



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2025

City Manager's Message

I am pleased to share several important updates regarding the City's long-term planning efforts, upcoming community programs, and emergency preparedness resources.

The City has formally adopted the General Plan, a comprehensive document that will guide La Verne's development and growth over the coming decades. This milestone follows seven years of extensive public outreach, including community workshops, surveys, pop-up events, and advisory committee meetings. The plan incorporates the seven State-mandated elements—land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, and safety—as well as additional elements focused on Economic Development, Fiscal Sustainability, and Community Health and Wellness, reflecting a proactive approach to addressing the City's evolving needs.

As we transition into spring, the City's Recreation Programs offer a variety of activities for residents of all ages. The latest Recreation Guide outlines programs available from January through May, including orange picking at Heritage Park, the Vendor Faire, and the annual Egg-cellent Adventure in April. These programs provide opportunities for community engagement and outdoor recreation.

Additionally, the recent windstorm has reinforced the importance of emergency preparedness. This newsletter includes resources to help residents prepare for potential emergencies. The City is also offering an upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, designed to equip participants with essential disaster response skills. Given the program's high demand, early registration is encouraged.

Thank you for your continued engagement in the La Verne community. We look forward to your participation in these initiatives.

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



With the windstorms in early January, Public Works crews responded to over 80 different locations, removing tree limbs, downed trees, and storm debris, and addressing traffic light outages.

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City of La Verne



Text "91750" to 888777 for Nixle updates

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 3 @ 8:00 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Annual Meeting
University of La Verne

Monday, February 3 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, February 4 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 12 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 18 @ 5:30 PM

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

Tuesday, February 25 @ 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, FEBRUARY 10 @ 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a free viewing of Ticket to Paradise, accompanied with light refreshments. The Community Center hosts Movie Matinees on 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.

Sweetheart's Dance for those with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 5:00 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an evening of music, dancing, and fun! On Friday, February 14, from 5:00-8:00 PM, the Community Center will host a Sweetheart's Dance for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Participants age 13 and older are invited to enjoy music, refreshments, fun decorations, and a chance to party with their peers.



Tickets are \$8.00 pre-sale through Thursday, February 13th at the Community Services Office or \$10.00 cash at the door. Parents/guardians do not need to purchase a ticket. Please note that space is limited, and pre-registration is highly encouraged. This event is proudly sponsored by the Order of the Alhambra and the City of La Verne. For more information, please call (909) 596-8776.

Recycling & Organics Public Workshop - Commercial and Multi-Family Residential

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 @ 5:00 PM

Join us for a free workshop to learn about California's state recycling and organics requirements. Key recycling and organics legislation (SB 1383, AB 1826, AB 341), practical steps to comply with state mandates, Q&A with Waste Management experts, businesses and multi-family properties must implement required services to stay compliant. Visit cityoflaverne.org/organicsrecycling to learn more and access the virtual meeting link. The meeting is available in-person at the Council Chambers and via Zoom, with the link accessible on the City website.



La Verne City Council



City Council Meeting Summation

At the January meeting, the City Council:

Recognized

- the Christmas Morning volunteers;

Received

- the results of the Community Survey and discussed how these results impact future planning;
- a presentation regarding recycling and organics waste compliance requirements for commercial and multi-family residential properties;

Rejected

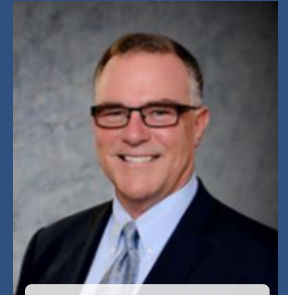
- bids for the public works contract for video camera installation throughout the City, directing staff to rebid the project;

Approved

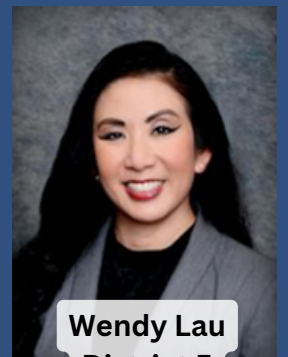
- the December 16 City Council Meeting Minutes and Registers of Audited Demands;
- amendments to the eligible employee list for CalOES emergency incidents;
- salary adjustments for ambulance operators due to the increase in California Minimum Wage;
- a license agreement with Lewis Land Developers for recreation activities at the Lutheran High School Property;
- a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency for the recent windstorms;
- the Community Development Block Grant program for fiscal year 25-26;
- the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan and approved the General Plan Update;
- the outdoor sidewalk dining and furniture policy;
- a contract with CentralSquare for the purchase of an upgraded Enterprise Resource Planning System and continue the contract with Naviline System for Utility Billing and Business License modules; and
- the amended employment agreement between the City of La Verne and City Manager Ken Domer.



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 December 2024.

Public Works Department



25 Square feet of graffiti removed



2.5 Thousand tons of materials collected by Waste Management



188.8 Million gallons of water sold



1 Acre of city parks mowed



96 Water Service orders

Community Services Department



1,156 Participants involved in activities this month



40 Children's Dance Participants



22 Senior Golf League Participants

Administration Department



867 Calls to the City Hall Main line



Public Meetings



Records Requests

Police Department



1,469 Calls for Service



187 Reports taken



27 Traffic Collisions



106 Homeless Calls

Fire Department



284 EMS calls



8 Fire-related calls



11 Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



13 Solar permits issued



38 Building permits issued



25 Electrical permits issued



9 Mechanical permits issued



10 Plumbing permits issued



30 Code Enforcement cases filed



1 ADU Permit issued

La Verne CERT March Basic Training - Sign Up Now!

