



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2024

City Manager's Message

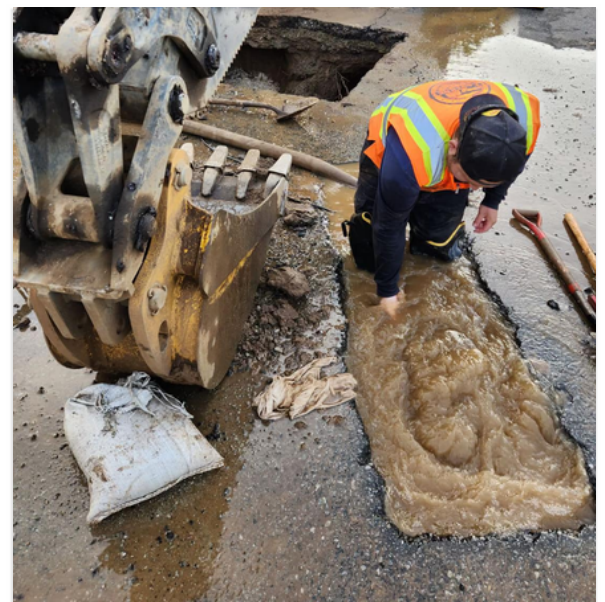
On January 29, I was pleased to join others at the annual State of the City with Mayor Tim Hepburn covering highlights of 2023 and how we will leap forward in 2024. 2023 served as my first full year in my role as the City Manager and the year saw significant achievements thanks to our hard-working staff, including revamped outreach efforts, multi-year labor agreements, and modernization of city processes. We showcased notable achievements from every department, from comprehensive wellness programs and strategic plans to grants, infrastructure projects, and community engagement initiatives. The State of the City was recorded and available to watch on [LVTV's YouTube channel](#).

Looking ahead to 2024, La Verne is poised for further growth and success. The Police Department will enhance security through a city-wide camera program and introduce a crime reduction rebate program for businesses. The Fire Department will focus on implementing its new strategic plan, Community Development anticipates new businesses, residential projects, and a General Plan update. Public Works will oversee street improvements, Las Flores Park enhancements, and various construction projects. The Community Services Department and various internal departments will continue to offer great services and, for the first time in several years, the City will engage in a Strategic Planning Process. The city is moving from a position of transition to action, with excitement and momentum propelling La Verne toward a future of continued success.

As we embark on this new year together, may our collective efforts and shared vision continue to shape our city into a thriving and vibrant community that we can all take pride in.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager

Picture of the Month




Shout out to our hard working Water Department who responded to a water main break near Hillcrest. As a reminder, if you see signs for road work taking place, please use extra caution!

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 5 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, February 6 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee
City Hall

Wednesday, February 14 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 20 @ 5:30 PM

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

Wednesday, February 21 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee
Community Center

Tuesday, February 27 @ 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

High Blood Pressure/Stress Management Senior Seminar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ 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 high blood pressure and stress management with Optum. Please RSVP to the event by calling (909) 596-8776. To see the seminar schedule for future events, please review the [Recreation Guide](#).

Townhall Meeting for Businesses - Unhoused Community

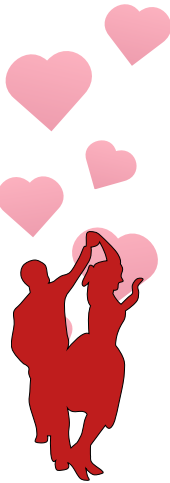
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ 6:00 PM

Are you a business owner in La Verne? Join the Police and Community Services Departments at the Community Center as they host their inaugural Unhoused Townhall for businesses. The session will cover topics such as trespassing, signage, encampments, and provide useful contact information. RSVPs are preferred, please email leap@cityoflaverne.org

Sweetheart's Dance for those with Special Needs

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 @ 5:00 PM

The Community Center will be hosting a Sweetheart's Dance for those with special needs on Friday, February 9 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM! Participants age 13 and older are invited to enjoy music, refreshments, fun decorations, and a chance to party with their peers. The event is sponsored by the Order of the Alhambra and the City of La Verne. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased for \$6.00 pre-sale through Thursday, February 8 at the Community Services office or \$7.00 cash at the door.



Free Senior Movie Matinee - Rudy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a free viewing of Rudy, 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.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall and the Community Center will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day. City Hall and the Community Center will commence with regular business hours on Tuesday, February 20.

