

City of La Verne

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Ring In the New Year With La Verne's Winter Recreation Guide!

LA VERNE, CA – New year, new fun! The latest version of La Verne's <u>Winter Recreation Guide</u> is here and packed with new events, classes and programs for the whole family to enjoy.

"We're glad everyone enjoyed our holiday events and we can't wait to continue the fun in 2023," said Mayor Tim Hepburn. "This year, our Community Services Department will be hosting our regular seasonal events like the Senior Dinner Dance and Sweetheart's Dance for those with special needs. There are a ton of fun activities and programs for residents to get involved in this year, so mark your calendars!"

The Winter Recreation Guide is a one stop shop for events, classes and activities from January through May 2023. This season, the community can look forward to La Verne's First Egg-Cellent Adventure, a free springtime event featuring food, music and the Easter Bunny.

The Community Services Department will also hold its annual events like the Memorial Day Ceremony and Sidewalk Coloring Contest. Each Memorial Day, the La Verne community gathers at Veterans Hall to honor those who have served our country. This event is hosted in partnership with the <u>La Verne VFW Band of Brothers Post 12034</u>, a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The Sidewalk Coloring Contest will be held this year on April 5 at 9:30 a.m. Kids up to age 12 can display their creative talents on their own sidewalk square with chalk. Registration is required, and kids are encouraged to participate for a chance to win prizes that will be awarded at Mainiero Square at 10 a.m.

Partnering agencies like the La Verne Heritage Foundation will be hosting their annual Spring Fling Vendor Faire on March 25 and the Spring Squeeze from March 6 through April 21. The third annual Spring Fling Vendor Faire features over 40 vendors to shop from! Food, music and tours of the historic Weber House are also available. Continue the spring fun at the Spring Squeeze at Heritage Park. Participants can pick fresh oranges and see what life was like during the orange picking season in La Verne in the late 1800s.

The Winter Recreation Guide also has fun excursions planned for adults! Trips are categorized by easy, moderate and active. Residents can look forward to adventures at the Getty Center, Valley View Casino, Descanso Gardens and more. All trips leave from and return to the Community Center (3680 D Street).

"La Verne is proud to offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors to enjoy," said Community Services Manager Yvonne Duran. "Not only does the Winter Recreation Guide provide event information, but it is also a great resource to stay up to date on the latest programs, news and volunteer opportunities available in our great City."



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In addition to events and recreational activities, the guide also features important updates in the Community News section. This issue contains SB 1383 information, community program highlights and local resources available to the community. Residents can learn more about the latest stormwater pollution prevention efforts in La Verne, as well as homeless resources and services. Community programs include the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, which trains residents to prepare and safely respond to disasters they may face. The You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program is another effort designed to protect residents, specifically La Verne seniors. Seniors aged 50 or older living alone in La Verne can receive personal visits or phone calls on designated days and times from La Verne RSVPs.

Printed versions of the Winter Recreation Guide were mailed to all La Verne residents and can be viewed digitally. Pre-registration is required for all activities and spots are given on a first come, first served basis. For more information about the Community Services Department and to download the online Winter Recreation Guide, visit the City's website.

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