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Los Alamitos Hosts Annual Spring Carnival for Family-Friendly Fun



A massive showing of parents and kids scouring Litte Cottonwood Park searching for any of the 15,000 colorful eggs scattered across the park’s central fenced area.

More than 4,000 residents welcomed the spring season at the City of Los Alamitos annual Spring Carnival, held Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Little Cottonwood Park sponsored by MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach. The event ran from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and was organized by Recreation Supervisor Kristina Villaluna with support from Recreation Coordinator Angel Hernandez. Families gathered for photos with Peter Rabbit, face painting, carnival-style games, crafts and bounce houses. Food trucks and vendors lined the park, and musical group Sugarlips performed a lively set on the main stage. The highlight of the morning was the series of four egg hunt sessions, giving children ages 12 and under multiple opportunities to join in the fun. The hunts began with the 0–2 age group, followed by ages 3–5, ages 6–8, and ages 9–12. More than 15,000 colorful eggs covered the park’s central fenced area. Each session included a hidden “golden egg,” redeemable for a special prize basket and a Peter Rabbit-themed reward. Families waiting for their hunting times explored vendor booths, sampled food, enjoyed crafts, and took part in games spread throughout the park. Food options were plentiful, with

four vendors serving guests throughout the morning. City staff credited the generosity of event sponsors for helping maintain the free, family focused tradition. In addition to MemorialCare Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital Long Beach, supporting sponsors included Five Star Bath Solutions and the Food Allergy Institute. Director of Recreation and Community Services/Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Emeline Noda said in response to the generosity, “It would be impossible to bring such a great event to the community without the help of our sponsors and vendor partners that we work with on a regular basis. They provide us with so much support that staff can pass on to the community through food, services, or just a friendly smile.” The vendors contributions allow the



Peter Rabbit posing with guests of the carnival.

Recreation & Community Services Department to continue offering large-scale events that bring residents together and create affordable opportunities for connection. This year’s Spring Carnival once again proved to be one of the department’s most popular seasonal programs, with families expressing appreciation for the wide range of cost-free activities. The mix of community engagement and classic springtime fun made the event a memorable experience for children and adults alike. The Recreation & Community Services Department remains committed to providing safe and enjoyable programming for the community throughout the year. For information about upcoming events and programs visit www.cityoflosalamitos.org. Director Noda explained, “Events like these are only possible with the support of the whole City and not just the sponsor or Recreation staff. Development Services, Finance, Police, and Administration all contribute to events like these in some way, making sure that the community members have the best experience during large-scale events like this or the 3rd of July, Summer Concerts, and beyond.” Los Alamitos will continue to provide as many events as possible to make sure every community knows that they live in “The Best City Ever.”

Upcoming Events Calendar

City Meetings

- City Council Meeting
Date: May 26, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
- Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
Date: June 3, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission Meeting
Date: May 27, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

City Events

- Summer Concerts on Pine St.
Dates: June 11, 18, 25, and July 9, 2026
Location: Pine St.
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- 3rd of July
Dates: July 3, 2026
Location: Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
Time: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Summer Concerts in the Park
Dates: July 16, 23, 30, and August 9, 2026
Location: Little Cottonwood Park and Orville R. Lewis
Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

More events can be found on the City website: cityoflosalamitos.org

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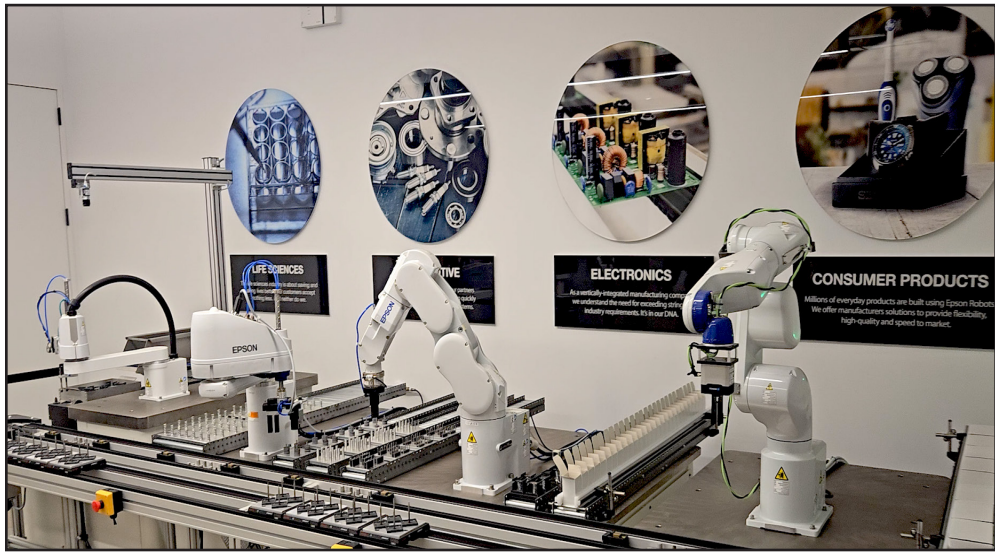
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Mayor’s Business Spotlight: Epson America



A display of Epson technology in the showroom within the Epson America headquarters at 3131 Katella Ave.

