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**Lomita elects three new Councilmembers**

Lomita voters turned out in record numbers (43% voter turnout) to elect three Councilmembers. Following are unofficial results from the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's office

<b>Margaret Estrada</b>	<b>2055 votes</b>
<b>Susan Y. Dever</b>	<b>1913 votes</b>
<b>Barry M. Waite</b>	<b>1549 votes</b>
Tim King	1375 votes
Andrew Nieto	1284 votes

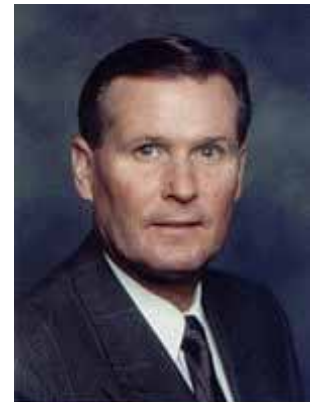
Official results will be declared at the December 5, 2005 City Council meeting.

Newly elected Councilmember Estrada is a retired Communications Manager who served 8 years on the City Council from 1995-2003; Incumbent Susan Dever, Educator, will embark on her second term; and Barry Waite, a Public Administrator/Geographer has been a Planning Commissioner since 2000.



**Thank you,  
Ken and Tim!**

A very special and heartfelt thank you to outgoing Mayor Ken Blackwood and Councilmember Tim King for their many years of dedicated service to the community.



Ken Blackwood, Los Angeles District Safety Specialist for the US Postal Service, was elected to the City Council in 1997 and re-elected in 2001, serving as Mayor in 2001 and 2005. He was the City's representative to the League of California Cities, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, the LA County Vector Control Board, and the LA County Emergency Preparedness Commission and was instrumental in making Lomita a **Tree City USA**, in the PCH Streetscape Project and the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Mr. Blackwood will continue his service to the city as a volunteer Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

Tim King, a retired LAPD Captain, also served two terms on the City Council from 1997 until 2005; he was Mayor in 2000. He initiated the Global War on Terrorism Memorial located at the Post Office and created the highly successful School Principal/Police Information Network for Los Angeles Unified School District Officials. Mr. King served on the Gangs and Graffiti Committee, where he initiated and later served on the Safety Commission.

He decided to withdraw from the most recent Council election due to health reasons, but will continue to attend SPIN meetings.



*City Officials*

**Mayor**

**Ken Blackwood**

**Councilmembers**

**Susan Dever  
Tim King  
Don Suminaga  
Mark Waronek**

**City Administrator**

**Tom Odom**

**City Clerk**

**Dawn Tomita**

**City Newsletter to Inform Community**

Lomita Newline is published by the City to provide information about City programs, services and issues.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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**City Council Addresses Citywide Drainage Issues**

The City Council recently approved funding in the amount of \$275,000 for purposes of addressing drainage issues throughout the city. The areas of concern include a city owned storm drain at 262<sup>nd</sup> Street and Los Angeles County storm drains at 253<sup>rd</sup>, 254<sup>th</sup> and 256<sup>th</sup> Streets west of Pennsylvania Avenue; 261<sup>st</sup> and Regent Avenue; Pennsylvania Avenue south of Lomita Boulevard and the intersection of Saddlevue Drive and Estherview Drive. The funding will be used to perform a citywide hydrology study and drainage concept; design and construction services to affect storm drain improvements to mitigate street flooding on 262<sup>nd</sup> and Eshelman Avenue. The Council also directed Staff to solicit bids to acquire a trailer-mounted storm water pump with an estimated cost of \$20,000 which is included in the \$275,000 appropriated amount.

**Sister City Exchange Program**

Applications are being accepted until January 31, 2006 for students to participate in the Lomita Sister City exchange trip to Takaishi Japan for two to three weeks in late July, early August of 2006. While in Japan they will stay in the home of a Japanese host family and participate in activities planned by our sister city in Takaishi.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to experience another culture.

To be eligible for the trip students must reside, attend school or participate in community activities in Lomita. Applications and a complete list of the requirements are available at Lomita City Hall.

For more information, call Sally at 310-326-0788.

**Disaster Preparedness**

Will you be ready when disaster strikes? Some important steps are:

- Create a family disaster plan and practice it.
- Maintain a disaster supply kit for your home and car.
- Learn CPR and First Aid.
- Eliminate Hazards in home and at work by securing large electronics, furniture and overhead objects.

The following websites can help with more detailed information:

- <http://www.oes.ca.gov>
- <http://www.csc.cs.gov>
- <http://www.redcross.org>
- <http://www.firesafecouncil.org>

**Water Rate Adjustment**

The City of Lomita needs to increase water rates for the following critical reasons:

- Water rates have not been adjusted since 1996.
- The current operating deficit in regards to water purchases, delivery and service must be eliminated.
- The City's aging infrastructure needs to be improved. This includes replacement and maintenance of water mains, construction of a new reservoir and treatment facility, and refurbishment of the well.

