

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the July meeting, the City Council:

- Recognized outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis and Council Member Robin Carder for their service to the City
- Declared the official results of the 2022 General Municipal Election for Districts 1, 3, & 4 and selected Tim Hepburn as Mayor and Rick Crosby as Mayor Pro-Tem for the upcoming year
- Administered oaths of office to the newly elected Council Members Steve Johnson and Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita as well as re-elected Council Member Tim Hepburn
- Entered into an agreement with Interim City Manager Jesse Duff and Interim Senior Equipment Mechanic Stuart Havlicek

City Council Elects Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem

With the recent election of the new City Council Members, Steven F. Johnson and Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, and the reelection of City Council Member Tim Hepburn, the council’s first act during the July Council Meeting was to select a Mayor and a Mayor Pro-Tem to serve until July 2023. The elected Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem will serve their positions for a year and will be voted upon annually by the council. The City Council unanimously voted to appoint Tim Hepburn as La Verne’s Mayor and Rick Crosby as Mayor Pro-Tem. After the completion of their terms, the Mayoral and Mayor Pro-Tem seat will be selected by the City Council to serve for the subsequent year.



Mayor Tim Hepburn



Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Crosby

ADMINISTRATION

La Verne Committees Accepting Applications

The City of La Verne is currently accepting applications to fill the two vacancies on the La Verne Active Transportation Committee and the Youth & Family Action Committee. Interested applicants must be 18 years or older and have been a La Verne resident for at least one year. To learn more about the Active Transportation Committee, [click here](#)! Details about the Youth & Family Action Committee can be found at the following link: [click here](#)!

The closing date for submitting applications is Thursday, August 4th at 5:00 PM for YFAC and Monday, August 8th at 6:00 PM for ATC. Applications can be obtained by calling the City Clerk’s office at (909) 596-8726 or by visiting the following website page. [Click here](#).

2022 Best of La Verne – Chamber of Commerce



The La Verne Chamber of Commerce is running the first annual Best of La Verne honoring businesses throughout La Verne in assorted categories of food, services, retail and entertainment. To vote for all of your favorite locations throughout the City, visit the Chamber of Commerce website. [Click here](#). Voting is open through August 8th and winners will be announced online on August 15th.

Splendor of Asia Event – Hillcrest Meeting House

Experience the brilliant and colorful array of Asian Art and artifacts on loan from The Cultural & Natural History Collections of The University of La Verne and the private collections of June Pulcini and Kent Badger at Hillcrest. Open through September 23rd, visitors can view the art free of charge on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the weekend. Those who plan to visit the event must be masked and be prepared for temperature checks upon entry.



On Thursday, August 25th, Hillcrest will be hosting a special reception for guests to view the exhibit and also honor the individuals and organizations who made the event possible. The special reception will be at 10:30 AM and open to the public. For additional questions about the event, feel free to call Hillcrest at (909) 392-4000. We hope to see you all there!

Introduction to Interim City Manager Jesse Duff



During the July Council meeting, the Council unanimously approved a contract for Jesse Duff to serve as the City of La Verne's Interim City Manager, effective August 1, 2022 and will end no later than June 30, 2023. Duff has over 40 years of executive local government experience in Southern California and served as the Director of Parks and Recreation, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager, and City Manager for the City of Duarte. In his retirement, he has held Interim City Manager positions at the City of Claremont and City of Irwindale, and served as Interim Community Development Director for the City of Rosemead. In 2007, he joined Tri-City Mental Health, the mental health authority for the Cities of La Verne, Claremont and Pomona, as its Executive Director and led the organization out of bankruptcy. We welcome Jesse Duff to the City!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Shell Gas Station Remodel

If you get gas from the Shell gas station on the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Towne Center Drive, then you've probably noticed some work being done to the building. Shell has been going through a recent interior and exterior revamp which will modernize the building. The updates include changing the façade of the building to a more modern look, along with rebranding the food mart and car wash to the new updated Rebel store branding. This is similar to other rebranding done to similar Shell gas stations in Southern California. Keep an eye out for the new look in the next few months!

Antiochian House Upgrade

The Antiochian House of Studies on 1020 Baseline is getting an upgrade! The Planning Commission and Development Review Committee have recently approved new building additions to the Antiochian House of Studies. The new additions will include a new multi-purpose room and a new semi-subterranean study room for their practitioners. These new additions are part of a long running plan, since 2014, to upgrade the church's site and will keep the aesthetics of the original historic building on the lot. Keep a look out for their new additions to be completed within the next couple of months!



