

Rolling Ranchos Roundup



**Special
Interest
Articles:**

Local Gossip!

Holiday Recipes!

City Information!

Jolly Old Elf Visit!

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Curbside Award Winner is Maria Smith of Via Desmonde. Congratulations!



Photo by Mike Mocsny

RRRA President's Message!

Hello my fellow neighbors! I would like to introduce myself, Laura Rico, as your new Rolling Ranchos President and Ann Wicker as Vice-President. I am very excited as I saw the importance of keeping this little gem of an area a strong voice in our Lomita community. This would have not been possible without the efforts of our past and current volunteers. So I welcome other residents to get involved, keep us informed and help us make our Rolling Ranchos voice stronger.

Let's make 2012 a great year!

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Santa Claus Visits Rolling Ranchos



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THEY WILL BE HOME TO COLLECT SANTA'S PRESENTS FRIDAY DEC. 16TH 6-9 PM AND SATURDAY DEC. 17TH 4-9 PM.



SANTA WILL DELIVER GIFTS THE EVENING OF SUNDAY THE 18TH BETWEEN 6-8 PM.

PLEASE LABEL THE GIFT WITH RECIPIENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS, AND WHETHER IT IS FOR A BOY OR GIRL (OF ANY AGE).



THE ROLLING RANCHOS CAROLERS AND SANTA'S ASSISTANTS (THAT'S ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN) WILL PLEASE MEET AT THE HERBERT'S AT 6 PM





RRRA MEMBERSHIP DUE JANUARY 31, 2012

**ROLLING RANCHOS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

(Please fill out this application and return it even if you do not wish to join.)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

List phone in directory? Yes No
List address in directory? Yes No
List e-mail address? Yes No
Do you wish to join the Association? Yes No

If you do not wish to join, would you please tell us why: _____

Please list other people living at your address:

Name	Age/Relationship (optional)	List as babysitter?
1. _____	_____	yes n/a
2. _____	_____	yes n/a
3. _____	_____	yes n/a
4. _____	_____	yes n/a
5. _____	_____	yes n/a
6. _____	_____	yes n/a

We invite you to become more involved with RRRA. Please let us know which of the following areas you would be willing to help:

RRRA Board: _____ Area Representative: _____ Membership: _____
Newsletter: _____ Social Activities: _____ Chairperson: _____
Neighborhood Watch: _____ General Meetings: _____ Webmaster: _____
Other: _____

Are you ready to go GREEN with RRRA Newsletter? Circle yes if you would like an electronic copy.

Do you want an electronic Newsletter? Yes No

Do you have any comments and suggestions to improve our Neighborhood or Association? _____

The Association dues for one year are \$15.00. Remember to **include both the application and your check** made out to "RRRA". Please return to:

RRRA
C/O: Nancy Patterson ~OR~ Your Area Representative
2019 Via Nova
Lomita, CA 90717



Announcements

NOTICE FROM THE POLICE: DON'T LEAVE ANY VALUABLES VISIBLE IN YOUR PARKED VEHICLE

We are finding that most BFMVs (Burglary From Motor Vehicle) occur when items of value are left in plain sight in parked vehicles. This is just an open invitation to Criminals to smash your window and take whatever is left in plain sight. **EVEN IF THE ITEM LEFT VISIBLE IS NOT IN FACT VALUABLE**, the bad guys don't know this, so they will smash your window and take it.

Following are a few BFMV Crime Prevention Tips

- Always lock your vehicle and close your windows
- Use a steering column locking device
- Do not leave your LAPTOP in your vehicle
- Always use your vehicle's alarm system
- If possible park your vehicle in a GARAGE
- Park your vehicle as close to a streetlight as possible
- Do not leave garage remotes in your vehicle
- If you see any suspicious activity near any vehicle, call the police
- Check on your vehicle periodically
- IPODS AND IPOD Docking Stations are a Prime Target

For more Crime Prevention Information, call the LAPD Harbor Community Police Station 310-726-7850

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City of Lomita News

PUTTING THE BITE ON BARKING DOGS by Ruth Herbert

Barking dogs are a problem. If a dog is barking at a prowler we love it. When he barks for long periods of time and at night for no reason it is a big bad problem. Articles are written in this newsletter over and over and neighbors continue to complain that barking dogs are still a big, bad problem!! THERE ARE LEGAL REMEDIES. OUR CITY RECOMMENDS ACTION: Problems with barking dogs contact: Code Enforcement 310-325-7110, Ext 120.

