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City Breaks Ground for new 5 Million Gallon Water Reservoir

October 30, 2008 marked the official groundbreaking ceremony for Lomita’s long awaited Cypress Reservoir Replacement Project. The project will replace the existing Cypress Street Reservoir. The new reservoir has a storage capacity of 5.0 million gallons. This translates into the equivalent of two days of average water usage or seven days of emergency conservation mode usage.

Construction is scheduled to be substantially completed by June, 2010. The Cypress Reservoir Replacement Project also includes the rehabilitation of Well No. 5 and construction of a treatment facility to improve quality production of groundwater which will eventually be pumped and stored in the new reservoir.

Lomita City Councilmembers breaking ground for the new Cypress Street Water Reservoir

Coming Soon - Live Video Streaming of City Council Meetings

Lomita residents will soon be able to see City Council meetings live on the internet and watch replays of all or part of these meetings at their convenience through a link on the city’s web site lomita.com/cityhall. The new on-line video streaming service, available live 24 hours a day is powered by Granicus, Inc., a San-Francisco based government webcasting company. It is anticipated that the system will be up and running in late January of 2009.

The Lomita City Council meets on the first and third Monday of every month at 7 pm. The archived video of the meeting will be available by 2 pm the next day and remain accessible indefinitely.

The City Council has implemented this new technology in order to improve public access and expand the reach of public meeting broadcasts to everyone, beyond the limits of cable boundaries and prescheduled programming. Council meetings will still broadcast on Cable TV Channel 26 on Thursdays and Saturdays at 11 am and 2 pm.



City Council and City Staff wish all Lomita residents and business owners a safe and joyous Holiday Season.



City Officials

Mayor

Susan Dever

Councilmembers

Ken Blackwood
Margaret Estrada
Don Suminaga
Barry Waite

City Manager

Tom Odom

City Clerk

Dawn Tomita

2008 ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY REPORT

At the Council meeting of November 17, outgoing Mayor Estrada presented the State of the City Address. Here are some highlights of last year's accomplishments:

- Public safety continues to be the highest priority
- 149 residents received CERT training which will be invaluable in case of a disaster
- Automated License Plate Recognition software has been installed in two patrol cars
- A sexual offender ordinance has been passed prohibiting registered sex offenders from residing less than 2000 feet of any school or park
- First annual Disaster Preparedness and Health Fair was a great success
- The Parks and Recreation Department, in addition to classes and leisure activities participated in the following events: 5 K run/walk, Founders' Day, Mayor's Second Annual Golf Tournament, Health and Art Fair
- Senior Walking Path at Lomita Park was constructed
- Water conservation has been an important issue for the city, resulting in policy changes, public information campaigns and workshops
- A Public Financing Authority was created to raise the capital needed for water system improvements
- Video streaming of Council meetings to provide greater access and transparency
- Completed Phase II of the Slurry Seal Program and initiated five year water line replacement and street improvement program
- Obtained a \$873,00 Safe Routes to School Grant
- Replaced paper vouchers with swipe cards for the dial-a-ride program
- Secured contract for a Capital Improvement Project at Lomita Manor
- Adopted a mixed-use ordinance to encourage development in Downtown area

For the complete text of this address, go to lomita.com/cityhall and click on "City Officials" or pick up a paper copy at City Hall.

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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A Note of Caution

The City of Lomita only collects payments for water bills and business licenses during regular business hours. The city never makes after hour phone calls requesting payments or credit card information over the phone. Therefore, do not, under any circumstances provide personal information or credit card numbers over the phone to anyone claiming to be a city employee.

Also beware of phone scams and dishonest home repair businesses that have been reported in the city. These scams often target the elderly. Be very cautious who you allow access to your home and guard your personal information (credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc) carefully.

Important Notice to Dial-a-Ride Clients

The new swipe cards are here and ready to go! Come down to City Hall to pick up your new personalized swipe card and exchange your yellow vouchers for ride credits towards your account. Once the swipe card is activated, your credits can be used immediately.

Dial-a-Ride vouchers will be valid until December 31, 2008. Starting January 1, 2009, taxicab drivers will only accept the swipe card for Dial-a-Ride calls, and under no circumstances will they accept the yellow vouchers. Refunds for vouchers will be given between January 2nd through January 30th by appointment only.

