



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January/February 2022

CALENDAR



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

In this issue you will find information on the upcoming Blood Drive at Veterans Hall, the Senior Meal program and tax assistance for seniors from AARP. Also, learn more about the organic recycling program and changes to dining on D Street, as well as changes to the Community Center hours.

Also, included is information on the June election and nomination period for those interested in running for City Council.

I hope this newsletter is helpful in keeping you up to date with City news, activities and programs.

Bob Russi, City Manager

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February 7 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting via Live Stream
City Website at cityoflaverne.org

February 21 - All Day
President's Day Holiday
City Hall, City Yard and Community Center closed

February 22 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting via Live Stream
City Website at cityoflaverne.org

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the January meeting the City Council:

- Introduced Police Chief Colleen Flores
- Adopted a resolution to hold a general municipal election on Tuesday, June 7, 2022
- Adopted an ordinance to comply with organic waste requirements of SB 1383

At the December meetings the City Council:

- Approved the Active Transportation Plan
- Celebrated the badge pinning ceremonies of Sergeant Mark Gutierrez and Corporal Carlos Flores
- Reappointed Denise Fisher and appointed Don Kendrick to the YFAC Executive Board
- Approved Class Specification and salary for Fire Marshal
- Adjourned in memory of Catherine Fugitt, longtime La Verne resident and community activist, and in memory of Delia Heredia, longtime La Verne resident and business owner

ADMINISTRATION

Wind Storm Update

Clean up continues through-out the City. To assist residents with recovery from the wind storm, roll-off bins for green waste are available to residents at the following sites: Fires Station #3 at 5100 Esperanza Drive, Kuns Park at 1600 Bonita Avenue and Mills Park at 5601 Wheeler Avenue. Also, Waste Management will pick up bundled green waste through February 7th, on normal trash pickup dates, residents **do not** have to call to schedule an extra pick up. Additional information can be found at: [windstorm](#)

COVID Booster Clinic

The Community Services Department is hosting a COVID-19 Booster & Vaccination Clinic on **Thursday, February 3rd**. The clinic will be held at the La Verne Community Center located at 3680 D Street. It is open to all eligible LA County residents ages 5 and up! The vaccines are free! Health insurance is not required. Either Moderna or Pfizer booster doses will be available at the clinic.

Spots are still available but, **pre-registration is required!** Register at [booster](#). Once registered, please remember to bring your vaccination card and a valid form of ID. Masks are required upon entering the La Verne Community Center.

Nomination Period for City Council opens February 14th

La Verne residents have an opportunity to serve their neighbors, show love for their community, and help shape the future of the city by pursuing openings on the La Verne City Council. The nomination period for all those

interested in running for Council in the upcoming June 2022 General Municipal Election begins Valentine's Day, February 14th and all paperwork must be submitted by March 14th at 5:00 PM.

La Verne voters will now elect one City Council representative based on the district where they reside. This means only voters in Districts 1, 3 and 4 will be voting for a Council Member during the upcoming election. Residents can determine which district they live in by accessing this interactive map. [map](#)

To be eligible to become a city council candidate for District 1, 3 or 4, La Verne residents must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age and a registered voter.
- Reside within the La Verne electoral district boundary they are running for at the time the nomination paper is issued and, if elected, live within that district for the duration of his/her term.
- Complete and return all required nomination and candidate forms and documents to the La Verne City Clerk by the deadline of March 14th at 5:00 PM. This deadline may be extended to March 16th at 5:00 PM should an incumbent decide not to file.
- All forms required for nomination and election to the La Verne City Council are furnished by and filed with the La Verne Assistant City Clerk, Lupe Gaeta Estrella. Appointments to obtain the nomination papers and candidate guidelines are required to ensure ample time to thoroughly review the filing requirements and answer any questions. To set up an appointment, residents can call 909-596-8726.

SB 1383 Organics Pails

As the New Year begins, and Californians roll out SB 1383, the City of La Verne has purchased pails to help our



residents recycle organic matter from the kitchen more easily. La Verne residents who are interested in receiving a pail can visit the City website, click on the "SB 1383 and Organics Information" banner in the scrolling current events section, click on "Residential Solid Waste and Recycling," and click on the "SB 1383 Pail Application" form on the right side. Bring the completed form to one of the two distribution events at the City of La Verne Maintenance Yard (2620 First Street) and receive a pail. Pails will be available on a first

come, first served basis until supplies run out. Event dates are: Saturday, February 5th, 10:00 AM 2:00 PM and Wednesday, February 9th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

La Verne's First Female Police Chief Contract Approved

Congratulations to Chief Colleen Flores on her promotion to Chief of Police! Chief Flores was appointed Captain in 2018 following a 23-year career with Arcadia PD. She becomes the 22nd Chief of the La Verne Police Department and the first female Chief in our 116-year history!



