

THE CITY OF POMONA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: JAMES W. MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - Wednesday, December 21, 2022

ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

↓ City Council Meeting: Monday 1/9/2023

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

City Council Meeting: Monday 1/23/2023

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

All public meeting agendas are posted on our website.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall will be closed from Thursday, December 22, 2022 – Monday, January 2, 2023.

The Library will be closed from Friday, December 23, 2022 – Monday, January 2, 2023.

City Hall and the Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The Police Department Front Desk will remain open during the holidays. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call Pomona PD non-emergency at (909) 622-1241. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Street sweeping and trash pick-up are not affected during the closure

CITY CLERK

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 26, 2022 Cultural Arts Commission (Canceled)
- December 28, 2022 Planning Commission (Canceled)

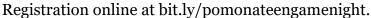
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

FIRST TEEN GAME NIGHT!

On Friday, December 16, 2022, Community Services hosted its first free Teen Game Night at Kennedy Park Community Center. Teens ages 13-17 enjoyed tasty pizza and a fun evening with friends playing pool, ping-pong, foosball, and video games. We cannot wait for the next Teen Game Night in January 2023! For questions, call 909-802-7730.





SENIORS GO ALL OUT FOR HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

This week, seniors are celebrating Holiday Spirit Week. On Monday, seniors wore their favorite flannel and found enjoyment in dressing like all their friends. On Tuesday, seniors brought holiday cheer wearing festive colors! Seniors can participate in games and holiday festivities during meal site hours at Washington Park from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and Palomares Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Spirit Week Schedule:

Monday, 12/19 Cozy Flannel Day

Tuesday, 12/20 Wear Holiday Festive Colors (red, green, white, or gold)

Wednesday, 12/21 Cozy Sock Day Thursday, 12/22 Pajama Day

Friday, 12/23 Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

For additional information about City of Pomona senior sites for in-person congregate meals, please call (909) 620-2324.



FINANCE

WATER SHUTOFFS

On August 1, 2022, the City of Pomona resumed normal utility service payment collection activities. The timeline associated with those practices is outlined as follows:

- 1. The City provides customers with billing statements every 61 days.
- 2. Customers have 3 weeks or 21 days from the billing date to pay their water bill.
- 3. If payment is not received on the 21st day, the City will assess a 5% penalty on the total outstanding balance and the customer will be issued a past due notice on the 22nd day.
- 4. Delinquent bills must be paid by the 80th day after the billing date (postmarks are not acceptable) to avoid further penalties and service disconnection.
- 5. If not paid or if no payment arrangement is in place, a 15-day disconnection notice is delivered to the service address.

Service disconnections did not take place between March 2020 (COVID-19 pandemic) - October 2022 based on the billing processes and noticing requirements followed above. The second billing cycle since service disconnections resumed is about to begin, and the soft disconnection review will now be lifted.

We understand the uncertainty and financial challenges that many households and commercial establishments are currently facing. Given these unique and unprecedented circumstances, we are offering impacted individuals and businesses that reach out and request assistance the opportunity to set up payment arrangements. Customers are also encouraged to apply for assistance through the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Customers can get information on the program requirements by contacting LIHWAP at (866) 675-6623.

Customers should contact Utility Billing – Customer Service with any questions regarding their delinquent accounts before disconnection occurs so that additional fees can be avoided.

- (909) 620-2241
- Customer.service@pomonaca.gov

LIBRARY

VISIT US ONLINE!

The Library building will be closed for the holidays from Friday, December 23rd – Tuesday, January 2nd and items are not due during that time; if you would like to make returns, our outdoor return box located on 7th Street will be open. Please note that library accounts will not be updated until we reopen on January 3rd. At that time, we will backdate returned items as if they had been received on December 22nd. Late fees will not accrue while we are closed, but if items were already late, there may be fees from before the holiday closure. Contact us by Thursday, December 22nd if you have any questions at **909-620-2043** or library@pomonaca.gov



POLICE

NEW POLICE OFFICERS JOIN POMONA PD

The Police Department would like to welcome two new Officers to the Department. Officers Ariana Vazquez and Ashley Zamora graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy on December 15, 2022. They were sworn in by Chief of Police Michael Ellis and will begin their field training program soon. Congratulations and welcome Officers Vazquez and Zamora!



SANTA COP TOY DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, December 17th, the Police Department hosted its annual "Santa Cop" event at City Hall. Gifts are provided to children ages infant to 15 years old. Those in need are identified through referrals from teachers, police staff, and community members. Gifts for children are all acquired throughout the year through fundraisers and donations. Children enjoyed choosing their own desired toy, a picture with Santa, and doing arts and crafts projects. This year, the Police department successfully provided gifts to more than 600 children in our community.



PUBLIC WORKS

HAMILTON PARK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

On December 19, 2022, construction commenced for the renovation of Hamilton Park. In 2020, the City was awarded \$1.5 million from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Statewide Park Program, funded through Proposition 68, to renovate Hamilton Park. Since receiving this funding, with increasing inflation and significant construction costs, the City applied for and received an additional \$1.2 million in County Measure A, County Measure W, and Proposition 68 funding. The renovated park will include new playgrounds for ages 2-5 and 5-12, restrooms, a water refill station, renovated pathways, renovated and enhanced lighting to increase safety, a gazebo, horseshoe pits, a renovated basketball court to include an art feature, renovated field, water-wise landscaping, and the planting of approximately 25 additional trees throughout the park. While the park is under construction, it will not be accessible to the public. The project is anticipated to be completed by summer of 2023. Due to supply chain issues, the restrooms may not be installed until fall of 2023.



