



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2025

City Manager's Message

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update is underway, and we invite you to be part of the process. This plan will guide the development of parks, programs, and recreational spaces in La Verne for the next 20 years. Join us for the first community workshop on March 12 to learn about the plan's goals and provide input on how we can enhance parks and recreation for all residents. The workshop will be available in-person at the Community Center and virtually via Zoom. For more details, visit cityoflaverne.org/prmp and page 2 of the City Manager Newsletter for workshop details.

As we look ahead to future improvements, we also encourage residents to enjoy La Verne's existing parks and open spaces. Heritage Park is a great place to visit, especially during citrus season—be sure to stop by and pick up some fresh oranges. Additionally, the park's Vendor Faire is scheduled for the end of March. More information can be found on page two of the City Manager's newsletter.

With the recent warm weather, it's been wonderful to see residents taking advantage of outdoor spaces, whether walking, biking, or enjoying time in the parks. As you explore the City, please remember to report any potholes, graffiti, or downed tree limbs to the Public Works team by calling (909) 596-8741 or submitting requests through the La Verne Link app, available 24/7.

Community input is essential to ensuring La Verne remains a great place to live, work, and play. We look forward to hearing from you at the upcoming workshop and appreciate your help in keeping our City safe and well-maintained.

Best,
Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The Fire Department's Urban Search & Rescue team sharpened their skills with confined space rescue training, ensuring that LVFD is ready to deploy when needed!

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 3 @ 8:30 AM
Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
Cafe Wang

Monday, March 3 @ 5:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Tuesday, March 4 @ 9:00 AM
Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 5 @ 6:00 PM
Youth Sports Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 12 @ 9:00 AM
Public Financing Authority (EIFD) Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, March 17 @ 5:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at cityoflaverne.org/live

Tuesday, March 25 @ 5:00 PM
Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 25 @ 5:30 PM
Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee
Large Conference Room

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

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Community Workshop

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 @ 5:30 PM

Join us for the first community workshop to explore the goals of the Master Plan and discover how you can help shape the future of Parks & Recreation in the City of La Verne! The workshop will be held in person at the Community Center and virtually via Zoom. For additional information, please visit cityoflaverne.org/prmp

Regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan Workshop

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 @ 5:00 PM

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is developing a regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and invites all San Gabriel Valley residents and businesses to share their wildfire priorities. A CWPP is a community-based plan focused on identifying and addressing local wildfire hazards and risks. La Verne has a [CWPP](#) that covers the local jurisdiction and this regional CWPP will serve as a supplement, looking at needed regional efforts to improve safety throughout the San Gabriel Valley. This workshop will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 3660 D Street, Learn more about the plan at the [SGVCOG website](#).

Inland Valley Humane Society Wildlife Presentation

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 @ 6:00 PM

The Inland Valley Humane Society is hosting a Wildlife Presentation at the Community Center starting at 6 PM. If you've noticed more coyotes or other wildlife in your neighborhood and aren't sure how to respond, this session is for you! Trained staff will discuss local animals, their habits, and diets while providing solutions for common wildlife issues. We'll also cover important safety tips to help keep you, your pets, and our community safe. Join us to learn how we can peacefully coexist with the wildlife around us!

Orange Blossom Vendor Faire

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 @ 10:00 AM

Join the La Verne Heritage Foundation at Heritage Park for their annual Vendor Faire! Explore over 40 unique handmade and home-based business vendors to peruse for Easter, Mother's Day, or to spoil yourself! There will be food, music, tours of the historic Weber House and a tractor pulled wagon ride available for the event! For more information, call (909) 593-2862 or check out their website, laverneheritage.org.