La Verne's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be starting their basic training course in March 2025! The CERT program helps train residents to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

CERT Basic Training consists of 8 classes and a course review and exercise. Classes usually meet twice a week over four or five weeks, with the course review and exam on Saturday at the end of the course. Classes include slide presentations, demonstrations and hands-on exercises taught by FEMA-trained CERT instructors. They are educational, fun and engaging! Sign up now at <https://lavernecert.org/enroll/>



Military Recognition Program - Join Now!

The Military Recognition Program is our way of showing pride and respect for the brave men and women currently serving in the armed forces. The recognition program consists of a military recognition display, mini home banners, and community outreach. Below are the most recent additions to the Military Recognition Program.

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!*

African American and Black History Month Program

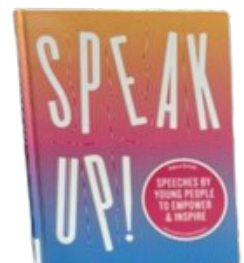
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 @ 12:00 PM

Join us to learn about the history and impact of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. You will have the opportunity to be inspired by the message of activism through service by creating your own commemorative coaster. For adults.

Teens in the Civil Rights Movement

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 @ 4:00 PM

Celebrate African American and Black History Month. Learn about the impact of teens in the civil rights movement, then create your coaster in support of a cause you care about. For teens ages 13 - 17.





Emergency Preparedness Resources

Listos California

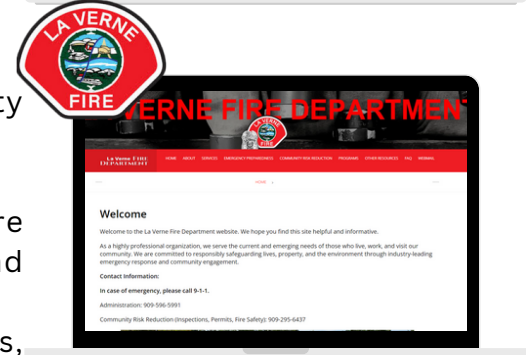
The State of California has developed a webpage, Listos California, listoscalifornia.org, to prepare for all emergencies, including extreme heat, wildfires, power outages, severe storms, earthquakes, and more. Additionally, the website will provide prompt updates on current emergencies, and guide residents on how to sign up for alerts. Click on the computer icon to the right to check out their website!



Wildfire-Specific Resources

The La Verne Fire Department website offers a variety of resources for residents to review including the following:

- **2014 Community Wildfire Protection Plan** - Evaluates wildfire threats, develop strategies to enhance wildfire protection, and protect human life and City’s assets.
- **Fire Safety Tips** - The website covers “Ready, Set, Go” tactics, identifying how to prepare for potential wildfires, the importance of maintaining defensible space around the home, the importance of being alert if there is an imminent danger in the area, and important information if there is a need to evacuate.
- **Smoke Alarm Tips** - This section covers installation and maintenance best practices.



How Do I Stay Connected For Emergency Updates?

The best way to receive updates during an emergency is to follow the Police Department and Fire Department on social media. Regular updates are posted on these platforms throughout a local emergency. You can follow the La Verne Police Department at @LaVernePoliceDepartment and the La Verne Fire Department at @LaVerneFireDepartment.

For those without social media, residents can always call the City requesting an emergency update at (909) 596-8726. It is important to note that in the event that evacuations are required, all residents will receive a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) through their phones.

Additionally, it is recommended to sign up for Nixle text alerts. These alerts will cover severe weather, criminal activities, severe traffic, missing persons, or local events. To sign up, text the phone number 888777 and the body of the message should be the La Verne zipcode, 91750. Residents can also sign up to receive alerts from Edison for outages and when power will be restore. Visit sce.com/psps to see how to sign up.

Additionally, important apps to know are the following:

- La Verne Link Application
- Alert LA County Application
- Watch Duty Application (Fire Specific)
- Genasys Protect Application (Fire Specific)

The Earthquake Brace + Bolt Retrofit Grant Program

The California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP) offers two retrofit grant programs: Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) and Earthquake Soft-Story (ESS). Each program addresses a specific vulnerability, depending on your home's construction type. To learn more, please visit <https://www.californiaresidentialmitigationprogram.com/our-seismic-retrofit-programs/see-if-you-qualify>

Water Wings Swim School

Water Wings Swim School is now open near the Sprouts Farmers Market and Daiso stores on Foothill Boulevard (1365 Foothill Blvd.). Boasting both competition-style and baby pools, Water Wings will offer group classes and private/semi-private training for swimmers as young as 3 months all the way up through adult ages Monday through Saturday. They will even play host to a recreational swim team! Check out their website and get yourself or your families all set for summer swimming.



AARP Free 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-to-moderate income in filing their SIMPLE tax returns on Tuesdays from February 4 through Tuesday, April 8. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776.



City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday
7:30 AM - 5:30 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

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



24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



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