



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2018

RELAY FOR LIFE CLAREMONT - LA VERNE

Sports Around the World - 2018

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH - 10:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.



University of La Verne - Campus West
1899 Wheeler Avenue, La Verne, Ca 91750



CALENDAR

May 7 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

May 19 – 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Relay for Life Claremont-La Verne

University of La Verne

(Campus West)

1899 Wheeler Avenue

May 20 – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Senior Dinner Dance Extravagance

“50’s Rockabilly Theme”

Community Center

May 21 – 6:30 PM

City Council Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers

May 28 – 11:00 AM

Memorial Day Ceremony

Veterans Hall

1550 Bonita Avenue

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents and Business Owners,

The annual Relay for Life event will be taking place on Saturday, May 19th at the University of La Verne, Campus West, 1899 Wheeler Ave, La Verne. Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Join us at this event to honor survivors of all cancers and raise money to help make a global impact on cancer.

Also, on Memorial Day at Veterans Hall, VFW Post 12034 will be hosting a ceremony to pay tribute to the valor and contributions of all who have served our country. Program will begin at 11 a.m.

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

Bob Russi, City Manager

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the April 2nd and 16th meetings, the City Council:

- Celebrated the badge pinning of Corporal George Quinn and Police Officer Gabriel Salas.
- Recognized Yolanda Valadez as La Verne's 2017-18 Outstanding Older American.
- Approved the initiation of the La Verne Youth of the Year Award.
- Recognized the Calvary Baptist Boys Basketball Team and their record season.
- Recognized the San Gabriel Valley All-Star Girls "C" Division Basketball Champions, comprised of 4th grade girls from La Verne's Youth Basketball program.

Council Takes Action to Protect Mobile Home Residents

At their April 16th meeting, the City Council approved adding to the La Verne Municipal Code protections for residents living in mobile home parks. The proposed ordinance establishes both the procedural and substantive requirements for those that wish to close or convert existing mobile home parks. It is important to note that existing mobile home parks in La Verne are zoned as mobile home parks and a change of this zoning and/or designation would first have to be approved by the City Council. This ordinance requiring a relocation impact report is in addition to the process required for a zone change and would not impede or diminish that separate requirement. For more information, [click here to see Agenda Report](#), beginning on page 27. The final approval will be up for the City Council's consideration on May 7th.

PUBLIC SAFETY

May is National Electrical Safety Month

Electricity plays a major role in our daily lives, but we can often take its power and the convenience it provides, along with its potential for fire-related hazards, for granted. The Electrical Safety Foundation International's (ESFI) [National Electrical Safety Month](#) works to raise awareness of potential home electrical hazards and the importance of electrical fire safety during the month of May.

According to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Electrical Fires Report released March 2017, an average of 45,210 home structure fires caused by electrical problems were reported to U.S. fire departments from 2010-2014. These fires resulted in "annual averages of 420 civilian deaths, 1,370 civilian injuries, and \$1.4 billion in direct property damage." 57% of these involved faulty electrical distribution or lighting equipment such as wiring, lighting, and cords or plugs.

Fortunately, there are many simple steps people can take to greatly reduce their risk. ESFI and NFPA urge homeowners to have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician and to follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a wall outlet. The following are additional tips residents can follow to help keep their homes safe from electrical fires:

- Only plug one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a wall outlet at a time. Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children. If a replacement is not possible, install new protective outlet covers that don't allow children to insert an object into the wall outlet.
- Avoid putting cords in places such as under rugs and carpets or across doorways where they can be damaged or pinched by furniture.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. Check the sticker on the lamp to determine the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

- Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home by a qualified electrician.
- Check electrical cords often. Replace any that are cracked, damaged or loose.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of La Verne, in conjunction with VFW Post 12034 “The Band of Brothers,” will host the annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.. The event will be held at Veterans Hall, 1550 Bonita Avenue. The ceremony lasts about an hour and refreshments will be provided by VFW post 12034. Please join us in honoring those who have served our country.



La Verne Youth of the Year Award

The idea of the youth award started from the City’s Youth and Family Action Committee. The purpose of the award is to annually honor one youth for their contribution to the community through volunteering, establishing a program, or an outstanding accomplishment. The youth must be a La Verne resident under the age of 18, and attend school in La Verne. The award will be given out at the first City Council meeting in June. Applications for the La Verne Youth of the Year award are available at La Verne City Hall 3660 D Street in La Verne or a La Verne school.

Get About Transportation

Get About Transportation is a special service providing door to door transportation service to seniors and disabled in the cities of La Verne, San Dimas, Claremont, and Pomona. Transportation is provided using vans, minivans and cabs. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available to riders. The La Verne Community Services Department has subsidized Get About booklets for \$5.00 for La Verne residents. Please contact the Community Services Department at (909) 596-8700 for additional information. Get About Transportation

CicLAvia 2018

CicLAvia, the open streets event which spanned approximately seven miles along streets that connect the cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, and Claremont, was a huge success. An estimated 50,000 to 60,000 individuals participated in the route which began in San Dimas and traveled through La Verne, Pomona and Claremont. The event was held from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. and was open for cyclists, pedestrians, runners, and skaters to use as a recreational space. Our La Verne Hub was located in Old Town La Verne where tens of thousands of participants were able to discover and enjoy the charm of Old Town La Verne.

Spring Sidewalk Coloring Contest



The Community Services Department held a Spring Sidewalk Coloring Contest on Wednesday, April 4th. The contest took place in downtown La Verne on “D” Street. The ages ranged from 1 to 12 years old and prizes were awarded for the winners of the age groups. This free event brought in close to 100 participants.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sidewalk & Street Projects

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk program kicked off this week. The scope of services for this project includes the removal and replacement of 6,200 square feet of deficient panels of sidewalk to improve pedestrian mobility.

The location of work is bounded by Bonita Avenue to the south, Foothill to the north, E Street to the east and B Street to the west.

Beginning Thursday, May 3rd, crews will be installing medians on Wheeler Avenue from Foothill Blvd. south to Paseo. Ultimately, the medians will be enhanced with vegetation to improve esthetics of travel for motorists.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning for the Future

The City continues to move forward with our efforts to update our General Plan, which is the guiding document for La Verne over the next 20 years. Recently there was an online survey available to residents and we received over 900 responses. The results of this survey will be posted on the General Plan website for all to review. To stay up-to-date on the ongoing process, please visit www.LaVerne.GeneralPlan.org.

In conjunction with the General Plan update, the City Council also recently approved a contract with Kittelson & Associates, Inc., a transportation engineering and planning firm, to create an Active Transportation Plan for the City of La Verne. An Active Transportation Plan is a city-wide plan that provides a clear and comprehensive framework for new and safer connectivity of non-motorized transportation options throughout La Verne. Keep an eye out for upcoming community workshops if you have an interest in being a part of the development of this new plan.

CITY OF LA VERNE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

