

# Lomita

NEWSLETTER

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**FALL 2020**





## LOMITA CITY COUNCIL

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**Mayor Pro Tem** .....Mark Waronek

**Council Member** .....Cindy Segawa

**Council Member** .....Henry Sanchez, Jr.

**Council Member** ..... Michael Savidan



## Online Payments Accepted for Water Bills

Paying your water bill just got easier. The City of Lomita has upgraded its accounting software and is now able to accept online payments for water bills.

To sign-up visit  
[www.lomitawater.com](http://www.lomitawater.com)  
and click on the  
"Online Bill Payment" tab.

# Lomita Recognized for LiftUpLomita Programs

The City of Lomita was recently recognized in the League of California Cities Newsletter for our LiftUpLomita efforts. The League is an association of 482 member cities within the State of California which advocates for cities at the state capitol.

Over 300 care packages containing water, paper goods, face coverings and other items have been delivered so far. If you are a resident or business owner in the City of Lomita and you are in need of these items, please continue to email us at [LiftUpLomita@lomitacity.com](mailto:LiftUpLomita@lomitacity.com) and we will assist in getting you these items.

To read the full article from the League, visit <https://www.cacities.org/> and click on "Local Works" under the Member Engagement tab and look for "'Lift Up Lomita' Campaign Celebrates Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

We encourage everyone to visit our LiftUpLomita page <https://lomitacoronavirus.info/liftuplomita/> for information on how to get involved and to submit your positive stories of Lomita Lifting Up Lomita!

**CA Cities ADVOCATE**  
News & Events from the League of California Cities

June 10, 2020

**#LocalWorks**

**"Lift Up Lomita" Campaign Celebrates Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

The City of Lomita, known to its residents as "The Friendly City," prides itself on being a place where neighbors help neighbors. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the city launched a campaign called "Lift Up Lomita" in hopes of amplifying and multiplying the grassroots acts of neighborliness. [Read](#)

**Access Statewide Park Program Funding to Build Park Space**

Eight out of 10 cities project cuts to parks and recreation services due to revenue shortfalls stemming from the economic impacts of COVID-19. Through the Statewide Park Program, \$395 million will be available to create parks and recreation opportunities in

**2021 City Managers Conference Call for Proposals Now Open**

The League is soliciting session proposals and speakers for the 2021 City Managers Conference, scheduled Feb. 3-5 in Carlsbad. The conference sessions provide great opportunities to share research and information with city managers at their





# HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

During these trying times, we are encouraged by all the great acts of neighborliness in our community and our region. We have received your positive comments of Lomita Lifting Lomita and we couldn't be more proud to see neighbors coming together!

It all started with a phone call from a senior requesting assistance in obtaining essential items when the COVID-19 sparked consumer hoarding. Within days, staff assembled bags containing water, paper goods, face coverings and other items. This project is just one of many acts of kindness that have been taking place in Lomita and we are pleased to share the uplifting stories that have come in!

The Lift Up Lomita bags have been made possible through the generous support of Deborah Dixon and Kathleen Hill, the Lomita City Employee Association, the Picerno Family Foundation, Hygeia Smoke & Vape Shop, Costco Wholesale, and Sam's Club!

If you are a resident or business owner in the City of Lomita and you are in need of these items, please continue to email us at [LiftUpLomita@lomitacity.com](mailto:LiftUpLomita@lomitacity.com) and we will do our best to assist.

Visit our Lift Up Lomita page at <https://lomitacoronavirus.info/liftuplomita/> for details and information on how to get involved and keep sending your positive stories of Lomita Lifting Up Lomita!



**BONNIE ORONA** Jamie Waller has gone above and beyond and made numerous trip to a produce distributor to purchase wholesale fruit for people. It is amazing to see how many people she is blessing. Someone tipped her \$20 and she turned around and donated it to Adam Chiropractic for fruit donations that we have been giving out.



**TERRY MALONE GILSTRAP** Love that our cul-de-sac has become a playground for local neighborhood kids!! Hope this trend continues longer than the virus. 🤔🤔

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**LISA DELAND VANBUREN** My heart is filled with so much gratitude right now! Earlier today I had asked where I could find sanitizing wipes for my parents and two complete strangers gave me 2 containers and wanted nothing in return!!! There are amazing people in the world and I will never forget this random act of kindness!! ❤️❤️❤️



**DOTTIE WINE** Yesterday, on a venture out for a few necessities I got a bit carried away and put more things in my cart than I really needed at the 99c store on PCH. With no pay check coming in, at the check out counter I sheepishly told the young man checking things out that I had a few go-backs. I paid for my things, waited for the receipt and started to leave. The woman behind me in line then said to the checker to ring the things up, that she was buying them for me. She said, "We are all in this together." As I left, I thanked her again and said, "I will pay it forward when I am in a position to do so." "Works for me," she said and smiled. If the lovely lady who is referenced here happens to read this, thank you again!

