

THE CITY OF POMONA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JAMES W. MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT - Wednesday, November 24, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 12/6/2021

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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All public meetings are currently taking place via Zoom Webinar and agendas are posted on our website.

COVID-19 and VACCINATION UPDATES

For updates regarding vaccination and resident and business resources, please see our COVID-19 section at the end of this report on our COVID-19 resources page.

THANKSGIVING DAY – CITY FACILITIES ARE CLOSED

City facilities such as City Hall, Library, City Yards, Community Centers, and Police Station will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 29. As always, for emergencies please dial 9-1-1 and for matters requiring immediate attention our Pomona PD 24/7 Dispatch at (909) 622-1241.

STREET SWEEPING/TRASH COLLECTION - On Thanksgiving Day, Thu, 11/26:

- Street Sweeping Canceled
- Trash Collection Postponed and will resume on Friday & Saturday (1+ day after its regularly scheduled pick-up day.)

Additionally, please note future observed holidays when City facilities will be closed:

Holiday Closure – Wednesday, Dec. 22 through Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.
 (Business resumes on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022)

CITY CLERK

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are via ZOOM Webinar:

• December 1, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission

- December 2, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission
- December 2, 2021 Youth Commission

LIBRARY

ELVES ON THE SHELVES

Meet Dewey and Decimal – the Elves who will be hiding somewhere in the Pomona Library every day that we are open, between Wednesday December 1st and Wednesday December 22nd. Kids can stop by the front desk for a prize if they let staff know where they found these festive friends! Contact the Pomona Library with any questions at **909-620-2043** or library@ci.pomona.ca.us



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CITY TREE LIGHT CEREMONY CANCELED

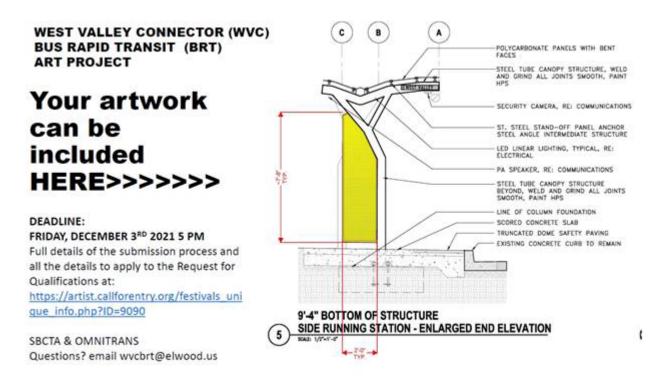
The City's normal Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, scheduled for December 6, 2021, has been canceled. Annually, this event usually takes place during the first City Council meeting of December, since City Council meetings are currently being held virtually, this event has been canceled. In lieu of the annual event, there will be a virtual holiday lighting countdown video played during the Council Meeting.

Additionally, there is still live holiday fun for all. Please join us on Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Holiday at the Plaza at Shaun Diamond Plaza, 195 W. 2nd Street. This event coincides with the Downtown Pomona Holiday Parade and provides holiday fun for the whole family with holiday crafts, entertainment and snow sledding. We look forward to seeing you and wish you all the safest and happiest of holidays.

PLANNING

LOCAL ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) seeks to commission three artists or artist teams to create unique designs that will be incorporated into the standard bus shelter for the West Valley Connector (WVC) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The WVC BRT alignment runs west to east through Pomona, Montclair, Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga. Local artists within the region are encouraged to apply. **Submissions due Friday**, **December 3rd**, **2021 5:00 P.M. PST**. Link to the full RFQ and submission details can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/artistdesignservices



POLICE

NORTHEAST QUADRANT AREA COMMANDER MEETING

The Pomona Police Department will be hosting an <u>Area Commander Meeting</u> for residents in the Northeast Quadrant of our City on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Smoke and Fire Social Eatery located at 401 E. Foothill Boulevard. This is a great opportunity to meet and discuss local issues with your Area Commander, Lieutenant Vince Terrell. Our guest speakers will be the Police Department's Quality of Life Unit and the City of Pomona's Code Enforcement personnel.

DUI/CDL CHECKPOINT

On Friday night December 3rd, the Police Department will conduct a two-direction checkpoint on a major thoroughfare in Pomona. This checkpoint is OTS grant funded and will start at 9:00 p.m.

STUFF A CRUISER EVENT

The Pomona Police Department will be conducting its yearly <u>"Stuff a Cruiser" event</u> on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Target/Ross Shopping Center located at 701 Rio Rancho Road. Come and help fill our cruiser by donating new and unopened toys and bring joy to boys and girls of our community this holiday season. Santa will be making a special appearance from the North Pole!

