



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2023

City Manager's Message

Transparency and open communication are the cornerstones of local government's relationship with our residents. Every day, we continue to make strides to create more pathways for communication between the City and residents in the community. During September, the Police Department hosted its Coffee with a Cop event and conducted a Neighborhood Watch meeting at the La Verne Mobile Country Club. Additionally, representatives from various departments visited Foothill Terrace Mobile Home Park to update residents on the happenings within La Verne. The City will continue to host in-person meetings with numerous groups throughout the community to ensure that residents can be informed on City business and have an opportunity to collaborate in the City's decision-making process. The City has additionally incorporated more information on our written communication including the new "resident information" section on the City Council Agendas. Resident feedback on ways to further develop communication pathlines is always appreciated. If you have not done so already, please follow the City on social media and sign up for notifications at cityoflaverne.org/notifyme to be the first to know about happenings within the City.

In the coming months, the City website will incorporate additional information and historic records including agreements, resolutions, ordinances, and more. If there are documents and information that you would like to see on the website, feel free to contact City Hall at any time.

Best,

Ken Domer

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City Manager



Picture of the Month



The La Verne Police Department participated in the Bonita's Children event at Target hosted by the Soroptimist Club of San Dimas/La Verne, which helps children in our community shop for much needed clothing.

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 10 @ 5:00 PM
Active Transportation Committee
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30 PM
Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, October 16 @ 5:30 PM
LA Impact & LA HIDTA Study Session
City Council Chambers & Via Live
Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Monday, October 16 @ 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & Via Live
Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Wednesday, October 18 @ 10:00 AM
Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
La Verne Community Center

Tuesday, October 24 @ 6:30 PM
Youth & Family Action Committee
Meeting
City Council Chambers

The City of La Verne has numerous 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

4th Annual Vendor Faire with the La Verne Heritage Foundation

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 @ 10:00 AM

Join the Foundation for their 4th Annual Vendor Faire with over 40 vendors happy to share their wares and skills - just in time for early Christmas shopping! Food vendors, tractor pull rides, and music will be available.

Community Forum with Tri-City Mental Health Services

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17 @ 5:30 PM

Join the Tri-City Mental Health Authority at the Community Center, located at 3680 D Street, for a dinner and forum to discuss mental health services in the community and ways that Tri-City can help. Free dinner will be provided from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM before the forum from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Taste of La Verne with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18 @ 5:30 PM

Join the La Verne Chamber of Commerce for their annual Taste of La Verne event! From 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM sample various appetizers, entrees, desserts, pastries and beverages from some of the area's finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, and beverage companies! The event will be hosted at Bracket Airport, and helicopter tours will be available for purchase from Hangar 21. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Public Safety Open House

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 @ 9:00 AM

Join the La Verne Police Department for their open house of the Public Safety Building, located at 2061 3rd Street, from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM! This year's event will feature station tours, range simulator, various vendors, live demonstrations, bouncers, food, and more! There will also be a touch-a-truck event! More event details will be posted on the La Verne Police Department social media pages as we get closer to the event date. We'll see you there!

Drug Take Back Day

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 @ 10:00 AM

The La Verne Police Department will be hosting their annual DEA Drug Take-Back event to collect unused, unwanted, or expired medications at the Public Safety Building, located at 2061 3rd Street, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Sharps will not be accepted at this event.

Upcoming Events - Halloween in La Verne!

Harvest Pumpkin Patch

OCTOBER 6 THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Join the La Verne Heritage Foundation for their 33rd annual pumpkin patch! There will be tractor pulled rides, animals, pumpkins of every size, and great photo opportunities. The pumpkin patch is open Fridays from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Trunk-or-Treat

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 @ 5:00 PM

On Saturday, October 14, the Community Services Department will be hosting the City's 3rd annual Trunk-or-Treat event. It will take place at the Community Center/City Hall parking lot from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This event is FREE and will include a live DJ, food and merchandise vendors, activities, and more! Costumes are highly encouraged.

Pumpkin Patch Classic Car Show

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 @ 10:00 AM

Check out the beautiful display of classic cars at Heritage Park! Music, prizes, 50/50 drawing, food, hay rides, and antique farm equipment will all be part of the fun! Awards will be given to top cars. For more information, call Community Services at (909) 596-8700.

Halloween Hop for Individuals with Special Needs

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 @ 5:00 PM

Participants are invited to enjoy a live DJ, refreshments, fun decorations, and a chance to party with their peers from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Services office or at the door. Costumes are optional but encouraged!

