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# PHASE 1-3 COMPLETE THE CONNECT MAIN STREET PROJECT



In September 2025, the City of Lemon Grove completed Phases 1–3 of the Connect Main Street Project. From Central Ave. to Massachusetts, these phases added new walking paths, ADA improvements, repaved streets, shared and dedicated bike lanes, on-street parking, street lighting, drainage upgrades, enhanced at-grade railroad crossings, and improved landscaping along Main Street from Central Avenue to Burnell Avenue and from Davidson Ave. to Buena Vista Avenue.

Construction began on December 6, 2023, after receiving approvals from the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and the California Public Utilities

Commission. The total cost was \$2,584,081. Phases 1–2 were funded by the SANDAG TransNet Smart Growth Incentive Grant Program, and Phase 3 by a Green Infrastructure Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency.

"We envisioned Connect Main Street as a project that brings our community together.

— Izzy Murguia, Public Works Director

Connect Main Street is a seven-phase project aimed at transforming a two-mile stretch of Main Street, from Broadway to the southern city limits, into an active transportation corridor. In late 2024, the City secured additional funding from the California Transportation Commission to design and construct the next phases enhancing areas from Burnell Avenue to San Miguel Avenue and extending the project from San Miguel Avenue to San Pasqual Street. The Connect Main Street project is more than just an infrastructure upgrade. It is a long-term investment in the well-being and zest of Lemon Grove bringing safer streets, a stronger local economy, healthier lifestyles, and a more connected community.



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# YIFTEE

CITY OF LEMON GROVE NEWS

## IDENTITY PROTECTION, IS NOT OPTIONAL

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY?  
HERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO CONSIDER.

### FRAUD ALERT

- ☒ Makes lenders verify your identity before granting new credit in your name. (Usually, they'll call you to verify your identity.)
- ☒ FREE
- ☒ Available to anyone who is or suspects they may be affected by identity theft
- ☒ Lasts one year
- ☒ To place: Contact ONE of three credit bureaus. That bureau must tell the other two

### CREDIT FREEZE

- ☒ Restricts access to your credit report to help prevent identity theft. (Usually, you'll need a PIN or password to place or lift the freeze.)
- ☒ FREE
- ☒ Available to anyone who is or suspects they may be affected by identity theft
- ☒ Lasts until you lift it
- ☒ To place or lift: Contact all three credit bureaus. (If you know which bureau a lender will use, you can lift for only that one)



The City of Lemon Grove Yiftee eGift Card makes it easier than ever to support your favorite local businesses, right here in "The Best Climate on Earth"!

### What is Yiftee?

Yiftee is simply a digital gift card that can be used at participating local shops, restaurants, and service providers in our community.

### Why Shop with Yiftee?

- Convenient: Purchase online and send via email or text
- Flexible: Use at multiple participating businesses
- Local Impact: Every purchase helps our economy thrive

Whether it's for a friend, a coworker, or you just want to explore what our slice of Southern California has to offer, the Yiftee eGift card makes it a breeze to shop local.

Get your Yiftee eGift Card today at <https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/city-of-lemon-grove>

**Shop Smart, Shop Small. Shop Local.**



# F.O.G.

F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils, and Grease. These common byproducts of cooking and food preparation are often improperly disposed of down kitchen sinks or toilets. While it may seem harmless, F.O.G. can cause serious damage to plumbing systems, municipal wastewater treatment plants, and the environment.

When F.O.G. cools, it can solidify, and stick to the walls of pipes, and over time blockages can occur and cause costly backups.



## How to Dispose of F.O.G. Properly

### 1. Collect It

After cooking, let fats, oils, and grease cool and solidify.

### 2. Scrape and Wipe

Use a spatula or paper towel to scrape grease from pots, pans, and dishes into the trash before washing.

Use a Container: Pour liquid oils and grease into a sealable container (like an empty can, jar, or bottle) for disposal.

### 3. Trash It

Once your container is full, seal it and throw it in the garbage, not down the sink or toilet.

### 4. Recycle It

Some recycling centers accept used cooking oil for recycling into industrial lubricants. Check with your local waste management authority for drop-off locations or special collection programs.

### 5. Use Absorbents for Small Amounts

Soak up small amounts of oil with paper towels, coffee grounds, or kitty litter before tossing them in the trash.

IF YOU SEE  
**SOMETHING**  
— SAY —  
**SOMETHING**

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES OR CALL 9-1-1

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO PROTECT A COMMUNITY

**S**afety is everyone's responsibility. The "If You See Something, Say Something" message isn't just a slogan, it's a vital call to action that helps protect our neighborhoods, families, and public spaces.

We are a tight-knit community here in Lemon Grove. One built on trust, cooperation, and collaboration. When we look out for one another and speak up when something seems off, we help create a safer environment for everyone. It's not about fear, it's about vigilance, awareness, and unity.

To report suspicious activity in Lemon Grove:

- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: (619) 337-2000



 **WeAllCount**  
Annual Homeless Census

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4:00 AM ▶ JAN 29<sup>TH</sup> 2026 ▶ 8:00 AM ACROSS SAN DIEGO COUNTY

**RISE TOGETHER SHAPE THE FUTURE**

Be part of a regional effort to support people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County!

**JAN 29th 2026**

Register here: 

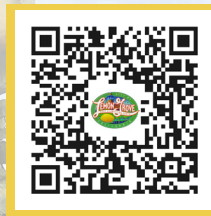
To learn more go to [www.rtfhsd.org](http://www.rtfhsd.org)

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SAN DIEGO'S REGIONAL LEADER ON HOMELESSNESS

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## NOTICE:

CITY HALL IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS  
**DEC. 24, 2024 - JAN. 2, 2026**  
WE WILL RESUME OPERATIONS ON  
**MONDAY, JAN. 5, 2026**

## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

**COMMUNITY BONFIRE**  
DECEMBER 05, 2025



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
**FREE DISPOSAL**  
DECEMBER 6

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