



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2025

City Manager's Message

Over the next two months, the City will be finalizing the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026. The draft budget will be presented at three City Council meetings, all of which are open to the public for review and input. Community participation is encouraged. Additional information about the budget timeline can be found on page 6.

The City is also working on an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will help guide future services and improvements within the Community Services and Public Works Departments. Resident feedback is an important part of this process, and a survey is now available for community members to complete. Details about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update can also be found on page 6.

Additionally, a new sign has been installed near the A Line station in La Verne. The sign is intended to welcome travelers and direct them toward Old Town La Verne. The City looks forward to the opportunities the new station will bring in supporting downtown businesses and enhancing the area's visibility.

As we approach Mother's Day and enjoy the spring season, residents are encouraged to consider visiting local restaurants and businesses as part of their celebrations. Thank you for staying informed and engaged with your City.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The City welcomed the new Old Town La Verne sign, which will serve as a gateway guiding A Line station travelers to the Old Town La Verne area.

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 City of La Verne

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 5 @ 8:30 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
Cafe Wang

Monday, May 5 @ 5:00 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 6 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 7 @ 5:30 PM

Youth Sports Committee Meeting
City Hall → Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, May 19 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 21 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Community Center

Tuesday, May 27 @ 5:00 PM

Youth and Family Action Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 27 @ 5:30 PM

Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee Meeting
City Hall → Large 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



The Los Angeles County Fair & La Verne Day

MAY 2 TO MAY 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 - May 9

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.



Free Senior Movie Matinee - The Intern

MONDAY, MAY 12 @ 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a free viewing of The Intern, 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.



Memorial Day Ceremony

MONDAY, MAY 26 @ 11:00 AM

Join us at Veterans Hall to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. This year's Memorial Day Ceremony will feature the unveiling of three new life-size bronze statues at the La Verne Veterans Memorial. These powerful additions pay tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of our nation's heroes. A special guest speaker, a decorated veteran, will also share a heartfelt message of courage and resilience. All are welcome to attend this meaningful tribute. For more information, please contact the La Verne Community Services Office at (909) 596-8700.

La Verne City Council

City Council Meeting Summation



At the April meetings, the City Council:

Selected

- Tim Hepburn as Mayor and Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita as Mayor Pro Tem;

Listened

- To a presentation proposing a Walk of Fame in Old Town La Verne;

Recognized

- The winners of the Egg-cellent Adventure Coloring Contest;
- The City of La Verne “C” Division Youth Basketball All-Stars for their victory in the SCMAF-SGV Basketball Tournament;
- Bonnie Brunel for her nomination for Outstanding Older American as part of the LA County Commission for Older Adults;

Approved

- The March 17 and April 7 City Council Meeting minutes and Registers of Audited Demands;
- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Services Agreement;
- The Memorandum of Understanding with La Verne Friends of Fourth of July;
- The Resolution for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Operations Center Grant Program;
- The Resolution placing 3-hour timed parking restrictions for portions of White Avenue from Sixth Street to Eighth Street;
- The execution of a side letter agreement amending the Memorandums of Understanding between the City of La Verne and the La Verne City Employee’s Association regarding education incentives;
- Adjustments for the 2025-26 Comprehensive Fee Schedule;
- The resolution to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$6.50 to \$6.70
- The Memorandum of Understanding with Crown Castle Fiber LLC for Access to City right-of-way for Rapid Connect Fiber and Equipment Installation;
- The Award of Contract for FY 2024-25 Crack Seal/Slurry Seal for Aldersgate to Baseline et al. and Golden Hills to Canterwood et. al. Project;
- The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Reassessment and Adjustment Recommendations;

Held

- A joint special meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the Water & Sewer Rate Study, clarifying the City’s current financial position in these enterprise funds and the necessary steps to ensure long-term sustainability;

Placed

- On first reading an Ordinance which will restructure the City’s advisory Commissions, Committees, and Boards;

Maintained

- The City’s Utility User’s Tax at the current voter-approved rate;

Provided

- Direction and feedback for the architectural features presented in the staff report, including architectural features for the Transit Oriented Development Pedestrian Bridge project;

Proclaimed

- April 2025 Autism Acceptance Month, honoring and supporting those with autism; and

Presented

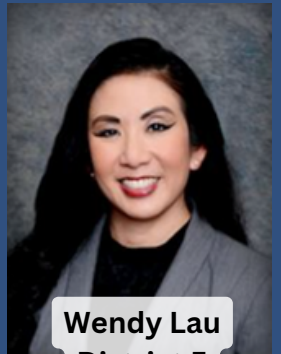
- The Pride of La Verne Jack Huntington Award to Harvey Good and the Jim Scranton Award to Tony Iacobacci.



Mayor Tim Hepburn
District 4



**Mayor Pro Tem
Meshal "Kash"
Kashifalghita**
District 3



Wendy Lau
District 5



Rick Crosby
District 2



Steve Johnson
District 1


The City in Numbers

Below are highlights of services provided by City employees in March 2025.