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**LORENA KIRALY** I just want to take the time to thank Dawn Herndon Taylor and all of you in the city of Lomita for the continued show of support. I have shared with so many of my coworkers that our city is "clapping" every Tuesday at 6:30pm. This has also helped to lift the spirits of my family who has traveled this journey alongside with me. This is truly a time to come together and I am ever so grateful to be part of such a wonderful community. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! ❤️❤️❤️

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**JOSE GOVEA** Attn: Lomita Elderly (65 & Up) FREE I have disposable face masks I am willing to drop off to you. Limit 2 per person Please advise on LiftUpLomita and I will send pm Please advise on here and I will send pm.

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**CHERYL GOLDASICH** Thank you to the employees of the City of Lomita for my care package. Just another reason why I live here! 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

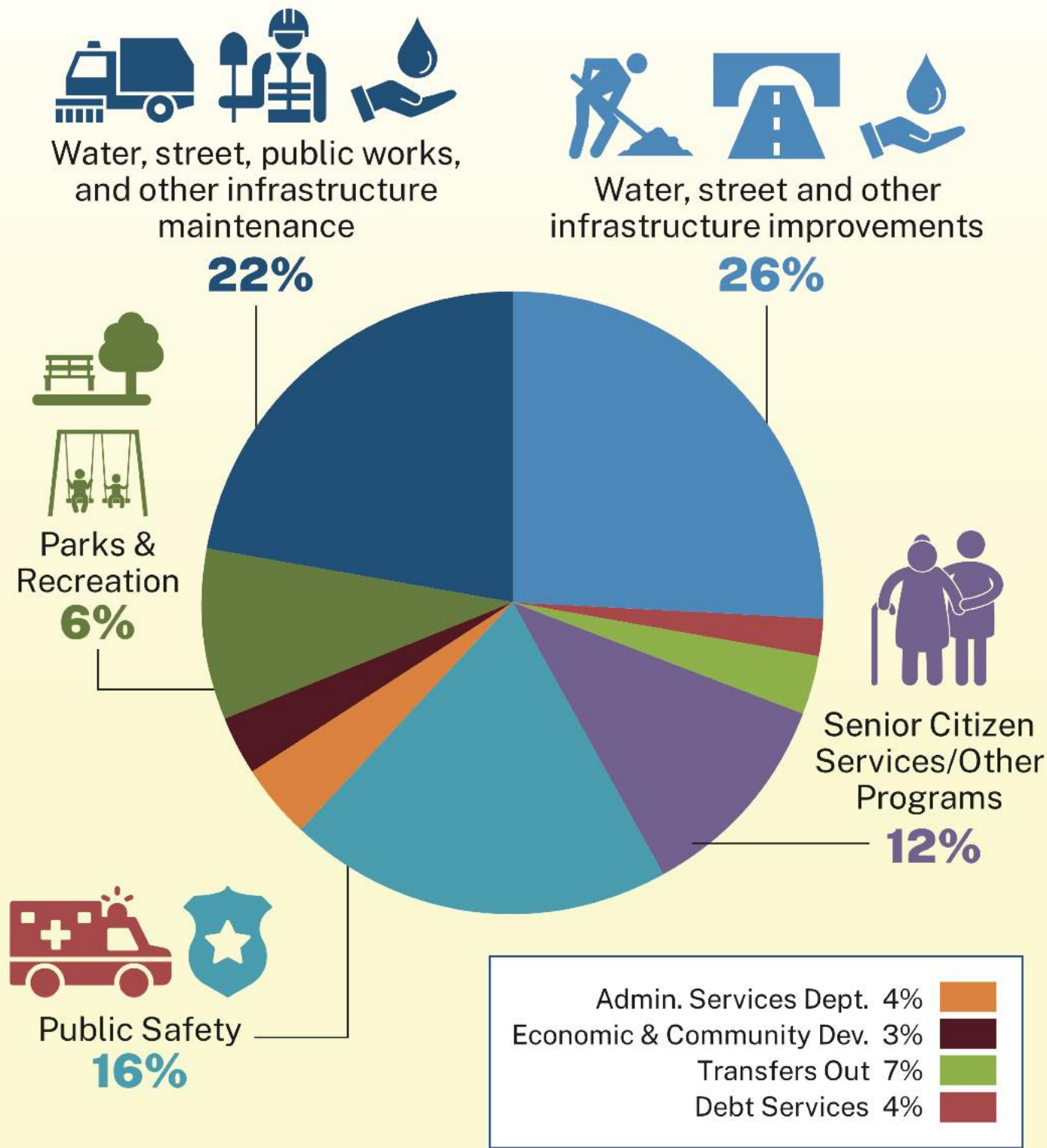
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# 2020-21 Budget Overview

