



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2021



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Summer is here, and we are excited to offer the activities many La Verne residents anticipate every year - concerts in the park, swimming at the Las Flores Aquatic Center, and a family movie in the park, to name a few.

As we begin our summer activities, La Verne was very fortunate to be one of the only communities in the area to host an in-person 4th of July parade and fireworks show. The parade drew over 650 entrants, with 200 motorcycles and 55 float entries, and the parade route was lined with enthusiastic spectators and decorated homes.

It's great to bring our community together in person again, and I hope you are able to safely enjoy La Verne's summer activities.

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

July 19 - 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting via Live Stream

City Website at cityoflaverne.org

July 27 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive

City Hall Council Chambers

July 27 - 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting via the City's YouTube channel at

www.cityoflaverne.org/stream.

July 31 - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Community Yard Sale

Bonita High School

August 1 - 6:30 PM

Concert in the Park-The Answer Heritage Park

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the June meetings, the City Council:

- Approved the 2021-22 fiscal year budget
- Reappointed Lorraine Missick, Scott Snider, Bette Donovan, and Terry Kistler to the Senior Advisory Committee
- Reappointed Craig Walters, Marianne Stark, and Mickey Rehm to the Old Town Business Improvement District Board
- Approved execution of the annual City agreements
- Approved a rate adjustment for refuse services
- Authorized an agreement with CivicPlus for website redesign services
- Authorized a partnership agreement with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce

ADMINISTRATION

Parade Highlights

The Fourth of July Parade was a welcome return to our normal celebrations. It was well attended with many of the entrants we look forward to seeing - The youth sports teams, classic and antique cars, clubs, bands, local businesses, and the Grand Marshals, Healthcare Heroes, who are all residents of La Verne.



Blood Drive



Tuesday, July 27th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, in the Council Chamber at City Hall is the next scheduled blood drive. Every summer, blood donations plummet, creating a seasonal shortage. Fight back by donating!

Online scheduling is available at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>. To find our blood drive, enter sponsor code citylv and select an appointment time. You'll need to log in with your Red Cross account or create a new account. Your blood can help our community when the need is greatest!

Community Yard Sale

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce with the City of La Verne and Bonita High School are sponsoring a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 31st from 8:00 AM until noon, in the Bonita High School Parking Lot. This year will include a Health & Fitness Expo with health and fitness professionals, practitioners, services and product providers on hand to educate about the multitude of health and fitness practices that can benefit all stages of life.

There is no admission to attend, and everyone is invited to browse, shop and think fit! Spaces are available for purchase. For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (909) 593-5265.



Budget Passes to Meet Community's Post-COVID-19 Needs

The La Verne City Council formally adopted its budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on June 21st after holding two budget study sessions in the past month. Highlights of the City's budget include plans to ramp up community services and programs now that COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, as well as pursue 16 fully funded capital improvement projects. Recovery Act funds will also help to rebuild City reserves and reinvigorate the local economy. To learn more about how the budget allocates funds to address community needs and priorities, visit bityl.co/7UKb.

City Reopenings

With the State and County's announcements on reopening, City Hall has resumed public access Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. While these changes continue to make every day feel more and more normal, visitors who are not vaccinated will be reminded to wear masks in city facilities to protect both staff and our residents.

PLEASE NOTE: The Community Center will open July 12th, under new summer hours. Monday through Thursday from 2:00 - 8:00 PM.

Similarly, as we start to transition back to "normal," City Council meetings will remain virtual for the time being as allowed by the State. We hope that as things progress we will soon be able to safely accommodate all those who would like to attend meetings in person. We appreciate the community's continued patience and understanding as we make more refinements.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Preschool Registration



Registration for La Verne Preschool starts on Tuesday, July 6th for kids ages 3 to 5. This social recreational program introduces children to numbers, colors, shapes, and the alphabet. Kids will also take part in story time, music, free play, and crafts. Birth certificates are required at the time of registration and the child must be three years old by the first day of school and also be toilet trained. For more information on La Verne Preschool, you may contact the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

Community Center Opening

Starting on Monday, July 12th, the La Verne Community Center will operate under new summer hours. The La Verne Community Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 2-8PM. This will allow for some children's classes, fitness courses, craft classes, meetings, and other programs to hold their classes once again at the La Verne Community Center. Additionally, on Fridays the center will operate from the hours of 11:30 AM-4:00 PM, solely to accommodate our Senior Bingo program! We have also established a check-in process for individuals enrolled in programs held at the La Verne Community Center. For additional information, you may contact the La Verne Community Center at (909) 596-8776.