If the problem continues, continue to call Code Enforcement, persistence is the answer.

LOMITA ELECTION RESULTS by Ruth Herbert

The two Lomita City Council seats that were vacated by Don Suminaga and Ken Blackwood will be filled by Mike Savidan and Henry Sanchez who will be installed on November 21 at the regular City Council meeting.

Here are the voting results for the City of Lomita, as they appeared on the ballot:

- James P. Thompson = 527 votes
- Mike Savidan = 1328 votes
- Henry Sanchez = 1175

All of the City precincts used in the County, State and National elections were consolidated into four districts (1, 2, 7 and 12). Our precinct, #7, is bordered by Pacific Coast Hwy to the north, Narbonne Avenue to the West, Western Ave (including one block to the east), and Green Hills to the south. Here's how we voted:

- James P. Thompson = 44 poll votes and 99 absentee votes (mailed in)

- Mike Savidan = 133 poll votes and

269 absentee votes (mailed in)

- Henry Sanchez = 134 poll votes and 249 absentee votes (mailed in)

Congratulations to the winners and the best to you during your term of office. We will stay in touch with you.

Correction: In the last newsletter it was stated that leaf blowers are illegal in Lomita. Mr. Dean Martin looked up the code as did Mr. Don Herbert and here is a condensed version of the City Code:

- Leaf blowers are unlawful except Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on holidays, Saturday and Sundays;

- It is unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to use a leaf blower in such a manner as to blow, dispel, or make airborne, leaves, grass cuttings, paper, trash or any other type of unattached debris so that it becomes airborne or travels beyond the property boundaries of the parcel on which it is being used, to adjoining properties, or public rights-of-way and remains there for more than fifteen (15) minutes;

- It is unlawful to use any type of leaf-blowing device without a full nozzle extension utilized to ensure maximum efficiency and to minimize the spread of dust;

- It is unlawful for any individual doing business in the City to use a leaf blowing machine in a residential area unless it is certified annually by the city. The fee is \$25.00. A sticker indicating certification shall be provided which shall be affixed on the body of the leaf blower itself or the vehicle of such business.

- It is unlawful for any person to use or operate any type of leaf-blowing machine or device at a noise level greater than sixty-five (65) decibels.

The full code can be found on the internet at the Lomita City website. The editors regret the error.



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Flourless Chocolate

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Red Velvet Cake

Vanilla cream cheese frosting layered between dark red chocolate cake. Very popular!

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Pastries:

Mini Eclairs, Apple Almond Bars, Cheesecake Squares Mini Cream Puffs, Ganache
Brownies, Lemon Curd Bars

12 for \$20 25 for \$30 50 for \$60 20 for \$20 40 for
\$35 60 for \$55

Cookies:

White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Biscotti, Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti, Sugar Cinnamon Biscotti, Anise Almond Biscotti, Anginettes, Pignolie, Sesame Seed, Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Double Chocolate Chip, and Oatmeal .

Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Mini Cupcakes also available

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VIEWING LOMITA CITY COUNCIL ON YOUR COMPUTER

1. Go to www.lomita.com
2. Click on City Hall
3. Click on City LIVE Council
4. Choose the current meeting in session (1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM)
5. Or, choose a past meeting from the archive.
6. Click on VIEW and be sure your sound is on.

Want to know what will be discussed up to 72 hours before the Council meeting? The agenda is posted on the City web page before each meeting.

AN EASY WAY TO KEEP INFORMED.