Halloween Carnival for Individuals with Special Needs

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 @ 5:00 PM

This FREE event will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Heritage Park and participants will be able to enjoy carnival themed food, music, games, entertainment, and prizes. Pre-registration is required to receive a food ticket and can be done at the Community Services Office located in City Hall at 3660 "D" Street or online at www.cityoflaverne.org.

Pink Patch is Back - Fundraising Events Throughout October!

OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

The La Verne Police Department is participating in the #PinkPatchProject for the 8th year in a row! Patches are available now! Email hsavage@cityoflaverne.org for more information. The Police Department will also be hosting fundraisers on the following days:

October 3 - All Day @ Red Devil

October 19 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Mi Ranchito

October 24 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Panera

20% of your bill will be donated to the City of Hope, Panera will donate 25%. Residents must bring a flyer to the supporting restaurants on the day of the event. Flyers can be picked up at City Hall, the Community Center, and the Public Safety Building.



La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the September meetings, the City Council:

- Proclaimed the month of September 2023 as National Preparedness Month;
- Received presentations from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) discussing current programs and plans for the future and from City Staff regarding the Christmas morning survey results;
- Honored the 12U All-Star Little League Baseball team for their stellar season, they were ranked the #4 team in California by the Little League Baseball International Tournament;
- Approved the minutes of the August 21 and September 5 City Council Meetings and the register of audited demands;
- Approved the purchase of fire department mobile radios and four new F-150 pick-up trucks;
- Received and filed the results of a special election approving the annexation of Area 23-1 into CFD No. 11-1 and the special election results approving the special tax lein of Area 23-1;
- Adopted an amended Comprehensive Fee Schedule for fire fees;
- Appointed Curtis McPherson to the Active Transportation Committee, and Erin Duffy and Keny Chang to the Planning Commission;
- Approved the class specification and hourly compensation for part-time ambulance operators and a temporary employment agreement for retired annuitant Deborah Seely;
- Received and filed the notice of vacancies for the Measure LV Citizen Oversight and Public Finance Authority (EIFD) Committees;
- Authorized the Tract Map No. 83354 Bond Reduction and the establishment of funds for Monsanto PCB Settlement;
- Approved the extension for vesting tentative Tract Map 82001; and
- Authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Picture 304 and issue a permit for filming once all required steps are completed.

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

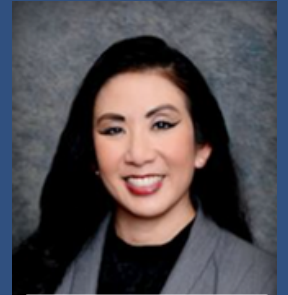
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Congratulations to the Bonita High School football team for winning the 2023 Smudgepot game! Did you know the smudge pot played a valuable role in La Verne's History?

The smudge pot is more than the annual football game between the Bonita Bearcats and the San Dimas Saints! It's origins come from La Verne's citrus roots. Most of the homes in northern La Verne reside where former citrus orchards used to be. Citrus was a vital aspect of La Verne's economy, then, on January 7, 1913, a cold spell risked the future of citrus as it blew through, freezing the fruit and sap within the trees causing them to snap. The cold reduced the 1913 harvest and there was a dire need for a method to maintain warm temperatures throughout the night. Smudge pots, an oil-burning device, would burn throughout the night to keep the surrounding area warm, reducing the damage to the citrus trees during cold nights.



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 August 2023.

Public Works Department



1,245

Square feet of graffiti removed



225.1

Million gallons of water sold



20

signs replaced



297

Acres of city parks mowed



170

Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,338

participants involved in activities this month



65

Senior bingo participants



166

Participants in the Dance for Special Needs Events

Administration Department



1,348

Calls to the City Hall Main line



6

Public Meetings



26

Records Requests

Police Department



1,663

Calls for Service



238

Reports taken



34

Traffic Collisions



211

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



271

EMS calls



4

Fire-related calls



18

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department

Department



36

Solar permits issued



50

Building permits issued



1

ADU permit issued



50

Electrical permits issued



30

Mechanical permits issued



25

Plumbing permits issued



9

Sewer permits issued

Christmas Morning Update

Thank you to those who participated in the Christmas Morning Survey and at the study sessions on August 7 and September 18. The results of the survey are now available to view on the City website at cityoflaverne.org/christmasmorning.

