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Visit Lomita's Demonstration Garden

The City's new Demonstration Garden, located at City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, is now open for viewing! The City was awarded a \$7,652 grant from West Basin Municipal Water District to redesign the landscape within the parking area that would reduce water usage by at least 50%.



The new garden consists of different species of beautiful drought tolerant plants, including many that are California natives, which require less water and less maintenance

than grass. The garden also has a "dry riverbed" which will percolate storm water run-off and each plant species has an identification sign. Species within the garden are readily available and affordable at local nurseries so that residents can easily transfer ideas into their own yards. Additionally, a new irrigation controller and new bubblers were installed for further water savings. Overall, the site uses approximately 70% less water than was previously consumed and completely eliminates water runoff onto the street. Come visit the garden and get ideas on how you can save water by creating a beautiful drought tolerant landscape in your own yard!

General Municipal Election

On November 8, the City of Lomita will hold a General Municipal Election to elect two Councilmembers for four year terms.

Between July 18 and August 12 qualified candidates may file nomination papers signed by at least 20 registered voters in the city. If one of the incumbents does not file for re-election, the filing period is extended to August 17 for non-incumbents. In order to run for City Council, you must be registered to vote in Lomita at the time the nomination papers are issued. Nomination papers may be picked up at the City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 310-325-7110 ext. 113.



City Officials

Mayor

Ken Blackwood

Councilmembers

Margaret Estrada
Jim Gazeley
Don Suminaga
Ben Traina

**City Manager/
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.

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Cypress Reservoir Update

On March 22 and April 27, 2011 the City Council held public workshops to discuss the status of the Cypress Street Reservoir, Treatment Plant and Well No. 5.

The 5.3 Million Gallon Cypress Street Reservoir and related facilities were constructed in June 2010. From June 2010 to September 2010, staff performed well start-up testing, shakedown, and troubleshooting for the 1500 Gallon per Minute well water treatment facility. During this testing period, staff received several water quality complaints regarding excessive water hardness and odor issues associated with the water from Well No. 5. Staff voluntarily placed the well offline to further investigate the water quality issues with Well No. 5.

Following further field investigation work performed by Staff, the City Council concluded that it is necessary to hire an outside independent consultant to perform a feasibility analysis of available options to address the water quality issues at the reservoir including Well No. 5. In the meantime, the entire facility will remain offline. The City's current water needs will be provided by MWD imported water until the facilities can be brought back online.

In the event of an unlikely water emergency, the City continues to rely on its existing 3 emergency water connections with the cities of Los Angeles and Torrance. In addition, the water well could also be used as a standby well in the event of an emergency to provide as-needed fire flow protection. The importance of having our own dedicated emergency water supply makes it imperative that the city does everything feasible to get the facilities online as soon as possible.

Public Safety and Traffic Commission to Consider Oversized Vehicle Ordinance

Residents are encouraged to visit the City Website to review the draft Oversized Vehicle Ordinance. If approved as proposed, specified vehicles would be prohibited from parking between 2 am and 6 am on public streets, unless displaying a valid permit, obtained from Lomita City Hall. It is anticipated that the Public Safety and Traffic Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on June 22 to receive testimony while considering the proposed ordinance.

For more information, please contact Community Services Analyst Dia Turner at (310) 325-7110 ext. 119 Mon - Thurs, (7:30 am - 5:30 pm), or alternating Fridays (8 am - 5 pm). Additional information regarding the draft ordinance as well as the Public Hearing Information will be posted to the city website at:

<http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/announcements/index.html>



Street Sweeping Parking Penalties Increase

Street Sweeping fines will soon increase to \$50, up from \$40 currently charged. This increase will cover the \$7.50 in additional fees the City must pay to the local Courthouse, as required by the State.

Most Lomita streets have signs posted prohibiting parking for 2 hours while the street sweeper passes through. Any vehicle parked in violation is subject to citation. Although the City Council approved the increase on May 2, 2011, \$50 tickets for street sweeping will not be issued until new citations are printed.

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (310) 325-7110 ext 102, 118 or 119.