## Expenditures by Category



# Lomita City Council Approves FY 2020-2021 Budget Focus on Protecting Quality of Life

On June 16, the Lomita City Council approved the budget for the coming Fiscal Year 2020-2021 which began on July 1. Over the last few years, Lomita has set our sights high to accomplish the projects and programs that support our residents' needs. The focus of this year's budget proposal is maintaining our primary services - public safety, roads and water system infrastructure investment, and community supportive programs - in the face of economic challenges while investing in a more resilient and independent future for Lomita.

To learn more about the City's approved 2020-21 budget and how the City is working to meet our residents' needs, support small businesses during the pandemic and invest in our infrastructure, you can visit the City's website at [http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/government/admin/index.cfm?p=annual\\_operating\\_budget.cfm](http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/government/admin/index.cfm?p=annual_operating_budget.cfm).

Below is a general overview of the major revenue sources and expenditures with comparisons to previous years:

## General Fund Revenues

General fund revenues for FY 2020-21 are projected at \$9,403,836, a decrease more than \$400,000 (not including transfers from other funds) from FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget. The overall decrease is due in large part to the Covid-19 Pandemic and possible recession.

Some of the primary funding sources for FY 2020-21 are listed below:

- Sales tax revenue is projected at \$1.77 million representing 19% of total general fund revenues.
- Motor Vehicle In-Lieu revenue is projected at \$2.2 million, representing 26% of total general fund revenues.
- Property tax revenue is projected at \$1.7 million, representing 18% of total general fund revenues.
- Business License Fees are projected at \$600,000, representing 6% of total general fund revenues.
- Building Department Fees are projected at \$500,000, representing 5% of total general fund revenues.

## General Fund Expenditures

In addition to expenditure reductions from previous years, General Fund expenditures have been reduced for FY 2020-21 and are projected at \$9,545,089 - a decrease of \$83,437 from FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget.

The proposed budget includes significant planned investments to the City's water system including the construction of the Granular Activated Carbon Secondary Filtration System at the Cypress Water Production Facility. These projects rely on investment and partnership with outside agencies and may also require internal investment from the Water Enterprise Fund and the City's General Fund.

## Long-Term Financial Outlook

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced the City to dip into reserves to balance the budget. There is also on-going fiscal uncertainty with the pandemic. Pre Covid-19, the City's long-term financial estimates projected on-going operating deficits reaching \$1.2 million by FY 24-25 if we maintain the status quo. This would continue to chip away at the City's reserve funds.



## City Approves Programs to Support Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

Our local Lomita businesses are the lifeblood of our community and the Lomita City Council approved two programs to assist our small business owners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDBG Small Business Grant Program will award 15 small businesses in Lomita with a \$5,000 forgivable loan to provide them with much needed financial assistance as they began the reopening process. Utilizing an additional \$89,000 in CDBG funds the City received through the CARES Act, this program provides business assistance which will aid in the creation and retention of low to moderate income jobs.

The City Council also waived the fees for an administrative process to allow Lomita businesses to expand into outdoor areas, making it easier to safely reopen with distancing and other safety precautions in place. These temporary exterior expansion permits will allow businesses to use private parking lots, open space, and adjacent sidewalks (where permitted) to expand daily operations. To apply, visit <https://lomitaca.viewpointcloud.com> and click on Special Event Permits. Sidewalks and other public spaces will require an additional encroachment permit, available at [http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/public\\_works/Encroachment-Permit-Application.pdf](http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/public_works/Encroachment-Permit-Application.pdf).

The Lomita Chamber of Commerce has also been a great support for businessowners during this difficult time by providing informational webinars, resources, and guidance on reopening protocols. Become a member and sign up to receive alerts from the Lomita Chamber of Commerce at [www.lomitachamber.org](http://www.lomitachamber.org).

For more information, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 310-325-7110.



## REGISTER TO VOTE

Election time will soon be here and the City of Lomita wants you to be ready. Everyone plays an important part in government and it starts in the voting booth – so be sure that you are registered to vote.

The next election in Lomita will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Visit [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) to register and learn more about the voting process. Remember every vote counts.

# CITY OF LOMITA

## TEMPORARY EXTERIOR EXPANSION PERMITS

The City of Lomita is proud to offer temporary outdoor permits for our local commercial businesses which need to expand in order to meet social distancing requirements. The City will facilitate this permit at no cost to business owners looking to reopen due to Covid-19 required closures. With this permit, businesses will be allowed to use their surrounding outdoor areas such as parking lots, open space, and adjacent sidewalks (where permitted) to expand daily operations. Sidewalks and other public spaces will require an encroachment permit which we will facilitate through the Public Works Department at no cost.



