

Lomita

NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER 2021



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- Mayor Pro Tem..... Cindy Segawa
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- Council Member William D. Uphoff
- Council Member Barry M. Waite



On the cover and above: Businesses Slowly and Safely Reopen Amid COVID-19



CONTINUE TO VISIT
<https://lomitacoronavirus.info/>
for the most up to date information on Lomita programs and services



COMBATting FOOD INSECURITY

As the coronavirus pandemic has confined people, particularly seniors and vulnerable residents, to their homes, Meals on Wheels continues to provide home delivered meals for the house-bound in our community. If you are unable to shop for food or prepare meals due to injury, poor health or disability, Meals on Wheels can provide a hot lunch and light supper for a nominal cost. Call 310-542-3434 or visit <https://tlmow.org/> for additional information, to volunteer to deliver meals, or to make a donation.



CalFresh is California’s food stamp (SNAP) program for people with low-income who meet federal income eligibility rules and want to add to their budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table from their local market. It only takes 10 minutes to apply and you can get \$204 a month per household member on an EBT card. To apply and obtain additional information visit <https://www.getcalfresh.org/>. To find more resources, free food distribution events, and ways to help, visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/food/>.

And don’t forget that the City of Lomita has paper goods and face masks available. 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 and we will assist in getting you these items.

CITY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The City Manager has named a new Community and Economic Development Director to join the Lomita management team. Greg Kapovich was selected for the position following a comprehensive search and recruitment process resulting in over 25 applicants from the public and private sectors from throughout the country, and even Canada.

Greg is originally a native of San Francisco, California but has spent much of his career in both Southern California and Nevada. Before joining Lomita, Greg served as the Senior Planner and Code Enforcement Supervisor for the City of Walnut Creek in Northern California and has previously served in the Cities of Las Vegas and Moreno Valley. He has over 16 years of experience in planning and development evaluating development projects large and small, and in program management and development to support local businesses and residents. He has worked on various types of projects and

programs from mixed-use developments, residential subdivisions, affordable housing and business retention, and has worked closely with the City Council, staff and the community to bring those projects to life. Most recently he also developed and shepherded Walnut Creek's Rebound Program to assist small businesses struggling to get by during the pandemic.

His extensive experience will prove invaluable to the City of Lomita in our strategic planning for housing and future growth, particularly the downtown area and the Pacific Coast Highway corridor to create a lively and vibrant core for the community to come together and shop, play, and have events.

Greg will be joined in his transition to Southern California by his wife Vanessa and two children, George (8) and Nora (4). His wife Vanessa is from Southern California and is an avid Dodgers fan. While Greg is a staunch supporter for that other team in the Bay area, the relationship with his wife is a prime example that he can form strong relationships in Dodger country.

The City would like to acknowledge and extend a special thanks to Sheri Repp Loadsman for serving Lomita as Interim Community and Economic Development Director during the recruitment. Sheri has brought a high level of expertise and knowledge to our team and helped set the stage for a successful transition.

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DO?

It offers a broad spectrum of services to the community, including:

- Facilitation of Planning permits for consistency with zoning regulations and other land use requirements.
- Facilitation of new development and redevelopment throughout the City
- Administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Support for the City's small business community through incentives, assistance and training opportunities
- Driving economic growth by working to attract a diverse mix of new businesses that serve residents and visitors.
- Neighborhood Preservation (Code Enforcement) to enforce zoning, graffiti, signage and business license ordinances and other regulations.
- Maintaining and updating the City's General Plan and maps
- Building and Safety

LOMITA STRONG

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES!

The pandemic has been tough for all of us in Lomita, including our local business community. Lomita's businesses bring so much to our community - let's give back to them by supporting our local restaurants and other small businesses. See the video featuring local food establishments on our website, <http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/>

Businesses can still apply for temporary exterior expansion permits to use private parking lots, open space, and adjacent sidewalks (where permitted) to expand daily operations to meet social distancing requirements. 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.

The Lomita Chamber of Commerce has also been a great support for businessowners during this difficult time. Become a member and sign up to receive alerts, webinars, resources, and guidance on reopening protocols at www.lomitachamber.org.





Fostering Friendships and Saving the Earth One **BOTTLECAP** at a Time

We have received overwhelming support from the community collecting plastic bottle caps and lids that can be recycled into "Buddy Benches" for our local schools. A buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendships on the playground. Not only do these buddy benches foster friendships, but they help the environment and teach students important green living habits.

Although COVID-19 has delayed the process, stay tuned for when the benches are delivered to our local schools. Approximately 6,000 pounds of bottle caps and lids have been collected so far! If you are interested in contributing to this wonderful program, drop off your bottle caps and lids at City Hall or at the City booth on Sundays during Farmers Market.



