



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER/FALL

# LA VERNE

RECREATION GUIDE



## 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 3 – 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
*City Hall Council Chambers*

**June 16 – 6:30 PM**

Concert in the Park  
"Phatcat Swinger" Jazz/Rockabilly  
*Heritage Park*

**June 17 – 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
*City Hall Council Chambers*

**June 30- 6:30 PM**

Concert in the Park  
"Arnie Newman's Country Club  
Band" Country Rock  
*Heritage Park*

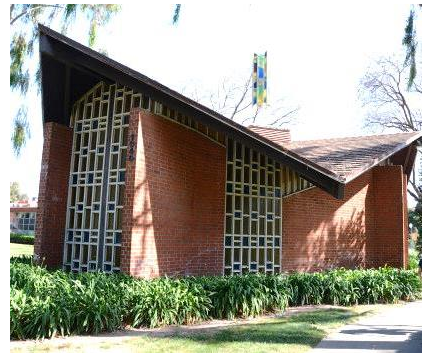
# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

## At the May meetings, the City Council:

- Approved the Damien High School Master Plan update.
- Recognized Vanessa Hess as the 2019 La Verne Youth of the Year.
- Recognized James “Jim” Kesterson as La Verne’s 2018-19 Outstanding Older American.
- Authorized the demolition of ULV’s Interfaith Chapel.
- Recognized the military service of La Verne residents Justin A. Balderrama (Marines), Robert Jaramillo Jr. (Navy), and Warren J. Saucedo (Army).

## Farewell to ULV’S Interfaith Chapel

At their most recent meeting, the City Council authorized the issuance of demolition permits for the University of La Verne’s Interfaith Chapel located at 1920 Bonita Ave. The demolition of the historic chapel, which is nearing the end of its service life, has been planned for several years. The chapel has been an important part of the University, having been the site of many memorable University and community events throughout its 53 years of faithful service. The University is saying its final farewell with a decommissioning ceremony in June followed shortly thereafter by the demolition.



The chapel will be replaced by the new Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement, which will provide a new, larger space for interfaith programming and services. The Ludwick Center is located directly west of the Interfaith Chapel and is anticipated to open in fall 2019.

Once open, visitors of the new Ludwick Center will be able to conveniently park in Lot F, located at the northwest corner of Third and C Streets in the site of the former Studebaker-Hanawalt Residence Hall. Lot F is anticipated to open by the beginning of June in advance of the Ludwick Center opening.

## Census 2020

The 2020 United States Census, known as Census 2020, will be the twenty-fourth United States Census. National Census Day, the reference day used for the census, will be April 1, 2020. As required by the United States Constitution, the U.S. Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. The 2010 United States Census was the previous census completed. Participation in the U.S. Census is required by law in Title 13 of the United States Code.

The Census Bureau is currently hiring for various positions within the Los Angeles Regional Census Center, for more information visit [www.census.gov/jobs](http://www.census.gov/jobs) or call (855)314-6664.

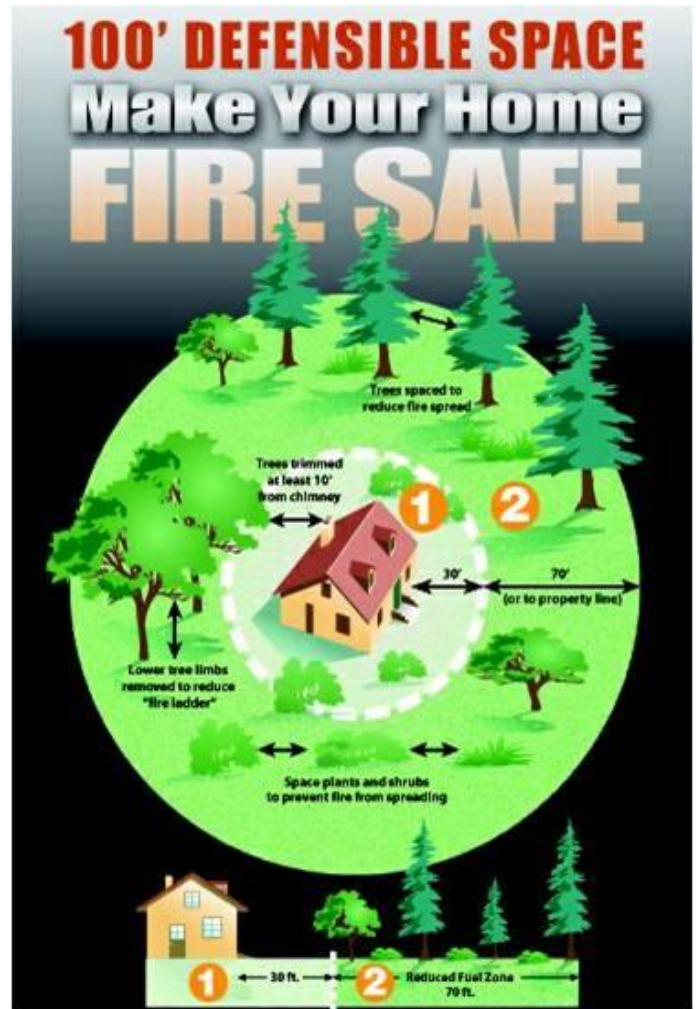
Education and Outreach on the 2020 Census will be the focus of the local League of Women’s Voters group representing La Verne, The League of Women Voters of the Mt Baldy Area, which promotes purposeful study of topics such as voting changes, ballot initiatives and affordable housing. Additional information can be found on their website at [www.lwvmtbaldyarea.org](http://www.lwvmtbaldyarea.org) or at one of their public meetings.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Defensible Space Saves Homes

Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds it. Maintaining 100 feet of defensible space can protect you and your family, and make the difference in the safety of your home when threatened by wildfire. La Verne residences within the urban-wildland interface (the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development) need to have their weed abatement completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>!

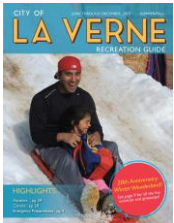
- Maintain a defensible space around your home by clearing all flammable vegetation for a minimum of 30 feet around the structure. Remove all dead leaves and branches. This area should only contain irrigated fire resistant plants. Leave widely spaced ornamental shrubbery and trees. Consideration should be given to the removal of hazardous ornamentals such as acacia, bamboo, bougainvillea, cedar, cypress, eucalyptus, pine and junipers, all of which will readily transmit fire to a structure.
- Thin out or remove all hazardous native brush, trees, grasses and weeds for an additional 70 feet for a total of 100 feet (200 feet in high hazard areas). Larger trees should be limbed up at least six feet from the ground. Trees less than 18 feet tall should be limbed up one third of their height. Grasses up to 18" (3" within 30 feet of structures) and native shrubs may be retained on slopes to stabilize the soil and help prevent erosion. They should be spaced approximately three times their diameter from other shrubs. You are required to maintain the vegetation only up to your property line. The adjacent property owner is responsible for maintaining the remaining land to achieve the 100 or 200 foot clearances from structures on your property. Reciprocally, you are responsible to maintain vegetation on your property within the 100 or 200 foot distances from your neighbor's structures. Some La Verne homeowner associations have 300-foot clearance requirements.
- Clean all needles and leaves from your roof, eaves and rain gutters.
- Remove tree limbs within ten feet of your chimney and remove all dead limbs hanging over your house or garage.
- Install a spark arrestor with no larger than ½" mesh on your chimney outlet.
- Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street for easy identification in an emergency.
- Stack woodpiles at least thirty feet from buildings, fences and other combustible materials.
- Use care when using power equipment. One small spark can start a fire. Keep a shovel and extinguisher or water hose nearby.



For more information on how to protect your home and family in case of a wildfire, review the La Verne Fire Department Ready, Set, Go! Wildfire Action Guide: <http://www.lavernefire.org/ready-set-go-wildfire-emergency-preparedness/>

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Summer/Fall Recreation Guide



This year we've created an exclusive summer catalog that has been distributed to various schools in the surrounding area (also available at City Hall and at the Community Center). In the summer catalog you'll find new classes such as the "Rock Stars of Tomorrow" music education program and a summer "Let's Play" sports camp. We will continue to offer popular classes and camps, including Vacation playschool, Aquatics classes, and Gymnastics. The Summer/Fall Guide also includes the schedule for the Summer Concerts in the Park series as well as the Movie Nights in the Park.

Registration opening dates vary, with mail-in and online registration for non-aquatics classes. For more information, please contact Community Services (909) 596-8700 or visit their website at [www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide](http://www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide)

## Disaster Preparedness Workshop

This meeting is part of the City of La Verne's ongoing efforts to be prepared in the event of a disaster. We invite residents, leaders of clubs, organizations, churches, mobile home parks, and businesses to attend. Representatives from the Fire Department and CERT Team will be present to answer any questions you may have on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Community Center, located at 3680 D Street. If interested, please contact the Community Center at (909) 596-8776 to reserve your seat.

