



Fall 2010
September

Volume 20
Number 3



Printed on
recycled paper

In this issue

- Rooming Houses 2
- Golf Tournament..... 2
- New businesses 3
- FY 2010/11 Budget 3
- Water Rate Study 3
- Green Website3
- Large Item Pickup 4
- Dial-A-Ride 4
- Lomita Presents4
- 9-11 Memorial4
- Library Hours4

Lomita’s New Water Well and Reservoir Increase Water Reliability

In July the Department of Health Resources approved Lomita’s newly constructed 5 million gallon reservoir and reconditioned groundwater well.

By pumping its own groundwater (the city owns water pumping rights to meet nearly half the annual demand for water in the city) Lomita has more independence and reliability than relying solely on external supply sources. Although there has not been an interruption of imported water supply, if one were to occur in the future, the city’s well and reservoir should keep residents in potable water for several days or even longer with water use restrictions. Also, should drought conditions continue and imported water supplies be restricted, Lomita residents will be in a better position than those without ground water.



The city began testing the facility in May and expects the reservoir to be in full production by mid-August.

If you have questions about the City’s water supply or operations, contact the Public Works Department at 310-325-9830.

Lomita Presents: Free Concert in the Park

The City of Lomita is proud to present

Fantastic Diamond—an incredible live tribute show that takes the audience through a musical journey of Neil Diamond’s greatest hits. Performed by vocalist Kevin Hogan and five talented musicians.

Friday, October 8, 2010
7 p.m. at Lomita Park
24428 Eshelman Avenue





City Officials

Mayor

Don Suminaga

Councilmembers

Ken Blackwood
Margaret Estrada
Jim Gazeley
Tim King

City Manager/City Clerk

Dawn Tomita

City Newsletter to Inform Community

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

Your comments and suggestions are welcome.
Please contact:

Monika Martinez
Newslines Editor
Lomita City Hall
310-325-7110
24300 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita, CA 90717

Ordinance Alert—Rooming Houses

The Lomita City Council adopted new Rooming House regulations at its June 7th, 2010 Council meeting.

This ordinance only permits “Rooming Houses” in the RVD (Multi-Family) Zone. If you have a dwelling unit in the A-1 or R-1 zone and are renting the same dwelling to three or more individuals under separate oral or written rental lease agreements, your dwelling falls under the definition of a “Rooming House” and you must immediately register your rooming house with the Lomita Community Development Department.

After June 1, 2011, the following restrictions apply to dwelling units in the A-1 and R-1 Zones:

- Dwelling units cannot have more than two lease agreements in effect for the same property at the same time.
- Existing Rooming Houses may allow existing leases to expire until July 7, 2011.
- Existing Rooming House operations may enter into new leases between June 1, 2010 and December 1, 2010, provided that the new leases cannot last longer than six months.
- Existing Rooming House operations shall not enter into any new rental leases after December 1, 2010.
- Existing Rooming Houses may not operate in the A-1 and R-1 Zones after June 1, 2011.

If you want more information or need to register your rooming house, please contact Alicia Heideman, Principal Planner, at 310-325-7110 extension 122 or via email at a.heideman@lomitacity.com.

4th Annual Golf Classic & Mayor’s Cup



The 4th annual golf tournament was held on July 30th at the Lakewood Country Club. Participation by over 90 golfers and donations from the sponsors named below enabled the golf committee to raise funds for the junior golf program, the teen program and the summer basketball camp offered through Lomita Park.

A big THANK YOU to the following sponsors and others who donated raffle prizes and items for the gift bags. We could not have done this without you!!!

Calmet Services Inc, Supervisor Don Knabe, Ron’s Body Shop, First California Bank, SSC Construction, Frank Scotto Towing, Jenkins & Hogin, Dave Breiholz, the City Council, Dickson Company, Richards, Watson & Gershon, West Basin Municipal Water, Golden State Water Co., Smith’s Cycle, Lee’s Tires, Baja Fish Gear, Service Center, Paul’s Autohouse, Tetra Tech, Zdonek & Wolowicz, Ed Alexander, Kobata Associates, Yellow Cab of South Bay, Rusher Air, DYK Inc, Smith’s Lock & Key, Bennie Ruiz DDS, Carpet Spectrum, A-1 Office Concepts, South Bay Lexus, Goose Creek Golf Club, Harry’s Smokehouse BBQ, Islands Restaurant, Trader Joes, Plaza Golf, Rubio’s Grill, Marie Callender’s, Roadrunner Sports, South Bay Triumph, Sam’s Club, Gary Sugano, Macaroni Grill, Paul Young, Michelle Rockholt, Lakewood Golf Course, Whole Foods Market, Pat Kromka, TischlerBise, Baja Fish Grill, Phillip York, Harbor Golf Practice Center, Dawn Tomita, Western Hills CC, Marriott Hotels Torrance and Anaheim, P.F. Chang’s and Andy’s Termite & Pest Control.

