



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2024

City Manager's Message

As spring breathes new life into our surroundings, our City is buzzing with activity that promise to enhance our community's living experience. I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and future plans with you in this edition of our newsletter.

We're on the brink of unveiling the newly renovated City Hall, which will feature ADA-accessible counters and updated restrooms, ensuring a more inclusive and convenient environment for all our residents. This is part of our commitment to making our City's facilities accessible and welcoming to everyone.

The transformation of Las Flores Park is well underway, thanks to the generous funding from the Niagara Perk Your Park Fundraiser and a significant \$1.5 million appropriation from Assemblymember Holden's Office. The aquatic center is on track to open its doors in June, offering a refreshing oasis for our community during the warmer months. The construction of a new playground is about to commence, promising endless fun for our younger residents. And for the sports enthusiasts among us, I'm pleased to confirm the rumors: pickleball courts will indeed be making their debut at Las Flores Park, although the courts will remain closed for a little while longer as we put the finishing touches on this eagerly anticipated addition. Once the projects are completed, the City will be hosting a community event to celebrate the completion of these projects. Keep an eye out in future editions of the Newsletter for more information!

As we look forward, the City is diligently preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Departments are currently reviewing their budgets in anticipation of a productive study session with the City Council scheduled for Monday, May 6. We are committed to transparency and engagement throughout this process and will keep you informed every step of the way.

As always, if you have a question or comment, positive or constructive, please email me at kdomer@cityoflaverne.org.

Best,

Ken Domer

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City Manager



Picture of the Month



The rain only added to the fun for this year's Egg-cellent Adventure event! Over 400 individuals attended the event, hunting for eggs and taking pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 1 @ 8:00 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
University of La Verne (1950 3rd St.)

Monday, April 1 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, April 2 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee
City Hall

Tuesday, April 9 @ 5:00 PM

Active Transportation Committee
City Hall

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, April 15 @ 5:30 PM

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

Wednesday, April 17 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee
Community Center

Tuesday, April 23 @ 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



Sidewalk Coloring Contest

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 @ 9:30 AM

Children 1 to 12 years of age can display their creative talents in the Sidewalk Coloring Contest at Mainiero Square! Chalk is provided for all participants and prizes will be awarded to various age groups at 10:00 AM. Pre-registration can be made through April 2 at the Community Services Office or by calling 909-596-8700. Late registration can be made Wednesday, April 3 from 9:00 to 9:25 AM.



Cool Cruise Car Show

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 @ 10:00 AM

Attention car lovers! The Cool Cruise car show is returning to Old Town La Verne! The event will feature various types of cars, ranging from classic Chevys, exotic cars, to new Mustangs! Bring your friends and family for a good time and enjoy the live music and vendors at Mainiero Square.

Community Yard Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 @ 8:00 AM

Are you ready for Spring cleaning? The La Verne Chamber of Commerce with the City of La Verne and Bonita High School are sponsoring a Community Yard Sale from 8:00 AM until noon, in the Bonita High School Parking Lot. Bonita High School Bearcats PTSA will be hosting an e-waste drop off at the same time and there will be a Health & Fitness Expo! There is no admission to attend, and everyone is invited to browse, shop and think fit! Spaces are available for purchase. For more information, please visit lavernechamber.org or call the Chamber at (909) 593-5265.

Sip of La Verne Wine Walk

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 @ 5:00 PM

Join the La Verne Chamber of Commerce for their 10th Annual Sip of La Verne Wine Walk! More than 30 businesses will offer samples of quality wines and unique foods from our amazing selection of local restaurants with reds, whites, dessert and sparkling wines paired to enhance your enjoyment.



Participants receive a commemorative wine glass, tickets for 12 wine pours and unlimited food tastings from great La Verne Restaurants with a backdrop of live music in multiple locations throughout. The event sells out every year, buy tickets now! To learn more about the event and ticket costs, please visit lavernechamber.org.