Please contact the Community Services Department at (310) 325-7110, ext. 102 or ext. 118.



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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
Janeth L. Chaux DDS Inc	1834 Pacific Coast Hwy	Dental Office	326-5183
Chinese Wok	2065 Palos Verdes Dr N	Restaurant	534-0044
Marina Raikhel MD	25043 Narbonne Ave	Medical Office	373-8120
Body Oasis Day Spa	2251 Lomita Blvd	Day Spa	316-6556
Lure Designs	26101 S Western Ave	Embroidery	534-1088
The White Peacock	1741 Pacific Coast Hwy #B	Retail/Clothing	502-0091
Rancho Lomita Preschool	2155 W 240th Street	Preschool	534-0020
Caique JiuJitsu Academy	24825 Narbonne Ave	Martial Arts	618-8149
Sunshine Beauty Salon	1886 Lomita Blvd	Hair Salon	n/a
99 Cent Only Store	2159 Pacific Coast Hwy	Retail	257-8017

Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Lomita will host a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Household hazardous waste includes paint, glue, pesticides, oil (including used motor oil), solvents, cleansers, old medicine, and car and dry-cell batteries. Improper disposal of these materials pollutes the City and endangers children, pets and wildlife.

Remember: There is a 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 explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, trash or tires will be accepted

Household Medical Waste

As of September 1, 2008, "sharps" must be disposed of properly either at a SAFE (Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics) Collection Center or a Household Hazardous Waste collection event. Household Sharps are defined as items with a sharp tip (hypodermic needles, pen needles, lancets, syringes or any other device with a sharp tip) that penetrates the skin for blood tests or self injections.

Remember, trash is handled by people at recycling facilities and landfills. Sharps carelessly thrown in the trash can injure and infect workers.

Call 1-888-CLEANLA or log onto www.888CleanLA to find a SAFE center or a collection event near you.

Ongoing events at the Railroad Museum

Lecture Series "Life and Times of Phineas Banning" by Ms. Tara Fansler, Curator at the Banning Museum
Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 7:00pm

Please save the date and attend an exciting evening about early history of L.A. County, specifically within the South Bay and the Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad system. The event is free to both museum members and non-members. Call 326-6255 to make reservation or to obtain additional information about future lectures.

West Nile Virus Alert

West Nile virus (WNV) causes a potentially serious illness transmitted by mosquitoes that feed on infected birds. When humans and other mammals are bitten by infected mosquitoes they may also become infected with WNV. Most persons infected with the virus will not become ill. However, for the small number who do become sick, symptoms can include fever, headache, rash, muscle weakness, nausea and vomiting.

For the latest information go to www.lapublichealth.org

To report dead birds call 1-877-747-2243

Free Toy Loan Program

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Social Services. Eligible are Lomita residents ages 4—10. Children are allowed to borrow toys from the Toy Loan Center in the same manner in which they borrow books from the Library. The Toy Loan Center will operate out of the Lomita Recreation Center on Thursdays from 10 am until noon. For more information call Raquel Temblador at 326-0140.



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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

**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.

The Perfect Holiday Gift for family, friends and neighbors!



Lomita... A century remembered
From Barley to Barnyards to Boulevards
2nd edition **Only \$23 per copy**

Contains Lomita's story in over 200 pages of pictures and text, personal accounts, newspaper articles, maps and more.

You can purchase this popular history book at the following locations:

- Corner Print&Copy, 2204 Lomita Blvd.
- Lomita Mail Car, 2017 Lomita Blvd.
- This and That Gifts, 25004 Narbonne
- Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne
- Lomita Railroad Museum, 2137 250th St.

Brighten a Child's Holiday!

Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years) to City Hall between the hours of 7:30 am and 5 pm Monday—Thursday.

Gift certificates from local merchants are welcome. The last day to drop off your donation is December 17.

Toys will be distributed to local families in need.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 5th at 6:00pm
Lomita City Hall
Outdoor Amphitheater
Music, refreshments
Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus



For this year's Santa Sleigh Schedule, check cable channel 26 or our website lomita.com/cityhall, and go to events.



Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Between December 26, 2008 and January 16, 2009 you can place your Holiday 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.
- ◆ Cut trees into four to five foot sections.
- ◆ Flocked trees will also be picked up.

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

For more information call CALMET at 310-212-3496.