Based on survey results and resident feedback from the study session, City Council directed City staff to move forward with “Christmas Morning Lite”, which retains the Christmas Morning tradition of Santa visiting every street, however, goodie bags and runners would be removed from the event.

Resident feedback also included a proposal for a community-based and led event, which Council also requested be evaluated for feasibility. Next steps will be posted on the City website and on social media as City staff finalize event details.



New in Town! - French Press Espresso Bar

Visit the French Press Espresso Bar now open in La Verne! The shop is located in the Emerald Center at 3836 Emerald Avenue, Suite I (next to Chubby’s Homemade Ice Cream). The shop and café is a long-time dream for owners and La Verne residents Darren & Sandra Harlow. Their hope is that French Press is a place where old friends, new friends, and yet-to-be friends and their families can gather; to bring community, connection, and of course, great coffee, to the place we call home...one cup at a time! Check them out at frenchpressespresso.com.



Halloween Coloring Contest

It’s time for our annual Halloween Coloring Contest! Children 3 to 12 years of age are encouraged to participate in this fun contest where prizes will be awarded to winners in various age groups. The coloring sheet can be picked up at the Community Services Office or downloaded online. Final submissions must be submitted by Monday, October 9 at 6:00 PM. Entries will be on display in the Old Town businesses October 16 through October 31. Winners will be notified.

Los Angeles County La Verne Library

44th Annual Bookmark Contest

The LA County Library is hosting their annual bookmark contest for grades K to 12. Kids and teens are encouraged to let their imagination shine using original designs to draw, paint, or create their own bookmark. Each of the Library’s 85 locations will select 1 winner from 4 categories—Kindergarten through Grade 2, Grades 3 through 5, Grades 6 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12—who will be recognized at their Library. The winning bookmarks from each Library will be shared with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who will select Countywide winners from each category that reside in their District. These winners will see their bookmark design professionally printed and distributed across all 85 LA County Library locations! Submit your bookmark by October 21. Visit LACountyLibrary.org/Bookmark-Contest/ to learn more!



COVID Testing Kits Available

The United States Government is providing four free at-home COVID-19 test kits to prepare for the fall season. To order a test kit, please visit covid.gov/tests. The test kits will be delivered by the United States Postal Service.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is Requesting your Input!

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments would like to ensure that everyone in the San Gabriel Valley has access to reliable and high-speed internet services. To help achieve this, the SGVCOG is conducting a comprehensive study of internet availability at locations all across the region. This study holds the key to identifying the broadband requirements and potential avenues for expanding connectivity. Visit sgvcog.org/broadband to participate!



County of Los Angeles Annual Girls Empowerment Conference

Join the Los Angeles County for their 9th Annual Girls Empowerment Conference on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at East Los Angeles College located at 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez in Monterey Park. LA County Parks will host workshops, panels, and keynote speakers. [Click here](#) to learn more about the event and to register!



Mental Health Zone with Tri-City



Mental Health First Aid for Youth

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5 @ 8:30 AM

The Tri-City Mental Health Authority will be hosting an all-day training from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM for adults who regularly interact with youth to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse challenges amongst children and adolescents ages 12 to 18. The event will be hosted at the Tri-City Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue in Pomona. To sign up, please visit forms.office.com/r/WiWe1M4x6X.

Student Wellness Series - Holiday Blues

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19 @ 4:00 PM

Join Tri-City Mental Healthy Authority on the third of every month from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM for mental health workshops. This month, representatives will discuss the holiday blues and how families can navigate the holiday season. The event is at the Tri-City Wellness Center at 1403 North Garey Avenue in Pomona and via zoom. Visit bit.ly/MHSSAwellness to sign up!

General Plan Guidelines Update - Requesting Your Input!

The California State Office of Planning and Research is required to periodically adopt and revise the General Plan Guidelines and is currently undergoing an update. They will be hosting a listening session on Monday, October 16 at 2:00 PM via zoom. [Click here](#) to sign up for the zoom session. Individuals may also submit feedback for the General Plan update by [clicking here](#). Feedback must be submitted by Friday, October 20.



Inland Valley Humane Society Reading Program

Bring your own book and a folding chair or blanket on October 19 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM to read to one of our loving shelter pets at the Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A, located at 500 Humane Way in Pomona. This event is open to all children under the age of 13, and all attendees must attend with a parent or guardian. Pre-registration is required, and the first 20 registrants will be accepted. Questions can be emailed to communityoutreach@ivhssPCA.org. To sign up, [click here](#).

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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



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