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



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.



Wanted: Youth Commissioners

The City of Lomita is looking for youth commissioners to serve on its various Boards and Commissions.

In order to serve as a youth commissioner, you must

- P be between 16 and 18 years old
- P live in Lomita
- P have a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better
- P regularly attend monthly meetings
- P 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).



City Officials

**Mayor
Ken Blackwood**

**Councilmembers:
Margaret Estrada
Tim King
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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24300 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
or call
325-7110.

SEWER BACKWATER VALVES

A Public Information Bulletin
from the L.A. County Department of Public Works

Most properties in the City of Lomita are connected to public (mainline) sewers. The majority of these properties have been built so that an obstruction in the public sewer will not cause a sewage backup into the property.

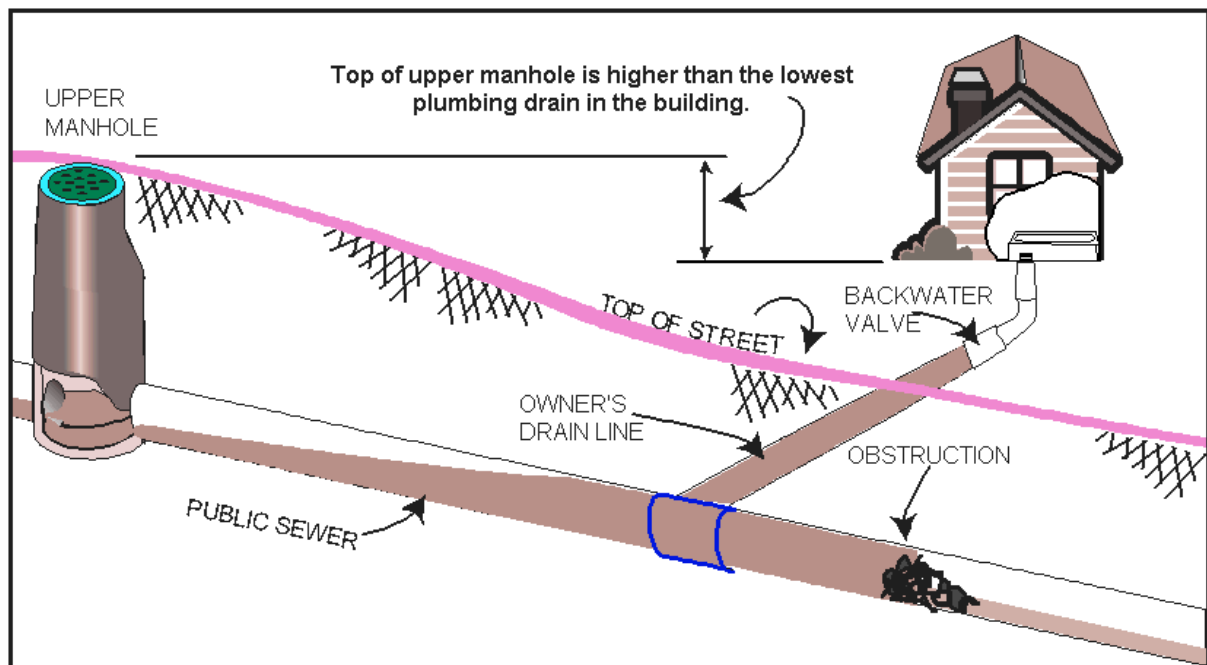
Other properties, however, require the protection of a backwater valve in the owner's drain line. These properties have been built (see picture) so that the drain of the lowest plumbing fixture (bath tub, shower, etc.) is lower than the upper manhole of the public sewer. The backwater valve is designed to automatically shut to prevent sewage from backing up into the building from an obstructed public sewer.

If your property appears to require a backwater valve, but you do not know if one has been installed, we strongly encourage you to call a licensed plumber who can evaluate your situation and, if necessary, install a backwater valve.

Backwater valves must be checked to ensure that they are operating properly at all times. Root cleaning machines, debris in the drain line, or other problems can easily damage or interfere with the proper operation of backwater valves.

A plumbing permit is required for the installation of a backwater valve. Your local Building and Safety Office is located at 24320 South Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717. They can be contacted at (310) 534-3760.

The drawing below illustrates a typical situation where



Lomita City Staff welcomes two new employees

Virginia Lortz works for the Field Service office as administrative assistant, helping residents with problems and requests for service regarding streets, trees and water. She also keeps records and does the payroll for the Field Services Department. Virginia is a true "Lomita Girl"; born and raised right here in town, attending Lomita Elementary, Fleming Jr. High and later Narbonne High School. Prior to coming to work in Lomita in August, Virginia worked as a service representative for CCH ProSystem in Torrance. Her hobbies include arts and crafts and shopping.



