



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2020



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I would like to start off this issue thanking all those who helped make the City of La Verne's 94<sup>th</sup> Christmas Candy tradition a success!! From employees and their families, to the CERT team, and members of the community who helped pack candy bags in record time on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, to the fleet of volunteers that surpassed 50+ and included RSVPs, off-duty city staff, high school students, and community members that all gave their time on Christmas morning to be Santa's runners along the routes, "Pride of La Verne" was exhibited. While it would be impossible to list everyone who had a hand in the effort, each knows the part they played in making sure the tradition that La Verne has been known for continues. Before we know it preparations for next year's effort will begin. We hope to see you all there again as this treasured tradition would not be possible without you.

Many thanks on behalf of your community.

*Bob Russi, City Manager*

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## CALENDAR

### January 11 – See Pg. 3 for Details

First day of Orange Picking at Heritage Park  
5001 Via De Mansion, La Verne, CA 91750

### January 20 – All Day

Marin Luther King Jr. Day  
City Hall, City Yard and Community Center closed

### January 21 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers

### January 28 – 6:30 PM

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

## At the December meetings, the City Council:

- Authorized an agreement with LA County Fire Department for communications and dispatch services for fire and paramedic calls
- Presented CERT Basic Training Certificates to 20 recent graduates
- Individually approved three properties as historical: 2417 Bonita, 2425 Bonita, and 2642 Bonita
- Adjourned in memory of Tim Staples, Damien High School teacher and West Valley Search and Rescue volunteer, who died while involved in a search for a missing hiker on Mt. Baldy

## FOOTHILL GOLDLINE

### Gold Line Update

Since issuance of their Notice to Proceed just nine weeks ago, the Kiewit-Parsons Joint Venture team has hit the ground running - holding several multi-day design-focused workshops, and beginning coordination meetings with the corridor cities. The first nine months of the contract will be focused on these types of activities, as the design for all elements of this very complicated project are advanced from the detail provided in the contract to 85%, 100% and then AFC (approved for construction); with major construction anticipated to start in August. Crews recently gathered samples to understand the soil conditions, potholed to confirm underground utilities, and started surveying the entire corridor.

The current status of the project and what to expect as major construction gets underway can be viewed here [six-minute video](#)

## 2020 CENSUS

### Census Bureau Now Hiring for 2020 Census Takers

The Census Bureau is currently hiring for various positions within the Los Angeles Regional Census Center, for more information visit [www.census.gov/jobs](http://www.census.gov/jobs) or call (855)314-6664.

The 2020 United States Census, known as Census 2020, will be the twenty-fourth United States Census. National Census Day, the reference day used for the census, will be April 1, 2020. As required by the United States Constitution, the U.S. Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790. The 2010 United States Census was the previous census completed. Participation in the U.S. Census is required by law in Title 13 of the United States Code.

Education and Outreach on the 2020 Census will be the focus of the local League of Women's Voters group representing La Verne, The League of Women Voters of the Mt Baldy Area, which promotes purposeful study of topics such as voting changes, ballot initiatives and affordable housing. Additional information can be found on their website at [www.lwvmtbaldyarea.org](http://www.lwvmtbaldyarea.org) or at one of their public meetings.

## EVENT IN LA VERNE

### Pick Your Own Oranges at Heritage Park

Come join us beginning Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Heritage Park for fresh, hand-picked oranges. Enjoy a “Slice of La Verne’s Past” while picking some of the best-tasting oranges around. The Heritage Foundation offers you one of the last working orange groves in the area as a place to enjoy with your family. Bags of oranges are \$6, and mesh bags and the picking poles are supplied. The historic Weber house will also be open for tours from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Orange picking opens Saturdays beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and continuing until approximately the beginning of March. For more information call 909-293-9005 or check out the web site at [www.laverneheritage.org](http://www.laverneheritage.org)



## PUBLIC SAFETY

### New Year, New Batteries

The start of a new year is always a good time to check all of the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home to ensure that they are working properly. It is a good idea to replace the batteries in any that you haven’t tested or replaced the batteries in within the past year. To test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, simply press the button on the detector that says “sound” or “test.” If the alarm does not go off, your detector is not working properly and may need new batteries or to be replaced. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives! Take the time to ensure your family and home are safe by checking the batteries in your devices.

### Join the Police Explorer Program



The La Verne Police Department Police Explorer Program is ideal for young men and women interested in community service and law enforcement. Some of the activities Explorers will get to participate in include: assisting police personnel in the Records Bureau, Detective Bureau, and Traffic Bureau; participate in patrol ride-a-longs; and participate in physical fitness competitions against other Explorer posts.

Minimum Requirements: Must be between the ages of 14 ½ and 21. Explorers may remain in the program until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Must be in good physical shape and able to attend an Explorer Training Academy. Ability to attend bi-weekly meetings, work special details, and perform a minimum of volunteer service hours each month. If enrolled in school, must maintain a “C” average and have a good school attendance record.

Mandatory Requirements: Parent or guardian support of involvement in the program for candidates under the age of 18. Strict adherence to all State, Federal, and Local Laws, as well as the La Verne Police Department Policy Manual and La Verne Police Department Explorer Manual. Zero tolerance on drug and alcohol use.

Duties: Under supervision, performs a wide variety of support duties including traffic control, parades, street fairs, and clerical duties. Duties may also include searches for persons, weapons, and evidence. Other non-enforcement duties will be assigned as needed.

Selection Process: Applicants who most closely match the desirable qualifications will be invited to participate in the selection process, which will include a physical fitness test, appraisal Interview, and background investigation.