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, and 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!

COVID TEST

All services are free and can be accessed here.

VACCINES

Hendricks Pharmacy @ Royalty Pharmacy - 1902 Royalty Drive STE 110 For ages 5+. All three brands of the COVID-19 Vaccine available: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson (J&J). Boosters available. Flu shots 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 Depart. of Public Health & 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.

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/HousingRights Center
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 In Person Fitness		Exercise (Yoga, Zumba, etc.), Nutrition and Healthy Cooking, Health Education, and Children's Classes.	View calendar here
Hendricks Pharmacy	Vaccination Clinic	Make appointment	For ages 5+. All three brands of the COVID-19 Vaccine available: Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen (J&J). Boosters available. Flu shots also available. Info here.	Royalty Pharmacy 1902 Royalty Dr. Suite 110
County of Los Angeles	Mobile Clinic Vaccine Event	Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Pediatric Vaccines and Flue Shot available. Walk-ins accepted	Pomona USD The Village at Indian Hill
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.
DPOA Every 4 th Saturday	Downtown Pomona 909 Open Market	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Art vendors, food, music, craft vendors and more.	119 W 2 nd St.
County of Los Angeles	COVID-19 Testing	Mon – Sat 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing. Appointments only.	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.
American Legion	COVID-19 Testing	Mon- Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Free COVID Testing site, no appointment needed.	239 E Holt Ave.
Pomona USD	COVID-19 Testing	Sun – Thurs 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	COVID-19 Testing.	The Village @ Indian Hill Conf. Center Entrance 1
LAC Department Of Public Health	Weekly Conversations with a Doctor	Wed, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. English Wed, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Spanish	Join LACDPW invites you to attend weekly sessions to learn about newly released information on COVID-19 and get your questions answered.	tinyurl.com/CovidConvoENG tinyurl.com/CovidConvoSPAN
LA Care Health Plan	Free Food Pantry	Every Friday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	In partnership with God's Pantry, distribution of free grocery items every week on a first come, first served basis. Everyone is welcome.	Community Resource Center 696 W Holt Ave.
County of LA Public Health	Wellness Center Cafecito Hour	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays of the Month 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Come enjoy a free cup of coffee. Ask about mental wellbeing, share experiences or concerns you have about the community and get connected with the resources you need to live a healthy life.	Pomona Public Library
Just Us 4 Youth	Youth & Young Adult	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Just Us 4 Youth's is putting on FREE community-	Pomona Public Library

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Date	Event	Time	Details	Location
	Employment Services (YES) Workshops	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	based programming to equip youth and young adults with the skills and knowledge to succeed in the workforce. Ages 14-24	
Just Us 4 Youth	District 2 Youth & Young Adult Employment Services (YES) Workshops	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Just Us 4 Youth's is putting on FREE community- based programming to meet the wide variety of needs and interests of Pomona residents in D2.	Pomona Public Library
Just Us 4 Youth	District 2 Youth & Young Adult Employment Services (YES) Workshops	Fridays 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Just Us 4 Youth's is putting on FREE community- based programming to meet the wide variety of needs and interests of Pomona residents in D2.	Just Us 4 Youth Office 363 S Park Ave. # 206
WesternU	Health Career Ladder	Monthly 9 a.m12 p.m.	Join <u>each month</u> for a fun and free educational experience in the health professions for parents/guardians and youth,	611 E 2 nd St.
Christmas on Columbia Thursday, December 1 – Saturday, December 31	Christmas on Columbia	Sun -Thurs 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. Fri & Sat 5 p.m. – 12 a.m.	Come out and enjoy holiday lights.	400 Block of W. Columbia
PCS Family Services	Youth Anger Management	Tues/ Thurs 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Classes are free. Help with triggers and cues, learn anger reductions techniques and much more! More information 909-620-0688	Zoom Classes
Thurs, Dec 19 - Tues, Jan 2	CITY HALL CLOSED		HOLIDAY CLOSURE	
Sunday, January 1	Kwanzaa Joy Celebration	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Kwanzaa Joy Celebration is a one-day event inspired by African celebrations of heritage, new beginnings and cultural unity. Ticket info here.	The Farm at Pomona Fairplex
Monday, January 9	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here . Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming .	City Council Chambers
Sunday, January 15	41st Annual MLK Celebration	6 p.m.	Pomona Inland Valley MLK Project honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Pilgrim Congregational Church - 600 N Garey Ave.
Monday, January 16	22 nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast & Tribute	8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Join J.E.T.M.A.C to celebrate Dr. King's legacy for justice, equality, and freedom for all.	Ontario Airport Doubletree Hotel
Monday, January 23	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here . Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming .	City Council Chambers
Monday, February 6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here . Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming .	City Council Chambers
Monday, February 27	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting. Read the agenda here. Watch on Spectrum/FiOS Ch. 29 and at Pomona Live Streaming.	City Council Chambers