



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2021



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

September historically represents the start of the new school year, this year also represents the return of many of our community programs and events that the residents have enjoyed. We're looking forward to Old Town La Verne's Cool Cruise, the Public Safety Open House and the Community Center's Senior Health seminar, just to name a few.

As we head into fall and cooler weather, enjoy the many events, classes, shopping and restaurant opportunities our community has to offer.

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

*Bob Russi, City Manager*

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## CALENDAR

**September 6 - Holiday Closure**  
*City Hall, Community Center,  
Library- Closed*

**September 7 - 6:30 PM**  
City Council Meeting, in-person,  
and via Live Stream  
*City Website at [cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)*

**September 20 - 6:30 PM**  
City Council Meeting, in-person,  
and via Live Stream  
*City Website at [cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)*

**September 28 - 6:30 PM**  
Youth & Family Action Committee  
*Meeting via the City's YouTube  
channel at [www.cityoflaverne.org/stream](http://www.cityoflaverne.org/stream).*

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the August meetings, the City Council:

- Held a study session regarding the design and funding of the Gold Line pedestrian bridge
- Tobacco ordinance was placed on first reading
- Heard a presentation on Inland Valley Humane Society from IVHS Director Nikole Bresciani and Administrative Services Director James Edward
- Authorized an employment agreement as the City's next Fire Chief with Christopher Nigg
- Adjourned in memory of RSVP Ed Browning and Joe Torchia, a longtime La Verne resident and founding member of the Sports Park Committee

## ADMINISTRATION

### Voter Information

To vote in the California Gubernatorial Recall Election on September 14<sup>th</sup>, LA County voters can vote in person at a Vote Center, by mail, or via a ballot drop box.

A ballot drop box has been installed outside City Hall (D Street side at the Planning door). This drop box was previously located between the La Verne library and the Community Center. Ballots can be placed in the drop box starting now thru 8:00 PM on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Vote Centers will be open for either 11 days or 4 days. La Verne's only Vote Center location is:

- St. John's Episcopal Church - Vicenti Hall (4745 Wheeler Ave, La Verne)  
Sept. 11 – Sept. 13: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sept. 14: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

For voting beginning on September 4<sup>th</sup>, residents can visit:

- San Dimas City Hall - Community Building (245 E. Bonita Ave, San Dimas)  
Sept. 4 – Sept. 13: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sept. 14: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Taylor Reception Hall (1775 N. Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont)  
Sept. 4 – Sept. 13: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sept. 14: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM



LA County voters can vote at any vote center in LA County for other options, please see [lavote.net](http://lavote.net).

### City of La Verne Begins Districting Process

La Verne hosted its first districting hearing on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Districting is the process where voting district lines for City Councils are drawn and later redrawn every 10 years based on new Census data. This ensures that each Councilmember represents around the same number of constituents.

Those who missed the first hearing or would like to participate in the next one on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> can visit La Verne's districting website for previous meeting videos and upcoming schedule at [MapLaVerne.org](http://MapLaVerne.org).

### Council Meetings – Hybrid Format

The Council Chamber is opened to the public. In an effort to keep a safe environment and to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City will be limiting occupancy to 40 and requiring masking for all that will be in attendance. To facilitate public participation for those who do not wish to attend in person, the meeting will still be made available virtually to residents, via Live Stream through the City's website at [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org). Click on the green "Council Meeting Live Stream" button, or register to participate thru Zoom. Zoom registration is required and space is limited.

### Update on Sierra La Verne Country Club

Since the Sierra La Verne Country Club closed in 2019, many residents have been wondering what would happen to the property, which is near Wheeler Avenue and Golden Hills Road.

Besides some initial interest when the property was first listed for sale, the City has not received any recent formal inquiries about the status of the property by any developers, nor has any application been filed for development. After meeting with representatives of the golf course, City staff expressed that they did not see a development path moving forward that could be supported. Under the current land use designation as outlined under the City's General Plan, housing development on the Sierra La Verne Country Club property would be prohibited. Learn more: [SierraLaVerne](http://SierraLaVerne)

### La Verne is Revved Up for Its 27<sup>th</sup> Cool Cruise Car Show

Car enthusiasts from across Southern California will come together for the [27th Cool Cruise Car Show](http://27thCoolCruiseCarShow) in Old Town La Verne on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is free and attendees will be able to walk through rows of buffed up vintage vehicles while enjoying live music and an array of other fun experiences. This year's show will be one of the biggest to date, featuring up to 800 restored cars of which 40 will be awarded Best in Show. Read more: [CoolCruise](http://CoolCruise).



