



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2024

## City Manager's Message

The new Summer 2024 Recreation Guide will soon be available, packed with community events that promise fun and entertainment for all ages. As we turn our calendars to May, we have a host of important updates and community activities to look forward to.

On May 6, we invite you to attend a preliminary study session at the City Council Meeting, focused on the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. This session is the first step in reviewing our city's financial health and we value your input. Additionally, we will host a representative from the California Department of Insurance to discuss a crucial topic for many La Vernians—fire insurance coverage for homes in high fire risk areas and details about the FAIR Plan. This is an important opportunity for homeowners to learn more about safeguarding their properties.

May also marks the return of the LA County Fair, an event enjoyed by many for its delicious treats, exciting games, rides, and live music. Join us for La Verne Day on May 10 at the fair, where our city staff will be present at various booths—come say hello! With the fair, however, comes increased traffic; we appreciate your patience and adherence to revised traffic flows and road signage to ensure safety for all, including our visiting tourists.

Lastly, we have noticed an increase in wildlife activity, including sightings of coyotes and mountain lions. We urge you to keep a safe distance from these animals and to contact the Inland Valley Humane Society if you spot them. For your safety, do not run or turn your back on these animals—instead, back away slowly while making noise to discourage them. For added safety, La Verne City Hall provides free coyote whistles to residents—feel free to pick one up. Residents can also review our Coyote Management on our website to learn more!

Thank you for being a part of our community. We look forward to seeing you at these events and engaging with you on important city matters.

Best,  
*Ken Domer*

Ken Domer  
City Manager



### Picture of the Month



The sidewalks in Old Town La Verne transformed into a dazzling canvas, thanks to the 55 amazing young artists who brought their best game to the Community Services Department's annual Sidewalk Coloring Contest!

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City of La Verne



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# Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:00 PM

Youth Sports Committee Meeting  
City Hall

Thursday, May 2 @ 5:00 PM

Measure LV Citizen Oversight Committee  
City Hall

Monday, May 6 @ 8:30 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting  
Cafe Wang, 2316 D Street

Monday, May 6 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

Tuesday, May 7 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee  
City Hall

Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting  
Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 15 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee  
Community Center

Monday, May 20 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

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 - Nutrition Bingo

FRIDAY, MAY 3 @ 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.

## Love La Verne Day

SATURDAY, MAY 11 ALL DAY

Join the La Verne Chamber of Commerce for Love La Verne Day, the city-wide movement for everyone who wants to help our community thrive! The Chamber of Commerce is connecting residents with community partners to work on vital projects, helping La Verne become a better place to live, work, study, and play. Learn more at [lovelaverne.com](http://lovelaverne.com) to see proposed projects, suggest a project, and to sign up!



## Memorial Day Ceremony

MONDAY, MAY 27 @ 11:00 AM

Join the City of La Verne and VFW Post 12034 for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Hall to remember those who have died in service to our country.



## LA County Fair

FRIDAY, MAY 3 TO MONDAY, 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](#), input the code LAVERNE. To learn more about ticket prices, parking, and more, visit [lacountyfair.com](http://lacountyfair.com). Click on the image below to buy tickets!



# La Verne City Council

## Highlights of City Council Meetings

At the April meetings, the City Council:

### Hosted

- A study session regarding services provided by the Military and Veterans Affairs Department and the proposed LA Metro Double Track Project, requiring reconfiguration to San Dimas Canyon Road;

### Honored

- The seventeen new fire explorers and the return of the fire explorer program;
- AYSO 12U Blue Lightning Boy's Soccer Team and City of La Verne "C" Division Youth Basketball All-Stars Team for their accomplishments;
- Edward Padgett as this year's Outstanding Older American for his volunteerism to the community;

### Recognized

- Council Members Wendy Lau and Rick Crosby during their swearing-in ceremony for their 2024 to 2028 term of office;

### Selected

- Tim Hepburn to serve as Mayor and Steve Johnson as Mayor Pro-Tem for the next year;