To apply for a Special Event Permit please submit an application via our online portal at <https://lomitaca.viewpointcloud.com>. Click on ***“Special Event Permits”***.



Pursuant to Title III, Chapter 6.5 of the Lomita Municipal Code the following information is required to apply for a Special Event Permit:

- Description of the operations (hours of operation, estimated daily attendance, description of activities taking place in exterior area, and other relevant information to facilitate the permit request)
- Property Owner Approval
- Proof of Insurance
- Plot Plan Detailing Location and Size of Expanded Area

Any expansion into the public right of way or any other public spaces, will require a separate encroachment permit application found at:

([http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/public\\_works/Encroachment-Permit-Application.pdf](http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/public_works/Encroachment-Permit-Application.pdf)). Please upload this application as an attachment to your special event permit. ADA accessibility requirements will still need to be met which will be discussed directly with each applicant.

Questions: Please contact the Planning Division at 310-325-7110 x120 or via email at [l.macmorran@lomitacity.com](mailto:l.macmorran@lomitacity.com)

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# LOMITA PARK & RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS 2020



To ensure the most accurate and up to date information, Lomita's Recreation Programming for the Fall season will be available online only. It will offer many fun, family friendly and active opportunities along with information on special events and programs, assuming LA County coronavirus health regulations permit them to occur.

To find classes, register, and pay please visit  
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/lomitaparksandrec/Home>



**LOMITA PRESENTS:**  
**Movies Under the Stars**  
Movie will begin at 8:30p.m.  
For questions please call (310) 326-0440

**CANCELLED**



## The Secret Life of Pets 2

Saturday, August 8th  
**City Hall (Front Lawn)**  
24300 Narbonne Ave., Lomita



**CANCELLED**

## POKER NIGHT

Saturday, Aug 22nd  
Lomita Park Gym  
5:00pm - 10:00pm



**CANCELLED**

## Lomita Railroad Museum Board COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, August 29th  
Lomita Railroad Museum  
2137 W 250th St Lomita  
Time - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.





## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 6th • 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

CITY HALL LAWN  
24300 Narbonne Ave., Lomita



## Halloween In Lomita

October 24, 2020  
Location & Time T.B.A



## VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 11th

VETERAN'S PARK  
Southwest corner of 257th Street & Walnut Avenue.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place at the  
Lomita V.F.W. POST #622 • 1865 W. Lomita Blvd. • (310) 326-7132 • 11:00 a.m.



## Lomita Railroad Museum Board

### *Santa/Polar Express*

Sunday, December 13th  
Railroad Museum  
2137 W. 250th St Lomita  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00pm



## Lomita Farmers Market



Lomita Chamber of Commerce  
Farmers Market  
Lomita City Hall Front Lawn

[LomitaFarmersMarket.com](http://LomitaFarmersMarket.com)





## LOMITA CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTES TO PLACE LOCAL FUNDING MEASURE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT, SEEKS INPUT REGARDING CITY SERVICES



At its July 21st meeting, after analyzing projections that without a locally sustainable source of revenue the City could face an annual \$1.2 million funding shortfall by 2024, the Lomita City Council unanimously voted to place a ¾ cent Local General Municipal Sales Tax measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot. The measure would address this shortfall and the repercussions to City services that would result from the it and would keep local funds available here in Lomita that could be used to meet the needs of our residents instead of being used for County and Statewide purposes.

As a family-friendly City with a small-town feel, Lomita strives to maintain a high quality of life for our residents. According to recent surveys, 72% of residents believe that the City of Lomita is on the right track and 82% of residents say it is an excellent or good place to live. While these numbers are great, we'd like your input on how we can continue to improve – even in the face of the significant challenges in the coming years.

### PROTECTING WATER QUALITY AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THE FACE OF A SHRINKING BUDGET

Our city faces serious health and economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While Lomita takes pride in being fiscally responsible, the City estimates a significant budget shortfall over the next 5 years as we operate without the local revenue sources of many of our surrounding communities. Recent projections indicate that without a sustainable source of local revenue, over the next five years the City will see a shortfall of more than \$1.2 million annually, which could have drastic effects on the City's ability to meet the needs of our residents.

In addition, Lomita is facing the serious health and economic challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Despite the financial challenges we face, the City is working tirelessly to provide the services our businesses and residents need to get through this extraordinarily tough time.