La Verne City Council

Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the March meetings, the City Council:

Hosted

- A study session regarding the services Tri-City Mental Health provides to Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne;

Proclaimed

- March 2024 as Women's History Month, presenting the proclamation to La Verne Historical Society President Sherry Best and presented Girl Scout Troops 6004 and 70101 with certificates of recognition for assisting Sherry with the development of La Verne history display cases for elementary schools across La Verne;

Recognized

- Terry Kistler with the 2024 Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award for his volunteerism in La Verne;
- Chris Rix with the 2024 Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award for his volunteerism to youth sports in La Verne;

Approved

- The February 20 and March 4 City Council Minutes and Register of Audited Demands;
- The renewal of the Los Angeles County General Services Agreement from 2024 to 2029;
- Funding for the Business Assistance for Crime Reduction Program and Sworn Employee Firearms Program;
- The SB 1205 Annual Fire Inspection Report;
- The purchase of Motorola Radio Upgrades utilizing asset forfeiture funds;
- Funding for the contract for improvements at the Las Flores Park South Playground;
- The employment agreement between the City of La Verne and Chief of Police Sam Gonzalez;

Direct Staff To

- Provide a presentation to the City Council regarding insurance in fire hazard zones at a future meeting; and

Placed on First Reading

- Ordinance 24-1126 regarding the Annual AB 481 military equipment use policy.

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.



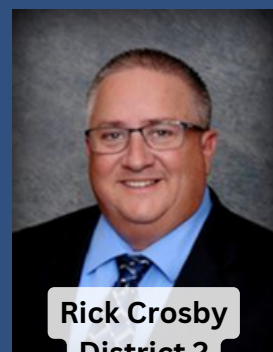
Mayor Tim Hepburn
District 4



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 February 2024.

Public Works Department



1,119

Square feet of graffiti removed



2.3

thousand tons of materials collected by

Waste Management



84.6

Million gallons of water sold



197

Acres of city parks mowed



105

Customer field checks

Community Services Department



1,376

participants involved in activities this month



89

Dance for the Special Needs Population Participants



98

AARP Tax Assistance Participants

Administration Department



1,080

Calls to the City Hall Main line



7

Public Meetings



13

Records Requests

Police Department



1,400

Calls for Service



213

Reports taken



26

Traffic Collisions



109

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



250

EMS calls



2

Fire-related calls



14

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department

Department



3

Solar permits issued



30

Building permits issued



31

Electrical permits issued



25

Mechanical permits issued



27

Plumbing permits issued



41

Code Enforcement cases filed



2

ADU Permits issued

Chief of Police Sam Gonzalez

Please join us in congratulating Chief Sam Gonzalez on his official appointment as the 23rd La Verne Chief of Police! Chief Gonzalez's impressive career within the La Verne Police Department reflects his exceptional leadership abilities and steadfast service. Prior to his recent appointment, he served as the Acting Chief of Police since February 6, 2023. His extensive experience spans a multitude of roles, including Police Corporal, Detective, Sergeant, Range Master, Police Sniper, Administrative Lieutenant, and Operations Captain, among others. These diverse roles have honed Chief Gonzalez's leadership skills and operational expertise, preparing him for the position of Chief of Police. To read more about his appointment, check out the press release on the City website. Congratulations Chief Gonzalez!

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.



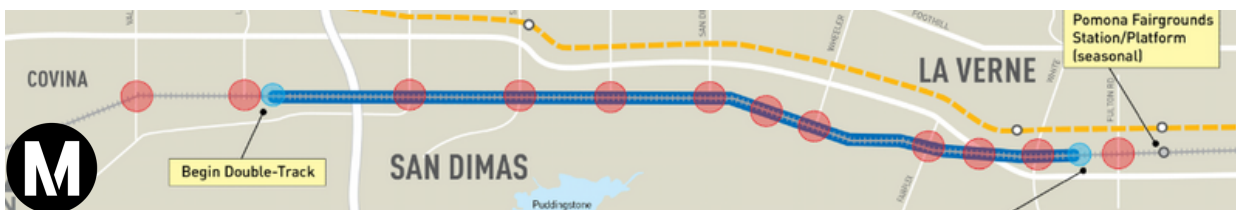
Chief of Police Sam Gonzalez was joined by his wife at the City Council Meeting to celebrate his appointment.

Lone Hill Avenue to White Avenue Double-Track Project Proposed Reconfiguration to San Dimas Canyon Road

Metro plans to add a second mainline track along a 3.9-mile segment between Lone Hill and White in San Dimas and La Verne, making 12 at-grade crossings "Quiet Zone Ready." The addition of a second mainline track will allow for opposing trains to run on separate tracks, improving the overall flow of Metrolink and Union Pacific trains, while improving on-time performance and schedule reliability.

