

Lomita City Council Election Results

1246 Lomita voters cast their ballots on November 6 to elect three Members of the City Council. 782 of these votes were cast at the precincts, while 464 voted by mail, representing a total 12% voter turnout. The official results are as follows:

Ken Blackwood	828
Susan Dever	798
Tim King	763
Manuel Duran	459
Jeffrey LaGro	220
Robin Lossing	157

The three newly elected Councilmembers took their oath of office on November 20. Ken Blackwood and Tim King, both incumbents serving their second term on the Lomita City Council. Mr. Blackwood is a Customer Service Supervisor for the U.S. Post Office. Mr. King, retired from the L.A. Police Department, currently teaches part-time for the Torrance School District. Susan Dever, an educator for El Camino College, has been on the Planning Commission since 1999. Prior to that she volunteered on the Community Development Advisory Board.

At the same meeting, the City Council elected Margaret Estrada for her second one-year term as Mayor, while Councilmember Bob Steinbach will serve as Mayor pro tem.



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A very special **Thank you to outgoing Councilmember Ben Traina** for all his services to Lomita. Ben was elected to the City Council in 1994 after serving on the Traffic Commission for 8 years.

Mr. Traina has lived in Lomita since he was 7. He graduated from Lomita Elementary, Fleming Jr. High and Narbonne High School and then went on to Loyola Marymount and West L.A. where he obtained a law degree. Ben and his wife Traci, married since 1981, have two children, Alison and Ryan.

Former Councilmember Traina plans to keep working on the Lomita 5000 run in support of Lomita's non-profit organizations. He will also continue to be an advocate for the Lomita Little League.



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City Officials

**Mayor
Margaret Estrada**

**Councilmembers:
Ken Blackwood
Susan Dever
Tim King
Bob Steinbach**

**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.

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325-7110.

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Lomita.com/cityhall**

LOOKING GOOD LOMITA !



Anyone driving along Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue cannot help but notice the changes occurring in downtown Lomita. The excitement is contagious as a transformation of this area begins to take place. Landscaping is becoming abundant with palm trees and greenery along the streets and medians. Old-fashioned streetlights and colorful banners will soon dot the downtown, inviting people passing by to stop, shop, dine and enjoy the beauty of Lomita. New signs and decorative tree lighting will adorn the downtown making it even more attractive to visitors and encouraging business opportunities.

Throughout the construction process, businesses along Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue have been supportive and patient...lots of patience of the City's efforts in providing this facelift to the downtown. These businesses, along with all the others in Lomita, deserve our appreciation, patronage and support as we move toward the holiday season. Hopefully, the downtown streetscape project will "transform" automobile drivers and passengers into pedestrians so that more people experience the charm of Lomita, its neighborhoods, and above all, the friendly business atmosphere of our **new downtown !**

And speaking of beauty and a makeover, Pacific Coast Highway is experiencing a facelift as well. Construction has commenced along PCH, which includes a decorative concrete parkway, planting of trees and installation of tree grates, and new benches and trash receptacles at each bus stop. The results will be enhanced safety and visual beautification along Pacific Coast Highway.

Yes, **LOMITA IS LOOKING GOOD!** The local support and patronage of our business community is greatly appreciated. Let us all continue to work together in making Lomita a wonderful place to live.

Tom A. Odom, City Administrator

Emergency Preparedness Update

Since September 11, 2001, the City of Lomita has been working closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments in order to ensure the safety of Lomita residents. During the week following the Attack on America, staff activated the Emergency Operations Center and maintained close radio and data links with the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center.

Additionally, the City continues to maintain a close working relationship with the Sheriff and Fire Departments and the Area G Emergency Coordinator, with status reports and up-dates being received regularly.

For additional information on how to prepare for any type of emergency, log onto the Internet at the following sites: lasd.org. (Sheriff); lacofd.org (Fire); la-coeoc.org (Emergency Operations), bt.cdc.gov (Disease Control); fema.gov or redcross.org. Emergency preparedness information is also available at City Hall.