Linda Goldberg

Virginia Lortz

Linda Goldberg has been with the city since the end of October. If you called City Hall lately, chances are it was Linda who answered the phone. Some of her other duties include greeting visitors, distributing mail, personnel and records management, composing letters, memos and reports and acting as secretary to the Public Safety Commission.

Before coming to Lomita, Linda worked in the library of Torrance High School. She earned a B.A. degree at Colorado State University and lived and studied in Australia for several years. Linda's passion is painting, mostly portraits in pastel. Her works have been shown in several galleries and some of her paintings may soon be viewed at City Hall.

Welcome to Lomita, Virginia and Linda!

Planting for our future

During the month of November, members of the California Conservation Corps planted 178 trees on Eshelman Avenue, Oak Street and Woodward Avenue. Funding for the tree planting came from a *Trees for the Millennium* grant sponsored by the Urban and Community Forestry Program of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.



Four different species of trees have been planted as follows:

- P Chinese Tallow on the east side of Eshelman Avenue
- P Evergreen Pear on the west side of Eshelman Avenue
- P Peppermint Tree on both sides of Oak Street
- P Western Redbud Tree on Woodward Avenue.

Although the trees are planted in the public right of way, the city requests that the adjacent residents water and care for these trees, so that we may all enjoy a healthier and more beautiful city.

Environmental Holiday Tips

After the holidays this year, reuse rather than throw away old holiday cards. St Jude's Ranch for Children re-uses holiday, birthday, get well and general cards. Mail *card fronts only* to:

St Jude's Ranch for Children
P.O. Box 60100
Boulder City, NV 89006

The end of the year is the ideal time to donate old clothing, furniture, and other household items. It is a good way to clean up without throwing anything away, and it is tax deductible. Listed below are local donation centers:

- Goodwill** (310) 326-3072
2300 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita
 - Salvation Army** (310) 378-0538
4310 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance
- For bulky items such as furniture, call (800) 958-7825 to schedule a pick-up.



Christmas Tree Recycling

From Tuesday, December 26th to Saturday, January 13th Lomita residents can recycle Christmas or Holiday trees as part of the green waste program by placing them at the curb on any regularly scheduled trash pick-up date. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, lights and plastic or metal stands (wood stands are o.k.). 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.



Household Hazardous Waste Round-up

The City of Lomita will host a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 16, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Household Hazardous Wastes, includes paints, glues, pesticides, oils, used motor oil, solvents, cleansers, old medicine, tires and car and dry-cell batteries. Improper disposal of these materials can pollute the City and endanger children, pets and wildlife.

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



Lomita Sister City Association

The Lomita Sister City Association enjoys its 19th year in operation. Their main purpose is to further cultural exchange with our sister city, Takaishi, Japan.

This summer 10 students from Japan will come to Lomita for a three week home stay. In addition to the personal benefit of these students, there is continued cultural enrichment of our community.

If you are interested in joining the Lomita Sister City Association or in hosting a Japanese student this summer, please call Maureen Sameshima at 519-9539 or Jan Hoff at 325-2860.

The Lomita Sister City Association meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 in the second floor assembly room at City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

Lomita Historical Society

The Lomita Historical Society held a general membership meeting on October 11 at 7 pm at Lomita City Hall. Several photographs and mementos recently donated to the group were on display. Several speakers spoke about social and retail life in Lomita before 1930.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is scheduled for January 16, 2001 at 7 pm in the second floor assembly room at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue. At that time officers for the Year 2001 will be elected.

For more information, please call Christie at 325-6884 or Steve at 325-1939.

Some Safety Tips for the Holidays

With the holiday season fast approaching, crime activity involving burglaries and thefts often rises. Although we are in a much lower crime area than most other areas of Los Angeles County, we're not crime-free. However, many incidents could have been prevented had certain, simple precautions been taken, such as:

P Close and Lock Windows - Approximately 41% of all residential burglaries in our jurisdiction result from entry gained through unlocked or open windows. Do not rely on screens as protection; they're easily cut or removed. Make sure you close and lock your windows, even if you're only going out for just a few minutes - because that's all the time it requires to burglarize your home.



