



# CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2022



## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

With the beautiful weather, the spring holidays, and baseball season starting, there are plenty of reasons to get together with friends. We are pleased to be commencing with our annual events for the month of April including the Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Yard sale, and more!

Further developments of the City are in full swing with the current construction of the Pedestrian Bridge as well as the rehabilitation of our streets and sidewalks.

We encourage everyone to continue to show care for your neighbors and support our local businesses. I hope you find this newsletter helpful and you are safe and well.

*Bob Russi, City Manager*

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## CALENDAR

### **April 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 AM**

Annual Track & Field Meet at Bonita High School

### **April 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

Planning Commission Meeting via the City's YouTube channel at [www.cityoflaverne.org/stream](http://www.cityoflaverne.org/stream)

### **April 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM**

State of the District Address & Luncheon at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**

Cruisin' Down D Street at D Street & Third St

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM**

Easter Egg Hunt at Emerald Park and Las Flores Park

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

City Council Meeting via Live Stream  
*City Website at [cityoflaverne.org](http://cityoflaverne.org)*

### **April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00 AM**

Community Yard Sale at Bonita High School

### **April 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM**

Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting via the City's YouTube channel at [www.cityoflaverne.org/stream](http://www.cityoflaverne.org/stream)

# HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the March meetings, the City Council:

- Declared surplus property and directed staff to sell surplus items
- Approved Essential Worker Premium Pay stipends
- Celebrated the badge pinnings of promotional Fire Captains and Fire Engineers
- Proclaimed March 2022 as Red Cross Month
- Proclaimed March 2022 as Irish-American Heritage Month
- Proclaimed March 2022 as Women’s History Month

## ADMINISTRATION

### Election News

The City’s next general municipal election will be on June 7, 2022. This is La Verne’s first by-district election, and voters from Districts 1, 3, and 4 will select a Council Member. [Click here](#) to learn more information.

Candidates are:

#### **District 1**

Muir Davis  
Steve Johnson

#### **District 3**

Joseph Gabaldon  
Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita

#### **District 4**

Richard Gill  
Tim Hepburn  
Estella V. Maldonado



Wondering what district you live in? [Click here](#)!

### Candidate Forum

You are cordially invited to the “Meet the Candidates” forum to be held on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the La Verne Community Center, 3680 “D” Street, La Verne. For viewing schedule and more information, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (909) 596-8726. Go to the City of La Verne website for more details: [click here](#).

### The State of the District Address and Luncheon

Join the Bonita Unified’s Superintendent, Carl Cole, as he presents the State of the District address on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. The event location has been moved to the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center.

Tickets for entry at 11:00 AM are \$25/person (includes lunch). Attendance after 12:15 PM is free. To RSVP, please call (909) 971-8200.

## **Additional Funds of \$4 Million for Pedestrian Bridge**

La Verne would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Representative Grace F. Napolitano for helping the City secure \$4 million in federal funding for our Gold Line-Fairplex pedestrian bridge.

While the City is still finalizing the design of the bridge, this additional funding will allow the City to initiate the process of selecting a contractor to complete the work. Learn more about the pedestrian bridge project: [click here.](#)



## **What to Know about Senate Bill 9 – The HOME Act**

The California Housing Opportunity and More Efficiency (HOME) Act is the state's multi-year effort to address the statewide housing crisis by providing more opportunity to homeowners to develop multi-family units on their existing single-family residential lot. To learn more information about Senate Bill 9, [click here.](#) Senate Bill 9 does not affect cities' current practices for the construction of accessory dwelling units, meaning La Verne's existing zoning requirements will remain intact. Call the City at (909) 596-8726 for further questions.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **Small Business Rescue Grant Program**

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Zoom webinar on April 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Small Business Rescue Grant Program. Applications for the grant will be open starting April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. through the Chamber's website. To register for the webinar, download the complete program guidelines, or to see frequently asked questions, visit the Chamber's website or [click here.](#)

### **Chuze Fitness**

Wondering what might be happening with the former Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) tenant space? OSH closed at the end of 2018, and now Chuze Fitness is in the process of demoing the building interior before they begin new construction. Chuze Fitness originated in SoCal's own San Diego, and they describe themselves as a low-pressure gym facility, and you'll find that they'll be surprisingly well equipped.



When completed, Chuze Fitness La Verne will be nearly 47,000 square feet of weight and cardio machines, a turf room, cycle room, movie room, and even an outdoor pool! Also included is an actual smoothie bar, and you can even gain access to their steam and sauna rooms. You should also know that they have a kids club so the little ones will be tended to while you tend to yourself. Their operating hours will be 4:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Mondays, 24 hours Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00 AM to 10:00 PM Fridays, and 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. We will keep you posted on an expected opening date as construction progresses.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Damien High School Basketball Team Recognition



The Damien High School Basketball team won the CIF Division I State Championship tournament by defeating the Clovis North team 65-57 on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The team had a record of 32-4 for the season. The team will be recognized at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Annual Track and Field Meet

See how they run! The City will be hosting the annual track meet representing school teams from La Verne Heights, Grace Miller, Roynon, Oak Mesa, and Ramona Middle School starting at 8:00 AM. First and second place winners will represent the City in the SCMAF San Gabriel Valley Championships.

City of La Verne presents  
**ANNUAL  
TRACK AND FIELD MEET**

**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
**LOCATION: BONITA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**AGES: BOYS AND GIRLS BORN IN 2007 - 2014**

**COME SUPPORT THE RUNNERS!**  
**WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE INVITED TO COMPETE IN THE  
SCMAF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ASSOCIATION TRACK MEET.**

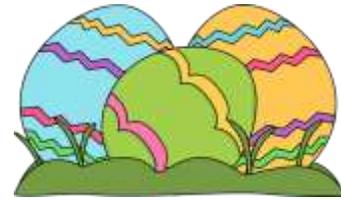
For more information, please contact the  
Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700.