Tips on how to deal with your pet in case of an emergency are available through the Area G Veterinary Disaster Team (Call Dr. Patty Boge, Tel. 325-5850).

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 Wednesday, December 26th to Tuesday, January 15th 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.



Holiday Trash Service for CalMet Services (Residential and Commercial)

For the weeks of December 24 and December 31, residential and commercial trash pickup provided by CalMet will be one day late for Wednesday and Thursday collection days. For example, if your normal trash day is Monday, during those two weeks your trash pickup will be on Thursday.

Starting with the week of January 7, pickup schedules will return to normal.

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 8, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Household hazardous waste includes paint, glue, pesticides, oil (including used motor oil) solvents, cleansers, old medicine, tires and car and dry-cell batteries. Improper disposal of these materials pollutes the City and endangers 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.



No explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials will be accepted.



The Lomita Public Safety Commission has compiled a Family Violence leaflet containing important phone numbers. The flyer is available at City Hall. For more information contact Linda Goldberg at 325-7110.

Council Chamber Upgrades

The City Council Chambers will be under construction beginning sometime after the holiday season. During this time the City Council and the Planning Commission will meet in the 2nd Floor Assembly Room at City Hall.



Construction will be completed sometime in the Spring, about 2—4 months after construction commences. This effort is undertaken in order to bring the facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this project.

Here are Ben Traina's most notable accomplishments:

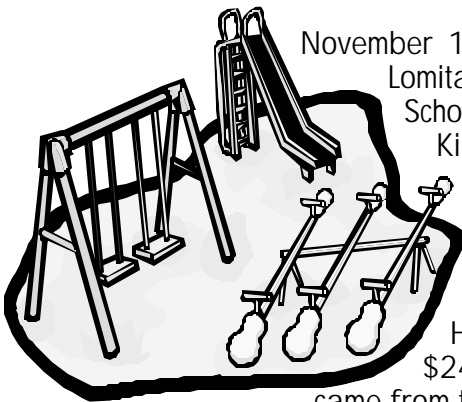
- ◆ Proposed a comprehensive downtown revitalization plan
- ◆ Established Lomita 5000 Run/Walk (proceeds were given to Lomita charities)
- ◆ Worked with Congresswoman Harman to obtain Navy Field as a permanent home for Lomita Little League
- ◆ Brought back fireworks to Founders' Day celebration
- ◆ Initiated line item budget review
- ◆ Worked with Don Knabe's office to secure funding for Lomita Library upgrades and the reconstruction of Pennsylvania Avenue
- ◆ Established quarterly meetings with Sheriff and recommended bike patrols
- ◆ Drafted travel policy for City Council and moved to eliminate benefits
- ◆ Established interview process for all city commissioners
- ◆ Televised council meetings on cable TV
- ◆ Established sale of City Logo items at City Hall and initiated Mayor's "State of the City" address.

In addition, Ben Traina represented the city on the Southern California Joint Powers Authority, the Sanitation District, South Bay Council of Governments, and served as our Mayor in 1994 and 1999.

Ben is a contract negotiator for TRW and during his term of office he negotiated on behalf of the city contracts with Cable TV, the trash contractor and the City Attorney.

Thank you for all your outstanding contributions to our city, Ben. We hope that you will continue your involvement in civic affairs as a respected member of our community.

Kirk Douglas visits Lomita Magnet School



November 14 was a special day at Lomita Math /Science Magnet School. Famous movie actor Kirk Douglas and his wife Anne attended the dedication ceremony for a new playground named after them.

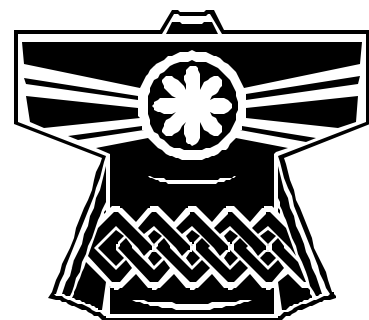
Half of the funding for this \$24,000 school improvement came from the Anne and Kirk Douglas Foundation and the other half was raised by the PTA through various fundraisers.

