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The annual Founder's Day Celebration will once again be held at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue with fun, food and entertainment from 10 am to 10 pm.

Shows/Exhibits
 Antique Car Show
 Karate demonstration
 Dance performances
 ... and much more

Food
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pizza, BBQ, Ice Cream and more!!
 All you can eat spaghetti dinner will be served from 6—8:30 pm. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll, dessert and drink for only \$6.
 For tickets and info call 539-1399.

New this year!!
 Crafters will be added to the venue. Over 40 booths will offer handmade items, clothing, holiday gifts, and much more.

Live Bands
 Noon—9 pm
Unlimited Source
Eddie G and Due West

Don't miss the **pancake breakfast** Sunday morning immediately following the Lomita 5000 run/walk!!
 Application form on pg. 5

Games
 Kiddie Rides
 Dunk Tank
 Moon Bounce
 Jail 'n' Bail
 Tug of War
 Games of Skill



Laws on Motorized Scooters Enforced in Lomita

The motorized scooter is becoming a very popular mode of transportation, especially with teens. Recent changes in the California Vehicle Code applying to the operation of these vehicles are strictly enforced by the Sheriff's Department.

A motorized scooter is defined as any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator and is powered by an electric motor. Neither a driver's license or a vehicle registration are required to operate a motorized scooter. However, there are several laws in the California Vehicle Code that are strictly enforced in Lomita: The operator of a motorized scooter must be at **least 16 years of age**, stay off sidewalks, and wear a helmet. Also, these scooters are not permitted on highways with speeds in excess of 25 mph.



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:

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

Get involved in the election process! Become a poll worker!

How would you like to earn up to \$80 for a day's work and learn about the election process at the same time? If this sounds good to you, please read on.

- ◆ Are you a registered voter residing in Lomita?
- ◆ Would you like to serve your community?
- ◆ Are you available to work from 6:30 am to about 8 pm on November 6?
- ◆ Can you attend a 2 hour training class prior to the election? (you will be reimbursed \$25 for attending the class)
- ◆ Are you people oriented and enjoy working with the public?
- ◆ Would you like to make new friends?



If you answered yes to these questions and would like to be a poll worker in the City's General Municipal Election on November 6, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 325-7110.

Neighborhood Networking Program

You can play a vital part in making your community a better place to live by becoming personally involved. The Lomita Public Safety Commission has expanded the Safety Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs into the new Neighborhood Networking Program. This program can be customized to fit each group's specific needs, for example:

- ◆ Home fire safety
- ◆ Crime tips
- ◆ Vacation tips
- ◆ Community crime prevention
- ◆ Security/services for disabled
- ◆ Disaster preparedness
- ◆ Paramedic services

For more information on setting up your own Neighborhood Networking Program, contact Gary Irwin at 325-7110, ext. 135.

Pennsylvania Avenue Reconstruction

Phase I of the reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue (also referred to as 'Pothole Avenue' by many local residents) began in early May. The section of the street between Lomita Boulevard and 250th Street is scheduled to be completed before June 20th in time for the Lomita 5000 Run. This project is a cooperative effort between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Lomita and consists of reconstructing the existing roadway, pavement, deteriorated portions of the curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway aprons and construction of wheelchair ramps.



Phase II, the section between 250th Street and Pacific Coast Highway, will start in the middle of June and should be completed by the end of August.

During most of the construction Pennsylvania Avenue is closed to through traffic. Eastbound traffic on Lomita Boulevard may be reduced to one lane and a left-turn lane between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. Other intersecting streets may be closed to through traffic as needed during construction hours.

We apologize for any inconvenience to our residents during this time.

Local Students March Against Gangs and Drugs

For the eleventh year in a row, the Lomita Public Safety Commission sponsored the annual "Follow me, I'm gang and drug free" walk. On May 11, fifth graders from Eshelman Elementary School, Lomita Magnet School and St. Margaret Mary School participated in a rally against gangs and drugs. About 300 youngsters marched from their school to Lomita Park where they were greeted by ice cold drinks, sandwiches and chips. The program included a helicopter flyby, Paramedic and Fire Trucks and Sheriff's Department Bike and Canine Units. Speakers included Sheriff's Captain Hitchcock, Kathy Palada Dixon, Outreach Director for the Boys and Girls Club, and Mayor Blackwood. Former Councilmember Hargrave served as Master of Ceremonies.



