



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2025

City Manager's Message

As we step into summer, I'm excited to share some important updates and opportunities for engagement in our great City. In mid-May, the City hosted its first strategic planning session since 2016. This session included a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis, a review of our current City Mission Statement, and a thoughtful discussion on potential new Strategic Priorities to help guide La Verne's future. An action item to adopt priorities and agree on a mission statement and values will be considered at a future City Council meeting.

June also marks the close of the 2024-2025 fiscal year and the adoption of the City's 2025-2026 budget, which will go into effect on July 1. The proposed budget will be reviewed and discussed during the upcoming City Council meetings on June 2 and June 16 for fiscal consideration. These meetings are open to the public, and I encourage you to attend to learn more about how your City government allocates resources to maintain services throughout our community.

Finally, as summer begins, enjoy a season of fun at our newly renovated, award-winning Aquatics Center at Las Flores Park. The City is offering a full lineup of summer programs for all ages, including open recreational swim every Friday from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM and adult lap swim available on weekdays at select times. For more details, contact our Community Services Department or check out the Summer Recreation Guide. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making La Verne a vibrant, welcoming place for all.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month




Shout out to the La Verne Police Department for another successful year at the Fairplex selling pink patches! All of the proceeds earned went towards breast cancer research at City of Hope - thank you for all of your hard work!

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, June 2 @ 8:30 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
Cafe Wang

Monday, June 2 @ 4:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 11 @ 9:00 AM

Public Financing Authority Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 11 @ 6:30 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, June 16 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 18 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
Community Center

Tuesday, June 24 @ 5:00 PM

Youth and Family Action Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 1 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

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



Annual Sidewalk CPR Event

MONDAY, JUNE 2 @ 10:00 AM

Join us Monday, June 2, for the Fire Department's annual FREE Sidewalk CPR event held from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the La Verne Community Center courtyard. This is a chance to learn in a few short minutes how using only chest compressions can save a life. Proper hand placement, pressure, and tempo will be taught using one of our CPR mannequins.

This is not a certificate-based training as there is no certification required to learn Hands-Only CPR. Anyone can be taught this critical life-saving technique.

La Verne/Fairplex Station Dedication Ceremony

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 @ 10:00 AM

Join local and regional elected officials, community members and the Foothill Goldline team to review the journey of how the Goldline Station was developed and conduct a formal dedication of the new Metro A Line La Verne/Fairplex Station. The ceremony will take place in the La Verne/Fairplex Station parking lot, on Arrow Hwy between White and E Street.



Family Swim Night - Pirate Themed

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 @ 4:00 PM

The La Verne Aquatics Center will be open to the public on select Saturdays this summer. Come join us for some family fun and evening swimming! Tickets are \$5 per person, and concessions will be available for purchase. All participants are required to sign a waiver daily before use. Those under



the age of 18 will need to have a parent/guardian sign a waiver before use.

Upcoming Events

Concerts in the Park SUNDAYS AT 6:30 PM

The beloved Concerts in the Park are returning this summer, starting Sunday, June 29 at 6:30 PM! Make sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets so you can kick back and enjoy some wonderful music. And, if you're hungry, feel free to stop by one of our food vendors and grab yourself a tasty treat!

- **June 29** - Eagles Tribute
- **July 13** - Reggae
- **July 27** - 80's
- **August 10** - Classic Rock



Fourth of July in La Verne! FRIDAY, JULY 4 - ALL DAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 6:30 AM

Looking for a fun activity to do before the parade? Swing by the Methodist Church for a delicious pancake breakfast, sponsored by Boy Scout Troup 411! Breakfast will be served from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Tickets are \$8 each and includes 3 pancakes and 3 sausages.

PARADE "STARS, STRIPES, & SERVICE" - 10:00 AM

This year's theme is "Stars, Stripes, & Service" and the Community Grand Marshal is the Firefighters of our community. Please contact lvfriendsofthe4th@gmail.com for more information! Parade applications are available to pick up at City Hall or available for download at www.cityoflaverne.org.

