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Centennial Parade - April 14th, 2007 at 1 pm



Join the festivities and help celebrate Lomita's 100th Anniversary! There will be classic and vintage cars, marching bands, VIP delegations, floats, equestrian groups, music, and



many more exciting displays and surprises.

Starting out at 242nd and Eshelman Avenue, the parade will travel west on 242nd Street, left onto Narbonne Avenue, south to 255th, east onto 255th, ending at 255th and Eshelman Avenue. The theme of the Centennial Anniversary Parade celebrates the title of the city's first historical publication, entitled "**Lomita...A Century Remembered - From Barley to Barnyards to Boulevards.**"

Watch for the April 12th issue of the *Daily Breeze* for a special insert featuring local merchants, a parade map, historic photographs and articles.

Applications for non-profit organizations and sponsor/corporate participation are available at City Hall or Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Avenue. For more information, contact Faith Bilyeu or Cindy Blount at 310-326-0140 or KC Collins at 310-548-1928. **Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2007.**

Mark your calendar now for upcoming Centennial events:

- Saturday, June 23—5 & 10 K Run
- Saturday, June 30—Founders Day Celebration



There's still time to order copies at the pre-publication price and include your Centennial Best Wishes in the Centennial History Book. Call City Hall at 310-325-7110.

Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, March 31 will mark the day for this year's Arbor Day and *Looking Good Lomita* Celebration.

Volunteers are needed to plant trees, clean tree wells, pick up trash and debris, and pull weeds. Snacks will be provided. Please contact Virginia Lortz at (310) 325-9830 if you would like to participate in this popular event or wish to donate cash or raffle prizes.





City Officials

Mayor

Mark Waronek

Councilmembers

Susan Dever

Margaret Estrada

Don Suminaga

Barry Waite

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. Please contact:

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24300 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717
or call
325-7110.

New City Hall Employee

The new voice you will hear when you call City Hall belongs to Teresa Vallejo. Teresa has been with the city since the beginning of January and a resident of Lomita for 16 years. Along with greeting visitors, her responsibilities include acting as secretary to the Public Safety Commission, coordinating meetings, greeting the public in person and on the phone, composing letters and reports along with other administrative duties.

Before coming to Lomita, Teresa worked for 15 years for the Marriott International Hotels as a Sales Representative . Prior to this, she was an Administrative Assistant for Pacific Harbor Christian School.

Much of her free time is spent with children and grandchildren, who also reside in Lomita.

Welcome to Lomita, Teresa!

Amelio Bello—Employee of the Year

Amelio Bello, Community Services Specialist, was selected as Employee of the Year 2006 for his excellent work ethic and professional demeanor. He started working for the city nearly 10 years ago as a part-time handyworker. Now his main focus is on the residential rehabilitation program which serves low income Lomitans. Amelio assists in the administration of the program, manages contractors and supports all other duties and functions of the Community Services Department.

Amelio lives in Wilmington with his wife and children. In his spare time, he enjoys salsa dancing and golf.



Disaster Communication System

Beginning March 19, 2007, the City of Lomita will join surrounding cities for bi-monthly ham radio testing.

These tests ensure that Emergency Operation Center radio communications in the South Bay area are operational during a disaster.

For further information, call Tracy Bonano at 310-325-7110, Ext. 151.

Legislative Officials currently serving Lomita

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| Don Knabe Steve Napolitano | County Board of Supervisors District Field Representative | 500 W. Temple St. , Suite 822 Los Angeles, CA 90012 825 Maple Ave. Rm. 150 Torrance, CA 90503 | 213-974-4444 213-626-6941 Fax 310-322-3015 310-320-4058 Fax |
| Mike Lansing | L.A.U.S.D. School Board Member | 333 S. Beaudry Ave, 24th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 | 213-241-6385 213-241-8452 Fax |
| Ted Lieu | California State Assembly | 1700 E. Walnut, Suite 601 El Segundo, CA 90245 | 310-615-3514 310-615-3520 Fax |
| Jenny Oropeza | California State Senate | 2512 Artesia Blvd. Suite 200 Redondo Beach, CA 90278 | 310-318-6964 310-318-6733 Fax |
| Jane Harman | U.S. House of Representatives | 2321 E. Rosecrans Blvd, Suite 3270 El Segundo, CA 90245 | 310-643-3636 310-643-6445 Fax |
| Barbara Boxer | U.S. Senate | 312 N. Spring Street, Suite 1748 Los Angeles, CA 90012 | 213-894-5000 213-894-5042 Fax |
| Diane Feinstein | U.S. Senate | 11111 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite 915 Los Angeles, CA 90025 | 310-914-7300 310-914-7318 Fax |



Emergency Preparedness Training

Interested in learning about disaster response skills for home, business, and neighborhood emergency preparedness? Register now for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The three-part course, conducted by the L.A. County Fire Department, has been scheduled for February 24, March 3 and 10 from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. To register, email cert@lacofd.org or call 323-881-3064. For more information, contact Ken Blackwood at cc.blackwood@lomita.com.

Wanted:



The City is looking for people who would like to help with the upcoming Parade, the 5/10K Annual Run, the Founder's Day Fair, or at the Railroad Museum. The opportunities range from help with staging of the parade and the 5 & 10 K run, handing out water to runners, assisting with hospitality areas during the parade and Founders Day Fair; and much more. All interested parties should contact the Parks & Recreation at 310-326-0140 or by email at f.bilyeu@lomita.com.

The Railroad Museum is seeking individuals interested in becoming tour guides and/or guide assistants. We have numerous schools and scout groups that come through the museum on a steady basis and need help demonstrating and telling the story of the *Steam Locomotive Era* and other information. Also needed is a volunteer to conduct story time readings at the museum on Friday mornings. If you can help out, please contact Faith Bilyeu at 310-326-6255 or by email at f.bilyeu@lomita.com.

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539-1661
Lomita Park
326-0140
Railroad Museum
326-6255
Water Department
325-7114
Field Services
325-9830
Emergency Water Service
538-6370
Emergency Street and Tree Service
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 March 20, 6:30 PM **Parrots, Pirates, & Magic Oh My!**
An exciting stage show of large exotic performing parrots for kids of all ages.

Tuesday April 17, 6:30 PM **Come together at your library**
Celebrate National Library Week at the Lomita Library. We will be treated to readings from special guests. Refreshments will be served. All ages welcome.

April 21, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Children's Used Book and Used Video Sale**

May 5th at 1:00 PM **Golden Spike Day** (Children's Program) . To celebrate the Lomita Centennial and the completion of the railroads at Promontory Summit to unite the Continent in 1869. Children will receive a "ticket" to go from station to station, each representing a town on the railroads. There will be videos, crafts, door prizes, a raffle, and refreshments, all in keeping with the building and completion of the Continental Railroad.

Tuesday May 8, 6:30 PM **Native Beginnings** An interactive presentation of classic Native American stories specially designed for children attending grades K-5.

Tuesday May 15, 6:30 PM **A Window to the World** featuring Michael D. McCarty
Stories are included from different cultures and countries that give children a sense of the world in which we live. All ages welcome.

Earth Day 2007

Central Basin Municipal Water District and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts will host this free community-wide event promoting environmental awareness and education through hands-on activities for the entire family.

Earth Day 2007 will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 1955 Workman Mill Road in Whittier.

For more information, contact Valerie Howard (310)436-2652.

Large Item Trash Pickup

You may place your old appliances, furniture, carpets and oversized yard waste on the curb during the first week of April on your regular scheduled trash pickup day. This program is for residential lots with 5 or less units. Certain restrictions apply. For more information, please contact CalMet Services at (310) 212-3496.

