



# Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, March 6 @ 6:30 PM**  
City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30 PM**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Wednesday, March 15 @ 10:00 AM**  
Senior Advisory Committee Meeting  
La Verne Community Center

**Monday, March 20 @ 6:30 PM**  
City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Tuesday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM**  
Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

The City of La Verne has 6 committees and commissions that consist of a board of La Verne residents and delegates from the City Council. They meet to discuss specialized topics focused on the City's development and maintaining the community we all enjoy. Meetings are open to the public and we encourage resident participation.

[Click here to learn more about our committees and commissions.](#)



# Upcoming Events

## Honoring Ground-Breaking Women with the La Verne Historical Society

**MONDAY, MARCH 13 @ 4:00 PM**



In honor of Women's History Month, the La Verne Historical Society will be hosting Ana Maria Whitaker, Professor Emerita from Cal Poly Pomona, at the Hillcrest Meeting House (2705 Mountain View Drive) to discuss the life and work of California's first licensed architect, Julia Morgan. Morgan's work included over 700 residential, commercial, and institutional buildings in 47 California cities. Masks are required and temperature checks will be done upon arrival. For more information about the event, visit [lavernehistoricalsociety.org](http://lavernehistoricalsociety.org).

## Spring Fling Vendor Faire with the La Verne Heritage

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 10:00 AM**

Join us for the 3rd Annual Spring Vendor Faire at Heritage Park. Peruse and shop unique handmade items from local vendors for Easter, Mother's Day and more! There will be food, music, tours of our historic Weber House and a tractor pulled wagon ride available. For more information, call La Verne Heritage at (909) 293-9005.



## Backyard Beauty Tour with the La Verne Historical Society

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 2:00 PM**

Join the La Verne Historical Society as they present the famous 1976 film *The Graduate* at the Bonita High School before crossing D Street and touring the beautiful La Verne United Methodist Church. You may recognize the interior of the church during the tour as it was the site where the ending scenes of the movie were filmed. For more information about the event, visit [lavernehistoricalsociety.org](http://lavernehistoricalsociety.org).

## Egg-cellent Adventure Easter Celebration

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1 @ 9:00 AM**

The Community Services Department will be hosting the first annual Egg-cellent Adventure event at Heritage Park. Enjoy the vendor booths, food, music, crafts, and take pictures with the Easter Bunny! Children ages 1 to 12 are able to join the hunt looking for Easter Eggs hidden throughout the park. For scheduled egg hunt times, call (909) 596-8700.



# La Verne City Council

## Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the February meetings, the City Council:

- Declared the annual weed abatement list and hosted the protest hearing.
- Renewed the supplemental police services agreement with the City of Pasadena.
- Requested staff research the possibility of placing the directly elected mayor on the 2024 election ballot.
- Presented the annual community design awards to 7 projects in the community.
- Received presentations regarding the City's General Plan from De Novo Group and status of the current water drought from Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board Director Jeff Hanlon.
- Approved the fees for issuance of concealed carry weapons permits.

To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live) to review the recent agendas and minutes as well as watch the video feeds of prior meetings.

## City Spotlight

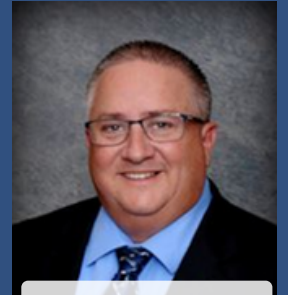
*Learn more about the City of La Verne with our monthly City Spotlight!*

Did you know that the City of La Verne was formally called Lordsburg? The former City name was based on business owner I.W. Lord who bought large portions of land in the late 1800's that was to become the City of La Verne.

With the Santa Fe Railroad expanding westward, Lord and fellow investors developed the region hoping to profit from the expected influx of travelers. It was not until members of the Brethren church arrived to the region in the 1890s that the area became a community with the development of Lordsburg College and farms throughout. Residents of Lordsburg requested a name change, but Lord was proud of the name and denied all requests. It was not until Lord's passing in 1917 that the residents voted to change the City's name to La Verne, named after the region of the foothills where the City's citrus orchards flourished.



**Mayor Tim Hepburn**  
District 4



**Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Crosby**  
District 2



**Steve Johnson**  
District 1



**Wendy Lau**  
District 5



**Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita**  
District 3

### General Plan Update

The City of La Verne is working with De Novo Consulting group updating the City's comprehensive General Plan which was last adopted in 1996. The team is currently analyzing the Environmental Impact Report, which requires technical analysis done on development projects to see potential environmental impacts on the community. This is one of many steps in the works leading up to a Community Open House later this year where a draft General Plan policy will be presented.



