



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2023

City Manager's Message

Starting this week, residents should have received a mailer from the City covering community events throughout the holiday season, details about the Christmas Morning event, and numerous conservation resources. One additional section of the mailer covers the new La Verne Link application. La Verne Link provides residents with an additional way to connect with the City. The phone app is a one-stop shop to see upcoming events, submit requests to the City, and find any information you'll want to know from the City. The application is a great step towards transparency, connection with the community, and more easily allows residents to report graffiti, sidewalk issues, potholes, and make other requests.

December is full of holiday events for the entire family to enjoy from the Old Town La Verne Holiday Stroll, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Winter Wonderland, and much more! These fantastic events are organized by the Community Services Department and I extend my gratitude for their commitment to hosting events that the La Verne community looks forward to every year. Learn more about these events on page 2.

I wish you all a happy holiday season with a new year full of fresh beginnings and continued growth for our community. During this holiday season, do not forget to support local businesses and shop La Verne!

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The City of La Verne's annual Veterans Day Ceremony was well attended and served as an important reminder to honor those who valiantly served the nation.

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, December 4 @ 6:30 PM

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

Tuesday, December 5 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee
City Hall

Wednesday, December 13 @ 9:00 AM

Public Financing Authority (EIFD)
City Hall

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, December 18 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, December 26 @ 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



Breakfast with Santa and Friends

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 @ 6:00 PM

Christmas comes early in December and Santa is excited to visit the La Verne Community Center for this event catered to individuals and families of those with special needs! Participants ages 3-21 and their families will have the opportunity to take holiday themed pictures with peers, build ornaments, pictures with Santa, and enjoy a hand-crafted hot chocolate. A pancake breakfast-themed dinner will be served (pre-registration is required to receive a food ticket).

Old Town La Verne Holiday Stroll

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 @ 3:00 PM

Join the Old Town La Verne businesses and restaurants for an evening of merriment featuring the annual telling of a holiday classic story, the lighting of the Christmas tree, caroling, live music, and a free photo opportunity with Santa himself! The holiday story and tree lighting will be held at 6:00 PM. The businesses will be open for extended hours, offering free refreshments, great deals, and more.

Annual City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony

MONDAY DECEMBER 4 @ 6:00 PM

The annual City Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in front of City Hall on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 PM before the City Council meeting. There will be entertainment from the Bonita High School Chamber Singers and a special visit by Santa Claus.

Winter Wonderland

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 @ 9:00 AM

The 24th Annual Winter Wonderland will take place on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Heritage Park. Children can enjoy two snow runs, two snow play lands, arts and crafts, a cup of hot cocoa, a treat at "Mrs. Claus' Cozy Kitchen," and a special visit with Santa! Kids should dress for snow. Sliding saucers will be provided. There will also be food and refreshments for purchase and craft vendors for Christmas shopping. For registration information, please call the Community Services Office at (909) 596-8776.

Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 @ 9:00 AM

The Los Angeles County Public Works will be hosting a collection event on Saturday, December 16 at Brackett Field Airport from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. To learn more about what items can be disposed, please visit www.cleanla.com



Visit cityoflaverne.org/christmasmorning to learn more about this year's Christmas Morning Event!

La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the November meetings, the City Council:

Hosted

- A study session for Social Media & Communications

Presented

- A Certificate of Recognition to Grace Miller Elementary School for being named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School
- On the Niagara Perk Your Park funding award for ADA compliance and upgrades to the southern playground adjacent to Roynon Elementary School

Received & Filed

- A presentation regarding the proposed mixed-use project at 1941 White Avenue
- The Treasurer's Report for Quarter Ending September 30, 2023
- Development Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Adopted

- Ordinance 1123 relative to curbing dog waste
- Resolutions approving the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the Police Officers' Association and City Employees' Association, and adopted resolutions to update salary schedules and class specifications to reflect MOU changes
- A resolution directing staff to bring forward a ballot measure for the 2030 election for voter consideration of directly elected mayor
- A resolution in support to nominate Rosemead Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Clark to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority

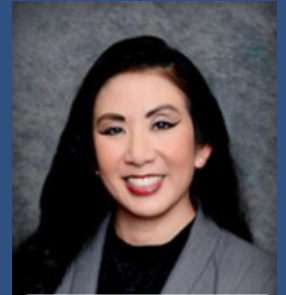
Approved

- City Council Minutes from the October 16, October 30, and November 6 City Council Meetings
- Register of audited demands
- MOU with the City of Monrovia for dispatch services
- Professional services agreement with SDI Presence LLC for IT staffing
- Agreements with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for Multimodal Improvements Project and the Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement Program
- Wayne Hurley's appointment to the Public Financing Authority Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Board
- Agreements with Flock Group Inc. for license plate reading technology and a retainer agreement regarding PFAS substances litigation

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.



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 October 2023.

