



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2025

## City Manager's Message

April is always an active month in La Verne, marked by exciting community events and important work behind the scenes as we prepare next year's City budget.

As highlighted on pages two and three of this guide, there's no shortage of fun for residents of all ages. Signature events like the Cool Cruise Car Show and the Eggcellent Adventure are returning, two of our most popular gatherings that truly showcase La Verne's community spirit.

With beautiful spring weather, it's also a great time to explore our local parks. Las Flores and Lowell Brandt Park playgrounds have both recently been renovated and are perfect for a family outing. Please note that the Oak Mesa Park playground is currently closed for improvements as we build a new inclusive playground with a built-in shade structure, designed for children of all abilities to enjoy. We look forward to sharing more updates on that project soon.

Behind the scenes, City departments have been hard at work reviewing their budgets in preparation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Throughout April, our finance team will continue refining the proposed budgets to ensure we maintain a fiscally responsible and sustainable plan. The draft budget will be presented to the City Council on May 5 for initial review, with a revised version returning on June 2 and final adoption scheduled for June 16.

Budget development is a collaborative effort, and we strongly encourage residents to attend these meetings and engage in the process. Your input is vital as we continue working to provide high-quality services and preserve the unique charm of La Verne.

Best,  
*Ken Domer*

Ken Domer  
City Manager



### Picture of the Month



Do you know what's in your trash? The Fire Department responded to a call regarding a smoking Waste Management Truck. As a reminder, please do not dispose of hazardous or combustible materials, as they tend to be the leading cause for these fires.

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City of La Verne



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# Upcoming Meetings

**Tuesday, April 1 @ 9:00 AM**

Development Review Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Monday, April 7 @ 8:30 AM**

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District  
Cafe Wang

**Monday, April 7 @ 4:30 PM**

Joint Special Meeting/Study Session - City Council and Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee  
City Council Chambers & via Live Stream at [cityoflaverne.org/live](http://cityoflaverne.org/live)

**Monday, April 7 @ 6:30 PM**

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

**Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:00 PM**

Active Transportation Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30 PM**

Planning Commission Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Wednesday, April 16 @ 10:00 AM**

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting  
Community Center

**Monday, April 21 @ 5:30 PM**

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

**Tuesday, April 22 @ 5:30 PM**

Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers

**Tuesday, April 29 @ 5:00 PM**

Measure LV Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting  
Small Conference Room

The City of La Verne's committees and commissions 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.

# Upcoming Events



## Sidewalk Coloring Contest

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 @ 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 done through April 1 at the Community Services Office or by calling 909-596-8700. Late registration can be done Wednesday, April 2 from 9:00 AM to 9:25 AM at Mainiero Square.



## Egg-cellent Adventure

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5 @ 9:00 AM**

Join us at Heritage Park for the City of La Verne's 3rd Annual Egg-cellent Adventure! This free, family-friendly event promises a day filled with fun and excitement for all ages. Come and explore our festive vendor booths, enjoy delicious food, groove to live music, and create memorable crafts. Don't forget to snap a photo with the Easter Bunny and join in on a variety of activities in the park.



## Autism HWY Chalk Festival

**SATURDAY APRIL 12 @ 10:00 AM**

Join us at the City Hall Parking Lot for the Autism HWY Chalk Festival, a vibrant celebration of community and art! Since 2011, this event has aimed to connect the arts with brain style awareness. Autism is part of every community, and celebrating acceptance and inclusion unlocks deeper understanding for us all. Enjoy a day of chalk art created by professional, amateur, and autistic artists! You can also explore booths with autism and disability info, experience the Rumbling Rhythm Drum Circle, enjoy speeches and musical performances and more. We hope to see you there!

# Upcoming Events

## Senior Craft Fair

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19 @ 9:00 AM**

Join us at the La Verne Community Center for an exciting Senior Craft Fair! This event offers a wonderful opportunity for seniors to showcase and sell their unique, handcrafted creations. Attendees can enjoy browsing a wide variety of items, perfect for gifts or personal enjoyment. There is a \$25 registration fee for vendors, which directly contributes to our senior funds. The fair is a delightful gathering for both crafters and visitors, celebrating creativity and community. For more information, please contact the La Verne Community Center at (909) 596-8776.

## Cool Cruise Classic Car Show

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19 @ 10:00 AM**

The popular Cool Cruise Classic Car Show kicks off the spring season in Old Town La Verne with classic cars, live classic rock music, and more! Car enthusiasts old and young alike always have a great time at this event. You don't want to miss it!