Our Old Houses



Sooner or later, the drain lines will begin to fail, either through earth movement (settling), root damage, or general decay. A solution is to re-route the drain outside the house, rather than digging up the interior flooring and re-connecting to the (older) drain lines. This photo shows a new kitchen sink drain routed along the side of the house, which eventually meets the main house drain. The new trench is the darker concrete, and the connection is visible as the small angled line coming out of the house going into the trench. This particular house additionally connects the washing machine outflow to this new drain line.

Speaking about roots, Copper Sulfate crystals (available at the hardware store) are supposed to be effective at abating root invasions. Follow the directions on the container.

If you have a useful homeowner maintenance tip, please pass it along. Other topics raised in this newsletter include slab leaks and failing circuit breakers.

Chocomint Cookies **CHEAP THRILLS** **cuisine** By LOMBARDO & BUI

<p>Cream together:</p> <p>1/2 c softened unsalted butter 1/2 c white sugar 1/4 c brown sugar</p> <p>Mix in: 1 egg 1 tsp vanilla</p>	<p>Sift:</p> <p>1 c unbleached all-purpose flour 1/2 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp sea salt</p>	<p>Fold into creamed mixture.</p> <p>Add:</p> <p>1 c semisweet chocolate chips 2 Tbsp finely chopped fresh mint</p>	<p>Drop hearty teaspoonfuls 2" apart on nonstick or greased cookie sheet.</p> <p>Bake at 350°F for 10-12 min. until golden brown.</p>
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Prep Time **20 mins.** Bake Time **30–40 mins.**

**Great
AMERICAN
Recipes**

Crustless Zucchini Quiche



INGREDIENTS
SERVES 6

- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2½ cups thinly sliced zucchini (about 2 medium)
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper (about ½ medium)
- ¼ cup chopped onion (about 1 small)
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- ½ tsp. paprika
- ½ tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Serving Suggestion

Serve this veggie quiche for brunch with fresh fruit, mini cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee.

Nutritional information

Per serving: calories 185, fat 10.7g (sat fat 4.8g), carbs 8.2g

EASY STEP-BY-STEP

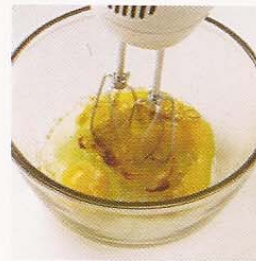
1 Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 9-inch pie plate with nonstick cooking spray.

2 Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the zucchini, bell pepper and onion. Cook, stirring frequently, until the vegetables are softened, about 5 minutes. Drain if needed. Place the vegetables in the prepared pie plate.



STEP 2

3 Place the eggs, mustard, paprika and seasoned salt in a medium bowl. Beat with an electric mixer set on medium speed until blended, about 1 minute. Beat in the milk. Stir in the Cheddar and Swiss cheeses.



STEP 3

4 Pour the egg mixture over the vegetables in the pie plate. Bake until lightly golden and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 30–40 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.



STEP 4

GREAT IDEAS

- Have lots of folks coming for brunch? Double the recipe and bake in a 13- x 9-inch casserole dish.



INCOME	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE
30 MEMBERSHIP	\$510.00	\$2,030.00
31 ADVERTISING	\$10.00	\$490.00
32 INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00
33 MISC	\$0.00	\$0.00
40 VOIDED CHECKS	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$520.00	\$2,520.00

EXPENSES	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE
40 NEWSLTR/DIRECTORY	\$965.63	\$1,488.78
41 MISC		\$60.66
42 ACCTG	\$50.00	\$100.00
43 DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00
45 BANK FEES	\$45.00	\$135.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,060.63	\$1,784.44

NET OPERATIONS: -\$540.63 \$735.56

ACCT #	CHECK #	DETAILS	INCOME	EXPENSES
30		MEMBERSHIP	\$510.00	
31		ADVERTISING	\$10.00	
40	565	TEAM PRINT		\$445.88
40	566	TEAM PRINT		\$369.75
40	567	RUTH HERBERT		\$50.00
40	568	LINDA MAKOWSKI		\$50.00
40	569	MIKE LEUNG		\$50.00
42	570	NANCY PATTERSON		\$50.00
45		BANK FEES		\$45.00
TOTALS:			\$520.00	\$1,060.63

