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Founders Day 2000 - Saturday, June 24

For the first time ever, the annual Founders Day Celebration will be held at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue. Fun, food and entertainment will last from 10 am to 10 pm.

Live Bands
 12-4 pm Eddie G and Due West
 5-9 pm Unlimited Source
 1-4 in Gym—DJ for young adults



Games for all ages
 3-legged race, Golf wheel barrel race
 Water balloon toss, Frisbee
 Dunk Tank, Skateboard Arena
 Co-Ed Softball, Tug of War

**Spectacular
 Fireworks**
 at 9 pm
 Twice as long
 as last year!!



Shows/Exhibits
 Antique Car Show
 Karate, Dance Classes
 ...and much more

Food
 Hot Dogs Sausages BBQ Ribs
 Corn on the Cob Popcorn
 Ice Cream ... and much more
provided by community organizations



"All you can eat" pasta, salad
 and drink will be served from 6 to
 8:30 pm in the community building.
 Hosted by Women's Club
 \$5 per person—tickets available at
 Lomita Park or City Hall

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7th Annual Lomita 5000 Run/Fun Walk

Sunday June 25— 8:00 am



Finishing ribbons for all participants
 Medals for First, Second and Third Place Winners in every age category
 \$15 pre-registration \$20 after June 21, 2000
 Registration forms are available at City Hall, the Library, Lomita Park, on the
 Internet (<http://lomita.com/cityhall/lomita5K>).
 or in registration booth at Founders Day, June 24 (Lomita Park) from 10:00 am
 until 4:00 pm or in front of City Hall on race day starting 6 am.

**Pancake Breakfast in front of City Hall immediately following the race and
 awards ceremony**

Net proceeds from this race will benefit Lomita's non-profit associations.



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:

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Lomita City Hall
24300 Narbonne
Ave. Lomita,
CA 90717
or call
325-7110.

The Lomita City Council invites you to the

**5TH ANNUAL BARBECUE HONORING
SHERIFF & FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue
Saturday, August 26th
11 AM to 4:00 PM**

Program starts at 11:30 AM
Lunch served Noon – 1 PM



*\$2.00 per person
No reservations needed*

Limited to first 650 participants



*Join us for chicken and ribs, soft drinks,
ice cream and popcorn*

*Activities include face painting, games, bingo
raffle, fun jump,
exhibits/equipment from Sheriff & Fire Departments*

Live music provided by Unlimited Source

For questions, call City Hall at 325-7110



Ten Lomita Students will visit Japan this year

The Lomita Sister City Association reports that 10 students will be representing the city this summer in a student exchange program in Takaishi, Japan, Lomita's Sister City.

The students are: Manuelita Carvajal (16), Andre Delangis (17), Colleen Ely (17), Carl Endo (17), Chris Iiyama (17), Chiahwei Ku (16), Erin Rinehart (17), Carly Sameshima (18), Alison Traina (16) and Natasha Wood (17). They will depart on July 17 with their adult leader, Cheryl Odani and visit with their host families for three weeks. During this time the students will learn about traditions and experience the culture and family life of Japan.

For information about the program, contact the Lomita Sister City Association, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

STUDENTS MARCH TO STAMP OUT GANGS AND DRUGS

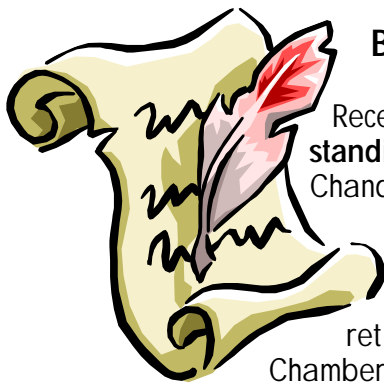
Almost 300 students from Eshelman Avenue Elementary School, Lomita Math/Science Magnet and St. Margaret Mary School participated in the 10th annual "Follow me, I'm gang and drug free" walk on May 12.

The students marched from their schools to Lomita Park where they were welcomed with sandwiches, sodas and cookies.

Members of City Council, Captain Hitchcock and many others from the Lomita Sheriff Station, Victor Caserez of the Boy's Club and Daniel Rodriguez, a youth counselor and reformed gang member joined in the rally against drug use and gangs.

Also participating in the event from the Sheriff's Department were the Canine Team, the off-road racing truck and the drug education team, as well as volunteers from the Boy's and Girl's Club.

The walk was coordinated by the City of Lomita Public Safety Committee, who thanked the following sponsors that made this event possible: Szechuan Chinese Food, Mirage Car Wash; Lomita Building Materials, Lomita-Torrance Airport Rotary Club, Gamby's Mortuary, Metropolitan Waste, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sterling of Lomita Auto Body, A1 Coast Rentals, Lee's Tires, South Bay Nikkei Travel, Fantastic Café, Kay Rich, John Peri Beauty College, Kenneth Kloss, Sharon Wantz, Cable Family, Rebolt Family.