DOWNTOWN BANNERS DISPLAY COMMUNITY PRIDE

Those that have been traveling along the downtown section of Narbonne Avenue may have noticed new banners now gracing our light poles. The street banners feature Lomita’s “Small Town, Big Ideas” vision for downtown with portraits of leisure activities, dining experiences, and shopping opportunities within Lomita intended to promote neighborhood pride and help bring focus to downtown improvement projects.

Downtown Lomita runs along Narbonne Avenue and stretches east and west along Lomita Blvd and was established to provide a wide range of commercial, retail, and entertainment services for our community. The banners are part of the City Council’s strategy to establish a unified look and feel as outlined in the Downtown Branding Plan.



In addition, currently underway in our downtown is construction at 24329 Narbonne Avenue to transform the vacant lot into a pedestrian plaza and public parking lot designed to provide much needed parking in the Downtown and to create an inviting space for small pop-up food and retail shops or food trucks. This was made possible through a grant from the Picerne Foundation and is scheduled to be completed by early summer 2021.

Best of Lomita : 2020

The Best of Lomita contest was launched in 2020 by Hello South Bay in partnership with the Lomita Chamber of Commerce. Local residents submitted their entry for the businesses they thought are the best in Lomita. The opportunity was open to all Lomita area businesses (both Chamber members and non-members).

After careful tabulation, businesses in 84 categories were nominated and selected as winners based on those with the most votes in their respective category. To see the list of contest winners, visit <https://www.hellosouthbay.com/best-of-lomita-2020-winners/>.

City Announces Installation of new Granular Activated Carbon Filtration System at the Cypress Water Production Facility

In March, the City of Lomita held a small kick-off event commemorating the start of the project to install a new Granular Activated Carbon filtration system at the Cypress Water Production Facility. Initial construction activities began in late February 2021, and construction is projected to continue for approximately the next 12 months.

The project involves the addition of GAC filtration vessels at the Cypress Water Production Facility that will filter out certain natural organic materials that contribute to the earthy odor in the water that some residents may have noticed in the past. The upgrades will improve the aesthetic qualities of groundwater produced at the facility and remove benzene that was detected at the site in 2019.

The City has secured approval from the State Division of Drinking Water for the upgrades, and the Water Replenishment District (WRD) has authorized the use of up to \$2,000,000 in grant funds for the project from its Safe Drinking Water Program - a program to assist local agencies in increasing their ability to produce water locally and improve drought resilience.

While attendance at the kick-off event was limited in accordance with COVID-19 precautions, the event was captured on video so Lomita residents could still share in the excitement of the kickoff from the safety of home. To see the video, visit <https://www.facebook.com/LomitaCity/videos/3909116572485998/>.

To see the GAC story covered by Spectrum News "Clean, Locally Sourced Water Could Make a Comeback in Lomita by 2022" by Zarina Khairzada, visit <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west> and click on Environment under the News tab.

The City of Lomita will be sharing regular updates on www.LomitaWater.com regarding GAC project construction activities along with other water quality information and water system news. While there, residents are encouraged to sign up for Lomita Water News Alerts.



SEWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT

You may have noticed Los Angeles County Public Works conducting inspections of sewer lines in our City. This work is anticipated to extend through early September 2021. Workers may need access to manholes within sewer easements located on private property. We appreciate your cooperation in providing these workers with access to the exterior portions of your property to access the manholes.

These inspections are to proactively identify any defects in the sewer lines and perform needed repair or maintenance before they become problems for residents. The program's goal is to improve the quality of our infrastructure and protect the public's health by preventing sanitary sewer overflows and inconvenience resulting from problems in the sewer lines. Segments that require maintenance will be repaired or scheduled for corrective action.

For additional information, contact Robert Swartz at 626-300-3367 or rswartz@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Help Us Keep Lomita *Clean!*

Are you moving, remodeling or simply making some changes around your home? To keep Lomita clean and attractive, the City would like to remind residents that dumping curbside is illegal and trash customers have options for disposing of large and bulky items free of charge, so there is no reason to illegally dump.

Each single-family residential customer may request up to four free on-call bulky item pick-ups per year (maximum of six items per pick-up) and multi-family residential customers will receive one free on-call bulky item pick-up per residential unit within the development. This means you can call for bulky item pick-up anytime during the year. You may also consider giving unwanted items a second life by having them re-used rather than disposed. There are local shelters, non-profits, repair shops and thrift stores that accept gently used household items.

Dumping items at the curbside may result in an additional charge to your CalMet account. Schedule your FREE special pick-up by calling CalMet Services at 562-259-1239 or using the online Bulky Item Request form available at <https://calmetervices.com/service-areas/lomita/>.

Let's all do our part to keep Lomita clean!