Public Works Department

 **862** Square feet of graffiti removed

 **2.6** Thousand tons of materials collected by Waste Management

 **135.7** Million gallons of water sold

 **185** Acres of city parks mowed

 **109** Water Service orders

Community Services Department

 **5,317** Participants involved in activities this month

 **125** Watercolor Painting Participants

 **365** Aerobics Participants

Administration Department

 **1,114** Calls to the City Hall Main line

 **8** Public Meetings

 **17** Records Requests

Police Department

 **1,694** Calls for Service

 **206** Reports taken

 **40** Traffic Collisions

 **100** Homeless Calls

Fire Department


 **261** EMS calls

 **7** Fire-related calls

 **13** Motor vehicle accidents


Community Development Department


 **14** Solar permits issued


 **64** Building permits issued

 **37** Electrical permits issued

 **10** Mechanical permits issued

 **14** Plumbing permits issued

 **34** Code Enforcement cases filed

 **3** ADU Permits issued

Recreation Guide

Dive into summer with exciting activities and programs featured in the City of La Verne's Summer Recreation Guide! Packed with special events, seasonal activities, sports, and enrichment classes, the guide will be mailed to all La Verne households and is also available online at www.cityoflaverne.org. Registration for most classes and programs opens in early May—don't miss out on all the fun this season!

The City has also included additional pages to the Recreation Guide to cover community news such as emergency preparedness resources and a one-pager on why sales tax matters. Click on the image below to dive in!



Chief Nigg Advocates in Washington, D.C.

Fire Chief Nigg traveled to Washington, D.C. this month representing both the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities in his role as President of the Cal Chiefs Fire Chiefs Department. He met with FEMA, Cal OES, the U.S. Fire Administration, and multiple members of Congress to raise awareness about critical issues facing the fire service—including long delays and rising costs in fire apparatus manufacturing, and the importance of federal support for emergency response and disaster recovery efforts.



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!*

Animals of the Chinese Zodiac

SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 2:00 PM

Join Margo Gravelle as she teaches us about the Animals of the Chinese Zodiac. Then, participants will have a chance to create one Zodiac animal. For ages 6 - 12 with their parent or caregiver.



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 8 @ 4:00 PM

Are you a teen interested in making a difference in your library and community? Join the Teen Advisory Board! For ages 12 - 18.





Parks & Rec Master Plan Update - Community Survey Open Now!

The City of La Verne is updating its Parks & Recreation Master Plan to ensure our parks, facilities, and programs continue to meet the needs of our growing and evolving community. This plan will guide future improvements, helping us prioritize upgrades, new projects, and programming opportunities over the next several years.

We want to hear from you! Now is your chance to tell us what improvements and additions matter most. Whether you're passionate about parks, trails, sports, or community gathering spaces, your feedback will help shape the future of La Verne's parks and recreation services.

Take the Survey Today:
LaVerneSurvey.org/open

Throughout the summer, the City will also host pop-up events, giving residents even more opportunities to share their ideas and be part of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update.

Parent & Me Preschool

Looking for a fun way to engage with your little one this summer? Registration for our Parent & Me summer program begins Tuesday, May 6 for a fee of \$125! Tailored for children aged 18 months to 3 years, this program offers the perfect blend of learning, creativity, and exploration—all while spending quality time with their caregiver. Join us at Veterans Hall on Mondays & Wednesdays or Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:15 to 11:00 AM.

Trader Joe's Coming Soon!

The wait is over – Trader Joe's is officially joining the La Verne community! Known for its unique selection, quirky charm, and unbeatable customer service, they are sure to bring a fresh new energy to the City. From fan-favorite frozen meals to irresistible snacks and seasonal treats, your new go-to grocery spot is almost here! Trader Joe's is set to open its doors this fall in the Town Center South Plaza next to Marshalls, so be sure to stop by and give them a warm La Verne welcome!



Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget Timeline

See how your taxes are used to fund essential programs and services! Join us as we draft and finalize next year's budget covering July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Learn more at cityoflaverne.org/budgetprocess

JAN/FEB

The Departments meet for a Budget Kickoff Meeting and initial budgets for Capital Improvement Projects and Payroll Projections are submitted to Finance for review.

MAR/APR

Preliminary department budgets are submitted to the City Manager and Finance Director for review and a tentative budget is finalized in April.

MAY

The City presents a preliminary high-level overview of the budget with a detail CIP discussion during the City Council Study Session on Monday, May 5th.

JUNE

Departments present their budgets at the City Council Study Session on Monday June 2nd.
 The City's Budget and Comprehensive Fee Schedules are presented to Council for adoption on Monday, June 16th.

Mental Health Awareness Month with Tri City Mental Health



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Tri City Mental Health authority will be hosting their annual training program, focusing on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and how traumatic experiences or toxic stress that children experience in childhood has a connection to developing negative health outcomes in adulthood. This webinar will be held May 8, 2025 from 1:00 PM 3:00 PM and is free to the general public. For more information, visit the Tri City Mental Health Authority website at tricitymhs.org.

About Tri City Mental Health Authority

Tri-City Mental Health was established in 1960 through a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Agreement between the cities of Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona, to deliver mental health services to the residents of the three cities. Through this collaborative effort, Tri-City has been the designated mental health authority for local residents, serving children, youth, adults and older adults alike



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



City Websites

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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
Business License Process
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Program Registration



24-Hour City Of La Verne

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