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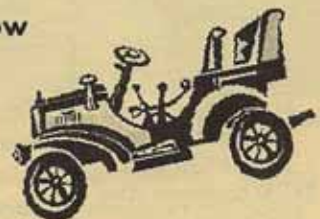
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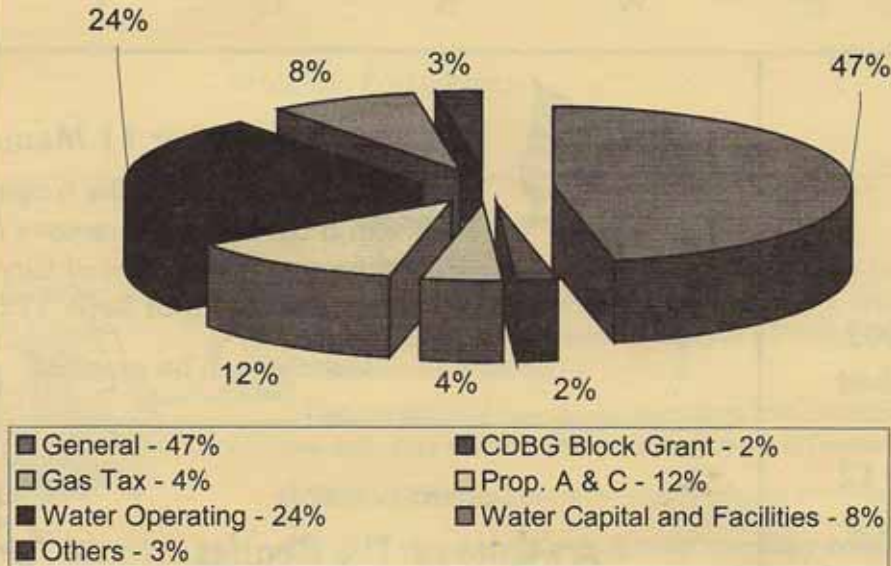
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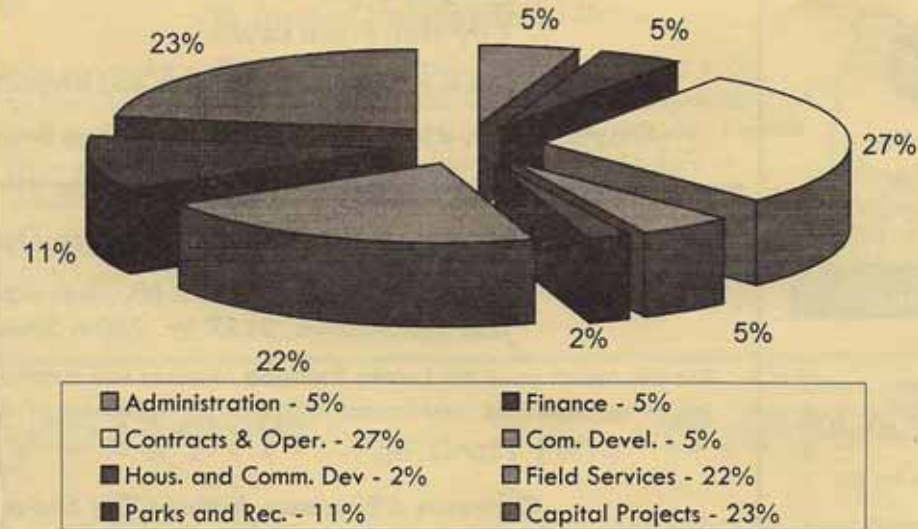
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FY 2002-03**