For more information, please check out the website [coolcruiseacarshow.com](http://coolcruiseacarshow.com) or call (714) 671-5833.



## Community Yard Sale with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 8:00 AM**

Are you ready for some spring cleaning? The La Verne Chamber of Commerce, with the City of La Verne and Bonita High School, are sponsoring a Community Yard Sale! Join us at the Bonita High School parking lot for this event! There is no admission to attend and everyone is invited to browse and shop. Spaces may still be available for purchase. For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (909) 593-5265.



## Sip of La Verne Wine Walk

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 5:00 PM**

Old Town La Verne's annual Sip of La Verne Wine Walk is right around the corner! This popular event will feature quality wine, delicious food pairings from our local restaurants, and live music throughout the event. Participants receive a commemorative wine glass, tickets for 12 wine pours and unlimited food tastings from great La Verne Restaurants with a backdrop of multiple live music venues throughout Old Town. Tickets are on sale now on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) and in-person in the Community Development Department. Make sure to purchase your tickets before April 1 to secure early bird pricing of \$68 per person or \$35 for designated drivers.

## 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 to provide assistance to veterans and their families in preparing and submitting claims, as well as representing claimants providing veterans benefits. Meetings are done by appointment or walk in. To schedule an appointment, please call (909) 596-8776.



# La Verne City Council



## City Council Meeting Summation

At the March meetings, the City Council:

### Proclaimed

- March 2025 as Women's History Month, presenting the proclamation to La Verne resident Dr. Chantal Steiber, who received a Presidential Award of Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring;
- March 2025 in recognition of Red Cross Month, recognizing the efforts of the San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross during the recent Southern California wildfires;
- March 2025 Irish American Heritage Month, celebrating the cultural and historical contributions of Irish Americans;

### Recognized

- the La Verne Fire Department and Community Emergency Response Team who have worked tirelessly to both serve the community and the state during the unprecedented fire, wind and rain season;
- newly appointed Police Department Chaplain Chris Rix;
- the new Fire Department Peer Support Program, which will enhance mental health and well-being of its personnel;

### Approved

- the February 18 and March 3 City Council Meeting Minutes and Registers of Audited Demands;
- a military deployment salary and benefits for a City employee who was called to active duty;
- the updated class specification for Battalion Chief;
- the Youth Sports Facility Use Agreement with La Verne Little League;
- the Executive Employment Agreement template, which sets the terms and conditions of employment for Department Directors;
- the 2024 Housing Element Annual Report;
- SB1205 Annual Fire State Inspection Report;
- proclamation request for Autism Acceptance & Awareness Month;
- film location agreement with Moonbug Production LLC.;
- a contract to Convergent Technologies LLC for Citywide Video Management System and Camera Installation;

### Received and filed

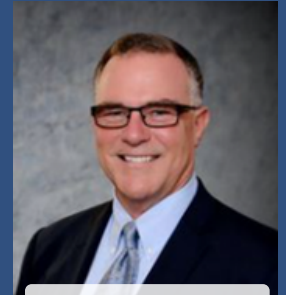
- the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District 5-Year Action Plan; and

### Discussed

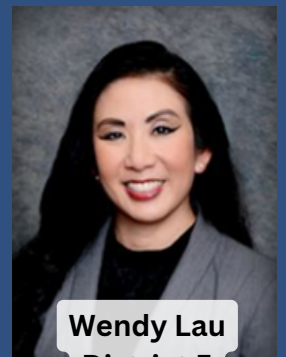
- the renewal of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Services agreement and directed staff to place the item on the April 7 agenda for action.



**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 February 2025.

## Public Works Department

 **350** Square feet of graffiti removed

 **150** Square feet of concrete installed

 **177.2** Million gallons of water sold

 **144** Acres of city parks mowed

 **130** Water Service orders

## Community Services Department

 **4,328** Participants involved in activities this month

 **474** Congregate meals served

 **296** Aerobics Participants

## Administration Department

 **1,029** Calls to the City Hall Main line

 **8** Public Meetings

 **13** Records Requests

## Police Department

 **1,580** Calls for Service

 **212** Reports taken

 **30** Traffic Collisions

 **89** Homeless Calls

## Fire Department


 **229** EMS calls


 **5** Fire-related calls


 **6** Motor vehicle accidents


## Community Development Department


 **10** Solar permits issued


 **46** Building permits issued

 **31** Electrical permits issued

 **5** Mechanical permits issued

 **10** Plumbing permits issued

 **40** Code Enforcement cases filed

 **0** ADU Permits issued

## Oakcrest Housing Development on Amherst: Move-In Ready and Sold Out!

The Oakcrest housing development on Amherst is officially complete! All 42 single-family homes have been built, inspected, and are completely sold.

