



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2019

CALENDAR

September 2 - Labor Day Observed
City Hall, the Community Center
and the City Yard will be closed

September 3 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

September 6 - All Day
La Verne Day at the Fair
Fairplex

September 16 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

September 28 - 5:00-8:30 PM
La Verne On Tap Beer Walk
Old Town La Verne



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Even though summer has ended and another school year is before us, that doesn't mean the fun is over. For such a quiet town La Verne residents can always find things going on. This month is the 2nd annual La Verne on Tap Beer Walk for all you gourmands and La Verne Day at the Fair.

This past month the City Council authorized moving forward with placing a sales tax measure on the March ballot. Over the next several months the City will be sharing information to help voters better understand what the funds are needed for, and the benefits to the community. Residents are encouraged to look here as well as the City's other platforms for updates on this important subject.

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

Bob Russi, City Manager

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

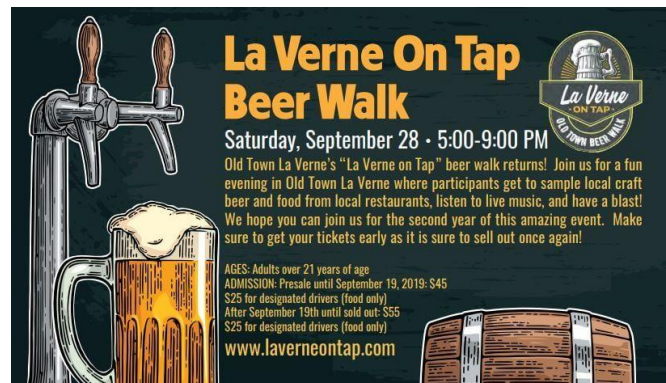
At the August 19th meeting, the City Council:

- Celebrated the badge pinnings of Corporal Frankie Cambero and Police Officer Timothy Lopez.
- Recognized the General Plan Advisory committee for 14 months of assistance guiding the update to the General Plan.
- Directed staff to pursue a general sales tax measure for the March 2020 ballot.
- Directed staff to finalize agreement terms with Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire dispatch services.
- Approved agreement to provide crossing guard services for the City of San Dimas.

EVENT

La Verne on Tap Beer Walk

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District will be holding their second annual “La Verne on Tap” Old Town Beer Walk on Saturday, September 28th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$45.00 presale and \$55.00 one week prior. In addition, designated driver tickets are available for \$25.00. The event will have 19 beer tasting locations and 6 food stops. There will be 12 bands playing throughout Old Town and a photo booth.



CITY NEWS

Live Council Meetings



Broadcasting of the City Council meetings started August 19th. La Verne City Council meetings are on the first and third Mondays each month at 6:30 p.m. View City Council meeting agendas online at www.cityoflaverne.org/live. Meetings are simultaneously live streamed on the La Verne YouTube channel at <http://www.cityoflaverne.org/youtube>. Archived meetings and videos will also be available on the YouTube channel.

Foothill Gold Line – Funding Approved

On August 14th the Gold Line Construction Authority Board of Directors awarded the design-build contract to Kiewit-Parsons. The awarded design-build contract includes an \$805.6 million base scope for the first nine miles of the project from Glendora to Pomona, with a two-year contract option to complete the full 12.3-mile project to Montclair. This action sets in motion the next steps for Gold Line service to Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona. For additional information click here [Gold Line Design Award](#).

La Verne Station



The 12.3-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line Light rail system project will be built in phases, adding new Gold Line stations in the cities of La Verne, Glendora, San Dimas, Pomona, and then Claremont and Montclair. Major construction is expected to start in 2020 and take five years to complete to Pomona (eight years to Montclair if additional funds are secured within two years of work beginning). Additional facts and information can be found at [Foothill Gold Line Fact Sheet](#).

West Nile Virus

It was recently reported that West Nile virus has been found in the La Verne/Pomona area. Residents are reminded to take necessary steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites. Information on ways to protect yourself and your family can be found at [LA County Public Health](#).

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Glenn Davis Stadium

Bonita High School celebrated the rededication of Glenn Davis stadium on Friday, August 23rd. Over the last year the renovation consisted of new bleachers on both sides of the stadium, a new home team snack bar and restrooms, replacement of the synthetic turf field, and renovation of the existing restrooms. Funding was provided by Bonita Unified School District, the City of La Verne, and youth sports organizations. A ceremony was held at halftime to commemorate the event.