P Lock Your Vehicles/Don't Leave Items Inside - Always lock your car, and set the alarm if it is so equipped, even if it's parked in your driveway. And take all items with you, such as keys, purses, wallets, gifts, cell phones, tools, etc. Thieves can easily smash a window, grab an item, and disappear in a few seconds. An alarm will deter a theft of the vehicle or the removal of a car stereo, but it often won't stop a thief from taking loose items inside.

P Window and Sliding Glass Door Locks - Pin all sliding aluminum windows to restrict horizontal and vertical movement. Get better security with your sliding glass door by installing a floor lock or placing a long stick or pole in the track to prevent movement.

P Oversee Workers - 12% of the burglaries in our area are a result of victims not supervising workers or hired help. If you're moving, having your house shown, having renovations, or obtaining new domestic help, oversee strangers who are in your home.

P Close and Lock Doors - It may seem obvious, but we often leave doors open, such as garage doors, rear access doors to garages, or entry doors to houses from attached garages. It only takes a minute to steal a bike, scooter, tools, etc. and it happens more frequently than it should. Close and lock garage doors when you leave, just as you do with your other residential exterior doors.

Your best line of defense in protecting your home are trusted neighbors, especially when you are away on vacation. Have friends or family check on your home when you're away. Also, your Sheriff Dept. has an experienced staff of volunteers who will routinely check your residence in your absence.

P Solid Door Construction - Make sure all exterior doors are of solid core construction with single cylinder deadbolts. Strike plates and door hinges should be secured with at least 2- ½ inch screws.

This holiday season should be a memorable and joyous time for all. Decrease the probability of becoming a burglary victim by taking the above precautions. This will help to ensure that your family has only good holiday memories.

*Terri Alleman, Crime Analyst
Lomita Sheriff Station*

Lomita welcomes the following new businesses/owners:

<i>Business name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Address</i>
FANTASTIC CAFE	RESTAURANTS	24211 NARBONNE AVE
ALL STATE INSURANCE	INSURANCE AGENT	2068 PACIFIC COAST HW Y.
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	EVENT MARKETING	2075 PALOS VERDES DR.NO.
EL DORADO COAST HOTEL	MOTELS & HOTELS	2037 PACIFIC COAST HWY
EYEDEAL INTERIORS INC.	INTERIOR DECORATOR/DRAPES	25048 NARBONNE AVE.
CYCLE GEAR INC.	CLOTHING STORES	2040 PACIFIC COAST HWY .
EYE 4 DETAIL	AUTOMOTIVE SALES	26122 WESTERN AVE
CRYSTAL NAIL & SKIN CARE	BEAUTY SHOPS	1811 PACIFIC COAST HWY
NUGRA KARSERA (USA)INC.	IMPORT & EXPORT	2049 PACIFIC COAST HWY,
DAVID'S ANTIQUES	FURNITURE	1856 PACIFIC COAST HWY
DUSSADEE ANUVATTANACHAI	COMPUTER CONSULTANT	1957 PACIFIC COAST HWY
A DENTISTRY	MEDICAL FIELD	1816 LOMITA BLVD
NEON SIGNS PLUS BANNERS	BLUE PRINTING	2337 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
LOMITA BARBER SHOP	BARBER SHOPS	2154 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
TWICE THE WEAR	CLOTHING STORES	1857 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
GO GO JUICE	RESTAURANTS	1943 PACIFIC COAST HWY
SAVON DRUG # 9543	DRUG STORE	2001 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
NISHIYAMATO INC.	SCHOOLS	2458 LOMITA BLVD
PAGER & CELLULAR OUTLET	COMMUNICATION SALES/SERV.	1743 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
KOHLER FLOORS	FLOOR COVERING	24224 CRENSHAW BL VD.
JOE RICE PLUMBING	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	2032 W. 259TH PLACE
HUBCAPS UNLIMITED	AUTOMOBILES	1821 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
NARLEY MOTORCYCLES	MOTORCYCLES	2213 LOMITA BLVD
DEJA VU	GIFT SHOPS	1739 PACIFIC COAST HWY.
PREMIER AUTO BODY & PAINT	AUTOMOTIVE SALES	2212 PACIFIC COAST HWY
KEMY'S CLEANING	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES/SERVICE	2418 LOMITA BLVD.
ANGEL NAIL SALON	BEAUTY SHOPS	1811 PACIFIC COAST HWY
TROUSSEAU FLORAL DESIGN	FLORIST	25033 ANDREO AVE.
ROLLING HILLS HAND CARWASH	CAR WASH	25825 NARBONNE AVE.