FREE SWIM

Come join the fun! The La Verne Aquatics Center, 3175 Bolling Ave., will host FREE swim on Friday, July 4, from 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

FIREWORKS SHOW, VENDORS, & MORE! - GATES OPEN @ 6:00 PM

Make sure to get your tickets for the City of La Verne's famous firework show! Tickets can be purchased online starting June 2, and are \$20 per-person. Children 4 and under are free of charge! Additionally, there is a pre-sale discount of \$5 per-ticket if bought before June 27. The show begins at 7:00 PM and is expected to conclude by 9:30 PM. To purchase tickets, please visit www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/la-verne-fourth-of-july-fireworks-show-2 or scan the QR code below.



La Verne City Council



City Council Meeting Summation

At the May 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 Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne recipient Harvey Good for his decades of service to the University of La Verne and Inland Valley Humane Society;
- The ULV Baseball Team for their victory in being crowned the 2025 SCIAC Tournament Champions;
- The ULV Volleyball team for their achievement in making it to the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship Quarterfinals;
- Officer Zachary Fidler and Community Services Officer Daisy Pulido for receiving the first Police Department Employee of the Quarter awards

Proclaimed

- May 2025 as Older Americans Month, recognizing the contributions of the Senior Advisory Committee in providing essential input on the needs of La Verne’s older residents;
- May 2025 as Military Appreciation Month and recognized the outgoing VFW 12034 Commander Phil Ramirez for 4 years of dedicated service to La Verne in his role as Commander;
- May 18-24 as Public Works Week, honoring the value and necessity of the Public Works Department;
- May 2025 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, honoring the role that Asian American and Pacific Islanders play in developing this nation and the benefits that they add to the La Verne community;

Approved

- The April 21 and May 5 City Council Meeting minutes and the Register of Audited Demands;
- The Oak Mesa Playground Replacement contract, the sidewalk dedication and parkway easement at 1941 White Avenue;
- An Ordinance that would reorganize the City’s Committees, Commissions, and Boards;
- The Quarterly Treasurer’s Report ending March 31, 2025, the adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones and a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint a retired annuitant as Range Master for oversight of firing range used by outside agency;
- The reports for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 84-1M;
- Updates to the rules of the conduct of City Council meetings;
- The Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Annual Report and Intention to Levy an Annual Assessment;

Welcomed Back

- Firefighter Jared Tietgen who was originally an Ambulance Operator with La Verne Fire and has returned to serve the community as a Firefighter;

Conducted

- A public hearing regarding staffing vacancies at the City of La Verne, per new state law AB 2561;

Placed

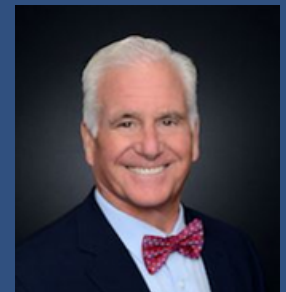
- On first reading an Ordinance changing the date of the City’s Municipal General Election;

Provided

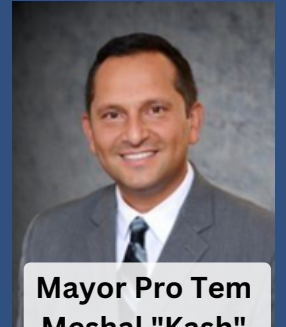
- Direction to City staff for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update;

Adjourned

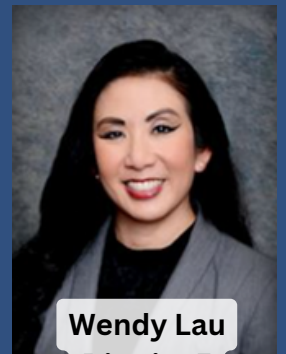
- In honor of University of La Verne Professor Don Pollock; and
- In honor of La Verne residents Gary Hunter and Mayor Pro Tem Meshal Kashifalghita’s father.



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 April 2025.