La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the January meeting, the City Council:

Hosted

- A study session covering the City's Code Enforcement practices and goals for 2024;

Recognized

- Bonita High School senior Nathan Kwan for his academic excellence in achieving a perfect score on the AP Computer Science Principles exam;

Reaffirmed

- The City's goal of Vision Zero for Traffic Safety;

Approved

- The December 18 City Council Minutes and Register of Audited Demands;
- The FY 22-23 Active Transportation Committee Annual Report;
- The purchase of grant funded beam gate vehicle barriers;
- The awarding of the contract for FY 23-24 CDBG City Hall Accessibility Improvements;
- The 2024 Legislative Platform;
- The CDBG Program for FY 24-25;

Appointed

- Mayor Tim Hepburn to represent the City at the Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference & General Assembly Meeting;
- City Manager Ken Domer as the City Clerk;

Amended

- Salary charts to reflect the increase in California's Minimum Wage; and

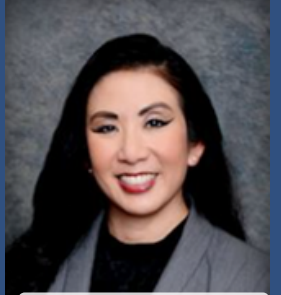
Direct Staff To

- Bring back the City Council salary increase to \$950/month to the February 5 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 December 2023.

Public Works Department



1,847

Square feet of graffiti removed



15 Shopping Carts Picked Up



130.4 Million gallons of water sold



197 Acres of city parks mowed



111 Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,305 participants involved in activities this month



128 Lifelong Learning Participants



60 Trail Trekkers participants

Administration Department



838 Calls to the City Hall Main line



5

Public Meetings



19

Records Requests

Police Department



1,413

Calls for Service



216

Reports taken



39

Traffic Collisions



144

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



255

EMS calls



4 Fire-related calls



21

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department

Department



12

Solar permits issued



27

Building permits issued



22

Electrical permits issued



10

Mechanical permits issued



14

Plumbing permits issued



36

Code Enforcement cases filed



3

ADU Permits issued

2024 Excellence in La Verne Awards

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Excellence in La Verne Awards, honoring the following businesses that received the most nominations by the community for their excellence.

- **Business of the Year** - Micky's Jewelry Studio
- **Employer of the Year** - Haaker Equipment Co.
- **New Business of the Year** - Moxie Salon
- **Family-Owned Business of the Year** - Print Connection
- **Non-Profit of the Year** - House of Ruth

Michael Neeley, from Equity 401(k) Consultants, received the Brian McNerney Ambassador of the Year Award. Congratulations!

Love La Verne Day - Input Requested

The La Verne Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their annual Love La Verne Day on May 11, 2024. Love La Verne Day serves as a time for the community to get together and collaborate on projects which will beautify and enhance the City.

If you know of a project that can be done on La Verne Day or would like to volunteer at the event, please visit LoveLaVerne.com

La Verne CERT - Classes in April

Learn more about how to prepare and respond to potential emergencies! La Verne's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is offering trainings starting in April 2024. The course consists of 8 classes, a course review, and an exercise. The classes meet twice a week over four weeks, with the review and exercise on Saturday of the fourth week. Classes include a slide presentation, demonstrations and hands-on exercises taught by FEMA-trained CERT and La Verne Fire Department instructors. They are educational, fun, and engaging!

Upon completion, CERT members can use the skills learned to help the City during an emergency and can be applied in the workplace or personal life. If you're interested, please sign up at lavernecert.org



March 5, 2024 General Election - Ways to Vote

La Verne ballots will cover national, state, and regional matters as La Verne Council Members have been appointed by City Council due to a lack of nominees.

Ballot Boxes

There are two ballot boxes located within the City of La Verne:

- City Hall (3660 D Street)
- Oak Mesa Park (5400 Wheeler Avenue)

Ballot drop off starts on Monday, February 5 and will close at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5.

In-Person Voting Center

Select voting centers open 10 days before election day, February 24, and the rest open 3 days before election day, March 2.

Voting centers have not yet been finalized and LA County will announce the locations shortly on their website lavote.gov

Haven't registered to vote? There's still time! Residents have until February 20 to register to vote. Visit lavote.gov to register or visit City Hall to receive an application.



Spark of Love Success!

