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Los Al Honors Resident Christina Liogys and Arrowhead Products



Christina Liogys receiving her certificate at the Los Alamitos City Council Meeting on July 20, 2026 and the Artemis II Space Shuttle with Arrowhead components launching.

When astronauts travel beyond Earth’s atmosphere or America’s newest military aircraft take to the skies, few people realize that some of the technology helping make those missions possible comes from right here in Los Alamitos. For more than six decades, Arrowhead Products has quietly designed and manufactured highly engineered aerospace ducting systems and propulsion components from its Los Alamitos headquarters, supporting some of the nation’s most significant aerospace, defense, and space exploration programs. The company’s precision-engineered components have become a trusted part of launch vehicles and aircraft that have shaped American aerospace. The Los Alamitos City Council recognized Christina Liogys at the July 20, 2026 City Council Meeting for 30 years of service with Arrowhead Products. The honor recognizes a career that has helped support historic achievements in aviation, national defense, and human space exploration. Liogys’ story is deeply connected to the community she has always called home. After moving to Los Alamitos in the 1970s, she attended Rossmoor Elementary School and Oak Middle School before graduating from Los Alamitos High School in 1990. In 1996, she joined Arrowhead Products as a Buyer supporting NASA’s Space

Shuttle External Tank and composites programs. What began as an entry-level position evolved into an extraordinary career spanning three decades of leadership, technical expertise, and commitment to advancing some of the nation’s most complex aerospace initiatives. Throughout her career, Liogys has supported many of the nation’s most important aerospace programs. From 1999 to 2007, she served in Arrowhead’s Quality Department, supporting the Atlas V and Delta IV launch vehicle programs while also contributing to the F-35 Lightning II program. In 2007, she was promoted to Customer Service Manager, supporting both commercial and military aerospace platforms, including the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, F-35 Lightning II, and V-22 Osprey. After leading the Customer Service Team for eight years, she was promoted in 2015 to Business Development Manager for the West Coast and Southwest regions while continuing to support the Vulcan Centaur vehicle program. Following several years of traveling throughout the region to build customer relationships and support key aerospace programs, she returned to Arrowhead’s Customer and Program Management teams, where she continues to help oversee some of the company’s most critical projects.

One of the highlights of her career came in 2018 when she attended the successful launch of NASA’s Parker Solar Probe aboard a Delta IV Heavy rocket at Cape Canaveral. Witnessing a mission she helped support lift off on its historic journey to study the Sun firsthand was a proud and unforgettable moment that underscored the impact of her work. Since 2022, Liogys has served as Space Program Manager supporting NASA’s Space Launch System and Artemis programs, overseeing liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen propellant feedline systems that are essential to the Artemis missions. Following the successful Artemis II mission, she continues supporting future Artemis launches and other next-generation space exploration initiatives, helping advance NASA’s long-term goals of sustained lunar exploration and eventual human missions to Mars. Liogys’ career mirrors the remarkable legacy of Arrowhead Products itself. For decades, the Los Alamitos-based company has supported many of America’s most iconic aerospace achievements, from the Apollo program and the Space Shuttle to the Atlas, Delta, Vulcan, and Artemis launch vehicles, as well as advanced military aircraft that help protect our nation. While many of these missions

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Upcoming Events Calendar

City Meetings

City Council Meeting
Date: August 17, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
Date: August 5, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
Date: July 23, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM

City Events

Mayor’s Ball Capital Chic with Mayor Doby
Date: August 22, 2026
Location: Los Alamitos Community Center
Time: 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Elevate Encore Senior Expo
Date: August 26, 2026
Location: Los Alamitos Community Center
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Military Equipment Public Meeting
Date: September 21, 2026
Location: Los Alamitos City Council Chamber
Time: 5:30 PM

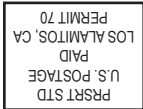
More events can be found on the City website: cityoflosalamitos.org

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Mayor’s Business Spotlight: Food Finders



The City of Los Alamitos is proud to recognize Food Finders as the latest organization featured in the City’s Mayor’s Business Spotlight Program, celebrating its remarkable commitment to reducing hunger, eliminating food waste, and improving nutrition throughout Southern California.

