

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the May meetings, the City Council:

- Recognized the Damien High School Basketball team for their spectacular success in the CIF State Division I Championship where they defeated the Clovis North team 4-0. The team players were all presented with In-N-Out gift cards.
- Heard a presentation by Levy Sun from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District on mosquito and virus activity, along with tips to stay more bite-free this year.
- Declared May as “Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month” in honor of the many notable contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who enrich our nation’s history.
- Declared May as “Older Americans Month” to recognize the contributions of our older citizens and to focus on creating a more inclusive society for all ages.
- Declared May as “Mental Health Month” to support and recognize the efforts at fighting the stigma associated with mental health, providing support, educating the public, and advocating for equal care.
- Accepted a Chair of Honor from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12034 to hold a place of honor in the City Council Chambers as an instant reminder of all the sacrifices made for “Our Country” by those still missing American service members.
- Adopted the Urgency Ordinance for Water Conservation requiring a restriction in outdoor watering of no more than one day per week.

ADMINISTRATION

Condolences

Sadly, this past month the City lost two individuals in its family. Pete Jankowski Retired Police Chief passed away on May 19th from cancer and on May 31st Billy Elftman died tragically in a car crash on Baseline Road. Both individuals had long careers with the City of La Verne and served the community and organization with great pride and care. They were known by residents and employees alike and will be missed by many. We give their families our condolences and share in their loss, and ask the community to also keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Memorial Garden Ceremony Honoring Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghiayan – June 11th

The Rotary Club of La Verne is building a Memorial Peace Garden in honor of long-time Rotarian and La Verne resident, Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghiayan, a global leader in peace who made a positive impact on the people and community he served. On Saturday, June 11th, there will be a ceremony in his honor of the Memorial Peace Garden located at Mills Park from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you would like to donate to the further development and maintenance of the garden, visit the following website: [click here](#).

Memorial Day Ceremony and Chair of Honor

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12034 presented the City of La Verne City Council with a Chair of Honor that will be a permanent fixture in the Council Chambers. The chair will serve as a constant reminder of military members who went missing during their service to our country. The public dedication of the Chair of Honor took place during the La Verne Veterans Memorial Ceremony on May 30th.



Fourth of July Parade Involvement

We are eager for the upcoming Fourth of July Parade. The Parade will start at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 4th. To participate in the parade, an [application](#) needs to be submitted in-person to City Hall by June 23rd. Guidelines and requirements are listed on the application.

City Manager Bob Russi Announces Retirement

Following the June 6th Council meeting, City Manager Bob Russi expressed his desire to retire in August 2022 to the City Council. Russi has served as La Verne's City Manager since 2010.

The City Council and City Manager will begin the transition process and will conduct a formal recruitment for a successor and interim City Manager during the remainder of the search. The City will provide updates throughout the process.

"Serving as the City Manager for this community and organization for the last 12 years has been one of the greatest honors of my career, and I have enjoyed every second of it," said City Manager Bob Russi. "I have been very fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated City Council and committed department heads and staff that go above and beyond to serve our community. Although I will miss my colleagues and the La Verne community, I am confident the City will be in good hands, and I look forward to helping the Council in making the transition as seamless as possible."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Cactus Coffee Reopening as Nambah Coffee



On May 15th the local coffee shop located in Downtown La Verne, Cactus Coffee, celebrated their last day being open before changing ownership to Nambah Coffee. During the transition, Nambah will be keeping Cactus Coffee's favorites and slowly introduce Nambah's specialty drinks at their grand opening to be confirmed at a later date. The shop will be open from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM temporarily as they prepare for remodeling.

Along with freshly roasted coffee, Nambah plans to also serve beer and wine. If you're looking for a new coffee shop, make sure to check out their offerings!

Housing Rehabilitation Program

La Verne is officially in the process of implementing the Housing Rehabilitation Program for low and moderate income homeowners! This program offers grants on a first-come, first-serve basis for single-family homes up to \$10,000 and for mobile homes up to \$6,000. Eligible projects include:

- Roofs
- Foundations
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Heating & Air
- Pest Control
- Energy Efficiency
- Other protective measure repairs



The program will begin accepting pre-qualification applications on June 13th. For more information, click on the home on the right.

