



THE CITY OF POMONA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: JAMES W. MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER *jm*
SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT – Thursday, December 16, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

+ City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 12/20/2021

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

+ City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 1/10/2022

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](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT/ CODE COMPLIANCE

DEMOLITION BEGINS ON BUILDING SITE OF FORMER ILLEGAL DISPENSARY

After months of progressive Police and Code Compliance efforts, the property owner of the building located at 2380 N. Garey Avenue, began demolition of the structure that previously housed an illegal marijuana dispensary. The Police Department had previously served 15 Search Warrants and conducted 11 Red Tag enforcement operations on the property, seizing illegal products, cash and fixtures and equipment from the location. However, the operators of the facility would routinely break back into the building, commencing their illegal operation the following day.

Recently, the Police Department, working in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office and Code Compliance, served a warrant at the site, while efforts were coordinated to secure the property from entry by using a specialty vendor. Since the building was also RED TAGGED and unsafe to occupy, the City also brought in an environmental contract to assess the presence of hazardous materials in preparation for potential demolition by a City contractor. These efforts, along with continued enforcement pressures from Code and the City Attorney, finally deterred re-entry by the illegal business operator and compelled the property owner to commence with demolition of the structure. The City will be taking further action to recover legal and abatement costs associated with the property. Photos of the current demolition process are included:



CITY CLERK

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are via ZOOM Webinar:

- December 22, 2021 Planning Commission CANCELLED

All public meeting agendas are posted on our [website](#).

LIBRARY

MEET THE GRINCH AT THE POMONA LIBRARY!

Join us on Wednesday December 22nd for a holiday themed Story time, craft, and a chance to take photos with The Grinch! The Friends of the Pomona Public Library are generously sponsoring one free mini-Polaroid per family, but feel free to bring your cameras as well! Contact the Pomona Library with any questions at **909-620-2043** or library@pomonaca.gov

VISIT US ONLINE!

The Library will be closed Friday December 24th – Sunday January 2nd, but you can still access our [Online Resources](#), [Online Learning Platforms](#), and [Downloadable E-books and AudioBooks!](#) Just make sure your Library Account is current, and have your card # and PIN handy. Contact us by Thursday December 23rd if you have any questions: **909-620-2043** or library@pomonaca.gov

PLANNING

LATEST PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS AND APPEAL DATES LISTED BELOW:

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW HEARING (DPR) AGENDA ITEMS

	Project Description	DPR Decision	Appeal Ends
Jacqueline Ramos 969 E. Mission Boulevard CC District No. 3 (Development Plan Review)	A request to develop four dwelling units, in a two-story building, and various onsite landscape and hardscape improvements on a 0.14-acre site within with the Pomona Corridors Specific Plan, Midtown Segment.	DPR 14318-2020 Approved December 16, 2021	January 5, 2022
Afzal Khan 1255-1265 W. Holt Avenue CC District No. 1 (Development Plan Review)	A request for a Development Plan Review (DPR) to develop eight dwelling units, in two three-story structures, and various onsite landscape and hardscape improvements on a 0.34-acre site within the Pomona Corridors Specific Plan (PCSP), Downtown Gateway Segment.	DPR 13736-2020 Approved December 16, 2021	January 5, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The City of Pomona received a \$250,000 grant from the County of Los Angeles for the creation of the Parks and Facilities Master Plan. This plan will guide current and future park and recreation development based on community-wide input. It will include recommendations for upgrading, expanding, or renovating existing parks and recreation facilities as well as evaluating recreation and programming needs. There are several ways you may get involved, including community workshops and surveys. Currently, Probolsky Research is calling randomly-selected residents to gather information on parks, recreation facilities, services satisfaction, usage, and needs. If you are contacted by phone, email, or text, we ask that you please participate! Your input is important!

Stay up to date on this project and participate in the survey by visiting the website: <https://arcg.is/qHubSo>. The Spanish version is located at <https://arcg.is/1Lf48Ko>. You can learn more about this important project and also provide important feedback through the survey that is provided on the website.