Public Works Department



761

Square feet of graffiti removed



202.23

Million gallons of water sold



12 shopping carts picked up



297 Acres of city parks mowed



109 Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,438

participants involved in activities this month



71 Quilting class participants



62 Excursion participants

Administration Department



1,190 Calls to the City Hall Main line



7

Public Meetings



20

Records Requests

Police Department



1,582

Calls for Service



204

Reports taken



33

Traffic Collisions



195

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



235

EMS calls



1

Fire-related call



6

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



48

Solar permits issued



37

Building permits issued



1

Pool/Spa permit issued



41

Electrical permits issued



18

Mechanical permits issued



24

Plumbing permits issued



75

Code Enforcement complaints filed



10

Sewer permits issued



Holiday Trash Collection Schedule Change

During the holiday season, business closures impact regularly scheduled services. Waste Management observes the following holidays:

Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1



During these weeks, trash and recycling services will be delayed one day throughout the week.

Overnight Holiday Parking Exemptions

The La Verne Police Department will not be enforcing parking restrictions from Saturday, December 23 to Tuesday, January 2. Enforcement resumes Wednesday, January 3 at 2:00 AM. To learn more, please visit lvpd.org

See's Candies

See's Candies just opened its seasonal pop-up shop at 2418 Foothill Blvd., Suite A in the Target center. Make sure to stop by for holiday shopping or a sweet treat, but remember they will only be open for a limited time.



March 5, 2024 Election Information

The City of La Verne's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. On the ballot, Council Members for Districts 2 and 5 will be up for election to serve a 4 year term. Those interested in running for La Verne City Council are eligible to submit nominations by Friday, December 8. Nomination papers are available by appointment at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, located at 3660 D Street. Persons seeking nomination must be a resident and a registered voter at the time the nomination papers are issued, and continuously reside in the district. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at (909) 596-8726.

La Verne Link App - Download Now!

Link to La Verne in seconds with the new La Verne Link mobile app! Through the app, residents can:

- Sign up for recreational classes
- View the City's event calendar
- Submit reports of graffiti, pot holes, sidewalk issues, and more
- Subscribe to receive notifications



The app is free and available at the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

The Season of Giving

Spark of Love Toy Drive

It's that time of year again! The Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive has begun, and are accepting new, unwrapped toys, sporting goods, and gift card donations at all 3 La Verne Fire Stations, City Hall, and the Community Center through to December 13. La Verne families in need this holiday season may apply to receive toys at www.lavernefire.org/sparkoflove. Thank you to our La Verne community for your support!

VFW Post 12034 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.



La Verne Crossings Station - October 2023 Update

The Glendora to Pomona stations project is now 80% complete. Just south of the future La Verne station platform, crews recently began construction on the station parking facility. The parking facility site has been cleared, and crews are now carrying out underground utility work. This is the first of the four parking facilities to begin major construction. To learn more, please visit the Foothill Gold Line website at foothillgoldline.org

Economic Opportunities Grants

LA County small and microbusinesses and non-profits impacted by COVID-19 may qualify for financial relief to support their post-pandemic recovery. The Economic Opportunity Grants (EOG) program offers grants, technical assistance, and other County services to help businesses stabilize and grow. To sign up, please visit <https://go.smallbizla.org/recovery>



Paint your Pet with the Inland Valley Humane Society

Bring your furry friend along and create a holiday memory at Paint Your Pet Night on Thursday, December 14 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Memo's Canvas in Montclair! Paint a portrait of your best furry friend or paint a loved one's pet as a special gift for the holidays! Submit a photo of your pet and it will be drawn out (a light sketch of your pet). During the event, staff will show how to paint your canvas step by step. All ages are welcome and drinks and snacks may be brought to the event and will also be available for purchase. Tickets are \$65 per person and are available at the following website: <https://www.memoscanvas.com/event-details/inland-valley-humane-society-paint-your-pet-3>



Los Angeles County La Verne Library

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.](#)

Access the Digital Library for Free!

Did you know your LA County Library Card gives you free access to movies, tv shows, newspapers, audio books, and music? Visit lacountylibrary.org to learn more about the various offerings!





The Holiday Season with Tri-City Mental Health

All events are located at the Wellness Center, 1403 N Garey Avenue

Holly Jolly Family Night - Friday, December 1 @ 6:00 PM

Join Tri City for a Holly Jolly Family Night! Bring your family and friends for the annual tree lighting ceremony followed by a showing of the **A Charlie Brown Christmas** movie. Free refreshments will be provided. Due to ongoing COVID guidelines, masks are required. This event is free and open to all. For more information, please call (909) 242-7600.

Monthly Movie Event - Friday, December 15 @ 6:00 PM

Get into the holiday spirit on Friday, December 15, at 6:00 PM to watch **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**. Bring your friends and family, blankets, and pillows! Complimentary snacks will be provided. This event is free and open for all ages to attend. Due to ongoing COVID guidelines, masks are required. No registration required. For more information, call the Wellness Center at (909) 242-7600 or email wellness@tricitymhs.org.

Senior Ugly Sweater Party - Thursday, December 21 @ 1:00 PM

The Wellness Center is hosting a Senior Ugly Sweater Party on Thursday, December 21 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM for ages 55 and older. Join us for a holiday kick-off with crafts, refreshments and food! **The event is free and open ages 55 and older.** To learn more, contact Elizabeth White at **(909) 242-7600**.

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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



Quick Links to City Website

City Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Public Records Request
Utility Bill Payments
Building Permits
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24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



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