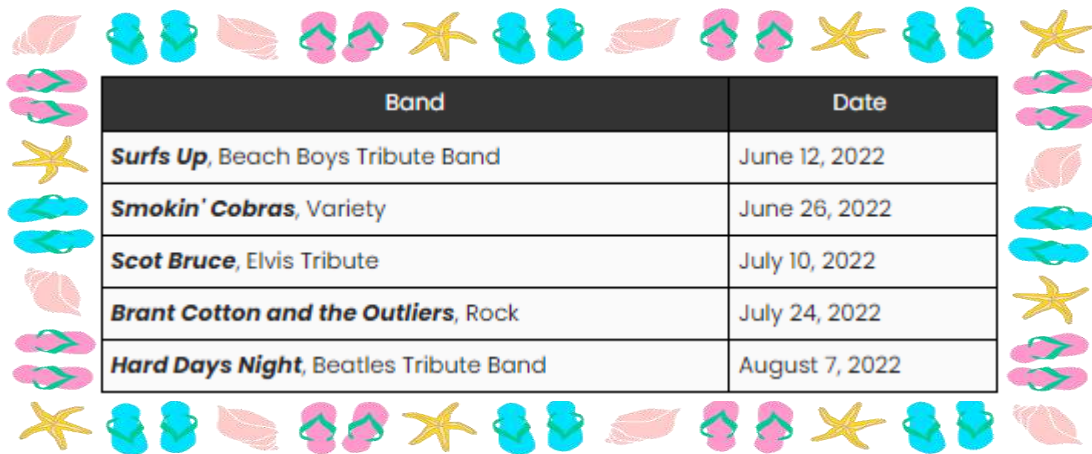
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sowing Seeds for Life – Drive Thru Food Pantry

On June 15th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Sowing Seeds for Life will be hosting a free food pantry for all residents to drive through and pick up needed supplies located at Charisma Life Church, 305 East Arrow Highway in Pomona. This is first come-first serve for all residents who reside within Los Angeles County. If you would like to make donations to the service, financial donations are accepted which Sowing Seeds for Life uses to buy foods from fellow nonprofits in the region. For further questions about the event or if you would like to donate or volunteer, call (909) 293-7735.

Concerts in the Park

Help us kick off summer with the return of Concerts in the Park at Heritage Park on Sunday, June 12th at 6:30 PM! Listen to all the classic rock tribute bands covering songs from the Beach Boys, Beatles, Elvis, and more. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and your appetite to listen to some music, eat some tasty treats, and relax under the stars. To see when your favorite artists will be performing, view the schedule below!



| Band | Date |
|---|----------------|
| <i>Surfs Up</i> , Beach Boys Tribute Band | June 12, 2022 |
| <i>Smokin' Cobras</i> , Variety | June 26, 2022 |
| <i>Scot Bruce</i> , Elvis Tribute | July 10, 2022 |
| <i>Brant Cotton and the Outliers</i> , Rock | July 24, 2022 |
| <i>Hard Days Night</i> , Beatles Tribute Band | August 7, 2022 |

La Verne Preschool Class of 2022

Congratulations to our La Verne Preschool Class of 2022! On May 30th, students along with their families and friends celebrated at the Community Center for their graduation. Thank you to teachers Miss Sally, Miss Cheryl, Miss Melinda, and assistants Lauri, Vanessa, Sylvia, Janet, Yvonne, Sue, and Jessica.



4th of July Schedule

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Time: 6:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Location: Methodist Church
3205 D Street, La Verne
(Parking at Bonita High)

Sponsor: Boy Scout Troop
411

Price: \$5/person (includes 3
pancakes and 3 sausages)

PARADE "HOME SWEET HOME"



Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Starting on the
corner of 10th and D Street

Parade Route: [Click here to view it](#)

FIREWORKS SHOW



Time: 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Location: Bonita High School
3102 D Street, La Verne

Entertainment: The Hodads

Price: \$10/person (cash
only); children under 4 are
free

For further details about the 4th of July schedule, feel free to visit the [Special Events](#) page on the City of La Verne website. In addition to the above festivities, the La Verne Aquatics Center located at 3175 Bolling Avenue will be hosting a free swim from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Skate Park will also be open from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 3102 D Street.

For additional information, please call Community Services at (909) 596-8700. To buy tickets, visit the Community Services Department located at La Verne City Hall, 3660 "D" Street, La Verne.

Las Flores Development Project



The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Spaces District authorized the \$650,000 grant money provided to the City for the Las Flores Park Improvement Project. The funds will be used to build a restroom facility at the south end of the park, resurface the 4 tennis courts, and replace the fencing at the tennis courts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cub Scout Visit

A group of scouts from Cub Scout Pack 393 visited Fire Station 1 and had a great time learning about our fire engines, tools and our ambulance! We enjoy having the opportunity to welcome groups back for public education and station tours once again.

Nurse Educator Program

The La Verne Fire Department has solidified an agreement with UCLA to administer the nurse educator program, giving the Fire Department the opportunity to take advantage of their vast resources for continued quality education and training to La Verne firefighters and paramedics.

