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Celebrate Los AI

Los Alamitos, CA – The City of Los Alamitos hosted the Universal Waste Systems (UWS) Celebrate Los AI event on Saturday, September 13, 2025. This annual event is a collaboration between Recreation and Community Services, Development Services, and the Police Department. It features a full day of activities that bring the community together through community service, free resources, a carnival, food vendors, music, and a fun, family-friendly glow run. UWS was the title sponsor for Celebrate Los AI, while Elite Services and Tree Maintenance sponsored the Glow Run & Glide run. Thanks to their incredible support, the City continues to make this amazing event accessible for everyone.

The day began with community service projects through the Serve Los AI event in the morning. About 100 volunteers gathered at Oak Middle School Amphitheater at 8:30 a.m. for an inspiring kickoff assembly led by Mayor Shelley Hasselbrink. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., volunteers spread out to more than a dozen active projects across the city, each aimed at supporting Serve Los AI's goal of strengthening community bonds. Projects ranged from beautification efforts at Laurel Park, Little Cottonwood Park, and Coyote Creek Trail to tidying up the Los Alamitos Museum and assisting senior residents, all reflecting the city's commitment to enhancing quality of life.

On-site health and wellness resources were also established at the Los Alamitos Community Center. The Lestonnac Free Clinic offered free vision and dental exams, including glasses, while Lifestream Blood Bank stationed its blood mobile to collect donations. These services expanded the impact of Serve Los AI beyond typical service projects, giving residents immediate and direct resources.

Members of the community were invited to return later in the evening at 4:30 p.m. for the Celebrate Los AI carnival, which featured games, rides, food tasting, a public safety fair, a beverage garden, live music, and a veterans' recognition ceremony. The evening event

took place along Pine Street between Katella Avenue and Florista Street in Los Alamitos. The street was decorated with fall-themed ornaments, transforming the area into a warm community hub.

As the first wave of visitors arrived, the electric cover band "80'z All-Stars" kicked off the stage with a nostalgic performance of 1980s favorites. Later, country music group "Country Nation" took over for the second half of the evening, keeping the crowd entertained with classic hits. While the music echoed through the street, guests explored areas like the Public Safety Fair, organized by the Los Alamitos Police Department, which featured interactive displays from the Police Department, Orange County Fire Authority, and the City's Emergency Response Teams. Attendees had the chance to meet first responders, get up close to police vehicles and equipment, all while learning valuable safety tips.

Back on the stage as the first band finished its set, the Veterans Recognition ceremony took place for Los Alamitos resident veterans, where local elected officials honored each veteran with certificates of recognition. Honorees included:

- Andrew McKown, USA, Staff Sergeant
- Christian Cruz, USMC, Sergeant and Section Leader as a 0341 Mortarman
- Javier Marquez, USA, Sergeant First Class
- Louis Gutierrez, USN, Damage Controllerman 3rd Class
- Steve Kim, USMC, Sergeant

The Pine StrEATs activity, coordinated by the City's Development Services Department, returned as a favorite for those looking to sample local food spots. Pine StrEATs featured 13 restaurants offering \$1 samples, including:

- Casitas De Amigos
- Pacific Organic Pops (POP)
- Angelina's Famous Pizza
- Taboon Mediterranean
- Taco Surf
- Jimmy John's Sandwiches
- Doh-Nut-Hut
- Mama's Comfort Food & Cocktails
- Butter + Cream Bakery
- Chai Master Coffee and Tea
- Katella Deli & Bakery
- Mustard's Chicago Style Eatery

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A Beverage Garden was also available for those seeking a refreshing adult drink. The relaxing area, hosted by the Los Alamitos Community Foundation, allowed guests to unwind, socialize, and enjoy live performances. The cooler temperatures and gentle fall breeze offered a pleasant contrast to the previous week's heat, creating an ideal evening.

As the sun set, anticipation grew for the Elite Maintenance and Tree Service Glow Run & Glide. The fun run invited families to complete a short one-mile route through the neighborhood featuring glow tunnels, glowsticks, and colorful powder cannons. The registration tent buzzed with activity as staff and volunteers working in perfect harmony to ensure participants had their glow in the dark swag and race shirts. All ages gathered to celebrate the end of the day dressed in bright neon and LED accessories, running and dancing under the night sky. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful community celebration.

Guests continued to enjoy the carnival games and rides until the event concluded at 10:00 p.m. In total, over 7,500 attendees gathered to celebrate everything that makes Los Alamitos an amazing place.

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