### SUPPORTING AND RESPONDING TO RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

In recent surveys our residents have identified ensuring safe, clean drinking water, protecting public safety and emergency response, supporting our local small businesses, and repairing the City's streets and potholes as some of their top priorities, and the City Council has adopted goals and objectives for the community that reflect those priorities. To accomplish those goals, the City is continuing to upgrade and repair our nearly ninety-year-old water and sewage pipes and moving forward with upgrades to the City's water treatment facility – something our residents have long asked for.

### LOCAL FUNDING PROJECTIONS

If approved by the voters of Lomita, it is estimated that the measure would bring approximately \$1.3 Million annually to Lomita. The proceeds from the measure would directly fund City services and actions, rather than going toward regional or statewide projects outside of Lomita. These services and projects would be directed to address the priorities of Lomita residents and could include:

- Upgrading the City's water treatment infrastructure to improve drinking water
- Maintaining or improving the City's public safety and emergency services budget
- Maintenance of parks and public areas
- Repair of streets and potholes
- Support for small local businesses
- Addressing homelessness

### FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND LIMITATIONS

- All funds from the measure would be used locally for city services and be subject to independent financial audits
- Most purchases of groceries and prescription medicines in Lomita would be exempt



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU** We welcome your input as we explore feasible solutions to address fiscal challenges and consider a potential local funding measure. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/LomitaSurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/LomitaSurvey) to take a short survey that can help us better meet the needs of our residents.

1. According to a recent survey by FM3 Research, 82% respondents have a positive impression of Lomita, ranking it as an excellent or a good place to live. [www.lomitacity.com](http://www.lomitacity.com)





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Q. HOW HAS THE CITY ADDRESSED DRINKING WATER ISSUES?

**A.** Lomita has created a website – LomitaWater.com – devoted to providing transparency and solutions to residents with questions and concerns about what comes out of their taps. The City also has taken steps to install a \$4.4 million filtration system to improve taste and remove odor to provide quality water for our residents. The City has received a \$2 million grant toward the construction of the filtration system. While this is significant, it is not sufficient to cover the entire cost of the work ahead



## Q. WHAT SERVICES DOES LOMITA OFFER TO KEEP OUR RESIDENTS SAFE?

**A.** Crime in Lomita has steadily dropped over the years due to the City's proactive public safety efforts. Notably, since 2015 serious crimes have dropped nearly 30%. We also take pride in the swift action the City has taken to protect our most vulnerable residents during these trying times – including helping elders get free meals and providing medical masks.

## Q. WHAT IS THE CITY DOING TO PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES?

**A.** Our City's leadership is working hard to protect small businesses here in Lomita. We are working closely with the business community to ensure they get the support they need to overcome the economic losses and limitations brought by the pandemic. The City has partnered with the Los Angeles County Development Authority to provide forgivable low-interest loans through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for local businesses and is committed to being proactive in finding solutions to help combat the economic burden Lomita's small business are experiencing.

## Q. COULD THE STATE CUT OR TAKE SALES TAX FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF LOMITA?

**A.** Unlike many other sources of revenue—which are allocated by the State to the City and can therefore be easily shifted by the State--local sales tax revenues would be controlled locally. Tax revenues would stay in Lomita to fund local services right here in Lomita.

## Q. WHAT ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES ARE INCLUDED IN THE SALES TAX MEASURE?

**A.** The proposed measure includes a clear system of accountability, including public independent audits to ensure sales tax funds are spent only for legal purposes.



## Q. WOULD VISITORS TO LOMITA PAY THE LOCAL SALES TAX?

**A.** Yes, sales tax is paid by anyone who shops in Lomita. This ensures that both residents and visitors contribute revenue for the roads, public safety services, and other city services they utilize while in our city.

## Q. HOW MUCH WOULD THE SALES TAX MEASURE COST?

**A.** The proposed sales tax would cost shoppers 75 cents on a \$100 purchase and would raise over \$1.3 million annually for Lomita City services.

## Q. WILL THIS SALES TAX MEASURE BE APPLIED TO GROCERIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE?

**A.** Most groceries and prescription medicines are exempt from the statewide sales tax. Purchases of groceries and prescription medicines in Lomita that are exempt from the statewide sales tax would also be exempt from the proposed sales tax measure.

**NEW**

# SCHOOL BUS ZONE AND STREET PARKING CHANGES AT FLEMING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Following the construction project and re-striping of Walnut Street from Pacific Coast Highway to 253<sup>rd</sup> Street, the City of Lomita at the request of Fleming Middle School officials, modified the posted signage restricting parking in front of the school in an effort to improve student and traffic safety. The new parking signs identify the new bus loading zone for two special education buses and two 30-minute parking zones for student pick-up and drop off, minimizing the confusion caused by the previous signs.

