



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

This issue provides highlights from the two City Council meetings in February including the 2019 Design Award recipients. The design awards recognize outstanding achievement in project development and excellence in design. In addition, there is information regarding this month's events, news, and status of projects that might be of community interest.

Additional information about what's happening in the City can be found at www.cityoflaverne.org.

Please enjoy the updates and development news provided in this issue.

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

March 4 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

March 4 – 3:00-5:00 PM

Coffee & Cocoa with a Cop
Cactus Coffee
2232 D Street, #102

March 9 – 8:00 AM

La Verne Little League
Opening Day
Pelota Park

March 18 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the February 4th and 19th meetings, the City Council:

- Recognized Boy Scout Troop 411 for donations to Coast Guard members affected by the government shutdown.
- Presented the 2019 La Verne Community Design Awards to 16 projects.
- Presented the Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award to Natalie Ortiz for her many roles with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO).
- Presented the Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award to Jennifer Kesterson for her leadership in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Tax Measure Forums

At their February 4th meeting, the City Council directed staff to initiate steps for the community's consideration of a tax measure at the March 2020 municipal election. To provide residents with information regarding the basis for the proposed tax increase, the expected revenue, and how the additional funds will be used, the City is offering two educational forums in March.

The first forum is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at the City's Community Center (3680 D Street) at 6:30 pm. The second forum will be held on Wednesday, March 27th in the City Council Chambers (3660 D Street) at 6:30 pm. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 909-596-8726.

Coffee with the Mayor

Interested in talking with the Mayor, your next opportunity will be Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Starbucks located at 1181 Foothill Blvd.

Tentative Settlement Reached with La Verne Firefighters on Both the State and Federal Lawsuits

A tentative settlement has been reached with the La Verne Firefighters Association. This settlement will bring an end to both pending state and federal lawsuits. Those involved in the decision believe this type of resolution will prevent prolonged and expensive proceedings and allow the City to move forward and begin rebuilding bridges with La Verne Fire Department employees. The City and its self-insurance carrier (CJPIA) both agree that it was in the best interests of the community to put this matter behind us.

The agreement that was discussed with the federal judge and is in the process of being finalized does not represent an out-of-pocket expense to the City. More information will be provided once the agreement has been finalized.

OLD TOWN PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Old Town Parking Lot Rehabilitation

The City has issued a construction contract for the rehabilitation of two public parking lots in the Old Town area. The parking lots are on the west and east side of D Street between Bonita Avenue and Third Street. In an attempt to minimize inconvenience to the public and businesses, the closure of each parking lot will be done separately. Work on the west parking lot will begin on Monday, March 11th and work on the east parking lot will begin on Monday, March 18th. For additional details visit the City website. [Click here](#)

GENERAL PLAN

General Plan Update

City staff and the De Novo Group have been working with the General Plan Advisory Committee on providing input on key community issues and priorities for the General Plan update. The Project Team is now preparing the Draft General Plan Document for public review. The De Novo Group presented a brief update to the City Council on March 4th at their regularly scheduled meeting which included the proposed vision statement which will be the cornerstone of the general plan. Additional details can be found at the City website. [Click here](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

What's Happening at In-N-Out

Don't panic! In-N-Out is doing some construction/electrical work, including repaving the parking lot and installing new parking lot lights. During construction they will be closed February 11th- March 8th. The City will work with In-N-Out to expedite inspections to ensure they are not closed any longer than expected.



2019 La Verne Community Design Awards

The 2019 La Verne Community Design Awards ceremony was held at the February 19th City Council meeting. Mayor Don Kendrick presented plaques to 16 award winners in front of a packed audience in the Council Chambers. The Community Design Awards recognize outstanding achievements in project development, and honor projects for their excellence in design. Awards were presented for projects in the categories of commercial, institutional, residential, historic preservation & adaptive reuse, interior design, public facility and public art. Congratulations to all!

The 2019 award winners are as follows:

Institutional Design

- University of La Verne Citrus Hall & The Spot, 2043 D Street

Interior Design

- Blaze Pizza, 2416 Foothill Boulevard
- Chase's, 2079 Bonita Avenue
- The Resting Spa & Massage, 2071 Third Street
- Ding Tea, 1457 Foothill Boulevard
- Café Wang, 2316 D Street
- Cactus Coffee, 2232 D Street, Ste. #102
- Pho Ha Noi, 2451 Foothill Boulevard, Ste. D
- Show Ramen, 1263 Foothill Boulevard

Commercial Design

- D Street Square, 2079 Bonita Avenue
- Pomona Valley Health Center, 2317-2371 Foothill Boulevard

Residential Design

- Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity "Salute to Service" House, 1520 First Street
- Emerald Collection, 4506-4578 Romick Circle

Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse

- Micky's Jewelry Studio, 2343 D Street

Public Art

- “Nevertheless...They Persisted,” 2040 Third Street

Public Facility

- Ramona Middle School Gymnasium, 3490 Ramona Avenue (pictured below)



PUBLIC SAFETY

Charity Golf Tournament

The La Verne Police Officers Association will be hosting its first annual charity golf tournament. The goal of this event is to raise money in support of The La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee and The La Verne Police Officers Association. For information on how to register and additional details [click here](#). The event is open to the public and any business in support of this great cause. Hope to see you there!



