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### Lomita Supports our Troops!!

In an effort to support and honor our military personnel the City Council has taken the following actions



designation of May as Yellow Ribbon Month. Yellow ribbons have been tied to trees along Narbonne Avenue and Lomita Boulevard during the "Looking Good, Lomita" Arbor Day event.



placement of patriotic banners on poles along Pacific Coast Highway and Narbonne Avenue.



development of a design to add the names of soldiers that sacrificed their lives during the Iraq conflict to the Veteran's Memorial at the Lomita Post Office.



placement of a banner supporting our troops across Narbonne Avenue.



explore the feasibility of constructing flag poles at Veteran's Park to honor each branch of the Armed Forces.

It is the hope of the City Council that all citizens and businesses show their support of our Armed Forces in a variety of ways including the display of yellow ribbons.

### General Municipal Election

On November 4, 2003, a general municipal election will be held to elect two members of the City Council for the full term of four years.

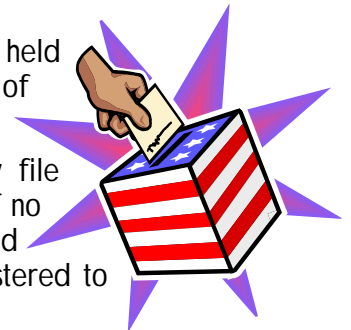
Between July 14 and August 8, qualified candidates may file nomination papers signed by at least 20 registered voters. If no incumbent files for re-election, the deadline will be extended to August 13 for non-incumbents. A candidate must be registered to vote in Lomita at the time the nomination paper is issued.

Nomination papers may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office at 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

**The last date to register to vote is October 20.**

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

*Also check the article on page 7 for election officer information.*





*City Officials*

**Mayor**

**Bob Steinbach**

**Councilmembers**

**Ken Blackwood  
Susan Dever  
Margaret Estrada  
Tim King**

**City Administrator**

**Tom A. Odom**

**City Clerk**

**Dawn Tomita**

**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.

## City Administrator's Budget Message

As city staff begins to work on preparing a city budget, the "blueprint" for providing city services to Lomita citizens for the upcoming fiscal year, we are faced with a significant challenge.

State governments across the nation, and especially here in California, are experiencing major budget shortfalls. Our Governor has announced that California is facing a combined \$35+ billion budget deficit in the current and next year's budget. The budget deficit is expected to grow and unfortunately, the Governor is attempting to address the State's budget problems by taking revenues that traditionally fund municipal programs and services. The City of Lomita will be affected by the economic challenges that are occurring at the state and national level, and the City Council has taken proactive steps to make sure that Lomita overcomes these challenges that are beyond our control.

One of the first cost saving measures was the elimination of special events for this year. Although the City Council regrets canceling the popular Founder's Day celebration, the 5 K Walk/Run, the Sheriff's Barbecue and Golden Spike Day, limited resources must be focused on providing basic services, such as public safety, health and welfare. Additional cost cutting measures include a proposed contingency budget reduction of 10% across all departments and a reorganization effort designed to further reduce expenditures over the long term.

In addition to controlling expenditures, the City of Lomita will make a concentrated effort to expand its revenue base. The opening of new businesses along Pacific Coast Highway corridor is a good first step. Soon, Quizno's Subs and Coldstone Creamery will open their doors in a new development at PCH and Narbonne Avenue. A new Starbucks is being proposed a few blocks down at Oak Street and Pacific Coast Highway, and several new businesses have located to the "new downtown area" of Lomita.

We have also maintained healthy reserves for those "rainy days" emergencies during an economic downturn. This year, and subsequent years ahead, will certainly be trying financial times for local governments throughout California. It is during these difficult times, that the City of Lomita needs your input and feedback as we move toward the budget hearings and adoption in June 2003.

*Tom Odom  
City Administrator*

# Thank you

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*The City of Lomita thanks Gary Cox of Comcast, our local cable company for continued coverage of community events, such as the Emergency Preparedness meeting, Lomita Presents, the Women's Club Craft Fair and the "Follow me, I'm gang and drug free" walks. These programs can be viewed periodically on Channel 84.*

*Tapes of the Emergency Preparedness seminar held at City Hall in late March may be checked out at the City Hall front lobby for a one week period.*



*Community Volunteers and Scouts spruce up the corner of Narbonne/247th Street*

## Looking Good, Lomita!!

More than 200 volunteers participated in the 4th annual "Looking Good, Lomita" Arbor Day celebration on April 29. Girl Scouts, boy scouts, school and church groups and members of the community worked hard to clean up sections of Lomita. As a result of the concerted effort of all groups a total of 51 trees were planted, curbs were painted, Fleming Middle School and Lomita Magnet School received a make-over and tree wells along Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue were cleaned. As a finishing touch, volunteers tied yellow ribbons to trees in support of our troops overseas.