### Approved

- The March 18 and April 1 City Council Minutes and Register of Audited Demands;
- The FY 24-25 Community Development Block Grant Contract for curb ramp improvement projects;
- Ordinance No. 24-1126 regarding the military equipment use policy;
- Mid-year budget adjustments for FY 23-24;
- The class specification and salary for Human Resources Specialist and the purchase of 6 motorola portable radios for the Fire Department;
- The Utility User's Tax and Paramedic Service Fee for FY24-25;
- The Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District Public Hearings for the June 17 City Council Meeting;
- Updates to the Comprehensive Fee Schedule effective in the next fiscal year; and

### Received and Filed

- The 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

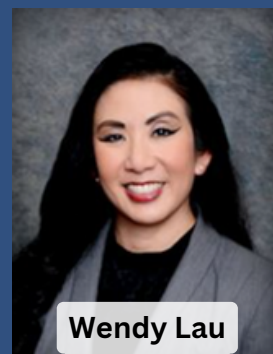
To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live) to watch the video feeds of prior meetings and review the recent agendas and minutes.



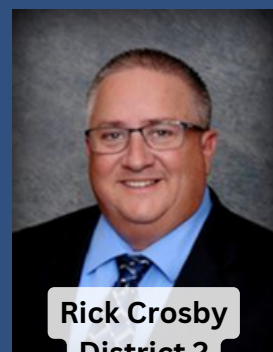
**Mayor Tim Hepburn**  
District 4



**Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Johnson**  
District 1



**Wendy Lau**  
District 5



**Rick Crosby**  
District 2



**Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita**  
District 3

# The City in Numbers

Below are highlights of services provided by City employees in March 2024.

## Public Works Department



**1,041**

Square feet of graffiti removed



**2.7**

Thousand tons of materials collected by

Waste Management



**86.84**

Million gallons of water sold



**212**

Acres of city parks mowed



**127**

Customer field checks

## Community Services Department



**1,407**

Participants involved in activities this month



**85**

Sewing Class Participants



**114**

AARP Tax Assistance Participants

## Administration Department



**1,100**

Calls to the City Hall Main line



**8**

Public Meetings



**22**

Records Requests

## Police Department



**1,631**

Calls for Service



**193**

Reports taken



**31**

Traffic Collisions



**121**

Homeless Calls

## Fire Department



**276**

EMS calls



**5**

Fire-related calls



**13**

Motor vehicle accidents

## Community Development Department

### Department



**3**

Solar permits issued



**46**

Building permits issued



**32**

Electrical permits issued



**14**

Mechanical permits issued



**23**

Plumbing permits issued



**71**

Code Enforcement cases filed



**2**

ADU Permits issued

## Veterans Resource Center

A Veterans Service Officer will be onsite at the Community Center, 3680 D Street, on Mondays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM to provide assistance to veterans and their families in preparing and submitting claims, as well as representing claimants before the federal, state and local agencies providing veterans benefits. Meetings are done by appointment or walk in. To schedule an appointment, please call (909) 596-8776.



## Summer Lunch Program - Donate Now!

Join the City of La Verne's Youth and Family Action Committee in sponsoring a FREE summer lunch program for the community's youth at Las Flores Park. During the school year, eligible students receive free or reduced cost lunches. However, once the school year ends, a lunch program is not provided. The Summer Lunch Program is funded entirely through donations and fulfills the void by offering free lunch to the community's youth. If you are interested in making a donation or receiving further information, please contact the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

## Fire Chief Nigg Advocates in Sacramento

Earlier this month, Fire Chief Nigg advocated for vital legislation, [AB 2330](#), which will streamline weed abatement in high fire risk areas, ensuring that Fire Departments across the State of California can take swift actions to protect homes against the risk of wildfires.



The bill received approval from the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. The City is committed to endorsing legislation that enhances our capability to deliver crucial services to the community. We are grateful to Chief Nigg for his proactive leadership!