### **Cruisin' Down D Street**

Attention car enthusiasts! The Cool Cruise Car Show is happening once again on D Street and Third Street! If you enjoy vintage cars such as classic Mustangs or Camaros, or are just looking for something to do on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM, then come on down!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The La Verne Rotary Club and the La Verne Community Services Department co-sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM at both Las Flores Park and Emerald Park. This event is free for all and offered to children ages 1 through 12 to participate. Participants will have the opportunity to gather eggs, candy, and prizes!



### **Community Yard Sale and Fitness Expo**

Are you ready for Spring cleaning? Bonita High School will be hosting their annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This year the event will also include a Health & Fitness Expo. There is no admission fee to attend.

### **LA County Fair – La Verne Day**



We are pleased to announce our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Verne Day at the Fair on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$1 admission for La Verne residents on this day and details will be available at [LACountyFair.com](http://LACountyFair.com). La Verne residents will also receive a mailer with information in the month of April. A parade will not be held this year, but a small ceremony recognizing our La Verne heroes will be held, time to be determined at a later date.

### **La Verne Wine Walk**

Buy your tickets now for the Sip of La Verne Wine Walk! The event will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. More than 30 businesses will offer samples of quality wines and unique foods from an amazing selection of local restaurants. Wine selections include reds and whites as well as dessert and sparkling wines. [Click here to purchase tickets](#). To volunteer for the event, please call the City of La Verne at (909) 596-8726.



## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Sign Up for the City's Emergency Alert Notifications**



Don't leave your safety to luck. Sign up for La Verne Police Department's emergency alerts by texting 91750 to 888777 and be sure to follow La Verne Fire Department and La Verne Police Department on social media for local updates.

### **Chief Colleen Flores Badge Pinning Ceremony**



Colleen Flores is our 22<sup>nd</sup> and first female chief in La Verne’s 116 year history. With the full support of the La Verne City Council, former Chief of Police Nick Paz and City Manager Bob Russi, Chief Flores promises to bring new energy to the La Verne Police Department while respecting and honoring La Verne’s “small town” traditions and virtues. A badge pinning ceremony was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Station 3 Grand Reopening**

The City of La Verne is pleased to announce that Fire Station 3 is now reopened for use with the addition of the new Type 3 wildland fire engine. Thank you to all who celebrated with us at the reopening ceremony.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **A Street Reopening**

After being closed for several months, A Street was re-opened at the rail. During this closure new rail tracks were installed for the light rail, the freight track was relocated, and utility underground work was completed, along with several other safety and roadway improvements. Minor modifications and improvements are still needed in the area to increase clarity for motorists while entering intersections. These efforts are expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

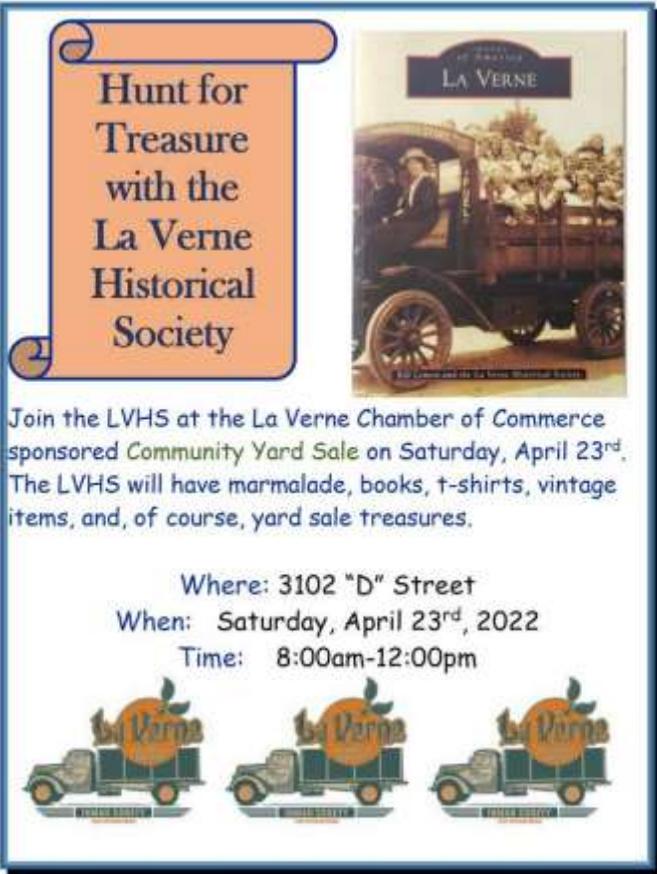
### **Progress on Street Improvement Projects**

The Public Works Department continues to move forward with street improvement and repair projects it established in summer 2021. Following the pavement resurfacing project, the department kicked off the Pavement Rehabilitation Project, which includes pavement repairs on Dover, Durward, Monterey, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. The project is currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Along with the pavement rehabilitation projects, restoration of sidewalks that were damaged as a result of uprooted trees during the recent windstorm is expected to be completed within the next month.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Hunt for Treasure at the Community Yard Sale



Hunt for Treasure with the La Verne Historical Society

Join the LVHS at the La Verne Chamber of Commerce sponsored Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The LVHS will have marmalade, books, t-shirts, vintage items, and, of course, yard sale treasures.

Where: 3102 "D" Street  
When: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

## LA VERNE BRANCH - LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY

### New Hours of Service

The Library is now opening an hour earlier Tuesdays through Saturdays. The new hours are:

- Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Sunday and Monday

For more information, please visit [LACountyLibrary.org/La-Verne-Library](https://LACountyLibrary.org/La-Verne-Library)