Thanks to donations from local businesses (Cal Met, A-1, Chevron Texaco El Segundo Refinery, 7-11, Albertson's, Camelot Drug, West Coast Arborist and others) the volunteers were treated to lunch and a raffle.

A heartfelt *thank you* to Lani Marshall who organized the event as well as all the volunteers, sponsors and city staff for their efforts in making Lomita look good.

## 13th Annual Gang and Drug Free Walk

The Lomita Public Safety Commission held the 13th Annual "Follow me, I'm gang and drug free" walk on May 9 at Lomita Park. Two hundred and fifty fifth graders from Eshelman Avenue Elementary School, Lomita Magnet School and St. Margaret Mary School rallied against gangs and drugs, supported by the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department and the City. The program included displays, demonstrations and guest speakers. Donations from private sponsors, businesses and civic groups were used to purchase lunches and prizes for a poster contest.



Winners of the Poster and Slogan Contest at Lomita Park

The Committee thanks its many sponsors:

A-1 Coast Rentals, Lomita Women's Club, CalMet Services, Sterling of Lomita Auto Body, Hide-A-Way, Supreme Muffler, James and Barbara Rebolt, Arco Smogpro, John Peri Beauty College, Sam's Club, Sheeva Inc., Daily Breeze, Sharon Wantz, Bob Hargrave, Parta and Maria Zebeljan, Kyung Sook and Chung Hwan Lee, M & A Property Management, Warren and Gertrude Cable, Mulligan Family Fun Center, Bob Wall State Farm Insurance, Szechwan Chinese Food, Kenneth Kloss, Lee's Tires, and Moine Bros. Rolling Hills Car Wash.

## Animal License Renewal

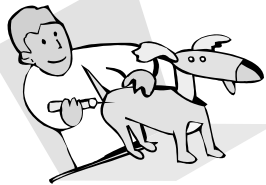
August 15 is the last day to renew your cat and dog license. After that date you will be charged a penalty. Licenses can be renewed by mail or in person at City Hall. Cats are required to be licensed, even if they are indoor animals.

For pet license information or other animal complaints, such as excessively barking dogs, please contact Animal Control at 523-9566.

## Low cost animal vaccination clinic

Wednesday, July 9 from  
7:00 to 8:30 pm  
24300 Narbonne Avenue  
behind City Hall

Licenses may be renewed at this clinic. Be sure to bring proof of spay/neuter to receive the reduced license rate if spay/neuter information is not indicated on this notice. Dogs must be on appropriate leashes with adequate collars to be vaccinated. Cats must be in carriers.



## NO-COST PROGRAM TO HELP RECIPIENTS OF BAD CHECKS!

Bad checks plague businesses all over Los Angeles County and the problem is growing. Nationwide over 1.2 million checks bounce every day! (*Source: Nilson Report*). While most NSF checks clear the bank eventually, many do not and the cost to merchants in terms of time, money, and hassle spent tracking down bad check writers is enormous.

In an effort to combat the negative impact of bad checks on the local economy, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reorganized the Bad Check Restitution Program to provide better service to recipients of bad checks and discourage bad check writers from repeating their offense. This has been accomplished without cost to County taxpayers by combining the resources of both the public and private sectors. Bad check victims benefit because they can report checks directly to the District Attorney and have what rightfully belongs to them paid back through the program. In addition, bad check writers can avoid prosecution if they pay restitution and attend a special eight-hour intervention class. If a failed case is determined to be prosecutable, the local police will provide further investigation.

To learn more about the **Bad Check Restitution Program**, please call **(800) 842-0733**. Bad Check Complaint Forms and brochures are available at all law enforcement agencies throughout Los Angeles County.

## Hathaway Park receives facelift



*A young Lomitan enjoys the new play equipment*

If you passed by Hathaway Park on Pennsylvania and 256th Street in recent weeks, you may have noticed some positive changes. The entire play area has been replaced with brightly colored and attractive playground equipment and protective surface coating. The \$59,000 project was funded with a parks grant (Roberti-Z'Berg Harris). This program funds high priority projects that satisfy the most urgent park and recreational needs in California, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and most economically disadvantaged areas.

To complete the facelift, park crews sandblasted and painted the picnic tables and perimeter wall. Construction of a new restroom facility near the basketball court will complete the park renovation.

All of the improvements have proved to be a great asset to the surrounding neighborhood, and young families are once again enjoying the park.

