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State of the City Address

On November 15, Mayor Susan Dever gave the State of the City Address. Some highlights are:

The City of Lomita is in sound fiscal shape despite State raids on local government revenue. Many reductions in city expenses were necessary to balance the budget, yet critical law enforcement and public safety services have been maintained and several popular programs, such as Lomita Presents and Founders Day were restored.

Staff has been successful in attracting new businesses as well as infill developments. Numerous long range planning efforts include a water system master plan, water rate study, pavement management and emergency operations plan.

The City's first Emergency Operations Center is underway and will be operational next year funded through the Homeland Security Grant Fund.

Approximately \$715,782 in state and foundation grant funding has been acquired for improvements to city facilities, and a county grant will purchase computers for senior citizens at Lomita Manor.

Some of this year's accomplishments include: installation of 83 street name signs, repaired 175 potholes and repaved 6,400 sq. feet of street pavement, planted 74 replacement trees and trimmed 160, planning and organizing a full menu of year round cultural classes, sports programs and excursions, and development of a marketing brochure to attract new businesses.

The overall outlook for 2005 is positive and we will continue to experience significant progress. Major challenges for the future will be maintaining the city's aging infrastructure, mainly water lines and streets.

The full content of the Mayor's address can be found on the city's web site lomita.com/cityhall, or at Lomita City Hall.

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Mixer

Wednesday, December 1st at Lomita City Hall
Chamber of Commerce Mixer from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm
Residents and business owners are welcome

Admission is free, but please bring a new, unwrapped toy
for the city's toy drive.

Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:30 pm —7:30 pm
Christmas Chorus, Cookies and Apple Cider
.....and a visit from Santa





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City Studies Water System

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive evaluation of the existing water system, the City of Lomita has recently completed two studies of the water system, the Water System Master Plan, and the Water Rates Study. These studies are scheduled to be approved and adopted by The City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of December 6, 2004.

The Water Master Plan (WMP) provides a planning tool for decision making in regards to water and fire protection needs for the City, and recommends improvements to the water system to address existing deficiencies and also meet the demands of future growth. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of the distribution system was constructed between 1928 and 1970. The Water Master Plan recommends capital improvements which are estimated to cost \$22.5 Million. The much needed improvements are for water distribution system and fire flow improvements (\$14.3 Million), and construction of the new Cypress Street Reservoir (\$8.2 Million). These improvements would be implemented for construction over the next five to ten fiscal years.

Rising costs for water that Lomita purchases from the Metropolitan Water District and inflationary pressure on the costs of fuel, materials, and labor have created a deficit in the water operating fund which must be addressed. The City's last water rate analysis was conducted eight years ago and water rates have not been adjusted since 1997.

The Water Rate Study (WRS) evaluates Lomita's current water rate structure in relation to the utility's costs of doing business in order to determine what rates will be necessary to maintain the water utility on a financially sound and stable basis over the next five fiscal years. The WRS provides an updated water rate analysis that will include a fair and equitable water rate schedule that meets current and future projected water requirements for utility operation and water system improvements.

The proposed rate structure also includes an increasing rate method that charges customers a higher rate for consuming more water than normal as their typical baseline use indicates. A similar method is used by other water departments/districts and utilities such as Southern California Edison and the Gas Company. This increased use rate method will also help the City achieve its goal of promoting water conservation.

Contact Lori Ann Farrell, Administrative Services Director, Glenn Kau, Public Works Director, or Tom Odom, City Administrator at 325-7110 with comments and questions.

Tom A. Odom, City Administrator

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

TOP DONUTS	1724 PALOS VERDES DR.NO.#B	Donuts	832-8516
DESIGNER NAILS	1811 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	Nail Salon	326-1782
ART NAILS	2337 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	Nail Salon	257-9288
SECURITY FIRST	2049 PACIFIC COAST HWY. #107	Mortgage Lending	530-4400
TERESA BEAUTY SALON	24642 NARBONNE AVE	Beauty Salon	257-9130
PATRICIA SHERMAN @ VISIONS	2418 LOMITA BLVD SUITE E	Beauty Salon	534-3640
VENUS SALON	1818 LOMITA BLVD	Beauty Salon	891-0030
H.M.K. TAMAEN INC.	1935 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Restaurant	530-6004
JACK IN THE BOX	2101 W. PALOS VERDES DRIVE	Restaurant	325-4552
HARRY'S BBQ	25501 NARBONNE AVE	Restaurant	326-9842
SUI SHO RESTAURANT	1945 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	Restaurant	539-0131
JOSHUA MOTORS	2049 PACIFIC COAST HWY #216	Automotive Repair	386-5359
KALANI KATS	24321 PENNSLYVANIA AVE	Cat Houses	529-1901
POTATOE CACTUS	1810 W. LOMITA BLVD	Liquor	530-2500
STARBUCKS	2104 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Coffee House	539-6514
LAKWOOD TILE & STONE	24416 CRENSHAW BLVD #3	Tile and Stone	530-0110
TLC CHIROPRACTIC	2170 W. LOMITA BLVD	Chiropractic	530-1659
BOB'S AUTO	2000 LOMITA BLVD	Automotive Repair	326-3304
SPRINT	2104 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	Telephone Sales	534-8999
REAL DIRTY RACING	1741B PACIFIC COAST HWY	Retail Sales	891-2376
TAMPOPO SPEECH CLINIC	2351 W 255TH STREET	Speech Clinic	714-478-6514
BERRY EMBEDDED SOFTWARE	2049 PCH # 211	Computer Software	891-1221
GOOD FRIENDS	24017 NARBONNE AVE	Retail Sales	539-1108
CITYLINE SPORTS	24017 NARBONNE AVE #G	Retail Sales	530-8600
SALARY ADVANCE LOANS	24214 CRENSHAW BLVD	Salary Loans	732-0206
SUPER FINE CLEANERS	2146 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	Cleaners	325-6070
THE PETMEDSTORE.COM	25835 NARBONNE AVE	Vet and Pet Products	968-8370
COBBLESTONE CHEMDRY	25835 NARBONNE AVE #215	Carpet Cleaning	530-1060
MEDIA CENTRIC INT'L	25835 NARBONNE AVE #230	Computer Installation	325-7900
W.B. ACUPUNCTURE	25636 NARBONNE AVE #B	Acupuncture	325-3096
JUNE KIM @ GOLDEN SPA	1739 PACIFIC COAST HWY	Massage Studio	325-6178
<i>New Massage Therapists: Yin Shu Cui, Yaney Mitchell, Esther Cho,</i>		<i>K.O. Youn, June Kim</i>	
JUST MASSAGE	2040 PACIFIC COAST HWY. #K	Massage Studio	326-3837
<i>New Massage Therapists: Nakia Durham, Deedy Jones</i>			
ORIGINAL THAI	2231 LOMITA BLVD	Massage Studio	539-6097
<i>New Massage Therapists: Noo Daeng Rollins, Phannee Irving</i>			