**Expenditures by Department
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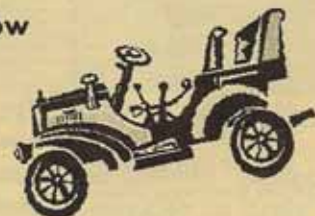
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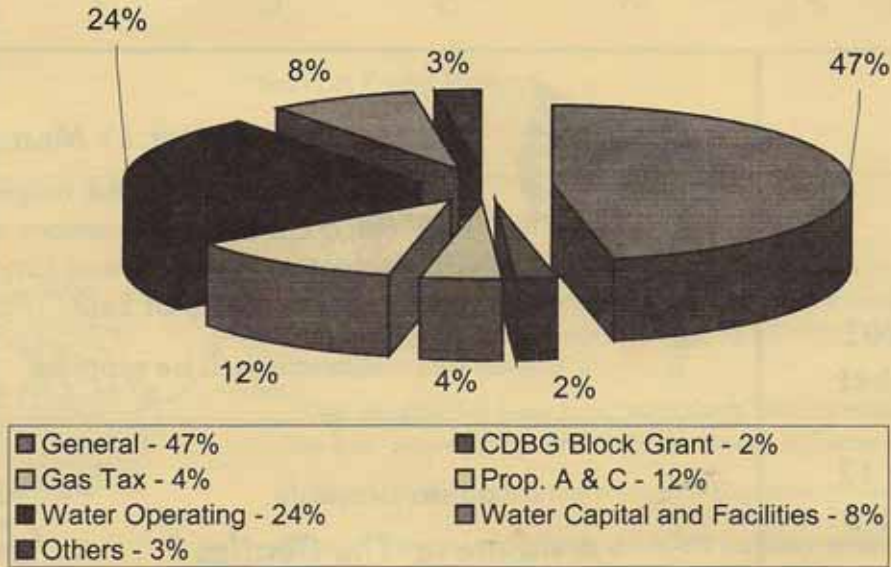
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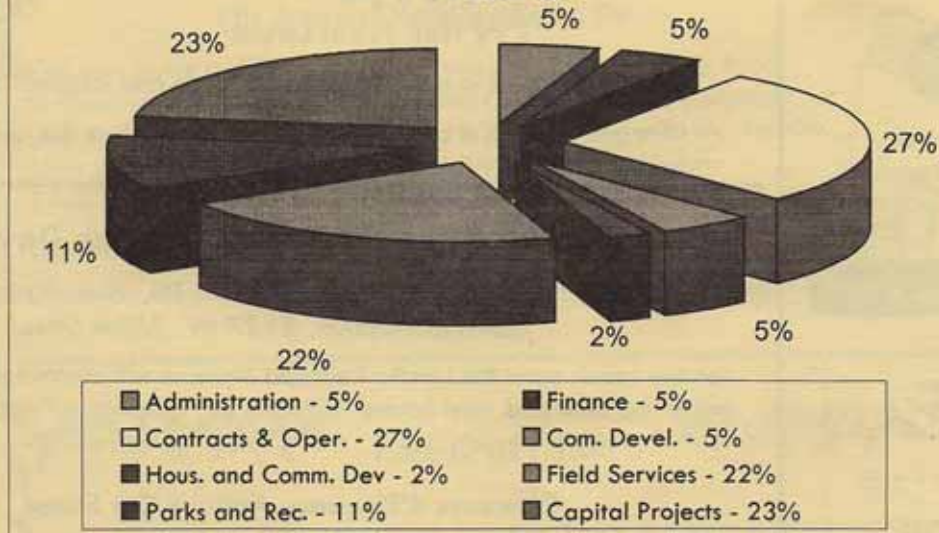
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Parks Department hires Special Events Coordinator

The Lomita Parks and Recreation Department welcomes Lori Mohler, the new Special Events Coordinator. Lori's duties will include coordinating and assisting in numerous city functions, such as Founders Day, Sheriff and Fireman's Barbecue, Golden Spike Day and the city's newest program "Lomita Presents", a series of cultural and informational events.



Born in Santa Monica, Lori has lived in Torrance and Palos Verdes for most of her life. She graduated from Peninsula High School and Long Beach State with a B.A. degree in English. Prior to Lomita, Lori worked for the local School Districts and the Recreation Departments of Hermosa and Redondo Beach.

Lori and her husband Steve live in Torrance. Her hobbies include golf and an occasional game of pool. About her new job, Lori says she is "stoked to be working here".

New Special Events Ordinance

The City Council has adopted a new "Special Events" ordinance which amends Title III of the Lomita Municipal Code. The ordinance will assist City Officials ensure the health and safety of residents and special event patrons. Additionally, it will prohibit illegal activities from occurring within special event venues. Its final focus will be to preserve and protect public property.