Guest Speaker Kathy Dixon, Boys and Girls Club

Poster and slogan winners from the local schools were announced at the City Council meeting of May 21: 1st Place—Alyssa Guerrero, St. Margaret Mary School, 2nd Place—Vidah Quirante, St. Margaret Mary School; 3rd Place—Jesus Rodriguez and Fidel Salvatierra, Lomita Math/Science Magnet. The winning slogan, "Think Smart, Don't Start" was penned by Neelam Patel of Lomita Math/Science Magnet.

Scholarships for Local Students

- The Lomita Women's Club is offering scholarships for Lomita residents. Application forms are available at City Hall, the Library or on the city's web page (lomita.com/cityhall).
- Filing deadline is June 15, 2001.

The Lomita Safety Commission thanks the many local and business organizations who contributed so generously to the event. The main sponsors were A-1 Coast Rentals, Astro Auto Electric, Gamby's Mortuary, Lee's Tires, Lomita Women's Club, Lomita-Torrance Airport Rotary, Mirage Car Wash, Mobil Oil, Moine Bros. Rolling Hills Car Wash, and Supreme Muffler. A special thanks goes to the Bird Dog Volunteers of Lomita Station.

Lomita— Looking Good—Again

You may have noticed several improvements in Lomita— newly planted trees, fresh paint, tree wells weeded and planted with flowers. For the second year in a row, Lani Marshall led her Girl Scouts in a city-wide effort to clean up the community. They were joined by nearly 500 volunteers from local schools and churches, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the Kiwanis Club, the Sheriff's Explorers and many others.

Volunteers were treated to a lunch donated by Albertsons, Von's Dole Fresh Fruit Co., Camelot, 7-11, and the City of Lomita. West Coast Arborists helped in this effort by donating time and materials, as did A1 Coast Rentals, Chevron Refinery, Lomita Gardens Nursery, West Basin Municipal Water District, Nickerson Insurance, Metropolitan Waste and Lomita Mail Car.

This community cleanup was coupled with an Arbor Day Celebration. 46 trees were planted in locations throughout the city. For the second year in a row Lomita received the "Tree City USA" designation. To be granted that honor by the National Arbor Day Foundation, a city must have a tree committee, a tree protection ordinance and include in its budget \$2 per resident for tree care.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the volunteers, the sponsors and above all the committee who organized the event: Lani Marshall (Chevron Refinery), Tatsuo Akamine (Harbor Church), Dave Cooper (West Coast Arborists) and Lomita City staff: Chris van Geest, Virginia Lortz, Paul Hogan and Chris Yoxsimer.



You can help keep the phones working during an emergency

During an emergency, such as a fire or an earthquake, the following tips will help ensure the phone system is available to everyone:

- ◆ Choose an emergency contact outside your area to be the central contact. Give them a list of all the persons you would like contacted in case of an emergency.
- ◆ Get a solar or battery powered radio and lots of batteries.
- ◆ Call 911 only for help, not for news.
- ◆ Make sure to notify your telephone company if your address changes since this is where 911 operators get their updated information.
- ◆ Keep your old phone around. In case of an electrical power outage, cordless phones or those connected to an answering machine or other equipment will not work. You will be able to make or receive calls with a phone that plugs directly into the phone jack.

Low cost animal vaccination clinic Wednesday, July 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm 24300 Narbonne Ave., behind City Hall

You can renew your pet license at this time. Be sure to bring proof of spay/neuter to receive reduced license rate.

Dogs must be on a leash adequate to safely control the animal and cats must be in a carrier.

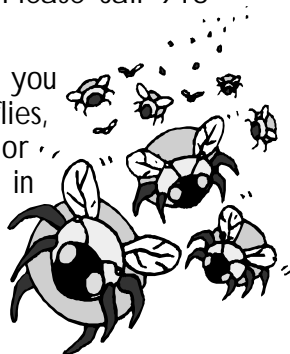


Flying Pests

This is the time of year when mosquitoes breed in standing water, such as ornamental pools, unused swimming pools, and animal drinking troughs. The Los Angeles County Vector Control District will furnish mosquito fish free of charge. Please call 915-7370 or 800-925-3800.

