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In memoriam Pete Rossick

Lomita lost one of its champions when Pete Rossick passed away on August 17. Peter J. Rossick was Mayor of Lomita in 1990 and served on the City Council from 1986 until 1994. Prior to becoming a Councilmember, Mr. Rossick was Planning Commissioner for fourteen years and Parks Commissioner for four. He was also active in Lomita civic affairs as member of the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge, Sister City Association, Lomita Little League, the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, the Friends of the Lomita Library and by helping Seniors prepare their income taxes.

Pete Rossick, a retired firefighter and teacher, is survived by his wife Eileen, daughters Mary, Lori, Susie, Jackie, son Peter Jr. and 12 grandchildren.

The Kern Family Foundation made a substantial donation of \$250,000 to commemorate Pete Rossick's civic and community service. The funds will be used to renovate the existing atrium at City Hall to serve as a focal point for civic functions and official ceremonies. A formal ceremony to dedicate "Rossick Plaza" was held on August 27, also proclaimed as "Pete Rossick Day".

We are deeply grateful for all Pete Rossick did for Lomita and its residents during his many years of civic service. He will be sorely missed.

West Nile Virus

Cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed near Lomita. This disease is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. West Nile virus can not be transmitted from one person to another and less than 1% of all persons infected with West Nile virus will develop serious illness. The symptoms of severe illness include headache, high fever, stiff neck, disorientation, convulsions, and paralysis.

The LA County West Vector Control District makes the following recommendations:

- ◆ Avoid being outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- ◆ When outdoors, apply Mosquito repellent containing DEET. Follow instructions carefully.
- ◆ Mosquito-proof your home with tight fitting screens on windows and doors.
- ◆ Eliminate standing water around your property.

To report suspected human WNV cases, call 213-240-7941

Mosquito complaints and Mosquito Fish 310-915-7370

Report sighting of dead birds, particularly raven, crow, magpie or jay, by calling 877-WNV-BIRD



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City Council Reviews Water Rate Structure

The Lomita City Council is currently reviewing its water rates and has held two work sessions to discuss preliminary data with MuniFinance, the financial consultant. Several reasons for updating the current water rate structure include:

- ◆ Water rates for Lomita customers have not increased since 1997 while costs, both to purchase water and operate the department have increased significantly. As a result, the water operations fund has been operating at a deficit.
- ◆ Aging infrastructure needs to be replaced and upgraded.
- ◆ Potential drought conditions and the need for water conservation.
- ◆ Construction of a new water reservoir to provide emergency water supply.

The city is closely reviewing a restructured water rate which will include a variable component, based on water consumption, and a fixed amount, based on meter size. A rate increase will be deliberated once the consultant completes the water

Safety Tip

Please don't leave your children or pets in the car unattended, even for just a few moments. The temperature in a locked car parked in the sun can easily reach temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, even if the outside is much

Free Energy Efficiency Training for Local Businesses

Wednesday, September 8
7:30 am—10 am
Lomita City Hall
2nd Floor Community Room

Lomita Sister City News

On August 6, seven Lomita Sister City students returned from a three week home-stay student exchange program in Takaishi, Japan. The relationship with their Japanese host families, the subtleties of Japanese social customs and the new friends they made will, no doubt, last a lifetime.

To find out more about the Lomita Sister City Association and their exchange program, attend one of their monthly meetings held on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Large item trash pickup

Take your appliances, furniture and oversized yard waste to the curb on your regular scheduled trash pickup day during the week of October 4.

Certain restrictions apply, so please call CALMET at 212-3496 for more information.

