



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2023

City Manager's Message

July 2023 was a month booked with City fun! This was my first Fourth of July celebration with the La Verne community and it was a pleasure to be part of this celebration of our nation's independence and meet more of the residents who call La Verne home.

The fun will continue throughout August starting with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. During this event, residents can meet members of the La Verne Public Safety Team and enjoy the various vendors, activities, live music, and prizes. To learn more about the events that will occur throughout August, visit page 2 of this newsletter.

Moving forward, the City will continue to prioritize transparency, improving residents' understanding of City business, and empowering residents to collaborate more in the decision-making process at City Council meetings. One way that the City plans to do this is by hosting more regular study sessions before City Council meetings on dates not reserved for closed session. From 5:30 to 6:30 PM, various topics will be brought before Council to elaborate upon the happenings within the departments, open discussions for future planning, and provide summaries on specific projects. Agendas for these sessions will be posted on the City website prior to the meeting. On Monday, August 7 we will be hosting a study session to open the conversation around Christmas Morning events.

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The City of La Verne's Fourth of July festivities for 2023 was one for the books! Thank you to all who worked, volunteered, and attended the City events. We look forward to next year's celebration!

Be the first to know City updates and news! Follow us on social media.



@CityofLaVerneca



@LaVerneCity



@CityofLaVerneca



Click here to visit the City page!



linkedin.com/company/city-of-la-verne



City of La Verne



Text "91750" to 888777 for Nixle updates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 7 @ 5:30 PM

Study Session - Christmas Morning
City Council Chambers & Via Live
Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Monday, August 7 @ 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & Via Live
Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 16 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
La Verne Community Center

Monday, August 21 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & Via Live
Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Tuesday, August 22 @ 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



National Night Out

TUESDAY AUGUST 1 @ 4:30 PM



Join the Public Safety Team in celebrating our 40th National Night Out! This event is aimed at promoting civic participation, law enforcement and community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. The Police Department will be hosting tours of police vehicles, free kid's fingerprinting, vendors, bounce houses, and a DJ! The Police Department will also be selling their 2023 Pink Patches for \$10, cash only.

Concerts in the Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 6 @ 6:30 PM

For over 22 years the La Verne Heritage Foundation and the City of La Verne have hosted free summer concerts at Heritage Park. Come with your own blankets and/or lawn chairs and enjoy food from the provided vendors. Dance along to The Long Run, an Eagles Tribute Band.



Luau Dance for those with Special Needs

FRIDAY AUGUST 11 @ 5:00 PM

The Community Services Department is inviting all to join us for this fun and free event! Participants will enjoy music provided from a DJ, a photo booth, live entertainment, food, and refreshments. For more information, call the Community Center at (909) 596-8776.



Movie Night at the Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 13 @ 8:15 PM

Enjoy a movie under the stars at Las Flores Park! The La Verne Police Officers Association and Community Services Department are presenting **Bad Guys**, a family-friendly action comedy.

Luau Line Dancing Party

THURSDAY AUGUST 31 @ 10:00 AM

Enjoy light refreshments, snacks, photo opportunities, and more! Instructor Roger Hwang will teach various line dancing techniques and routines to summertime tunes. Dress up for the occasion in your best luau attire. Tickets are \$2 per person and will be collected at the door.

La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the July meeting, the City Council:

- Proclaimed July 2023 "Parks Make Life Better" Month in honor of the work the Community Services Department does and the services available for residents;
- Honored La Verne residents Mike Wilson and Nick Harvey for their valiant efforts at saving a drowning victim;
- Welcomed the new Police Officers Francisco Valdez and Brady Ecklund;
- Presented Soroptimist International of San Dimas/La Verne with a donation of \$2,500 from the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District;
- Selected Mayor Tim Hepburn to serve as Mayor and Council Member Wendy Lau as Mayor Pro-Tem for the next year;
- Approved the June 19 City Council Minutes and Register of Audited Demands;
- Accepted a grant from the California Highway Patrol for about \$220,000, awarded the contract for CDBG sidewalk repairs, and declared intent to annex territory;
- Approved the benefits for Executive and Middle Management groups, the MOU with the Police Middle Management Association, and the side letter agreement amending the MOU with the City Employee's Association for dispatch overtime;
- Adopted the salary chart for full and part time employees;
- Approved Council Meetings to start at 5:30 PM for study sessions and closed sessions and at 6:30 PM for regular meetings;
- Confirmed the weed abatement clearance charges for fiscal year 2022-23; and
- Approved the disposal of surplus equipment, a fiduciary approval of a vendor agreement for LA IMPACT air support maintenance, a joint tax transfer resolution with LA County, and an affordable housing agreement for 2109 White Avenue.

To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at 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!

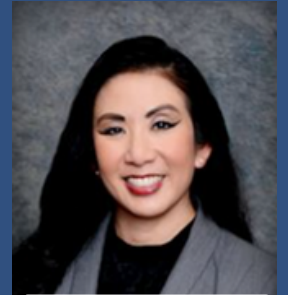
Did you know that the City of La Verne has two sister cities?