You can also call the District if you are bothered by wasps, black flies, mosquitoes, yellow jackets or gnats, or have a bee swarm in your back yard.

For bees or other flying insects in your home or other structure, please contact an exterminator.



6TH ANNUAL BARBECUE HONORING SHERIFF AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue
Saturday, August 18 - 11 am to 4 pm



Program starts at 11:30 am
Lunch served from noon to 1 pm

\$2 per person
No reservation needed
Limited to the first 650 participants

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

Activities include face painting, games, bingo, foam, free raffle, fun jump, exhibits/equipment from the Sheriff and Fire Departments

Music provided by
Unlimited Source Band



Special raffle!! Win a trip for two to Hawaii, \$400 cash or a DVD player. 6 tickets for \$5 are available at City Hall and Lomita Park. Drawing at 3 pm. Winners need not be present to win.

Call 325-7110 for more information

Farmer's Market Survey Results

Your response to the survey posted in the last issue was overwhelming— 139 residents voted in favor and only one person was against bringing the Farmer's Market back to Lomita. Sunday was the most popular day, receiving 90 votes. Wednesday scored 27 votes and Friday 22.

A "sidewalk café" eating area, booths spotlighting local businesses, Police/Fire Department and community organization activities, and a "learn a craft area" are just a few of the suggestions we received.

In the products likely to be purchased category, fruits and vegetables were the obvious leaders, but flowers, bread and kettle corn also scored a high percentage. Point of interest: while 91 surveys were returned via e-mail, only 49 were mailed the conventional way.

Will there be a Farmer's Market in the future? City Council will deliberate this question during their budget discussions.



8th Annual

Lomita 5000 - 5K Run/Fun Walk

Sunday, June 24, 2001, 8:00 a.m.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Age on day of race _____ Phone _____

5K Run 5K Fun Walk

Age Division (check one)
 10 - under 30 - 39
 11 - 14 40 - 49
 15 - 19 50 - 59
 20 - 29 60 - 69
 new category!! 70+

Sex (check one)
 Male Female

T-Shirt Size (check one)
 M L XL 2X

Proceeds from the race will benefit:
 Lomita Boys & Girls Club,
 Lomita Little League,
 Lomita Sister City Association,
 Lomita Railroad Museum,
 Lomita Women's Club,
 Friends of the Lomita Library



(Must be present to win)

Fees: \$15.00 Pre-Registration - by June 20, 2001
 \$20.00 Late Registration

Registration Booth at Lomita Park, Saturday, June 23th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 and in front of Library on Sunday, June 24th at 6:00 a.m.

Make check payable to: City of Lomita/5K

Mail this entry form to: City of Lomita, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, CA 90717

For more information: (310) 325-7110

Medals given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each age category, male/female. Finishing ribbons for ALL participants

Pancake breakfast in front of City Hall during the race and awards ceremony

Please read and sign waiver (must be signed)

Entries without signed waiver form will be returned for signature. This waiver contains a limitation of your legal rights. Your signature below means you have read and agree with the statement below:

Application will not be accepted without proper signature below. I wish to enter and participate in the Lomita 5000 Run/Fun Walk on June 24, 2001. I, the undersigned participant (and parent or guardian if participant is less than 18 years of age) intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, and my heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights or claims for damages which may have or which hereafter accrue to me against any, all persons, organizations and legal entities affiliated with the run, and more particularly the officials and officers of the City of Lomita, Lomita Boys & Girls Club, Lomita Little League, Lomita Sister City Association, Lomita Railroad Museum, Lomita Women's Club, Friends of the Lomita Library, the Lomita 5000 Committee, the race sponsors, the officials of this race, individually and as a whole, together with their representatives, officers, agents, employees, successors, assigns and/or sponsors, for any and all damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in conjunction with my entry in, and/or arising out of my travel to, participation in and returning from said 5K Run/Fun Walk. I hereby agree to release to the race promoter full and exclusive rights to record my performance in this 5K Run/Fun Walk on film, videotape or still photography for use without compensation. I understand that this is an arduous athletic event and hereby certify I am properly conditioned to participate in and compete in this event, and my physical condition has been certified by a licensed medical doctor.