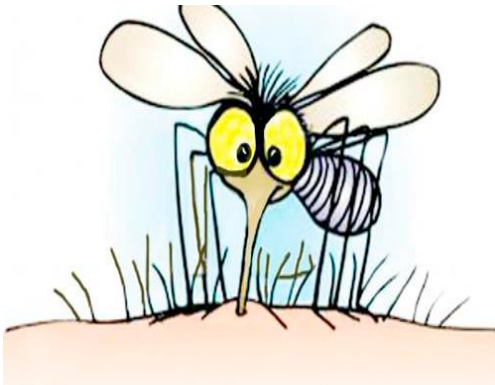
Application Procedure: A City of La Verne employment application form must be filled out and turned into the La Verne Police Department. Please contact Lieutenant Dransfeldt at [cdransfeldt@lvpd.org](mailto:cdransfeldt@lvpd.org) or (909) 596-1913 for questions concerning the La Verne Police Department Explorer Program.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### La Verne Recreation Classes

The La Verne Community Services Department is currently taking registration for classes and activities. We offer a variety of classes such as Preschool, Art, Youth Basketball, Fitness, Mindfulness, and much more. Registration may be done online at [www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide](http://www.cityoflaverne.org/recguide), in our office, by mail, faxed, or you may use the drop box at the rear of City Hall. For more information regarding classes and activities, please call the Community Services Office at 909-596-8700.

### Bite Back Campaign



Join a grassroots, neighborhood-oriented outreach campaign to protect your community from mosquitos and the diseases they carry. The benefits to a Bite Back Campaign in your neighborhood are: improved neighborhood quality, less mosquitoes=more outdoor fun, reduces outbreak threats of Zika, West Nile virus and other dangerous diseases, and direct connection to Mosquito Control experts. We'll make you experts, too! Breaks down barriers between neighbors, and once neighbors are educated about the issue, it's a great way to spread the word and get to know new friends and neighbors. For more information or to sign up for a 30-minute neighborhood orientation [click here](#).

### Open Streets Event – Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Heart of the Foothills 2020, the open streets event, will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The event will span approximately 4 miles along streets that connect the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona. The route will begin in San Dimas and travel through La Verne along Bonita Avenue to Fulton Road to Arrow Highway and then along Arrow Highway to Pomona's Palomares Park. The event will be from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM and be open for cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and skaters to use as a recreational space. There will be hubs located in every city along the route. The La Verne Hub will be located in Old Town La Verne where thousands of participants will be able to discover and enjoy the charm of downtown.

## PUBLIC WORKS/CONSERVATION



### Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of La Verne in conjunction with Waste Management is once again offering Christmas Tree Recycling. We ask that you remove the stand, water container, and other decorations before placing your tree curbside on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Trees can be picked up on later dates by request as a large item pickup by calling Waste Management at 909-599-1274. If your tree is over six feet, we kindly request that you cut it in half. Flocked trees are accepted, but *CANNOT* be recycled due to the chemicals in the flocking material.

### Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Event

Please collect your hazardous waste (pesticides, old batteries, used automotive fluids, used cleaning products, etc.) and electronic waste products (computers, old televisions, and broken cell phones) for a **FREE** collection event in Claremont on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM -3:00 PM at Claremont Corporate Yard, 1616 Monte Vista Avenue, Claremont, 91711. All L.A. County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to this event, there is a roundup nearly every weekend in L.A. County. The entire schedule and more details are posted at [www.888cleanla.com](http://www.888cleanla.com)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### La Verne Community Design Award Blaze Pizza

In summer 2018 Blaze Pizza opened for business in La Verne Towne Center South. The restaurant chain specializes in artisanal customized pizzas that are baked before your eyes in their signature oven. The restaurant is known for their colorful, fun and modern interior designs, and the La Verne location does not disappoint.

The expansive restaurant space features bright red and orange accent colors, which are contrasted with metal and wood finishes creating a playful and contemporary aesthetic. Blaze Pizza's delicious food and lively interior design have made it a favorite spot within the La Verne community, especially for sports teams and families.



For their terrific interior design work, **Blaze Pizza** is a recipient of the **2019 La Verne Community Design Award** in the **Interior Design** category. Well done!

# LA VERNE BRANCH - LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY

## January Events - Children:

**Smarty Pants Storytime**, Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 and 29 (11:30 am - 12:00 pm). Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun! Attendance is limited and advanced registration is required. Storytime is for ages 2 - 5 with adult caregiver.

**After School Adventures**, Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, and 28 (3:00 - 4:00 pm). Join us for after-school games, crafts, and STEAM activities. You never know what adventures will be waiting. For ages 7 -12.

**Baby Storytime**, Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, (10:00 - 10:30 am). Enjoy bonding with your baby through rhymes, finger plays, and books. Attendance is limited and advanced registration is recommended. For Babies up to 18 months with their parent/caregiver.

## January Event - Teens:

**Teen Advisory Board**, Monday, January 13 (3:00 - 4:00 pm). Earn volunteer hours and make an impact in your community! Join the Teen Advisory Board and help improve library services for teens. For ages 12-17.

## January Event - Everyone:

**Wild Wings of California**, Saturday, January 25 (10:00 - 11:00 am). Meet a large bird of prey and discover their awesome beauty. The birds of prey you will meet are non-releasable due to injury and are specially trained for meeting the public. Learn tips on how you can start to become a bird watcher in your own backyard and find out what sorts of birds live near you.

## Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 10 am – 6 pm

Wednesday, Thursday: 11 am – 8 pm

Friday, Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday: Closed



The library will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

For more information visit the library's website: <http://www.colapublib.org/libs/laverne/index.php>