

CITY OF VERNON RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2019

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Parking Rules Established for Furlong Place

At its December 18th meeting, Vernon City Council adopted an ordinance establishing rules for parking on Furlong Place. Known issues and concerns of residents led to a more structured space assignment solution for the small cul-de-sac. A parking space will be assigned to each residence of Furlong Place, along with a 24-hour guest permit.

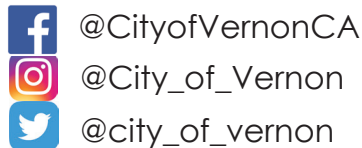
Meetings with the residents of Furlong Place will be scheduled in the very near future to discuss the new rules, so please keep a lookout for announcements.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Public Works at (323) 583-8811, extension 221.



Up-to-the-Minute News

Remember to follow our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts for all of the latest City related news and events! We can be found on:



COMMUNITY EVENTS

VERNON'S 2018 HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR WAS A TREAT FOR THE COMMUNITY!

During its 2018 Halloween Spooktacular, City Hall staff welcomed Vernon Elementary students for a special tour of select departmental Halloween mazes on October 30th and 31st. Staff created a fun experience for our elementary school neighbors all in the spirit of Halloween! On the evening of October 30th, the City's 2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular was attended by over 200 people from Vernon and the surrounding areas. With the largest attendance to date for a community outreach event, Vernon may celebrate the successful turnout as an indication of the relationship it has solidified with the southeast region's residential population.



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Below are images of Vernon Elementary's visit to City Hall and the City's evening Halloween event on the City Hall Lawn. All images were captured over the course of the City's two-day Halloween Spooktacular festivities.



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More images of the City's community Halloween Spooktacular are shown below. The City's outreach events continue to gain popularity amongst Vernon residents and the neighboring cities.



Vernon Celebrates the Holidays with Huntington Park

For the second year running, the City of Vernon participated in Huntington Park's Annual Holiday Parade on December 8th. Thanks to all those who represented Vernon along the parade route and thanks to our neighbor, Huntington Park, for allowing us to join in on the festive event! We look forward to next year and invite each of our residents to come on out and support Vernon. This Huntington Park holiday tradition offers a means to engage our neighboring communities and connect with people in the southeast region. We hope to see you on the streets in December of 2019!



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More images of the Huntington Park Holiday Parade are shown below. The City is enjoying its relationships with neighboring cities more than ever.



OPERATION SANTA 2018 EXEMPLIFIES THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The City's second annual "Operation Santa" event held on December 19th was a huge success! In the spirit of the season of giving, the City partnered with Vernon business, Pabco Paper, to adopt several Vernon Elementary families and lavish them with toys and goods that were sure to brighten their holiday experience. Mayor Yvette Woodruff-Perez and Council Member Melissa Ybarra addressed the families prior to the presentation of gifts. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Grinch were in attendance to add to the festive atmosphere of the evening.

Later that night, Vernon Police and Vernon Fire, along with Santa, hit the City streets in a caravan with sirens and lights ablaze to deliver toys to all Vernon kids.

Operation Santa is a great way for the City to give back to the community that it serves. We hope that everyone's holidays were merry and bright, and wish everyone a prosperous 2019!



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The Latest Updates...

Transit Service Study

In a continued effort to best meet the transportation and mobility needs of the residents, employees, and visitors to our City, we are studying the feasibility of a local shuttle or other transit service in our City. We want to know your thoughts on current transit services, areas for improvement and other transportation concepts that may be important to you and our community. This study is being sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainability Planning Grant Program.

Each Vernon resident is invited to complete a survey designed to assess opinions on transit service. Each includes a postage paid envelope and all information will be kept confidential and used for analysis purposes only. We encourage your participation and hope that you will provide valuable feedback for the City to use as it moves forward with planning for the current and future needs of its residents.

Vernon CommUNITY Fund Introduces Scholarship Program for High School Seniors



After much planning and coordination, the Vernon CommUNITY Fund (VCF) is proud to announce that it has launched a pilot scholarship program for Vernon Area high school seniors who are committed to investing in their education for a brighter future. The VCF and Vernon City Council are dedicated to enriching the local community, and promoting higher education is aligned with their overall mission to contribute to the betterment of the Southeast Los Angeles County region. Vernon leaders are excited to offer the VCF Scholarship in calendar year 2019.

Applications will be accepted now through the last Thursday in March, and award recipients will be selected by the VCF Fund Grant Committee at their May meeting.

Please spread the word about this fantastic program! Application packages are available at the VCF website: www.vernoncommunityfund.org

City-Owned Housing Rental Rates Adjusted

The Vernon Housing Commission approved a rental increase on City-Owned rental units at their December 12th meeting. Rental rates for existing tenants will be increased by 1% effective March 1, 2019. Rates for new tenants will be increased to be aligned with current Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rents for similar properties in the local area.

When incidences of unit transfers and temporary relocations to accommodate remodels occur, rates will not be impacted.

For any questions related to Vernon Housing, please contact the Housing Hotline or visit the newly revamped Housing web page. You may access the page via the "Vernon Housing" quick link on the City's website home page at www.cityofvernon.org.

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USEFUL CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Automatic Rent Payments*

The City now offers a convenient method to pay your rent and avoid any late fees! Automatic payments are available! If interested, please contact Anthony Zarate at 323.583.8811, ext. 221, or via e-mail at azarate@ci.vernon.ca.us. *Residents of Vernon Village Park Apartments must contact Solari management staff regarding payments.

STAY CONNECTED

NEXT VERNON HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING: MARCH 13, 2019 @ 6:00PM

Maintenance requests, questions, or comments? Use our Housing Hotline!*

Please contact:
323-826-1472 OR
housing@ci.vernon.ca.us

After hours emergency requests?

Please contact:
323-826-1465

We are here to serve you and strive to provide exceptional customer service!

*Hotline not for Vernon Village Park Apts.



Lease Renewals & Unit Transfers*

Are you currently on a month-to-month lease and wish to renew? Are you interested in transferring to a different unit? If you have questions about your lease options and/or the lottery procedures for unit transfers, please contact the Housing Hotline.

*not available for residents of Vernon Village Park Apartments.

Residents at Vernon Village Park Apartments:

Please note that Solari Enterprises is available to assist you with issues related to your apartment unit. Please contact 323-771-0202 with any questions or concerns.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and welcome your comments and suggestions for future editions. Please contact dfigueroa@ci.vernon.ca.us with any feedback related to the Resident Newsletter. Be sure to visit Vernon's website for more great information on the City!

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