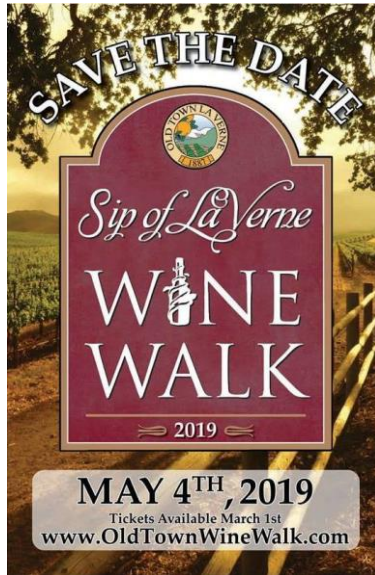




CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2019



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

Join us for the 7th annual Wine Walk in Old Town La Verne on Saturday, May 4th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. Merchants throughout Old Town offer wine tastings and local restaurants food offerings in beautiful Old Town La Verne, at Bonita Avenue and D Street. Live music throughout is part of the festivities.

Tickets can be purchased at the Community Development Department at City Hall, Duds & Doodads, Third Street Wine Shop, and Micky's Jewelers or online at www.oldtownwinewalk.com. Designated driver tickets (food tastings only) are also available.

Memorial Day at Veterans Hall, VFW Post 12034 will be hosting a ceremony to pay tribute to the valor and contributions of all who have served our country. Program will begin at 11 a.m.

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

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

May 4 – 5:00-8:00 PM
“A Sip of La Verne” Wine Walk
Old Town La Verne

May 6 – 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

May 19 – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Senior Dinner Dance Extravaganza
“Tiki Time, Luau-Theme”
Community Center

May 20 – 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

May 27 – 11:00 AM
Memorial Day Ceremony
Veterans Hall
1550 Bonita Avenue

May 27 – All day
Memorial Day
City Hall, City Yard, and
Community Center closed

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the April meetings, the City Council:

- Heard a presentation on the 2020 census.
- Authorized a street sweeping contract with Athens Services.
- Authorized the settlement of two lawsuits with LVFA.
- Proclaimed the week of April 14-20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, honoring emergency dispatchers.
- Adjourned in memory of Tom Gay, former La Verne resident.

Train Testing, Sunday June 2nd

On Sunday, June 2, from 9:00 am – 10:00 pm, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority will test a newly installed underground communication system for the freight train system that runs through the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne and Pomona, requiring stoppage of all traffic across the rail corridor for approximately 3-5 minutes each test run, with the possibility of longer delays. The testing will require a freight train (Metrolink or BNSF train) to run at 40 miles per hour between Lone Hill Ave in Glendora and Wheeler Ave in La Verne. The testing involves several trials on the active freight corridor to ensure the new communication system will activate and deactivate the train signals at all street crossings. Additional streets east and west of those being tested will also be impacted to allow the train to accelerate and decelerate. The communication system's testing is part of the initial construction activities for the Foothill Gold Line light rail project being built from Azusa to Montclair. For additional information [Click here](#)

EVENTS

Senior Dance

"IT'S TIKI TIME!" Seniors are invited to enjoy a luau-themed evening featuring a live ballroom band, dinner, dancing, wine and so much more. The dance will be held on Sunday, May 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are just \$10 a person and are available at the Community Services Office. Seating is limited, so don't delay. Come in and purchase your ticket today.



Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet



The annual teacher of the year awards banquet will be on Wednesday, May 22nd in the Meeting Room at Hillcrest. Seating is limited and RSVPs are required, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 909-593-5265 or Leah Skinner at leah@lavernechamber.org

Memorial Day Celebration

The City of La Verne, in conjunction with VFW Post 12034 "The Band of Brothers" will host the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2019 at 11:00 am. The event will be held at Veterans Hall, 1550 Bonita Avenue. The ceremony lasts about an hour and refreshments will be provided by VFW Post 12034. Please join us in honoring those who have served our country.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Memorial Day Weekend BBQ Safety

As we celebrate and honor the men and women who gave their lives to protect our country and freedom this Memorial Day Weekend, it is important to remember the following barbeque safety tips from the US Fire Administration. The La Verne Fire Department wishes you a safe and wonderful holiday weekend!

Before using a grill, it is imperative to check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. In doing so, make sure that the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked. Never overfill the propane tank! It is also a good idea to not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue, or use an apron to hold loose clothing back from the flames.