For more than eight decades, Epson America, Inc. has stood at the forefront of global technology, guided by a philosophy rooted in efficiency, compact design, and precision. From its corporate presence in Los Alamitos, the company continues to shape the future of printing, imaging, and advanced manufacturing while maintaining a strong commitment to the local community.

As the North American headquarters overseeing operations across the United States, Canada, and Latin America, Epson manages key functions including sales, marketing, and business operations. While its parent company is based in Japan, Epson’s local footprint is reinforced by warehouse facilities in Carson, California, where distribution is handled. This blend of global reach and localized infrastructure allows the company to remain agile and closely connected to its customers.

Epson is widely recognized as a leader in printing and imaging technology, with a product portfolio that spans printers, scanners, projectors, robotics, and micro devices. At its Los Alamitos campus, more than 500 employees contribute to a dynamic workplace culture centered on innovation and collaboration. A standout feature of the facility is its expansive showroom, where customers and partners can experience Epson’s latest technologies firsthand. This steady stream of visitors also supports the local economy, helping to keep nearby hotels, restaurants, and businesses thriving in Los Alamitos.

Beyond its technological achievements, Epson has built a reputation for its dedication to sustainability. The company’s design philosophy emphasizes creating products that are not only high-performing but also environmentally responsible. Notably, Epson is the only major printing company focused exclusively on ink-jet technology, which produces fewer microplastics compared to traditional laser printing methods.

One of its flagship innovations, the EcoTank printer line, replaces conventional cartridges with refillable ink bottles—each capable of replacing up to 80 cartridges. This approach significantly reduces waste and aligns

with Epson’s and the City of Los Alamitos’ broader mission to address the growing challenge of electronic waste and pollution.

Sustainability at Epson extends beyond products to include its operations and workplace culture. The Los Alamitos facility has undergone renovations to meet California Green Building Code standards, featuring solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, and water bottle filling stations. Employees are also encouraged to participate in volunteer programs and community engagement efforts, reinforcing a culture where environmental and social responsibility are shared values.

Locally, Epson maintains strong partnerships with organizations such as the Los Alamitos Education Foundation and the Youth Center, providing support through donations, volunteerism, and event hosting. The company regularly opens its doors to community groups, including the Chamber of Commerce, offering space for meetings and events. Collaborative initiatives like one of the City’s most recent events that was held on Saturday, April 25th, “Paws for the Planet” highlight Epson’s role as a proactive partner in promoting sustainability within our City.

In addition to Paws for the Planet and their commitment to the expansion of the City’s urban forest, EPSON sponsored the cost of an Eastern Redbud tree that was planted at Laurel Park and contributed to the free saplings and pet bandanas that were distributed to all in attendance.

Conveniently located near major freeways, shops, and restaurants, Epson’s headquarters not only serves as a hub for innovation but also as a welcoming gateway for visitors to experience Los Alamitos. Residents can also connect via web at <https://epson.com/usa> or socials @epsonamerica.

The Mayor’s Business Spotlight program is designed to highlight local businesses in Los Alamitos to promote economic development in the pursuit of being “The Best City Ever.” Please visit the City’s website for information on the Mayor’s Business Spotlight program and to find other local small businesses to support in Los Alamitos.

St. Isidore Historical Plaza Celebrates 100 Years of Heritage and Resilience



The St. Isidore Historical Plaza entryway adorned with flowers welcoming visitors.

St. Isidore Historical Plaza, the oldest public building in Los Alamitos and among the oldest in Orange County, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year with a series of community events honoring its history and cultural legacy.

The plaza first opened as a Catholic church in 1926, five years after the establishment of the original St. Isidore Catholic Parish. For decades, it served as the spiritual and social center of the small farming community that once surrounded it. Today, the site is a National and State Registered Historic landmark and remains a prominent gathering place for residents of Los Alamitos and Rossmoor.

Much of the original structure was destroyed in the 1933 Long Beach earthquake. Parishioners rebuilt the church in a Spanish Revival style that still defines the building. The parish was closed in 1999 by the Diocese of Orange, but local residents mobilized to save the property. A nonprofit

group eventually acquired the site and transformed it into the St. Isidore Historical Plaza, a community center focused on cultural programming, education, and historic preservation.

