



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

The end of summer is fast approaching, but there are still several great events on the calendar if you are looking for some fun - or want to cool off - before school starts. The last Movie in the Park, **Star Wars: the Last Jedi** will have some special guests so come out and meet your favorite Star Wars character. The final Concert in the Park will be "The Answer," always a fan favorite, and the Las Flores Park pool has recreation swim on Friday afternoons for some cool, wet fun.

Don't let summer slip by without enjoying some of the year's most popular events!

For more information about these events and other information about the City, keep reading!

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

August 5 - 6:30 PM

Movie Night in the Park: *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*
Heritage Park

August 6 - 6:30 PM – Canceled

City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

August 12 - 6:30 PM

Concert in the Park:
"The Answer"
Heritage Park

August 17 - 6:00-9:00 PM

Luau Dance for People with
Special Needs
Community Center

August 20 - 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

The July 2nd meeting was canceled. At the 16th meeting, the City Council:

- Heard a presentation by the Kiwanis Club
- Designated a residential preferential parking zone on the 1900 block of Fifth Street
- Authorized the issuance of pension obligation bonds to pay off the City's unfunded liability with CalPERS
- Authorized permits for the demolition of ULV's Studebaker-Hanawalt Residence Hall
- Authorized a six-month agreement for emergency jail services

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Final Concert in the Park

"The Answer to Classic Rock" on August 12th will be the last concert of the summer. Come enjoy the evening with your family and friends on Sunday at 6:30 PM at Heritage Park for wonderful live music! There will be food vendors and great raffle prizes as well.

Las Flores Park Recreational Swim

Want to keep cool? Join us for some cool, wet fun during recreation swim on Fridays from 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM at Las Flores Park pool for \$3.00 per person. Concessions available during regular recreation swim hours. More information can be found in the recreation guide at www.cityoflaverne.org.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Stuff a Squad Car

The Police Department is proud to announce the return of the "Stuff a Squad Car" campaign to provide school supplies for local kids in need. Collection sites are currently open and located at the Police Department, City Hall, and the Community Center. We will also be collecting during the Police Officer's Association sponsored Movie in the Park at Heritage Park on August 5th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The collection will end on August 14th.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Back to School Safety

The beginning of a new school year brings the excitement of new experiences and connecting with friends, but it also brings increased risk of dangers. If your child(ren) walk to and from school or the bus stop, make sure that you have their route planned out with the fewest street crossings and walk it with them beforehand to point out any potential hazards along the way. Especially emphasize that they must stay away from parks, vacant lots, and similar areas that do not have many people around, and to NEVER talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from them. Also, if possible, they should walk their route with a neighbor, classmate, or friend rather than alone. Remind them to obey all traffic signals, signs, and crossing guards.

When driving your child(ren), drop them off and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Do not drive away until they are inside the secured schoolyard or building. If they ride a bike, ensure that they wear a helmet at all times which meets certified safety standards. There should be a label inside the helmet indicating this. For those who ride the school bus, teach them to stay out of the street at the bus stop, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop, and to remain seated at all times with their heads and arms inside the bus.

To help avoid any playground injuries, teach your child(ren) the proper behavior: no pushing, shoving, hitting, or bullying. It is also a good idea to avoid any drawstrings around the hood or neck of clothing that could get caught on playground equipment.

With these safety tips in mind, your child should be ready for a fun and educational school year with reduced risk of injury. Accidents do happen, in the case of an emergency, always call 9-1-1, and make sure that your emergency contact information on file with the school is up to date.

PUBLIC WORKS

Turf Removal Rebate is Back!

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has brought back the popular Landscape Transformation Program, offering up to \$1 per square foot of area where turf is removed and replaced with drought tolerant plants. For more details, visit bewaterwise.com. In light of this announcement, Three Valleys Municipal Water District is offering a class on how to transform your landscape. The class will be held on July 28th from 9:00 a.m.-noon at 1021 E. Miramar Ave. in Claremont and will include snacks, raffle prizes, and giveaways.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Alosta Brewing Opening Soon!

Alosta Brewing has received the final approvals necessary for their doors to officially open at the northwest corner building of Bonita and D Street. The business has been working with the City since February to obtain their permits. Currently, they operate a brewery in Covina, and we look forward to their success here in La Verne! Their official opening date is anticipated to be late July or early August.

