



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2025

City Manager's Message

We are excited to share that several vacancies have opened up across our various Committees and Commissions. The Council also reorganized resident advisory committees to increase the ability for residents to participate. Joining one of our Committees and Commissions is a great way for residents to make a lasting impact on the La Verne community. Flip to page six for more information!

As you may know, over the past year, the City has been conducting a Water & Sewer rate study. The City is hosting several meetings in the coming months. We highly encourage residents to attend and share their valued input. For more information, please see page six.

In an effort to increase communication with the community, residents can expect to receive two different mailers in August. These mailers will contain information on topics such as our Committees and Commissions application process, updates on our Water & Sewer rate increase, tips on water conservation, and more!

Back-to-school season is upon us! Please remember to drive safely and abide by the posted speed limits so that we can ensure our students and faculty a safe return to school.

With fire season still at its height, the City remains dedicated to prioritizing wildfire safety. We are happy to share that we have completed our annual proactive fuel modification across our hillsides and open spaces to reduce wildfire risk and protect homes. 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.

Best,

Ken Domer

Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



The La Verne City Council and staff celebrated the opening of a new restroom facility in Las Flores Park, closing out the years of exciting upgrades at the park. Stop by and see the new addition for yourself!

Be the first to know City updates and news! Follow us on social media.



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City of La Verne



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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, August 4 @ 8:30 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting
Café Wang

Monday, August 4 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, August 18 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 20 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
La Verne Community Center

Tuesday, August 26 @ 5:00 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 2 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 2 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
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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



Family Swim Night - Hawaiian Theme

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 AT 4:00 PM

Join us at the La Verne Aquatics Center for an evening of family fun and swimming! Tickets are \$5 per person, and concessions will be available for purchase. A signed waiver is required before entering the facility. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver on their behalf.



Movie Night at the Park - Inside Out 2

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 8:15 PM

Join us at Heritage Park for the annual Movie Night at the Park series, presented by the Parks and Recreation Department alongside the La Verne Police Officers Association. This event is free to attend, so make sure to stop on by!



National Night Out

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 4:30 PM

Save the date - National Night Out is coming this August! Join us at Las Flores Park for this free, family fun night with public safety, including law enforcement vehicle displays, food trucks, interactive vendor booths, music, and fun activities for kids. We hope to see you there!



Senior Seminar Series - Scams and How to Avoid Them

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 9:30 AM

Every month the Community Center hosts workshops for older adults to learn more about various topics. To attend, please RSVP by calling the Community Center at (909) 596-8776. To see the seminar schedule, please review the Recreation Guide.

La Verne City Council

City Council Meeting Summation



At the July meeting, the City Council:

Welcomed

- Newly hired Police Officers Tyler Emery, Charles Sorbel, and Maximo Rojas to the City;

Proclaimed

- July 2025 as National Parks and Recreation Month and presented the proclamation to the Parks and Recreation Department;

Approved

- The June 16, 2025 meeting minutes and the Register of Audited Demands;
- The deed restrictions for Las Flores Park Improvements;
- A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funding from the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program;
- A class specification update for Maintenance Supervisor;
- The cancellation of the July 21, 2025 City Council meeting;
- Agreements accepting easements from Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, Metro, and Fairplex or other title landholders related to the construction of the Metro A Line Transit Oriented Development Bridge Project;
- The Strategic Plan meeting notes from May 17, 2025;

Adopted

- The Strategic Priorities identified during the Strategic Planning Session;
- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint a retired annuitant to temporarily serve as Range Master for oversight of the City's firing range during use by an external law enforcement agency;
- The updated Mission Statement;
- A salary chart for full-time employees;
- A resolution establishing benefits for Executive Management, Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employees;

Received

- An update on the Homeless Outreach Support Team and on the City's new email domain and updated website; and

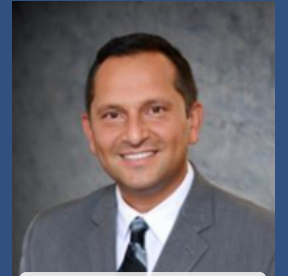
Provided

- Direction to City staff regarding the proposed City Council Community Forum Program, the annexation of unincorporated areas into the City of La Verne, and the signage options for the Pedestrian Bridge Project.

To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at LaVerneCA.gov/live to watch the video feeds of prior meetings and review the recent agendas and minutes.



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 June 2025.

