



CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2018



CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Even though summer has ended and another school year is before us doesn't mean the fun is over. For such a quiet town La Verne residents can always find things going on. Some new things to do this month include the inaugural La Verne on Tap Beer Walk for all you gourmands also for the health-conscious residents there is a Health & Resource Fair where information and health screenings are available.

Beyond these events there are several projects and developments around town that residents might not be aware of but are exciting additions to La Verne. The University of La Verne recently completed construction on Citrus Hall dormitory, La Verne's first 5- story building, and has begun construction on the Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community.

In the Target center, construction is ongoing for a new retail store, Five Below. Also, construction is now vertical at The Landing, the first new development project near La Verne's future Gold Line Station. This 2½ story building includes 38 apartment units and subterranean parking at First and G Street in Old Town La Verne.

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

Bob Russi, City Manager

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CALENDAR

September 3 – Labor Day Observed
City Hall, the Community Center and the City Yard will be closed

September 4 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

September 17 - 6:30 PM
City Council Meeting
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September 19 – All Day
La Verne Day at the Fair
Fairplex

September 27 – 9:30-11:30 AM
Health & Resource Fair
Community Center

September 29 – 5:00-8:30 PM
La Verne On Tap Beer Walk
Old Town La Verne

HIGHLIGHTS OF CITY COUNCIL

At the August 20th meeting, the City Council:

- Celebrated the badge pinnings of Lieutenant Chris Dransfeldt and Sergeant Michael Martinez
- Presented CERT certificates to 17 new graduates
- Heard a presentation from Fruitfully Yours, a local organization assisting food banks using donated produce from backyard fruit trees and gardens

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

September 22 at Starbucks

Mayor Don Kendrick and Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis will be at the Starbucks located on D Street & Foothill Boulevard from 9:00-10:30 AM on September 22. This community engagement opportunity is a continuation of the Council's outreach series to La Verne residents, in a one-on-one setting to ask questions, share ideas, or to get updates on the projects that affect the community or just your neighborhood. If you happen to be in the area, we hope you will stop by and say hi.

BEER WALK

La Verne on Tap Beer Walk

Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District will be holding their first annual "La Verne on Tap" Old Town Beer Walk on Saturday, September 29 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$40.00 presale and \$45.00 one week prior. Also available is a designated driver ticket at \$20.00. The event will have 19 Beer tasting locations and 6 Food stops. There will be 12 bands playing throughout Old Town and a photo booth.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bonita High School Stadium Project

Work on the stadium project has begun. The project's scope includes new bleachers on both sides of the stadium, a new press box, replacement of the synthetic turf field, renovation of the existing bathrooms, and construction of a new concession stand. The project is scheduled to be completed in June of 2019.

Youth Mental Health

The beginning of the new school year marks a long-standing partnership between the City of La Verne's Youth and Family Action Committee (YFAC), Bonita Unified School District, and Tri-City Mental Health Services to provide counseling in each of the La Verne schools. The YFAC-sponsored counseling program has been successful in providing opportunities for students to receive mental health services as well as directing those

who need further assistance to additional resources outside of school. To inquire further about the programs and services offered, please visit Tri-City's web site at www.tricitymhs.org or call the City of La Verne at (909) 596-8726.

Health & Resource Fair

Visit our first ever Health and Resource Fair at the Community Center. This FREE event is open to the public and will take place on Thursday, September 27th from 9:30-11:30 am. There will be various health screenings available such as hearing, glucose, blood pressure, etc., refreshments and a free raffle. For more information, please call 909-596-8776.

Fruitfully Yours

The [Fruitfully Yours organization](http://fruitfullyyours.org) is dedicated to the mission of mitigating food waste and helping reduce hunger in our local communities. They achieve this through picking fruit from resident's yards and donating these collected crops to local food banks. Fruit collection and delivery is provided at no charge. For information contact fruitfullyyours@outlook.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Earthquake Safety & Preparation

Given the amount of seismic activity recently, the La Verne Fire Department would like to remind you of a few tips for preparation and safety in the event of an earthquake. For more information on how you and your family can be ready for a major earthquake, please visit www.Ready.gov/earthquakes.

