



# RESIDENT NEWSLETTER

November 2022



## Thank you Veterans, for Your Service

Each year on November 11th, the nation acknowledges military veterans. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace and is largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices, unlike Memorial Day which remembers the fallen. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. After World War II and the Korean War, in 1954, Congress amended the name to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars. Canada, Australia, and Great Britain celebrate "Remembrance Day" and often wear red poppy flowers to honor veterans on and around November 11th. We wish to take this opportunity to honor and acknowledge all of our Vernon veterans and thank you for your service!

## Free YMCA Access for Residents

The City's partnership with the Rio Vista YMCA in Maywood ensures that Vernon residents have access to the Y's programs and facilities year-round. Family or individual annual memberships are available to residents free of charge. Additionally, a variety of programming for all ages and youth recreation programs like Dodgers Dreamteam baseball (with its brand new Dreamfield on site), swim lessons, LA Kings hockey, and LA Galaxy soccer are each available to children and adolescents residing in Vernon households.



If you wish to learn more, please contact [CityAdmin@cityofvernon.org](mailto:CityAdmin@cityofvernon.org).

Top left: The local YMCA facilities are about two miles from Vernon's center.  
 Top right: Maywood, the Y, and Vernon mark Dreamfield opening.  
 Bottom: Staff from the Y attend Vernon events to engage residents.

## Up-to-the-Minute News

Follow us on social media for the latest City related news and events! Scan here!



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## Community News

### VCF Scholarships!

Vernon's CommUNITY Fund grants scholarships to high school seniors living in the Vernon area who are planning to pursue trade school, community college, or university after graduation. For 2023, \$40,000 has been dedicated to the program! Applications will be accessible online beginning January 3, 2023, with a due date of March 30, 2023. Please visit [www.vernoncommunityfund.org](http://www.vernoncommunityfund.org) for more information.



2022 VCF Scholarship Grantees accept certificates of recognition from City Council.

### Vernon Appoints Health Officer

Vernon City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Tyler Evans, M.D., MS, MPH, AAHIVS, DTM&H, FIDSA of Wellness and Equity Alliance (WEA) as the official Health Officer for the City of Vernon on November 1, 2022.

The City plans to explore the feasibility of offering a wider breadth of health services for its residents, businesses, and neighboring communities. As a first step, the City engaged WEA to provide both health officer services and to conduct a comprehensive community health needs assessment.

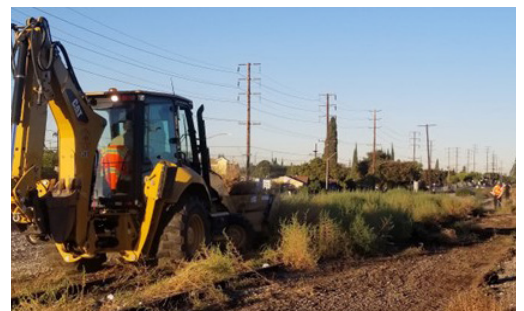
"This partnership helps to meet my vision to improve the efficiency and delivery of health services throughout the City of Vernon...that will improve the quality of life for area residents," said City Administrator Carlos Fandino.

Dr. Evans and the team at WEA will provide recommendations, monitoring, and evaluations of City programs that may improve the efficiency and delivery of health services throughout Vernon and its neighboring communities. Read more at [www.cityofvernon.org](http://www.cityofvernon.org).

### City Beautification is a Priority

Like many communities, we face challenges related to neglect, homelessness, and vandalism. To combat these issues, the City is engaged with projects to beautify public spaces by refreshing landscaping on street islands and planting trees, and is consistently working to clean areas that are targeted by vandals and persons experiencing homelessness. These efforts are a priority to ensure that Vernon remains a clean, safe, and welcoming place to live and work.