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

Ashley's Attic	25220 NARBONNE AVE	Hand decorated furniture/gifts	326-0493
SIZZLER	2421 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Restaurant	530-5642
Video Access	1820-22 LOMITA BLVD	Video Rental	325-4418
Golden Bear	2383 LOMITA BLVD	Skate and hockey supplies	534-3100
Art Jackson's Bowling Supply	2144 1/2 LOMITA BLVD	Bowling balls and accessories	539-3775
Serving Time, Inc.	2413 PAC. COAST HWY #104	Watch specialties	325-5880
John's Taylor	2142 W. LOMITA BLVD	Alterations	326-5263
C3 Systems and Security LLC	2018 PAC. COAST HWY #102	Techn. Consulting Computer Security	326-5665
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan	2040 PAC. CST. HWY UNITS Q-W	Health Care	517-4060
Joseph Minoru Watari & Assoc.	1912 VIA TAMPA	Architect	539-2343
New Life Acupunct. Health Care	25835 NARBONNE AVE #220	Acupuncture	325-1678
Gwak's Taekwondo	2205 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Martial Arts Studio	534-6836
Signs 4 Less	1809 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Signs	542-0462
Antilles Group Inc.	24107 PENNSYLVANIA AVE	Clothing Design/Sales	539-4340
Salon Privado	2039 P. VERDES DR NORTH	Hair Salon	539-3660
Floxie Medical Services	24017 NARBONNE AVE STE J	Medical Supplies	257-9084
Tampopo	2351 W. 255TH STREET	Speech Clinic	N/A
Citywide Sports	24017 NARBONNE AVENUE	Retail Sales	530-8600
Acupressure	25626 NARBONNE AVE. # C	Skincare, Massage, Acupuncture	N/A
Just Massage	2040 PAC COAST HWY UNIT K	Massage Therapy	326-3837

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COUNCIL CORNER

*In the last few months,
the City Council has*

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Kiara Williams, Jene Estrada, Rita Huerta, Kadie Ann Taylor and Madeline Waronek for participating in the City's 40th Birthday celebration; Matthew Christopher Raffaniello upon attaining rank of Eagle Scout; sponsors and winners of poster contest for the 14th Annual Follow Me I'm Gang and Drug Free Walk.
- ◆ Presented City Plaques to outgoing Planning Commissioner Maureen Kaneen, and to Ruth Herbert, Lomita's Outstanding Older American for 2004.
- ◆ Appointed Monica Dever to the Planning Commission, Arnold Wolfson to the Public Safety and Traffic Commission and Dr. Linda Spink and Ted Talbot to the Torrance/Lomita/Carson Workforce Investment Board.
- ◆ Adopted the FY 2004/05 budget.
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance eliminating low income restrictions for senior housing.
- ◆ Met with MuniFinance to discuss water rates.
- ◆ Approved the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Approved installation of stop signs on Alliene and 255th Street.
- ◆ Held a joint meeting with the Parks Commission.
- ◆ Awarded the landscape maintenance contract to Toyo Landscaping for \$31,820.
- ◆ Approved residential care facilities for seniors up to 15 persons.
- ◆ Adjourned a meeting in memory of former City Administrator Ritter.
- ◆ Approved a business plan for the Lomita Railroad Museum.

Important Numbers

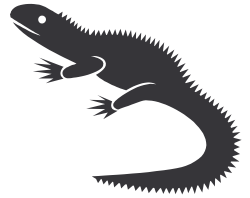
Lomita City Hall
325-7110
Chamber of Commerce
326-6378
Library
539-4515
Lomita Sheriff Station
539-1661
Lomita Park
326-0140
Railroad Museum
326-6255
Water Department
325-7114
Public Works
325-9830
Emergency Water Service
538-6370
Emergency Street and Tree Service
597-6429
Animal Control
523-9566
Animal License
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



Library News - Live Reptiles

Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm

The Lizard Wizard presents turtles, tarantulas, snakes and frogs. Kids will be able to touch, hold and investigate reptiles while listening to facts on hunting strategies, survival tactics and unusual behavior.



Lomita Community Night at Dodger Stadium

Friday Oct 1 - LA Dodgers vs SF Giants \$10
call 326-0140 for tickets



Lomita Halloween Haunt Carnival

Sunday October 31 at Tom Rico Recreation Center

Costume Parade 2 — 3 pm

Game Booths 3—5 pm

Haunted Mansion 3—5 pm

A donation of one can of food per family is requested for the city's food drive

9th Annual Food Drive

Make a difference this Thanksgiving by donating food for local families in need!

Bring your donations to City Hall or the Lomita Recreation Center from Oct. 14 to Nov. 14 between the hours of 9 am and 4:30 pm. Gift certificates from local food stores are welcome.

Help save lives!!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Lomita City Hall on October 22.

Your single blood donation can save up to three lives!!

Call Monika 325-7110 to schedule an appointment.



Fall Craft Faire

October 9 from 10 am until 4 pm
in front of City Hall

Get an early start on your holiday shopping! One of a kind items from up to 90 vendors will be on display. Bring the entire family for fun, food and fun jumps.

Crafters—it is not too late to participate
Call 539-2599 to reserve a booth.