## 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.

## Lutheran High School Property Update

Lutheran High School, located at 3960 Fruit Street in La Verne, closed its doors on August 13, 2023, after 50 years of operation. Although the school has ceased operations, the gymnasium continues to be rented out to local groups. The property is currently zoned as "Institutional" with a General Plan designation of "Community Facility," which typically does not allow for residential uses. However, state laws might enable residential development despite these zoning restrictions.

As of April 17, 2024, no development applications have been submitted to the City of La Verne. Arroyo Land Partners LP, a potential developer who is under contract for the property, is seeking community feedback on the future development of the site and has hosted two community input meetings at the Lutheran High School Gym. The City will continue to update the community on the property by including information on the City website at <https://www.cityoflaverne.org/lutheranhigh>. Residents may subscribe on that page to receive email notifications on project updates.

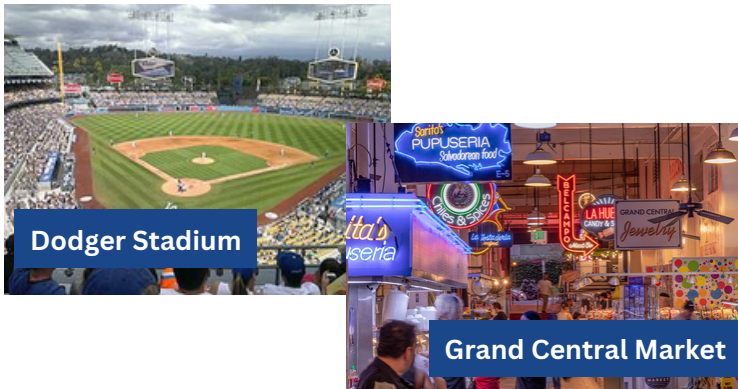


## June Excursions

Discover new places with us this June on a City of La Verne Excursion!

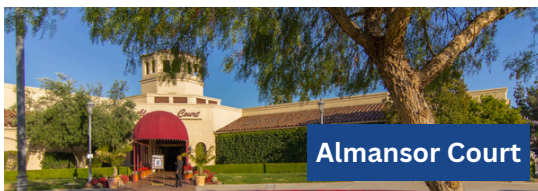
### Thursday, June 6

Experience Dodger Stadium from a whole new perspective with a 75-minute behind-the-scenes guided tour. Following the tour, it's off to Grand Central Market, Los Angeles' largest and oldest public market, to enjoy lunch and shopping on your own. This trip departs at 8:45 AM and returns at 4:30 PM. Tickets are \$55 and is open to all ages.



### Thursday, June 13

If country is more your style, you might enjoy a Patsy Cline & Johnny Cash tribute show and luncheon with the famous Colorful Songs of Broadway. Lunch is included, which includes desserts and refreshments. Shopping and a raffle will be available at the show!



## Sign Up Now!

Online and in-person registration for June excursions is now open. For more information, please call the Community Services Office at (909) 596-8700.

## Ruma Studio

Ruma Studio was recently approved to open the newest spot for yoga in town. Located at 2232 D Street, they will be going into the upstairs suite (203) which was most recently occupied by Victoria's Hair Salon and will also be operated by the same operators of the Nambah Coffee Co., which is located just downstairs in the same building. They will be offering a few small group sessions a week (of no more than five people) as well as one-on-one sessions. We welcome their form of small business expansion in the Old Town La Verne area and wish them well. Check them out if you need a new fitness routine and some chill vibes in your life!



## Verdana Townhome Development Nearing Completion

As many of you know, the Verdana project has been under construction for the past year. The Community Development Department is excited to announce that the Verdana Townhome project, located on Fruit Street, is nearing completion. The final phase of the project is expected to receive their occupancy for the remaining buildings by the end of April, signaling the completion of the project. Brandywine, the developer, has also announced that all 50 units have been sold! The City is excited to include the Verdana development into our ever-growing community.





## MyShake App

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services continues its commitment to California communities to help everyone prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters, including earthquakes. It's important to be prepared BEFORE an earthquake occurs because seconds are crucial to take life-saving protective actions when shaking starts.