Residents Can Stay Updated on Secure Youth Treatment Facilities Issue on City Website

The City has created a webpage to help keep the La Verne community updated on the County's interest in using the Camp Afflerbaugh and Paige site for county youth probation camps. Residents can access a summary of the issue, the Council's letter to Supervisor Barger, links to upcoming meetings, and information on how to submit comments and letters, talking points and more here: [youth](#). Residents are encouraged to submit letters of opposition to Supervisor Barger's office and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A great big thank you to all who participated and made Christmas morning candy delivery a success. Residents were happy to see the 96th year of this beloved community tradition continue. The efforts of all of Santa's helpers who dedicated their time to distribute goodie bags was greatly appreciated by all!

La Verne Plans to Address Community Needs Thanks to Help of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

The La Verne City Council held a study session to discuss how to utilize the \$7.6 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to best serve the community in its COVID-19 recovery, including: Housing and homelessness services, Business assistance, Critical infrastructure projects, and premium pay for essential workers. Learn more: [funds](#)

Ban on the Sale of Flavored Tobacco went into effect January 22nd

In an effort to prioritize youth health, City Council previously passed an ordinance that goes into effect January 2022 which bans the sale of flavored tobacco products, including vapes and e-cigarettes, within the City. Learn more about the impact of tobacco on our communities and the City's ordinance here: [ordinance](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

La Verne Offers Residents New Shopping and Dining Options

Although last year was filled with newfound challenges and developments, the City of La Verne's local economy has continued on a healthy trajectory, having welcomed 55 new businesses and business owners (and counting!) into the community in 2021. In addition to augmenting the City's growing list of local retailer, restaurant, and service provider options, these businesses also offer the La Verne community with new job opportunities ranging from retail establishments and home improvement stores to mental and physical health-related enterprises.

If you haven't ventured to one of these new spots, be sure to check out the new eats, items, and services they have to offer! Shop local and learn more: [shoppinganddining](#)

Changes to D Street Dining

As some of you may know, Café Wang was recently approved for an expansion of their outdoor patio onto D Street. Recently, in collaboration with the Downtown Businesses Improvement District, Café Wang has proposed an update to the existing outdoor dining patio. The existing patio in front of Café Wang will be updated to be both a safe environment to eat at, as well as aesthetically pleasing. Some inspiration for the updated outdoor patio came from the outdoor dining areas that can be found in Downtown Claremont. Café Wang's updated outdoor patio is expected to be completed within the next few months, so keep an eye out on D Street for any changes!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Center Schedule Update

Beginning Monday, February 7th the Community Center will resume their regular operating hours, Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-8:30 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. The Center is open to participants enrolled in classes, seminars, or activities. Masks are required to enter, regardless of vaccination status. There is a daily check-in process for everyone upon arrival.

La Verne Community Blood Drive

Blood supplies are critically low! You don't need a special reason to give blood. You just need your own reason. Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday. Some believe it is the right thing to do. Some do it for the free cookies and juice. Whatever your reason is, come and donate on February 4th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Veterans Hall, 1550 Bonita Avenue, La Verne. Appointments preferred, walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment go the www.redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: LVCC or call **1-800-RED-CROSS**.



AARP Tax Assistance

Beginning February, appointments for FREE tax filing assistance will take place. Volunteers will provide seniors with low-moderate income assistance to file SIMPLE tax returns. Recommended documents to bring to the appointment: a copy of the previous year's tax return, any forms showing income, pensions, or Social Security payments, as well as forms 1099 showing interest or dividends that your investments have earned, receipts or canceled checks for income or property taxes paid or any contributions made to charities. Call 909-596-8776 to make an appointment.

Senior Lunch Program



The Senior Lunch Program, Walk up, Grab and Go, is available to La Verne residents over the age of 60. The meals consist of 5 frozen meals, 2 fresh meals, milk, fruit and a variety of snacks. If you are interested in the Senior Lunch Program please sign up at the Community Center during normal business hours. For questions call the Community Center at 909-596-8776.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department Promotions



Congratulations are in order for Captain Sam Gonzalez, Administrative Lieutenant Chris Dransfeldt, Lieutenant Cory Leeper, Sergeant Devon Harden, and Corporal Addiel Julian on their recent promotions! Congratulations to all!

Fire Department Promotions and Recruitments



LVFD has been busy with recruitments and promotions. Congratulations to Captain Travis Moore on his promotion to Fire Captain, effective January 6th! The Fire Department will be conducting promotional exams for the position of Engineer and Captain the first and second week of February. Wish the candidates luck! We will also be holding Firefighter testing in early March.

PUBLIC WORKS/CONSERVATION

Tis the Season to Save Water in La Verne

With the State of California currently experiencing its second driest year on record despite recent storms, the City of La Verne reminds residents to continue their water conservation efforts. Maintaining and expanding voluntary water-saving practices are the only hope the City has to avoid potential mandatory use restrictions. Check out some water conservation tips here: [water](#)



Foothill Gold Line – Fulton Road Street Closure

 **Foothill Gold Line** **KIEWIT-PARSONS, A JV**
-Glendora to Pomona-

NOTICE: Full Street Closure

FULTON RD. AT RAILROAD CROSSING (CITY OF LA VERNE/POMONA)
FEBRUARY 7 - 11, 2022

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

As part of the 9.1-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project, KPJV crews will be working at the Fulton Rd. railroad crossing to remove and relocate the existing freight track to its new position and repave the work zone. This work requires a **full closure of Fulton Rd. at the railroad crossing for approximately 1 week. In addition, the Metrolink Station driveway on Fulton Rd. will be restricted to entrance only during the closure; vehicles will need to exit at Santa Fe St. and Garey Ave.** NOTE: Crews will be returning to Fulton Rd. to finalize the crossing during the second quarter of this year.

