



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2025

City Manager's Message

The holiday season is upon us, and it's a wonderful time to gather with loved ones and enjoy the many festive events happening throughout La Verne this December. I wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season filled with warmth and community spirit.

As we celebrate, let's also prioritize safety on our roads. With shorter daylight hours, I urge drivers to stay alert, yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and exercise extra caution. Pedestrians and cyclists, please remember to check before crossing intersections and remain aware of your surroundings. Together, we can ensure everyone has a safe holiday season.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are planning several significant initiatives to continue shaping the future of La Verne. Early in the year, we will present the City's updated General Plan to the City Council. This document serves as La Verne's blueprint for growth and development, guiding land use, housing, transportation, environmental sustainability, and more for the next 20 years. The General Plan sets the vision for our City, ensuring we remain a vibrant and thriving community.

Additionally, we will update our Parks and Recreation Master Plan to enhance our recreational spaces, revise our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to better prepare for emergencies, and develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan to align our goals with actionable steps for the future. Your input will be essential to shaping these plans, and I encourage you to get involved and share your ideas.

Thank you for being an active part of our community. Let's make this holiday season—and the year ahead—a time to remember as we celebrate our traditions and work together toward a brighter future.

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



Approximately 1,000 toys were donated this year to La Verne residents in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!

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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, January 6 @ 8:30 AM
Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
Café Wang

Wednesday, January 8 @ 6:30 PM
Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 14 @ 5:00 PM
Active Transportation Committee Meeting
Council Chambers

Monday, January 21 @ 5:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Tuesday, January 28 @ 5:30 PM
Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee
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 Movie Matinee
MONDAY, JANUARY 13 @ 12:30 PM
Come and enjoy a free viewing of Top Gun Maverick, 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.



Senior Seminar Series WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY

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.

- Wednesday, January 8th @ 9:30 AM: Cancer 101 - Presented by Independence at Home
- Wednesday, January 29th @ 9:30 AM: Government Home Equity Loans - Presented by Change Home Mortgage

Veterans Resource Center MONDAYS FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

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.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City facilities will be closed from
December 25 through January 2! City
facilities will reopen starting Monday,
January 6, 2025.

La Verne City Council



City Council Meeting Summation

At the December meetings, the City Council:

Recognized

- the Bonita High School Chamber Singers and Choir Director Ryan Yoder for their performance during the Tree Lighting Ceremony;
- Honorable Congresswoman Grace Napolitano for 26 years of dedicated service representing the San Gabriel Valley;
- Travis Tibbetts as La Verne's new Police Captain;
- the 8U and 10U All-Star La Verne Girls Softball Teams for their achievements on a stellar season;
- the La Verne Police Department Business Assistance through Crime Reduction (BACR) Program for the implementation of their first pilot program with Micky's Jewelry;

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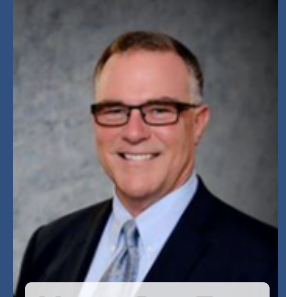
- the Development Impact Fee Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024;

Approved

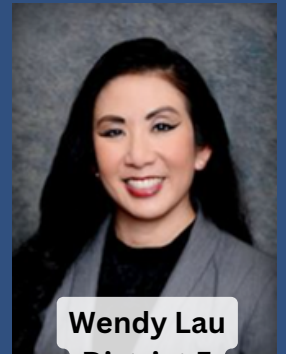
- the November 18 and December 2 City Council Meeting Minutes and Registers of Audited Demands;
- the cancellation of the January 6, 2025 City Council Meeting;
- the contract award with Rite-Way Roof to repair the City Hall Roof;
- the Sewer System Management Plan;
- the professional services agreement with WaterTalent for water and sewer staffing services;
- the 2025 Legislative Platform;
- the Youth Sports Facility Use Agreement with the La Verne Girls Softball Association;
- a film permit with Goodflix LLC for the The Secret Life of the Dean's Wife, to be filmed at the University of La Verne; and
- resolutions to modify the salary range for the Public Works Director and adding a class specification and salary range for a Public Works Director/City Engineer.