With Earthquake Warning California, everyone can be prepared for the next big earthquake. The MyShake App works along the entire US West Coast and will send audio and visual earthquake warnings on your phone. Visit [earthquake.ca.gov](http://earthquake.ca.gov) to learn more!

## Southern California Edison (SCE) - Energy Savings Assistance Program

As the summer months approach, Southern California Edison customers can explore ways to save money on their electricity bills, especially with the increased use of air conditioning and cooling systems during warmer weather. One cool way to lower energy costs and stay comfortable during the scorching heat of summer is by enrolling in SCE's Energy Savings Assistance Program. To be eligible, customers must meet specific household income guidelines. After income qualification, a contractor will conduct a walk-through of the home to collect information. This information will assist SCE in determining the potential for installing one or more appliances or services. An inspection may be conducted in your home to ensure that the contractor has met our installation quality standards. Learn more at [sce.com/esa](http://sce.com/esa)



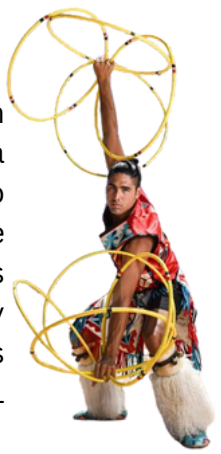
# Los Angeles County La Verne Library

Swing by the La Verne library for upcoming events and to access resources! *Advanced registration is required for events. Please visit the [Los Angeles County La Verne Library website](http://Los Angeles County La Verne Library website) to learn more!*

## The Sacred Circle

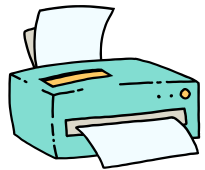
**SATURDAY, JUNE 1 @ 1:00 PM**

Brought to you by the American Indian Resource Center, Eric Hernandez is a traditional Native American Hoop Dancer affiliated with the Lumbee Tribe. Taught Hoop Dancing by his uncle, champion Hoop Dancer Terry Goedel, at the age of 12, Eric has shared his Hoop Dance with over 1 million spectators.



## Printing Services

Have a last minute assignment, tax forms to print, or any document but you do not have access to a printer? Swing by the La Verne Library can print 10 pages per day for free, with added pages at \$0.15 per page. Visit [lacountylibrary.org/print/](http://lacountylibrary.org/print/) to learn more about this service!



## Free Tablets for Older Adults & People with Disabilities

The LA County Departments of Aging and Disabilities and Public Social Services are launching the Access to Technology (ATT) Program, which will provide 3,000 tablets to older adults, as well as adults with disabilities, to facilitate access to digital connectivity and technology. Eligible participants will receive a customized Samsung tablet, essential cybersecurity training, and 24-month access to 5G internet service. Optional free digital literacy courses will also be extended.

To qualify, residents must meet the following criteria:

- Be sixty (60) years of age or older, or eighteen (18) years of age or older with a disability.
- Reside in LA County.
- Not currently own a mobile electronic device (excluding smartphones) AND/OR lack internet connectivity.

Eligible residents can call (833) 823-1863 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm to obtain assistance



LA County's new Program offers FREE Samsung Tablets & 24-month 5G Internet Plans.

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AND/OR

- ✓ Lack Internet connectivity

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL US TOLL-FREE  
**1-833-823-1863**  
FOR TELECOM RELAY SERVICES DIAL 711



### City Hall Hours

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



### 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



### City Websites

- [cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)
- [lvpd.org](http://lvpd.org)
- [lavernefire.org](http://lavernefire.org)



### Quick Links to City Website

- City Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- Public Records Request
- Utility Bill Payments
- Building Permits
- Business License Process
- Event Calendar
- Program Registration



### Additional Newsletters

- Chamber of Commerce - Subscribe Now
- Winter/Spring 2024 Recreation Guide
- Conservation Corner
- Senior - April 2024

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### 24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.