## VFW Post 12034 La Verne, Band of Brothers

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from 8:30-1:30 pm at Veterans Hall, located at 1550 Bonita Avenue. The next meeting will be on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Vet Center program provides individual, group, and family counseling to all veterans who served honorably. Services are also available for their family members. Veterans have earned these benefits through their service and all are provided at no cost to the veteran or family. Be prepared to show proof of service, bring any documents to include DD Form 214, Certificate of Release, or Discharge from Active Duty.

For any questions, please contact: Commander Daniel C. Lopez at (909) 615-1074 or Sr. Vice Commander Jeff Sanchez at (909) 568-4438 or Service Officer Orlando Jackson at (785) 375-3456.

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

Join us in celebrating Independence Day; we will be holding events all day long starting with a Pancake Breakfast, followed by "La Verne – All American City" parade, Country Fair, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Deep Pit Barbeque, and Fireworks Show. Additional information can be found on page 45 of the recreation guide, [click](#) here or call (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 16 – Phatcat Swinger – Jazz/Rockabilly

Sunday, June 30 – Arnie Newman’s Country Club Band – Country Rock

Sunday, July 14 – Hard Days Night - Beatles

Sunday, July 28 – Cold Duck - Variety

Sunday, August 11 – The Answer – Classic Rock

A very special thank you to our concert series sponsors:

- CalRecycle
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- Firehouse Subs La Verne
- McLay Services Inc.
- Keny & Maggie Chang
- TK Print Management
- David & Margaret Youth and Family Services



## PUBLIC WORKS

### 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 Pomona on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the LA County Fairgrounds, 2118 N. White Avenue, Gate 9 (south of Arrow Highway). 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)

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Member/Community Meeting

“Voices from the Past” an oral history will be presented by Professor Al Clark. Dr. Clark has actively researched the history of the eastern San Gabriel Valley since the late 1960s. Dr. Clark will share some of the oral histories he has collected from over 480 area people. The meeting is on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm.

At 8:00 pm, join members of LVHS at a reception to meet photographer Kevin Bowman. He is the artist who took the amazing panoramic photograph now hanging over the stairwell in the Gallery at Hillcrest, "Gabriel's View". Kevin is the ULV Photography Department Manager. He is curious by nature and enjoys technical challenges and creative problem solving, which naturally draws him to macro photography, night photography, and high-resolution large-scale panoramas.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Community Design Awards 2019: University of La Verne's Citrus Hall and The Spot

Citrus Hall dormitory and The Spot dining hall located at 2043 D Street is the newest addition to the University of La Verne's campus. The five-story, 116,000 square foot facility is the first to be completed since the adoption of the University's Master Plan Update in April 2017, and is the first of many new buildings and facilities planned to be added in the coming years.

The impressive new building held its grand opening in September 2018 and is replacing the former Stu-Han Hall and Brandt Hall dormitories, and The Spot dining hall is replacing the former Davenport Dining Hall. Citrus Hall is now home to approximately 400 students and The Spot now serves as the University's main cafeteria and dining area, in addition to being home to the new President's Dining Room.

For their work on Citrus Hall and The Spot, the **University of La Verne** is a recipient of the **2019 La Verne Community Design Award** in the **Institutional** category. Mayor Kendrick presented the award to President Devorah Lieberman and Clive Houston-Brown, former ULV Vice-President of Facilities & Technology, with Gil Ivey, Planning Commission Chairman.

The first five-story building in La Verne is a tremendous accomplishment for the University.

Congrats!



## LA VERNE BRANCH - LA COUNTY LIBRARY

### June Events for Children:

**Steam Art Tuesdays** - June 18 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm). Art, stories and Shadow Puppets. June 25 (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm)  
Create beautiful card and paintings by marble rolling. (Ages 5 and up)

**Smarty Pants Storytime** - Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 (11:30am-12:00pm). Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun! Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. )

**Parent Child Workshops** - Wednesdays, June 5 & 12, (6:00 pm-7:15 pm). Program to play, learn and bond with your child.

**Play & Explore** - Mondays, June 3 & 17 (10:30 am-11:30 am). Please join us for a morning of play! We'll provide age-appropriate toys that encourage children to move their bodies and use their imaginations, for ages 0-3 and caregiver.

### **June Events for Teens:**

**Steam Art Tuesdays** - June 18 (2:00 pm-3:00 pm). Sun catchers! June 25 (2:00 pm-3:00 pm) Duct Tape Clipboards!

**Summer Discovery Program** - June 14- August 3. Choose your own Summer Discovery Experience! Read and review books online or at the library or complete challenges posted at the library. Head to the library once you have finished and redeem your prize!

### **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>