



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2023

## City Manager's Message

April was a prosperous month for community engagement. Events hosted in La Verne were a hit and highlighted how strong the local community is. Residents and visitors gathered in mass for the Egg-cellent Adventure, Cool Cruise Car Show, Heart of the Foothills, and Community Yard Sale events. These events were a great success not only due to the committed staff and volunteers present, but also thanks to the individuals who came and made the event vibrant and full of energy. As we look forward, the City will continue to find ways to further strengthen connections in the community and host events for all to enjoy. The City of La Verne will be hosting a Memorial Day Event at Vetern's Hall on May 29 and City buildings will be closed in honor of those who valiantly served and died for our nation.

The City of La Verne is taking action and advocating to maintain the safe community we all enjoy. The Cities of La Verne and San Dimas were notified at the last moment about a permanent supportive housing project within the unincorporated San Dimas area at 740 Foothill, across from the entrance to the Fox Glen neighborhood. The developer had submitted a site plan review to the County as early as November 2022 and the Board of Supervisors was set to approve a loan for the project before community and City concern was strongly expressed to Supervisor Barger's office. The City is opposed to this project for many reasons, but understands it is a "by-right" project not subject to discretionary review under State law. We are continuing to work with San Dimas to force the needed community outreach and input so clearly needed for such a project. More about this project can be found on page 4.

We encourage everyone to continue to show care for your neighbors and support our local businesses.

Best,

*Ken Domer*

Ken Domer  
City Manager



### Picture of the Month



The City took to the streets on April 23 for the Heart of the Foothills Event. Residents walked, biked, and skated along Bonita Avenue to highlight the benefits of multi-modal transportation. The event was a great success and we look forward to seeing more residents using alternative forms of transport in the City!

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City of La Verne



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# Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, May 1 @ 4:30 PM**

Budget Study Session  
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Monday, May 1 @ 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Tuesday, May 3 @ 6:00 PM**

Youth Sports Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Wednesday, May 10 @ 6:30 PM**

Planning Commission Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Monday, May 15 @ 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & Via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Wednesday, May 17 @ 10:00 AM**

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting  
La Verne Community Center

**Tuesday, May 23 @ 6:30 PM**

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

The City of La Verne has 7 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



## Nethercutt Museum Tour with the La Verne Historical Society

**SATURDAY MAY 6 @ 8:30 AM**

Immerse yourself in California history at the Nethercutt museum. The museum hosts over 250 restored automobiles along with an array of rare mechanical musical instruments and antique furniture. To learn more about the museum, [click here](#). It costs \$30 to join the event which includes transport and admittance to the museum. To join the event, call (909) 596-4679 or email [sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:sbest@lavernehistoricalsociety.org).

## Dog Fest with the La Verne K-9 & Police Foundation

**SUNDAY, MAY 21 @ 1:00 PM**

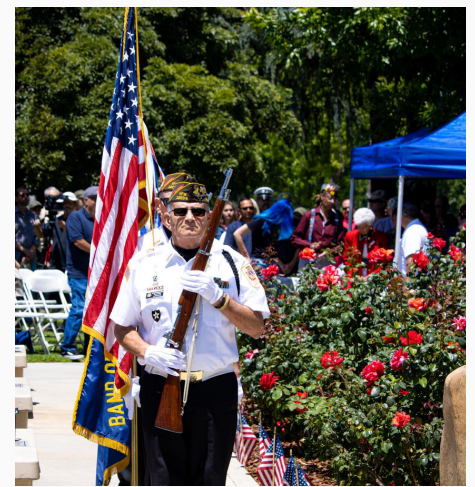
Join in the festivities and bring your furry friend along to raise funds for the K-9 & Police Foundation at La Verne Lutheran High School from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be music, games, a dog costume contest, face painting, and vendor booths to enjoy. La Verne Police K-9 Tupelo will also be present for everyone to meet! The event is free to the general public and costs \$25 per dog and single walker at the event. Lunch and raffle is included with paid admission. [Click here](#) to sign up your dog! Call the Foundation for any questions at (310) 717-7634.



## Memorial Day Ceremony

**MONDAY, MAY 29 @ 11:00 AM**

Join the City for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Hall. More information to come as we get closer to the event. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and be the first to know!



## Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the April meetings, the City Council:

- Proclaimed April 2023 as Arab-American Heritage Month and Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month, and proclaimed the week of April 23 to 29 for National Library Week.
- Received a presentation regarding Air Quality Updates from the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- Approved a Parking Lot License Agreement with the Church of the Brethren.
- Received and filed the Annual Progress Report for the 2022 Housing Element and the Quarterly Treasurer's Report.
- Adopted Ordinance No. 1115 amending the Military Equipment Policy utilized by the Police Department.
- Amended the fees for issuing Concealed Carry Weapons permits.
- Authorized a Street Closure Agreement with the University of La Verne for their upcoming Scholarship Gala.