Holiday Trash Service for CalMet Services (Residential and Commercial)

For the weeks of December 25 and January 1, residential and commercial trash pickup provided by CalMet will be one day late. For example, if your normal trash day is Monday, during those two weeks your trash pickup will be on Tuesday. Starting with the week of January 8, pickup schedules will return to normal.

COUNCIL CORNER

*Since August of 2000,
the City Council:*

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: -Brenda Klee for being elected District Governor of Kiwanis, Jamar Jackson and Robin Petgrave for volunteer work, Founder's Day sponsors, Lomita Little League for having a Championship Team, Harbor Church for tree planting
- ◆ Appointed Don Suminaga and Maureen Kaneen to the Planning Commission; Steve Rhee and Donald Yoo to the Museum Board, Akai Mura to the Parks Commission; Silvia Campos, Paul McCabe, Kevin Woo and Jeffrey LaGro to CDAB; and John Yoon to the Tree Committee
- ◆ Adjourned a meeting in memory of Mary Jane Foley and Bill Van Zandt
- ◆ Conducted several special meetings dealing with economic development
- ◆ Held meetings with L.A. Sheriff's Department and Railroad Museum Board
- ◆ Established the Lomita Financing Authority to coordinate financing of public improvement projects
- ◆ Approved lease of water rights to Cal. Water Service
- ◆ Approved a Congestion Management Plan
- ◆ Appointed Councilmember Estrada to the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Advisory Board
- ◆ Approved a franchise for commercial and residential waste removal with CALMET
- ◆ Appointed Dr. Linda Spink, Ted Talbot and Bill Burford to the Workforce Investment Network Board
- ◆ Approved a Joint Powers Agreement with Carson and Torrance dealing with Workforce Investment Network
- ◆ Adopted ordinance combining Gangs/Graffiti Committee and Safety Commission into Public Safety Commission
- ◆ Adopted Ordinance No. 632 adding youth members to several commissions and boards.

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to all the residents and community organizations who contributed to this year's food drive. Thanks to your generosity we were able to distribute food to over eleven needy Lomita families.



Toy Drive

The City of Lomita is conducting 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. You can also drop your donation at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue, 9 am and 10 pm Monday through Friday, from 9 am—6 pm on Saturdays or 11 am—5 pm on Sundays. Gift certificates from local merchants are welcome. The last day to drop off your donations is December 12.

Toys will be distributed to needy Lomita families.

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

The following meetings are held at the Lomita City Hall,
24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, 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
Railroad Museum Board -----	2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Community Development Advisory Board -----	3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Public Safety Commission-----	4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM

The following community organizations also meet at City Hall:

Sister City Association	3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM
Women's Club	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

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



City of

24300 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA 90717

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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

Reporting Line

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

Registration for the following classes will begin December 1, 2000:

Boys and Girls Basketball, Ice Skating, Tennis, Karate
Gymnastics, Crafts and Cooking for Tots, Youth Cooking
Pre Ballet, Ballet, Tap and Tumbling, Ballet and Jazz
Country Western Dance, Belly Dance, Flamenco
Mexican Folklorico, Polynesian Dance

For more information,
at 326-0140
Call the Parks & Rec. Staff

Look what's new:

Beverly Belba Field now has lights to enhance flag football and soccer programs.

Also, new playground equipment for toddlers age 2—5 has been installed and will be dedicated soon. Come to the park and check it out!!



Golden Spike Day—a memorable event

Although heavy rains several days before the event made the grounds somewhat muddy, an estimated 600—700 adults and children came out to celebrate Golden Spike Day on October 28 at the Lomita Railroad Museum. Highlights of the day were the Concours d'Elegance antique car show and dedication ceremony of the newly built water tower by State Assemblymember George Nakano, Mayor Tim King and Railroad Museum Foundation Chair Harvey Tafel. State Senator Debra Bowen, Lomita City Councilmembers, County District Attorney Gil Garcetti, and representatives of Congressman Kuykendall's office also participated in the ceremony.

Live entertainment was provided by the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band while members of the Lomita Women's Club, Boy Scouts and many other volunteers served up the refreshments. Ward Kimball, former Chief Animator of Disney Studios was the guest of honor. Aside from free admission to the museum, visitors could also enjoy train exhibits as well as activities and free goodies from American Honda.

Another highlight of the event was the introduction of TransMachine, a unique transportation learning center spearheaded by the Honda Foundation which will soon be built on the museum expansion lot. Watch for upcoming TransMachine events!

The Museum Foundation raised nearly \$4,300 for the future expansion of the museum. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, sponsors and supporters who made this day a success.