



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2024

City Manager's Message

As we welcome the changing seasons, it's important to stay prepared and informed. With anticipated rainfall on the horizon, we urge everyone to prioritize safety on the roads. For those in need, sandbags are available at Fire Stations 1 and 3. To stay directly connected with critical updates, consider signing up for Nixle alerts by texting your zip code 91750 to 888777. Don't forget to follow our City's social media platforms for the latest news and updates.

Spring is a time of renewal and fun, and the City is buzzing with family-friendly events designed to ensure everyone has a fun-filled season. Highlights for March include our 4th Annual Spring Vendor Faire and the inaugural Egg-cellent Adventure Event, perfect for Easter celebrations. Details on these and more are available on the next page, so be sure to check it out. Also, keep an eye out for our next newsletter, which will bring more exciting events planned for April.

In our commitment to ensuring a safe and vibrant city, the La Verne Police Department is pioneering the Business Assistance for Crime Reduction (BACR) initiative. This innovative program aims to protect businesses from the increasing threat of burglaries and property crimes, especially those along major travel routes. The initiative will focus on enhancing security through partnerships, environmental design, advanced technology, and community collaboration. With a special emphasis on Route 66 (Foothill Boulevard), the BACR initiative is a comprehensive effort to improve our city's safety landscape.

As we embark on these exciting developments, your participation and feedback are invaluable. Together, we can make our city a safer, more enjoyable place for everyone. Stay safe, informed, and engaged.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager

Picture of the Month




The February 20 City Council Meeting adjourned in honor of RSVP Mel Salz, who passed away recently. Mel Salz's fiancée, Carolyn, received the President's Bronze Volunteer Service Award on behalf of Mel for his service to the City and the nation.

Be the first to know City updates and news! Follow us on social media.

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 4 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, March 5 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee
City Hall

Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:00 PM

Youth Sports Committee
City Hall

Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 19 @ 5:00 PM

Measure LV Citizen Oversight Committee
City Hall

Monday, March 18 @ 5:30 PM

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

Wednesday, March 20 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee
Community Center

Tuesday, March 26 @ 5:00 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 Series

WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH @ 9:30 AM

Every month the Community Center hosts workshops for older adults to learn more about various topics. To attend, please RSVP by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776. To see the seminar schedule for future months, please review the Recreation Guide. On March 6, the topic will be **Your Reverse Mortgage Questions Answered** and on March 13, they will be discussing **Screenings for Better Health**.

Free Senior Movie Matinee - The Notebook

MONDAY, MARCH 11 @ 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a free viewing of The Notebook, 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. To RSVP, please call the Community Center at (909) 596-8776.

Heritage Orange Blossom Vendor Faire

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 @ 10:00 AM

Join the La Verne Heritage Foundation for their 4th Annual Spring Vendor Faire with over 40 unique handmade and home based business vendors to shop with, along with food, music, tours of the historic Weber House, and tractor pulled wagon rides available! For more information, call the Heritage Foundation at (909) 293-9005.

Eggcellent Adventure

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 @ 9:00 AM

The Community Services Department is egg-cited to host the City's 2nd Annual Egg-Cellent Adventure at Heritage Park! Enjoy festive vendor booths, food, music, crafts, and take your photo with the Easter Bunny! Egg hunts are scheduled throughout the event organized by age. For more information, please call Community Services at (909) 596-8700.



La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the February meetings, the City Council:

Hosted

- A study session regarding stormwater pollution prevention programs;

Proclaimed

- February 2024 as Black History Month, celebrating the achievements of African Americans;

Recognized

- Christmas Morning volunteers for bringing holiday cheer to the community;
- Medal of Merit Award Recipients Detectives Gonzalez and Weaver;

Approved

- The January 16 and February 5 City Council Minutes and Register of Audited Demands;
- Ordinance No. 24-1125 amending Council Member salaries to reflect changes per SB 329;
- Resolutions 24-11 through 24-13, approving cost sharing between CalPERS and unrepresented employee groups;
- Weed abatement at selected parcels by LA County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures;
- A Professional Services Agreement to assess the City's Development Impact Fees and CDBG funding for curb ramp accessibility projects;
- Bond reductions for Tract Map No. 83353;
- Class specifications for Deputy City Clerk;
- The film permit application from Shadowbox Films, LLC.;
- The first amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement;