Before an Earthquake:

It is always wise to be prepared before a disaster strikes to help you and your family better handle the situation. One key preparation tip is to build an emergency kit containing a three day supply of non-perishable items such as water, canned food, battery powered radio, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, tools, and some sanitary wipes. For a more detailed list of how to properly get your emergency kit started, visit <https://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>. Some other preparations you can take are to identify safe spots to take cover in each room, and practice "drop, cover, and hold on" during drills with your family. Items in your home that could fall or shatter during an earthquake should be secured, and appliances should be strapped to the wall studs or bolted to the floor.

During an Earthquake:

If you are indoors when an earthquake occurs, "drop" to the floor, take "cover" under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture, and "hold on." If there is no table, crouch against a wall or in a corner away from any windows. Only take cover in a doorway if you are certain that it is strongly supported. If it occurs while you are in bed, hold on and protect your head with a pillow. If you are outdoors during an earthquake, be sure to stay away from power lines, walls, and anything else that can fall.



After an Earthquake:

After the earthquake subsides, be cautious of aftershocks and stay away from any areas damaged or weakened by the initial earthquake. Take caution opening any cabinets with loose items that may have shifted during the earthquake. Check that the members of your family are all safe and together. Be sure to inspect your home for any structural damage, leaks in water pipes or gas lines, and any loose or sparking electrical lines. If you smell gas, open a window and leave the building immediately. In the case of a water or gas leak, shut off the main valve and call the utility company.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sierra La Verne

As many of you know, the Sierra La Verne Country Club is currently listed for sale. This privately owned golf course has been sold twice in the last 4 years. The current listing agent, the Hoffman Company, has marketing material out that suggest that the property is suited for residential development. The properties which make up Sierra La Verne Country Club have a General Plan designation of "Open Space" which would prohibit residential development. The properties are also currently zoned "A-1" or "Agriculture" which allows for the operation of a golf course (private or public).

The City has mailed a letter to the Hoffman Company indicating that the property cannot be developed with the current General Plan and Zoning designations and that the City is not supportive of development here. We have also create a page on the City's website devoted to this topic, under the "Know the Facts" button at the top right of the page.

Here is a direct link: <http://www.ci.la-verne.ca.us/index.php/about-la-verne/9-about-la-verne/321-sierra-la-verne-country-club-pending-sale-2018>

It is the City's position that as the property continues to be marketed we will communicate those limitations and concerns. Also, Sierra La Verne Country Club currently has a valid Conditional Use Permit that transfers automatically to a new owner if the property is sold. We will inform La Verne residents as we receive more information on any changes in ownership as we become aware.

New Restaurants in Town

Help us in welcoming several new restaurants to La Verne! Along Foothill Boulevard, Show Ramen has opened next to LA Fitness at 1263 Foothill Blvd. and the Golden Peach Café, an Asian fusion restaurant, has opened at the La Verne Village at 2855 Foothill Blvd. (near Sports Clips). In the next month it is expected that the Broken Yolk Café at 2488 Foothill Blvd. (next to AAA) and Pho Ha Noi will be open 2451 Foothill Blvd., Unit D (near Café X2O).

PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS

Successful Transaction!

The City of La Verne officially sold \$53.6M of pension obligation bonds. The market for these bonds was very good and 100% of the bonds were sold. The interest rate for a one-year bond was 2.702% and 4.316% for the longest term bond. Starting with the 2019-20 fiscal year, our annual debt service will be approximately \$3.4 M a year which is on target with future budget projections. Overall, the City will save approximately \$19 million in interest costs over the life of this bond issue.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Citizens Academy

The Police Department is accepting applications for Class #25, which is set to begin on September 18th. Join us for this nine week hands-on, fun-filled learning experience! For information and applications please contact Community Services Officer Hollie Savage at 909-596-1913 or hsavage@lvpd.org.



PUBLIC WORKS

Foothill Median Update

The Wheeler Avenue median enhancements project is on schedule and due to be completed by mid-September. Currently valves and irrigation are being installed and the planting of drought tolerant plants similar to the Foothill Boulevard medians will begin next week, with trees planted the second week in September.