In 2011, the Los Alamitos Museum Association formally recognized the chapel as the oldest remaining community building in the city, underscoring its significance as a symbol of shared heritage.

The plaza will launch its centennial celebration May 15 with the St. Isidore Feast Day Mass, a tradition that predates the building itself. A free community open house will follow June 27, featuring entertainment, crafts, food, and live music. The festivities will conclude Aug. 29 with a Centennial Gala including dinner, dancing, and fundraising for ongoing preservation efforts.

Go to <https://stisidorehistoricalplaza.org/> for more information about St. Isidore and the historic plaza in “The Best City Ever.”

Employee of the Quarter: Barbara Biscocho



The City of Los Alamitos Employee of the Quarter Awards (EoQ) Program, aimed at recognizing full-time City employees for their exceptional work performance and dedication, has recognized Finance Manager Barbara Biscocho for the Spring 2026 quarter. The Employee of the Quarter Program honors individuals who display a strong work ethic, provide high-quality customer service, and consistently go above and beyond in their respective departments or across city operations.

The awards program spotlights city employees who stand out among their peers for their remarkable contributions. The program is designed

to acknowledge these employees on a quarterly basis, ensuring that excellence is rewarded throughout the year. Any City of Los Alamitos employee can nominate fellow full-time, non-executive employees who have been with the City for at least one year and are off probation. Executive Staff members are ineligible, and employees who have received the award within the past two years are ineligible for re-nomination.

Award recipients are publicly recognized during a City Council meeting with a Certificate of Recognition, receive an additional 10 hours of vacation pay, and have their name and photo displayed on the Employee of the Quarter plaque. Additionally, they will be given a unique “Employee of the Quarter Recognition Belt,” a rotating item passed from one recipient to the next.

With four employees receiving this prestigious honor each year, the program aims to celebrate those who make exceptional contributions to the City of Los Alamitos. Recognitions are announced city-wide at the beginning of each quarter.

Los Al Advances Pavement Management Strategy to Secure Funding and Improve Streets



The intersection of Walnut St. and Florista St. down the road from Oak Middle School and American Legion 716.

The City of Los Alamitos has reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining safe, reliable, and cost-effective roadways through the recent approval of its updated Pavement Management Plan (PMP). Adopted by the City Council on April 20, 2026, the revised plan ensures continued eligibility for vital transportation funding while providing a structured, data-driven roadmap for maintaining the City’s street network.

The PMP is not just a planning document—it is a requirement tied to the Orange County Transportation Authority’s (OCTA) Ordinance No. 03. To qualify for Measure M2 (M2) local return sales tax funds. Jurisdictions like Los Alamitos must maintain a

current and compliant PMP to receive funding through the M2 Program. These funds are a critical resource for the City’s ongoing street maintenance and rehabilitation efforts. Without an approved PMP, access to this funding would be at risk, potentially affecting the quality and longevity of Los Alamitos’ roads.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Ron Noda stated, “At its core, the PMP serves as a strategic tool that guides how and when the City performs roadway maintenance, rehabilitation, or full reconstruction. Rather than reacting to visible deterioration alone, the plan uses objective data to assess pavement conditions and prioritize improvements. This

approach ensures that limited public funds are spent efficiently, addressing the right roads at the right time.”

As part of the latest update, the City completed a comprehensive pavement condition assessment covering approximately 33.9 miles of roadway-equivalent to about 7.08 million square feet of surface area. The overall network was rated in “good” condition, a positive indicator of past maintenance efforts. However, inspectors identified common signs of wear, including block cracking, alligator cracking, rutting, potholes, and utility patching. These conditions reflect both natural aging and deeper structural stress within the pavement.

The PMP outlines a clear, multi-step process to address these issues. It begins with inventorying and mapping all roadway assets, followed by detailed inspections and condition ratings. From there, the City prioritizes projects based on need and develops a multi-year budget and schedule. Ongoing monitoring ensures that completed work is effective and that the plan evolves alongside changing road and use conditions.

Maintenance strategies are tailored to pavement condition. Roads in good to fair condition are treated with preventative measures such as crack sealing, slurry seals, and sealcoating—cost-effective techniques that extend pave-

ment life. Streets in fair to poor condition may undergo rehabilitation, including pothole patching, milling, or asphalt overlays. In cases of severe deterioration, full reconstruction is required. Roads requiring full reconstruction require the removal of and replacement of the roadway. City staff actively pursue grant funding based on the provided through the PMP process as well.