National Safety Month

During National Safety Month, the City would like to take this time to focus on how residents can keep their environments safe and free from danger with the upcoming fire season.

Ways that you and your family can prepare for the fire season includes:

ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT



Kits with nonperishable foods, drinking water, a first aid kit, and more are a vital resource in the event of a wildfire.

CREATE AN EVACUATION ROUTE



Solidify a meeting point outside of the fire area and relay the plan to all residents within the home.

WEED REMOVAL



Remove dry vegetation from your landscape as they are a major fuel for wildfires.

Help prepare the City for wildfire season by calling the Public Works Department at (909) 596-8741 for weed abatement on public land.

MONITOR FIRE INCIDENTS



Keep an eye on neighboring fires to make sure you're well prepared for a potential emergency.

For more information on how to protect your home and family in case of a wildfire, review the La Verne Fire Department Ready, Set, Go! Wildfire Action Guide: <http://www.lavernefire.org/ready-set-go-wildfire-emergency-preparedness/>

LA VERNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dive into the Inland Empire's History

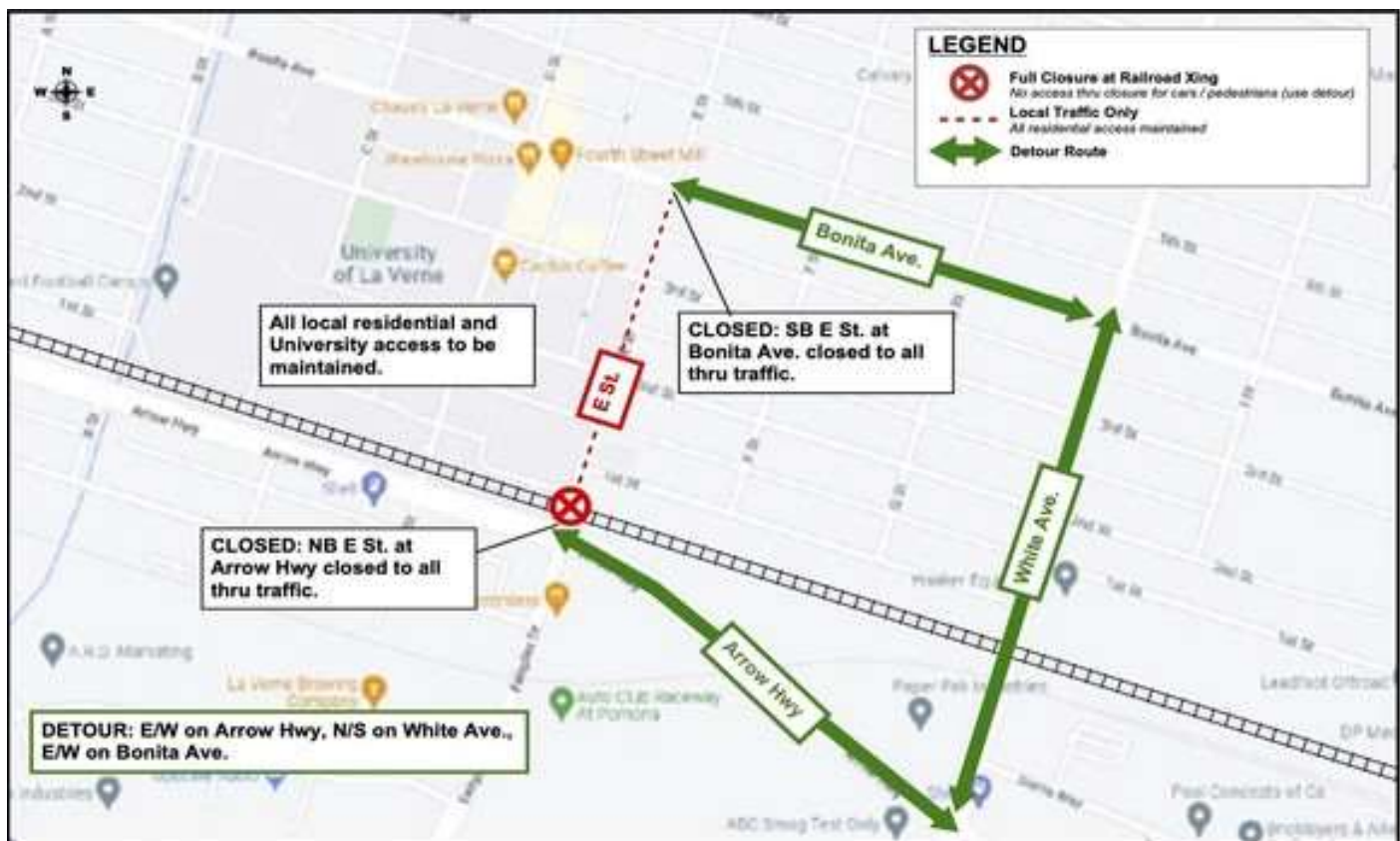
Want to learn all the secrets of the Inland Empire? Meet with Larry Burns, community leader and avid fan of the Inland Empire, as he guides participants through the wildest, wackiest, and most wonderful places and people of this community. This free event will be hosted at the Hillcrest Meeting House on Monday, June 13th at 4:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