### Community Design Awards

The Community Development Department recognized seven outstanding projects with 2023 Community Design Awards. Projects are recognized for various categories such as residential, landscaping, institutional, interior design, public art, and commercial developments. *Recipient details can be found in the Resources and Information Section on pages 7 and 8.*

### State of the City Summation

Mayor Tim Hepburn addressed a full room of City staff, residents, and community partners on the City's accomplishments in 2022 and goals for 2023. The construction of affordable housing projects and the introduction of new City leadership were some of the 2022 highlights discussed. In 2023, La Verne anticipates more businesses opening and beautification projects across the community.

To watch the State of the City, [click here](#) to view it on the La Verne Community Television YouTube Channel.



The La Verne City Council were honored by the attendance of Representative Grace Napolitano, LA County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, and University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman at the 2023 State of the City.

## Los Angeles County La Verne Library

### California State Park Pass

Looking to explore more of the beautiful State of California? California Library Card members can request a free vehicle-day pass to over 200 state parks throughout California. To check out a pass, visit your local library's information desk. All passes must be returned to the library it was borrowed from.

To see which parks are eligible in this program, visit [lacountylibrary.org/parks-passes](http://lacountylibrary.org/parks-passes).



### Women's History Month - Aerospace

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 @ 6:00 PM**



Children ages 6 to 12 can learn about the remarkable women in aerospace through space-inspired activities. Parent or caregiver must be present.

### César Chávez Celebration

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 @ 6:00 PM**



Children ages 5 to 12 can learn more about the legacy of this civil rights advocate through arts and crafts activities.

To register for these events, visit [lacountylibrary.org/la-verne-library/](http://lacountylibrary.org/la-verne-library/).

## At Home COVID-19 Vaccinations

If you or a loved one have been unable to attend a community vaccination site and are still wanting a COVID-19 vaccination, the LA County Public Health Department is now providing in-home options. Those eligible for this system include those who face difficulties leaving their home and are at higher risk for COVID. Submit a request through the LA County Public Health website and a team will follow up to schedule an appointment within 7 to 10 days. To visit the website, click on the vaccination icon to the right.



## Chamber of Commerce 2023 Scholarship

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for their 2023 Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program encourages students to pursue higher education following high school. It is open to graduating seniors whose primary residence is La Verne who will be attending a vocational/technical school, a Community College or four-year college or university. The Chamber of Commerce will award multiple scholarships up to \$500 each. Applications must be submitted by 1:00 PM on March 31, 2023. Application information can be found on the Chamber's website at [lavernechamber.org](http://lavernechamber.org).

## Free Income Tax Preparation Services

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free income tax preparation services to households claiming less than \$60,000 in income. This service can help you avoid expensive, paid tax services and help you maximize your return. [Click here](#) to visit the website.



## Business Grant Opportunities

LA County's Economic Opportunity Grant program will award \$54 million across over 6,000 grants for microbusinesses, small businesses, and non-profits adversely affected by COVID-19. Phase One of the program is for grants of \$2,500 for microbusinesses with under \$50,000 in revenue in their 2019 taxable year and applications will be received until March 25, 2023. Phase Two of the program will issue grants of \$15,000 for other microbusinesses, small businesses, and non-profits and applications will be received until May 20, 2023.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and to apply for the program, visit [eog.smallbizla.org](http://eog.smallbizla.org).





## Spring Cleaning Essentials

For those who will be partaking in the annual ritual of spring cleaning, the City has resources for you!

**Bulk Items & Hazardous Waste Pick Up** - If you have bulk waste that you need to dispose of, La Verne residents with curbside cart service may request four free bulky item pick-ups per calendar year through Waste Management at no additional cost. Each pick up can have up to three cubic yards of bulky and/or electronic waste. Please contact Waste Management at (909) 599-1274 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day for scheduling. All bulk item pick ups will occur on Mondays, the City's regular waste service day. Bulky items include couches, washers, dryers, and refrigerators. E-waste items include tv's, computer monitors, keyboards and towers.

**Sharps and Drug Disposal** - For all medications and sharps that are no longer needed, [click here](#) to see a map of available locations to drop them off.

## Vacation Patrols

Planning on going on vacation in the coming months? La Verne residents can request a free house check while you're enjoying your vacation. The City's dedicated team of RSVP's will do an exterior check to ensure your house is secured and that nothing is out of the ordinary. If they view any unusual activity, it will be documented, and a police officer will come inspect it further. This is one of the many services the Police Department provides to help keep La Verne safe.



For those interested, swing by the Police Station located at 2016 Third Street and fill out a "Vacation House Check" form.