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 November 2024.

Public Works Department



1,150

Square feet of graffiti removed



2.3 Thousand tons of materials collected by Waste Management



181.8

Million gallons of water sold



133 Acres of city parks mowed



85 Water Service orders

Community Services Department



1,265

Participants involved in activities this month



43 Gymnastics Participants



61 Aerobics Participants

Administration Department



967 Calls to the City Hall Main line



8

Public Meetings



14

Records Requests

Police Department



1,488

Calls for Service



230

Reports taken



33

Traffic Collisions



123

Homeless Calls

Fire Department



253

EMS calls



6

Fire-related calls



12

Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



33

Solar permits issued



73

Building permits issued



35

Electrical permits issued



9

Mechanical permits issued



16

Plumbing permits issued



42

Code Enforcement cases filed



1

ADU Permit issued

New Recreation Guide Out Now!

Check out our new Winter/Spring 2025 Recreation Guide for the best activities, programs, and events of the season! Registration for most classes are open now! Don't miss out on all the excitement, click on the Rec Guide below to dive in!



Overnight Holiday Parking Exemptions

The La Verne Police Department will not be enforcing parking restrictions from Monday, December 23 to Thursday, January 2. Enforcement resumes Friday, January 3 at 2:00 AM. To learn more, please visit lvpd.org

Military Recognition Program Members

The Military Recognition Program is our way of showing pride and respect for the brave men and women currently serving in the armed forces. This month, the City of La Verne proudly welcomes the following individuals:

- Alexander W. Guerrero – Navy
- Logan R. Pedevillano – Navy
- Jacob O. Tatenco – Navy
- Roman Urquidez – Army
- Anthony D. Valenzuela – Marines

We extend our gratitude to these service members and their families for their dedication and sacrifice. The City of La Verne stands with you and celebrates your service! If you know of a La Verne resident who is actively serving and would like to join the program, please encourage their family to contact Robyn Olsen at (909) 596-8776 or via email at rolsen@cityoflaverne.org.



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 to learn more!*

Year of the Snake

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 5:00 PM

Do you know the Chinese Zodiac Story? Join us as we learn about the story and then use water colors to paint this years zodiac animal, the snake. For ages 6 -12 with their parent or caregiver.



Dance, Play, & Explore

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 @ 10:15 AM

Come join us for a morning of dance, play and creativity! Help children learn fine & gross motor skills through play and enjoy a unique family bonding experience. For ages 1 - 5 with parent or caregiver.



Spark of Love Program Wrap Up

The La Verne Fire Department's annual Spark of Love Toy Drive ran from November 13 to December 13, with donation boxes at all three fire stations, City Hall, the Community Center, Panera Bread, and Chuze Fitness.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we collected approximately 1,000 toys this year, including 40 bikes generously donated by Crazy Bear Bikes, Pomona Truck & Auto, and the La Verne Firefighters Association. These donations allowed us to bring holiday cheer to 36 local families, including 122 children, and also support several charities and organizations within the La Verne community.



AARP Tax Free Assistance

The Community Center will begin taking appointments for FREE tax filing assistance starting the week of January 6, 2025. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide assistance to seniors with low-to-moderate income in filing their SIMPLE tax returns on Tuesdays from February 4, 2025, through April 8, 2025. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their previous year's tax return, any forms showing income, pensions, or Social Security payments, as well as forms showing interest or dividends earned from investments. Receipts or canceled checks for income or property taxes paid, along with records of any contributions made to charities, should also be provided.

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City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday
7:30 AM - 5:30 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 Requests
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Building Permits
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24-Hour City Of La Verne

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