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In appreciation



A very special Thank You to retiring Councilmember Bob Hargrave for his services to the City of Lomita. Except for a brief respite from 1994 to 1995, Bob has been a member of the City Council since 1983 and prior to that, served as Traffic and Planning Commissioner. Bob Hargrave has represented Lomita on the Southern California Association of Governments, the South Bay Juvenile Diversion Project and California Contract Cities Association. He is also an active member of

the Lomita Sister City Association, St. Margaret Mary Parish and was instrumental in leading the fight to secede from Los Angeles Unified School District. Bob is currently working on a series of celebrations to commemorate Lomita's 100th Birthday in 2007.

Bob Hargrave and his wife Gloria plan to travel, grow orchids and pamper the grandchildren.

Over 75 city officials, commissioners and Lomita residents assembled on November 14 to honor Bob for his more than twenty-seven years of dedicated public service. A tree was dedicated in Mr. Hargrave's honor in front of City Hall.

Bob, you have made so many outstanding contributions to our city. Thanks for your hard work and dedication We hope that you will continue your involvement in civic affairs as a respected member of our community.

Shop Lomita for the Holidays!

Whenever you purchase a product or service from a Lomita business, your sales tax dollars go directly back into the community by funding essential services, such as police protection, parks and recreation programs and street construction.



So, let your dollars work for you and support Lomita businesses whenever you can. For a list of the many types of businesses in the city, call the Chamber of Commerce at 326-6378.

ELECTION RESULTS - NOVEMBER 1999

A total of 1220 Lomita voters cast ballots on November 2nd to elect two Councilmembers for four year terms. The official results are as follows:

Margaret Estrada	812
Robert C. Steinbach	624
Joe Hirsch	427
Manuel Duran	313

Newly elected Councilmembers Estrada and Steinbach took office on November 16, 1999. Incumbent Margaret Estrada serves her second term as Councilmember and Bob Steinbach, Principal Building Inspector for the City of Los Angeles, served on the Planning Commission.

At the same meeting, the City Council elected Tim King as Mayor and Ken Blackwood as Mayor pro tem for a one year term.

Congratulations to all!!



City Officials

**Mayor
Tim King**

**Councilmembers:
Ken Blackwood
Margaret Estrada
Bob Steinbach
Ben Traina**

City Newsletter to Inform Community

Lomita Newslines is published by the City to provide information about City programs, services and issues.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.
Please contact:

Monika Martinez
Newslines Editor
Lomita City Hall
24300 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
or call
325-7110.

Health Fair and Golden Spike Day - - two memorable events in Lomita

This year's Health Fair, held on October 16 at the VFW Hall, turned out to be a great success. Nearly 300 patrons and over 60 health care providers participated in the event. Flu shots, eye exams, glucose and cholesterol testing were just a few of the free services offered. Next year's Health Fair has been scheduled for October 21, 2000.

More than 500 visitors came to the Lomita Railroad Museum on October 23 to celebrate Golden Spike Day. Highlights of the day were the Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Water Tower and a Concours d'Elegance antique car show. State Assemblymembers Nakano and Lowenthal participated in the ceremony along with City Council and Museum Foundation Members. Water Tower construction is scheduled to begin this month and will be completed in March or April.



Live entertainment for this event was provided by Uncle Mike and the Amen Militia and the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band, while the Lomita Women's Club served refreshments. Visitors were also treated to train exhibits and a slide show about the life of Walt Disney.

Nearly \$3,000 was raised for the further expansion of the museum. The Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation thanks all the sponsors, supporters and participants who made this day a success. Plans are already underway for next year's celebration.

The City of Lomita welcomes the following new businesses:

Lomita Cleaners	Cleaners	2234 Lomita Blvd.
Big Star Furniture	Furniture Store	2040-A Pacific Coast H'way
John's Tailor	Tailor	2344 Lomita Blvd.
Lai Health International	Nutritional Consultant	24248 Crenshaw Blvd. #212
D A Communities LLC	Investment Office	26314 Western Ave. #205
Security Surplus	Home Security Equipment	1734 Pacific Coast Highway
Top Barber	Barber	1934 Lomita Blvd.
Amanda Rose	Dress-Up Tea Parties/Gifts	2366 Pacific Coast Highway
Hair Story V	Beauty Shop	1933 A Pacific Coast H'way
Ashihara Karate	Karate Studio	2383 Lomita Blvd. # 109
Bay Body Conditioning	Pilates-based conditioning	2152 Lomita Blvd.

