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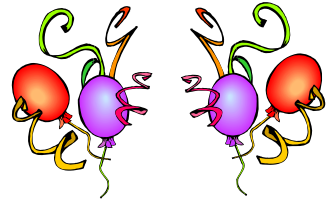
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Happy 40th Birthday, Lomita Railroad Museum!

The Lomita Railroad Museum was built in 1966 by Mrs. Irene Lewis in honor of her husband Martin. In order to celebrate the museum’s 40th birthday, the following activities have been planned at the Railroad Museum on October 21 from 1—5 pm.

- Kid’s fun zone
- Special exhibits
- Food and refreshments
- Music
- Free admission to the museum
- Raffle



Please come out and enjoy this exciting celebration! Bring your dancing shoes—the event will culminate in an old-fashioned hoedown with live music and street dance starting at 5 pm.

If you can volunteer time, donate money or a raffle prize, or help the Museum

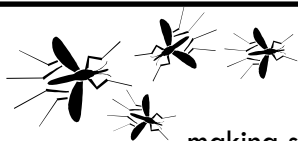
The city’s **Centennial Celebration** is in full swing. Founders Day on July 1 marked the kickoff for the eighteen month long centennial celebration. Upcoming events are:

- Monday, September 11 at 7 pm at City Hall, Patriot Day Memorial Ceremony commemorating the victims of 9-11
- Saturday, September 16, 2006, 8:15 p.m. *Lomita Presents—Movies under the Stars* “ THE INCREDIBLES” (PG - 2 hrs) at the Irene Lewis Park (next to the Lomita Railroad Museum, 2137 W. 250th Street)
- Saturday, October 21 5—9 pm—hoedown at the Railroad Museum, preceded by the Museum’s 40th Birthday Celebration.
- Saturday, November 11 at 11 am at Veterans Park, corner 25700 Walnut Avenue, Veterans Day Memorial Celebration



For more information, visit the centennial web site at www.lomitacentennial.org.

Don’t breed mosquitoes in your yard!



You can help prevent the spread of West Nile virus by making sure mosquitoes don’t have a chance to breed. Remove any, even the smallest amount of standing water in your yard. Call the L.A. County West Vector District (310) 915-7370 if you need help getting rid of mosquitoes, bees or fire ants or log onto their website <http://www.lawestvector.org/> for up to date information.

City of Lomita Approves Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget



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City Newsletter to Inform Community

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

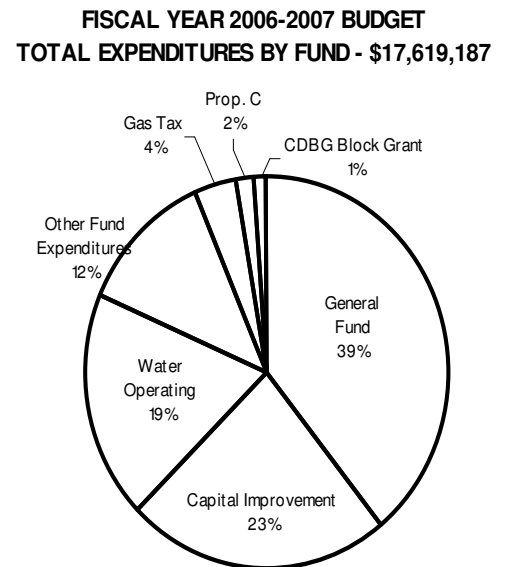
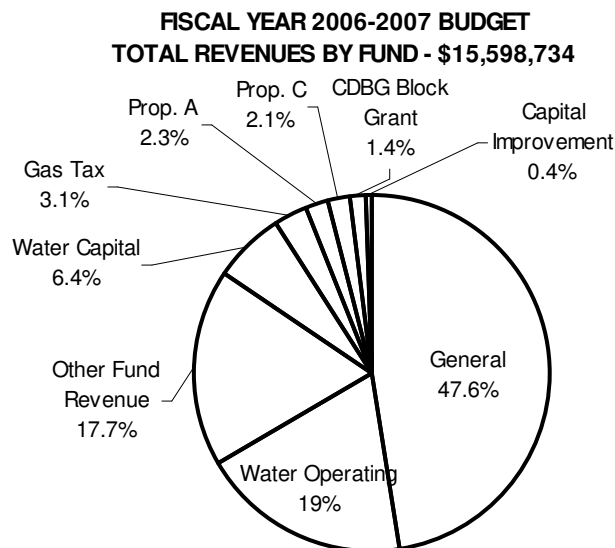
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The City Council approved the 2006-2007 Budget at its July 6, 2006 meeting. The total budget appropriation is \$17,619,187; comprised of \$12,623,747 in operating funds; \$901,544 in inter fund transfers and subsidies; and \$4,093,896 in capital improvement projects. Total revenues for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 for all funds are estimated to be \$15,598,734.

Key items approved in the FY 2006-2007 FY budget include:

- New Staff Positions: Code Enforcement/Parking Officer and Associate Engineer
- Proposition A and Proposition C Fund used to purchase the Park and Ride Lot
- Capital Improvement Projects Fund for the renovation of Stephenson Center and Tom Rico Community Center.