## The following changes have been established:

- A 30-min parking zone between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. school days only on the west side of Walnut Street between the south curb line of 254<sup>th</sup> Street and the north curb line of 255<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A school bus zone on the west side of Walnut Street between a point 40 feet and 150 feet south of the south curb line of 255<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A 30-minute parking zone between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., school days only on the west side of Walnut Street between a point 150 feet south of the south curb line of 255<sup>th</sup> Street and north curb line of 257<sup>th</sup> Street.

These parking changes on Walnut Street in front of the school will take effect with the start of the new school year. All other school buses will continue to park in the back portion of the school off Eshelman Avenue.

Parking Enforcement will cite vehicles in the bus zone and for all other parking violations. For questions regarding this change, contact City Hall at 310-325-7110.





# LOMITA STUDENTS SAY NO TO DRUGS

Members of the Lomita City Council, Lomita Sheriff Station and students and staff from Lomita Magnet and Eshelman Avenue Elementary Schools took part in a video conference recently to talk about the importance of staying away from drugs and other risky behaviors.

Facilitated by Alma Kimura, Harbor City/Lomita Community of Schools Administrator, students logged in from home to see displays from various units from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Lomita Station and hear from special guest speakers. The speakers all had a similar message, the impact of positive associations and the importance of surrounding yourself with people who reflect who you want to be. Student Councils from both schools also presented their reasons on why they say no to drugs while at the same time educating their peers on the dangers of drug use.

Traditionally participants hold a Drug Free Walk and Poster Contest for culminating 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from the local Lomita schools to Lomita Park, however this year the school district and students adapted to the challenge presented by the COVID-19 pandemic using creativity and innovation to connect.





## Lomita Water Filtration Project Receives \$2 Million in WRD Grant Funding

Despite what is going on in the world, Lomita water projects continue to make improvements. The Water Replenishment District (WRD) approved the City of Lomita Granular Activated Carbon treatment project under the Safe Drinking Water Program (SDWP) and authorized the use of up to \$2,000,000 in SDWP grant funds for the project.

The Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) project was originally planned to improve the aesthetic qualities of Lomita's water and will also remove benzene – a constituent found in groundwater under Lomita last year. Since the benzene detection, the City's only groundwater well has been offline and the City has been importing 100 percent of its water from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD). The GAC project will remove benzene and other constituents and allow the City to return to normal operations.

"The Water Replenishment District has been a great partner in bringing this project to life, and we appreciate their continued support," said City Manager Ryan Smoot. "The GAC project is the result of grassroots input from our community and will help the City of Lomita move forward and continue to provide local, safe water for our residents and businesses all while reducing our dependence on costly imported water."

WRD administers the SDWP to assist organizations in pumping water from wells where constituents have been detected. Wells are evaluated for assistance based on water quality data and production history. When assistance is deemed necessary, WRD and the pumping organization jointly develop a treatment solution for the subject well. The 2019 benzene detection in Lomita qualifies the GAC treatment project for the SDWP grant.