Rate increases will be phased in over five years and a tiered system will be used to calculate water bills fairly. Practicing water conservation measures will help reduce your water bill.

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

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
AWAKENING	24100 NARBONNE AVE. #103	COFFEE HOUSE	325-2565
GENTLE HEAT	2049 PCH # 202	HEAT THERAPY	902-8187
A-TOWN INC	2017 LOMITA BLVD STE 2063	INVESTMENTS	530-5586
THE RICAN'S BEAUTY SHOP	1819 1/2 PCH	BEAUTY SHOP	957-5319
A & E TROPHIES AND ENGRAVING	24519 NARBONNE AVE	GIFT SHOP	539-1033
HAIR VILLAGE	2040 PCH SUITE J	HAIR SALON	517-0317
MUSICAL REALM	2018 PCH SUITE # 204	INSTRUMENT REPAIR	418-8182
IZAKAYA ISSHIN	1945 PACIFIC COAST HWY.	RESTAURANT	736-5132
TOMOHIRO CHIROPRACTIC	2383 LOMITA BLVD #111	CHIROPRACTOR	530-8877
GHM INTERNATIONAL INC	2049 PCH #211	TV/COMPUTER SALES	503-5047
SERVICE CENTER	24610 NARBONNE AVE.	RETAIL	370-5580
FRESH FLOWERS	1827 PAC. COAST HWY	FLORIST	539-2927
VISION HAIR NAIL FITNESS	2418 LOMITA BLVD # E, F	BEAUTY SHOP	534-3640
EZEE DENTAL CARE	25332 NARBONNE AVE. #290	DENTAL OFFICE	325-6600
JENNEWEIN CHIROPRACTIC	25448 NARBONNE AVENUE	CHIROPRACTOR	326-2804
ZEN TEA AND COFFEE HOUSE	2251 LOMITA BLVD	TEA/COFFEE	534-0800
PAGER & CELLULAR OUTLET	1743 PAC COAST HWY.	SERVICE/SALES	539-3333
REX REALTY COMPANY	2018 PCH #200	REAL ESTATE	257-8828
DISCOUNT CIGARETTES & MORE	2040 PCH SUITE P	RETAIL	257-0190
ZEN DAY SPA	2383 LOMITA BLVD # 106	MASSAGE PARLOR	326-8146
TLC MEDICAL SERVICES	25835 NARBONNE AVE # 150	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	526-6441
ACUPRO CNC SERVICE	2049 PCH SUITE # 105	COMPUTERS	951-7969
BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS	2332/2336 LOMITA BLVD.	PRE-SCHOOL	326-7526
CREEK SEEK & LINK INTERNATIONAL	1744 255TH STREET	PERSONNEL PLACEMENT	951-7826

### A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL LOMITA RESIDENTS!!!



We Lomitians take a lot of pride in our Community - and we can help it thrive by doing our holiday shopping right here in Lomita whenever we can - we've got almost one thousand businesses in our town!! So, please use each of your shopping dollars as a vote for the betterment of your City. "VOTE FOR LOMITA" by "SHOPPING IN LOMITA"!!!

Call the LOMITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE at 310-326-6378 or check its website at [www.lomita.com](http://www.lomita.com) for information on our many businesses.

### Brighten a Child's Holiday!

Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years) to City Hall between 8 am and 5 pm Monday—Friday.

Gift certificates from local merchants are welcome.

The last day to drop off your donation is Dec.16.

Toys will be distributed to Lomita families in need.



24300 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA 90717

PRSR-STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT NO. 100  
LOMITA, CA

ECR-WSS

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

After Hours Water  
Emergency  
597-6428

After Hours Street and  
Tree Emergency  
597-6429

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.

### Lomita Library Events

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
**Introduction to Scrapbooking**  
Adults Sign-ups are Welcome

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
Tony Daniels, Magician,  
presents  
**Magic of the Holidays**  
All Ages Welcome

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Between December 27, 2005 and January 17, 2006 you can place your Christmas tree at the curb on your regular trash pickup day.

Please follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Remove the stand and 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 your regular trash.

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

### Some Things are too Toxic to Trash!

#### Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste the Right Way!

December 10, 2005  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lomita City Hall Parking Lot  
24300 Narbonne Avenue

Household Hazardous Waste includes paints, glues, pesticides, oils, solvents, cleansers, old medicine, and car and dry-cell batteries.

E-Waste includes computer monitors, televisions, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, computer keyboards and cellular telephones.

Improper disposal of these materials can pollute the environment and endanger children and pets.

Remember:

- 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 waste from businesses will be accepted.
- No explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials.

For more information, call  
**1 (888) CLEAN LA**

### Emergency Operations Center

On November 21, 2005, the City of Lomita unveiled its first Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is part of an operations and communications network designed to work with local, county and state emergency departments in the event of a large-scale natural or man-made disaster. The EOC will be activated only during events when local branches of emergency services are overwhelmed and need assistance coordinating emergency efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Lomita City Hall at 310-325-7110.