By executing organized clean-ups and coordinating landscaping, the City looks to deter blight. Since September 2021, the City has led efforts to address over 40 unkept railroad rights-of-way and numerous homeless encampments. We work closely with property owners, railroad operators, and partner agencies to promote cleanliness and safety. Vernon residents may report any concerns by calling (323) 826-1472. If you see something, say something!



City crews at work to ensure Vernon remains a great place to live and work.



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## City Events

Vernon regularly hosts events to connect with the community. In early October, the City hosted its second consecutive Career Day. Vernon's Halloween Spooktacular followed in late October and, in November, Vernon's Fall Harvest gave away 1,000 turkeys and meal packages to its residents and surrounding communities. Below are a few photos of these amazing events! We are thankful for all of our participating partners, students, and families!

### Career Day

October 5



Students learned about public sector career path options from City staff.

### Fall Harvest

November 15



City Council joined in on the Fall Harvest meal distribution to the community.



### Halloween Event

October 27



Costumed guests enjoyed In-n-Out, a themed maze, and carnival activities!





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## Calendar



### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

**December 8, 2022 @ 5:00 pm (In-person)**

Come out to the City Hall Lawn to enjoy a "winter wonderland" with real snow, sweet treats, and raffle prizes!

### Operation Santa

**December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm (Drive-thru)**

Drive-thru the City's holiday light show and gather toy giveaways for the little ones in your Vernon household.

### Regular Vernon Housing Commission Meeting

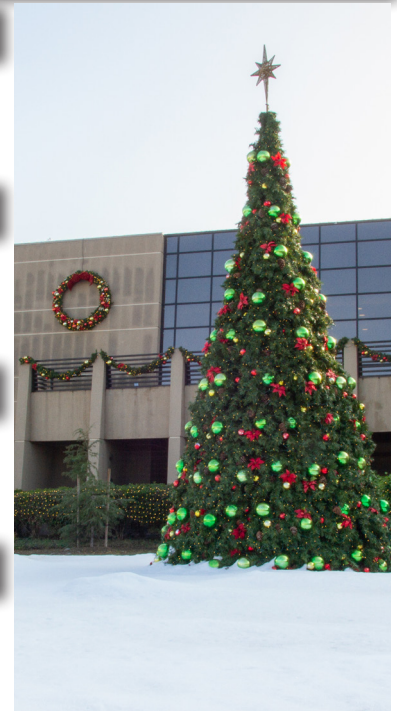
**December 14, 2022 @ 6:00 pm (via Zoom)**

Meets quarterly to discuss all matters related to City-owned housing stock and public is welcome to participate.

### City Council Meetings

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays Monthly @ 9:00 am (In-person and via Zoom)**

Public meetings where City Council deliberates on matters pertaining to Vernon and provides policy direction to City staff.



## Housing Info & Contacts

Vernon Village Park Resident requests?

**Call Solari Enterprises at  
(323) 771-0202**

City-owned housing maintenance requests, questions, or comments? Use our Housing Hotline!

**Call (323) 826-1472 OR  
housing@cityofvernon.org**

After hours urgent requests? To report electrical outages, internet issues, or immediate City-owned housing tenant needs...

**Call (323) 826-1465**

### Online Utility Bill Pay Now Available!

Residential customers can now go online to pay their electric bill. Once you receive your bill, visit [www.cityofvernon.org/payonline](http://www.cityofvernon.org/payonline) to make a payment with a credit card, Paypal, or Venmo.

### City-owned Housing Automatic Rent Payments

The City offers a convenient method to pay your rent and avoid any late fees. Automatic monthly payments are available! To enroll in auto-pay, contact the Housing Hotline.

### City-owned Housing Lease Updates & Unit Transfers

Do you want to renew the lease for your rental, or add someone as an authorized occupant? Are you interested in transferring to a different residential unit? Contact the Housing Hotline for info.

### Payment Drop Box

The City offers a payment drop box for your convenience. Submit payments at any time in our secure drop box located just outside the first floor entrance to City Hall (near the Police Department).