Bob Hargrave receives award for Outstanding Older American

Recently retired Councilmember Bob Hargrave was selected as **Lomita's Outstanding Older American** for 2000 and honored at a luncheon at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Bob's involvement in community service in Lomita spans over 27 years. His many contributions include: Mayor (three times), Councilmember, Commissioner, Chamber of Commerce leadership and active member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. He currently serves as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Committee to Unify Lomita's Schools.

After his retirement from Pacific Bell in 1985, he started a new career as a Marriage and Family Therapist. He has a private practice in town in addition to working with Family Service of Long Beach.

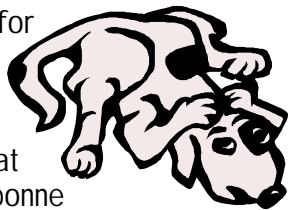
Bob and Gloria, his wife of 38 years, have 3 children and as of January this year, one granddaughter. Though both are very active (Gloria owns and operates the Piano Shop in Lomita), they find time to travel and explore. Their latest trip took them to Egypt, Israel and Jordan.

Bob is looking forward to many more years of active community involvement.

Congratulations on achieving this honor, Bob.

Pet Vaccination Clinic

A low cost vaccination for dogs has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue. A Rabies shot will cost \$5 and the '6 in 1' shots \$12.



Dog licenses may be renewed at that time. Please bring proof of spay/neuter if applicable to receive the reduced license rate.



to renew your dog's and cat's license before **August 15, 2000**. After that date, you will be charged a penalty. Licenses can be renewed by mail or at City Hall. Cats are required to have licenses, even if they are indoor animals.

For pet license information or any other animal complaint, such as excessively barking dogs, please call Animal Control 523-9566.

Handyworker Program

In order to qualify for this program, you must be 62 or older and/or disabled, an owner occupant, live in the City of Lomita and income qualify. For an application or any questions, please contact the City of Lomita Housing and Community Development Department at (310) 325-7110 ext. 118.

Eligible home repairs:

- Fencing, porch and garage repairs
- Screens and doors
- Interior and exterior paint
- Minor interior repairs, including plumbing and electrical
- Clean up of debris and weeds
- Minor tree and shrub trimming
- And much much more!!!!



Ordinance Awareness

In the City of Lomita, gardeners can use leaf blowers in a residential area only between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Only residents can use blowers on Sundays between 10 am and 5 pm.



Garage and Yard Sales are limited to three per year for each household. No permit or fee is required (LMC 4-13.02).



Trees on private property overhanging the public right-of-way must be trimmed to 13' above street level and 8' above sidewalk level (LMC 9-2.40).

Volunteers wanted!!

...to help update our website—lomita.com/cityhall If you speak HTML and have experience in designing web pages and time to volunteer your services, please call Monika at 325-7110 x 114.

The city is very grateful to Brian Keith who kept up the city's website for the past eighteen month.

Thanks for doing a wonderful job, Brian!

Residential Rebate/Grant Program

Lomita City residents can receive assistance with home repairs through the City of Lomita Rebate/Grant Program. The Rebate/Grant program offers assistance up to \$5000 for home repairs per program year. Work is done by State Licensed Contractors.

Eligible persons:

- Low/moderate income
- Owner occupied households
- Live within Lomita City limits

Contact the Housing and Community Staff for an application.

(310) 325-7110



Looking
good,
Lomita!!



On April 30, a beautiful Saturday morning, nearly 200 children and adult leaders from different girl and boy scout troops congregated at Lomita Park. It was a happy occasion; they came to do their share of making Lomita look better. The coordinator of this event, Mrs. Lani Marshall had the daunting task of assigning each group an area to clean and to plant trees in celebration of Arbor Day. The girl scouts planted 15 trees on 250th Street and two at Hathaway Park. Southern California Edison donated \$500 to plant seven additional trees on 250th Street. West Coast Arborist, the city's tree maintenance contractor, demonstrated proper methods of planting and caring for trees.

Other scout troops picked areas on Narbonne Ave. from 240th Street to P.C.H. and on Lomita Blvd from Eshelman to Cypress to clean and weed the tree wells. As a reward for their hard work, all participants were treated to a luncheon at Lomita Park consisting of hot dogs, chips, drinks, bananas and a big cookie. The chips were donated by Camelot Drug Store, the bananas by Dole, the hot dogs by 7-11. The City of Lomita pledged \$600 and Chevron Oil also donated a cash award. With tummies filled, the children participated in a raffle to reward them for a job well done. West Coast Arborist donated the prizes.

Another of the day's highlights was the presentation of a plaque, two signs and a flag from the Arbor Day Foundation. Deputy Forester Bradley Yocum from the Los Angeles County Fire and Forestry Department conducted the ceremony.

The day was proclaimed a huge success by all and plans are in the works to make this an annual event.

Chris van Geest, Field Services Director





Recycling used oil is an important part of the process for conserving vital natural resources and eliminating the pollution caused by the improper and illegal disposal of used oil.

In order to provide residents with a means for recycling used oil, Lomita has one Certified Used Oil Recycling Center; **the Auto Zone located on the corner of Lomita Blvd. and Eshelman Ave.**

Up to five gallons of non-commercial used oil per week may be brought to Auto Zone on Monday – Saturday from 8 am to 9 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 6 pm.