COVID-19 RESOURCES

General (Updates are highlighted)

POMONA CONNECT

Through Pomona Connect, the City of Pomona is working to provide a hub for COVID-19 related updates and resources available to the community including vaccine events, rent relief information, food resources, volunteering and more. To find out more about the resources available to assist those in need, please go to PomonaConnect.com You can sign up for many resources directly, register for updates, find an event in your area to learn about resources in person, or learn how you can spread the word by volunteering. You can also contact Pomona Connect at (909) 620-2435. Reach out and connect with Pomona Connect! Join the next Pomona Connect Resource Fair, Saturday, November 6th.

VACCINES

Every Friday @ WesternU Campus - 795 E. Second St.

Free walk-in clinics, no appointment required. Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for all individuals aged 5 and above on Fridays. Details here. For question vaccine@westernu.edu

The following websites provide up to date information on vaccines:

- LA County: VaccinateLACounty.com & LA Co. Vaccination Appointments Site
- California: California COVID-19 Vaccine Plan & VaccineFinder.org Site

Vaccine Appointments in LA County

- My Turn (<u>myturn.ca.gov</u>) & CA COVID-19 Hotline 1-833-422-4255.
- **LA Co. Phone Appointments**: 833-540-0473, 7 days/week, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Pharmacu Vaccination Sites

Provider	Registration Details
CVS Pharmacy	<u>cvs.com</u> or call (800) 746-7287
•	Pomona Location: 150 W. Willow Street
Rite Aid	ritea.id/california or call (800) 748-3243 Pomona Location: 2059 S. Garey Avenue
	Foliona Location: 2059 S. Garey Avenue
Walgreens	<u>walgreens.com</u> or call (909) 469-9534 (press "1")
	Must be a Walgreens Account Holder (can be created online)
Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions	Vons: www.vons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html
Pharmacies	Albertsons: www.albertsons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html
Ralphs Pharmacy (Kroger)	www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated

CURRENT HEALTH ORDER/GUIDANCE SUMMARY

(publichealth.lacounty.gov)

8/28/21 – Responding together at Work and in the Community

City of Pomona	County	County Public Health COUNTY OF LOS ANGEES Public Health	Federal
COVID-19 FAQ for City Services Department Directory (Make an appointment)	Health Officer Orders LA County Disaster Help Center (Tenant Landlord Business Non-Profit)	Vaccine Info Vaccine Appointments Citas para Vacunas (en Español)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Guidance State Unemployment MyTurn.ca.gov
	Call 2-1-1 & COVID-19 Case Info Line 1-833-540-0473	Vaccine Appointments 1-833-540-0473 8:00 am – 8:30 pm 7 days a week	State of CA COVID-19 Hotline 1-833-422-4255 M-F 8 am – 8 pm Sa-Su 8 am – 5 pm

Business Information

BEST PRACTICES TO PREVENT COVID-19

Guidance for Businesses and Employers

RESOURCE PAGES

- **LA County Business Info** (Layoff Aversion, etc.) Click <u>here</u>.
- <u>Disaster Help Center</u> (833) 238-4450 or <u>disasterhelpcenter@lacounty.gov</u> & follow @LAHELPCENTER
- <u>LA County Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA)</u> (800) 593-8222 & follow @LACOUNTYDCBA
- WDACS/LACBIZDEV Follow @LACBIZDEV
- <u>LeaseUp Initiative</u> (Rent to tenants w/ subsidies) (323) 428-4742 & <u>leaseupla@epath.org</u>. See <u>Landlord FAQ</u>.

FREE BUSINESS PERMITS – ACTIVATE POMONA

FREE Activate Pomona permits are designed to aid business economic recovery. All interested entities may inquire and apply at bit.ly/activatepomona and (909) 620-2191.

Community Information

CA RENT RELIEF PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

At the end of this month, California's eviction protections will expire. Eligible tenants applying for California's COVID-19 Rent Assistance program before September 30 can't be evicted, even if their application is still pending. Get more information, check eligibility and apply at HousingisKey.com today or call 833-430-2122 and press 4 for help in Spanish.

WATCH & SHARE! - VACCINATE WITH CONFIDENCE - Q&A w/ DR. M. HELLEN RODRIGUEZ

The Pomona COVID-19 Action Committee invites the public to watch an informative recorded session, answering many questions regarding myths and doubts that the public may have about the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Rodriguez from the Pomona Valley Hospital and Medical Center share fact-based information to help everyone make an informed and confident decision regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Watch on YouTube in English and Spanish and share with your community!