Inclusion Playground in Las Flores Park Opened!

La Verne officially opened its inclusion playground geared toward ages 5-12! The park is complete with two therapeutic swings, dynamics lab, sensory garden, tranquility corner, accessible bridges and rubberized pour-in-place surfacing to provide inclusive play opportunities for children of all abilities. Head over to Las Flores Park today to check it out!

Summer Concerts in the Park

The La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne are proud to announce bringing back its FREE Summer Concerts in the Park series on Sundays beginning on August 1st. The community is invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and their appetite to listen to some music, eat some tasty treats, and relax under the stars in the warm summer air. The concerts will be held at Heritage Park (5001 Via De Mansion) beginning at 6:30 PM. Learn more: [Concerts in the park](#)



PUBLIC SAFETY

Weed Abatement

Summer is officially here in La Verne, which means so is fire season. Residents are encouraged to help mitigate their risk by maintaining their property. By ridding your property of weeds and hazardous vegetation, you create defensible space that will protect your home and our community. Learn more fire safety tips here: www.lavernefire.org/fire-safety-tips/

La Verne Police Department Resume Homeless Outreach

The La Verne Police Department's HOST program is back after a temporary pause due to COVID-19. Officers in the HOST program are specially trained to work one-on-one with individuals experiencing homelessness so they get the resources they need. Learn more: bitly.co/7AZB

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Design Award: Public Art - Citrus Hall “Origins” at the University of La Verne

The “Origins” public art piece is a large-scale brushed stainless steel mural located at The University of La Verne’s Citrus Residence Hall and The Spot Dining Room. The artwork was created by local artist Brian Worley, who has completed three other public murals in La Verne. The mural features citrus trees and is intended to commemorate the significant role that the citrus industry played in the development of the City of La Verne and the University of La Verne.

The use of stainless steel and photo-etching of the citrus trees reflects a modern interpretation of the historic citrus industry and complements the contemporary architecture of Citrus Hall and The Spot Dining Room.

Congratulations!



LIBRARY

The La Verne Library has reopened for select in-person services including book checkout, public computer usage for up to 1 hour and free Wi-Fi. The Library is open on:


- Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Sunday and Monday



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

PUBLIC WORKS

Gold Line – Street Closure



Foothill Gold Line
-Glendora to Pomona-

KIEWIT-PARSONS, A JV

NOTICE: Full Street Closure

D ST. AT RAILROAD CROSSING NORTH OF ARROW HWY (CITY OF LA VERNE)
AUGUST 3 - OCTOBER 27, 2021

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Crews will be rebuilding the railroad crossing on D St. north of Arrow Hwy., (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 D St. This work requires **a full closure of D St. at the railroad crossing for approximately 3 months**. NOTE: Crews will be returning to D St. to finalize the crossing for two weeks during the first quarter of 2022.

WHEN

Beginning Tuesday, August 3rd and continuing daily thru October 27th, 2021, D St. 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 Bonita Ave. (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

- D St. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing just north of Arrow Hwy. and south of 2nd St.
- Access to homes and businesses on D St. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times, as well as access to the University of La Verne, Old Town, 1st St., 2nd St.

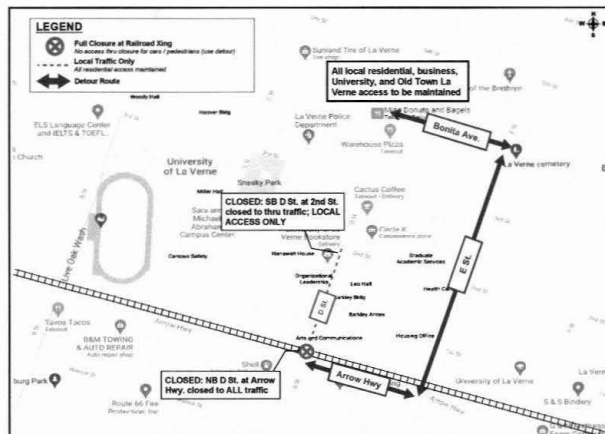
PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

- 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.
 - ✓ D St. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Arrow Hwy. and 2nd St.
 - ✓ E St. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.
 - ✓ Arrow Hwy. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to thru traffic with reduced lanes.
 - ✓ Bonita Ave. (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.*