COUNCIL CORNER

In the last few months, the City Council has

- ◆ Presented Certificates of Appreciation to: Linda and David Gallucci, Christian Salvatierra and Tony Sanchez for rescuing a young girl from a burning house.
- ◆ Presented City Plaque to Assembly member George Nakano for his support and friendship.
- ◆ Met with MuniFinance to discuss water rates.
- ◆ Approved an agreement with the Kern Family Foundation regarding Rossick Plaza.
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance prohibiting private contracts with unauthorized solid waste contractors.
- ◆ Approved trade of Community Development Block Grant funds with City of Rolling Hills.
- ◆ Adopted ordinances opposing expansion of Los Angeles Airport and Port of Los Angeles.
- ◆ Held a joint meeting with the Tree Committee.
- ◆ Adopted traffic study guidelines to provide better traffic analysis for all new developments.
- ◆ Adopted the Los Angeles County Animal Control Ordinance.
- ◆ Adopted an ordinance prohibiting loitering of criminal street gangs
- ◆ Reduced the hours of left turn restrictions on PCH and Viana.

Brighten a Child's Holiday!

Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years) to City Hall between 9 am and 4 pm Monday—Friday.

Gift certificates from local merchants are very welcome.

The last day to drop off your donation is December 17.

Toys will be distributed to Lomita families in need.



Holiday Spirit

At a recent Council meeting several Lomita businesses and private citizens donated over \$300 for holiday decorations at the Railroad Museum. Thank you, Barry and Margie Waite for making the first pledge and Connie and Bruce Waters, Susan Dever, Margaret Estrada, George Kivett, Andrew Nieto, Chamber of Commerce and Stella Bennett for following the lead.

A heartfelt thank you to the many residents who gave so generously for the City's food drive. Your contributions are much



Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

CalMet will be closed in observance of

**Christmas Day—
Saturday, December 25**

**New Year's Day—
Saturday, January 1**

Trash pickup will be delayed one day following these holidays. Please set out your waste by 6 am on the day service resumes.

Christmas in Lomita

Friday, December 3 from 7 until 9 pm (doors open at 6:30)

Lomita Park Gymnasium, 24428 Eshelman Avenue

Marionettes, Raffle and Santa Stockings for children only

Visit with Santa and tell him your Christmas wishes

Admission is free



Christmas Tree Recycling

Between December 27, 2004 and January 17, 2005 you can place your Christmas tree at the curb on your regular trash pickup day.

Please follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Remove the stand and all decorations
- ◆ Do not bag your tree
- ◆ Trees taller than four feet must be cut in half
- ◆ Flocked trees cannot be accepted and must be put out with regular trash.

Trees collected through this program will be delivered to green waste processing facilities where they are mulched and utilized in many ways.



Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Roundup

City Hall Parking Lot

December 4, 2004 from 9 am until 3 pm

Lomita residents can dispose of their electronic waste, such as old VCRs, stereos, fax machines, scanners, computer keyboards and cell phones along with household hazardous waste (paint, paint remover, used motor oil, batteries, pool chemicals, pesticides, aerosol cleaners, motor oil, oil filters and expired prescription drugs).

How to prepare:

- ◆ Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers.
- ◆ Do not mix products together.
- ◆ Limit per vehicle—15 gallons or 125 pounds.
- ◆ Be prepared to leave your containers. Remove all other items from your trunk.

The improper disposal of household hazardous and e-waste poses a public health threat. By participating in these free, convenient roundups, we are able to help do our part to avoid serious pollution problems that could result if these items end up in our landfills or down the storm drains.