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

The FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10 to \$50 toward the purchase price. The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

APPLY NOW- FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENTS

FEMA is accepting applications for financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. Please call 844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) or visit the <u>FEMA website</u> for eligibility and the checklist for documents —such as official death certificate, receipts, etc. If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

AT-HOME & FOOD RESOURCES SUMMARY

- -FREE At-Home Activities (DIY & Foodie Friday Recipes) bit.ly/cityofpomonayoutube
- $-FREE\ Virtual\ Community\ Center\ Classes \underline{bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenterclasses}$
- -FREE Food Resources Pomona Resources | County Resources (CalFresh) & at 2-1-1.
- -FREE Wi-Fi Locator Dial 2-1-1- or visit findwifi.lacounty.gov!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE - PROJECT PERFECT PAIR

The Pomona COVID-19 Action Committee's Basic Needs, in partnership with Brown Memorial Temple, BMT CDC, PCS Family Services, and the Pitzer College Community Engagement Center, presents a shoe drive and fundraiser to support our Pomona students as they head back to school! We have 150+ Pomona families who have requested new shoes for back to school and we are committed to reaching our 400+-pair goal! Let's help them look and feel their best while they go through this transition. If you have questions about the project, please contact the Basic Needs Subcommittee Co-

Chair Councilmember Nora Garcia at 909-630-3378 or send an email to pomonabasicneedscommittee@gmail.com.

Donate Online! – <u>bit.ly/perfectpairdonation</u>

Mail Checks to:

BMT Community Development Center 383 N. Main Street, Pomona, CA 91768 Check Memo Line: Children's Shoe Drive

Donation Contact:

Mrs. Cynthia Brown BMT Community Development Center 909-620-0688 or 909-732-3310

ATTACHMENT

1. Upcoming Pomona Events

UPCOMING POMONA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Details	Location
Housing Rights Center Daily Events	Housing Rights Workshop, Clinics and Live Q&A	Various	Visit their Facebook page for more info.	facebook.com/HousingRight sCenter
Tri-City Wednesday/Thursday	Virtual Gardening	Various	Join TCG/ Tri-City to practice mindfulness. Lean how gardening and nature can have a positive impact on mental health and wellness.	Contact (909) 623-6131 to learn how to participate
Community Resource Center	Free On-Demand Classes		Fitness and Exercise (Yoga, Zumba, etc.), Nutrition and Healthy Cooking, Health Education, and Children's Classes. New classes will be available each week.	https://www.youtube.com/act ivehealthyinformed
Inter Valley Health Plan	Virtual Vitality Classes	Various	Join Inter Valley for free and informative live classes. RSVP for login info.	https://www.ivhp.com/vitality
WesternU Every Friday	Vaccination Clinic	1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (age 12+ clinich) 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (ages 5-11)	Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for all individuals aged 5 and above Free walk-in clinics. No appointment required. Details here. For questions, vaccine@westernu.edu	WesternU Campus 795 E Second St.
Pomona Chamber 2 nd Wednesday	Networking at Noon	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Join Pomona Chamber to learn about the latest trends and community happenings.	Metro Ale House
Pomona Chamber Last Friday of the Month	Coffee Connections	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Pomona Chamber of Commerce invites you to come out and grab a cup of coffee and join in networking with businesses and community leaders	Starbucks 101 W Mission Blvd
DPOA Every 2 nd Saturday	Pomona Packing Plant Artwalk	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Art vendors, food, music, 50Ft live street art wall, craft vendors and more.	560 E Commercial St.
City of Pomona Ongoing	Virtual Community Center	Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Community Services staff is available to answer your questions and help register you for FREE community classes in their virtual space on Zoom. You may also reach them at (909) 620-2324. Check out classes and register online at bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenterclasses .	Zoom with our Staff: bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenter
NAACP Tues, Wed & Fri.	COVID-19 Testing	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tues. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Wed/Fri	If you think you or someone in your family has COVID- 19, call 909-620-0433 to make an appointment. Anyone with symptoms should be tested ASAP.	NAACP – Solidarity Center 1460 E Holt Ave. (entrance 2 Room 6)
County of Los Angeles	COVID-19 Testing	Mon – Sat 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing. No appointment necessary.	Fairplex Gate 17
San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center	COVID-19 Testing	Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	COVID-19 Testing. Register here.	75 Rancho Camino Dr.
Fri, Nov 5 – Sun, Jan 2	The Elf on the Shelf		A magical walk-through Christmas experience with a trolley ride, Christmas village with hot cholate, gifts, treats games and more! Ice skating, more lights more music, more magic! Purchase tickets here.	Fairplex
Wed, Dec 1 – Fri, Dec 31	Christmas on Columbia	M-Th 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. F- Sun 5 p.m. – 12 p.m.	Come and enjoy live music, food, and the kick off to the lights on Dec 4th 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Bring an unwrapped toy and be entered into a raffle. Toys will be donated to PPD.	400 Block West Columbia Ave.