This release extends to all claims of any kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown.

Participant _____ Date _____
 Parent/Legal Guardian _____
 (If participant is less than 18 years of age)

Note: Children are to run unescorted

Sponsored by the City of Lomita. Net proceeds to City of Lomita nonprofit associations.

The City of Lomita welcomes the following new businesses/owners:

Business Type	Name	Address	Phone Number
Automotive Sales	South Bay Auto Sales	2301 Pacific Coast Hwy.	325-8917
Automotive Sales	Lomita Transmission	1972 Lomita Blvd.	539-4243
Automotive Sales	Master Volvo	1970 Lomita Blvd.	784-0144
Automotive Sales	Express Auto Service & Sales	1978 Lomita Blvd.	539-4686
Automotive Sales	South Bay Transmission	1911 Pacific Coast Hwy.	891-0971
Beauty Shops	May Beauty Salon	1851 Pacific Coast Hwy.	475-4606
Beauty Shops	Frankie Ross	2251 Lomita Blvd.	891-2856
Beauty Shops	Happy Nails	1811 Pacific Coast Hwy.	326-1782
Blue Printing	Image Print USA	2040 Pacific Coast Hwy # R	325-8522
Cleaners	DJ Cleaners	24007 Narbonne Ave.	534-2902
Clothing Stores	Rose Petal Place	25639 Narbonne Ave.	325-6056
Computer Business	Virtual Zone Pc	24214-16 Crenshaw Blvd.	326-5173
Contractors	Thermotest, Inc.	25616 Narbonne Ave. #202	791-2777
Engineering	Conceptive Company	2428 Lomita Blvd.	530-9083
Florist	Jenny's Flowers & Gifts	24206 Crenshaw Blvd.	530-8128
Furniture	Uncommon Stuff	26103 S. Western Ave.	543-9993
Grocery	Bombay Grocery	2040 Pacific Coast Hwy. # M	567-0174
Grocery	Lomita Cigarettes	2146 1/2 Lomita Blvd.	539-3416
Health Foods	Us Oriental Health Center	24317 Pennsylvania Ave.#102	626-291-2333
Health Foods	Herbal Regenesis	2245 Lomita Blvd.	326-8955
Import & Export	G.K. Overseas, Inc.	25835 Narbonne Ave. 200-C	530-1662
Import & Export	Electronic Complex Corp.	25101 Narbonne Ave.	378-3000
Insurance	Ken Hovsepian State Farm Ins.	25048 Narbonne Ave. #A	534-2977
Jewelry Stores	PCH Time	1809 Pacific Coast Hwy.	891-3697
Laundries/Laundromats	DJ Coin Laundry	24003-05 Narbonne Ave.	534-2902
Medical Field	BBH Healthcare Products	2047 Lomita Blvd.	534-4536
Medical Field	Metro Medical Clinic	2418 Lomita Blvd. # C-1	325-4403
Music	Hotmusica.Com	25124 Narbonne Ave. #204	325-4915
Music	Overhead Records	2127 Palos Verdes Dr. North	375-1361
Party Rental	Bounce With Me Party Jumps	24819 Eshelman Ave.	888-397-8737
Photography	Minty's Photogr. & Tuxedos	2201 Lomita Blvd.	539-5919
Property Management	Crystal Property Mgmt.	2266 Lomita Blvd.	530-7206
Repair	Lomita Business Machines	24830 Narbonne Ave.	534-2027
Restaurants	Burrito Factory #2	2271 Lomita Blvd.	325-8169
Restaurants	Leonardo's Italian Deli	2040 Pacific Coast Hwy. # L	530-0559
Restaurants	Sanmiya	2383 Lomita Blvd. #101	257-6874
Restaurants	Harry's Donuts	2383 Lomita Blvd. #104	534-4225
Restaurants	Scandinavian Scoop Inc.	2150 Pacific Coast Hwy.	257-1702
Restaurants	Amigos Tacos	24222 Crenshaw Blvd	534-8245
Schools	Angel's Music Center	24317 Pennsylvania Ave. #101	326-5367
Sewing & Alteration	The Leather Man	24618 Narbonne Ave.	856-7739
Telemarketing	Daco Acceptance	24205 Narbonne Ave. #101	792-1101

Thank You!