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

## City Spotlight

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

Did you know that the City of La Verne is the second city in the State of California to create an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) with county partnership?

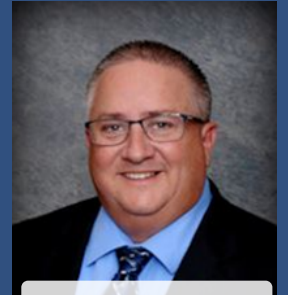
In 2017, the City of La Verne created an EIFD encompassing areas of southern La Verne near the future Metro Gold Line light rail to fund numerous development projects. These projects include the development of multi-modal transportation, beautification projects, and expansion of utilities to the region.

The EIFD works by accruing revenue from property tax within the district. Property tax in the district was frozen at 2017 and the increased property tax values of all subsequent years will be diverted to funding the EIFD designated projects. The County approved in 2020 to participate in the district financing and has ensured over \$80 million be allocated to developments.

[Click here](#) to see all the planned projects through La Verne's EIFD!



**Mayor Tim Hepburn**  
District 4



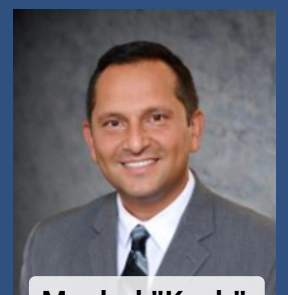
**Mayor Pro-Tem Rick Crosby**  
District 2



**Steve Johnson**  
District 1



**Wendy Lau**  
District 5



**Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita**  
District 3

## Wildfire Inspection & Weed Abatement

The La Verne Fire Department has started its annual wildfire brush inspections and weed abatement enforcement within the Very High Fire Hazard Zone. The Very High Fire Hazard Zone covers most of the area north of Baseline Avenue. These inspections ensure that properties are well protected in the case of a wildfire. For those out of compliance, correction notices and citations will be issued by the department. If needed, the Fire Department will conduct forced abatements and retroactively issue cost recovery. [Click here](#) or on the "Ready, Set, Go!" graphic to learn more about how to make your home fire safe.



The owner of the Sierra La Verne Golf Course has been in contact with the City and the Fire Department for necessary weed abatements. They voluntarily began efforts which will continue over the next several weeks. LVFD will frequently inspect to ensure a 200' defensible space between heavy fuel and all structures. The County will follow up with the remainder of the course where structures are not located.

## Affordable Housing Project - 740 E. Foothill Blvd.

The County of Los Angeles is considering an affordable housing project within the unincorporated area between the cities of La Verne and San Dimas. [Click here](#) to read the City's press release about the project.

The Cities of San Dimas and La Verne are participating in a joint effort to advocate to the County to delay the project as the cities were not given the chance to engage or notify residents of the development. Concerned residents can contact Supervisor Barger's office at (909) 394-2264 or [Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov). Supervisor Barger was able to postpone the funding award until after needed community engagement is held and the two cities continue to oppose the project as submitted. [Click here](#) to find out more and for community meeting information.



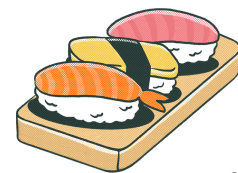
# Los Angeles County La Verne Library

## The History of the Library Doors

The beautifully intricate LA County La Verne Library doors that resemble an oak tree have deep ties with La Verne history. Ruben Guajardo, long-time La Verne resident designed the doors in 1986 utilizing wood from the 500 year old oak tree that fell in front of La Verne Heights Elementary School. Ruben wanted to honor the tree and its value to the community as he used to climb and play on that tree with his friends during his time at the elementary school. The development of the doors took over 600 hours and were unveiled to the public in June of 1987. Photos of the doors are shown to the right.

## Sushi for Beginners

**TUESDAY, MAY 2 @ 6:00 PM**



Learn more about popular sushi dishes with Chef Andy Matsuda from the Sushi Chef Institute! Once you leave, you'll learn the skills to make sushi at home. Class is for those 18 or older. [Click here](#) to register.



# The City in Numbers

Below are highlights of services provided by City employees in March 2023.