Public Works Department

 **1,235** Square feet of graffiti removed

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

 **179.2** Million gallons of water sold

 **346** Acres of city parks mowed

 **150** Water Service orders

Community Services Department

 **4,947** Participants involved in activities this month

 **374** Aerobics Participants

 **241** Senior Bingo Participants

Administration Department

 **1,461** Calls to the City Hall Main line

 **7** Public Meetings

 **14** Records Requests

Police Department

 **1,446** Calls for Service

 **167** Reports taken

 **24** Traffic Collisions

 **115** Homeless Calls

Fire Department


 **214** EMS calls


 **5** Fire-related calls

 **16** Motor Vehicle Accidents

Community Development Department


 **23** Solar permits issued


 **62** Building permits issued

 **51** Electrical permits issued

 **18** Mechanical permits issued

 **21** Plumbing permits issued

 **50** Code Enforcement cases filed

 **2** ADU Permits issued

Water & Sewer Rate Study Update

Community Workshops Coming Soon!

In the coming months, the City will be hosting community workshops to discuss the proposed water and sewer rates and listen to community input. On July 30th, the Ad Hoc Committee recommended a scenario with a 50% initial increase to the City Council, which will hear the item on August 4th to begin the proposition 218 process. Keep an eye on the City's website and social media accounts for more information. Learn more at LaVerneCA.gov/ratestudy.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

The City of La Verne is updating its Parks & 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 - for additional information, please visit LaVerneCA.gov/prmp.



Help Guide the City's Future!

Join one of the City's Committees and Commissions and collaborate with City staff on La Verne's future! The City currently has vacancies across several Committees and Commissions and are looking for eager, passionate residents to volunteer their time to serve on a board:

- **Active Transportation & Infrastructure Commission** - Meetings Quarterly
- **Finance Commission** - Meetings Quarterly
- **Parks & Recreation Commission** - Meetings Quarterly
- **Planning Commission** - Meetings Monthly
- **Senior Advisory Committee** - Meetings Monthly

Apply now! To learn more about the City's Committees and Commissions, or to apply online, visit LaVerneCA.gov/apply. Residents may also submit applications in-person at City Hall. Applications are due Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 PM. Applications will be reviewed by the City Council and selections will be made at a City Council meeting in Fall 2025.

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!*

Amate Bark Painting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 1:00 PM

Amate is a bark paper used in Mexico for centuries. Learn its history and recreate the special paper and artistic motifs. For teens ages 13-17.



Smarty Pants Story Time

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 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.





Coyote Whistles Now Available!

While out and about in La Verne, you may run into some local wildlife, such as coyotes! For your safety - and for the safety of our furry friends - the City of La Verne Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Inland Valley Humane Society, is giving out free coyote whistles! These whistles are a great way to ask for some space if a coyote or other animal is getting too close for comfort. Come on by and pick yours up at City Hall today!

Spirit Halloween

Spirit Halloween is returning for another spooky season! Need a new animatronic creepy clown? How about the latest and greatest graveyard scene? Don't worry, you can soon head on over to the former Rite Aid building to pick up all of your various Halloween needs. It's never too early to start Halloween prepping, right?



Heritage on First

La Verne celebrates continued growth with the completion of Heritage on First, a 17-unit residential community at White Avenue and First Street. Offering a mix of two-, three-, and four-bedroom homes, this thoughtfully designed development adds modern housing options in a walkable, vibrant neighborhood. It also advances the vision of the Old Town La Verne Specific Plan by supporting a charming, connected, and transit-friendly community—especially with its close proximity to the future La Verne Station on the A Line. A limited number of units are still available; visit heritageonfirst.com to learn more

Orange Fish & Co.

Calling all sushi lovers! Orange Fish & Co. is an all you can eat Japanese restaurant coming to La Verne Village Center at 2855 Foothill Blvd., Suite B101. We eagerly await their grand opening this fall!



LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

As part of the City's commitment in keeping our community safe and prepared for natural hazards and disasters, the City is working on a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

Hazard mitigation is any sustainable action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from future disasters. The best way to do this is to create a thorough plan well in advance, before any disasters happen. The HMP is a comprehensive strategy that assesses the risks and vulnerabilities associated with various hazards, such as droughts, earthquakes, extreme temperatures, flooding, and wildfires.

If you live or work in the City, please take a moment to fill out a short survey. This survey aims to collect your thoughts on any hazards and risks in the City. Results from the survey will help us better coordinate future mitigation activities to create a more resilient La Verne!

To complete the survey, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaVerne.



Every month, Tri-City Mental Health hosts free Community Mental Health Trainings to address ways to support individual and community mental health and build resilience. This month, they are hosting a free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Youth training on Thursday, August 14, 2025. This training will be held from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at the MHSA Administrative Office located at 2001 N Garey Ave, Pomona, CA.

Whether you work with children and youth, or you're a parent or caregiver, you can play a critical role in helping children and youth thrive. Register by August 11 at <https://tinyurl.com/4pzkutku>. Registration is required in order to attend.



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City Hall Hours

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
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24-Hour City Of La Verne

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