La Verne City Council

City Council Meeting Summation



At the February meetings, the City Council:

Proclaimed

- February 2025 as Black History Month, presenting the proclamation to the Cultural Awareness and Social Inclusion (CASI) Committee;

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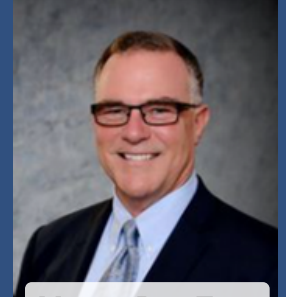
- a presentation from the Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA regarding services provided to the community and notable developments;
- a presentation from Tri City Mental Health Authority's new Executive Director Onston Placide, who provided an overview of services;
- the new Police Officer Lukas Morris and the new Police Department website;
- a presentation from Fire Marshal Fred St. Ange regarding the new Arson Investigation Program;
- And filed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024;

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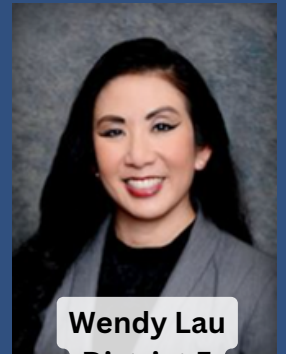
- the January 21 and February 3 City Council Meeting Minutes and Registers of Audited Demands;
- Quarterly Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2024;
- Curb Ramp Improvements using CDBG grant funds;
- Release of bonds for Meritage Home development at San Dimas Canyon Road and Golden Hills Road;
- Side letter agreements with bargaining groups for CalPERS compliance;
- The job classification and salary for an Efficiency Technician;
- A General Plan Ordinance adoption for the implementation of housing element policies and other updates for state compliance;
- The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures to abate nuisances at declared properties;
- The La Verne Police Department's Military Equipment Policy;
- A contract with Black & Veatch to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- The County of Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission to initiate proceedings for reorganization of territory;
- Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation program;
- The declaration of intent to abate weeds and set a public hearing from Tuesday, February 18;
- The selection of Mayor Tim Hepburn as the voting delegate for the Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly meeting; and
- A resolution in opposition to the South Coast Air Quality Management District's proposed amendments, Rules 1111 and Rules 1121, related to regulation of air emissions for residential and business natural gas furnaces and water heaters.



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 January 2025.

Public Works Department



980 Square feet of graffiti removed



859 Hundred tons of materials collected by Waste Management



171.4 Million gallons of water sold



97 Acres of city parks mowed



121 Water Service orders

Community Services Department



1,123 Participants involved in activities this month



35 Computer Classes Participants



36 Watercolor Painting Participants

Administration Department



1,345 Calls to the City Hall Main line



5 Public Meetings



16 Records Requests

Police Department



1,656 Calls for Service



213 Reports taken



46 Traffic Collisions



119 Homeless Calls

Fire Department



307 EMS calls



10 Fire-related calls



17 Motor vehicle accidents

Community Development Department



7 Solar permits issued



37 Building permits issued



23 Electrical permits issued



6 Mechanical permits issued



11 Plumbing permits issued



45 Code Enforcement cases filed



2 ADU Permits issued

NEW IN TOWN

Café X20

Mediterranean Restaurant Café X20 in the Town Center North Shopping Center was recently approved by the Planning Commission for an upgrade to their Alcoholic Beverage Control license! So go check them out and support a local La Verne business and their exciting new expansion!



Pom Pilates

We are excited to welcome Pom Pilates to Heritage Plaza, located at 1447 Foothill Boulevard (CVS center)! The new reformer-based Pilates studio will offer expert-led classes and is sure to bring a modern, high-quality fitness experience to our community! With tenant improvements underway, Pom Pilates is set to become a wonderful addition to our local health and fitness community. We look forward to celebrating their grand opening soon – stay tuned!

Old Haunts in Old Town San Diego Excursion

On Thursday, May 29, uncover San Diego's rich history and haunted past with a guided tour of the Whaley House, one of America's most haunted homes, where you'll hear captivating stories and explore its eerie halls. Afterward, enjoy free time and lunch on your own in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, a vibrant 1800s-era district featuring historic sites, unique shops, and cultural demonstrations. The trip is open to all ages, and costs \$115 per person. For more information, please call (909) 596-8776.