La Verne Fire Department's Spark of Love Toy Drive was a HUGE success! From November 13 to December 18, the Fire Department received an incredible 600+ toys, making a difference in the lives of more than 30 local families and organizations. A big shoutout to Hillcrest for their amazing support in storing and sorting these precious gifts. Special thanks to Crazy Bear Bikes, Council Member Kashifalghita, and the La Verne Firefighters Association for their generous donation of 20 bikes – spreading smiles one pedal at a time! On distribution day, our fantastic team, including Council Members, fire personnel and dedicated Hillcrest volunteers, came together to deliver the magic of the season.



AARP Tax Assistance - Sign Up Now!

The Community Center is now taking appointments for FREE tax filing assistance. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide assistance to seniors with low-moderate income in filing their SIMPLE tax returns on Tuesdays from February 6 to April 9. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776.

New Businesses in La Verne

We are excited to announce two new businesses that are coming soon to La Verne! Both will be occupying currently empty tenant spaces on either side of Sprouts in the Foothill Plaza Shopping Center on Foothill Boulevard.



Hotworx is a boutique-style fitness studio where you perform your workout in a sauna which combines heat, infrared and virtual exercise trainings for a unique physical experience. Members of far-flung existing locations say they have become stronger in less time, sleep better, and have gotten better workouts with less impacts on their bodies. The location will be open 24-hours and has video surveillance, but you have to book an appointment in the app and there is a special lock on the door that lets you in when you arrive if a staff member isn't on-site during off hours.



Water Wings swim school has a dozen existing locations across Southern California, Nevada, and Idaho. They offer private and small group classes year round to help all ages learn to swim. The operators believe learning to enjoy the water is key to being able to open up students to learning swim skills and staying safe.

We expect both Hotworx and Water Wings to be great additions to our City!

Go SGV! - San Gabriel Valley Regional Electric Bike Share Program

Looking for a new way to get around town? Residents in the San Gabriel Valley can request an e-bike loan, sponsored by Active SGV and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments! The bike options include a classic commuter e-bike and a family-style e-bike. Please visit gosgv.com to apply!



Mental Health First Aid for Adults - Tri City Mental Health

Tri-City Mental Health is hosting a free Mental Health First Aid for Adults training on Friday, February 9, 2024. This training will be held from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Tri-City Administrative Building located at 2001 N Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767.

Mental Health First Aid for Adults teaches you how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older, how to offer and provide initial support, and how to guide a person toward appropriate care, using a 5-step Mental Health First Aid Action Plan. Participants will learn:



- How to identify signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental health and substance use conditions
- Information on anxiety, depression, trauma, psychosis and substance use
- A 5-step action plan on how to assist someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations

This training is free and open to the general public, service providers, community groups, and organizations in Pomona, Claremont and La Verne. Registration is required. Register by February 5 at <http://tinyurl.com/mttfhprp>

Los Angeles County La Verne Library

Join the library in honoring Black History Month! *Advanced registration is required for these events. Please visit the Los Angeles County La Verne Library website to learn more!*

Make Your Own Button - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 @ 6:00 PM

Learn more about influential artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. Draw from the work of this artist and express your creativity by making your own art buttons to wear or gift to friends.

Celebrating African American Heritage - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ 5:00 PM

Storyteller Melanie L. Haymon will be here to provide an educational and entertaining show focused on African American History and Culture through songs, stories, dance and more! For ages 6 – 12 with parent or caregiver.

Trials into Triumphs - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 @ 4:00 PM

Learn about the origins, traditions, and influence of gospel music, then create your own gospel-inspired stickers with your favorite messages of hope. For ages 13 – 17.

Earthquake Brace and Bolt (EBB) Grant - Open Now!

Exciting news for California homeowners: EBB registration is now open! Don't miss the chance to secure a \$3,000 grant for retrofitting your home and fortifying it against earthquakes. Was your home built before 1980? Does it have a crawl space under the first floor? If so, an EBB retrofit may help prevent your house from sliding or toppling off its foundation during an earthquake. Registration for an earthquake retrofit grant is open now until February 21, 2024. Learn more and register at: <https://ow.ly/2cnH50QrwB7>



Low-Cost Vaccines & Microchip Clip - Inland Valley Humane Society

The Inland Valley Humane Society offers a low-cost clinic the second Saturday of every month for vaccines and microchip. The clinic is open from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at 500 S Humane Way in Pomona. To learn more and sign up, please visit ivhsspc.org



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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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