Youth Mental Health

The beginning of the new school year marks a long-standing partnership between the City of La Verne's Youth and Family Action Committee (YFAC), Bonita Unified School District, and Tri-City Mental Health Services to provide counseling in each of the La Verne schools. The YFAC-sponsored counseling program has been successful in providing opportunities for students to receive mental health services as well as directing those who need further assistance to additional resources outside of school. To inquire further about the programs and services offered, please visit Tri-City's web site at www.tricitymhs.org or call the City of La Verne at (909) 596-8726. Tri-City will hold its annual stakeholder meeting on September 10th and 12th; come and share your thoughts and ideas about the mental health needs in your community. For additional information, meeting times, and locations, click [here](#) or call Tri-City at (909) 326-4641.

LA VERNE DAY AT THE FAIR



The LA County Fair is offering \$1.00 admission for La Verne residents on Friday, September 6th. Celebrate the phenomena of pop culture as the 2019 LA County Fair Goes Pop! Immerse yourself as you take a deep dive into decades of LA's iconic trends. For more information, visit www.lacountyfair.com/visit/resident-discount-days. Offer only valid for La Verne residents, who must reside in a La Verne zip code to redeem offer.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Earthquake Safety & Preparation

Given the amount of seismic activity recently, the La Verne Fire Department would like to remind you of a few tips for preparation and safety in the event of an earthquake. For more information on how you and your family can be ready for a major earthquake, please visit www.ready.gov/earthquakes.

Before an Earthquake:

It is always wise to be prepared before a disaster strikes to help you and your family better handle the situation. One key preparation tip is to build an emergency kit containing a three day supply of non-perishable items such as water, canned food, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, tools, and some sanitary wipes. For a more detailed list of how to properly get your emergency kit started, visit <https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>. Some other preparations you can take are to identify safe spots to take cover in each room, and practice “drop, cover, and hold on” during drills with your family. Items in your home that could fall or shatter during an earthquake should be secured, and appliances should be strapped to the wall studs or bolted to the floor.



During an Earthquake:

If you are indoors when an earthquake occurs, “drop” to the floor, take “cover” under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture, and “hold on.” If there is no table, crouch against a wall or in a corner away from any windows. Only take cover in a doorway if you are certain that it is strongly supported. If an earthquake occurs while you are in bed, hold on and protect your head with a pillow. If you are outdoors during an earthquake, be sure to stay away from power lines, walls, and anything else that can fall.

After an Earthquake:

After the earthquake subsides, be cautious of aftershocks and stay away from any areas damaged or weakened by the initial earthquake. Take caution opening any cabinets with loose items that may have shifted during the earthquake. Check that the members of your family are all safe and together. Be sure to inspect your home for any structural damage, leaks in water pipes or gas lines, and any loose or sparking electrical lines. If you smell gas, open a window and leave the building immediately. In the case of a water or gas leak, shut off the main valve and call the utility company.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City of La Verne Community Design Awards 2019: Cactus Coffee

In 2017, Cactus Coffee opened for business in Old Town La Verne. The centrally located café is on the ground floor of the Old Town Square Building at 2232 D Street next to Pappa’s Artisanal. The space was previously home to Coffeeberry, but when the business closed, Jeremy decided to take over and try his hand at the coffee business. Jeremy has owned Jer Repair, a cell phone repair shop located on the second floor of the Old Town Square Building, since 2010. As the owner of one business, taking on a new restaurant venture was no easy feat for Jeremy.

Cactus Coffee has been a passion project for Jeremy, who has dedicated much of his time toward re-modeling the space and getting the café up and running. In addition to updating the floors, paint and décor, Jeremy also made improvements to the outdoor patio area. Jeremy did many of the shop improvements himself with help from friends and a few contractors.

Cactus Coffee's design and décor reflects Jeremy's unique vision for the space. With its welcoming ambiance and hip design, Cactus Coffee has become a local favorite, and deservedly so. Cactus Coffee is a recipient of the 2019 La Verne Community Design Award in the Interior Design category. Great job!



BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

Mi Ranchito Celebrating 45th Anniversary

La Verne restaurant Mi Ranchito is celebrating 45 years in business. On Saturday, September 14th from 10 AM - 10 PM, patrons can enjoy a combination plate # 1 – which includes two tacos or one taco and one enchilada with rice and beans for \$4.50. The restaurant, located at 1437 Foothill Boulevard, will hold a raffle in celebration of their anniversary.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ARE YOU PREPARED?



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program provides FREE training to teach people how to prepare for local hazards and the skills necessary to safely take care of themselves and help family and others after a disaster until professional responders can arrive. Location: All classes meet in the LVFD Training Room at 2061 Third St., La Verne. The next course starts October 2, 2019. Enroll at www.LaverneCERT.org/sign-up.

<u>Course Outline</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Disaster Preparedness	Wed. Oct. 2	6:00pm – 9:00pm
2. Fire Safety & Utility Controls	Thurs. Oct. 3	6:00pm – 9:00pm
3. Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1	Mon. Oct. 7	6:00pm – 9:00pm
4. Disaster Medical Operations - Part 2	Thurs. Oct. 10	6:00pm – 9:00pm
5. Light Search & Rescue	Mon. Oct. 14	6:00pm – 9:00pm
6. CERT Organization and Communication	Thurs. Oct. 17	6:00pm – 9:00pm
7. Disaster Psychology	Mon. Oct. 21	6:00pm – 9:00pm
8. Terrorism; review of hands-on skills	Thurs. Oct. 24	6:00pm – 9:00pm
9. Course Review and Final Exercise	Saturday Oct. 26	9:00am – 4:00pm

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER USE CALCULATOR



Have you ever wondered how much water you're using by washing dishes in the dishwasher? How much water your yard requires? How your conservation strategies stack up to others in similar households? Or, maybe you'd just like to know more ways to save water at home. If you'd like to know the answers to these questions and much more, please visit www.home-water-works.org. On this site you'll find a water use calculator that asks a few questions relating to the type of landscaping you have, equipment in your home, and daily habits to calculate an estimate of water usage and carbon footprint relating to water usage in the home. As we are in the midst of another warm Southern California summer, please take a few minutes to reacquaint yourself with your household water usage and remind yourself on some ways to conserve water.

Indoor Conservation Tips

- Fix leaks, including leaky toilets
- Install high-efficiency toilets, aerators on bathroom faucets, and water-efficient shower heads
- Take shorter (5 minute) showers
- Track your water bill and meter to curtail water use
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
- Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only

Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Recycle indoor water to use on plants
- Refrain from watering your home landscape when it rains
- Replace your grass/turf with water-wise plants (check to see if [rebates](#) are available)
- Use a broom to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks instead of water from a hose
- Water your outdoor landscape earlier in the day when temperatures are cooler
- Plant drought-tolerant/resistant plants and trees



LIBRARY

September Events - Children:

Smarty Pants Story Time - Wednesdays, September 18th and 25th (11:30 AM - 12:00 PM) Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun! Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Story Time is for ages 2 - 5 with an adult caregiver.

September Events - Family:

Peruvian Wave Bracelet - Saturday, September 21st (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Join your friends at the library to celebrate Hispanic heritage month by crafting your own traditional Peruvian wave bracelet. This craft is for ages 6 and up.

Yarn Painting - Saturday, September 28th (2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Craft is inspired by the art of the Huichol, descendants of the Aztec. Having withstood the Spanish Invasion, they are still striving to keep their culture alive and viable. Yarn painting craft is for ages 18 and up.

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 at <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/laverne/index.php>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

La Verne Cemetery Tour

Come for the history! Come for the fun! On October 20th, the La Verne Historical Society will conduct docent and photo-narrated tours of the La Verne Cemetery. Arrive anytime between 1:00 PM -2:30 PM to join a tour group. Learn about the first person buried in the cemetery, La Verne's first doctor, settlers whose descendants include La Verne's current Mayor, and the beloved educator in whose honor the school district named an elementary school. The La Verne Cemetery is located at 3201 "B" Street. Tours are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for families. La Verne's Local and Family Researcher will be available to answer your questions about La Verne's history.



Pacific Electric Railway

On October 14th, Michael Patris will be at the Maury Smeltzer Lounge at Hillcrest Retirement Community, 2701 Mountain View Drive, La Verne, to tell the history of the Pacific Electric Railway in Southern California. Seating begins at 6:30 PM and the presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. This event is free and open to the public.