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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
AQUA BLUE	2266 LOMITA BLVD	WATER PURIFICATION COMPANY	800-791-8657
BURGER CITY GRILL	2064 PACIFIC COAST HWY	RESTAURANT	424-250-1240
HALLOWEEN ILLUSIONS	1929 PACIFIC COAST HWY	HALLOWEEN STORE	310-540-6522
HIGH FIVE MUSIC LEARNING CENTER	2209 LOMITA BLVD	MUSIC SCHOOL	310-377-3865
KAREN MILLER LAW OFFICE	24248 CRENSHAW BLVD #110-A	LAW OFFICE	310-802-1400
LUCY'S SPA	24017 NARBONNE AVE # G	NAILS, FACIALS, MASSAGE	310-923-9888
OAK STREET BOARD SHOP	2072 PACIFIC COAST HWY	RETAIL	310-325-0778
WATER GOURMET	1802 1/2 LOMITA BLVD	WATER STORE	310-325-3031

City of Lomita Approves Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget

The City Council unanimously approved a balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 at their June 21, 2010 meeting which included the following actions:

- Increased the General Fund Reserve from 45% to 47%
- Returned \$100,000 to the Equipment Replacement Fund
- Budgeted computer hardware and software upgrades in the amount of \$95,000
- Established a pay-as-you-go Street Improvement Fund of \$300,000

In addition, the City Council adopted the following changes to the Annual Budget:

- Reduced the subsidy to the Lomita Chamber of Commerce from \$30,000 to \$15,000
- Cancelled the 2010 Health and Safety Fair resulting in a savings of \$5,000
- Increased the City Attorney's monthly retainer by \$500/month
- Authorized staff to send out a Request for Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for web design services to update the City's website which would include an economic development component

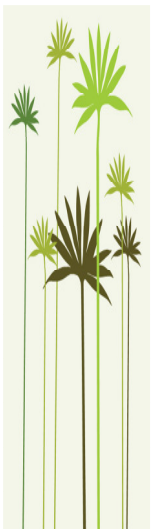
The total appropriations authorized by the FY 2010-2011 Annual Budget for all operating funds total \$14,512,116, and appropriations for all inter-fund transfers and subsidies total \$305,674. The total appropriations authorized by the FY 2010-2011 Budget for all capital improvement projects are \$5,733,509, for a grand total of \$20,551,299.



With the inception of groundwater production, operating costs of the city's water system may change. Although producing ground water is less costly than purchasing water, there will be certain costs associated with operating the new facilities in addition to anticipated increases for imported water. Moreover, the city needs to replace aging pipelines and water meters. In July the City Council approved a contract with the firm of TischlerBise to study and evaluate all the factors associated with operating the city's water system and to recommend changes to the existing water rate structure. Also considered will be the need to promote water conservation in the future. The study is expected to be completed in six months.

City Launched a New Green Website!

In order to communicate more effectively with residents and businesses about the City's environmental programs, the City has created a "green" website. The website is the perfect location for residents to find information about the City's environmental programs, projects and activities. Visit www.gogreenlomita.com to check out environmental projects and programs, such as the drought tolerant garden and the water-wise garden recognition program. It also will be a one-stop resource for residents and businesses to learn about rebates offered by various utilities and environmental workshops happening around the South Bay. Learn how you can start making a positive impact on the environment today by visiting www.gogreenlomita.com!





Community Education
PO Box 339 Lomita, CA 90717

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 100
LOMITA, CA
ECR-WSS

Attention Postal Patron



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.

LOMITA PRESENTS:

Movies under the Stars
On the front lawn at City Hall

Dress warmly, bring lawn chair, blankets,
and please leave your pet at home

Friday, August 27 at 8:30 p.m.
Disney's "UP"

Friday, September 24 at 8 p.m.
Disney's "The Princess and the Frog"

.....
Take the bus to Dodger Stadium
Dodgers vs. Colorado Rockies
Friday, September 17

Bus leaves Lomita Park at 5:45 p.m. and
returns at 11:45 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per person
Call 310-326-0140 to register

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 pro-
gram is for residential lots with 5 or
less units. Certain restrictions apply.
For more information, please contact
CalMet Services at (310)212-3496.



New Hours for Lomita Library

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Patriot's Day Memorial



Saturday, September 11
6:30 p.m.
On the front lawn of
Lomita City Hall

Please join us for a ceremony to pay
tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, 2001

**Dial-A-Ride / Dial-A-Taxi
Program Updates**

The City of Lomita Buy One Get One
(BOGO) Promotion for Dial-A-Ride /
Dial-A-Taxi participants has
ended. As of August 1, 2010 each
ride/trip will once again cost \$1.00.

The service area remains un-
changed. However, program admin-
istrators are working on a service
area expansion aimed at better serv-
ing the needs of participants.

For further information or to request
assistance through the program,
please contact the Community Ser-
vices Department at 310-325-7110
ext. 102 or 118.