



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2024

City Manager's Message

Thank you to all who attended the City's exceptional holiday events this year. The Tree Lighting Ceremony was a comforting start to the season with the lighting of the City tree and caroling from the Bonita High School Chamber Singers. The merriment continued throughout the month and finished on a high note with the Christmas Morning event.

Looking ahead to 2024, the City is poised for an ambitious start with our annual State of the City event scheduled for January 29. This occasion will provide an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of 2023 and offer a preview of projects slated for 2024. Our focus in the coming year is on streamlining City processes to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality services enjoyed by residents. Additionally, we aim to expand services through collaborative efforts with neighboring municipalities and regional agencies. These alliances will facilitate a more comprehensive approach to addressing the complex challenges faced by the region.

A noteworthy initiative already in effect pertains to the refinement of our Code Enforcement policies. Code Enforcement Officer Ron D'Alessandro, acknowledged by the community for his professionalism and innovative approach, will lead the first study session of 2024 at the Tuesday, January 16 City Council Meeting to discuss these developments.

We trust that your holiday season was joyful, and as we embark on the New Year, we extend our sincere wishes for a Happy New Year to all.

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The City was happy to have another safe Ho Ho Holiday season. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 2 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee
City Hall

Tuesday, January 9 @ 5:00 PM

Active Transportation Committee
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:00 PM

Youth Sports Committee Meeting
City Hall

Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30 PM

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

Wednesday, January 17 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee
Community Center

Tuesday, January 23 @ 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 Seminar - Weight Management

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 @ 9:30 AM

Every month the Community Center hosts workshops for older adults to learn more about various topics. Join the Community Center to discuss weight management with Optum (Health Enhancement Team). Please RSVP to the event by calling (909) 596-8776. To see the seminar schedule for future months, please review the [Recreation Guide](#).

Free Movie Viewing - Five Flights Up

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a free viewing of *5 Flights Up*, accompanied with light refreshments. The Community Center hosts Movie Matinees the second Monday of each month at 12:30 PM. Everyone in attendance is automatically entered into a raffle! Winners are announced at the end of each movie.



Bingo Wednesdays

WEDNESDAYS @ 1:15 PM

La Verne Bingo is better than ever! Bingo is held every Wednesday from 1:15 PM to 4:00 PM at the Community Center. The selling of paper beings at 12:30 PM and ends promptly at 1:00 PM. It's \$5 for the first pack, \$3 for the second pack, and \$2 for each additional pack. Payouts are as follows: each regular game is \$50 depending on attendance, one odd and even game is \$80, one 3 face Bingo is \$80, 2 blackouts are \$80 each and the pull tabs are \$100. There are four \$10 intermission prizes. A total of 10 regular games will be played plus the specials. We have added a power ball to the regular games. If you win on the power ball your payout is increased by the amount at that time. Bring your daubers, as we don't play hard cards. Any person 18 years of age or older is welcome to play.

State of the City with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 10:00 AM

Join the Mayor for his annual State of the City address to celebrate the accomplishments from 2023 and preview the year ahead. The event will also feature University of La Verne President Pardis Mahdavi providing a University update. The event will be held at the University of La Verne Campus Center Ballroom, 2000 2nd Street, and RSVPs are required. Visit the [La Verne Chamber of Commerce](#) website to RSVP.

La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the December meetings, the City Council:

Honored

- The Bonita High School Boys Water Polo team for their school's first regional State Championship victory;
- The University of La Verne Womens Volleyball team for their stellar season and sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA tournament;
- City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella for her upcoming retirement after over 40 years of dedicated service to the City;

Received Updates From

- Senator Susan Rubio on the 2023 Legislative Session;
- University of La Verne President Dr. Pardis Mahdavi on the University's achievements and goals for the future;
- La Verne Fire Chief Nigg regarding their 5-year strategic plan;

Approved

- City Council Minutes from the November 20 and December 4 City Council Meetings;
- Register of audited demands;
- The cancellation of the January 2 City Council Meeting due to lack of business during the holiday season;
- An agreement with Southland Mechanical, Inc for HVAC services;
- CDBG Appropriations to fund curb ramp accessibility projects;

Received & Filed

- An update on developing a regional communications center for dispatch services with the City of Covina;
- A report that there are no more candidates than offices to be filled for the March 5, 2024 General Municipal Election, and therefore appointed Council Member Rick Crosby to District 2 and Council Member Wendy Lau to District 5;

Direct Staff To

- Further assess the Film Permit Process and bring the item before Council at a later date; and

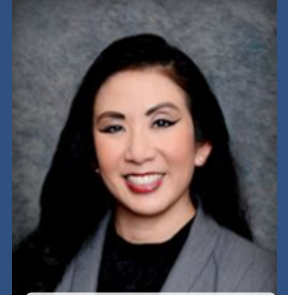
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- The 2024 Legislative Platform discussion to the January 16 City Council Meeting.

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 November 2023.