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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
GRANT & ASSOCIATES	1741 LOMITA BLVD # A	INVESTMENT, PROPERTY MGMT	784-0041
A-1 ACCNT. & TAX SERVICE	2049 PAC.COAST HWY #210	ACCOUNTING & TAX	328-3754
ROLLING HILLS LIQUOR	2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY	LIQUOR STORE	326-0606
STEERS & STRIPES	24831 NARBONNE AVE	WESTERN WEAR, HAY, ANIMAL FEED	534-0678
AP KU JONG HAIR STUDIO	24216 CRENSHAW BLVD	BEAUTY SALON	530-7800
VENUS SALON	1818 LOMITA BLVD	BEAUTY SALON	891-0030
FRINGE	2201 LOMITA BLVD	FURNITURE, CLOTHING, JEWELRY	539-3700
K.C. 98 CENTS PLUS	1826-28 LOMITA BLVD	GENERAL MERCHANDISE	539-4474
ORIENTAL MEDICINE INSTITUTE	26302 WESTERN AVE # 10	NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING	722-7239
BEST FOR LESS THRIFT STORE	24509 NARBONNE AVE	CLOTHING, SKIN CARE, VITAMINS	539-7475
ELVIRA'S ATTIC CRAFT	1809 PACIFIC COAST HWY	HANDCRAFTS, QUILTS, DOLLS	891-1721
DOLLAR DOT	2376 PACIFIC COAST HWY	99 CENTS STORE & UP	891-6870
MOREAU CHIROPRACTIC	2383 LOMITA BLVD #111	CHIROPRACTOR	534-1900
ATOMIC ROOFING	2074 W. LOMITA BLVD	ROOFING SALES	320-9797
SCRAP IT UP	24705 NARBONNE AVE #106	SCRAP BOOKING STORE	963-9916
VIDEO ACCESS	1820-1822 LOMITA BLVD	VIDEOS, CELL PHONES & ACCES.	325-4418
EMBROIDERY & SILKSCREEN	2337 PACIFIC COAST HWY	CUSTOM EMBROIDERY	784-0361
REPTOMANIA	1856 PACIFIC COAST HWY	REPTILES	325-2002
THE OAK DEPOT	2074 PACIFIC COAST HWY	FURNITURE	326-9765
SUBWAY	1941 PACIFIC COAST HWY	SANDWICHES	325-4328

### Electric Motor Scooters

The motorized scooter is a very popular mode of transportation, especially with teens. You may have seen (or heard) teenagers effortlessly gliding by on one of those little gizmos.

#### A few facts about motor scooters

- ◆ minimum age to ride a motor scooter is 16
- ◆ rider must wear a helmet
- ◆ cannot exceed a speed of 15 mph and must use bike lanes when posted speed exceeds 25 mph
- ◆ must stay off the sidewalk
- ◆ needs only a brake, headlight and reflector
- ◆ passengers or headsets are not permitted
- ◆ requires no driver's license, insurance or registration



The definition of a motor scooter is "a two-wheeled device with handlebars that can be stood or sat upon powered by an electric motor or other power source."

For complete regulations regarding motor scooters, refer to California Vehicle Code 21220 - 21235.

## We're the Solution to Water Pollution



Are you familiar with those rectangular openings found in curbs throughout the City? They're called catch basins. **Lomita** has over one hundred of them. Catch basins are an important component of our flood control system. Like the one shown here, they come in various sizes and shapes. But their function is the same: to catch storm water and send it to the ocean through an underground network of pipes and tunnels. In **Lomita's** case, storm water runoff flows into the Dominguez flood control channel and into the ocean.

Unfortunately, catch basins also transport polluted runoff to the channel and ocean. Runoff, mixed with urban pollutants, creates runoff pollution. Pollutants include oil and other automotive fluids, paint and construction debris, yard and pet wastes, pesticides, and trash.

Each day in Los Angeles County 100 million gallons of polluted urban runoff enter the ocean -- untreated -- leaving toxic chemicals in our surf and over 4,300 tons of trash on our beaches.

Runoff pollution contaminates the ocean, closes beaches, harms aquatic life, and increases the risk of flooding by clogging gutters and catch basins.