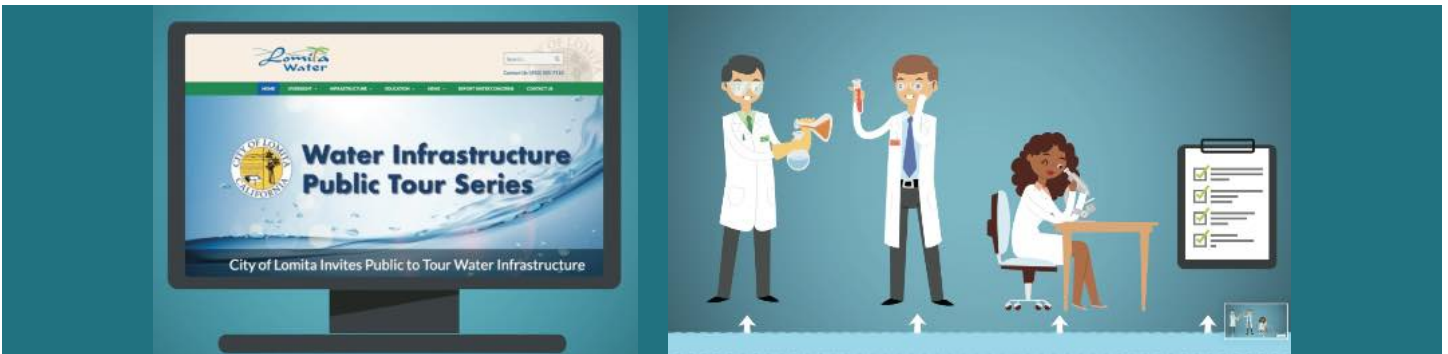
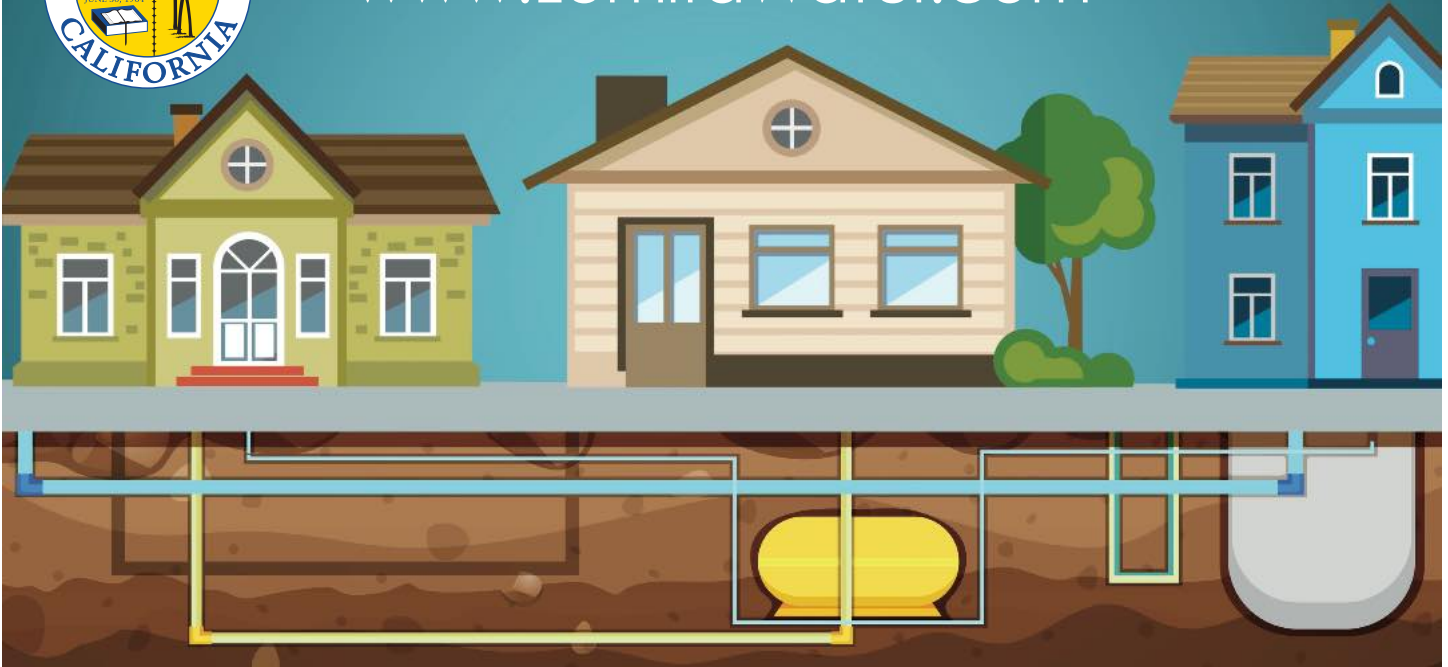
"The Water Replenishment District is proud that our Safe Drinking Water Program can assist cities like Lomita in treating groundwater to provide its residents clean, safe, reliable, and more affordable drinking water," said WRD Board Director Rob Katherman. "This wellhead treatment project enables the City of Lomita to become drought-proof by operating a local well which is both sustainable and independent of water imported from the Sacramento Delta."

Lomita residents can learn more about the City's drinking water and view water quality data in the 2019 Lomita Water Consumer Confidence Report available online at [www.LomitaWater.com/CCR2019](http://www.LomitaWater.com/CCR2019). In addition to including water quality data, this year's report highlights the City's efforts to inform residents of our water service through the Lomita Water Infrastructure Tour Program and Lomita Water Explainer Video.





[www.LomitaWater.com](http://www.LomitaWater.com)



# Lomita Water Releases Water Infrastructure Explainer Video

Lomita residents can learn about our current water infrastructure in this new Lomita Water animated video. The video generally describes how Lomita Water System treats and filters water from various sources and distributes safe, clean, reliable drinking water to our residents and businesses.

Lomita is fortunate to have a redundant system, which includes the ability to provide 100% imported water if necessary. While we work with the State Water Board to detect the source of benzene detected last year and upgrade our system to remove benzene through Granular Activated Carbon filtration, the City of Lomita is currently distributing water through our imported water connections.

Originally planned to improve aesthetic qualities of Lomita's water, the Granular Activated Carbon project will allow the City to return to normal operations. The City is continually upgrading our facilities and systems and is committed to ensuring that Lomita residents have the highest quality water for years to come.