### 24 Hour City Hall - Service Requests



Have you ever wanted to report a street light out, but kept forgetting to call until you once again noticed the light was out and City Hall was closed? Now you can submit requests for service to the City of La Verne at your convenience, without having to call or come into City Hall. The "24 Hour City Hall" is available on the

City's web site ([www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org)) and allows users to report routine issues such as street light outages, the need for graffiti removal, tree requests, and more. Previously, residents had to report issues or make requests in person or over the phone. If City Hall was closed, residents were not able to communicate their non-emergency issues. The 24 Hour City Hall is an interactive system that allows users to report issues, make requests, and check the status of those requests anytime, 24 hours a day. Users simply click on the 24 Hour City Hall icon on the City's home page, [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org), to use the request form, and provide the City with facts like a description of the request, the location, and follow up contact information. When the necessary form is completed, users will receive a request number to track the request's status. Once submitted, issues will be sent to the appropriate City personnel. This program helps residents more easily and readily communicate with any City department to

make services more efficient and responsive. For any questions regarding the 24 Hour City Hall system, please contact La Verne Customer Service at 909-596-8744.

24 Hour City Hall is not meant for emergency situations such as water line breaks or life threatening circumstances. When faced with emergency instances, residents should call 911.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### New Community Center Hours



The Community Center has transition its hours of operation back to regular hours. Starting the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

### Facility Rentals

Reserve your space today with the City of La Verne! We offer room rentals for the community and non-profit organizations. Reservations can be made for any day of the week, are based on availability, and can be made up to one year in advance. Reservations can be made in person at City Hall – Community Services Department, 3660 D Street, La Verne, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM. The following facilities are available to reserve -

**La Verne Community Center** – Located at 3680 “D” Street behind La Verne City Hall. The La Verne Community Center is a 14,000 sq. ft. building with multiple rooms, commercial kitchen, and outdoor patios for classes, meetings, and a main hall that accommodates up to 230 guests for receptions, celebrations or corporate events.

**Veterans Hall** – Located at 1550 Bonita Avenue. Veterans Hall has a beautiful main hall with wood floors and rich architecture with access to a full service kitchen. This facility is warm and quaint and can host up to 80 guests for meetings, and smaller celebrations. A tot lot is adjacent to the building.

For more information call the Community Services Department at 909-596-8700. When you rent with us, you invest in the future of the buildings and our community programs.

### Mt. Sac Classes

Mt. SAC classes returned to the Community Center the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mt. SAC held class sign-ups outside of the Community Center on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. There are a variety of classes offered Monday-Friday during the morning and afternoon.



### Line Dancing

Line dancing classes began on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, and will continue every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. There is a beginner’s class from 2:00-3:00 PM, and an intermediate class from 3:00-4:00 PM.

### Preschool

Registration for preschool is currently open and there are still spots available. Preschool classes will begin in September.