Used oil that has been contaminated by mixing the oil with antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid or other automotive fluids cannot be brought to this Center. As a result, when changing your oil please ensure that only used oil is brought to the Center.

For more information call 310/ 325-7110 x 119 or 1-800/ CLEANUP.

Paid for by a Grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board

Water Tower at Museum is completed



If you have not had a chance to do so yet, stop by the Lomita Railroad Museum and visit the newly completed water tower. Built by Magnum Builders of Lomita, the structure is a replica of a 1920's wooden water tower.

The museum is located at 2137 W. 250th Street and open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm.

The Lomita Railroad Museum Dedication ceremony is planned for Golden Spike Day, October 28, 2000.

All Aboard!!

2000 Community Calendar

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| May 19—21 | B 24 and B 17 Bombers visit Zamperini Field (Torrance Airport) |
| May 27 | Community Tree Planting at Veterans' Park on Walnut Street |
| May 29 11 am | Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans' Park on Walnut Street |
| June 24 | Founders' Day Celebration at Lomita Park—10 am to 10 pm |
| June 25 8 am | Lomita 5000 Run/Fun Walk Start/Finish at Lomita Library |
| July 15 and 16 | Torrance Air Fair "Reach for the Sky" Torrance Airport |
| August 26 | Lomita Sheriff/Firefighters Annual Appreciation Barbecue at Lomita Park from 10:30 am to 4 pm |

Ongoing events

- ◆ Lomita Good Timers, a senior group, meets every Thursday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Lomita Park.
- ◆ Lomita Chamber of Commerce Business Mixers are held on the 4th Thursday of every month. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 326-6378 for location and times.
- ◆ Lomita Railroad Museum located at 250th Street and Woodward Avenue is open Wednesday—Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission: Adults \$2, children \$1.

If you know of other community events to be included in future listings,

please call Ken Blackwood 283-8840.

COUNCIL

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*Since February of 2000,
the City Council:*

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to former Railroad Museum Boardmember Keith Callaway, Leon Washington for display of art, Ken Blackwood for completing Senshu Marathon in Japan
- ◆ Held special meetings with Sheriff's Department, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Traffic Commission
- ◆ Conducted training session for city commissioners
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance mandating youth members on commissions and committees
- ◆ Approved plans and specs for a water main replacement on Pennsylvania
- ◆ Merged Gangs and Graffiti Committee and Safety Commission into one—**Public Safety Commission**
- ◆ Approved a plan to modify parking around Eshelman Avenue School
- ◆ Adopted an urgency ordinance eliminating meat processing and meat packaging and processing plants
- ◆ Approved FY 2000/01 Community Development Block Grant projects
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance prohibiting bicycling, skateboarding and roller skating in designated areas
- ◆ Appointed Councilmember Estrada to law enforcement grant advisory board
- ◆ Approved a contract to provide aerial photos
- ◆ Changed the zoning for certain city parks from A-1 to O-S (open space)

The City of Lomita is looking for *Youth Commissioners*



for the following Boards,
Committees and Commissions:

- ◆ Community Development Advisory Board
- ◆ Public Safety Commission
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Commission
- ◆ Railroad Museum Board
- ◆ Traffic Safety Commission

In order to serve as a youth commissioner, you must

- be between 16 and 18 years old
- live in Lomita
- have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better
- regularly attend monthly meetings
- submit a youth commission application

Youth Commissioners serve for one year terms and have the same voting rights and attendance requirements as adult members. Boards and commissions advise City Council on matters dealing with their area of expertise (e.g. traffic, recreation). For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 325-7110.

Application forms are available at Lomita City Hall, Narbonne High School and on the world wide web (Lomita.com/cityhall).

Calendar

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

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| 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 |
| Public Safety Commission ----- | 4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM |

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

24300 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA 90717

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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

Summer Classes

Archery - Youth and Adult Bowling/Bumper Bowling—ages 4 to 17
Adult Volleyball Basketball Clinic—ages 6 to 14 T-Ball – ages 4 and 5
Boy's Baseball—ages 6 to 14 Girl's Softball K—8th grade
Tennis—ages 4 to 16 Gymnastics—ages 3 1/2 to 8
Arts and Crafts - ages 6 to 12 Cooking - ages 8 to 14
Tiny Tots Preschool Program - ages 3 to 5



Dance Classes

County/Western ** Belly Dancing ** Pre-Ballet (ages 2-4)
Ballet, Tap and Jazz (ages 7—14) ** Ballet, Tap and Tumbling (ages 4—7)
Mexican Folklorico ** Polynesian ** Flamenco

FIELD TRIPS



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| July 14 | 5:30 to 11 pm | Lomita Night at the Races—Hollywood Park |
| July 18 | 11:30 am | Dodger Day Game (Pirates) |
| July 19 | 8:30 am—11 pm | Magic Mountain |
| July 21 | 5:30 pm | Dodger Night Game (Giants) |
| August 9 | 8:30 am –11pm | Disneyland |
| August 11 | 5:30 pm | Angel Game (Yankees) |

For costs for these field trips and more information, please call the Lomita Parks and Recreation Department at 326-0140.