Sister Cities International is an initiative begun by Dwight D. Eisenhower shortly after World War II to develop economic, cultural, and technical exchanges between U.S. cities, counties, and states with corresponding communities worldwide.

In 1970, Acambaro, Mexico became La Verne's first sister city. Former members of La Verne City Council and City staff would visit the city regularly and donate surplus supplies, including police vehicles. Groups from Acambaro would also visit La Verne and community events would be hosted. Etchmiadzin, Armenia became La Verne's second sister city in 1991. This city was selected in honor of the Armenian college that previously resided in Downtown La Verne.



Mayor Tim Hepburn
District 4



Mayor Pro-Tem Wendy Lau
District 5



Steve Johnson
District 1



Rick Crosby
District 2



Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita
District 3

The City in Numbers

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

Public Works Department



3,763

Square feet of graffiti removed



139.57

Million gallons of water sold



15 signs replaced



297 Acres of city parks mowed



126 Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,506

participants involved in activities this month



81

Excursion participants



131

Participants in the Senior Nutrition Program

Administration Department



1,311

Calls to the City Hall Main line



6

Public Meetings



17

Records Requests

Police Department



1,622

Calls for Service



217

Reports taken



34

Traffic Collisions



167

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



236

EMS calls



4

Fire-related call



12

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



21

Solar permits issued



54

Building permits issued



1

ADU permit issued



32

Electrical permits issued



13

Mechanical permits issued



14

Plumbing permits issued



2

Sewer permits issued



Sierra La Verne Golf Course Update

As of June 2023, over 80% of the weed abatement project at the course has been completed. The annual weed abatement process focuses on maintaining a 200 foot wide clearance perimeter between the brush on the golf course and the homes adjacent to the property. For those that would like to receive email updates or submit abatement requests for the course, [click here](#). To learn more about how to prepare your property for a potential wildfire, [click here](#) to visit the La Verne Fire Department website.

See Something, Say Something

We all play a role in keeping our community safe. As you are going about your day, if you see something that does not seem quite right, say something. For emergencies, call 9-1-1. Residents can also call the Police Department's business line for non-emergencies at (909) 596-1913. Additionally, residents can receive community alerts through Nixle. Text "91750" to 888777 to receive text messages. To sign up for email alerts, [click here](#). To learn more, residents can visit the La Verne Police Department's website page for safety tip information at lvpd.org/#Safety_Tips.

2023 Water Quality Report

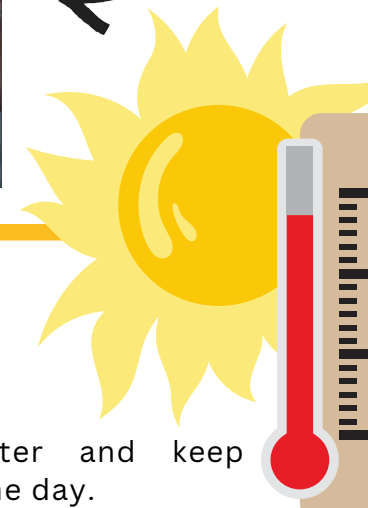
Since 1990, California public water utilities have been providing annual Water Quality Reports to their customers. This year's Consumer Confidence Report covers water quality testing from January to December 2022, unless otherwise specified. The purpose of the Consumer Confidence Report is to raise customer awareness of:

- the quality of their drinking water
- where their drinking water comes from
- what it takes to deliver water to their homes and businesses
- the importance of protecting drinking water sources

[Click here](#) to view a copy of this year's Annual Water Quality Report.



Learn more!



Stay Cool This Summer!

Cooling Center at the Community Center

If you're looking for a place to stay out of the heat during these hot days, swing by the La Verne Community Center! The Center is open Monday through Friday to help residents stay cool on days where the temperature exceeds 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Cooling centers are available throughout California and additional locations can be found at heatreadyca.com. To receive notifications regarding when the cooling center is activated in La Verne, [click here](#) to follow the Community Services Department on Instagram.

Tips to Stay Cool

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.
- Avoid prolonged sun exposure and strenuous activities.
- Children and pets should not be left unattended in vehicles.
- Check on those at risk for heat-related illness, like those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant women, and children.
- [Click here](#) to visit Edison's webpage to see if your area is scheduled for a rolling power outage.



Learn More About City Council Meeting Agendas

All meetings held at the City, whether it is a committee, commission, or City Council Meeting, have an agenda created to serve as a guide for the meeting. City Council Meeting Agendas contain more detailed information and are longer than committee and commission agendas as various City business across all departments must go before the Council for approval. The agendas abide by the following order:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by a Veteran from the community
2. **Presentations** - Ceremonial events to honor community events, city staff, and national holidays, and informational sessions from public agencies
3. **Announcement of Upcoming Community Events** - Time allocated for residents to address upcoming community events
4. **Consent Calendar** - Regular business that requires City Council approval by vote
5. **Public Hearings & Other Matters** - Special items that require public comment and discuss before City Council approval
6. **Public Comments** - Time allocated for audience members to address City Council regarding items not listed on the agenda
7. **Council Comments** - Time allocated for City Council Members to discuss business that they have attended, upcoming events, and other pertinent information.

