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Lomita voters elect three new Councilmembers

18.3% of registered voters cast their ballots to fill three council seats; 984 voted at the polls, 822 by mail, and there were 61 provisional ballots. Official results of all votes tallied for each of the six candidates are:

Tim King	1040
James R. Gazeley	963
Margaret Estrada	887
James P. Thompson	884
John J. Roehm	675
VJ Hirsch	432

Newly elected Councilmember King served on the City Council from 1997 until 2005; Mr. Gazeley served on the Planning and Parks Commission and Ms. Estrada has been on the City Council since 1995 with a break from 2003—2005.

At their meeting of November 16, the City Council elected Don Suminaga as Mayor and Ken Blackwood as Mayor pro Tem for 2009/10.

Thank you, Barry and Susie

A heartfelt "Thank you" to outgoing Councilmembers Susan Dever and Barry Waite for their many years of service to the community.

Susan Dever, an educator, has been involved with the city for 18 years, serving on many of the city's boards and commissions. She was first elected in 2001 and presided as Mayor in 2004 and 2009. During her term Dr. Dever served as liaison to both Railroad Museum Boards and represented Lomita on the South Bay Council of Governments, the California Contract Cities Association and the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Workforce Investment Network Policy Board.

Barry Waite, economic development manager, served on the Planning Commission and the Community Development Advisory Board prior to his election in 2005. During his term, Barry represented the city with the League of California Cities and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the South Bay Economic Development Partnership.

Both have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to represent this community and especially appreciate the support and good wishes they received at the end of their terms.

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



City Officials

Mayor

Don Suminaga

Councilmembers

Ken Blackwood
Margaret Estrada
Jim Gazeley
Tim King

Interim

City Manager

John Jalili

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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Visit Lomita's Drought Tolerant Garden!

The City's Drought Tolerant Garden, located at 26255 Appian Way was officially dedicated on October 23, 2009. The City was awarded a \$10,000 grant from West Basin Municipal Water District to redesign the landscape of a median to reduce water usage by 50% and completely eliminate runoff from the site.

Previously, the site consisted primarily of grass, which has a high water consumption rate and requires significant maintenance. The new garden has drought tolerant plants, many of them California natives, which require less water and less maintenance than grass. Additionally, a new irrigation controller and new bubblers were installed for further water savings. Overall, the site uses approximately 90% less water than was previously consumed and completely eliminates water runoff onto the street.

The plants, identified by signs along the meandering path, are affordable and available at local nurseries. Come visit the garden and get ideas on how you can save water by creating a beautiful drought tolerant landscape in your own yard!

2009 Annual State of the City Report

At the Council meeting of November 16, 2009, outgoing Mayor Dever presented the State of the City Address. The city has been impacted by this unprecedented economic crisis and felt the impact of the recession. Lower sales tax revenues and continued state borrowing/taking of local government resources have hampered our ability to effectively deliver public services. Here are some highlights of last year's accomplishments.

- Adopted an ordinance to create a comprehensive city water management and conservation plan.
- Adopted an ordinance prohibiting registered sex offenders from residing within 200 feet of a school, park or place where children frequently gather.
- Implemented video streaming and archiving of City Council meetings to provide additional access for city residents via the web.
- Fully implemented the voucher conversion to a "swipe card" system to better manage the Dial-A-Ride program.

By the numbers:

- Removed 1,318 incidents of graffiti on private and public property;
- Completed approximately 1,000,000 square feet of slurry seal on public streets; repaired 997 potholes and completed 62 repairs to damaged sidewalks, driveway aprons, curbs and gutters.
- Provided 1,219 responses to customer service requests such as water leaks.

The Cypress Reservoir construction is over 75% complete. It is anticipated that the reservoir will be operational in early 2010 and provide the city with reserves sufficient for 5—7 days even in case of a major disaster.

The City is slated to receive approximately \$623,000 in federal stimulus funding. These funds will be used to reconstruct Walnut Street from PCH to Ebony Lane. Extensive water line replacements are also scheduled for the summer of 2010.