For residents, the PMP translates into smoother, safer streets and a more visually appealing community. Proactive maintenance reduces vehicle wear and tear, enhances driving comfort, and supports neighborhood aesthetics. While construction activities may cause temporary inconveniences such as noise or detours, the long-term benefits outweigh short-term traffic disruptions.

Residents can better anticipate when their streets are scheduled for maintenance, rather than wondering when repairs will occur. Community members are encouraged to participate by reporting potholes or roadway concerns through the City’s “My Los Al” mobile app.

By adopting and maintaining its PMP, the City of Los Alamitos demonstrates a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, infrastructure stewardship, and long-term community value in an effort to be “The Best City Ever.”

OC Fire Authority and Joint Forces Training Base Team Up to Reduce Wildfire Risk



The Los Alamitos Station #2 located at 3642 Green Avenue and occupied by the Orange County Fire Authority.

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) is partnering with the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) in Los Alamitos on a series of vegetation management efforts designed to reduce wildfire risk, strengthen firefighter preparedness, and improve safety for surrounding communities.

The collaboration focuses on creating and maintaining fuel breaks as well as conducting controlled burns in open space areas around JFTB. Chief Covey, OCFA Division 1, said, “reducing vegetation in open spaces by establishing fuel breaks and controlled burns. These burns play an important role in protecting our warfighters, providing valuable hands-on training for firefighters, and improving safety for the surrounding community.”

The City of Los Alamitos supports the preparedness of military personnel stationed at the base, which is an important part of the mission. Reduc-

ing vegetation and strategically placing fuel breaks ensures that military staff at JFTB are better protected from potential wildfire threats while living and training on the installation. In recent years, wildfire activity across California has underscored the importance of such proactive measures.

Partnerships like this allow the City and regional authorities to protect lives, strengthen interagency coordination, and prevent small hazards from becoming major emergencies. Every controlled burn reduces fuel levels, and every training session contributes to a safer community.

While OCFA and JFTB work together on large scale prevention efforts, fire officials stress that residents also play a critical role in wildfire safety. It is encouraged that Orange County households develop a Ready, Set, Go plan (RSG)—an approach that helps families prepare for emergencies,

stay aware of changing conditions, and evacuate safely when instructed. Chief Covey added, “You can do your part, too. Have a RSG plan in place, and make sure your property has well maintained defensible space. These simple steps go a long way in supporting this work.”

The three step plan asks residents to take several key actions: prepare their property by creating defensible space, assemble emergency supplies, stay alert during periods of high fire danger, and be ready to leave early if necessary. Officials say these individual efforts significantly enhance community protection and allow first responders to focus on fire suppression.

Maintaining defensible space remains one of the most important steps a homeowner can take. Clearing dry brush, trimming overgrown vegetation, and ensuring a buffer around homes can give firefighters the room they need to defend a property if a wildfire approaches. Fire officials note that even small improvements can make a noticeable difference in how a fire behaves.

As Southern California enters the warmer months, fire agencies across the region are increasing outreach and preparedness activities. OCFA urges residents to stay informed about local wildfire conditions, sign up for emergency alerts, and remain aware of ongoing controlled burns or fuel reduction projects.

Officials say community cooperation

is essential. Large-scale prevention work carried out by OCFA and JFTB, combined with residents’ individual preparedness efforts, creates a stronger, more resilient defense against wildfire threats.

OCFA leaders emphasize that controlled burns remain one of the most effective tools for preventing destructive wildfires. By reducing built up vegetation under carefully monitored conditions, firefighters can minimize the risk of an uncontrolled blaze taking hold during peak fire season. The JFTB location offers an added advantage: wide, open spaces that allow firefighters to simulate realistic wildfire environments safely.

“When we work together,” City Manager Chet Simmons said, “we make our community safer.”

“Wildfire safety isn’t just OCFA’s responsibility—it belongs to all of us,” City Manager Simmons said. “Simple steps like preparing a family plan and maintaining defensible space go a long way in supporting the work of our firefighters.”

Fire officials say these operations are essential for removing hazardous overgrowth that could intensify a wildfire, while also offering hands on training opportunities for both civilian and military emergency personnel. The program has also offered the City, OCFA, and JFTB the opportunity to work together to promote the wellbeing of Los Alamitos in its pursuit of “The Best City Ever.”