LA Metro hosted a community meeting on March 20 and the recording can be found on their [website](#) (click on the image below to watch the video). The purpose of the public outreach meeting was to discuss proposed changes to the Metrolink crossing on San Dimas Canyon Road south of Arrow Highway. The changes will modify San Dimas Canyon Road by creating a free right turn onto Arrow Highway for those traveling northbound on San Dimas Canyon from Sun Rose. The left turn and north-through lane will be eliminated for track safety reasons.

The City will also be hosting a presentation from Metro during the April 15 City Council Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers. The meeting will be open to the community in person and online via Zoom and the City website at cityoflaverne.org/live.





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.

New In Town

Club Pilates

Are you looking for a new way to work out or just tired of waiting at the gym for machines to open? Well good news! Club Pilates is coming to La Verne! Club Pilates is a nationwide Pilates studio that offers a unique style of Pilates. This fitness studio offers Pilates through the use of reformer machines, helping you get the most optimal workout for your body. Club Pilates operates 9 other locations nearby to La Verne, with their new La Verne location being their 10th. They'll be open Monday-Thursday from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, as well as Friday-Sunday from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM and each class will last about 50 minutes. Club Pilates is currently working on their tenant improvements and should be open in the next few months. Head on down to Club Pilates at 1568 Foothill Boulevard Unit #170 when they open and sign up!



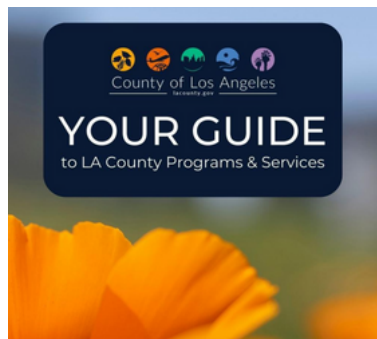
Larios Meat Market



Welcome Larios Meat Market, home of the "King of Asada" – where every cut reigns supreme! Located on 1912 Arrow Highway, every cut is a treasure waiting to be discovered, and the asada is the crown jewel of their grill. If you have visited their other locations in Chino Hills or Covina, you know that they are artists of their craft. Larios Meat Market is family-owned and operated so you can taste the tradition! Stop by in the next couple months after their tenant improvements are complete and let the "King of Asada" elevate your meal to a celebration worthy of a crown.

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 AM, 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](#).



County of Los Angeles Guide to Programs & Services

Learn more about the services available to you through the County of Los Angeles! The [Guide to County Services](#) is intended to help residents locate services and explore the departments and agencies that serve them. Contacts per department are included along with offices throughout the County. Click on the image to jump in!

Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Event Drive-Thru Collection Event

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 @ 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Join the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department at the LA County Fair Grounds Gate 9 to dispose of your household hazardous and electronic waste. Please note that this a drive-thru event and all desired items for disposal should be placed in the trunk of your car. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip. Please visit [cleanla.com](#) to learn more about the event!



Los Angeles County La Verne Library

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

Smarty Pants Story Time

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. For ages 2 - 5 with their parent or caregiver.



Receive Books in the Mail!



Thinking of a good book you'd like to read but you're unable to visit the library? Don't fret - the library can ship books to you free of charge! To order a book, visit the [Library Catalog](#) and place a hold on your desired books. A library card is required. Please contact the library at (661) 948-2410 or fill out the form below to request a card. A valid ID is required to get a library card. Staff will follow-up for this information.

Property Tax Scam

Heads up, LA County Homeowners! Treasurer and Tax Collector are asking the public to be aware of a scam targeting property owners that's making the rounds throughout LA County and surrounding counties. Scammers posing as official County representatives are calling or emailing property owners to demand payment of property taxes or other debts associated with the property.

The correspondence looks and sounds legitimate and often convinces people to pay what they believe they owe. Here's what you need to know:

- The LA County Treasurer and Tax Collector's office will never call, text, or email taxpayers unsolicited asking to collect debt.
- Did you receive a suspicious message? Don't respond to the sender. Instead, contact the LA County agency directly to verify the message.
- If you have general questions about your property taxes, call the Treasurer and Tax Collector's office at (213) 974-2111.

Stay informed and protect yourself! Visit TTC's Property Tax Scams page to learn about the latest scams affecting taxpayers.



City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



City Websites

cityoflaverne.org
lvpd.org
lavernefire.org

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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

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