During the City Council Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026, the Los Alamitos City Council proudly presented a Certificate of Recognition to Diana Lara, Executive Director of Food Finders, in honor of the organization being featured in the Mayor’s Business Spotlight Program. The recognition celebrated Food Finders’ lasting impact on the community and its dedication to serving thousands of individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

Headquartered in Los Alamitos, Food Finders opened in 1990 and has become a regional leader in food rescue by connecting businesses with surplus, wholesome food to nonprofit organizations serving those in need. Rather than allowing edible food to end up in landfills, Food Finders coordinates the daily collection and immediate redistribution of donated food from grocery stores, restaurants, hospitals, schools, manufacturers, and other food providers. This innovative model helps address two critical challenges at once, hunger and food waste.

Operating across Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, Food Finders rescues millions of pounds of food each year through the support of hundreds of food donors, nonprofit partners, and volunteers. The organization’s net-

work helps provide approximately 30,000 meals every day while ensuring nutritious food reaches local food pantries, shelters, youth programs, senior centers, and other community organizations that serve vulnerable populations.

Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Ron Noda stated, “This business is a bit different than our usual Mayor’s Business Spotlight, but they provide such an important service that the City had to highlight their efforts.”

In addition to its signature Food Rescue Program, Food Finders operates several impactful initiatives, including Food 4 Kids, which provides weekend meal boxes to students facing food insecurity, the Food HUB, which supplies nonprofit agencies with fresh produce and perishable foods, and Backyard Harvest, a program that rescues surplus fruits and vegetables from residential properties before they go to waste. Together, these programs help strengthen food security while promoting environmental sustainability.

The City of Los Alamitos’ Mayor’s Business Spotlight Program is a complimentary initiative designed to recognize outstanding local businesses and organizations that contribute to the vitality of the community. Through short video interviews shared on the City’s social media platforms, the program highlights each participant’s story, services, and contributions while encouraging residents to learn more about the exceptional organizations that call Los Alamitos home. Eligible participants must maintain a current City business license and be in good standing with the City.

Residents interested in learning more about Food Finders, volunteering, donating food, or supporting its mission are encouraged to visit the organization’s website. Likewise, businesses interested in being featured in a future Mayor’s Business Spotlight are invited to learn more about the program through the City’s Economic Development Division.

Arrowhead: Liogys

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launch from Florida or are managed from NASA centers across the country, critical technology supporting their success has been engineered and manufactured in Los Alamitos.

The City Council’s recognition celebrated more than a career milestone. It honored a lifelong resident whose dedication, leadership, and technical expertise have contributed to programs of national and global significance while also recognizing a hometown company whose innovations continue to shape aerospace.

City Manager Chet Simmons remarked, “Liogys’ story is a reminder

that extraordinary accomplishments often begin in places you might not expect. In a community spanning just two square miles, Los Alamitos’ residents and businesses continue to make an oversized impact on the world.”

The City of Los Alamitos is proud to celebrate residents and businesses whose dedication, innovation, and pursuit of excellence bring distinction to the community while making lasting contributions.

Through the work of Liogys and Arrowhead Products, Los Alamitos continues to demonstrate that its greatest contributions are measured not by the size of the city, but by the impact its people make on the world beyond.

Los Alamitos Certifies Bus Shelter Agreement



An example of a Los Alamitos bus Shleter that will be refurbished following City and Clear Channel approval.

Whether commuting to work, traveling to school, attending a medical appointment, or simply waiting for the next Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) bus, bus shelters play an important role in making public transportation safer and more comfortable. Providing seating, protection from the elements, and a convenient place to wait, these everyday amenities help thousands of transit riders each year.

At its July 20, 2026, meeting, the Los Alamitos City Council approved a new 10-year Bus Shelter Maintenance and Advertising Services Agreement with Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC, ensuring the City’s bus shelters will continue to be professionally maintained while receiving visual upgrades at no cost to taxpayers.

The agreement authorizes Clear Channel Outdoor to continue operating and maintaining the City’s 19 bus shelters through June 30, 2036. As part of the new agreement, the company will refurbish the existing shelters over the next three years by repainting them and installing the City’s up and coming approved logos, giving the shelters a refreshed appearance that complements the City’s ongoing branding initiative.

Clear Channel has partnered with the City since 1991, providing bus shelter maintenance and advertising services. Under the agreement, the company owns the shelters and is responsible for all maintenance, repairs, and advertising in exchange for the ability to display commercial advertisements. This long-standing public-private partnership allows the City to provide high-quality transit amenities without incurring construction or maintenance costs.

The City previously explored seeking a new provider through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process in 2021, but no proposals were received. Staff determined that replacing the existing shelters could cost as much as \$25,000 per shelter, making continuation of the partnership with Clear Channel the most practical and cost-effective solution.

