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Lomita mourns the loss of Councilmember Tim King



Lomita Councilmember and retired LAPD police captain Tim King died on August 28 after a brief illness. His loss is mourned and deeply felt by many.

Tim and his wife of 35 years Valerie have lived in Lomita for the past 27 years.

Prior to his election to the City Council in 1997, he served on the gangs and graffiti committee and the safety commission. Mr. King was re-elected in 2001 and again in 2009. He served as Mayor in 1999/2000.

Mr. King was the founder/facilitator of SPIN (school principal/police information network) which was founded to create communication between schools and law enforcement with safer schools as a goal.

City Council appoints new Councilmember

At their meeting of October 4, 2010, the Lomita City Council appointed former Lomita Councilmember Ben Traina to serve the remaining term of Councilmember Tim King, which will end in 2013.

Mr. Traina was chosen from a field of seven applicants. He is a contracts manager with the Aerospace Corporation and served on the City Council from 1994 to 2001 and as Mayor in 1994/1995 and 1998/1999.



New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Elected

At their meeting of November 15, 2010 City Council chose Ken Blackwood as Mayor and Jim Gazeley as Mayor Pro Tem for 2010/2011.

State of the City Address



City Officials

Mayor

Ken Blackwood

Councilmembers

Margaret Estrada

Jim Gazeley

Don Suminaga

Ben Traina

City Manager/ City Clerk

Dawn Tomita

At the City Council meeting of November 15, outgoing Mayor Suminaga presented the State of the City Address. Here are some highlights:

- Times continue to be challenging for Lomita due to the state budget crisis and the overall state of the economy.
- Due to the fiscally conservative past practices of the City Council, the budget for 2010/11 is balanced.
- The city was able to pay back a good portion of the reserve and equipment replacement fund monies borrowed to balance the 2009/10 budget.
- After many years of planning, the city's new 5.3 million gallon water reservoir and treatment plant was completed earlier this year. The reservoir will be able to provide a minimum of 7 days emergency water supply for Lomita residents.
- Several public works projects totaling \$4 Million will start construction in 2011.
- The new gogreenlomita.com website provides information on the city's efforts to be green.
- All Lomita City Employees were trained in emergency procedures through the CERT program (Community Emergency Response Team).
- The city council adopted a water conservation ordinance.
- The city received a grant to develop a demonstration garden at City Hall to educate the public about drought tolerant plants.
- A pilot program for pro-active code enforcement addresses code violations and general cleanup in residential areas.
- The 4th Annual Golf Tournament was a great success and raised money for Jr. Golf and other recreation programs.
- For the fifth straight year the city has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The complete text of the State of the City Address is available at City Hall or online at lomita.com/cityhall.

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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If you see an abandoned shopping cart please call 800-252-4613 to schedule a pick up. This service will pick up any type of shopping cart from any retail store.

The City of Lomita is now on



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www.facebook.com/lomitacity

Water Conservation Ordinance

Don't forget that the City of Lomita has a water conservation ordinance, which must be adhered to even in the winter months. It includes the following conservation measures:

- Lawns may not be watered between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm.
- Watering to the point where excess water runs into the street or gutter is prohibited.
- Plumbing leaks must be fixed.
- Sidewalks, driveways and other areas may not be hosed down.
- Vehicles may only be washed using a hand-held bucket or hose equipped with a quick release shut off nozzle.
- Restaurants may only serve water upon request.

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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
FRISHTA AMALA CPA AND TAX SERVICES	2049 PACIFIC COAST HWY	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	833-1065
MERRY MAIDS	2040 PACIFIC COAST HWY # Q	CLEANING SERVICES	732-5880
NEW YORK TAILOR	24206 CRENSHAW BLVD	TAILORING/ALTERATIONS	891-3371
SAKURA VIDEO	2383 LOMITA BLVD #108	VIDEO STORE	325-0306
WENDY'S NAIL SPA	2150 PACIFIC COAST HWY	NAIL SALON	517-9132

Did you know that all licensed businesses with a physical address in Lomita are listed online? Go to lomita.com/cityhall and click on "local businesses". The list can be sorted by address, type of business or business name.

Lyme Disease and Ticks

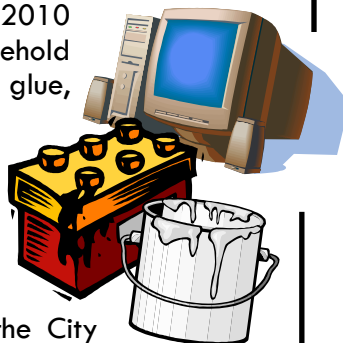
Ticks found in Santa Monica Mountains, Palos Verdes Peninsula and other rural areas carry the Lyme disease bacteria. The adult western black-legged tick is most active from late November through May.

More information on Lyme disease and other vector borne diseases can be found online at www.lawestvector.org.



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 11, 2010 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 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/boxes in the trunk of your car.

No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, trash or tires will be accepted.

Commissioners Wanted!

The City is looking for community-spirited volunteers to serve on various boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Public Safety and Traffic Commission
- Parks Commission
- Railroad Museum Board
- Railroad Museum Foundation Board
- Tree Commission

With the exception of the Museum Foundation, you must be a resident of Lomita and a registered voter to serve. In order to be considered for appointment by the City Council, you must submit a citizen service resume which can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded on our website lomita.com/cityhall.

Web Site Volunteer

At their meeting of October 18, the City Council honored Brad Duerre for 10 years of volunteer service maintaining the city website. Aside from regular site maintenance and updates, which takes countless hours, Brad also wrote the programs that display the city calendar, minutes and agendas, the business listing and more.

For the first few years Brad had help from Brad Miyasoto who still helps out occasionally. Brad continues to maintain the city website, even though he moved out of Lomita in 2003.

Thank you Brad for all you do for the city!



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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.



Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Between December 27, 2010 and January 14, 2011 you can place your holiday tree at the curb on your regular trash pickup day. Trees under 4 feet can be placed in the green waste cart.

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 3 at 6 pm

Lomita City Hall
Outdoor Amphitheater

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

**Holiday Schedule for
Lomita City Hall**

City Hall will be closed on
December 24 and 31

City Hall will be open from
7:30 a.m. until 12 noon
on December 23 and 30



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