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After a brief hiatus, everyone's favorite newsletter is back. Be sure to grab an issue monthly where you can discover the latest updates, insights, and exciting news in the City of Lemon Grove.

NEW WEBSITE. WHO THIS?



On April 4, 2023, the City Council awarded a contract for design and implementation of a new City website. The goal is to provide the City's residents with a more efficient end-user web experience.

Its responsive design ensures that the site maintains its look and feel, and functions properly across varying devices. It also includes a more robust City Council and community calendar and an online form management system. This means that no matter what device is being used, our community can easily access the site from virtually any platform to gain information sought. Concerns such as potholes, graffiti, and more are a simple button click away from a staff member.

Looking to the future of new capabilities for the website, city staff is working to have online forms fillable as well as an online payment platform to create 24hr accessibility. In a nutshell, the city's new website is the go-to source for all things Lemon Grove. Its sleek features and responsive design make it user-friendly and accessible to all. Whether

you are looking for information on city services, events, or business resources, the new website has everything you need in one convenient location.

LEMON GROVE AWARDED

The City has recently been awarded for its innovative and user-friendly website design, marking a significant milestone in the city's efforts to improve digital accessibility and community engagement. The new website has garnered praise for its modern look, intuitive navigation, and enhanced features that make it easier for residents to access information and services.

The 2024 GOLD LEVEL award, presented by AVA DIGITAL AWARDS, recognizes Lemon Grove's commitment to providing a seamless online experience for its residents. The city's website was evaluated based on several criteria, including design, content, organization, and accessibility. Lemon Grove's website stood out for its clean and intuitive design, making it easy for users to find what they need quickly.



City staff worked closely with GHD accessibility experts to ensure that the website meets the highest standards of accessibility, making it easier for people with disabilities to navigate and access information. This commitment to accessibility reflects Lemon Grove's dedication to inclusivity and ensuring that all residents can access city services and information online.



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GameZone



Serving the Lemon Grove Community for over 15 years, Gamezone opened in Lemon Grove in 2007 and currently caters to anime enthusiasts of all ages as an official YuGiOh! and Pokemon-licensed retailer.

Owner, Mr. Stan Rorabaugh, a Costa Rica native and the former Director of Marketing for Buffets, Inc., moved to Lemon Grove approximately thirty years ago to start a family with his wife Laura. Together, they own and operate Gamezone which is located at 7943 Broadway. Originally, the duo started out as a retail hotspot selling everything from skateboards and toys, to snapbacks and official San Diego Chargers merchandise.

Today Gamezone is focused on Trading Card Games (TCG) such as *Yugioh!*, Pokemon, Magic and Funko Pops. They carry over 500 different pops and feature a wide selection of card game supplies.

Trading Card games offer an opportunity for socialization while gaining or improving skills such as quick math, reading comprehension, and strategy. In a nutshell, GameZone offers a unique experience and tons of fun while encouraging friendly competition in our community. On weekends GameZone hosts Official TCG tournaments that begin at 1pm and on Thursday they host a free Pokemon League from 6pm to 8pm.

"We have enjoyed living and working in Lemon Grove. We have been blessed to see a generation of Customers now bringing in their children. Trading card game have served as a positive activity and the players have become like extended family." — Stan Rorabaugh, Owner

COMMUNITY CORNER THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND



The Friends of the Lemon Grove Library are committed to serving you. Following the success of the book club, storytimes for kids, and after-school children's games, the Friends of the Lemon Grove Library is excited to announce the start of the Seed Library where every seed is a home garden

superstar. Also, a very popular series has started where computer classes are now offered in Spanish, brought to you by way of UCSD's Mi Universidad program. Swing by today to learn more about the Friends of the Lemon Grove Library.

EXPLORE THE CITY'S LATEST INFOGRAPHIC, "THE SQUEEZE," AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICIAL CITY WEBSITE FOR INSIGHTFUL INFORMATION.



TRASH. RECYCLING. ORGANICS DOES IT GO HERE? DOES IT GO THERE?

Together, we can continue to have the “Best Climate on Earth” by following a few simple recycling rules. If you are unsure what goes where, below are just a few examples of what should be placed in each cart.

