



THE CITY OF POMONA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: JAMES W. MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER *jm*
SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT – Wednesday, November 18, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 11/15/2021

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

City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 12/6/2021

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

All public meetings are currently taking place via Zoom Webinar and agendas are posted on our [website](#).

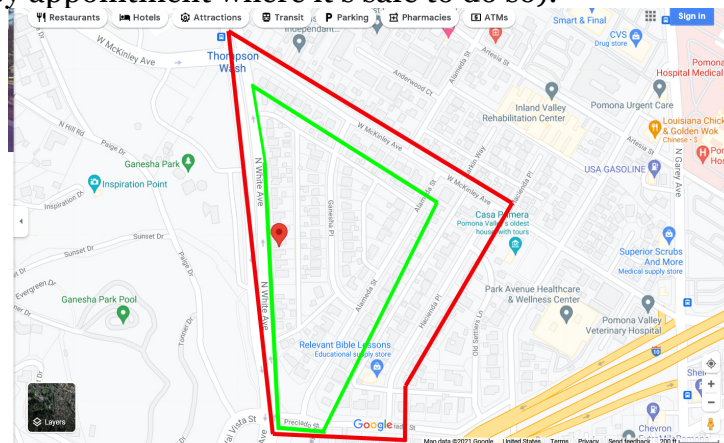
COVID-19 and VACCINATION UPDATES

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](#).

RED CROSS IN POMONA 11/20/21

On Saturday, November 20th, volunteers of the Red Cross will be conducting a Sound the Alarm check near the 1500 block of N. White Ave (see attached map) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Red Cross will be canvassing the area to raise awareness on the following:

- **Educating People** about home fire safety.
- **Helping families create an escape plan** to practice their 2-minute drill.
- **Partnering with the local fire department to check and install smoke alarms** (by appointment where it's safe to do so).



CITY CLERK

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are via ZOOM Webinar:

- November 22, 2021 Special Joint Meeting Cultural Arts Commission and Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee
- November 23, 2021 Community Life Commission
- November 24, 2021 Planning Commission CANCELED

LIBRARY

DRUM CIRCLE WORKSHOP

In partnership with the dA Center for the Arts and Cal Poly Pomona, the Library invites kids aged 5-12 to a drum circle and story workshop. Saturday November 20th from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, at the Civic Center Plaza in front of the Library.

LOCAL AUTHOR AND SPECIAL GUEST, BOOK EVENT

Join us on Saturday November 20th from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm for a special presentation by local author, Gene Aguilera. “Lost Stories of West Coast Boxing” is his third book, and in it he uncovers the human drama of memorable West Coast Latino boxing lore. Buried tales and colorful narratives of beloved Mexican ring idols such as **Alberto Davila (local legend and our special guest star!)** are showcased. Mr. Aguilera will read an excerpt from the book, followed by a Q&A session with himself and Mr. Davila. Copies will be available for purchase and to be autographed. Contact the Pomona Library with any questions at **909-620-2043** or library@pomonaca.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

HAMILTON PARK UPDATES AND RENAMING COMMUNITY MEETING

On Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the City will host a community meeting to present Hamilton Park Renovation project updates and offer residents the opportunity to provide input as to whether renaming Hamilton Park should be considered.

A request to change the name of Hamilton Park was received and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commission asked Staff to host a community meeting to gather community input; area-resident input would be greatly appreciated as the name change is considered.

The City’s Policy for Naming of Park and Recreation Facilities states, “Parks, facilities, or amenities which already bear the name of an individual will not be considered for re-naming, to uphold the original intent of honor and respect, unless substantial evidence is later revealed that the individual was falsely credited with the honor for which the facility was named.”

For more information, the City’s Policy for Naming of Park and Recreation Facilities and Nomination Form for Naming of Park and Recreation Facilities can be obtained by contacting the Community Services Division at (909) 802-7738.

PUBLIC WORKS

VANDALISM AND THEFT AT CITY PARKS

Over the last several weeks, there has been a dramatic increase in vandalism and theft at our City parks. Daily, the City's maintenance contractor and City Staff are discovering a substantial increase in the number of homeless camps and graffiti, as well as vandalism of park restrooms, irrigation systems, and theft of plumbing and light fixtures. Repairs and replacements are costing the City thousands of dollars, and taking time away from Staff's ability to take care of the normal responsibilities and obligations.

As requested by many residents and as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City recently opened restrooms at five additional park locations (Kennedy, Lincoln, MLK, Montvue, and Ted Greene Parks) during the week as a pilot program. However, within the first week of the pilot program, vandalism forced Staff to close the restroom at MLK Park again. The remaining four parks are sustaining increased vandalism and graffiti, as well.