ASSETS:
 BANK STATEMENT BALANCE \$1,910.14
 LESS OUTSTANDING CKS 100.00
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	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE
CASH BALANCE BEGINNING:	\$2,350.77	\$1,074.58
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CASH AS OF 9/30/2011:	\$1,810.14	\$1,810.14

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Symbolic Meaning of Christmas Tree –

A Brief Summary

Written by Avenefica on December 5th, 2007



The symbolic meaning of Christmas trees originates in pagan culture where the evergreen represents life, rebirth, and stamina needed to endure the winter months.

Scandinavian and Norse traditions honored the winter solstice (December 25) by decorating evergreens. At this time fir trees were also burned to commemorate the life that stirs even in the most frigid grips of winter. These traditions also marked the end of the old year and the beginning of a new year.

Pagan lore indicates the time between December 25 until about early-mid January are some of the coldest days of the year. It was believed evil spirits were at their strongest during these months. To thwart the spirits, evergreens were brought into the home as symbols of protection. These evergreens were alight with candles, the idea here was to “light

up” the darkest, coldest conditions and thereby shoo away naughty spirits.

It wasn't until about the nineteenth century that we find Christianity absorbing the bright, cheery symbolism of the Christmas tree. The Christians had long held the fir as a symbol of the Tree of Life. Early Christians knew their symbolism well, as they added candles and apples to their Christmas firs. These candles represented the light of Christ. The apples symbolized knowledge which spawned man's original sin according to Christian belief. Here we see the light of Christ absolving the “fall of man” within the immortal symbol of the Christmas tree.



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Area News

TRIBUTE TO BETTY GOLDBERG By Ruth Herbert
Betty Goldberg lived on the corner of Via Desmonde and Via Madonna for over 40 years, was a founder of our Residential Association, affectionately called RRRRA, even though it sounds like the bark of a seal. She helped start other City organizations in Lomita when it was a brand new city. She was president of several and worked at City Hall as a code enforcement officers for years, was a fountain of information about our history and all happenings around town. We all lost a dear friend and neighbor in September. Those of us who knew her well especially remember her Bunco parties that she loved so dearly. And the children who grew up with her children remember swimming once a week during the summertime in the Goldberg pool. She had a heart for children and for animals and for her neighbors. Before we had area reps, Betty was the one they called for assistance; even after we had area reps she was the one they called!

In the late 60's when the State wanted to divide our new city in two with a new freeway, she organized our neighborhood to join with the rest of Lomita in the fight to keep Lomita together and they won. No freeway through Rolling Ranchos!

When this new neighborhood realized that our children would have to walk outside the tract and outside the City limits to get to our local neighborhood school, she

walked the streets of the Pines to allow a walkway through their neighborhood for our children. But it was rejected so she helped organize our tract with a neighborhood directory so we could join together and form carpools.

She worked with Harbor Hills whenever there was a problem between their residents and our tract, was instrumental in establishing this newsletter, our Area Reps system and the planting and upkeep of our P.V. Dr. North parkway. Even the spontaneous little palm tree in the center of PV Drive North was saved by Betty when the City put in the center divider.

Some things she wanted didn't get done as she would have liked. We didn't get a thorny vine to grow on the PV wall to keep off graffiti, or as active a Neighborhood Watch or as many neighbors to join RRRRA or as many neighbors active in City affairs, or to run for City Council or the Commissions. But we still have our neighborhood and our Association and our determination to continue to support our City.

In 2007 when Jim Cole, one of the founders of the City, put our City history into a book to celebrate the centennial of Lomita as a community, Betty was one of the contributors. The book is still available at City Hall and at the Lomita Railroad Museum.

Rest in peace dear Betty. We will miss you.



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From the RRRA Newsletter Gang



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