Four Lomita Businesses receive Beautification Award

The following Lomita businesses were presented Beautification Awards for most improved businesses at the September 20 City Council meeting:

- ⇒ Smith Cycles, 2073 PCH
- ⇒ Papa John's Pizza, 1963 PCH
- ⇒ Jim's Auto Sales, 2002 PCH
- ⇒ Lomita Feed, 24411 Narbonne

This program was initiated by Councilmembers Ken Blackwood and Margaret Estrada and the City's Code Enforcement Department. Winners were judged on the following criteria: general appearance, maintenance, landscaping and neighborhood impact.



Financial assistance available for Commercial Façade Improvements

The City of Lomita is offering financial assistance for exterior improvements to eligible businesses located in the 'Downtown District' - Lomita Boulevard from Woodward to Moon Avenue and on Narbonne from 240th Street to 247th Street.

Eligible improvements include: façade work, awnings and doors, painting and stucco work, removal, restoration and installation of signs, and correction of code violations

Each business may apply for a grant of \$2,500 and \$7,500 in matching funds. For more information call the Community Development Department at (310) 325-7110 ext. 117.

Please note the new e-mail address for City Hall: cityhall@lomita.com

You can reach your City Councilmembers at the following addresses:

Mayor Tim King: cc.king@lomita.com

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Blackwood: cc.blackwood@lomita.com

Councilmembers: Margaret Estrada: cc.estrada@lomita.com

Bob Steinbach: cc.steinbach@lomita.com

Ben Traina: cc.traina@lomita.com



Christmas Tree Recycling

Lomita residents can recycle Christmas trees as part of the green waste program by placing them at the curb on any regular scheduled trash pick up date. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights and plastic or metal stands (wood is ok).

Trees in excess of 6 feet must be cut in half. Flocked trees are not included and have to be placed with your regular trash!

Note: Residential trash pick up schedules will remain unchanged during the Holiday Season.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up

The City of Lomita will host a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 18, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Household Hazardous Waste includes paints, glues, pesticides, oils, solvents, cleansers, old medicines, car batteries and dry cell batteries. Improper disposal of these materials can pollute the city and endanger children and pets.

Remember: There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. per vehicle. Do not mix materials. Keep original labels on containers and put in a sturdy box in the trunk of your car.

NO explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials will be accepted.



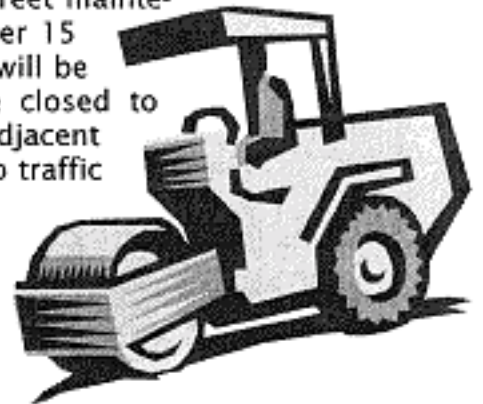
Composting Workshop

The City of Lomita will hold a Composting Workshop on Saturday, January 29, 2000 at the Stephenson Center, Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue. This class will run from 10 am to 12 noon and is co-sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works . Come prepared to get dirty.

Citywide Street Improvements

The City Council has awarded a slurry seal contract to provide street maintenance for all the streets in Lomita. Construction began November 15 and will be completed by January 28, 2000. Each neighborhood will be notified 36 hours in advance of construction. Streets will be closed to through traffic and residents are requested to park their cars on adjacent streets not scheduled for slurry seal. The streets will be opened to traffic each evening after the contractor completes his work.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time. The Contractor will make every effort to reduce any inconvenience to the city's residents. If you have questions or comments, please call 325-7110, Monday - Friday between 8:15 am and 4:30 pm.



Attention Non-Profit Organizations!!

The City of Lomita is preparing a Community Calendar which will be distributed to all households in the city. If your organization is planning events for the Year 2000 that you would like to have included, please contact Ken Blackwood at 283-8840.