The ordinance requires that any proposed special event must be approved in advance by the City Administrator. A Special Event as defined by the Ordinance, "shall mean any concert, parade, circus, fair, festival, community event, swap meet, flea market, pumpkin patch, Christmas tree lot, sports tournament, or other temporary outdoor activity proposed to be conducted on public or commercial property with fifty (50) persons or more." Applications and copies of the Ordinance can be requested at City Hall or from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Kirk Douglas visits Eshelman Avenue Elementary School

June 19, 2002 was a special day for Eshelman Avenue Elementary School – the dedication of their two new playgrounds and "Reading Park". On the scene to cut the ribbon was movie actor Kirk Douglas and his wife, Anne. The Kirk and Anne Douglas Foundation provided matching funds to purchase swings, slides and other play equipment. Eshelman Avenue Elementary School is the 187th School in L.A. Unified School District to receive safe, new play areas thanks to the Kirk and Anne Douglas Foundation. In addition to the new playground equipment, the Douglases also opened a "Reading Park" with tables, benches and umbrellas. Students must have a book or board game to enter the fenced off area in the school yard.



Kirk and Anne Douglas in front of the new Reading Park

"Study hard and play hard so you can grow strong," Kirk Douglas advised the assembled students. Among other presentations and awards given out during the ceremony, the famous movie actor received an Honorary Oscar from Mayor Estrada in appreciation for his dedication to Lomita students.

Eshelman Avenue School recently received two very prestigious awards– it was named 2002 State Title I Achievement School and nominated for National Title I Distinguished School Award.

Firebirds, Lomita is proud of you!!!

Large Item Pickup

The next large item pickup is scheduled for the week of October 7—11. Please place the items you want to dispose of on the curb on your regular trash pickup day.

Large items include large and small household appliances, furniture, carpets, mattresses, oversized yard waste such as tree trunks (if no larger than two feet in diameter and four feet in length) and similar large items discarded from residential and commercial premises that contract with CALMET.

Green waste **may not** be bundled and placed for collection as part of the large item pickup.

CALMET provides additional large item pickups on demand throughout the year. They will respond to pickup requests within three collection days. For fees and more information, contact CALMET at 212-3496.

Seniors needing help to put items on the curb can contact the Field Services Department at 325-9830.



Wallet lost or stolen??



Right now, before your wallet or purse is lost or stolen, make a copy of everything - social security, insurance and credit cards. Include the phone numbers of your credit card companies and keep the list in a safe place.

This will make things much easier should your wallet or purse get lost or stolen. First, you need to contact the police department in the jurisdiction where the wallet/purse disappeared. Then call the three credit reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number. Any company that calls to check your credit is alerted to the fact that your information was stolen and has to contact you personally to authorize new credit. The phone numbers are: Equinox 1-800-525-6285; Experian 1-888-397-3742 and TransUnion 1-800-680-7289. The Social Security Fraud Line can be reached at 1-800-269-0271.



Sister City Association celebrates Anniversary



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Sister City Association between Lomita and Takaishi, Japan. The Association's goal is to deepen mutual understanding between the two cities through cultural, educational and economic exchange and thus contribute to peace in the world and prosperity of mankind.

Takaishi Mayor Tamezo Terada and Sister City President Masami Hiraoka along with other dignitaries visited Lomita on August 30 and 31 to celebrate the occasion.

As part of the Sister City Exchange Program, 10 local students and a chaperone left on July 23 for a three week stay in Takaishi. They will live with host families and learn about Japanese language and culture.

What's new at City Hall??

For the next year, the City of Lomita will be hosting meetings for the South Bay Council of Governments (COG). The organization, comprised of representatives from 16 local cities, L.A. County as well as the City of Los Angeles, discusses policy issues for the South Bay region and makes recommendations to City, County and State organizations. Topics include LAX expansion, transportation projects and homeland security. General meetings are held at City Hall on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 pm; the LAX expansion meetings start at 5:45 pm. These meetings are open to the public.

City Hall is also the place for a series of **Emergency preparedness meetings** between L.A. County representatives, the City of L.A. along with 82 cities in L.A. County, Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Agencies. The main focus of the meetings is on homeland security and collaborative efforts between all jurisdictions when the region is faced with manmade or natural disasters. Meetings are scheduled for September 18 and November 13 from 10 am to noon.