2024 End of Year Report

For the first time, the City of La Verne has developed an End of Year Report—a comprehensive look at the key initiatives, accomplishments, and community investments that shaped 2024. From infrastructure upgrades and public safety enhancements to regional partnerships and economic development, the report provides valuable insights into how La Verne is growing and evolving. Moving forward, this will be an annual tradition, ensuring residents stay connected and engaged in the City's future. [Read the full report now](https://cityoflaverne.org/endofyear) at cityoflaverne.org/endofyear

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](https://www.lacountylibrarytrust.org/la-verne) to learn more!*

Women's History Month - History of Tennis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 @ 5:00 PM

Join us as we learn the history of women in the competitive sport of tennis and then make your own tennis racket and get ready to play games. For ages 6 – 12 with their parent or caregiver.

Key N Harmony Music Time FRIDAY, MARCH 28 @ 11:00 AM

Start off your day in a musical way! Enjoy melodies & harmonies in this fun filled musical jam with Aaron Tallada from Key n Harmony! For ages 1 – 5 with their parent or caregiver.





Help Transform La Verne's Streets with Art

The City of La Verne's Youth and Family Action Committee (YFAC) is looking for talented young artists and youth artist teams to bring creativity to our streets! The Utility Power Box Painting Project is your chance to turn everyday electrical boxes into vibrant works of public art—beautifying our community while sharing your artistic vision with residents and visitors alike.

This is more than just a painting project—it's an opportunity to showcase local talent, spark inspiration, and take pride in shaping the visual landscape of La Verne. Selected artists will have the unique opportunity to transform practical structures into stunning art pieces that brighten public spaces and celebrate creativity.

Want to participate? Submit your proposal by April 17 at 5:00 PM! Visit the YFAC page on the City's website for project details, requirements, and how to apply: cityoflaverne.org/427/Youth-Family-Action-Committee



Southern California Association of Governments Scholarship Program - Apply Now!

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Scholarship Program, in partnership with the California Transportation Foundation, provides nine \$4,000 scholar-



-ships for high school or community college students from the SCAG region, including La Verne.

Students in any field of study are invited to apply. Visit the [SCAG website](#) to learn more and apply!

Parent Night: Internet & Social Media Safety



In partnership with the Youth & Family Action Committee and the Bonita Unified School District, the La Verne Police Department will be discussing internet and social media safety for children. The meeting will be held at Roynon Elementary School on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 PM and all are welcome to attend. The meeting will also be recorded by LVTV and posted on YouTube at a later date.

Opening the Discussion Around Recent Wildfires

The State of California has introduced **Engaged California**, a new program designed to give residents a direct way to share their thoughts on important issues—without attending meetings or navigating complex processes. This virtual discussion forum allows you to engage in meaningful conversations on topics with your input shared directly with state leaders. The first topic to be discussed is the Los Angeles fires recovery from the recent Eaton and Palisades fires.



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The City of La Verne encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to voice concerns, share ideas, and help shape future policies. Your participation can make a difference! Learn more and get involved today - engaged.ca.gov

California Mental Health Services Authority & Tri-City Mental Health Authority Grant Program

Tri-City Mental Health Authority is offering a mini-grant opportunity of up to \$10,000 for individuals and organizations serving BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities in Pomona, La Verne, and Claremont. This grant supports non-clinical, community-driven initiatives that promote mental wellness and reduce stigma. Funded projects should align with Mental Health Awareness Month (May) and/or Pride Month (June) by organizing inclusive events and activities that foster awareness and well-being.

Eligible applicants include nonprofits, schools, cultural centers, advocacy groups, artists, educators, students, and community leaders engaged in mental health initiatives. Collaborative networks working to support underrepresented communities are also encouraged to apply. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 21, 2025, by 5 PM.

For questions or additional information, contact Candice Medina, CalMHSA Senior Program Coordinator, at Candice.medina@calmhsa.org or visit the grant application website, <https://www.calmhsa.org/bids-contracting-opportunities/>



California Mental Health Services Authority

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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
Utility Bill Payments
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Business License Process
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Program Registration



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Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



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