Under the new agreement, Clear Channel will continue to provide comprehensive maintenance services

at no expense to the City. This includes routine cleaning of each bus shelter twice per week, graffiti removal, repairs, replacement of damaged components, and ongoing upkeep to ensure the shelters remain safe, clean, and accessible for transit riders. Public Works staff will also monitor the trash bins at the shelters to ensure that the shelters remain clean. The shelters will also continue to meet City and OCTA standards for appearance and functionality.

In addition to commercial advertising, the agreement allows the City to use the bus shelters to promote City programs, special events, and community initiatives, providing another valuable way to communicate with residents and visitors.

While bus shelters are often overlooked, they provide an important public service for students, seniors, commuters, and visitors who rely on public transportation. Well-maintained shelters also enhance the appearance of major corridors throughout Los Alamitos and contribute to a cleaner, more welcoming community. Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Ron Noda noted, “Our bus shelters provide regional transportation, but residents or visitors traveling within the City can use the Los Al Link to get around the local community as well.”

The Los Al Link is a free, on-demand shuttle service that provides convenient transportation throughout Los Alamitos and connects riders to nearby destinations. As part of the City’s Summer Ride Free promotion, all rides on Los Al Link are free through the summer until Labor Day on Sept. 7, 2026, making it even easier for residents and visitors to travel to local businesses, parks, community events, and regional transit connections without the need for a personal vehicle.

By approving the new agreement, the City Council is ensuring that Los Alamitos’ transit infrastructure remains clean, safe, attractive, and financially sustainable. Through strategic partnerships and continued investment in mobility, the City remains committed to enhancing the quality of life for residents while responsibly managing public resources.

Summer 2026 Employee of the Quarter: Belinda Roman



Belinda Roman holding her Employee of the Quarter Belt for Summer 2026 in front of the Los Al PD Shield.

The City of Los Alamitos is proud to recognize Records Specialist Belinda Roman as the Summer 2026 Employee of the Quarter, honoring her exceptional work ethic, unwavering dedication, and commitment to serving both the Police Department and the community.

The Employee of the Quarter Program recognizes full-time City employees who consistently demonstrate excellence in customer service, teamwork, and job performance while going above and beyond in support of their departments and the City’s mission. Each quarter, employees are nominated by their peers for exemplifying the values that make Los Alamitos a great place to work and live.

For Belinda, the recognition is the culmination of more than six years of dedicated service to the City. She began her career in a part-time position and, through hard work and perseverance, earned a full-time role within the Police Department.

“I’m grateful for the opportunities I’ve had to grow professionally within the department,” Belinda said. “I’ve been fortunate to learn, grow, and work alongside an incredible team.” As a Records Specialist, Belinda plays a critical role in supporting Police Department operations. While much of her work involves handling sensitive and often challenging cases, she especially enjoys participating in community events such as Tip-A-Cop and Celebrate Los Al, where department staff have the opportunity to engage with residents in a more personal setting.

“Those events allow our Police Department to connect with the community in a positive way,” she said. “It’s always enjoyable to see everyone come together outside of our daily responsibilities.”

Belinda credits much of her success to the supportive culture within the City and the Police Department.

“What makes working at Los Alamitos so rewarding is the people,” she said. “From our administration and supervisors to our officers, detectives, and police aides, there is a strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie. Everyone is supportive and works together toward a common goal, creating a positive work environment.”

Although her responsibilities can be

demanding, Belinda says the encouragement she receives from supervisors and coworkers helps make even the toughest days manageable.

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During the City Council presentation, Police Captain South praised Belinda’s remarkable contributions to the department.

“She is absolutely my go-to person,” Captain South said. “Not just for records, but it seems like for everything.”

He added, “Belinda exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated and hard-working employee. We are truly fortunate to have her as part of the Los Alamitos team.”

The City’s Employee of the Quarter Program is open to nominations for full-time, non-executive employees who have completed at least one year of service and are no longer on probation. Recipients are recognized at a City Council meeting, receive a Certificate of Recognition, an additional 10 hours of vacation leave, have their name and photo added to the Employee of the Quarter plaque, and are presented with the City’s traveling Employee of the Quarter Recognition Belt, which is passed from one honoree to the next.

Belinda’s recognition reflects not only her dedication to excellence but also the teamwork, professionalism, and service that define the City of Los Alamitos. Her commitment to supporting her colleagues, serving the community, and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism makes her a deserving recipient of the Summer 2026 Employee of the Quarter award.