The City's Water Department would like to thank all residents for their support and understanding during the water outage on April 12. A 10" water main located at the 26000 block of Cypress Avenue broke, and water department personnel worked until the next morning to make the necessary repairs.

We would also like to thank the residents in the southwest section of our city whose water pressure has been very low. The problem has been identified and corrected.

Again, we thank you for your support and understanding.

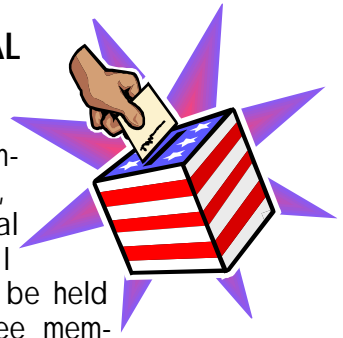
Jim Shely, Water Services Supervisor

COUNCIL CORNER

*Since February of 2001,
the City Council:*

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Anthony Bonello for supporting community events, Narbonne Lady Gaucho Basketball Team (State Champions 2001), Jason Lum and Don Sweetnam for completing Takaishi Marathon.
- ◆ Approved going to bid for architectural/engineering services for new gymnasium at Lomita Park
- ◆ Adopted ordinance establishing hotel/motel development standards
- ◆ Awarded bid for construction of perimeter wall at museum and wall on 251st Street to RTM Communications, Inc.
- ◆ Renewed tree maintenance agreement with West Coast Arborists
- ◆ Approved contract with Chamber of Commerce for \$28,200
- ◆ Approved funding for a Food Reuse Assistance grant
- ◆ Adopted an employee-employer relations resolution
- ◆ Approved construction of street improvements on 256th Street
- ◆ Awarded contract for façade improvements to G & B Construction
- ◆ Awarded the contract for design of Narbonne streetscape improvements to Kobata Associates
- ◆ Approved striping/signage for bike path on Eshelman Avenue
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance prohibiting meat cutting plants
- ◆ Held several strategic direction study sessions dealing with Economic Development and Commercial Corridors
- ◆ Approved purchase of LaserFiche Document Imaging System
- ◆ Denied CUP 204—request for wood instead of masonry wall at Hot'n'Tot Restaurant
- ◆ Increased funding for Commercial Façade Improvement Program and Residential Rehab program
- ◆ Approved a memorial for Deputy Hinkle of Lomita Station
- ◆ Approved angled parking and sidewalk widening on Narbonne
- ◆ Purchased a new parking enforcement vehicle
- ◆ Approved an agreement with CALTRANS for improvements on Pacific Coast Highway

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION



On November 6, 2001, a general municipal election will be held to elect three members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

Between July 16 and August 10, qualified candidates may file nomination papers signed by at least 20 registered voters. If no incumbent files for re-election, the deadline will be extended to August 15 for non-incumbents. A candidate must be registered to vote in Lomita at the time the nomination paper is issued. Nomination papers may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office at 24300 Narbonne Ave.

The last date to register to vote is October 22.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 325-7110 for more information.

Also check the article on page 2 for election officer information.

Calendar

*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
Museum Board -----	2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Community Development Advisory Board -----	3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Public Safety Commission -----	4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM
<i>The following community organizations also meet at City Hall:</i>	
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.

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

Registration for the following summer programs begins June 1

Girls Softball Boys Baseball Summer Basketball Camp
 Archery Bowling Gymnastics Tennis Ice Hockey Ice Skating
 Youth Cooking Country & Western Dance Various Dance Classes
 Dog Obedience Training

Tiny Tot Classes Age 3—5 registration begins June 12

Summer Field Trip Schedule

- July 1 10:30 am until last race **Hollywood Park**
- July 19 11:30 am **Dodger Day Game vs. Brewers**
- July 25 8:30 am—11 pm **Magic Mountain**
- July 31 5:30 pm **Dodger Game vs. Reds**
- August 15 8 am—12 am **Disneyland**
- August 24 5:30 pm **Angel Game vs. Yankees**

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



COMPOSTING CLASS

The City of Lomita will host a free Composting Class at City Hall in the upstairs meeting room on Saturday, June 30th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Class participants will receive a free composting bin.

To register or get more information, please contact Paul Hogan at 325-7110, ext. 119.