City of Los Alamitos

COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES



- Discover what keeps Los Alamitos safe as we provide updates on Police Department operations, crime analytics, and recent trends including an overview of the body worn camera system
- Join the Los Al PD as we present how technology and efficient, community policing make Los Alamitos safe
- Q & A with police officials



Tuesday, June 2 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Los Alamitos Community Center
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Los Alamitos’ Cost Recovery in a Nutshell

	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Adopted	2025-26 Estimate	2026-27 Proposed	2027-28 Projection
REVENUE SUMMARY					
PROPERTY TAXES	5,644,749	5,855,905	5,855,375	5,997,327	6,424,358
OTHER TAXES	11,627,910	12,063,445	12,158,445	12,560,850	12,992,977
UTILITY USER TAXES	2,570,089	2,900,000	2,900,000	2,961,400	3,025,000
FRANCHISE FEES	977,313	1,066,500	1,070,400	1,103,600	1,116,600
LICENSES & PERMITS	814,229	1,451,783	1,233,100	1,006,700	1,028,200
FINES & FORFEITURES	1,527,077	1,606,000	1,580,000	1,727,500	1,817,500
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	1,078,333	680,000	769,419	850,000	1,050,000
OTHER AGENCIES	19,479	195,000	151,000	50,500	50,500
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	923,090	959,835	896,555	941,160	944,260
MISC REVENUE	136,733	248,000	100,000	321,000	326,420
TOTAL REVENUE	25,319,002	27,026,468	26,714,294	27,520,037	28,775,815

The Los Alamitos Adopted, Estimate, Proposed revenues for Fiscal Year’s 25-26, 26-27 and 27-28.

Local governments deliver essential services that communities rely on every day. The City of Los Alamitos provides a wide range of these services, including a senior services program guided by the Los Alamitos Senior Services Master Plan. Programs such as senior services, special events, roadway maintenance, public safety, and other municipal operations carry real costs. Many of these services are intentionally offered at or near cost, and in some cases with subsidies, to ensure they remain accessible. The City of Los Alamitos carefully calibrates its cost recovery mechanisms to align with the actual cost of service delivery while minimizing financial burden on the community. These mechanisms draw from a variety of sources, including property-related funding, sales-based activity, hotel stays, and other service-related charges to fund City activities. A primary source of cost recovery supporting the City’s General Fund is derived from the sale of goods. In 2020, Los Alamitos voters approved Measure Y, which added a 1.5% local transactions and use tax. This is in addition to the Bradley-Burns 1% allocation provided to all cities in California, ensuring that a portion of local economic activity directly supports municipal services. These charges apply to tangible personal property sold at retail in the county or city, or purchased for storage, use, or other consumption within the jurisdiction. The Bradley-Burns

tax is a significant source of revenue for California’s local governments. On average, it provides about 30% of a city’s general-purpose revenues, though this percentage can vary widely across municipalities. Cost recovery is also associated with property-related activity, although a significant share of property tax is allocated to the County. One important city-controlled mechanism is the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), commonly applied to hotel stays. Similar to Measure Y, TOT revenues are retained locally and contribute directly to funding City services. Additional cost recovery is generated through user fees and charges for service, which are typically set at or below the actual cost of providing those services. A notable example is the City’s transit program, The Los Al Link, an on-demand, 100% electric community shuttle. This program is offered free of charge to residents aged 50 and over and at a minimal cost for other users, reflecting the City’s commitment to accessibility and community benefit. The City also actively pursues grant funding opportunities, which can fully or partially offset the cost of delivering services. Many grants require a local match, meaning the City must contribute a portion of the funding to secure external resources from state, federal, or other agencies. Los Alamitos remains committed to providing high-quality services at the lowest feasible cost to its residents.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

I-605 Katella Avenue Interchange Project

WHAT

Crews are expected to install overhead sign structures along northbound I-605. This work will require intermittent nighttime closures of:

- Northbound I-605 two outside lanes
- Northbound Katella Avenue straight off-ramp to eastbound Katella
- Northbound Katella Avenue loop off-ramp to westbound Katella

WHERE

WHEN

Beginning Monday, April 6, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., and expected to continue through May 2026.

This work may be loud. Residents may experience noise and light impacts from construction activities. The schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen operational issues.

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW 2026-2027 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS!

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2026-2027 PARKING PERMIT CYCLE DATES

Citywide online residential parking permit renewals will begin on May 1, 2026. Residents residing in the permit zones have until June 30, 2026, to create an account and apply for their permits. After that time, parking enforcement takes effect for the 2026-2027 permit cycle. Each household may request up to three free residential permits and two visitor permits. Permits will be valid from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

OBTAINING PERMITS

Obtain Permits online at losalamitos.getapermit.net

- Proof of residency or business license will be required at account activation
- Valid vehicle registration for each residential parking permit requested must be provided. The vehicle registration(s) must match the applicant’s qualifying address.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CITYOFLOSALAMITOS.ORG/GETAPERMIT