



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

City Manager's Message

Ready to kick off the Halloween season? We've got tons of family-fun events taking place throughout the month of October. Stop by for the City's annual Trunk-or-Treat event, hosted on October 11 in the Civic Center Parking Lot. This is just one of our many seasonal events happening this month. For more details, or to see what other events we have in store, be sure to check out pages 2 and 3.

As we celebrate the many community events that bring joy and connection to La Verne, I also want to share important updates on infrastructure and public safety.

Over the past year, the City has carefully reviewed our water and sewer systems to ensure they remain reliable for years to come. Following this review, proposed rate adjustments will be considered at a public hearing on November 3, 2025. To keep residents fully informed and engaged in the Proposition 218 process, we will be hosting a series of October workshops that walk through the proposals in detail. I encourage you to attend and learn more—see page 2 for dates and additional information.

Public safety is also at the forefront of our regional discussions. Due to rising contract costs and a service termination notice from Los Angeles County Fire, the City of Pomona reached out to La Verne to explore a potential regional fire and EMS partnership. On September 15, both the La Verne and Pomona City Councils approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to study this important issue and see if it can benefit our residents and continue to provide excellent fire and emergency services. These ongoing discussions will be conducted in an effort to prioritize the safety of La Verne residents and beyond, ensuring the City is well protected and served.

Best,
Ken Domer
Ken Domer
City Manager



Picture of the Month



Welcome to the team! This September, LVFD welcomed five new firefighters to the crew. In the coming weeks, they'll train hard, learn our systems, and prepare to serve the La Verne community. Help us give them a warm welcome!

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 6 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 7 @ 9:00 AM

Development Review Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, October 15 @ 10:00 AM

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting
La Verne Community Center

Monday, October 20 @ 5:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 28 @ 5:00 PM

Youth & Family Action Subcommittee Meeting
City Council Chambers

Monday, November 3 @ 9:00 AM

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District 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



Senior Movie Matinee - Coco

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 12:30 PM

Come and enjoy a FREE viewing of Disney's *Coco* and light refreshments at the La Verne Community Center! Everyone in attendance is automatically entered into a raffle, and winners are announced at the end of the movie.



Community Forum

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 6:00 PM

Join us at our next Community Forum on Wednesday, October 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Lighthouse Baptist Church (2600 N White Ave). This is your chance to connect directly with City staff and Council, ask questions, and share your feedback. This is the second forum in our new year-round series and if you can't make this one, don't worry, more are coming soon!

Senior Seminar Series

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER AT 10:30 AM

Every month the Community Center hosts workshops for older adults to learn more about various topics. Throughout October, the following seminars are occurring:

- **Cyber Security (Fraud Prevention)** - Wednesday, October 8 · Presented by YWCA
- **Dealing with Arthritis** - Friday, October 10 · Presented by Independence at Home
- **Pumpkin Spice & Medicare Advice with Raffle** - Wednesday, October 15 · Presented by Embrace Health Insurance

To attend, please RSVP by calling the Parks & Recreation department at 909-596-8700. For more information on all future seminars, please refer to the Recreation Guide at laverneca.gov/173/Recreation-Guide.

Water Rate Information Sessions

SESSIONS HELD THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

The City is hosting several community information sessions to address questions about proposed rates and how your bills will be impacted beginning in 2026. The same content will be covered in each session. To access virtual sessions and to learn more, please visit laverneca.gov/ratestudy.

- **Tuesday, October 7 at 4:00 PM** - Virtual Session
- **Monday, October 13 at 5:00 PM** - Virtual Session
- **Saturday, October 18 at 10:00 AM** - In-Person Session, 3660 D. Street



Harvest Pumpkin Patch with the Heritage Foundation BEGINS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 4:00 PM

The rural atmosphere of the Harvest Pumpkin Patch makes it a wonderful place to pick out your pumpkin! Stop by Heritage Park, 5001 Via De Mansion, for a variety of fun fall activities, including tractor pull rides, petting zoos, pumpkins of every size and great photo opportunities. The patch will be open on Fridays from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM throughout October.



Halloween Coloring Contest SUBMIT BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 5:30 PM

Ready to get spooky? The La Verne Parks & Recreation Department is holding a Halloween Coloring Contest! Entries will be on display in the Old Town businesses from Thursday, October 16 to Friday, October 31. Winners will be notified, and prizes will be awarded at Mainiero Square located at the corner of Third and D Street during Old Town Trick-or-Treating on Friday, October 31.

Vendor Faire with the Heritage Foundation SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 10:00 AM

The Foundation is excited to host their Annual Vendor Faire with at least 40 vendors happy to share their wares and skills - and just in time for early Christmas shopping! This Faire will occur on the west side of Heritage Park, 5001 Via De Mansion, while our Pumpkin Patch takes place on the east side of the Park. It will be a fun-filled day and one you won't want to miss!

Trunk-or-Treat SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 5:00 PM

Join us for our Fourth Annual Trunk-or-Treat event at the La Verne Community Center! Kids ages 12 and under can safely trick-or-treat from various decorated vehicles and/or booths participating. There will be food and merchandise vendors, a DJ, and various Halloween activities for the kids to participate in. This event is FREE to attend.