Prompted by seeing many dilapidated and inhospitable playgrounds in the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Douglasses are committed to improving the lives of our school children by providing safe and attractive play areas.

In the childhood years, character building, sportsmanship, fair play and cooperation are built not only within the classroom walls, but also during the many hours spent on the playground. Lomita Magnet School and the City of Lomita extend their heartfelt gratitude to Kirk and Anne Douglas and the Playground Committee for creating a safe and beautiful environment where our children can exercise their bodies and imaginations.

Trip to Takaishi, Japan

The Lomita Sister City Association is accepting student and chaperone applications for a three-week trip in the Summer of 2002 to Takaishi, Japan, our sister city. Ten students and one chaperone will have the unique opportunity to expand their personal horizons while acting as an ambassador for Lomita and the United States. Applications and eligibility requirements may be picked up at Lomita City Hall. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, December 17, 2001. For more information, please call Maureen Sameshima, 519-9530 or Jan Hoff, 325-2860.



Looking for a unique Christmas gift?

Do you have a special someone on your Christmas list and want to give something that is guaranteed not to be exchanged or end up in the back of a closet? A personalized, inscribed paver brick at the Lomita Railroad Museum makes a very unique and special Holiday gift for anyone.

These paving bricks (7 1/2" long, 3 1/2" wide and 2 1/4" deep) can be engraved with the inscription of your choice. Three lines of up to 15 characters per line (including spaces) are available. A 50% discount is available for minimum orders of 10 by the same person. Bricks will be

placed in the museum's *Walk of Fame*. The first fifty bricks were dedicated and installed during the annual Golden Spike Day Celebration on October 27, 2001. You may view them at the museum courtyard.

We will mail you a certificate which you can present to the recipient of your brick.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to become a vital part of the Lomita Railroad Museum

Call Monika at 325-7110 for more information.

Some samples of inscriptions:

	Smith Plumbing	The Smith Family	
For my husband Bill Smith	The Smith Family Mary, John, Bill Ann and Jamie	Happy 10th Anniversary Maude and Joe	For my grandkids George and Rick



Inscribed brick order form

(Please type or print clearly)

Enclosed is my check for \$100 payable to the **Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation**.
I would like my brick inscribed as follows:

Your name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Mail certificate to: _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mail this form and your check to: *Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation
P. O. Box 339, Lomita CA 90717*

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

Second Hand Dealers	NICK'S PIECES OF THE PAST	24509 Narbonne Ave.	534-4020
Automotive Sales	AL'S AUTOMOTIVE	2253 P. C. H.	325-1717
Automotive Sales	SOUTH BAY AUTO SALES	1978 Lomita Blvd	530-8494
Automotive Sales	WINDOW TINT FACTORY	1800 Lomita Blvd.	864-8363
Restaurants	HARRY'S #1 DONUTS	2383 Lomita Bl.#104	534-4225
Grocery	C & M'S MARKET	24017 Narbonne #J	831-4850
Computer Service	ADVANCED TECH KNOWLEDGE	24817 Cypress St.	325-4389
Import/Export	GLOBAL PRICE INC.	2018 P.C. H. #100	539-7963
Property Management	J.L. GRAND LLC	2315 P. C. H. #4	539-4588
Shoe Repair and Sales	SHOE CITY	1838 P. C. H.	562-698-2400
Medical	HEALTHVIEW ADHCC	2280 Lomita Blvd.	547-3341
Beauty	KATHY'S TANNING SALON	2205 P. C. H.	549-1815
Seasonal	K & J'S CHRISTMAS TREES	26800 Western.	562-633-5219

Clothes the Deal brings hope to South Bay residents

On June 23 *Clothes the Deal* opened its second distribution center at 24303 Narbonne Avenue. With help from community volunteers, an old hardware store was turned into a clothing boutique and beauty shop.