## La Verne Community Television (LVTV-3)

LVTV-3 is a Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access channel serving the City of La Verne. The channel covers pertinent local news such as City special events, local sports games and competitions, and historical information about the City. The channel is managed by the University of La Verne's Communications Department and relies on volunteers from the community for productions. Residents can watch the channel on Spectrum cable channel 3 and Frontier Fios, or on their YouTube Channel. [Click here](#) to watch!





## Community Development Awards

### Residential Landscaping Award



Located at 1247 Foxford Drive, the Koneru Residence remodel of the landscape area included the addition of an infinity pool, spa, koi fish pond, and vineyard.

### Public Art Award



The "Our Citrus Roots" mural is designed by artist Art Mortimer. The mural is located on the west facing wall of the Mainiero Hall Building at the University of La Verne on Third Street.

### Institutional Award



Hawthorne Homes on Hawthorne Street at the Brethren Hillcrest consists of 14 senior homes and a common landscape area.

### Commercial Interior Design Award



The Rebel Gas Station located at 2510 Foothill Boulevard was recently renovated with new interior and exterior design including an expansion of the convenience store.

## Community Development Awards Continued

### Interior Design Award - Tacos Don Cuco



Tacos Don Cuco opened in fall of 2022 and their food offerings include authentic tacos, along with breakfast, seafood, and other specialty dishes. They are located at 1965 Foothill Boulevard Suite #M & N.

Opened in late 2020, Sweet Time, located at 2320 D Street, offers various desserts and boba drinks to enjoy. This business is owned by the owners of the restaurant Cafe Wang, located adjacent to the space.

### Interior Design Award - Sweet Time



### Interior Design Award - Guanatos Tacos



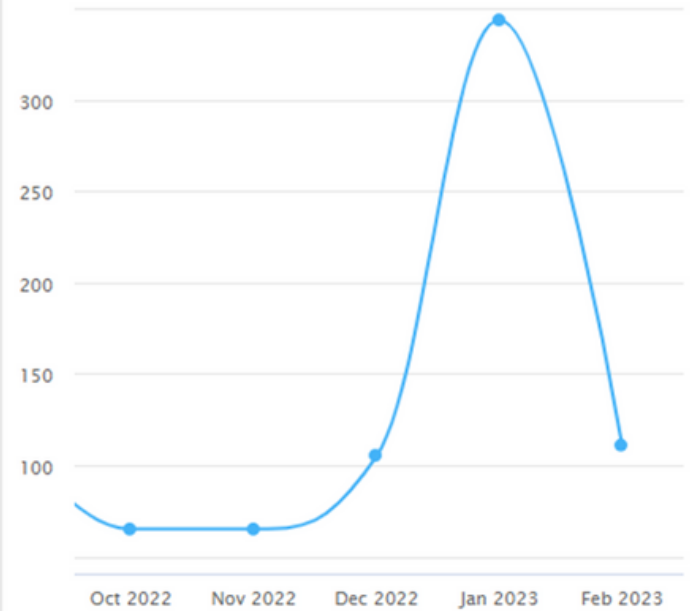
Guanatos Tacos occupied the space at 2855 Foothill Boulevard in October 2022 and started to remodel the interior to reflect their food offerings. They have various tacos, burritos, quesadillas and traditional Guadalajara dishes.

## Natural Gas Credit

Southern California Gas reported an increase in gas bill prices due to high demand during the winter months, but is currently on the decline. To ease the shock on resident's wallets, the California Public Utilities Commission will be distributing the California Climate Credit of \$50.77 for residents on their February or March bill. To further save costs on natural gas bills, it is best to conserve in the following ways:

- Lower your thermostat 3 to 5 degrees.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Turn down the temperature of the water heater to no less than 120 degrees.
- Limit the use of non-essential natural gas appliances such as spas and fireplaces.
- Check that the housing has proper sealing and caulking to ensure that heat stays in the home.

Current and Historical Natural Gas Prices:



Residents can utilize funding opportunities through SoCal Gas and State agencies to cover the cost for developing energy-efficient systems within their households. To see the opportunities available, visit [www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy](http://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy). Low-income residents are also eligible for financial assistance programs through SoCal Gas, [click here to apply](#).

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### City Hall Hours

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



### City Websites

[cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)  
[lvpd.org](http://lvpd.org)  
[lavernefire.org](http://lavernefire.org)



### 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



### 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



### 24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



### Additional Newsletters

Chamber of Commerce 2/7 & 2/21  
Winter/Spring 2023 Recreation Guide  
Conservation Corner  
Senior