



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2021



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Happy Harvest to our residents and business owners!

Many local businesses will be participating in Small Business Saturday, November 27th which is a great reason to start or wrap up your holiday shopping while supporting your hometown businesses. The annual tree lighting ceremony in front of City Hall will be held December 6th.

As a reminder, City Hall will be closed in honor of Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11th and on Thursday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

For more information about the city, keep reading!

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

November 8 - 6:30 PM

Study Session of Fire Operations
Council Chamber, in-person,
and via Live Stream
City Website at cityoflaverne.org

November 11

Veterans Day Observed
*City Hall, City Yard & Community
Center Closed*

VETERANS DAY



November 15 - 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting, in-person,
and via Live Stream
City Website at cityoflaverne.org

November 23 - 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee
Meeting via the City's YouTube
channel at
www.cityoflaverne.org/stream.

November 25

Thanksgiving observed
*City Hall, City Yard & Community
Center Closed*

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the October meetings, the City Council:

- Celebrated the badge pinnings for Police Officers Jullian Silva, Eduardo Burgos, Daniel Salamanca, and Allison Geller.
- Proclaimed September 15-October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month
- Directed staff to repeal requirement for City Manager to reside within 5 miles of City Hall
- Celebrated the badge pinnings for Firefighter/Paramedics Emmanuel Gonzalez, Michael Jacques, Jason Arrow, and Davis Cook
- Approved a 2021 Employee Computer Purchasing Program

ADMINISTRATION

Council Seeking Resident Input on City's District Boundaries

City Council held the third districting public hearing this week to review and discuss resident-generated district maps. Based upon demographer analysis, public feedback and council discussion, the Council requested map revisions to be brought back for review and highly encouraged residents to [draw and submit additional draft maps](#) by the submission deadlines. In order for draft district maps to legally be considered by the City Council at the final hearing on [November 15th](#), maps must be posted to the [districting website](#) by November 8th. Since DistrictR is an online platform and draft maps are publicly available once submitted, the deadline for residents using this mapping tool has been extended to give residents additional time to draw maps. **DistrictR maps can be worked on throughout the weekend and must be submitted by November 8th at 8 AM.** To allow the demographer to process hand-drawn paper map submissions in time for them to be posted to the website by the legal deadline, **paper maps must be submitted by this Friday, November 5th.** Residents are welcome to utilize both the paper mapping tool options and DistrictR to submit four or five district maps, as well as submit comments about their maps via the districting website's [contact page](#).

County and State Districting

What is Redistricting? Drawing new boundaries that determine which Californians are represented by each elected official. For more information please visit: www.wedrawthelinesca.org



Veterans Day



Join us in honoring our veterans along with the VFW Post 12034 on November 11th for a Veterans Day Ceremony. The ceremony will take place at Veterans Hall at 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there, and send a special thank you to our Veterans for their service and bravery.

Meals on Wheels

Looking for volunteers for help with meal delivery. This is a 1-1 ½ hour commitment one day week, working in teams with one person driving and the other delivering meals in the La Verne, San Dimas area. If you are interested in volunteering or you know someone who would benefit from receiving meals, please call 909-596-1828.

Cruisin La Verne Holiday Car Show

Bring the entire family and enjoy a car show featuring Southern California hottest cars and trucks. The Holiday Car Show in Old Town La Verne is on Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is a donation of a \$10.00 unwrapped toy, benefiting ChiP's for Kids Toy Drive. More information: holidaycarshow.com.



Humane Society Canvassing La Verne

Have you gotten your pet licensed yet? Licensing your pet is mandatory by law for all dogs over 4 months old. If you have not yet gotten your pet licensed, you can do it via Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A.'s website or in person. The IVHS will be canvassing La Verne to ensure all pets are properly licensed. Learn more: petlicense.com

Tips and Tricks to Maximize Your Virtual Council Meeting Participation

Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a desire for expanded public participation opportunities, the City of La Verne will continue to host its Council Meetings online as well as in person. If you prefer to stream these Council meetings on the City's website, YouTube or Zoom, you may want to check out our new article providing tips and tricks for maximizing your Council Meeting participation: tipsandtricks.com

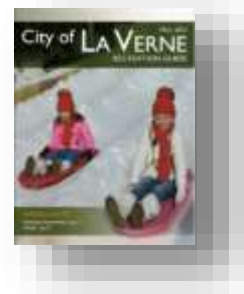
Record Requests

Did You Know, that any member of the public may submit a public records request? Per California State law, your request will be responded to within 10 days with your requested records, or with an explanation of why records are unavailable, or with a notification that an extension is needed to comply with your request. When making a public records request, make sure to: Fill out this form requestform.com and send to PRR@CityOfLaVerne.org. Putting your request in writing gives the City a better understanding of your request. Provide as much detail as possible about the records you are seeking. Have the payment ready if you are requesting the records be copied, printed and/or mailed, or if the documents are old or not electronically available.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Recreation Guide

Stay up-to-date with special events, activities, classes, and youth sports this fall. The Fall 2021 Recreation Guide is now available on the City website, click here: recguide.com
The Recreation Guide is also available as a PDF download.