Visit [www.lomitawater.com](http://www.lomitawater.com) and click under Water News to see the video. While there, sign up for Lomita Water News Alerts and learn more about our water system.

# Coming This Fall!

**See what Lomita  
Parks and Recreation has to offer.**



Apple App Store



Android App Store

- **Karate**
- **Yoga classes**
- **Senior exercise classes**
- **Youth soccer classes**
- **TGA classes**



**SCAN THE CODE  
TODAY!**

Download the Parks and Recreation app

<http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/> or

**For more information visit** call Lomita Park at (310) 326-0140



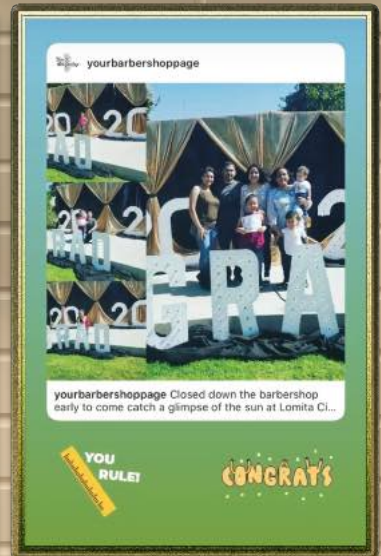
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# Class of 2020!

*Congratulations graduates!*



A special shout out to our three City of Lomita interns who graduated this year, Janpier Adamzadeh with a degree in finance from Cal State Long Beach, James Dotson with a degree in planning and Cristian Hipolito with a degree in engineering, both graduates from Cal Poly Pomona. Congratulations!



PHOTO BACKDROP  
FOR CLASS OF 2020  
GRADUATES

As the school year came to a close and formal graduation ceremonies went nontraditional with school administrators orchestrating virtual graduations and celebratory car parades, students from all local schools in Lomita and surrounding communities had an opportunity to take their graduation photos on a makeshift stage setup in front of City Hall. The Lomita Parks and Recreation Division continues its focus on meeting community needs and were proud to create this opportunity to celebrate students' achievements and take commemorative photos. Congratulations Class of 2020! #LiftUpLomita





Residents are reminded to make sure they have functional smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in their homes. Families have three minutes after a smoke alarm is activated to escape.

Take a moment and check your batteries to make sure they are connected and working. Families are also encouraged to be mindful of fire hazards at home and to discuss fire escape safety with their families, especially with children. Identify two ways out of each room in your home as the doorway may not always be an option.

Additionally, now is a good time to prepare for wildfire season as warmer weather approaches.

- ▶ Clear leaves and other debris from roofs, gutters, and decks.
- ▶ Remove flammable materials like firewood stacks and low hanging trees around your roof to create a defensible space around your home.
- ▶ Make sure your address is visible to firefighters.
- ▶ Prepare a wildfire action plan to safeguard your home, protect your family and take steps to safely evacuate should the need arise.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department has released easy-to-follow guides available for download on their website, <https://www.fire.lacounty.gov> that walk families through simple steps to ensure a fire-safe home and teaches new strategies to safely escape if a fire strikes at home. Preparation and prevention go hand in hand.







# SOCIAL MEDIA NOT MEANT FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Events over the last few weeks have caused unrest in many communities in our area. Due to the diligence and hard work of our Lomita Station teams, the events have been mostly peaceful in our City.

In this regard, the Lomita Sheriff station would like to remind residents that as you are going about your day, if you see something that doesn't seem quite right, say something. To make sure your requests and concerns are received in a timely manner, call the station directly at 310-539-1661 or 911 for emergency matters. Social media is not an appropriate forum to request immediate police assistance. The station's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts are an effective method in helping public safety agencies disseminate and gather information, however 911 will be the quickest way to get assistance any time there is an emergency and immediate response is required.



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## TEMPORARY MORATORIUM on Foreclosures and Residential and Commercial Evictions During the COVID-19 Pandemic



As all levels of government declared State of Emergency and Stay at Home Orders were issued in response to the spread of COVID-19, the Lomita City Council adopted an emergency ordinance imposing a moratorium on foreclosures and residential and commercial evictions for nonpayment of rent to protect renters and small businesses struggling financially during the pandemic. Since then, the City Council has extended the temporary moratorium through July 31, 2020 and may extend it further during the period of local emergency.

While social distancing and other measures are necessary to fight the global pandemic, they can have extreme economic effect. The measure is intended to provide protections to those who have had unforeseen financial impacts due to COVID-19. The ordinance extends the repayment period to six months after the expiration of the local emergency and the landlord may not charge a late fee on the rent.

For the latest information on the moratorium, visit  
[www.lomitacoronavirus.info/](http://www.lomitacoronavirus.info/).