## Red Cross Update

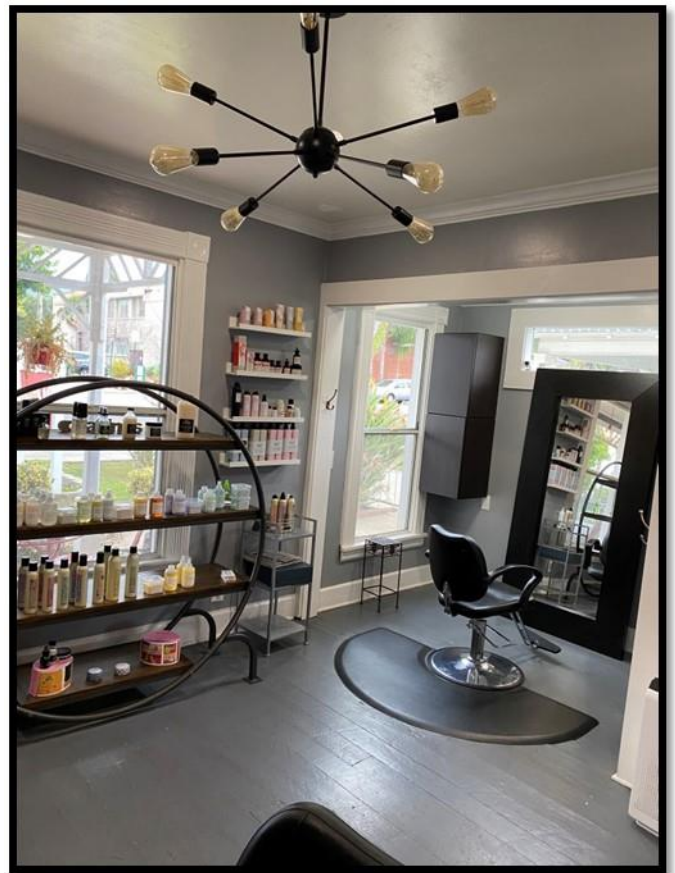
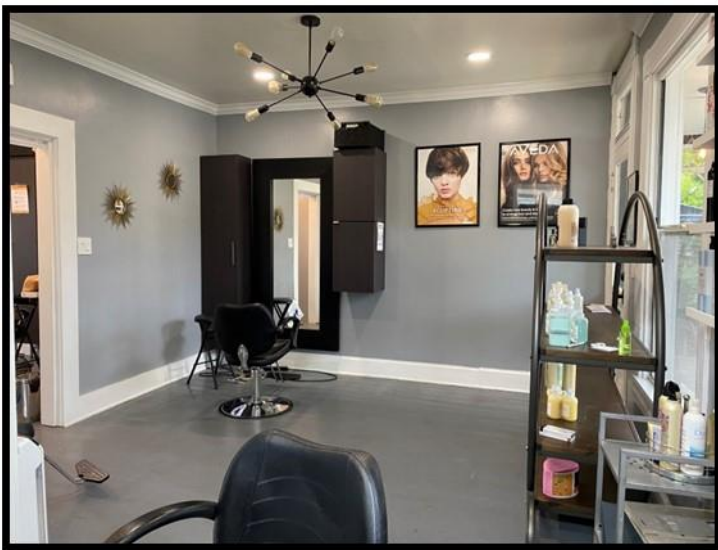
If you donated blood at the June blood drive at the Community Center, you have helped patients at Kaiser Hospital Fontana, Kaiser West Los Angeles, St. Francis Medical Center, UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center, and Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### La Verne Community Design Award: Interior Design - Moxie Salon

Moxie Salon, owned by Jeanette Paz, is a local La Verne salon that offers a variety of hairstyles and services for all ages. Jeanette is a long-time business owner and hair stylist that opened her first salon in 2000. She enjoys both the business aspect as well as the creative aspect of being a hair stylist.

Her inspiration for her salon design was to create an inviting and warm atmosphere where customers and co-workers alike can feel at home. Great Job!



## Tea Leaf and Creamery



Tea Leaf and Creamery is coming soon to La Verne! They specialize in a variety of bubble teas and desserts and will be located in the old Starbucks at 2145 Foothill Boulevard, Suite C (next to Subway). Keep your eye out for their grand opening in the coming months!

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## La Verne Appoints New Fire Chief

The City of La Verne is excited to announce the appointment and unanimous approval of Christopher Nigg as La Verne Fire Department's new Fire Chief. Nigg brings 20 years of experience in fire and emergency medical services to his new role as Fire Chief for LVFD. Learn more about Chief Nigg's experience: [click here](#)

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Gold Line Street Closures Notices – D Street



**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 9 - NOVEMBER 1, 2021 (REVISED DATES)**

#### 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 Monday, August 9th and continuing daily thru November 1st, 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](http://foothilltransit.org)
  - Metro Bus: (323) GO-METRO/323) 466-3876 or [www.metro.net](http://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](mailto:CommunityRelations@Kiewit-Parsons.com)  
General Project Questions: (626) 471-9050 Email: [PublicAffairs@Foothillgoldline.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@Foothillgoldline.org)

Stay ahead of construction, sign up for alert: [www.foothillgoldline.org](http://www.foothillgoldline.org)

\*Construction schedules are subject to change for various reasons, including, but not limited to, weather conditions and unforeseen delays.

# LIBRARY

## Overdue Fines Eliminated

The La Verne LA County Library has eliminated fines for overdue books and materials. As of this date, past, present, and future overdue fines for materials will no longer be charged. The Library Department will remove old fines from customer accounts as quickly as possible. Existing fines will be waived by staff for customers who are checking-out material. Fees will still apply for lost or damaged material, library card replacements, copying/printing, Inter library loans (ILL), meeting room reservations, passports, Treasurer Tax Collector/Collection Referral and Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF). Cardholders who are 21 years and under can get rid of lost and damaged fees by using the Great Read Away program. For every hour spent reading, \$5.00 in fees will be removed from the customer's account. To participate in this program, please visit the LA County Library website. LA County Library is happy to be a new member of fine free libraries. Additional information: [finefree](#)

## Hours of Service

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](http://LACountyLibrary.org/La-Verne-Library)