"Lomita Teen Nights" A Huge Success

The Recreation Department has embarked in an effort to produce and operate programming geared towards teens. This summer, the Department hosted "Lomita Teen Nights" at Lomita Park. Each Wednesday night, Recreation Department Staff welcomed teens to drop in for an evening of games, food and discussion. Pizza nights, dodge ball and basketball proved to be the most popular activities.

Most importantly, local teens were asked to provide the Department with input that will shape the direction of future programming. Participants completed written surveys and participated in discussions that illuminated their interests and concerns. Recreation Staff now plans to utilize this data to cultivate and sustain a vibrant offering of teen based programming.

The enclosed Fall 2006 recreation brochure outlines new teen activities scheduled in the next months. More information can be obtained by calling Lomita Park (310.326.0140) or by emailing (j.vida@lomita.com).

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

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
Hair on Style	1813 Pacific Coast Hwy	Hair Salon	310-539-5775
Video Access	1820-1822 Lomita Blvd	Video Rental	310-325-4418
Bertha's Gift Shop	1805 W Lomita Blvd	Gift Shop	310-999-1077
Dream Home Investment	2041 Pacific Coast Hwy	Real Estate	310-987-0031
CVS/Pharmacy	2001 Pacific Coast Hwy	Retail Pharmacy	310-517-9535
Threshold Hair Designers	2370 Pacific Coast Hwy	Hair/Beauty	310-792-9262

Lomita welcomes two new Department Directors

Patsy Chavez was recently hired to oversee the city's Administrative Services Department which includes Finance, Water Billing, Human Resources and Information Technology. Ms. Chavez has over sixteen years experience in local government, working for the cities of Santa Ana, Placentia, Riverside and the Valley County Water District.

As a San Bernardino County native, Ms. Chavez has easily adjusted to the moderate climate in Lomita. She enjoys traveling, gardening, and visiting with friends and family.

Ms. Chavez on her new assignment *"My goal as the Director of Administrative Services is to maintain and develop staff committed to providing excellent customer service to all City departments, the City Council, and foremost to the Citizens. I hope to identify revenue sources that will sustain the long-term financial viability of the organization and provide sufficient funding for infrastructure upgrades and the capital improvement needs of Lomita. I am very happy to be a part of the City of Lomita organization."*

Wendell Johnson is the new Public Works Director/City Engineer in charge of Field Services (street maintenance, trees and water operations). He worked for the City of Torrance Public Works Department for 8 years prior to coming to Lomita.

An avid cyclist, Mr. Johnson serves as a board member of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, improving cycling and pedestrian access to this motor driven Southland. Mr. Johnson also enjoys travel, building things, cooking and photography. A native New Yorker, he is addicted to Big East Basketball (*you can take the New Yorker out of New York but you can't take New York out of the New Yorker*).

Mr. Johnson states: *"Public Works in Lomita brings great challenges and opportunities; I plan to forge ahead with much needed street repairs, water and sewer line upgrades, drainage improvements for Pennsylvania Avenue and the construction of the long planned reservoir"*.

Welcome to Lomita, Patsy and Wendell!!!

AQMD Funds put to good use

Local governments in this region receive approximately \$18.5 million annually from motor vehicle registration fees collected by the State Department of Motor Vehicles. These funds are used to implement programs reducing air pollution from motor vehicles.

Lomita received \$25,443 in the last fiscal year. These funds were used by the city to pay for the increased cost of running an alternative fuel street sweeper and for Sheriff's citywide bike patrols. The Sheriff's Department uses bike patrols primarily in the commercial corridors and during special events.

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- 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.

Large Item Pickup

Take your old appliances, furniture, carpets and oversized yard waste to the curb on your regular scheduled trash pickup day during the week of October 2, 2006.

Call CalMet Services at 310-212-3496 with questions or to request additional large item pickups for a fee.



Did you know

you will be able to review the actions of the City Council on the Internet? An annotated agenda will be posted on the city's website lomita.com/cityhall on Wednesdays following the Council meeting. You can also have the agenda emailed to you by sending your request to m.martinez@lomita.com.

Emergency Preparedness Training

Interested in learning about disaster response skills for home, business and neighborhood emergency preparedness? Registration is under way for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The course, conducted by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, is scheduled for three consecutive Saturdays, September 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. To register, email cert@lacofd.org or call 323-881-3064. For more information, please contact Ken Blackwood at cc.blackwood@lomita.com.

City Hall Phone Extensions

In an effort to assist residents in obtaining fast access to various departments, here are the most often used phone extensions. First dial 1-310-325-7110, then at any time, press the three digit number of the person/department you wish to speak with.

- Animal License ... 111
- Business License139
- Code Enforcement ... 120
- Dial-a-Ride.... 102 or 118
- Human Resources ...128
- Parking 102 or 139
- Planning/Zoning... 122
- Residential Grants or Rebate,
Section 8 Housing ... 145
- Trash/Cable Complaints ... 151
- City Council, City Administrator
or City Clerk ... press 5
- Lomita Recreation Center 326-0140
- Field Services (*Street, Tree or
Water Issues*) 325-9830
- Water Billing Inquiries 325-7114
- Building and Safety 534-3760