New 5G Wireless Tower

Foothill Boulevard is about to get a new architectural feature and increased cell service! New 5G Dish Network wireless telecommunication facilities are coming to the Outdoor Elegance store at Damien Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The plan is to construct a new tower on top of the building that matches the existing one and the location of the wireless facilities were approved last week. We think it is a clever way to disguise the new antennas and radios in a way that complements the neighborhood architecturally.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Concerts in the Park – Heritage Park 6:30 PM

Continue to rock around the park with our final concert in August! To close off a strong summer concert season, La Verne is paying tribute to The Beatles on Sunday, August 7th with the cover band *Hard Day's Night*. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and your appetite to listen to some music, eat some tasty treats, and relax under the stars.

Adult Summer Kickball League



Stay active and have fun while competing in a true playground classic! Games begin September 7th and will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Campus West Athletics Facility. Registration is now open and will run through September 1st, or until the league is full. Grab your team and join us in kicking off our newest recreational sport offering!

Movie Night at the Park – August 14th

Join us at Heritage Park for the annual Movie Night at the Park series! We will be showing *Encanto* on Sunday, August 14th. The movie will begin at approximately 8:15 PM and is presented by the Community Services Department with the La Verne Police Officers Association.



Luau Dance Party



The Community Center will be hosting a Luau Dance for individuals with special needs on Friday, August 12th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM! Participants age 13 and older are invited to enjoy music, refreshments, fun decorations, and a chance to party with their peers. The event is sponsored by the Alhambrians and the City of La Verne. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Services office for \$6 each or at the door for \$7 per person.

Congregate Meals

After more than two years of adapted programming, the Senior Lunch Program is finally returning to the Community Center! Beginning August 16th, residents age 60 and older will be able to receive hot lunches on select weekdays. Hot meals will be served on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while Thursday will remain a pickup for participants to receive prepacked "Grab and Go" meals.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pink Patch Project

The La Verne Police Department has recommenced the selling of pink patches to raise funds for breast cancer research. With the collaboration of police departments across the nation, the project has been able to raise over 1.5 million dollars. La Verne's pink patches are for sale for \$10 each at the police station on Third Street from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. All proceeds go to City of Hope.



National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2nd



National Night Out is an annual event hosted to further develop the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement. The Police Department will be at Las Flores Park on August 2nd from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM with music, games, vendors and free finger painting and face painting for children. Assist the Police Department with their back-to-school fundraiser by bringing school supplies to stuff a squad car!

Recognizing Workers – Golden Headset Award



Congratulations to Communications Officer Shantelle Garcia for being awarded for the Golden Headset Award by The Denise Amber Lee Foundation & Concept Seating. Shantelle received this prestigious award for a 9-1-1 call she took in September of 2021. Details of the story are below.

In September of 2021, Shantelle answered a call in which the caller indicated they were suicidal but did not want the police involved. The caller refused Shantelle's offers of assistance not involving the police and hung up. She tried calling him back numerous times to no avail and then contacted the cell phone company to locate him, but they were unsuccessful. She continued to contact him through text and call until he answered thirty-six minutes after the initial call. He stated he was on his way to the hospital and they maintained phone call communication for eighteen minutes discussing his family, kids, and faith. Thirty minutes after that call ended he called Shantelle from the hospital letting her know he made it safely and thanked her. He told her that initially he was irritated that she kept calling, but because she wouldn't give up on him, he pushed through and reached out for help.

Shantelle's compassion during this call is to be highly commended. She was professional, empathetic, and patient beyond the call of duty. She persevered when it seemed that all options had been exhausted. Shantelle's professionalism in the handling of this call was also recognized by her peers and was a great example for her trainee.

Coexisting with Local Wildlife

The City of La Verne and Inland Valley Humane Society have created the [Coyote Management Plan](#) which provides information regarding coyote attractants, behavior, enforcement, safety response and reporting. With increased spottings of assorted wildlife including coyotes and bears in the community, it is important for residents to be cautious and take precautions to minimize dangerous wildlife encounters.