*Since August of 1999,
the City Council:*

COUNCIL CORNER

- ◆ Approved an agreement with West Coast Arborists for a 6 month trial for tree trimming, planting and maintenance services
- ◆ Approved a Pacific Coast Highway beautification project
- ◆ Appointed the following commissioners: Planning- Susan Dever and Mike Savidan, CDAB - Elizabeth Graves, Monica Dever and Mark Waronek, Gangs and Graffiti - Helena Smith, Parks - James Gazeley, Trees - Cindy Davidson and Jon Pancoast
- ◆ Approved red curb markings in front of VFW Post
- ◆ Held joint meetings with Planning Commission Traffic Commission, Community Development Advisory Board and Sheriff's Department
- ◆ Appointed Patricia Sanders and Mary Atkins to represent Lomita Manor on Housing Authority Board
- ◆ Awarded contract for slurry seal of city streets to Pavement Coatings
- ◆ Approved a \$10,000 reward for conviction of murderer of Jesse Escobar
- ◆ Awarded contract to Magnum Builders to build Water Tower at Railroad Museum
- ◆ Approved zone change and 19 lot subdivision at 2048 W. 242nd Street
- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to Gabriella Rodriguez for countless volunteer hours and Mike Patterson for volunteer hours providing entertainment for various city functions
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance calling for a moratorium on hotel/motel development
- ◆ Elected Tim King Mayor, Ken Blackwood Mayor Pro Tem
- ◆ Approved funding for left turn lane on PCH/Narbonne
- ◆ Received a \$2,870 tree planting grant from Cal. ReLeaf

Toy Drive



The City of Lomita is holding a toy drive for the holiday season.

Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years of age) to City Hall between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM. Gift certificates from local merchants will be accepted. The last day to drop off your donations is December 10.

Toys will be distributed to needy Lomita families.

*Please help us brighten
a child's holiday season*

Tree Update



On November 15, the City Council passed an ordinance providing regulations for placement, maintenance and removal of trees on public property. This completes the last of the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA, making the city eligible to receive certain grants.

Calendar

*The following meetings are held in
Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue,
Phone: 325-7110*

City Council-----	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 PM
Planning Commission-----	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Commission-----	4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM
Traffic Safety Commission-----	4th Monday, 7:00 PM
Museum Board-----	2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Community Development Advisory Board-----	3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Gangs and Graffiti Committee-----	4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Safety Commission-----	4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM

City Hall offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM.

Attention Postal Patron

Important Numbers

- Lomita City Hall**
325-7110
- Chamber of Commerce**
326-6378
- Library**
539-4515
- Lomita Sheriff Station**
539-1661
- Lomita Park**
326-0140
- Railroad Museum**
326-6255
- Water Department**
325-7114
- Field Services**
325-9830
- Emergency Water Service**
538-6370
- Animal Control**
523-9566
- Animal License (City Hall)**
325-7110
- Rubbish Collection (Metropolitan)**
212-3496
- Anti-Gang/Graffiti**
325-3694
- Emergency Numbers Sheriff, Fire, Paramedics, Ambulance Dial 911**
- Sheriff Complaints**
800-698-8255
- Shopping Cart Retrieval**
800-252-4613

Note: In any emergency, if above numbers do not respond, Dial 0 and inform operator of the emergency.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Lomita Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting registrations for the Winter/Spring recreational programs beginning December 1, 1999.

The following classes are offered for Youth and Adult participants:

- Archery Karate Cooking Ice Skating Walking**
Dancing: Flamenco, Country/Western, Mexican, Polynesian Belly Dancing

The following youth programs will be offered:

- Boy's and Girl's Basketball for ages 6 through 14
- Coed Soccer for ages 4 through 14
- Youth tennis for ages 4 through 15
- Gymnastics for ages 3 1/2 through 8
- Crafts and Cooking for Tots ages 3 and 4

The Winter/Spring recreational activity brochure is available at the Recreation Center, City Hall and the Lomita Library.



Lomita Recreation Department receives highest honors



The distinguished Golden Shield Award for outstanding contributions to the Bay Area Municipal Athletic Association was presented to the Lomita Parks and Recreation Department on November 10th. In addition to this highest honor awarded by the Association, Cindy Blount, Recreation Supervisor, received the Merit Award for outstanding individual contributions and Mike Estes, Assistant Recreation Supervisor received a Citation Award for his dedicated work in youth flag football.

Congratulations, Cindy and Mike!!

***A safe and happy Holiday Season
 to all Lomita Residents!!***