From left to right: Gina Tavasci and Belinda Roman receiving an award at a previous City Council meeting.

Los Alamitos Presents 2025 MADD & ATAC to Officer Peacock and Officer Flynn



Officer Peacock receiving 2025 MADD Award with Chief Michael Claborn.



Officer Flynn receiving 2025 ATAC Award with Chief Michael Claborn.

The Los Alamitos Police Department recognized two officers for their work in combating impaired driving and vehicle theft, presenting annual awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Orange County Auto Theft Advisory Commission (ATAC) during the presentations section of the most recent City Council Meeting that took place on July 20, 2026.

Chief Michael Claborn led the presentation and called the awards an important reminder of the department’s commitment to public safety and partnership with regional organizations in Southern California.

Officer Peacock received the 2025 MADD Award for making 40 DUI related arrests in 2025, the highest total in the department. City officials presented Peacock with certificates honoring his contributions.

Following the MADD presentation, the department recognized Officer Flynn as the ATAC 2025 Vehicle Theft Officer of the Year. Officer Flynn received this award for his signifi-

cant efforts leading to the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrests of auto theft suspects throughout the year.

Officer Flynn was commended for his investigative work and collaboration with regional law enforcement partners.

ATAC, founded in 1993, is a multi-jurisdictional task force designed to reduce vehicle theft across Orange County. The program operates under the coordination of the Orange County District Attorney’s Office and is staffed by members of the California Highway Patrol, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, and police departments across Orange County.

The main goal of the Los Alamitos Police Department is to reduce violent and property crimes and to strengthen cooperation with regional agencies that address threats beyond city limits. Officer Flynn and Officer Peacock exemplify this commitment to regional coordination along with every officer in the Los Alamitos Police Department who strives to make the City and the community safe.

Officer Phan Sworn in to Los Alamitos Police



From left to right: Officer Flynn, Captain Gallagher, Officer Phan, Captain South, and Officer Peacock at the swearing in ceremony for Officer Phan conducted by Captain Gallagher.

The Los Alamitos Police Department officially welcomed its newest officer, Officer Phan, who was sworn into service during the July 20, 2026, Los Alamitos City Council meeting. Originally from Northern California, Officer Phan relocated to Southern California in 2022 and is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach.

Before joining the Los Alamitos Police Department, Officer Phan served as an Emergency Medical Technician with NorCal Ambulance in Sacramento County, providing emergency medical care and responding to critical incidents throughout the region. He also worked as a Statements and Claims Investigator with Horsemen Investigations, where he conducted

background investigations for law enforcement agencies, including the Los Alamitos Police Department. His familiarity with the profession and commitment to public service have prepared him well for his new role as a police officer.

To commemorate the occasion, representatives from State Senator Tony Strickland’s office attended the ceremony and presented Officer Phan with a certificate recognizing his commitment to public service and congratulating him on joining the Los Alamitos Police Department.

The City of Los Alamitos extends a warm welcome to Officer Phan and wishes him a safe and successful career serving the Los Alamitos community.

Los Alamitos Protects Students with Renewed Crossing Guard Agreement with ACMS



Two crossing guards provide extra protection for a parent and children to cross a busy street to thier school.

The Los Alamitos City Council approved a new Professional Services Agreement with All City Management Services (ACMS) to continue providing school crossing guard services during the 2026-2027 Los Alamitos Unified School District school year including the summer school session. The proposed agreement, valued at \$155,176, would cover crossing guard services from the start of the school

year in August through June, as well as the district’s summer school session in June and July 2027. The contract also includes a 2% contingency, or \$3,043, to address any service adjustments that may be needed during the school year. Although the Los Alamitos Unified School District (LAUSD) oversees local schools, the district does not provide school crossing guard services. Instead, those services are funded by

the cities and jurisdictions where the crossings are located. ACMS currently staffs 19 crossing guard locations throughout LAUSD. While the City of Los Alamitos contracts with ACMS, it only funds and supports the crossing guard locations within Los Alamitos city limits. The remaining crossing guard locations are funded by the jurisdictions in which they are located, including Seal Beach and the unincorporated community of Rossmoor. Los Alamitos funds crossing guards at seven locations during the regular school year, including intersections at Katella Avenue and Walnut Street, Los Alamitos Boulevard and Farquhar Avenue, Katella Avenue and Bloomfield Street, Oak Street and Florista Street, Los Alamitos Boulevard and Rossmoor Way, and Los Alamitos Boulevard and Orangewood Avenue. During the summer school session, staffing is reduced to five crossing guards at locations serving schools with summer school sesssion. Police Chief Michael Claborn stated, “The City is proud to provide crossing guard services for the safety of our younger residents. Crossing guard