Public Works Department

 **490** Square feet of graffiti removed

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

 **135.6** Million gallons of water sold

 **310** Acres of city parks mowed

 **114** Water Service orders

Community Services Department

 **5,816** Participants involved in activities this month

 **508** Preschool Participants

 **125** Watercolor Participants

Administration Department

 **1,285** Calls to the City Hall Main line

 **11** Public Meetings

 **11** Records Requests

Police Department

 **1,528** Calls for Service

 **225** Reports taken

 **30** Traffic Collisions

 **107** Homeless Calls

Fire Department

 **272** EMS calls


 **2** Fire calls

60 Life Assist Calls

Community Development Department


 **8** Solar permits issued


 **57** Building permits issued

 **30** Electrical permits issued

 **11** Mechanical permits issued

 **11** Plumbing permits issued

 **51** Code Enforcement cases filed

 **1** ADU Permit issued

New In Town: Haven Haus Café

We are thrilled to announce Haven Haus Café is coming to 1532 Foothill Boulevard (formerly Pizza 'N Stuff). They currently have two locations, one in Rancho Cucamonga and the other in Temecula. The popular spot serves breakfast, brunch, and lunch. They also have talented baristas that serve a variety of espresso beverages, and they offer flights of mimosas, margaritas, and coffee. We are looking forward to welcoming Haven Haus to La Verne! In the meantime, check out their [menu](#).

Summer Swim Lessons

Dive into summer fun with swim lessons for all ages and abilities! Group lesson registration is now open and can be completed either in person or online.

Private lesson registration began on May 19 for June-July sessions and June 30 for July-August sessions; registration for private lessons must be completed in person at the Community Services Office. We are happy to accommodate participants with disabilities - please contact us in advance so we can help create the best experience for everyone!

Annual Weed Abatement Underway

Each year, the City of La Verne conducts proactive fuel modification across our hillsides and open spaces to reduce wildfire risk and help protect homes. This critical work clears overgrown brush and vegetation to create buffer zones—also known as defensible space—that slow fire spread and give first responders the upper hand.

From planning and maintenance to emergency response, our City's Public Works crews and Fire Department work side by side to keep La Verne safe, resilient, and prepared. To learn more about what you can do to keep your home safe, visit cityoflaverne.org/firesafety.



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!*

Christopher T. Magician

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 @ 5:00 PM

Join us as we kickoff our Summer Discovery Program with Christopher T. Magician. He will share with audiences some of his favorite children's books and bring them to life with fun and interactive magic. For ages 6-12 with their parent/caregiver.



The Manga Connection to Old Japan

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 @ 2:00 PM

Learn about the history of manga as well as creating your own manga character! Sunny introduces his characters, sharing their origins and the steps he took to design them for his books.





City of La Verne Photo Contest - Capture the Heart of La Verne!

Showcase your photography skills and celebrate the vibrant spirit of La Verne! The La Verne Photo Contest is open from June 1 to August 15, and we invite photographers of all ages to participate. Winners will be announced in September. Visit cityoflaverne.org/photocontest for more information!

Vacation Playschool and Parent & Me Summer Sessions

The Vacation Playschool and Parent & Me summer sessions will begin the week of June 16. Playschool classes will be offered at Veterans Hall and Oak Mesa on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Parent & Me classes are from 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM at Veterans Hall and will be held on Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday. Registration is currently open for both programs and spots are still available!



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

The City of La Verne is updating its Park & Recreation Master Plan, a year-long effort to improve our parks, facilities, and recreation programs. Your input is essential!

Join us through workshops, surveys, and community events to share your thoughts and help shape the future of our community spaces. Your voice matters - help us create a plan that reflects the needs and vision of our community!

For additional information, please visit www.cityoflaverne.org/prmp.

Take the survey today!

LaVerneSurvey.org/open



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.

Humane Heroes Reading Program with the Inland Valley Humane Society

THURSDAY, JUNE 19 @ 3:00 PM

The City of La Verne is proud to be a long-time partner of the Inland Valley Humane Society, an organization that provides animal care and resources to residents in La Verne and throughout the Inland Empire. On June 19, IVHS will be hosting a Humane Heroes Reading Program at the Inland Valley Humane Society, 500 Humane Way in Pomona! Bring your own book and a folding chair or blanket to read to one of our loving shelter pets at IVHS & S.P.C.A. For more information or to sign up, please visit the IVHS website <https://ivhsspca.org/>.

About IVHS & S.P.C.A

The Inland Valley Humane Society and S.P.C.A. is a private, 501c3 non-profit organization and is supported by contributions, grants, bequests, proceeds from pet adoptions, pet licensing and fees for service. They promote awareness, appreciation of and humanity towards all animals. They provide animal care and control services to cities through the Inland Valley Empire.



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Monday through Thursday
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City Websites

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City Contacts

City Hall – (909) 596-8726
Graffiti Removal – (909) 596-8787
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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



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