- Never leave pets or children unattended outdoors
- Do not leave food out or attempt to feed wildlife
- Do not put trash containers out until the day of service and be sure the lid is on
- If you see an animal, contact the Inland Valley Humane Society at (909) 623-9777 or the La Verne Police Department at (909) 596-1913
- Report coyote sightings on the [City website](#) to track behavior patterns

Residents can also grab a coyote whistle while supplies last at La Verne City Hall to take with them while walking outdoors.

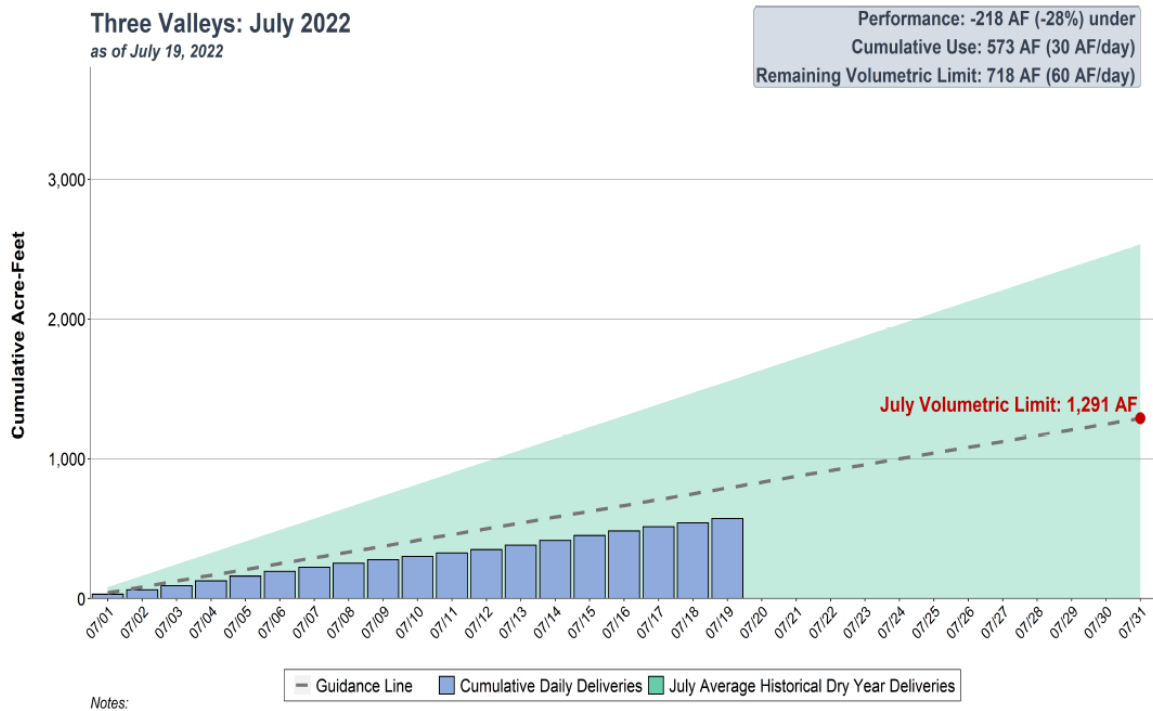
PUBLIC WORKS

Hazardous Waste Event

The L.A. County Fairplex Hotel & Exposition Complex will be hosting a Hazardous and Household Waste Clean-Up in partnership with the Los Angeles County Public Works Department on Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Drop off paint, electronics, oil and more at Fairplex Gate 9.

Conservation Tracking

The City is on track to meet conservation efforts from Three Valleys and the Metropolitan Water District. The chart below shows the amount of water that Claremont and La Verne have bought daily to conserve (the blue columns) from Three Valleys throughout July in comparison to the drought guideline level (the dotted line) and average consumption of previous, historically dry years (the shaded green area).



Targeting irrigation for water reduction has been an effective strategy so far as La Verne residents and commercial businesses water their landscapes once a week, except for those who reside in high-fire risk areas. With the enforcement of water conservation guidelines, fees and a sense of collective responsibility amongst residents, the City hopes to see continued progress in the upcoming months.

If you see water running down the street, broken sprinklers, or residents watering outside of the restriction guidelines, make sure to call the City at (909) 596-8726.



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) 596-8700
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

City Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Public Records Request
Utility Bill Payments
Building Permits
Business License Process
Event Calendar
Program Registration

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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/>.