WHEN

Monday, February 7 and continuing thru Friday, February 11, 2022, Fulton Rd. will be fully closed to all traffic (vehicular and pedestrian) at the railroad crossing 24 hours a day. Arrow Hwy. (south of the crossing) and Bonita Ave. (north of the crossing) will remain open and accessible by way of detour routes, see map below.

- Daily Work Hours: 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM. Overnight work and Sunday shifts may also be required.

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

- Fulton Rd. will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the railroad crossing.
- Access to homes, businesses, and churches on Fulton Rd. within the closure area north and south of the railroad crossing will be maintained at all times, as well as access to 1st St., Roosevelt St., & Brandt St.
- The Metrolink Station driveway on Fulton Rd. will be restricted to entrance only during the closure; vehicles will need to exit using Santa Fe St. and Garey Ave.

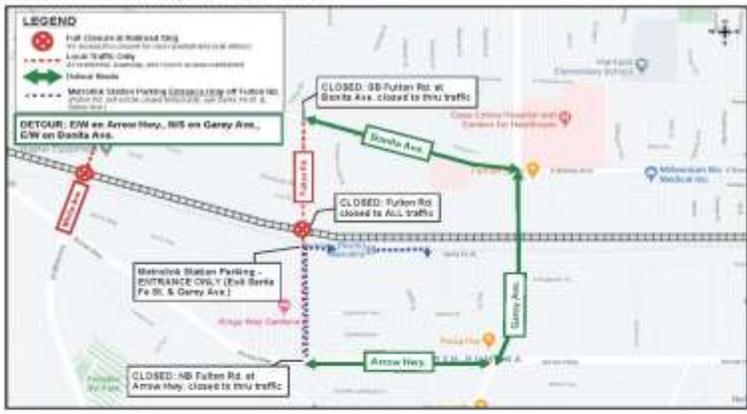
PLAN YOUR ROUTE AND BE PREPARED

- A detour route (see map below) will be in place during the closure and signage will be posted to direct motorists and pedestrians as well as Metrolink customers. Please follow detour signs.
 - ✓ Fulton Rd. will be fully closed to all traffic at the railroad crossing between Arrow Hwy. and Bonita Ave.
 - ✓ The Metrolink Station driveway on Fulton Rd. will be restricted to entrance only during the closure; vehicles will need to exit using Santa Fe St. and Garey Ave.
 - ✓ Garey Ave. (northbound and southbound) will serve as the main detour route, see details below.
 - ✓ Arrow Hwy. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.
 - ✓ Bonita Ave. (eastbound and westbound) will remain open to all traffic.

NOTE TO RESIDENTS /

BUSINESS OWNERS

- Noise from construction equipment will be produced near the active work zones.
- Bus stops may be temporarily relocated, for more information:
 - Foothill Transit Bus: (800) RIDE-INFO/ (800) 743-3463 or foothilltransit.org
 - Metro Bus: (323) GO-METRO/ (323) 466-3876 or www.metro.net



STAY SAFE

Please obey all posted construction signs and do not enter the construction work zone.
Para información en español por favor llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a (626) 513-5788.

QUESTIONS?

Project Construction Questions Hotline: (626) 513-5788 Email: CommunityRelations@Kiewit-Parsons.com
General Project Questions: (626) 471-9050 Email: PublicAffairs@Foothillgoldline.org

Stay ahead of construction, sign up for alerts: www.foothillgoldline.org

**Construction schedules are subject to change for various reasons, including, but not limited to, weather conditions and unforeseen delays.*

Freight Service to Resume in Rail Corridor

Beginning February 3rd the BNSF freight trains will resume service in the rail corridor between Irwindale and Pomona. The service was suspended in November 2020 as the freight track through this corridor was relocated to make room for the new light rail system. This work is part of the 9.1 mile, four-station Foothill Gold Line light rail project.

Household Hazardous Waste Event – Saturday, February 5th

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 on February 5th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Claremont Corporate Yard, located at 1616 Monte Vista Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711. All LA County residents are welcome to participate. If you can't make it to this event, there is a roundup nearly every weekend in LA County. The entire schedule and more details are posted at www.888cleanla.com. **Please do not attend this event if you have any COVID-19 related symptoms, have been asked to quarantine, or have recently traveled internationally. All attendees are required to wear a face covering and keep vehicle windows up, if possible.**



LA VERNE BRANCH - LA COUNTY LIBRARY

Hours of Service

Library has reopened for select in-person services including book checkout, public computer usage for up to 1 hour and free Wi-Fi. The Library is open on:

- Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Sunday and Monday



For more information, please visit LACountyLibrary.org/La-Verne-Library