



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2023

## City Manager's Message

Over the past month, the City has truly come together as a community to fund important efforts. Throughout October, the La Verne Police Department hosted their annual Pink Patch fundraisers. During the Red Devil fundraiser alone, the Police Department donated over \$1,500 to City of Hope. We are also pleased to announce that, thanks to everyone's efforts in submitting their emails daily for the "Perk Your Park" Project, the Community Services Department received \$75,000 to revamp Las Flores Park to develop an adaptive and accessible playground. These efforts are the result of the community rallying together and we thank you all for your contributions.

In addition to these funding efforts, the City of La Verne received a \$1.5 million state appropriation from Assemblymember Chris Holden for developments at Las Flores Park and the Aquatic Center. This funding will go toward improving the pool deck, new park restrooms, and general park improvements.

These funding sources allow the City to enact projects and programs not listed within the City's annual budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan as it does not pull from General Fund dollars. These external sources of funding allow the City to invest in essential community projects, infrastructure improvements, and community programs while also maintaining the current services to create a safe and engaging community that La Verne continues to be. Looking forward, La Verne staff will continue to proactively explore grant opportunities and advocate for state appropriations to create a higher quality of life for all residents.

Best,

*Ken Domer*

Ken Domer  
City Manager



### Picture of the Month



This year's Trunk-or-Treat was a great success! Thank you to all who attend and dressed in the spirit of Halloween. Over 5,000 pieces of candy were passed out throughout the event!

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City of La Verne



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# Upcoming Meetings

**Wednesday, November 1 @ 6:00 PM**

Youth Sports Committee  
City Council Chambers

**Monday, November 6 @ 5:30 PM**

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

**Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:30 PM**

Planning Commission Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Wednesday, November 15 @ 10:00 AM**

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting  
La Verne Community Center

**Monday, November 20 @ 5:30 PM**

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

**Tuesday, November 28 @ 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.](#)

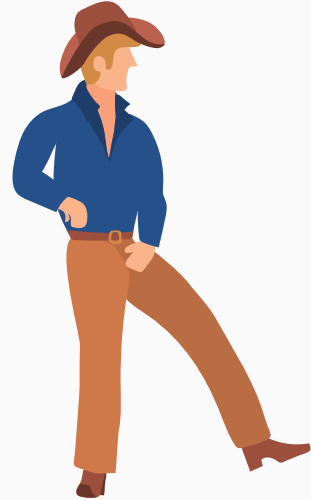


# Upcoming Events

## Senior Dinner Dance Extravaganza

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 @ 4:00 PM**

Dance, socialize, and have fun at our Country themed Senior Dinner Dance Extravaganza! Also, enjoy dinner and some wine throughout the night as well as live music! Registration is required. To choose your assigned table, you must register at the Community Services Office, 3660 "D" Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Seating is limited, do not delay!



## Veteran's Day Cerermony

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 @ 11:00 AM**

Join the City for our annual day of remembrance ceremony at Veteran's Hall located at 1550 Bonita Avenue.

## Cruisin' La Verne Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 @ 10:00 AM**

The Cruisin' La Verne Holiday Car Show will be held on the streets of historic Old Town La Verne from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. During this event, the City will also be participating in the "CHiPs for Kids" toy drive, which benefits children for the holidays. Attendees are encouraged to donate a new, \$10 unwrapped toy at the event. For more information, please contact event promoter Craig Hoelzel at (714) 671-5833 or City Hall at (909) 596-8726.



## Civic Center Closures for November Holidays

In honor of the upcoming holidays, City Hall, the Community Center, and the Records Department at Public Safety will be closed on the following days:

**Thursday, November 9** - Veteran's Day

**Thursday, November 23** - Thanksgiving

# La Verne City Council

## Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the October meetings, the City Council:

