

CITY OF VERNON RESIDENT NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2019

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Pink Patch Project Continues to Raise Awareness and Funding for Breast Cancer

In June, the Vernon Police Department released its 2019 Pink Patch in support of the Pink Patch Project. The 2019 patch honors the worker population of Vernon, featuring the Chemist and Blacksmith from the City of Vernon City Seal. Approximately 550 law enforcement agencies in 5 countries participate in the program that aims to raise awareness and funding for breast cancer research.

August 9th was "Pink Patch Night" at Dodger Stadium and Chief Miranda threw out the ceremonial first pitch! Thank you VPD for your continued support of this important cause!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Family Game Night Filled with Fun!




To celebrate the summer season, Vernon hosted its 2nd Annual Family Game Night for Vernon residents on August 8th! Attendees enjoyed raffle prizes throughout the night, burgers and fries from the Habit Burger Grill, backpack giveaways, and giant lawn games! It proved to be a fun-filled evening for all!

The City continues to engage the community in meaningful ways! We look forward to seeing you at one of our many events throughout the year!



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

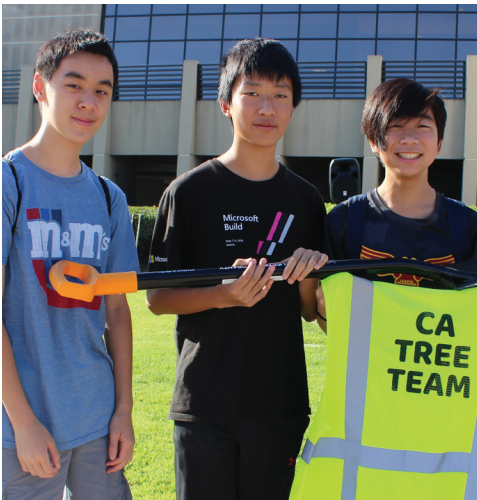
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Vernon Hosts Arbor Day Tree Planting Event

On Saturday, September 21st, Vernon celebrated Arbor Day with its first ever community tree planting event. About 50 volunteers of all ages worked tirelessly to plant 75 trees throughout Vernon, kicking off the City's efforts to Green the City! As part of the, the City acknowledged the memory and legacy of John Van de Kamp, former Attorney General of California and faithful champion for Vernon, by planting and dedicating a tree in his honor.

Trees reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, clean water and air, provide aesthetic and habitat value, and improve public health. As part of its commitment to promote the well-being of present and future generations, the City will continue to plant trees.

This event was a success because of our many volunteers and partners - CAL FIRE Urban & Community Forestry, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the California Urban Forests Council, West Coast Arborists, Inc., Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, and the Holy Angels Catholic Church of the Deaf. We thank you all!



Star Wars Comes to City Hall for Vernon's 3rd Annual Halloween Spooktacular!

For the third consecutive year, the City of Vernon held a day of fun-filled activities for the local school and community during its Spooktacular Halloween festivities.

During business hours, 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 community Halloween Spooktacular was attended by over 350 people - Vernon residents, Vernon City Elementary School families, and members of the surrounding community. Guests enjoyed raffles, Halloween crafts, trick or treating, a photo booth, and a special Halloween maze hosted by the Vernon Police Department. Star Wars was brought to life with appearances by Darth Vader, Stormtroopers, and Jedi!



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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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vernon Celebrates the Holidays with Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting Event

December 5th was a magical night on Vernon's City Hall lawn! Snow covered the grounds (courtesy of Vernon business Arctic Glacier) as families celebrated the holidays with the City's first ever community Tree Lighting Ceremony which included a ceremonial countdown conducted by Mayor Ybarra and City Council. Sweet treats, coffee, and hot chocolate were served, and guests were free to enjoy the snow - throwing snowballs and sledding were popular activities throughout the evening - while carolers serenaded the crowd. Santa Claus also made an appearance and was available for photos during the event. The City's "winter wonderland" was a beautiful sight to behold!

We hope that everyone's holidays are merry and bright, and wish everyone a prosperous 2019!



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The Latest Updates...

Vernon CommUNITY Fund Offers Scholarships for Vernon Area High School Seniors

The Vernon CommUNITY Fund (VCF) is proud to announce that it will continue its scholarship grant program for Vernon Area high school seniors who are dedicated to investing in their education for a brighter future. The VCF and Vernon City Council awarded scholarships ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 to seven deserving students in 2019, promoting higher education to contribute to the betterment of the Southeast Los Angeles County region. As evidence of their commitment, Vernon leaders are excited to offer the VCF Scholarship, again, in calendar year 2020.

Applications will be accepted from January 1st 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! At the start of the new year, application packages will be available at the VCF website: www.vernoncommunityfund.org.



CITY CALENDAR

December

December 14

Huntington Park Holiday Parade (Vernon is a parade participant!)

December 19

Operation Santa Toy Delivery

December 24

City Hall Closed - In observance of Christmas Eve Holiday

December 25

City Hall Closed - In observance of Christmas Day Holiday

December 31

City Hall Closed - In observance of New Year's Eve Holiday

January

January 1

City Hall Closed - In observance of New Year's Day Holiday

January 20

City Hall Closed - In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year City of Vernon!

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STAY CONNECTED

USEFUL CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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.

**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!**

**NEXT VERNON HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING:
MARCH 11, 2020 @ 6:00PM**

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 323.826-1472, or via e-mail at housing@ci.vernon.ca.us.

*Attention Residents at Vernon Village Park Apartments:

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

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