What Goes in the Trash Container?	What Goes in the Recycling Container?	What Goes in the Organics Container?
 <p>INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="126 798 276 934">  <p>PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM*</p> </div> <div data-bbox="292 798 406 934">  <p>DIAPERS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="422 798 552 934">  <p>RUBBERS HOSES</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="126 955 276 1102">  <p>SNACK BAGS & CANDY WRAPPERS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="292 955 406 1102">  <p>BROKEN GLASSWARE & DISHES</p> </div> <div data-bbox="422 955 552 1102">  <p>METAL HANGERS</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="126 1123 276 1281">  <p>DISPOSABLE STRAWS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="292 1123 406 1281">  <p>DISPOSABLE GLOVES & MASKS</p> </div> <div data-bbox="422 1123 552 1281">  <p>PET WASTE & KITTY LITTER</p> </div> </div> <p><small>*PLASTIC BAG OR FILM RECYCLING: PLEASE VISIT PLASTICFILMRECYCLING.ORG FOR PLASTIC BAG AND FILM RECYCLING SOLUTIONS AND POSSIBLE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS NEAR YOU.</small></p>	 <p>INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="592 745 738 955">  <p>ALUMINUM: Aluminum, steel and tin cans, such as food and beverage cans for soda, soup, beer, beans, fruit, and vegetables. Clean aluminum foil, clean aluminum trays, and pie tins.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="755 745 901 955">  <p>PAPERBOARD: Paperboard boxes such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, refrigerated food boxes, boxes from toiletries, and soda/beer cases.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="917 745 1063 955">  <p>GLASS CONTAINERS: Glass containers including food jars and beverage bottles.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="592 976 738 1123">  <p>CLEAN CARDBOARD: Cardboard, including boxes used for moving and shipping or any other box or packaging made of corrugated cardboard.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="755 976 901 1123">  <p>METAL: Dry and empty paint and aerosol cans.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="917 976 1063 1123">  <p>CARTON CONTAINERS: Aseptic cartons, including milk cartons and juice boxes, half-gallon juice cartons, soup/broth cartons, and wine cartons.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="592 1144 738 1333">  <p>STYROFOAM: Clean foam cups, meat trays, plates, egg cartons, block packaging (no peanuts), rigid polystyrene, and carry-out containers.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="755 1144 901 1333">  <p>SHREDDED PAPER: Shredded paper (placed in a clear bag is okay for easy identifying).</p> </div> <div data-bbox="917 1144 1063 1333">  <p>MIXED PAPER: Mixed paper, including junk mail, catalogs, magazines, newspapers, & paper used for computer printing.</p> </div> </div> <p>#1 - #7 PLASTICS: All plastic containers, lids, and packaging with a recycling symbol of #1-7 (all containers accepted with caps and lids): water and soda bottles, peanut butter and other food jars, mouthwash bottles, vegetable oil containers, automotive oil containers, ovenable food trays, milk jugs, juice bottles, shampoo and conditioner bottles, detergent and bleach containers, condiment bottles, medicine bottles, bottle caps, butter and yogurt tubs, CD cases, baby bottles, 5-gallon water bottles, CDs, medical storage containers, and rigid plastics such as 5-gallon buckets.</p> <p>All food and beverage containers should be EMPTY: no/minimal food residue and no liquids remaining. Boxes should be broken down and flattened to fit inside the recycling container.</p>	 <p>INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="1079 745 1485 955">  <p>FOOD SCRAPS: Cooked or raw meat, poultry and seafood (including bones), cheese, dairy products, fruits, vegetables, grains, pasta, egg shells, bread, coffee grounds, tea bags, tea leaves, baked goods, nuts, jelly, candy, snack foods, leftovers, spoiled food.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1079 976 1485 1186">  <p>FOOD-SOILED CARDBOARD AND PAPER: Paper bags, paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, paper and cardboard take-out containers and take-out boxes (with no plastic or wax coating, and with any metal removed), coffee filters, tissues.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1079 1207 1485 1375">  <p>LANDSCAPE WASTE: Grass clippings, small branches, small tree limbs, tree roots, flowers, leaves, plants, straw.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div data-bbox="1079 1396 1161 1522">  </div> <div data-bbox="1177 1396 1524 1564"> <p>Do not use any kind of plastic bags (including certified compostable or biodegradable bags) for any type of green waste, food waste or other organics collection or disposal, as they contaminate the Anaerobic Digester! All organic material must be placed loosely inside the green container for collection. Paper bags are acceptable. Also, do not put rocks in with organic waste or in the green collection container.</p> </div> </div>



IN THE STREETS WITH PUBLIC WORKS

In the wake of the recent flooding that ravaged Lemon Grove, the community has come together to rebuild and restore. The heavy rains left a trail of destruction, causing significant damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure. However, amidst the chaos, the dedication and hard work of Lemon Grove Public Works have been a beacon of hope.

The flooding, which occurred as a result of relentless rain, left streets in Lemon Grove submerged under water. Homes were flooded, cars were swept away, and parts of city streets could be seen floating away.

Faced with a seemingly insurmountable challenge, Lemon Grove Public Works rose to the occasion. The team worked tirelessly to clear debris, repair damaged infrastructure, and restore access to the affected areas. Their efforts were nothing short of heroic, as they worked to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Lemon Grove Public Works' response was their commitment to transparency and communication. They kept residents informed every step of the way, providing updates on street closures, the progress of, cleanup and restoration efforts. This level of transparency helped reassure residents and fostered a sense of trust and unity within the community.

The dedication of Lemon Grove Public Works did not go unnoticed. Residents took to social media to express their gratitude and admiration for the team's hard work. Many cited the professionalism and the positive impact they had on the community during a time of crisis.

As life in Lemon Grove begins to return to normal, the efforts of Lemon Grove Public Works serve as a reminder of the resilience and strength of the community. Their unwavering dedication to restoring streets and infrastructure has helped Lemon Grove recover and pave the way to rebuilding stronger than ever.



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