The Japanese Garden in front of City Hall received a much needed facelift. Repairs to the sprinkler system, new plants and boulders complete the refurbishment. The design was donated by Landscape Architect Roger Kubota, who also designed the Downtown streetscape. Next time you are in the Downtown, take a moment, rest on the circular bench surrounding the newly refurbished Japanese Garden and enjoy!

The City of Lomita welcomes the following new businesses/owners

Southwestern Tile	24416 Crenshaw Blvd.	Retail Tile	325-1188
Desmond Fine Arts	24612 Narbonne Ave.	Fine Art Studio	365-8439
Green Egg Company	2383 Lomita Blvd. #102	Export Business	534-0153
Special Care Pharmacy	26309 Western Avenue	Pharmacy	891-1369
AM World Janitorial Serv.	26302 Western Avenue	House Cleaning	534-7614
Office World	26302 Western Avenue	Office Supplies	534-7610
Elite Stairs	2020 Lomita Blvd. #4	Construction	539-2011
Jet Blue Roofing	1954 253rd Place	Construction	530-0282
Cal-Coast Roofing	25002 Cypress Street	Construction	871-7238
Krystal Market	24012 Narbonne Ave.	Market	530-7013
Penn Pacific Market	2377 Pac. Coast Hwy.	Market	613-4532
Changing Hands	24632 Narbonne Ave.	Thrift Store	530-1920
L-med Uniforms	1741-B Pac. Coast Hwy	Clothing Store	539-3650
First Class Photography	2339 W. 248th Street	Glamour Photos	326-3211
Plaza Teriyaki	1737 W. Lomita Blvd.	Restaurant	517-0365
Yuki Uchida Chiropractic	2383 Lomita Blvd. #111	Chiropractor	530-8877

Winners of the 2002 Lomita 5000 Run/Walk

Male: **Matt Harris (16:18)** Female: **Kathy Smith (17:31)**
 Lomita Residents **Pedro Vasquez (16:58)** **Jessica Hernandez (21:23)**

Age category	1st Place	Time	2nd Place	Time	3rd Place	Time
10 and under	Kurtis Pagett	23:40	Matt Dobbins	26:33	Adam Flores	27:08
11 to 14	Cameron Pagett	17:01	Ian Sasu	22:28	Gabriel Flores	25:46
15 to 19	Alex Diaz	18:12	Kevin Schatz	18:24	Robert Schatz	20:02
20 to 29	Matt Harris	16:18	Sergio Diaz	18:01	Bryan Agee	21:25
30 to 39	Pedro Vasquez	16:58	Vidal Estrada	17:00	Fernando Montijo	17:23
40 to 49	James Reed	16:50	Manuel Reed	17:38	Roger Cuevas	17:49
50 to 59	Bill Sumner	17:50	Marcos Vasquez	19:08	Walter Hitt	19:13
60 to 69	Lee Baca	18:28	Catarino Gonzales	19:40	Frank Green	23:11
70 and older	Milo Sather	24:59	Bob Vitale	25:30	Dick Windishar	26:39
10 and under	Ella Yuen	21:59	Jessica Flores	39:31	Tatianna Doria	41:30
11 to 14	Sarah Shreeves	23:31	Rosie Borchert	24:52	Katie Kraft	26:05
15 to 19	Cora Webber	20:58	Jessica Hernandez	21:23	Shannon Williams	22:35
20 to 29	Sarah Harris	17:59	Elizabeth Chen	21:43	Sara Vilan	23:13
30 to 39	Kathy Smith	17:31	Heather McVicar	21:23	Laura Gray	24:42
40 to 49	Julie McKinney	21:34	Sandra Whitehead	22:22	Joni Hogaboam	25:11
50 to 59	Sharon Lotesto	20:23	Sue Reinhardt	22:34	Evelyne Murphy	26:09
60 to 69	Shirley Blush	23:39	Cheiko Alwein	26:48	Celia Booth	35:52
70 and older	Miyako O'Hara	36:55	Sally Simon	53:26	Maggie Reid	53:27

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SENIOR SERVICES SURVEY

If you are a Lomita senior citizen needing and/or wanting the following services please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire.