Please help reduce vandalism in our City Parks by reporting issues to the Pomona Police Department by calling Police Dispatch (909) 622-1241.



JFK Park
New tree plantings vandalized



Palomares Park
Stolen fixtures and covers



Ganesha Park Band Shell –
Conduit damage from wire theft



Ganesha Park - Vandalized monuments



Transit Center -Graffiti



Transit Center
Theft of electric wires



MLK Park - Graffiti

WATER RESOURCES

POMONA CHOICE ENERGY CUSTOMERS – DISCOUNTED SMART HOME ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICES

Pomona Choice Energy (PCE) has teamed up with Emporia to offer PCE customers discounts on essential tools to save energy, lower your bill, and help the environment.

For a limited time, get energy monitors and smart plugs **ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

The first 500 PCE customers will get a free Energy Monitor, and the first 1,000 PCE customers will get a free Smart Plug.

Simply fill out the form at emporiaenergy.com/Pomona-deal with your Pomona Choice Energy customer number located on your SCE bill

EV Charger



\$399.99 Save 25%

Level 2. Up to 48A.
Hardwired or NEMA.
24' Cable. Indoor/Outdoor.
Charges any EV

Energy Monitor



\$24.99 Save 60%

FREE with \$25 SCE Rebate!
Connects wirelessly to your
Pomona Zigbee SEP, HAN
enabled, AMI Smart Meter

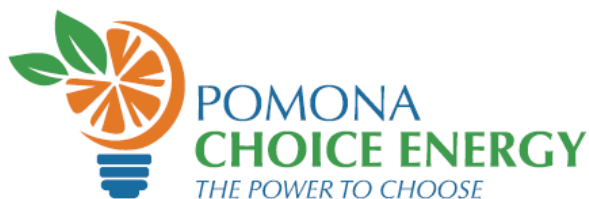
Smart Plug



\$6.75 Save 32%

Control, monitor, schedule
appliances and devices from
anywhere, anytime. Plus voice
control with Google or Alexa

Buy now at shop.emporiaenergy.com/pomona



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** (myturn.ca.gov) & 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.





Pharmacy Vaccination Sites


Provider	Registration Details
CVS Pharmacy	cvs.com or call (800) 746-7287 Pomona Location: 150 W. Willow Street
Rite Aid	riteaid.com/california or call (800) 748-3243 Pomona Location: 2059 S. Garey Avenue
Walgreens	walgreens.com or call (909) 469-9534 (press "1") Must be a Walgreens Account Holder (can be created online)
Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions Pharmacies	Vons: www.vons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html 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	Federal
			
COVID-19 FAQ for City Services	Health Officer Orders	Vaccine Info	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Department Directory (Make an appointment)	LA County Disaster Help Center (Tenant Landlord Business Non-Profit)	Vaccine Appointments	Travel Guidance
		Citas para Vacunas (en Español)	

			<p>State</p>  <p>Unemployment MyTurn.ca.gov</p>
	<p>Call 2-1-1 & COVID-19 Case Info Line 1-833-540-0473</p>	<p>Vaccine Appointments 1-833-540-0473</p> <p>8:00 am – 8:30 pm 7 days a week</p>	<p>State of CA COVID-19 Hotline</p> <p>1-833-422-4255 M-F 8 am – 8 pm Sa-Su 8 am – 5 pm</p>

Business Information

BEST PRACTICES TO PREVENT COVID-19 [Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)

RESOURCE PAGES

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

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 [FEMA website](#) 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* – 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! – bit.ly/perfectpairdonation

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

ATTACHMENTS

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/HousingRightsCenter
Tri-City Wednesday/Thursday	Virtual Gardening	Various	Join TCG/ Tri-City to practice mindfulness. Learn 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+ clinic) 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 chocolate, 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 4 th 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.

UPCOMING POMONA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Details	Location
Thursday, November 18	Kennedy Austin Free Turkey Giveaway	12 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Kennedy Austin Foundation Free Turkey Giveaway. Call 909-620-0912 to be put on their list. 1 per family.	TBD
Thursday, November 18	Housing Rights Workshop Pomona Landlords	6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Emergency eviction protections, Rental assistance and resources, Fair housing rights for families, immigrants, disability accommodations and more.	ZOOM Sign Up Here
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	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.
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	Drive-Thru Food Pantry	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	Christmas 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
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Wednesday, December 22	Winter Craft	4 p.m.	Join the Pomona Library for Winter Crafts.	Pomona Public Library
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	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
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