programs please see the Summer & Fall Recreation Guide, which can be found [here](#) or you may call Community Services at (909)-596-8700.

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

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

June 5- 8:00 AM

Summer Pre-School Registration Begins
Community Services Department

June 17 – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Concert in the Park
"Suave"
Heritage Park

June 18 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the May 4th and 21st meetings, the City Council:

- Presented CERT certificates to 24 new graduates
- Welcomed new BUSD Superintendent Carl Cole
- Honored Kelsey M. Gaoaen and Scott M. Sweetman under the Military Recognition Program
- Held a budget study session for 2018-19 fiscal year operating budget
- Passed an ordinance to better protect mobile home park residents from park closures
- Adjourned in memory of RSVP Judy Schwieterman

ADMINISTRATOR

City Blood Drive

Every summer, there is a reoccurring shortage of blood donations. In efforts to relieve this ongoing issue, the City will be hosting their annual blood drive on Tuesday, July 10 in the Council Chambers from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. You may book an appointment online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> under the sponsor code **citylv**. Make sure to have your Red Cross account log in information accessible, or select **Create New Account**. Your donation can help our community when it needs it most!

PUBLIC SAFETY

Special Olympics Torch Run

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch run is coming through La Verne on June 6th. The torch will be passed to La Verne PD at Foothill and Williams at 1 p.m. Officers will carry the torch to Bonita Avenue and San Dimas Canyon Road where it will be passed to San Dimas Sheriff.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Southern California is the largest public awareness vehicle and grassroots fundraiser with more than 3,500 officers in Southern California championing acceptance and inclusion. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is represented in all 50 U.S. states, Canadian provinces and 46 nations with 97,000 officers around the world, raising more than half a billion dollars since its inception in 1981. The Law Enforcement Torch Run in Southern California is one of the leading programs in the world, raising \$1.52 million in 2016 with participants representing 200 law enforcement agencies.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Free Movie Matinees at the Community Center

Come and enjoy a free movie and light refreshments the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center! To find out which movie is playing or for more information, click [here](#) or call (909) 596-8776.

Community Center Available to Rent

The La Verne Community Center is a 14,000 sq. ft. building with multiple rooms, commercial kitchen, and outdoor patios for classes, meetings, and a main hall that accommodates up to 230 guests for receptions, celebrations or corporate events. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Additional information can be found at www.cityoflaverne.org/rentals or by calling (909) 596-8700.

Concerts in the Park Are Here!

This summer five amazing concerts are offered for your enjoyment. 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 various vendors. Each concert will start at 6:30 p.m. each night.

- Sunday, June 17 – Suave – Variety
- Sunday, July 1 – Hard Day’s Night – Beatles Tribute
- Sunday, July 15 – J.T.D. Motown Band - Motown
- Sunday, July 29 – RCR – Rock & Rockabilly
- Sunday, August 12 – The Answer – Classic Rock

A very special thank you to our concert series sponsors:

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- Tim & Patty Hepburn



4th Of July

Join us in celebrating Independence Day; we will be holding events all day long starting with a Pancake Breakfast, followed by the “America Strong” parade, Country Fair, 55th Annual Deep Pit Barbecue, and Fireworks Show. For more information please click [here](#) or call (909)-596-8700 for more information.

LIBRARY

Activities

The La Verne Library will be hosting various opportunities this summer for all ages. Teens can earn up to 40 volunteer hours by volunteering for the Summer of Discovery and Reading program, training and orientation will be June 13th at 6p.m. The Summer Discovery Program Kickoff will be Saturday, June 9 from 3:45p.m.-4:45p.m. There are programs available for all ages, so sign up for your discovery program! The Library will also be holding Fantastic Fridays starting June 22- July 27 from 2p.m.-3p.m. Each Fantastic Friday varies from a magic show, puppets, dances and so much more! For more information contact the Library at (909)-596-1934. You can view the event flyers at www.cityoflaverne.org/libeventsjune.

PUBLIC WORKS

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 Pomona on June 23 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Northrop-Grumman Corporation, Fairplex, Gate 9, 2118 N. White Avenue in Pomona. 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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Firehouse Subs Has Opened!

The long wait for the opening of Firehouse Subs, located within The Commons Shopping Center, is over! Just this past week, the La Verne Building Division signed off on their final permit. Yes, signed, sealed and delivered! In order to understand where this sub restaurant started, we must go in the way back machine to 1994, where in Jacksonville, Florida two former firefighting brothers, Robin and Chris Sorensen, opened the original Firehouse Subs. The idea caught fire and spread throughout the Midwest and recently to SoCal. The franchise has even broken ground in Canada! The owners of the sub restaurant chain take tremendous pride in providing an exceptional quality product for their customers. It's anticipated the variety of sub sandwiches may quench the fire within. Either way, if you are hankering for a new lunch spot, look no further than Firehouse Subs at 1610 Foothill Boulevard.

More restaurants open in Old Town!

Chase's is now open in their new location! On Friday, June 1st, Chases opened at the D Street Square building at Bonita Avenue and D Street after relocating from their location on Third Street in Old Town La Verne. This brand new space will allow for the restaurant to serve more guests in a beautiful environment with their signature outdoor patio and grill. Congratulations to Chris, Susan, and the rest of the Chase's team!

Also, the long awaited opening of Café Wang has finally come. Café Wang can be described as a Chinese fusion restaurant with an expansive menu. Some of their food items include spicy Sichuan and Hunan dishes, roasted duck, lamb skewers, and a roasted fish pot. Overall, there has been nothing but positive reviews from customers, excited about a new restaurant in La Verne.