services are just one component of all the different safety measures that the City and the Police Department provide to residents and visitors alike.” Los Alamitos first contracted crossing guard services with ACMS in 2018 to provide safe routes for students to travel to their respective schools. The service also benefits students from neighboring communities, particularly those traveling to and from Rossmoor who cross within Los Alamitos city limits while attending LAUSD schools. ACMS specializes exclusively in school crossing guard services and has more than 30 years of experience managing crossing guard programs nationwide. The company is responsible for recruiting and training crossing guards, conducting background checks, providing substitute personnel, supervising staff, performing ongoing safety inspections, and coordinating with schools throughout the year. This is another example of a public-private partnership that Los Alamitos offers to residents that provide a benefit without the added personnel costs associated with funding these types of programs.

Orange County Fire Authority Urges Families to Stay Vigilant Around Water This Summer



OCFA Division 1 Chief Craig Covey receiving certificate at the July Los Alamitos City Council Meeting.

Orange County Fire Authority Division 1 Chief Craig Covey highlighted progress in water safety and encouraged residents to stay alert around any body of water to ensure a safe summer during the City Council’s meeting on July 20, 2026. Chief Covey reported that 2025 marked a major milestone: drowning incidents reached a 10 year low, decreasing 15 percent over the last decade. This improvement reflects growing community awareness, better safety measures, and expanded access to swimming lessons. The drop in drownings comes as cities, schools, and community organizations continue emphasizing water safety education. Many families enrolled their children in swimming programs earlier, and pool safety technologies, such as alarms and advanced monitoring systems, are becoming more common. Despite the positive trend, Chief Covey emphasizes that continued vigilance is essential. Ninety-five drownings occurred last year countywide, with both young children and adults represented in the

data. Chief Covey encourages residents to follow the “ABCs of Water Safety”: Active supervision, Barriers, and Classes, three simple steps officials say can dramatically reduce risk. Active supervision remains the most important tool. Chief Covey recommends designating a “water watcher” at gatherings to stay focused on swimmers without distractions such as phones or conversations. Barriers required under California’s 2017 Pool Safety Act also play a major role. Homes with pools or spas must have at least two approved safety features, such as self-latching gates, exit alarms or pool covers. New technology, including AI assisted alert systems, provides additional options for families wanting extra layers of protection. The City of Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services offers swim lessons for all ages during the summer, fall, and spring seasons. Group swim lessons are available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., as well as on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with class dates and times listed on page 9. Youth Private Swim Lessons are offered for children ages 6 months to 15 years, providing individualized 25 minute, one-on-one instruction to build confidence, improve technique, and support faster progress for all skill levels. Private lessons are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or Saturday mornings, and participants can choose to enroll in either one day per week (four classes per session) or two days per week (eight classes per session). These swim lessons are cur-

rently being held at the JFTB MWR Aquatic Training Center. The partnership between the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) and the City of Los Alamitos continues to demonstrate how collaboration between JFTB and Los Alamitos directly benefits the surrounding community. One of the most successful examples of this teamwork is the swimming lesson program currently

hosted at the JFTB MWR Aquatic Training Center. With access to a high quality facility and experienced instructors, the program offers families a safe environment to learn essential water skills. Through initiatives like this, the community is not only learning to swim, they’re learning the value of partnership, cooperation, and shared investment in a safer future.

MAKING WAVES THIS FALL SEASON

Whether you're looking for a fun Parent & Me class or ready to push your skills with Pre-Swim Team, we've got something for everyone. All group swim classes are held at the MWR Aquatic Training Center located on the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos.

FALL SESSION 1:

AUG. 24 - SEPT. 26

4 Week Session, 25 Min Classes

Mon/Wed

Resident: \$134
Non-Resident: \$140

Saturday

Resident: \$50
Non-Resident: \$56

For ages 6 months to 15 years

PARENT & ME

Introduce your child to water through fun and exploration. This class builds comfort and basic skills like blowing bubbles, kicking, floating, and wall holds. A swimming adult must accompany each child "6 months to 3 years" in the water.

LITTLE FISH

Little Fish classes offer 5 skill-based levels for ages 3-6. Please refer to the class description page when registering to find the best fit for your child.

BIG FISH

Big Fish classes offer 5 skill-based levels for ages 6-15. Please refer to the class description page when registering to find the best fit for your child.

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