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Date	Event	Time	Details	Location
Thursday, November 25	CITY HALL CLOSED		IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING DAY	
Thursday, November 25	Meal Giveaway	Morning	Brothers' & Sisters' Keeper, Unlimited will host an indoor and outdoor meal giveaway on Thanksgiving morning.	Alliance Community Cultural Center
Tuesday, November 30	Community Meeting Northwest Area	6 p.m.	Join Lt. Terrell in the Northeast Area Commander Meeting. Guest speakers: PPD Quality of Life and Code Enforcement. NE Area: North of Holt Ave./ East of Garey Ave.	Smoke & Fire 401 E Foothill Blvd.
Saturday, December 4	Pomona Police Department Stuff a Cruiser	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Help fill our cruiser with toys and bring some joy to firal and boys this holiday season. Santa will make a special appearance form the North Pole thanking all who have shared some cheer.	Target/Ross Shopping Center 701 Rio Rancho Rd.
Saturday, December 4	Too Toxic to Trash	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Free household hazardous and electronic waste drive-thru collection event.	Brackett Field Fairplex Dr. & W. McKinley Ave.
Saturday, December 4	Christmas on Columbia Kick-Off Event	3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Enjoy holiday lights, performances and acknowledgments.	400 block W Columbia
Monday, December 6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas . Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming .	Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)
Wednesday, December 8	Sowing Seeds for Life Drive-Thru Food Pantry	8 a.m. – 12 p.m. While supplies last	<u>Drive-Thru Food Pantry</u>	Charisma Life Church 305 E Arrow Hwy.
Wednesday, December 8	Community Needs Meeting	6:30 p.m.	All residents are invited to join a Community Needs meeting to share your thoughts on the most important community needs. These meetings will assist in identifying the City's needs and funding priorities for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.	Pomona Library
Saturday, December 11	Holiday at the Plaza	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Holiday crafts, entertainment, holiday cheer for the whole family. Event subject to change. For updates follow @cityofpomona_communityservices	Shaun Diamond Plaza 195 W Second St.
Saturday, December 11	Holiday Parade	6 p.m.	Christmas Parade "Holidays Under the Stars"	Downtown Pomona
Sunday, December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession	3 p.m.	Join St. Madeleine Catholic Church for "Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession"	St. Madeleine Catholic Church
Thursday, December 16	Holiday For Heroes Luncheon	TBD	Join the Pomona Chamber of Commerce Honoring our Public Safety Offices	TBD
Saturday, December 18	Kennedy Austin 13 th Annual Toy Giveaway	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Kennedy Austin Foundation presents their 13th Annual Toy Giveaway. Call 909-620-0912 to be added to the list.	TBD
Mon, Dec 20 – Tues, Dec 21	Winter Art Camp	9 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Palomares 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ Westmont	Join Community Services for Winter Art Camp. Register @ bit.ly/pomonarecreation	Palomares and Westmont
Monday, December 20	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting.	Via Teleconference

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Wednesday, December 22	Winter Craft	4 p.m.	Join the Pomona Library for Winter Crafts.	Pomona Public Library
Wed, Dec 22 - Thurs, Dec 30	CITY HALL CLOSED		HOLIDAY CLOSURE	
Monday, January 10	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas. Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.	Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)
Thursday, January 13, 2022	Community Needs Meeting	6:30 p.m.	All residents are invited to join a Community Needs meeting to share your thoughts on the most important community needs. These meetings will assist in identifying the City's needs and funding priorities for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.	ZOOM https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 699 111 5589 By phone (253) 215-8782
Sunday, January 16	40 th Annual Celebration MLK Project	6 p.m.	40 th Annual Celebration Pomona Inland Valley MLK Project honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	Virtual
Monday, January 17	CITY HALL CLOSED		In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	***************************************
Monday, January 17	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast and Tribute	8 :30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Join J.E.T.M.A.C. Inc. to recognize DR. King's legacy for justice, equality and freedom for all.	Ontario Airport Doubletree Hotel
Monday, January 24	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas. Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.	Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)
Saturday, June 18	32 nd Annual Pomona Valley Juneteenth Jazz and Arts Festival	TBD	A full day of live entertainment, food vendors, arts and craft vendors, fun for the kids, networking, VIP reception and health fair.	Ganesha Park