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Arts and Crafts

Health and Safety

No matter your age or level of interest, you will enjoy Lomita's big community event on

October 11 9 am— 3 pm in front of City Hall

Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Lomita Railroad Museum Foundation. Get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting local artists and artisans as well as the Lomita Railroad Museum. Demonstrations by artists and artisans, free art activities for kids of all ages (sponsored by Summer Studios Arts Academy), food, music and entertainment will round out the program. Ample parking and handicapped access. *Note to artists:* Booth spaces are still available for \$25 each. Call 534-1907 or 325-7110 to apply.

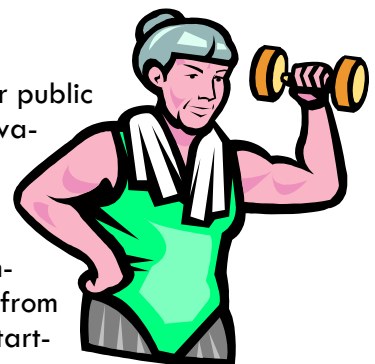
At the same location you can receive free health screening, learn more about safety, disaster and emergency preparedness, and free KidPrint ID. State, county and local government organizations will offer information on senior health issues.

The Friends of Lomita Library Book Sale will hold a book sale on the same date from 9 am until 2 pm in front of Lomita Library.

New Senior Walking Path at Lomita Park

The Senior Walking and Fitness Path opened on August 11 for public use. The path, which combines the benefits of walking with a variety of other outdoor physical fitness activities is approximately 1/4 mile in length and contains 10 different "LifeTrail" fitness stations designed to give the user an overall workout. The LifeTrail fitness stations have been developed in conjunction with gerontology, kinesiology and recreation experts from Penn State University. The Lomita Walking and Fitness Path starting area contains a cluster of five fitness stations consisting of a welcome station, lower body warm up, bench stepper, torso stability and an upper body warm up station, a shade structure and a drinking fountain. Moving through the path, the user will find five more fitness stations— standing push ups, forearm rolls, upper body stretch and strengthening, lower body stretch and a balance station.

Using the LifeTrail system is fun, social, great exercise and encourages active older adults to be outdoors and enhances their well being. So join the fun, come to Lomita Park and be fit!





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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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Donate your used vehicle to the Lomita Railroad Museum!

If you need to get rid of that old gas guzzler, RV, or even a scooter, boat or dune buggy, you can now donate it to the Lomita Railroad Museum. It's all quick and easy. Just call 877-537-5277 and speak to a friendly representative at Charitable Auto Resources, our partner in this program. They will take all of your information and then arrange a convenient appointment to pick-up your donation for free. Once your vehicle has sold, they'll send you your tax information.

Your donation will help expand the museum's educational programs, protect artifacts and ensure that the museum will be here for the enjoyment of future generations. So when you have a vehicle to donate, pick-up the phone and make the easy call to 877-537-5277 and say that you want to donate to the Lomita Railroad Museum!

Did you know?

... that the City of Lomita participates in many regional organizations, such as the South Bay Council of Governments, Contract Cities Association, the League of California Cities, West Basin Municipal Water District, and the South Bay Economic Development Partnership. For a complete list of organizations and the Councilmembers representing Lomita, go to www.lomita.com, click on City Officials, then click on Organizational Assignments for Councilmembers.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

are needed to deliver meals to homebound Lomita Seniors. Sign up to be a driver or rider for at least one shift per week from 11:30 am until 1 pm.

Please call 310-542-3434 for more information.

Water Saving Tips for the Summer Months

Recent dry conditions and wild fires all over the state have made it imperative that everyone does their part to conserve water. Here are some water conservation tips:

Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on the grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it does not need water. Set your sprinkler for more days between watering, or water with a hose. Saves up 1500 gallons per month.

Water yard before 8 am to reduce evaporation. Saves up to 750 galls/month

Mulch! Save hundreds of gallons per year by using organic mulch around plants

Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket to soap down the car and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 1,200 gallons per month for two cars.

Capture tap water. While waiting for the hot water to come down the pipe, catch the flow and use to water house plants or garden. Saves 200—300 gals/month.

Water is our most valuable resource. Every drop counts. If everyone does just a little, we all benefit. Please do your share.

Beautify your garden and learn how to make it water efficient on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 9 am – Noon in a FREE Water-Wise Landscape workshop hosted by the City of Lomita and West Basin Municipal Water District. The workshop will be held in the Upstairs Commission Room in City Hall located at 24300 Narbonne Ave. To register send an email to a.heideman@lomitacity.com or call 310-325-7110, ext. 138 by October 22.