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Honor a Veteran with a Memorial Paver

The La Verne Community Services Department is still accepting paver orders for the Veterans Memorial until April 11th for installation by this upcoming Memorial Day. The new pavers will be displayed at our Memorial Day Ceremony which takes place at Veterans Hall, 1550 Bonita Avenue, on Monday, May 27th at 11:00 am. The cost to purchase pavers is: \$150 for a 4 x 12 paver, \$300 for an 8 x 12, or \$400 for a 12 x 12. If you have questions or would like further information regarding paver purchases, contact the La Verne Community Services Department at 909-596-8700.

Donations Needed for Free Summer Lunch Program



The City of La Verne will once again offer its Summer Lunch Program this upcoming summer. The Summer Lunch Program is a free program for kids who receive a free lunch during the school year. Once the school year ends, the free lunches are not available through the summer from the schools, and this program fills the gap. The program will run daily at Las Flores Park from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm from June 10th through August 16th. The program is staffed by City employees and includes activities, crafts, and a free nutritious lunch. Last year close to 1300 lunches were served.

The Summer Lunch Program is funded entirely through donations. The City is once again seeking donations for the upcoming 2019 summer to keep this free program running for the children of this community who stop receiving a free lunch once the school year ends. If you are interested in being part of this great program, please contact the Community Services Department at 909-596-8700.

Sponsorships Needed for 2019 La Verne Concerts in the Park

The La Verne Heritage Foundation along with the City of La Verne is proud to announce their 2019 Summer Concerts in the Park series. We are currently scheduling bands for the upcoming concert dates with the first concert to be held on Sunday, June 16th. These Concerts have been one of their most popular local events for over 20 years.



To continue offering quality music, *sponsors* have an opportunity to donate towards these Concerts. If you are a business owner, family, or know of one who would like to help in continuing to offer these *free* events to La Verne residents and surrounding communities, please contact Chad Peterson at the City with your interest. To ensure your business or family name will be included in any time-sensitive advertising it is important to express your interest ASAP. Benefits include a tax write off, listing of your business in all avenues, and your business's exposure at all the concerts.

Thank you for taking this opportunity to support your community with this great event. It is a pleasurable time for families to enjoy quality music, beautiful Heritage Park, and "Music Under the Stars."

If you have any questions or would like further information on sponsoring the concert series, please contact Chad Peterson at 909-596-8700 or by email at cpeterson@cityoflaverne.org.

Preschool Enrollment

City of La Verne Preschool is taking enrollment now through May 2019. This class is a social recreation program for children ages 3 to 5. Children will learn about numbers, colors, shapes, and the alphabet. Call the Community Services Department for more information.



Senior Programs

The Community Center is the location for many senior events, classes and the senior lunch program. The 2nd Monday of each month is movie matinee day. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, there is a Senior Seminar Series with different educational topics and every day Monday thru Friday a hot nutritious lunch is served at 11:30 am as part of the senior lunch program, reservations are required. For details on the lunch program as well as the movie schedule, and the seminar series, contact the Community Services Department at 909-596-8726.

PUBLIC WORKS/CONSERVATION

Energy Efficient Streetlight Upgrade

The City of La Verne recently launched a citywide streetlight conversion to light emitting diode (LED) project, which will upgrade approximately 2,000 streetlights recently acquired from Southern California Edison (SCE) to energy efficient LED fixtures.

The project was awarded to Tanko Lighting of San Francisco, CA and commenced in March 2017, with an initial audit phase that identified the precise locations and characteristics of the City's existing streetlights. Actual retrofit of the streetlights to LED technology is expected to begin in March 2019 and be completed in April 2019.

Not only will the project reduce the City's energy use resulting in decreased energy cost, but it will also improve the color and quality of lighting throughout the City.

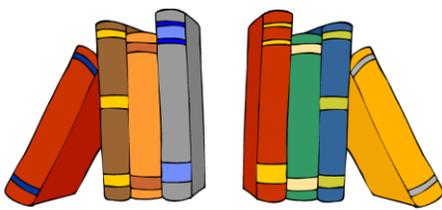
Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

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 San Gabriel on March 9th at 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel. 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.

LA VERNE BRANCH - LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY

Library Seeking New Friends of the Library Board Members

The Friends of the La Verne Library is looking for new board members and board officers. The Friends are a non-profit group that supports library programs and services and they were a driving force behind the campaign to build the current Library. The current Friends board is a small group made up of long-time members and officers. Many are seeking to retire from their board responsibilities and as a result the group is looking for an infusion of new members and officers. The officer positions to be filled are the following: President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary.



The most important of these is the Treasurer, who collects library book sale proceeds, makes bank deposits, reconciles bank statements and approves and designates funds for specific library programs and services. The person interested in this position should have knowledge of basic accounting skills.

The Friends group also wants to expand the board to include more general members. This is key as a larger board ensures quorums which are necessary for conducting business and approving library funds and also allows for rotations of officers among many members instead of being limited to a handful due to a small group.

If you want to make a difference in your community please join the Friends of the La Verne Library and support our Library. Persons interested in being an officer or board member are welcome to attend the Friends monthly board meeting that is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. For additional information please contact the La Verne Library at 909-596-1934.

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:
Cesar Chavez Day – Monday, March 25, 2019



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