Clothes the Deal is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping low-income individuals in obtaining employment by providing professional business clothing, make-overs and related services. Since 1995, the organization has served over 12,000 jobseekers by giving them interview and work clothes thus boosting self-esteem and confidence during the interview process.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved:

- ◆ Help out at the distribution center
- ◆ Organize a clothing drive at your company or place of business
- ◆ Donate new or used business clothing for men and women
- ◆ Shop at their thrift store (Great deals on gently used clothing, formal wear, designer labels and other items!!)
- ◆ Visit their full service beauty salon and take advantage of reasonably priced professional head to toe services (Tel. 530-4465)

For more information, please call 530-3665.



COUNCIL

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*Since September of 2001,
the City Council:*

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: sponsors of Lomita 5000 Run/Walk; Bird Dogs Don Turman and Ron Martin, Sam's Club; Parks Commissioner Aki Murai, John Peri Beauty College, Larry de France and Gilbert Torres, Sandy Loftin of Lomita Magnet School; Evan Roberts, Nicholas Lancaster and Chelsea Stevens of Advanced Education School; Becky Stephens of Lomita Mail Car.
- ◆ Approved a consultant to conduct lead based paint inspections for Community Development Department
- ◆ Approved a resolution implementing the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program
- ◆ Renewed pipeline franchise with Pacific Pipeline
- ◆ Approved a memorial for Deputy Brandan Hinkle
- ◆ Conducted a quarterly meeting with the Sheriff's Department and water reservoir workshops
- ◆ Approved donating surplus equipment to schools and non profit organizations
- ◆ Approved a traffic striping plan and angled parking for Narbonne Avenue
- ◆ Approved a contract with Harris and Associates for interim public works/engineering services.
- ◆ Adopted a resolution setting fees for filming permits
- ◆ Re-appointed Margaret Estrada to the Advisory Board for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant
- ◆ Awarded water pumping rights to different jurisdictions
- ◆ Approved plans and specifications for Pacific Coast Highway improvements
- ◆ Purchased a used bucket truck and aerial bucket for Field Services Department
- ◆ Presented Mayor Blackwood's State of the City address.
- ◆ Declared November 15 America Recycles Day.

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 needy Lomita families.



Toy Drive

It is not too late for you to participate in the city's toy drive. Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years of age) to City Hall or Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue. 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.*

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.



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**
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 program session beginning Friday December 1, 2001. Registration hours are Monday thru Friday from noon - 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Certain classes/programs may have residency requirements and lines may form on the initial registration date. The following classes will be offered for youth and adult participants of various ages.

Youth/Adult Programs

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| Archery | Karate | Ice Skating |
| Flamenco Dancing | Polynesian Dancing | Belly Dancing |
| Country and Western Dance | Mexican Folklorico | |

Youth Programs

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| Boys and Girls Basketball: ages 4 - 14 | Ice Hockey: ages 6 - 12 |
| Gymnastics: ages 3 ½ - 8 | Cooking: ages 8 - 14 |
| Karate: ages 5 - 8 | Crafts and Cooking: ages 3 - 5 |
| Belly Dancing: ages 6 -13 | Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Jazz: ages 6 -13 |
| Pre-Ballet: ages 2 - 4 | Tennis: Ages 4 thru 16 years |
| Crafts & Cooking for Tots: 3 & 4 years | |



Christmas In Lomita

- When?** Friday December 7, 2001 from 7:00 to 9:00
- Where?** Gymnasium at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue
- What?** Puppet Show, Santa Stockings for all children, raffle prizes and.... a visit from Santa Claus

Christmas Crafts

- When?** Saturday, December 15, 2001 from 10 am to 2 pm
- Where?** Stephenson Center at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue
- What?** Make ornaments, tree toppers, stockings, Christmas cards and a gingerbread house. There will also be a treasure hunt and a pizza lunch.