Here's what you can do to prevent pollutants from being transported by runoff from your property into the river and ocean:

- ◆ Sweep up trash and debris (never flush with water into the street or catch basin)
- ◆ Store trash and other pollutant materials in a manner that prevents contact with rain (in a container with a closed lid or under cover)
- ◆ Recycle used oil, concrete, broken asphalt, metals, etc.
- ◆ Avoid applying pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals during the wet season (October through May)
- ◆ Never dump materials into the storm drain system (street, gutters, catch basins)
- ◆ Report illegal discharges to 1.888.CLEANLA



*Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board*

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### Judy Clemens—Lomita's Outstanding Older American

The City Council selected Judy Clemens as Lomita's 2003 Outstanding Older American. She has worked for and in the community for over 30 years. She was active in Little League in the early 1970's and has been a girl scout leader for the Lomita/Harbor City neighborhood since 1974. As member of the Torrance Elks Lodge, Judy has served the community for over 25 years. She is involved with many local events, such as Looking Good Lomita, Kiwanis Breakfast and Founders Day. As if this were not enough, in addition to her full time job with a law firm, Judy has been an officer for the Legal Secretaries Association for the past 35 years. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, reading, sewing and most of all, spending time with her three children and seven grandchildren.

*Congratulations, Judy, Lomita is proud of you!!*

# COUNCIL CORNER

*Since February of 2003,  
the City Council:*

- ◆ Proclaimed April 21 as Loyalty Day
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance merging the Traffic and Public Safety Commission
- ◆ Held a midyear budget review study session
- ◆ Approved a vision safety zone for Walnut Street
- ◆ Conducted a quarterly meeting with the Sheriff's Department
- ◆ Approved an amendment to the Public Employee's Retirement System contract
- ◆ Approved the Railroad Museum Foundation By-Laws
- ◆ Approved contract with Republic Electric for maintenance of street lights and crosswalks for downtown
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance dealing with changes to the Museum Board
- ◆ Approved exchange of Prop. A funds with City of Commerce
- ◆ Awarded bid for \$73,920 for installation of restroom building at Hathaway Park to Ameriko, Inc.
- ◆ Renewed tree maintenance contract with West Coast Arborists
- ◆ Approved transfer of CDBG funds with Rolling Hills Estates
- ◆ Formed a subcommittee to study ways to honor and support military personnel
- ◆ Sent a letter to President Bush requesting that immigrants serving in the Armed Forces be granted citizenship
- ◆ Accepted a bid for \$354,762 from Zondiros-Peninsula Landscaping JV, for museum site improvements
- ◆ Appointed Al Thomas, Bridget Jauker, Augustine Hermenegildo, Monica Dever, Richard Shriner, and Efren Servino to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission
- ◆ Appointed Harvey Tafel, Susan Ogle, Mike Cozzolino, Jennifer Borland and Kathryn Kuncirs to the Museum Board;
- ◆ Appointed Eva Ford, Terry Epport, Sebastian Altamirano and Jim Ryan to the Museum Foundation Executive Board.

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

How would you like to earn up to \$100 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 4th?
- ◆ 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 4, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 325-7110.



# 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
Public Safety and Traffic Commission -----	to be determined
Museum Board -----	2nd Monday, 7:00 PM
Museum Foundation Executive Board -----	4th Monday, 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
Historical Society-----	2nd Tuesday every other month, 7:00 PM

City Hall offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 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 (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.

**2003 Lomita Library Summer Reading Program**

Read your favorite book and earn prizes!! Signups begin June 9

**Tuesday, June 10, 3 pm** L.A. Puppet Professionals presents "Tiger and Mousedeer" a story from Indonesia

**Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 pm** **Oregami Rainforest Craft**  
Join artist Peggy Hasegawa as we create a work of art out of paper!

**Saturday, June 28, 3 pm** "It's a Jungle"  
Magic show and comedy with Magician Tony Daniels

**Tuesday, July 8, 3:00 pm** **Live reptiles!**  
The Lizard Wizard presents turtles, tarantulas, snakes, and frogs

**Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 pm**  
**Historical Journey Through America's Music**  
Join Craig Newton as he demonstrates acoustic guitar, harmonica, tin whistle, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, Indian flute, trombone, bottleneck guitar, and electric guitar

**Wednesday, August 6, 3:00 pm** **Live parrots and macaws!**  
For more information, call the Lomita Library at 539-4515

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT EXCURSIONS SUMMER 2003**

**Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Angel Game vs. Seattle Mariners**  
All ages Cost: \$20.00 Bus will depart Lomita Park at 5:30 pm

**Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – Hollywood Park**  
Age 18 and up Cost: \$15.00 Bus will depart Lomita Park at 5:45 pm

**Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Dodger Game vs. St. Luis Cardinals**  
All ages Cost: \$20.00 Bus will depart Lomita Park at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Disneyland** All ages Cost: \$45.00  
Bus will depart Lomita Park at 12:30 pm and return at approximately 10:30 pm.

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – Knott's Berry Farm** All ages Cost: \$42.00  
Bus will depart Lomita Park at 12:30 pm and return at approximately 10:30 pm.

**Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Wine Tasting in Redondo Beach**  
Ages 21 & over Cost: \$25.00 Time to be determined.