Received and Filed

- The Treasurer's Report for Quarter ending December 31, 2023;
- The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ending June 30, 2023;
- Updates regarding the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election and the General Plan;

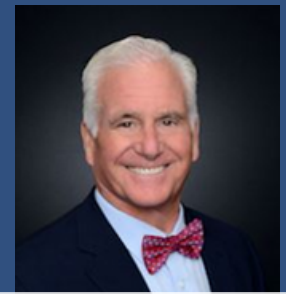
Direct Staff To

- Allow Zoom comments during City Council Meetings for agenda items, but not for general public comment;
- Move forward with the Business Assistance for Crime Reduction Program (BACR); and

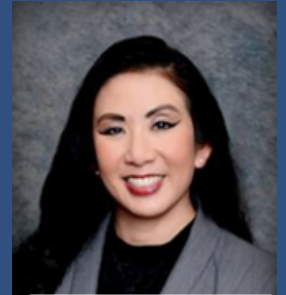
Adjourned

- The February 20 City Council Meeting in honor of RSVP Mel Salz's passing.

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 January 2024.

Public Works Department



1,067

Square feet of graffiti removed



2.7 thousand tons of materials collected by Waste Management



123.7 Million gallons of water sold



197 Acres of city parks mowed

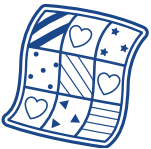


99 Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,281 participants involved in activities this month



71 Quilting Participants



53 Senior Bingo participants

Administration Department



1,010 Calls to the City Hall Main line



Public Meetings



14

Records Requests

Police Department



1,553

Calls for Service



219

Reports taken



42

Traffic Collisions



162

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



271

EMS calls



3 Fire-related calls



18

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department

Department



11

Solar permits issued



45

Building permits issued



47

Electrical permits issued



29

Mechanical permits issued



29

Plumbing permits issued



56

Code Enforcement cases filed



3

ADU Permits issued

AARP Tax Assistance

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 through April 9. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776. Recommended documents to bring to the appointment include: a copy of the previous year's tax return, any forms showing income, pensions, or Social Security payments, as well as forms showing interest or dividends that your investments have earned, receipts or cancelled checks for income or property taxes paid, or any contributions made to charities.

New in Town - The Diplomat Tavern

In the mood for Mediterranean Lebanese cuisine? Look no further because The Diplomat is coming to La Verne! They are within walking distance of City Hall located at 2091 Foothill Boulevard (formerly La Creperie). This is the newest location of The Diplomat Tavern, other locations include Monrovia and The Diplomat Junior in Glendora. Make sure to check them out for lunch, dinner, or catering!

THE Diplomat

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 started on Monday, February 5 and will close at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5.

In-Person Voting Center

The following locations are open for four days from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM from March 2 to March 4, and from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on March 5.

- St. John's Episcopal Church - 4745 Wheeler Avenue
- Lighthouse Baptist Church - 2600 N White Avenue
- University of La Verne Abraham Center Campus Ballroom - 1950 Third Street



La Verne Chamber - HotDeals Page

Looking for discounts on some of your favorite La Verne businesses? Visit the Chamber's new HotDeals page, which lists specials for various restaurants and organizations. Visit <https://business.lavernechamber.org/hotdeals/> to see the deals you can take advantage of. La Verne business owners can additionally submit requests to the La Verne Chamber of Commerce to include their business deals on this page. Call the Chamber at (909) 593-5265 to learn more!



Resources for Veterans - VFW Post 12034

Swing by Veterans Hall (1550 Bonita Avenue) the second Tuesday of every month from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM to receive various services free of charge. To learn more about what VFW Post 12034 can do for you, please call Commander Phil Ramirez at (626) 252-3402.

LA County Fair - May 3 through May 27

Join the LA County Fair for their 102nd Annual event, themed Stars, Stripes, and Fun! Through song and dance, awe-inspiring exhibits and the enticing aroma of everything from corn dogs to turkey legs, tacos to red beans and rice, plantains to funnel cake, the Fair has fun for everyone. La Verne Day is on Friday, May 10. Tickets are discounted to \$1.00 for La Verne residents and can be purchased in advance through the website. To learn more about ticket prices, parking, and more, visit lacountyfair.com



Spring Cleaning

For those who will be partaking in the annual ritual of spring cleaning, the City has resources for you!