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

Sat/Sun, Dec 18th & 19th @ The Village at Indian Hill Entrance 1

Family welcome, walk-in accepted. For ages 5+, Boosters also available. Info [here](#).

Saturday, January 8th @ The Village at Indian Hill Entrance 1

Family welcome, walk-in accepted. For ages 5+, Boosters also available. Info [here](#).

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

<p>City of Pomona</p> 	<p>County</p> 	<p>County Public Health</p> 	<p>Federal</p> 
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<p>COVID-19 FAQ for City Services</p> <p>Department Directory (Make an appointment)</p>	<p>Health Officer Orders</p> <p>LA County Disaster Help Center (Tenant Landlord Business Non-Profit)</p>	<p>Vaccine Info</p> <p>Vaccine Appointments</p> <p>Citas para Vacunas (en Español)</p>	<p>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p> <p>Travel Guidance</p> <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.

IMPORTANT EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM UPDATES

Congress recently created the Affordable Connectivity Program, a new long-term, \$14 billion program, which will replace the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. This investment in broadband affordability will help ensure we can afford the connections we need for work, school, health care and more for a long time.

Households enrolled in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program as of 12/31/21 will continue to receive their current monthly benefit until 3/1/22.

More information about actions current Emergency Broadband Benefit recipients will need to take to continue receiving the Affordable Connectivity Program benefit after the transition period will be available in the coming weeks. The FCC is seeking comment on the changes enacted in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and will be adopting rules for the Affordable Connectivity Program. Please stay tuned for additional updates.

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/!

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/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+ 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	Downtown Pomona Artwalk	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Art vendors, food, music, craft vendors and more.	119 W 2 nd 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 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.

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<p style="text-align: center;">The Historical Society December Site Tours</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Site Tours</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p>Pomona Heritage is hosting an on-line home tour this December. They are asking for donations that will go to fund the Old Home Restoration Grant program. The homes are all beautiful examples of craftsman architecture here in Pomona. Visit their Pomona Heritage for more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, December 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kennedy Austin 13th Annual Toy Giveaway</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Kennedy Austin Foundation presents their 13th Annual Toy Giveaway. Call 909-620-0912 to be added to the list.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">406 West 2nd St.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sat/Sun, December 18 & 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mobile Clinic Vaccine Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Family welcome, walk-in accepted. For ages 5+, Boosters also available. Info here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Village at Indian Hill Entrance 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mon, Dec 20 – Tues, Dec 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Art Camp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Palomares 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. @ Westmont</p>	<p>Join Community Services for Winter Art Camp. Register @ bit.ly/pomonarecreation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Palomares and Westmont</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, December 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 p.m.</p>	<p>Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas. Watch on Spectrum/FIOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, December 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Craft</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 p.m.</p>	<p>Join the Pomona Library for Winter Crafts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pomona Public Library</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wed, Dec 22 – Thurs, Dec 30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CITY HALL CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLIDAY CLOSURE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mobile Clinic Vaccine Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Family welcome, walk-in accepted. For ages 5+, Boosters also available. Info here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Village at Indian Hill Entrance 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 p.m.</p>	<p>Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas. Watch on Spectrum/FIOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 13, 2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Community Needs Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ZOOM https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 699 111 5589 By phone (253) 215-8782</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">40th Annual Celebration MLK Project</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6 p.m.</p>	<p>40th Annual Celebration Pomona Inland Valley MLK Project honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CITY HALL CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast and Tribute</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8 :30 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Join J.E.T.M.A.C. Inc. to recognize DR. King's legacy for justice, equality and freedom for all.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ontario Airport Doubletree Hotel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">City Council Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 p.m.</p>	<p>Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here: bit.ly/pomonaagendas. Watch on Spectrum/FIOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Via Teleconference Zoom Login on Agenda (No public meeting location)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, June 18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">32nd Annual Pomona Valley Juneteenth Jazz and Arts Festival</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p>	<p>A full day of live entertainment, food vendors, arts and craft vendors, fun for the kids, networking, VIP reception and health fair.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ganesha Park</p>