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

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS TYPE	PHONE
ALKAPURO TORRANCE	2413 PACIFIC COAST HWY #103	WATER STORE	294-9890
ANGELUCK	24017 NARBONNE AVE #B	EVENT PLANNING	539-3838
BMH INSURANCE	1737 PACIFIC COAST HWY	INSURANCE BROKER	534-1750
BOB'S MANUFACTURED HOMES	1737 PACIFIC COAST HWY	REAL ESTATE	534-1750
BOLTON ENGINEERING CORP	25834 NARBONNE AVE #210	ENGINEERING	325-5580
DAIRY'S FLOWERS	25318 NARBONNE AVE	FLORIST	530-1009
DANCE MARK STUDIOS	24825 S WESTERN AVE	DANCE STUDIO	530-3400
GANDSE HOME HEALTH CARE INC.	26302 S WESTERN AVE #4	HEALTH CARE SERVICES	344-5924
MAY BEAUTY SALON	1851 PACIFIC COAST HWY	BEAUTY SALON	325-8319
SOUTH BAY FRESH PRODUCE	2116 PACIFIC COAST HWY	PRODUCE	326-1038
SOUTH BAY MUFFLER	24406 CRENSHAW BLVD	AUTO REPAIR	530-1350
SO BAY TRIUMPH, ROYAL ENFIELD, NORTON	2300 PACIFIC COAST HWY	MOTORCYCLE SALES	784-7663
YAMI TEAHOUSE	24705 NARBONNE AVE #101	TEA HOUSE	326-2650

Arbor Day Celebration



On April 22 members of the City Council, the Lomita Tree Commission, the South Bay Lions Club, city staff and the community at large gathered to celebrate Arbor Day/Earth Day. Three beautiful Cherry trees were planted in front of City Hall. The trees were donated by the South Bay Lions Club. *Thank you South Bay Lions!*

Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Did you know that it is unsafe and illegal to throw some items in the trash? Hazardous waste is any discarded material that threatens public health, safety, and the environment due to its chemical nature. Hazardous waste includes paint and solvents, used motor oil, anti-freeze and other automotive fluids, pool and garden chemicals, aerosol cans, medicines, and all types of batteries.

The nearest permanent drop-off location for hazardous waste, as well as electronic waste is the Gaffey Street S.A.F.E. Center, 1400 Gaffey Street in San Pedro, Tel. 1-800-988-6942. This location also accepts E-Waste (computers, printers, monitors, etc.).

The Center is open from 9 am to 3 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Celebrate at the Railroad Museum!

Looking for a special place to have a birthday party, family reunion, company picnic or other special event? Consider the Railroad Museum Annex Park located at 250th Street and Woodward Ave. as a quaint and unique backdrop for your next special occasion. Our beautifully crafted museum is modeled after a Victorian style passenger depot and filled with authentic railroad memorabilia.



Contact the Railroad Museum at 310-326-6255 for more information or to book a school or group tour.



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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.

Low Cost Animal Vaccination Clinic

The City of Lomita and the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control will conduct a low-cost vaccination clinic on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the parking lot at the rear of Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

Dogs:		Cats:	
DHPP	\$15	FVRCP	\$15
Bordetella	\$12	FELV	\$17
Rabies	\$10	Rabies	\$10
Lyme	\$22	Rabies (Purevax)	\$20
Microchipping	Free	Microchipping	\$28
		(Includes AVID registration)	

Pet registration is also available. Please be sure to bring proof that your pet was spayed or neutered to receive the reduced license rate.

PLEASE NOTE: Dogs must be on a leash adequate to safely control the animal. For further information please call 310-325-7110 ext. 119.

Library News

The Summer Reading Program at Lomita Library begins on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 6 pm with Jeff The Great, Juggler and Magician in **Jeffery the Great's World of Magic Show.**

On July 23, 2011 at 1 pm you can join **Drum Circles: Let's Work Together.**

For further information please contact the Lomita Library at (310) 539-4515.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Lomita Sister City Association will hold a Fund-raiser spaghetti dinner on June 11 at 6:30pm at the Tom Rico Center at Lomita Park. Call 310-539-1399 to purchase tickets (\$8 prior to June 3, \$10 after June 3).

Golf Tournament

The 5th Annual City of Lomita Golf Classic and Mayor's Cup will be held on July 29, 2011, at 1 pm at the Lakewood Golf Course, 3101 Carson Street in Lakewood. Pick up an entry form at City Hall or go online to lomita.com/cityhall.

Last year's tournament was a great success, raising over \$10,000 to support the City's youth programs.



Fireworks Ban

The discharge of fireworks within the City of Lomita is strictly prohibited and punishable by a fine up to \$500. The City has a zero tolerance policy and will prosecute violators. Fireworks present a high risk of injury to humans, danger of fires, and leave behind a toxic residue.