Lomita Awarded

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT for Excellence in Financial Reporting



In a recent report conducted by the California State Auditor assessing the financial condition of 450 California cities, 1 having the weakest and 450 being the strongest financially, the City of Lomita ranked 317, representing a low degree of fiscal risk. This is the result of being fiscally responsible with careful planning and being cautious with our spending. In addition, independent audits have continually proven the strength and security of our finances. For 16 consecutive years, the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of Lomita the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, validating our accountability, transparency, and financial stability.

SETTING OFF FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN LOMITA

The City of Lomita would like to remind all residents that the discharge of fireworks within City limits is strictly prohibited. This ban includes "safe and sane" fireworks. Amateur firework explosions seem to have proliferated each year and these small explosive devices are primarily designed to produce a large amount of noise, especially in the form of a loud bang. This has shown to create mood disruptions and sleep problems. Sudden loud noises can also be particularly traumatic for military veterans, survivors of gun violence, and pets. In addition, the use of these fireworks poses a significant threat to our community with the increased risk of fire activity as we near another anticipated robust fire season.

Instead enjoy the color-filled fireworks display that the City has planned for the upcoming Founders Day Fireworks Show on Saturday, June 26! Join us in celebrating safely for one night, put on by professionals, and viewed from the safety of your homes. Visit our website at www.Lomita.com/CityHall for more information.



PARKING TIPS FOR STREET SWEEPING DAY

The City of Lomita would like to remind everyone of the importance of moving their vehicles for street sweeping services according to the posted signage. Street sweeping requires observance of parking rules to keep our neighborhoods clean and avoid tickets.

Lomita provides its residents with once a week street sweeping service and restricts parking to two hours to minimize inconvenience to residents. The sweeper and parking enforcement officer need the streets cleared during the posted parking restrictions to effectively do their job. The sweeper and enforcement generally come about the same time each week, however, in seasons of heavy leaf litter the sweeper must travel slower and sometimes make multiple passes. Sufficient time is needed to complete all streets scheduled for each route. The sweeper and enforcement can also occasionally experience delays due to other factors.



Under State law, vehicles can be covered if legally parked on a public street. Enforcement, if needed, can remove the cover enough to look at the license plate and leave a citation. This however slows down the officer trying to keep up with the street sweeper. Covered vehicles must comply with all parking restrictions while parked on a public street.

Expect to see the sweeper and enforcement at work, even on rainy days. Rain tends to wash off extra debris and sweeping efforts continue to collect trash on schedule and keep it from washing into the storm drain. Street sweeping and related enforcement may be cancelled when heavy rains prevent effective sweeping. It is advised to follow the posted signage.




CITY OF LOMITA
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021

AUGUST 3, 2021 6:00-8:00PM

LOMITA CITY HALL FRONT LAWN
 24300 NARBONNE AVE
 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
 (310)326-0140 OR VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL/](http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/)

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

CITY OF LOMITA PRESENTS
MOVIES UNDER THE STARS
JULY 17, 2021



8:30PM
LOMITA PARK
SOFTBALL FIELD
24428 ESHELMAN AVE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
(310) 326-0140 OR VISIT
[HTTP://LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL](http://LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL)



MOVIES



CITY OF LOMITA PRESENTS
MOVIES UNDER THE STARS
AUGUST 14, 2021



8:30PM
LOMITA PARK
SOFTBALL FIELD
24428 ESHELMAN AVE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
(310) 326-0140 OR VISIT
[HTTP://LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL](http://LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL)

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**UNDER
THE
STARS**





CITY OF LOMITA **FOUNDER'S DAY** **FIREWORK SHOW**

JUNE 26, 2021 • 9:00pm

**JOIN THE CITY OF LOMITA IN CELEBRATING
OUR FOUNDING DAY.**

Let us continue to Lift Up Lomita on Founder's Day, by supporting our local businesses. Stop by and pick up some wonderful food or beverages from one of our restaurants or breweries.

As our community gradually resumes activities, we are planning our celebration within COVID-19 health regulations to keep everyone safe. Traditionally this event brings thousands of people to Lomita Park every year, however this year we may have to ask that you not congregate at Lomita Park to follow State and County guidelines. If this is the case, we ask that you enjoy the aerial fireworks from your yard or neighborhood to continue maintaining a safe distance from those not in your household. Stayed tuned for the latest information on our website.

The firework show will begin at 9:00pm, if weather permits.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
<http://www.lomita.com/cityhall/> OR CALL (310) 326-0140.



Emergency Preparedness – Cool for the Summer

While the summer is great for the beach and popsicles, the season often brings extreme heat and poor air quality. Lomita can stay cool by preparing our homes and emergency kits for the summer so we can safely enjoy all the fun it brings. Visit the Safety Element and Housing Element project website www.lomita.com/cityhall to learn more about what the City is doing to prepare households for hazardous events and how you can be involved. See our latest preparedness tips below for how to stay cool for the summer.