To review the agendas for the various City Council committees and commissions along with City Council meeting agendas, visit CityofLaVerne.org/AgendaCenter. Agendas for City Council meetings are posted the Tuesday prior to the City Council Meeting with the full packet available the next day. City Council meetings are the first and third Monday of every month at 6:30 PM. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (909) 596-8726.

New in Town - Around the Grille

Korean Burger Diner
Located at 2325 D Street
Around-the-Grille.com
(909) 267-9442



New in Town - pet food express®

Pet Supply Store
Located at 1572 Foothill Boulevard
Click here to visit their website
(909) 858-2404

Los Angeles County La Verne Library



Oceans of Possibilities Show

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
@ 5:00 PM



Enjoy this hilarious and inspirational feel-good show where anything is possible. Meet talking Dolphins, the Star who performs on 'Got Talent' and the Creature who lives at the bottom of the Sea. For ages 5 to 12 with a parent or caregiver. Attendance is limited and advanced registration is required. To sign up, visit the La Verne Library or [click here](#).

Smarty Pants Storytime

FRIDAYS @ 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. This program is for children ages 2 to 5 and their parent or caregiver must be present. Attendance is limited and advanced registration is required. To sign up, visit the La Verne Library or [click here](#).



Fourth of July Wrap Up

Thank you to all those who attended, volunteered, and participated in the City of La Verne's Fourth of July Festivities. This year's event was one of the best ones yet!

Both the pancake breakfast and parade had great turnout - over 800 tickets were sold for the pancake breakfast! Over 200 motorcyclists started the parade and there were 126 floats. The following groups won float awards:

- **Best Float** - The La Verne K9 Police Foundation
- **Best Antique Car** - Skalisky
- **Best Classic Car** - La Verne Brewing Company
- **Adult Spirit** - Foothill Terrace Mobile Home Park Golf Carts
- **Youth Patriot** - LVLL Division Champions Pirates
- **Youth Spirit** - Cub Scout Pack 462

Also, congratulations to The American Dream Award winners at 1825 Third Street for being the best decorated house on the parade route!

Hundreds of people attended the free swim at the Aquatics Center to stay cool during the Fourth of July.

The fireworks show in the evening was sold out with 3,200 tickets sold. Cold Duck provided great live music leading up to the start of the spectacular fireworks show.

We look forward to the 2024 Fourth of July and hope to see you all there!



LA Metro Discount Rates Available

Travel throughout Los Angeles County for cheap! Some may be eligible for discounted fares for the Metro bus and rail with a tap card. Individuals who are 62 and older, on Medicare, or have a disability can receive up to 80% off regular fares. Those of low income can apply for Metro's LIFE program and receive up to 20 free rides per month. [Click here](#) to apply on the LA Metro website!



Homeowner Notification Program - LA County Assessor's Office

The Los Angeles County Assessor's Office has launched a Property Owner e-Notification alerts system. This system will quickly notify homeowners of any recorded activity on their property, providing peace of mind and increased security. Emails will be sent within 48 hours to property owners who sign up for e-notifications regarding deeds recorded on their property, notices of default, or notice of sale. [Click here](#) to sign up to receive notifications.

Explore LA County during the Foothill Transit Summer Sale!

The Foothill Transit Summer Sale is back! Enjoy 50% off starting July 1 through September 30. Check out the sale prices below. [Click here](#) to view a map of the Foothill Transit Routes to plan your trips! Visit foothilltransit.org to learn more.



Local + Silver Streak	Single Trip	Day Pass	SALE*	10-Trip Pass	SALE*	31-Day Pass	SALE*
Adult	\$1.75	\$6	\$3	\$14	\$7	\$60	\$30
Student	\$1	\$4	\$2	\$8	\$4	\$40	\$20
Senior / Persons with Disabilities / Medicare	\$0.75	\$3	\$1.50	\$6	\$3	\$30	\$15
Commuter Express <small>Lines 490, 493, 495, 498, 499, 699</small>	\$5.50	-	-	\$44	\$22	\$180	\$90

Various Ways to Explore California for Free!

California State Parks System

The California Department of Social Services offers the Golden Bear Pass to all who receive CalWORKS benefits. The pass provides free access to over 200 state parks and beaches for the 2023 calendar year. [Click here](#) to apply!

The California Library system offers free day-use passes to over 200 state parks throughout California. Visit any library to receive a pass. [Click here](#) to learn about requirements and participating parks.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation also offers free passes to over 100 California State Parks for distinguished veterans. [Click here](#) to learn more about the requirements and apply for the pass online.

Los Angeles County Museums

Those with a LA County Library card are eligible to reserve passes to various Southern California museums for FREE through the Discover & Go pass. [Click here](#) to learn more!



Subscribe to notifications!

cityoflaverne.org/
notifyme



City Hall Hours

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



City Websites

cityoflaverne.org
lvpd.org
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

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



Additional Newsletters

Chamber of Commerce July 4 & July 18
Summer 2023 Recreation Guide
Conservation Corner
Senior