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.

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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
UPPERCUT LOMITA	25600 NARBONNE AVE	BARBER SHOP	539-2720
AM. INTEGRATIVE PHARMACY	1852 LOMITA BLVD # 204	PHARMACY	847-9330
LOMITA LAUNDRY	1803 W LOMITA BLVD	LAUNDROMAT	326-3584
RENAISSANCE TOURS	24705 NARBONNE AVE #101	DANCING & TOURS	971-7926
ASCENDANCE BALLROOM	24205 NARBONNE AVE 203/204	DANCE STUDIO	293-2954
M & B MEDICAL SUPPLY	25835 NARBONNE AVE #280B	MEDICAL/RETAIL	920-6714
EARTHLY TOUCH	24248 CRENSHAW BLVD #219	HEALING CENTER	600-2616
DANIELS MEXICAN FOOD	1817 PACIFIC COAST HWY	RESTAURANT	424-263-4737
ROZINA'S JUST BEAUTY	1812 PACIFIC COAST HWY	BEAUTY SALON	530-4300
BAY PET GROOMING	25626 NARBONNE AVE	ANIMAL SERVICES	891-0034
LOMITA DINER	2387 LOMITA BLVD.	RESTAURANT	539-3707
SEW AND SO	25004 NARBONNE AVE	SEWING CLASSES/FULL SERVICE SEAMSTRESS	257-0098

Don't become a victim!!

Some of the most common crimes reported by the Lomita Sheriff Station are those involving theft from vehicles. Here are some safety tips that will prevent you from becoming a victim:

- Always lock your car and keep the windows rolled up
- Do not leave purses, iPods, laptops, cameras or other valuables in plain view
- Park in well lit areas
- Don't leave the engine running when you're not inside the vehicle
- Do not keep original ownership papers inside the car.

Brag about your bag

On December 5th between 10 am and 2 pm bring five plastic bags to the Ralphs Supermarket located at 24911 Western Ave. to receive a FREE reusable bag. The City of Lomita is participating in Los Angeles County's "Brag About Your Bag" campaign. Each year Los Angeles County residents use six billion plastic bags. This is equivalent to 600 plastic bags per person per year! The City is encouraging residents to recycle their single-use bags and choose reusable bags as the environmentally conscious option. For more information about the Los Angeles County "Brag About Your Bag" campaign please visit www.bragaboutyourbag.com.



for the Holidays!

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up

The City of Lomita will host a Household Hazardous Waste Round-up at the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, December 12, 2009 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, tires and car and dry-cell batteries as well as electronic waste (computer monitors, TVs, printers, cell phones, etc. 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.



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Important Numbers

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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.



Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Between December 28, 2009 and January 15, 2010 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 or wrap 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 info call CALMET at 310-212-3496.



Brighten a Child's Holiday!

Please bring unwrapped new toys for children (birth to 16 years) to City Hall between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday through 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 4 at 6 pm

Lomita City Hall
Outdoor Amphitheater

Join us for music, refreshments, a visit from Santa and performances by local schools and community groups.



Santa is coming to Lomita

Santa's Sleigh will make the following stops between 5:30 and 9 pm

Friday, Dec. 4 North of Lomita Blvd. from Narbonne Ave. to Lucille Ave.

Saturday, Dec. 5 South of Lomita Blvd. Pennsylvania Ave., Saddleview Rd., Esther View Rd. area.

Sunday, Dec. 6 Area of Lucille Ave., Cypress St., Feijoa and Moon Sts.

Friday, Dec. 11 Narbonne Ave., Woodward Ave. and Oak St.

Saturday, Dec. 12 Eshelman Ave. (from Torrance border) including area around 262nd and 263rd Sts.

Sunday, Dec. 13 Walnut St.(PCH to Torrance border) and streets off of Western Ave.

For more information, please call
(310)539-1661