- Hosted study sessions for Landscaping & Lighting Districts and LA HIDTA & LA IMPACT agreements;
- Proclaimed the month of October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 23 to 31 as Red Ribbon Week;
- Presented Ramona Middle School student Kenadie Kelly with a certificate a recognition for her fundraising efforts throughout the community;
- Received a presentation from the Police Department for Pink Patch fundraisers and a \$1.5 million state appropriation from Assemblymember Chris Holden for Las Flores Park and Aquatic Center Improvements;
- Approved the minutes of the September 18 and October 2 City Council Meetings and the register of audited demands;
- Approved the proclamation and certificate policy, a military equipment loan to the Sierra Madre Police Department, award of contract for Las Flores Aquatic Center pool decking and plaster improvements, award of contract to outfit four police interceptors, LA HIDTA fiduciary services agreement, and Christmas Morning Parade Route Designation and double overtime for staff members;
- Authorized an agreement for fuel delivery services and approved the annexation of 406 Baseline Road from LA County into La Verne;
- Called and consolidated with the County of Los Angeles for the March 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, and adopted regulations for candidates;
- Convened as the Public Finance Authority to approve the August 7 Minutes and an easement for SoCal Edison at 2909 Arrow Highway;
- Expressed support for actions to further strengthen local control; and
- Adopted Ordinance 1120 regarding pre-annexation zoning for 406 Baseline Road and Ordinance 1121 regarding obstruction of transportation facilities.

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



The City Council are no longer accepting public comments via zoom. Residents may submit comments in advance by emailing [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org) or in-person at the meeting.

## City Spotlight

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

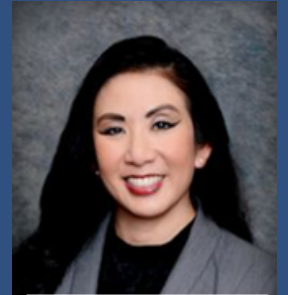
Did you know that our Senior Advisory Committee was founded over 30 years ago?

The Senior Advisory Committee was founded in 1989 to coordinate the delivery of services to senior citizens and inform the senior citizen population of the availability of applicable programs. The Committee oversees programs led by the Community Services Department that cater to the older adult population including the senior nutrition program, congregate meals, bingo, and Mt. Sac classes. The Senior Advisory Committee also selects the annual Outstanding Older American winner who is honored during Older Americans Month at one of the May City Council Meetings.

Meetings are hosted the third Wednesday of every month at the Community Center from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM and are open to the public.



**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 September 2023.

## Public Works Department



**3,255**

Square feet of graffiti removed



**187.81**

Million gallons of water sold



**20**

shopping carts picked up



**297**

Acres of city parks mowed



**165**

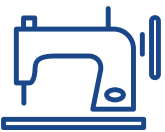
Customer field checks

## Community Services Department



**1,384**

participants involved in activities this month



**85**

Sewing class participants



**79**

Excursion participants

## Administration Department



**944**

Calls to the City Hall Main line



**6**

Public Meetings



**18**

Records Requests

## Police Department



**1,657**

Calls for Service



**242**

Reports taken



**47**

Traffic Collisions



**152**

Homeless Calls

## Fire Department



**266**

EMS calls



**3**

Fire-related calls



**15**

Motor vehicle accidents

## Community Development Department



**15**

Solar permits issued



**44**

Building permits issued



**2**

Pool/Spa permits issued



**44**

Electrical permits issued



**23**

Mechanical permits issued



**24**

Plumbing permits issued



**14**

Code Enforcement complaints filed



**20**

Sewer permits issued

## Pet License Canvassing

Starting November 2, the Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS) will be canvassing for pet licenses throughout the City of La Verne. In the State of California, every dog over the age of 4 months must be vaccinated against rabies and have a current license. The City of La Verne partners with the IVHS to monitor licensing and rabies control throughout the City.

This will be a contactless canvass with no door knocking. The Community Resources Officer from the IVHS will be in uniform and carrying their badge. To learn more about State requirements and how to be compliant, please call the IVHS at (909) 623-9777.

## Crumbl Cookies is Coming to La Verne

We are excited to announce that Crumbl cookies is coming to La Verne! They are currently under construction and preparing to open in early November, just in time for the holidays. They will be located at 2416 Foothill Blvd., Suite B (next to Blaze Pizza). They offer a weekly rotating flavor menu with cookies "inspired by popular flavors, foods, desserts of all kinds - from pies to cakes to candies and more."