This marks another big step in the City's efforts to bring high-quality housing to the community. With modern homes and a fully developed neighborhood, Oakcrest is now a vibrant place to call home.

## Sales Tax Increase - Effective April 1

At the 2024 election, LA County residents voted in support of Measure A, a ½ cent tax increase which would raise LA County's sales tax to fund homelessness efforts. This measure repealed the previous LA County Measure H, which was a ¼ cent sales tax increase approved in 2017 to address homelessness. As a result, residents will see starting on April 1 that sales tax in La Verne will be 10.50% instead of 10.25%. To see what the tax rates are for cities across California, please visit the [California Department of Tax and Fee Administration](#) website.

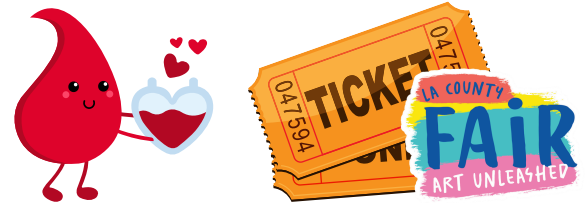
## Fourth of July Parade Application

The Friends of the 4th of July Committee have released the application for the 2025 4th of July parade! Spaces are limited, so make sure to submit your applications by June 19. Please visit the City website at [cityoflaverne.org/paradeapp](http://cityoflaverne.org/paradeapp) to complete your application now!

Information regarding the sales of tickets to the Fireworks show will be coming very soon! For those interested in volunteering, please submit a form at [cityoflaverne.org/volunteer](http://cityoflaverne.org/volunteer).

## Donate Now - Blood Drive

Support the American Red Cross and donate blood today! The City will be hosting a blood drive at Veterans Hall on Friday April 4 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Those who donate will be entered into a raffle to potentially win \$15 gift cards and will also receive a ticket to the LA County Fair valid from May 3 to 12. Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter code LVCC. While walk-ins may be available, appointments are not guaranteed.



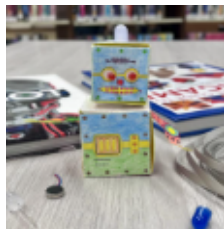
## Los Angeles County La Verne Library

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!*

### Origami Robots

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10 @ 4:00 PM**

Learn about electric circuits and the art of paper folding. Then, design and decorate your own papercraft robot—complete with lights and motion! For Teens 13 – 17.



### Smarty Pants Story Time

**FRIDAYS IN APRIL @ 11:00 AM**

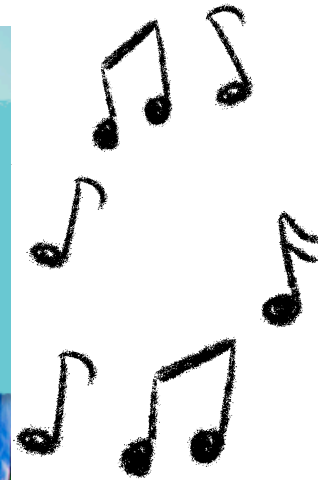
Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. For ages 2 – 5 with their parent or caregiver.



## LA County Fair Coming Soon - May 2 to 26

The LA County Fair is just around the corner, kicking off on May 2! This year's theme, Art Unleashed, celebrates creativity in all its forms. For over a century, the Fair has honored artistic expression in every shape and style—and 2025 is no exception. Get ready to be inspired, laugh, sing, dance, and, of course, eat your way through the LA County Fair!

La Verne Day at the Fair is Friday, May 9, and La Verne residents can enjoy \$1 admission! Watch your mailbox for details on how to redeem your special ticket offer. Learn more at [lacountyfair.com](http://lacountyfair.com).



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### City Hall Hours

Monday through Thursday  
7:30 AM - 5:30 PM



### City Websites

[cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)  
[lvpd.org](http://lvpd.org)  
[lavernefire.org](http://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  
Building Permits  
Business License Process  
Event Calendar  
Program Registration



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### Additional Newsletters

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