Check or circle each item that applies

- Information on Existing "South Bay" Senior Programs
- Information on Legal Issues
- Meals on Wheels / Dial-A-Ride / Dial-A-Lift
- Health & Exercise Programs

Please Explain _____

- Assistance with Daily Activities *

Please Explain * _____

- Educational & Recreation Activities **

Please Explain ** _____

- Social Gatherings / Day Trips

Other Services or Comments?: _____

Would you provide us your name, telephone number and address so we can inform you of available services or programs?

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

Lomita, CA 90717 OR

The City of Lomita is working on being of even greater assistance to our senior citizen population!

Please complete the attached survey and mail to:

Cindy Blount
Director of Parks and Recreation
24428 Eshelman Avenue
Lomita, CA 90717

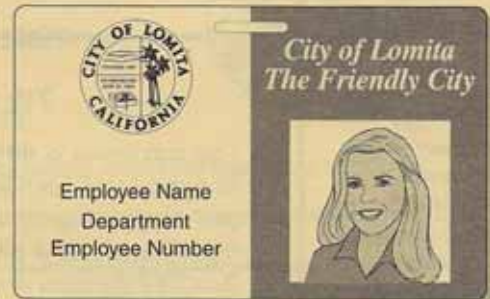
COUNCIL CORNER

Since May of 2002, the City Council:

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Megan McClain and Beth Rehm for receiving Girl Scout Gold Award; Tanya Berry, Victoria Hitt, Jody Mah, Tayler Marshall and Penisha McFarland for receiving the Girl Scout Silver Award; Robert E. Schatz for achieving the Eagle Scout Award; Deputy Jody Little-Williams for speedy response to structural fire at 1850 W. 259th Place; students at Nishiyamoto School for participating in Beautification Project; winners and sponsors of the poster contest for the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free Walk", Kathie Palada Dixon for speaking at the Walk; Eshelman Elementary School for designation as 2002 State Title I Achievement School and nomination for National Title I Distinguished School Award.
- ◆ Adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2002/03
- ◆ Adopted resolution establishing fees for special events permits
- ◆ Approved left turn phasing for Pennsylvania and PCH
- ◆ Held joint meetings with Sheriff's Department, Planning Commission, Railroad Museum Board
- ◆ Approved 2 hour parking on Crenshaw Blvd, Lomita Blvd, Narbonne Ave, PCH, Western and PV Drive N.
- ◆ Approved Circus Vargas at Fleming Middle School
- ◆ Appointed Marissa Luquin as youth member to the Railroad Museum Board; Dr. Linda Spinks and Ted Talbot as Lomita representatives to the Workforce Investment Act Network Board
- ◆ Approved 25 mph speed limit on Cypress Street, south of Pacific Coast Highway.

Employee Badges for City Workers

All Lomita City Employees are required to wear badges during work hours. The blue and white plastic cards bear the Lomita city seal, the employee's photograph, name, department and employee number.



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 Monday, 7:00 PM	
Parks & Recreation Commission-----	4th Tuesday, 7:00 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, 6:00 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	
Historical Society-----	Sept. 10 and Nov. 13 at 7 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 (CalMet)**
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.

Holiday Toy Drive



The City of Lomita is again 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.

Gift certificates from local merchants will be accepted. The last day to drop off your donations is December 14.

Toys will be distributed to needy Lomita families.

Please help us brighten a child's holiday season.

7th Annual Holiday Food Drive

You can make a difference this Thanksgiving by donating food to feed local families in need. From October 15 - November 15 you may bring donations to City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue from 9 am until 4 pm, or to the Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Avenue between 9 am and 9 pm.

Gift Certificates from local food stores are welcome.

Dented, rusted, or otherwise spoiled cans will not be accepted..



Fall Craft Faire

Saturday, October 6 from 9 am to 3 pm in front of City Hall

Featured are specialty items and unique handcrafted gifts from up to 90 different vendors. Receive a free raffle ticket for a color TV with every purchase. Also featured are a food booth and bake sale. Get an early start on your Christmas shopping and find one-of-a-kind holiday decorations. Ample parking and handicapped access is available.

Special notice to crafters - Booth spaces are still available for \$25 each.

A seller's permit from the State Board of Equalization is required.

Call 310-539-2599 to reserve a booth.

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