## Public Works Department



**695** Square feet of graffiti removed



**102.09** Million gallons of water sold



**28** Water meters replaced



**187** Acres of city parks mowed



**143** Field checks for leak detection

## Community Services Department



**1,575** Participants in City programs and classes



**77** Individuals provided tax assistance



**201** Meals provided to seniors



**132** Passports Issued

## Administration Department



**1,222** Calls to the City Hall Main line



**5**

Public Meetings



**26**

Records Requests

## Police Department



**1,549** Calls for Service



**263** Reports taken



**44** Traffic Collisions



**132** Homeless Calls

## Fire Department



**283** EMS calls



**5** Fire-related calls



**11** Motor vehicle accidents

## Community Development Department

### Department



**26** Solar permits issued



**26** Building permits issued



**36** Electrical permits issued



**14** Mechanical permits issued



**17** Plumbing permits issued



**2** Sewer permits issued

## Free Home Efficiency Reviews

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is offering no-cost energy reviews for renters and homeowners in the San Gabriel Valley! During the review, individuals will receive guidance on how to improve the home's energy efficiency performance, information for available rebates and incentives, and a customized plan for the home for both immediate and long term solutions. [Click here](#) to learn more and schedule an appointment!



## LA County Fair - Spring Into Fair



The Fair is coming back to town from May 5 to 29! To see what attractions and exhibits are at the Fair, [click here](#). La Verne Day at the Fair will be on Friday, May 12. On La Verne Day, admission for La Verne residents is only \$1. To purchase tickets, visit [LACountyFair.com/LaVerneDay](http://LACountyFair.com/LaVerneDay) or [click here](#). On the page, input the password LAVERNE and purchase your tickets! To receive the La Verne Day discount, tickets must be purchased before May 12.

LA County fair is offering numerous alternatives for discount tickets like purchasing them in advance online. Additionally, the Fair is hosting Food Drive Thursdays on May 11 and 18 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM where for every 5 cans donated, individuals can receive on free admissions ticket for the day. Discount tickets for any day admission can also be bought at participating Superior Grocers stores.

## Summer 2023 Recreation Guide

Looking for summer fun? Check out the La Verne Summer Recreation Guide! Registration for classes, programs, and activities begin in mid May. Some of the fun offerings include:

- Aquatic Classes & Private Swim Lessons for children of all ages
- Adult Fitness Classes & Sports Teams
- Youth Sports
- Preschool
- Adult Excursions
- And so much more!

To view the Rec Guide, [click here](#). Call (909) 596-8700 for more information.



## **Southern California Edison Wildfire Mitigation Inspections**

Southern California (SoCal) Edison has been performing regular infrastructure improvements, inspections, and vegetation management throughout the City to reduce the risk of wildfires in the area. In the coming weeks they will be conducting aerial inspections of electrical equipment within the high fire risk areas of La Verne. Inspections will only occur during daylight hours. To learn more about SoCal Edison's Wildfire Mitigation Efforts, [click here](#).

## **Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Permits**

Following the amendment of CCW permit fees, the La Verne City Council approved the fees for the issuance of CCW permits and residents can now apply. To apply for your CCW permit, [click here](#).

## **Business Grant Opportunity**

There is still time to apply for the LA County's Economic Opportunity Grant! A total of \$54 million will be awarded across 6,000 grants to microbusinesses, small businesses, and non-profits adversely affected by COVID-19. To learn more about eligibility requirements and to apply for the program, visit [eog.smallbizla.org](http://eog.smallbizla.org).



## **South Coast Air Quality Management District Resources**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is currently offering multiple incentives for residents in the community to help improve the air quality throughout the region, including the following.

### **Replace Your Ride**

Qualified applicants could receive up to \$9,500 to replace their existing cars with newer, cleaner vehicles or other clean modes of transportation. [Click here to apply](#).



### **Clean Air Furnace Rebate**

Starting October 1st, 2021, the CLEANair Furnace Rebate Program is accepting applications for a \$1,500 rebate to implement a traditional all-electric heat pump system. The all-electric heat pump system must be on the qualified products list, be installed in an eligible zip code, and it must replace a gas furnace. [Click here to learn more and apply](#).

### **Residential EV Charging Incentive Program**

The Residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Incentive Program is offering about \$250 to install Level 2 (240V) residential chargers. [Click here to learn more](#).


### **Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program**


If you have a gasoline lawn mower and are looking to replace it, apply for this rebate program to obtain an electric lawn mower. Rebates will be up to \$250. [Click here to apply](#).





## Dog Friendly Parks

Looking for a place to enjoy the sunshine with your furry friend? Refer to the map to see which La Verne City parks are dog friendly parks! Please remember that your pets must always be leashed while at the park.

 Mills Park  
5601 Wheeler Avenue

 Lowell Brandt Park  
7201 Stephens Ranch Road

 Kuns Park  
1600 Bonita Avenue

 Lincoln Park  
2525 White Avenue

To see a full list of parks in the City, [click here](#).



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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  
Community 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

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### Additional Newsletters

Chamber of Commerce 4/4 & 4/17  
Summer 2023 Recreation Guide  
Conservation Corner  
Senior