PUBLIC WORKS

Gold Line Construction Alert – Two Weeks Full Closure

Starting June 6th, E Street will be fully closed for vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing for approximately two weeks for the development of the Gold Line. Access to homes and businesses on E Street 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, 1st Street, 2nd Street, and 3rd Street.

During this time, White Avenue will continue to be open as a detour route around E Street Construction. View the map below for the planned detour route for the E Street closure. To be updated on future and current construction projects for the Gold Line, visit their website at www.foothillgoldline.org.



Free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event

The Los Angeles Public Works Department is hosting a mobile hazardous waste pickup event at Citrus College Stadium on June 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Make sure to visit if you have any paint or electronics you would like to drop off. For more information, visit the Los Angeles County Public Works Department at cleanla.com.



Drought Mandate 2022

During the May 16th City Council Meeting, the Council Members unanimously approved Ordinance 1111 which mandates an overall reduction of water consumption by 20% across the City based off of 2020 consumption rates. To tackle this, the City is **limiting outdoor irrigation to one day per week for 8 minutes within 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM** based on the schedule below. Drip irrigation systems and hand watering of trees do not apply to the following restrictions.



With the fire season ahead, residents who live in Very High Fire Hazard Safety Zone areas are eligible to irrigate their landscapes with more regularity, but water consumption still needs to be reduced by 20%. The Very High Fire Hazard Safety Zone includes all residents who live north of Baseline Avenue.

Phase V mandatory restrictions and fees will **begin July 1st, 2022** and are as follows:

| Customer Type | Level | Phase V Usage | Penalty |
|--|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Residential | Level A | 0-28 units | No Penalty |
| | Level B | 29-38 units | \$0.18 per unit |
| | Level C | 39-58 units | \$0.60 per unit |
| | Level D | 59-88 Units | \$0.98 per unit |
| | Level E | 89 units and greater | \$2.61 per unit |
| Multi Family, Commercial, Industrial & Institutional Customers | Level A | 0-80% of 2020 Consumption | No Penalty |
| | Level B | 81-99% of 2020 Consumption | \$0.98 per unit |
| | Level C | 100% of 2020 Consumption | \$2.61 per unit |
| Irrigation | Level A | 0-60% of 2020 Consumption | No Penalty |
| | Level B | 61-99% of 2020 Consumption | \$0.98 per unit |
| | Level C | 100% of 2020 Consumption | \$2.61 per unit |

**Please note that one unit is equal to 1,000 gallons and tracking of water consumption follows the 2 month utility bill cycle.*

To prepare for the upcoming water reductions, the following are some actions that can be taken:

- Notify the Public Works department at (909) 596-8741 for faulty irrigation systems and water leaks
- Change sprinkler timers to occur within 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM
- Change irrigation systems to drip systems in garden areas
- Replace shower heads with versions that conserve water
- Washing only full loads of laundry

To learn more about your current water consumption levels and how it will relate with the upcoming drought mandate, call the Customer Service Department at (909) 596-8744. To review more information about the drought, visit the [Water Conservation](#) page on the City website

City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM



City Contacts

City Hall – (909) 596-8726
Graffiti Removal – (909) 596-8787
Utility Bill Questions – (909) 596-8744
Zoning Questions – (909) 596-8706
Passport Services – (909) 596-8700
Recreation Services – (909) 695-8700
City Weed & Tree Removal – (909) 596-8741
Senior Center – (909) 596-8776
Police Department – (909) 596-1913

La Verne Website: cityoflaverne.org

Quick Links to City Website

Election Information
City Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Public Records Request
Utility Bill Payments
Building Permits
Business License Process
Event Calendar
Program Registration
4th of July Information

Have a request, concern, or general inquiry about the City of La Verne? Let us know by submitting a form on the following link: [click here!](#)

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LA VERNE BRANCH LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY

New Hours of Service

The library is now open the following hours:

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Thursdays through Saturdays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Sundays and Mondays

We are committed to keeping our customers and staff safe during our in-person service hours. We ask that all customers follow the guidelines listed on our website:

<https://lacountylibrary.org/customer-expectations>.

To learn more about what the La Verne library has to offer, visit their website: <https://lacountylibrary.org/la-verne-library/>.