Air Quality Preparedness Tips:

Prepare for Unhealthy, Very Unhealthy or Hazardous air quality by taking the following steps:

- Be mindful of current and projected weather and air quality conditions, and proactively reschedule or relocate activities or develop back-up indoor plans if possible.
- Make a plan with your family, friends and co-workers to accommodate sensitive or special consideration individuals during air quality events, including personal leave time if necessary.
- Ensure your air conditioning and filter units are clean and ready to help keep the indoor air safe. If you are unsure of what to do at work, log a customer service request.
- Do not add to indoor pollution and minimize activities which stir up dust and other materials into the air.
- Work with your doctor or medical professional if you are in the sensitive group category to make a proactive plan for managing respiratory health.

Extreme Heat Preparedness Tips:

Find places in your community where you can go to get cool. Be sure to follow the latest guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) about social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Try to keep your home cool:

- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device.
- Cover windows with drapes or shades.
- Weather-strip doors and windows.
- Use window reflectors such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard to reflect heat back outside.
- Add insulation to keep the heat out.
- Use a powered attic ventilator, or attic fan, to regulate the heat level of a building's attic by clearing hot air.
- Install window air conditioners and insulate around them.
- Keep a spray bottle full of water in the fridge and spritz yourself when you feel overheated.
- Learn to recognize the signs of heat illness.





21st Annual LOMITA PARK BASKETBALL CAMP



CHECK
[LOMITA.COM/
CITYHALL](http://LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL) ON
JUNE 1ST FOR
UPDATED INFO

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 - 14

JUN 28 - JUL 2
JULY 26 - 30
LOMITA PARK
24428 Eshelman Ave

LEARN
BASKETBALL
SKILLS FROM
EXPERTS

FEATURING :
Camp Director
Mike Whiting and Staff

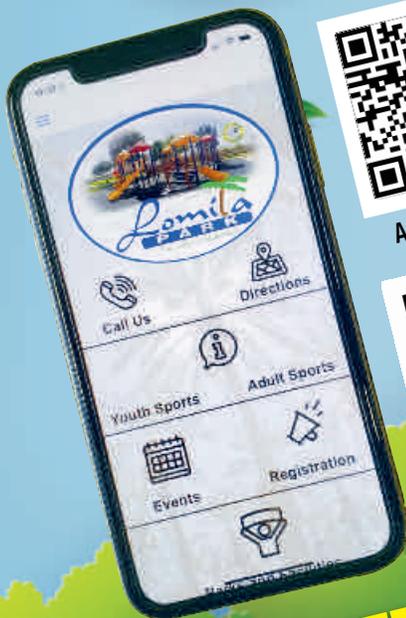
FOR MORE INFORMATION :
LOMITA.COM/CITYHALL
OR CALL : (310) 326-0140



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Need something fun to do This Summer

See what Lomita Parks and Recreation has to offer.



Apple App Store



Android App Store

- **Soo Bahk Do**
- **Youth Summer Camps**
- **Youth Dance Classes**
- **Adult Workout Classes**

Download the
Parks and
Recreation app

**SCAN THE CODE
TODAY!**



Check Lomita.com/Cityhall on
June 1st for updated information.
Or call Lomita Park at (310) 326-0140



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CURRENT RESIDENT

City Hall and Community Contacts

Lomita City Hall
(310) 325-7110

Library
(310) 539-4515

Lomita Sheriff Station
(310) 539-1661

Lomita Park
(310) 326-0140

Railroad Museum
(310) 326-6255

**Public Works
Water, Street, & Trees**
(325) 7110 ext. 155

Water Emergencies
(310) 597-6428

Street & Tree Emergencies
(310) 597-6429

**Emergency Park
Maintenance**
(310) 597-6430

Animal Control
(310) 523-9566

Rubbish Collection (CalMet)
(310) 212-3496

Graffiti
(310) 325-7110 ext 156

**Emergency Numbers
Dial 911**
Sheriff, Fire, Paramedics,
Ambulance

Sheriff Complaints
(800) 698-8255

Lomita Post Office
(310) 326-8280

Lomita Chamber of Commerce
(424) 378-7111

For more information, please
view our webpage at
www.lomita.com/cityhall

Easter Was Hopping in Lomita!

On April 3, Lomita's Recreation Division along with the Easter bunny handed out crafts and goodie bags to children during this year's Easter Drive-Thru Celebration. It was great to see so many families and smiles from the children.

In addition, Lomita Recreation staff dropped off 1,000 Easter eggs at the Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor for distribution to benefit local children. These were hidden on the lawn for the Easter egg hunt to bring joy to the children at Harbor Hills and other children in the area served by the Boys and Girls Club.

