

CITY OF VERNON RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Message from Vernon PD's Chief Anthony Miranda

It is a great time to live and work in Vernon! The cooperative working relationship with the people we serve is thriving, and a solid community partnership between citizens and law enforcement is the most effective way to ensure the public's safety and well-being.

I invite you to partner with VPD and be an active participant in your environment!

- Know your neighbor
- Be an observant, caring, considerate member of the community
- Report any and all unusual or suspicious activity - "See Something, Say Something"
- Lock and secure your residence, personal property, and any shared security gates
- Be informed and be involved in community issues that matter to you
- Drive with courtesy and patience

Together, we can create a safer Vernon - a wonderful place to live, work, and play!

Preferential Parking Zone Approved for Vernon Village Park Apartment Residents

On August 7th, the Vernon City Council unanimously approved a permit-parking zone for the residents of the Vernon Village Park Apartments ("Vernon Village") located on 52nd Drive. In the coming weeks, new parking signs will be posted that allow permit only parking on Saturdays and Sundays, and on weekdays between 6:00 pm and 6:00 am. No parking will be permitted on Tuesdays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm (to allow for street sweeping).

Permits are free for vehicles registered to a Vernon Village address. Residents may request parking permits through the City's website, or at the Public Works Counter in City Hall. One annual visitor's parking pass will be mailed to each Vernon Village apartment.

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



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Now that school is back in session, it is especially important for drivers to watch for young kids who may still be learning to navigate our streets safely on foot and bike. Be cautious when driving in school zones and when approaching crosswalks, marked or unmarked. Have a fun and safe school year, everyone!

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:

 @CityofVernonCA

 @City_of_Vernon

 @city_of_vernon

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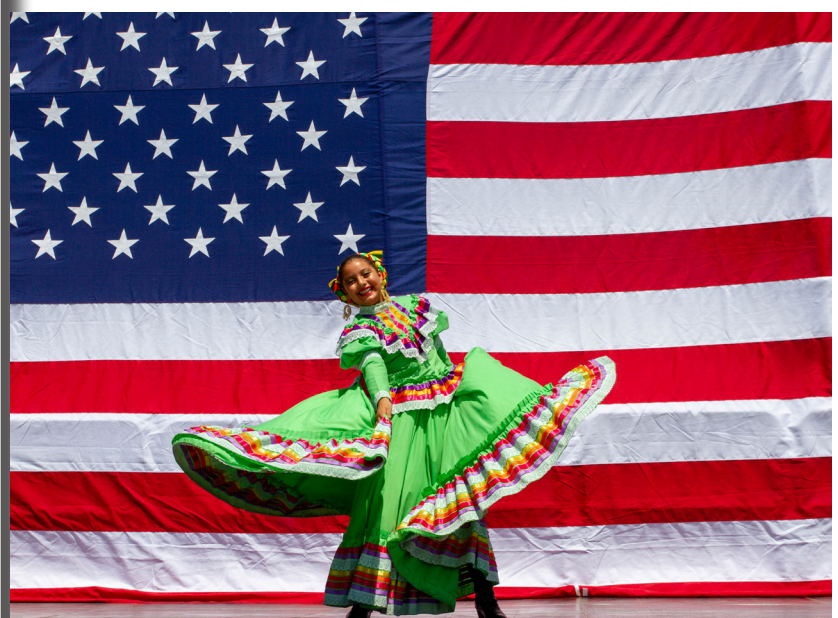
COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE CITY STARTS OFF AUGUST WITH A BANG AT ITS BATTLE OF LA MESA PLAQUE DEDICATION CEREMONY

On August 7th, at approximately 11:00 am, a literal blast from the past shook the area around Vernon City Hall. The thunderous cannon blast was part of a planned artillery demonstration marking the start of a program to commemorate the unveiling and dedication of a replacement plaque for California Historical Landmark Number 167, the La Mesa Battlefield, also known as the Battle of Los Angeles.

The Battle of La Mesa was fought a short two miles east from the current location of Vernon City Hall on January 9, 1847. Over 1,000 men exchanged fire from rifles. The battle marked the final California conflict in the Mexican-American War as the Treaty of Cahuenga was signed three days later. In March of 1935, the State of California installed California Historical Landmark Plaque No. 167 to memorialize the site as one of California's most significant historical landmarks. The original plaque remained at the location of the battle until it was identified as missing in 2012.

On the 7th, Vernon City Officials, the Native Sons of the Golden West, civic leaders, members of the U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, and members of the local community gathered at Vernon City Hall to witness the dedication of the replacement plaque and to celebrate the unveiling of this historical monument. "We are honored to provide a site for the public to visit, enjoy and learn about the Battle of La Mesa," declared Mayor Yvette Woodruff-Perez as she addressed those in attendance. "We hope that you leave here with a better understanding of our history."



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Vernon's Family Game Night = Good Food and Good Times

The City of Vernon's summer outreach event on August 9th was a great success! Attendees were treated to delicious burgers, fries, and cookies from The Habit, school backpack giveaways, and two bicycle raffles at the City's first annual Family Game Night! Large scale games including checkers, Twister, and cornhole filled City Hall's lawn along Santa Fe and guests were free to partake in the games and enjoy a bicycle workshop presented by the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. A fun time was had by all!

As fall nears, the City will begin preparations for its Spooktacular Halloween festivities. Get ready! We hope to see you and your family and friends there!



Vernon + Huntington Park Open Streets Offers Summer Fun for All!



On August 19th, Vernon (in partnership with Huntington Park and Metro) hosted pedestrians and bicyclists on a journey through streets normally reserved for large trucks and commuters. The event was the first of its kind for Vernon who continues to actively engage its residents and those living in its surrounding communities to convey a friendly, welcoming environment. We hope that you were able to join us. If not this time, we will see you at the next event!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The City is focused upon building community relationships. The images below were captured at Vernon's Family Game Night (top left, top right, and top middle right) and at the Vernon + Huntington Park Open Streets event (middle left, bottom left, middle right, and bottom right). These special events were great fun for all!



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The Latest Updates...

CITY-OWNED HOUSING REMODELS!

With remodels underway, units on Furlong Place will be move-in-ready in the very near future! The City continues to inch toward City-Owned Housing Remodel Project completion. Two homes located at 4321 and 4325 Furlong Place will soon be available for occupants. Be on the lookout for Open House announcements! Details will be provided shortly.

For any questions related to the remodel project and/or the lottery process for unit placement, please contact the Housing Hotline.



Metro NextGen Bus Study

Metro is asking for your input to ensure that its bus network meets the various needs of the community. Make sure that your feedback is considered during the formation of their bus service plan set to launch in 2019! Visit www.metro.net/nextgen to participate.

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 for Vernon Village Park Apartments).



STAY CONNECTED

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! *Not for Vernon Village Park Apts.

Automatic Rent Payments*

The City now offers a convenient method to pay your rent and avoid any late fees! Automatic payments are available! *Not for Vernon Village Park Apartments.

If interested, please contact Anthony Zarate at 323.583.8811, extension 221, or via e-mail at azarate@ci.vernon.ca.us.

NEXT VERNON HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 @ 6:00PM

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.

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Dear Vernon Residents:

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.

Thank you!

Be sure to visit Vernon's website
for more great information on
the City!

www.cityofvernon.org