Also, be careful when using lighter fluid. The more lighter fluid you add, the more flammable the coals become, resulting in a much larger flame when lit. Do not add lighter fluid to an already lit fire, as this can cause the flame to flashback up into the container you are holding and explode. Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children at all times around outdoor grills.

Dispose of hot coals properly by dousing them with plenty of water and stirring them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place used coals in plastic, paper, or wooden containers when disposing of them; if they are still radiating any heat they could catch containers of these materials on fire. Never grill or barbecue in enclosed areas since there is a possibility for carbon monoxide to be produced, which would build up in an enclosed area.

For extra precaution, have a charged fire extinguisher nearby in case a flare up gets out of control- preferably an "ABC" rated extinguisher. Make sure everyone who will be in the vicinity of the barbeque knows how to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants serious medical attention or in case of a fire.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Summer Recreation Guide Available



The Summer/Fall Recreation Guide will be available online in May! Registration for classes and aquatics begin online Monday, May 13th at 8:00 am. For more information, call the Community Services Department at 909-596-8700 or visit their website at www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide

Los Angeles County Bike to Work Day, Thursday May 16th

The National BTWD celebration is on Friday, May 17th. Once again this year, Metro and many other transportation agencies mark the Thursday before (May 16th) with free rides for cyclists. Just bring your bike or helmet to claim your free ride on any Metro bus rail line. At non-gated Metro rail stations, there is no need to tap, just show the Metro fare officer your bike or helmet. At Metro's rail-gated stations, use the intercom located near the fare gates to notify an attendant who will open the ADA gates for you. [Click here](#) for more information.

University of La Verne and the La Verne Bike Coalition will also be hosting a pit stop for commuting cyclists at Bonita Avenue and C Street from 7:00 am - 10:00 am.

PUBLIC WORKS

Recycling Update



According to California Assembly Bill 1826, as of January 1, 2019 all businesses generating more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week must have organics recycling. Additionally, multi-family complexes with 5 or more units must recycle green waste. Managers can sign up for Waste Management Organics services by calling 800-774-0222 or self-hauling materials and reporting it to the City of La Verne annually by contacting recycling@cityoflaverne.org. For more information, please visit <http://laverne.wm.com/local-service/commercial.jsp>.

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 West Covina on May 18th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at 825 Sunset Avenue, West Covina. 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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tour of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services

The La Verne Historical Society will sponsor a tour of David & Margaret Youth and Family Services on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. The tour will begin in the parking lot behind the main campus building located at 1351 Palomares Avenue. The store at David & Margaret is open on Saturdays and you are welcome to browse after the tour. There is no fee for this tour.

Historical Sites Tour

Tours of the Kimberly Crest House and Gardens, the A.K. Smiley Library, and the Lincoln Museum will be on Saturday, June 1st. For more details please contact Sherry Best at 909-596-4679 or sbest@lavernehistoricalociety.org. This tour event is being coordinated by the Historical Societies of La Verne and San Dimas with transportation made possible by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Design Awards 2019: Show Ramen

Show Ramen is a recipient of the 2019 La Verne Community Design Award in the Interior Design category.

The Japanese restaurant specializes in ramen, but in the coming months they will be debuting a new menu which will also include sushi specialties. The restaurant is one of three restaurants owned by Mike Jin, who is heavily involved in the creation of the recipes utilized in the restaurant, including a special recipe for the broth featured in their ramen dishes.

In addition to creating the dishes, Mr. Jin had a hand in creating the interior design of the restaurant, located at 1263 Foothill Boulevard in the Gateway Pointe shopping center. Mr. Jin was responsible for selecting many of the finishes, materials and decorations, and also handmade many of the redwood furniture accents featured throughout the restaurant.

Great work!



LA VERNE BRANCH - LA COUNTY LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 10 am - 6 pm

Wednesday, Thursday: 11 am - 8 pm

Friday, Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday: Closed



May Events:

Balloon Storyteller - Balloon Theatre using twisted balloon costumes and props for storytelling, Wednesday, May 8 (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

Parent Child Workshops - Program to play, learn and bond with your child, Wednesdays, May 15, 22, and 29 (6 – 7:15 pm)

Makmo Hydraulics - Learn how hydraulic-powered machines work by using water to produce motion, Friday, May 17 (3 – 4 pm)

Makmo Bee Hotels - Learn to build a bee hotel for your garden Saturday, May 18 (11 am – 12 pm)

Asian-Pacific Heritage Art Workshop - Using the traditional Korean decorative technique of Dancheong to create wooden coasters, Saturday, May 25 (2 – 3 pm)

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