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

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
Alpine Angels	1735 W Pacific Coast Hwy	Consignment	539-0339
Rami Medical Dental Supply	25835 Narbonne Ave #200 F	Medical/Dental Supplies	686-6874
The Communications Manager	2043 Palos Verdes Dr North	Answering Service	626-6100
Alk Management Company	25835 Narbonne Ave #235B	Property Management	539-2500
Amigo Investment	26314 Western Ave #100	Import & Export	534-4600
Rolling Hills Liquor Market	2413 Pacific Coast Hwy	Liquor Store	257-1288
Beland Tax and Notary	24309 Narbonne Ave #101	Tax, Notary, Wedding Planning, Photo	325-3930
Lomita Shell	2477 W Lomita Blvd	Gas Station/Food Mart	534-2809

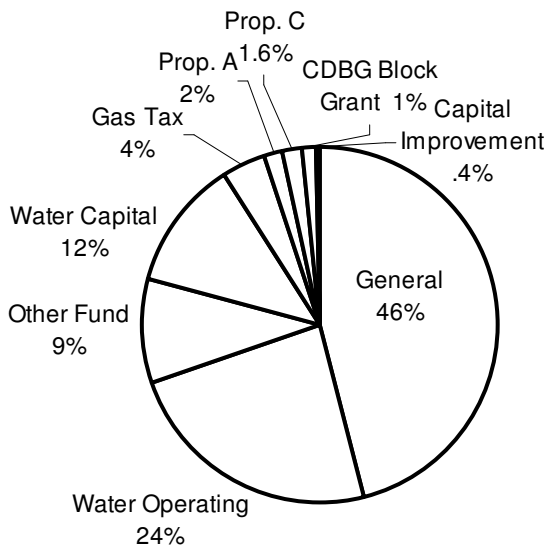
City of Lomita Approves Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget

The City Council approved the 2008-2009 Budget at their June 16, 2008 meeting. The total budget appropriation is \$24,039,927; comprised of \$13,339,698 in operating funds; \$288,526 in interfund transfers and subsidies; and \$10,411,703 in capital improvement projects. Key items include:

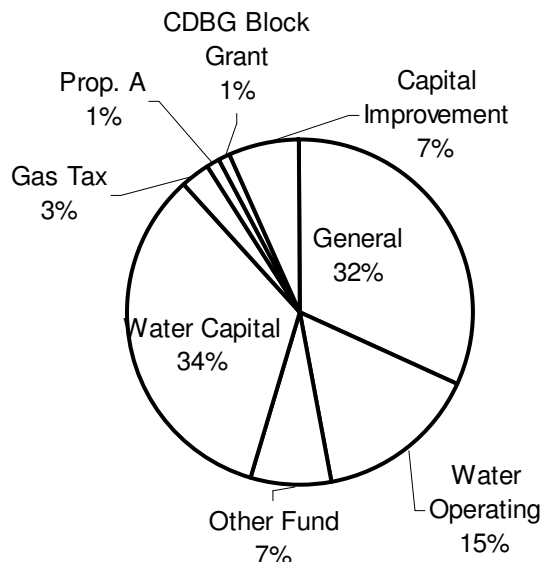
- 4.8% Contract Increase for L.A. County Sheriff Department
- 3% Salary Increase for City Employees
- \$1.2 million for Street Rehabilitation Projects
- \$5.6 million for Cypress Reservoir
- \$2 million for Water Main Replacement

The revenues for the FY 2008-2009 Budget total \$16,173,827; of which \$14,257,210 is operating funds; \$1,886,617 water capital fund; and \$30,000 capital improvement fund. The city has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the third consecutive year by the Government Finance Officers Association.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET
TOTAL REVENUES BY FUND - \$16,173,827



FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND - \$24,039,927





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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

**Emergency Park
Maintenance**
597-6430

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.

“Take me out to the Ball Game” - Lomita Night at the Ball Park

Friday, August 22nd - **Angels vs. Minnesota Twins**
\$25 (incl. ticket and transportation) Bus check-in 4:30 pm at Lomita Park

Friday, Sept. 5th - **Dodgers vs. Diamondbacks**
\$20 (incl. ticket and transportation) Bus check-in 5 pm at Lomita Park
Call 326-0140 for more info. Reserve tickets early—limited seating

Lomita Presents: *Movies under the Stars*

Ratatouille September 19 at 8:30 pm in front of City Hall
Bring your pillow, blanket and enjoy this last movie in the summer series!
Refreshments available—proceeds from sales benefit Lomita Railroad Museum

Large Item Trash Pickup

You may place your old appliances, furniture, carpets and oversized yard waste on the curb during the first full week of October 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.



Emergency Preparedness Training

Interested in learning about disaster response skills for home or 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 September 27, October 4 and 11 from 9 am - 4:30 pm at City Hall.

To register, call 326-7110 ext. 141 or email t.vallejo@lomitcity.com.

Class size is limited—enroll today!

Ongoing events at the Lomita Railroad Museum

Story Time Train every Friday morning from 9:15 until 10:30 am aboard the Yellow Caboose. Listen to stories and songs about trains, Thomas the Tank, and other tales.

Lecture Series— Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 2008 at 7 pm, El Camino Professor Emily Rader will talk about Helen Hunt Jackson’s novel, **Ramona**, the story of a Scottish/Native American orphan girl growing up in Southern California.

Contact the museum at 326-6255 for information on future lecturers and topics. The museum is located on 2137 W. 250th Street and open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 10 am until 5 pm.