Winter Youth Basketball Registration is open!



It's almost that time again to get ready for the City of La Verne's - Winter Youth Basketball League! The Youth Basketball league will feature several divisions for Boys and Girls Grades K – 8, beginning in January through March 2022. Registration deadlines are coming quickly, so please register your child now in-person or online: basketball.com. Call the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700 for more information.

Youth and Family Action Committee

The Youth and Family Action Committee (YFAC) is looking for interested residents to fill an unscheduled vacancy on their executive board. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, and 3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750 or on the City's website at www.cityoflaverne.org/csapplication applications must be filed no later than Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 PM. Vacancy posting: [yfac](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Badge Pinning Ceremony for New Firefighters & Police Officers

The City Council held badge pinning ceremonies in October for the four newly hired La Verne Police Department officers and the four newly hired La Verne Fire Department firefighters. Join the City in congratulating Officer's Burgos, Salamanca, Silva and Geller (pictured left to right) as well as Firefighters Emmanuel Gonzalez, Michael Jacques, Jason Arrow and Davis Cook (bottom row in group photo) and welcoming them to La Verne. Read more about our new officers at: [PD](#) and our new firefighters at [FD](#).



No Shave November

Once again the Police Department will be participating in No Shave November in an effort to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, including prostate cancer. If you would like to make a donation that will be sent to the Prostate Cancer Foundation on behalf of LVPD, please contact CSO, Hollie Savage at hsavage@lvpd.org



PUBLIC WORKS

D Street Closure - Construction Activity



Foothill Gold Line

-Glendora to Pomona-

NOTICE: Full Street Closure

D ST. AT RAILROAD CROSSING NORTH OF ARROW HWY (CITY OF LA VERNE)
AUGUST 9 - NOVEMBER 22, 2021 (EXTENDED)

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Crews will continue to rebuild 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 and due to an upgrade to the City water main, the closure needs to be extended three additional weeks.**

WHEN

Beginning Monday, August 9th and continuing daily thru **November 22nd, 2021 (extended)**, 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.

White Avenue – Street Closure

A closure of White Avenue is expected to occur on December 6th with traffic detoured to Wheeler Avenue (pending the reopening of San Dimas Canyon). This closure is planned to be in place for a minimum of four months due to betterments to the storm drain system and extensive third-party utility work.

La Verne Completes Ramona et al. Pavement Project

The Public Works Department recently completed a pavement rehabilitation project near Ramona Middle School! This included grinding the existing pavement and placing 1.5 to 2 inches of hot mix asphalt on the road. By doing so, the ride quality of the street has improved and extended the life of the pavement for the next 10 years!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Walnut+Fruit=New Development

Two separate (but connected) residential development projects on Fruit Street (south of Lutheran High School) and Walnut Street (west of Lordsburg Park) were recently approved. The projects, as proposed by Brandywine



Homes, include a new 50-unit 3-story condominium project at 3717 Fruit Street and an 8-unit, 2-story detached affordable single-family home project at 1874 Walnut Street. The project included several applications

and underwent an environmental review to ensure no significant impact on the environment. It is expected that the projects will break ground in the spring of 2022 with construction fully underway this next summer.

First Street Development

Two housing projects near the planned Foothill Gold Line station along First Street are set to start in the coming months, marking the first tangible steps in turning a mainly industrial area into a new, vibrant residential area for the community. Learn more: [link coming soon]

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society Airs “Story of La Verne”

The Historical Society hosted a free showing of the “Story of La Verne Video ‘21” chronicling the story of La Verne through the lens of the La Verne community. The *Images of America: La Verne* book is available for purchase through the La Verne Historical Society by contacting Sherry Best at (909) 596-4679 or sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org.

Guided Tour - Artifacts from Citrus Roots

The Historical Society invites you on a guided tour, of artifacts from ‘Citrus Roots-Preserving Citrus Heritage Foundation” at ULV, Saturday, November 20th. Tour meets in front of the ULV Wilson Library at 12:00 PM, and will be guided by Dr. Ben Jenkins.

LIBRARY

Hours of Service

The 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