Public Works Department



3,385

Square feet of graffiti removed



2,629

Thousand tons of waste collected



195.29

Million gallons of water sold



197

Acres of city parks mowed



145

Customer field checks

Community Services Department



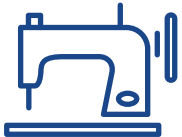
1,397

participants involved in activities this month



98

Senior Dinner Dance Participants



85

Sewing Class participants

Administration Department



991

Calls to the City Hall Main line



9

Public Meetings



13

Records Requests

Police Department



1,408

Calls for Service



230

Reports taken



33

Traffic Collisions



135

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



255

EMS calls



4 Fire-related calls



21

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



20

Solar permits issued



47

Building permits issued



2

Pool/Spa permits issued



38

Electrical permits issued



13

Mechanical permits issued



13

Plumbing permits issued



50

Code Enforcement cases filed



3

Sewer permits issued

Christmas Tree Recycling

Waste Management offers free collection and recycling of Christmas trees. On December 26, January 2, and January 8, residents may leave trees on the curb alongside the bins. Before placing the tree on the curb, please keep in mind:

- All tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, and stands need to be removed.
- Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut into shorter pieces.
- Flocked trees will be accepted but cannot be recycled.



Fire Department 5-Year Strategic Plan

During the December 18 City Council Meeting, Fire Chief Nigg presented on the La Verne Fire Department's 5-year Strategic Plan which identifies the organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The Plan additionally developed a timeline for activities to improve the organization's resilience and service to the community. To review the plan, please visit lavernefire.org/strategic-plan

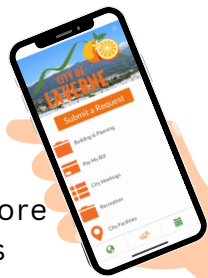
March 5, 2024 Election Update

The La Verne City Council unanimously decided to cancel the 2024 municipal election scheduled for March 5, 2024. This decision was made after only the two current Council Members, Rick Crosby and Wendy Lau, filed nomination papers during the November 13 to December 8 nomination period. Following the provisions of the California Elections Code, the Council chose to appoint Crosby and Lau for another term, which will run from 2024 to 2028. This marks the fifth instance in La Verne's history where an election was canceled, allowing the City to save approximately \$50,000 and redirect funds to other priority projects.

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.

Winter/Spring 2024 Recreation Guide

Spring into 2024 with City Programs!

Stay up-to-date with special events, activities, classes, and sports this season! The Winter/Spring 2024 Recreation Guide has been mailed out to La Verne residents and is now available to view and download on the [City website](#). Extra hard copies will be available for pick-up from the Community Services Department or the Community Center.

AARP Tax Assistance

The Community Center will begin taking appointments for FREE tax filing assistance. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide assistance to seniors with low to moderate income in filing their SIMPLE tax returns. To learn more and to schedule an appointment, please call the Community Center at (909) 596-8776.

Foothill Gold Line End of Year Update

The new 9.1 mile extension of the Glendora to Pomona section of the Gold Line is now more than 80% complete. Miles of overhead and underground wires and cables for the light rail power and train control systems continue to be installed, and crews returned to various grade crossings to complete roadway and safety improvements. With most of the platform completed at the future La Verne station, crews are getting ready to install the canopy structures onto the platform. Off-site, crews are currently fabricating the canopy parts that will be delivered for installation, starting first with the columns and braces (the pieces that provide additional support for the roof). Just south of the future La Verne station platform, construction continues on the station parking facility. Crews are currently carrying out underground utility work throughout the site.



California Competes Tax Credits Available

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has an income tax credit available to businesses that want to grow in California. Businesses of any industry, size, or location can apply for over \$180 million available in tax credits. Applications open on January 2 and close on January 22.



Los Angeles County La Verne Library

Bookmark Contest Winners

Congratulations to this year's La Verne Library bookmark contest winners! All winners received a goodie bag of art supplies to further their artistic pursuits. See the bookmarks on display at the La Verne Library!

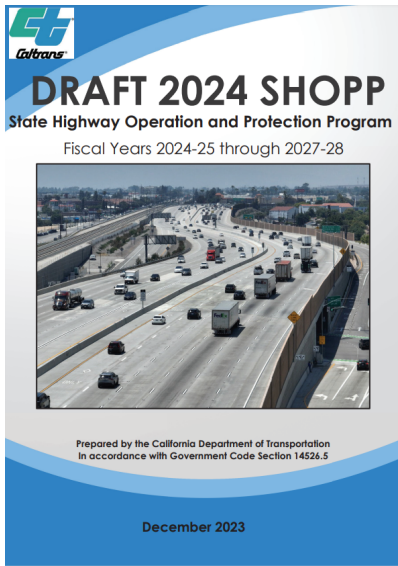


LA County Library App

Check out the improved LA County Library App! You can now discover books, check availability in real-time and place holds, access your account, find all LA County Library locations and hours, explore events, and more. The app is free and available at the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Delete the Divide - LA County Digital Inclusion Program

Delete the Divide is an initiative led by the County of Los Angeles to advance digital equity in underserved communities through partnerships, infrastructure investments, and technology resources that empower residents and small businesses. Residents can receive funding for their internet bills, digital assistance training, and more! Visit deletethedivide.org to learn more.



The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Wants Your Input!

The Office of State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Management is requesting input on their draft portfolio of projects for the next 4 years. The current draft includes one project within La Verne's jurisdiction of rehabilitating storm drains along Foothill Boulevard and the 210 Freeway onramps and offramps. The Draft 2024 SHOPP is available for review and residents may submit comments by January 19.

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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
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24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



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