## La Verne Chamber of Commerce Excellence in La Verne Awards

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 5th Annual Excellence in La Verne Business of the Year Awards. Each year, the Chamber honors businesses for outstanding contributions to the economic health and quality of life in La Verne. Nominations can be made for Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Family Owned Business of the Year, Employer of the Year, and Non Profit of the Year. [Click here](#) to find the nomination form.



## No Shave November

The Fire and Police Departments are participating for another year in No Shave November in an effort to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, including prostate cancer. If you would like to make a donation that will be sent to the Prostate Cancer Foundation on behalf of the La Verne Police Department, please contact Community Services Supervisor Hollie Savage at [hsavage@lvpd.org](mailto:hsavage@lvpd.org).

# Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) "Band of Brothers" Post 12034



## Lead the Pledge of Allegiance!

At the start of each City Council Meeting, a veteran from VFW Post 12034 will lead the pledge of allegiance and receive an honorary certificate from the City Council. If you are interested in leading the pledge of allegiance at an upcoming council meeting, please contact Commander Phil Ramirez at (626) 252-3402.

## Christmas Gift Drive

Help out a veteran in need! VFW Post 12034 is looking for new toys, gift cards, and/or prizes to support veterans and their families this holiday season. Please drop off all donations at Veteran's Hall, located at 1550 Bonita Avenue. For more information, please contact Commander Phil Ramirez at (626) 252-3402.



## Tax-Filing Deadline Extended to November 16 for Storm Victims



The IRS has extended the tax deadline to November 16 for California taxpayers who were impacted by the California storms early this year. Read the [IRS Press Release](#) to learn more.

## Incentives Available to Reduce Emissions

Southern California Edison Company and the California Public Utilities Commission are currently offering various incentives to switch to energy-efficient, electric appliances. Visit [switchison.org](http://switchison.org) to discover the various opportunities currently available!



THE SWITCH IS ON

## Students, Travel the Metrolink for Free!

Metrolink is offering the new Student Adventure Pass, allowing residents to travel SoCal for free by train. Take advantage of this offer by downloading the Metrolink mobile app and creating an account with your school email. Activate the student pass with each trip! Make sure to bring your student ID with you when boarding the train. Visit the [Metrolink website](#) to get started!



# Los Angeles County La Verne Library

## Sunflower Bracelet Program

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 @ 5:00 PM

Join the La Verne Library in celebrating Native American Heritage Month and learn how Indigenous nations used Sunflower crops and beads for art, then make your own sunflower beaded bracelet. The event is for ages 6 to 12 with a parent or caregiver. Registration is required for the event. Visit the [La Verne Library Website](#) to sign up!



## Online Homework Help

Students grades K to 12 can receive free help from a live, online tutor 24/7! Students with an active LA County library card can connect with tutors to receive help for math, science, english, social studies, essay review, and more! Tutors are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Learn more by visiting [lacountylibrary.org/students](http://lacountylibrary.org/students)



## Restaurants Care Resilience Fund

Calling all restaurants! The Restaurants Care Resilience Fund is launching its fall application cycle from October 25 to November 8 to receive \$5,000 grants to improve resilience. This can include technology upgrades, equipment upgrades, employee training/retention, and unforeseen hardships. This program is funded by SoCal Gas, PG&E, and SDGE. Visit the [application page](#) to learn more!



**RESTAURANTS CARE.**  
Resilience Fund.  
APPLY OCT. 25 - NOV. 8

**\$5,000 grants**  
available for independent restaurants.

Making restaurants more **Resilient.**

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SoCalGas PG&E SDGE

## Mosquito Prevention Tips



The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) encourages residents to continue practicing Tip, Toss, and Protect as the best way to prevent mosquito bites and mosquito-transmitted disease like West Nile virus. Tip out standing water, toss out unused containers, and protect your family with an insect repellent that contains one of these active ingredients: DEET, Pircaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535. Additionally, SGVMVCD can provide property consultations to identify mosquito sources around your home free of charge. You can learn more about how to get rid of mosquitoes at [www.SGVmosquito.org](http://www.SGVmosquito.org) or submit a tip about a mosquito source near you at 626-814-9466.

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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  
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Building Permits  
Business License Process  
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