Dance for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Halloween Hop FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 5:00 PM

Come join us at the La Verne Community Center for some fun filled dances! Participants will enjoy a DJ, light refreshments, fun, decorations, and a chance to party with their peers. Tickets are now available for pre-sale (\$8) at the Parks & Recreation Department located in City Hall. Parents/guardians do not need to purchase a ticket.

Halloween Trick or Treat in Old Town La Verne FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 AT 3:00 PM

Every year, local merchants in Old Town La Verne host a safe, family-oriented, trick-or-treat candy walk for children on the afternoon of Halloween. Winners of the annual Halloween coloring contest are also announced and awarded prizes for the event.



La Verne City Council

City Council Meeting Summation



At the September meeting, the City Council:

Proclaimed

- September 15 through October 15 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month;
- September 2025 as National Preparedness Month and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month;

Recognized

- The winners of the 2025 La Verne Photo Contest;

Approved

- City Council Minutes of the Closed Session & Regular meeting of August 18, 2025;
- the Registers of Audited Demands;
- The vacation of a portion of Bunnelle Avenue from Baseline Road to SR 210 Freeway within the City of La Verne;
- An ordinance amending the zoning provisions of the La Verne municipal code relating to accessory and junior dwelling units;
- An ordinance adding a new section 2.56.090 relating to historic structures and an ordinance relating to noise to implement the action items set forth in the La Verne General Plan Update;
- An ordinance relating to reasonable accommodations policy and procedures and an ordinance to implement state law changes relating to two-unit housing developments and urban lot splits;

Appointed

- Residents to City advisory commissions and committees, including the Planning Commission, Finance Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Active Transportation and Infrastructure Commission, and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee; and

Received

- Update, approved moving forward, and made appointments to a City Council Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Regional Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

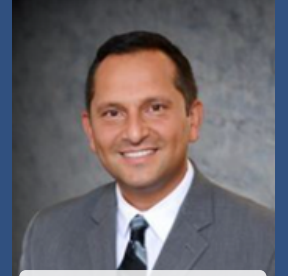
To see what else was discussed in the meetings, visit the City website at LaVerneCA.gov/live to watch the video feeds of prior meetings and review the recent agendas and minutes.

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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 August 2025.

Public Works Department

 **125** Square feet of graffiti removed

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

 **267.8** Million gallons of water sold

 **197** Acres of city parks mowed

 **105** Water Service orders

Parks & Recreation Department

 **4,095** Participants involved in activities this month

 **126** Watercolor Participants

 **184** Gymnastics Participants

Administration Department

 **879** Calls to the City Hall Main line

 **5** Public Meetings

 **26** Records Requests

Police Department

 **1,792** Calls for Service

 **227** Reports taken

 **32** Traffic Collisions

 **153** Homeless Calls

Fire Department


 **288** EMS calls

 **5** Fire-related calls

 **18** Motor Vehicle Accidents


Community Development Department


 **7** Solar permits issued


 **45** Building permits issued

 **37** Electrical permits issued

 **20** Mechanical permits issued

 **19** Plumbing permits issued

 **43** Code Enforcement cases filed

 **2** ADU Permits issued

South Coast AQMD Launches \$21 Million GO ZERO Program - Open Now!

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) launched its \$21 million GO ZERO Pilot Incentive Program! GO ZERO is designed to help residents and businesses switch to heat pumps for space and water heating. Rebates are available for single-family homes, multifamily buildings and small businesses. The program includes installer training and application assistance. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. Visit [sba.gov/national-small-business-week/awards](https://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week/awards) for more information.

New in Town - Tutti Frutti

We're excited to announce that Tutti Frutti will be opening soon in the Panera Parking lot! Offerings will include frozen treats, coffee beverages, and a variety of snacks. Stay tuned for their Grand Opening next month and get ready to treat yourself!



Pink Patch is Back

Pink Patch is Back! The Pink Patch Project is a public awareness campaign led by law enforcement agencies across the country to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research, treatment, and support services. This will be the La Verne Police Department's ninth year participating! Hoodies (\$50), hats (\$25), T-shirts (\$25), and patches (\$10) are now available for purchase at the La Verne Public Safety Building (Mondays - Thursdays from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM).

New in Town - Grocery Outlet

Craving big savings and surprising finds? Grocery Outlet is coming soon to La Verne, formerly where the 99 Cents Store used to be! Known as the "treasure hunt" of grocery stores, Grocery Outlet offers name-brand products, fresh produce, organics, specialty items, and everyday essentials - all at deeply discounted prices. Every visit is sure to feel like an adventure, with new deals and unique products to discover. They're currently working on tenant improvements, but once the doors open, be sure to pay them a visit!



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!*

Smarty Pants Storytime

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 parents or caregiver. Attendance is limited, and advanced registration is required. Please register every individual in your party, including kids. This will be used to save your spots in the program. We cannot guarantee availability for any unregistered attendees.



Submit Now - National Small Business Week Awards

As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community members from all 50 states and U.S. territories. They are the innovators, risk-takers, and job creators who pour their heart and soul into starting, growing, and expanding their businesses.

To submit your NSBW awards nominations, please visit <https://www.sba.gov/national-small-business-week/awards>. All nominations must be submitted by December 8, 2025 at 7:00 AM Eastern Time, or 4:00 AM Pacific Time.



U.S. Small Business Administration



City Hall Hours

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



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



24-Hour City Of La Verne

Submit requests, concerns, or general inquiries here.



City Websites

laverneca.gov
lvpd.org
lavernefire.org



Quick Links to City Website

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