Bulk Items & Hazardous Waste Pick Up - If you have bulk waste that you need to dispose of, La Verne residents with curbside cart service may request four free bulky item pick-ups per calendar year through Waste Management at no additional cost. Each pick up can have up to three cubic yards of bulky and/or electronic waste. Please contact Waste Management at (909) 599-1274 at least 48 hours in advance of your regular service day for scheduling. All bulky item pick-ups will occur on Mondays, the City's regular waste service day. Bulky items include couches, washers, dryers, and refrigerators. E-waste items include tv's, computer monitors, keyboards and towers.

Sharps and Drug Disposal - For all medications and sharps that are no longer needed, [click here to see a map](#) of available locations to drop them off.

Youth & Family Action Committee Teach & Transform Grant Program - Due March 21

The Youth & Family Action Committee (YFAC) is pleased to announce the launch of the Teach & Transform: Student Programs Grant, aimed at recognizing and supporting the dedicated teachers of La Verne in their efforts to enhance the lives of our city's youth. This grant provides an opportunity for educators to receive funding of up to \$2,000 to implement projects, activities, programs, or acquire supplies that contribute to the betterment of the youth in our community. Visit cityoflaverne.org/yfac-app to learn more and apply!

Paws 4 Pets Walk with the Inland Valley Humane Society

Join the Inland Valley Humane Society for a 1.5 mile walk at Frank G. Boneli Regional Park in San Dimas on April 20 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM! The Paws 4 Pets Walk is the largest pet walk in the Inland Valley! Starting at 8:00 a.m., you and your pet will enjoy activities, a vendor village, photos with your pet, contests, music, and a tail waggin' fun day! To learn more, please visit the [Inland Valley Humane Society Website](#).



Building California's Future

Learn more about infrastructure projects across California! The State of California has developed a webpage, build.ca.gov to identify the infrastructure projects planned or underway throughout California. Projects are categorized by County and are searchable by table and an interactive map of California.

Southern California Association of Governments Scholarship Program

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is accepting applications for their annual scholarship program! The program supports students working toward long-term career goals in planning or public service. The program provides \$4,000 scholarship awards to seven high school students and may receive the opportunity to meet with their local government representatives and practicing planners to discuss the importance of urban planning and a future in public service. Applications are due Friday, March 22. Visit the [SCAG website](#) to learn more and apply!



Los Angeles County La Verne Library

Join the library for their events in March! *Advanced registration is required for these events.*
Please visit the [Los Angeles County La Verne Library website](#) to learn more!

Make Your Own Coaster - TUESDAY, MARCH 12 @ 6:00 PM

Kick off spring, have fun and make a coaster. With these beach-inspired coasters, you will be ready for all the cookouts, beach days and family fun. All material provided. For adults.

Celebrating Women's History Month - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 @ 5:00 PM

Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about Mary Anning's contributions to paleontology and then paint a 2-D cardboard dinosaur. This program is for ages 6 to 12, with a parent or caregiver.

Trials into Triumphs - THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 4:00 PM

Welcome the new season by planting your very own Spring flowers. Join us as we learn the basics of planting and caring for potted flowers. You will also have a chance to decorate a mini ceramic terra-cotta pot using acrylic paint! This program is for ages 13 to 17.

Greenline Home Program - Grants for Your First Home

Are you ready to buy your first home? LA County residents can utilize the Greenline Home Program to receive a \$35,000 grant for a down payment or closing cost assistance towards the purchase of a home. The program is overseen by the LA County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs. Visit their [website](https://www.dcba.lacounty.gov/greenline), [dcba.lacounty.gov/greenline](https://www.dcba.lacounty.gov/greenline) to learn more and apply!



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Save on Your Utility Bills!

The California Public Utilities Commission provides opportunities for discounts on your utility bills.

The California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program provides a 30-35% discount on your electric bill and 20% discount on your natural gas bill to qualified households. To see if you qualify, visit the [CARE program webpage](#).

The Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) Program offers an 18% discount on your electricity bills to qualified households. To see if you qualify, visit the [FERA program webpage](#).



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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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