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Briefs

Sign up to 'Donate Life' on your driver's license or state ID

One of Lakewood's special qualities is being a strong, caring community where people are supportive of one another and make extra efforts to make life better here.

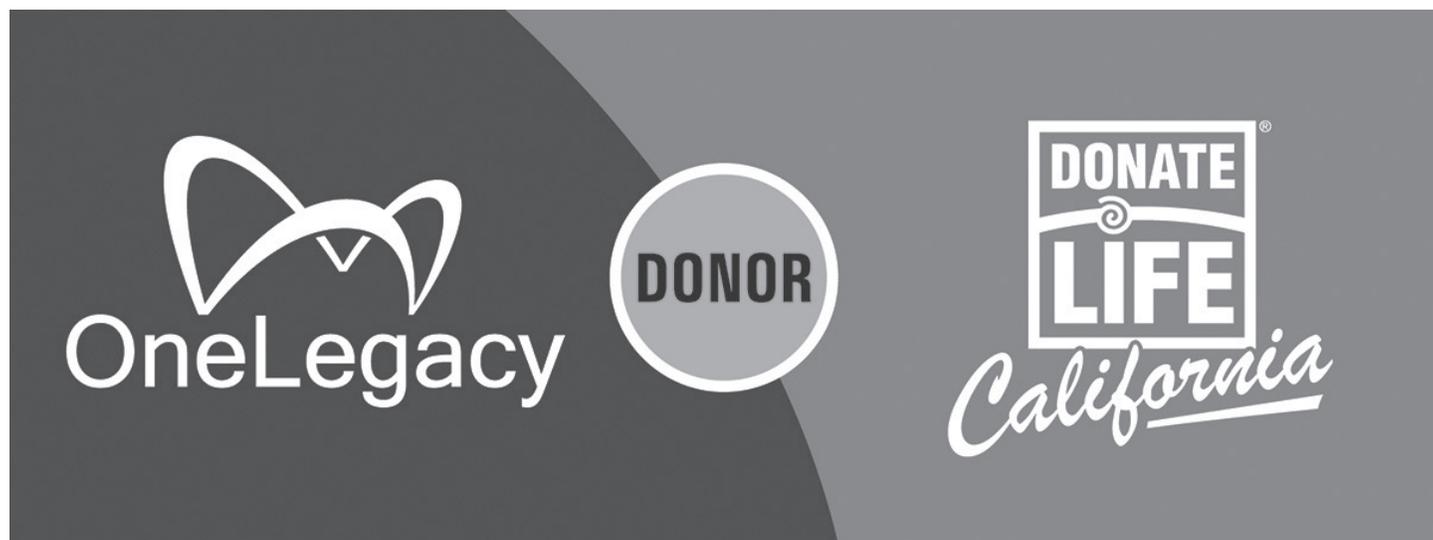
One such person is longtime Lakewood resident Maria Jimenez. Maria tragically lost her 22-year-old son, Adrian, from meningitis in 2014. A lifelong Lakewood resident, Adrian graduated from Monroe Elementary School and Lakewood High School, and he was a student at Long Beach City College with plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering.

A few months before he became ill with meningitis, Adrian signed up to become an organ and tissue donor upon his death. When he passed away, Adrian's

kidneys, lungs and liver were used to save and improve the lives of many people. One person, in fact, by being an organ donor, can save up to eight lives, and through their tissue can help up to 75 people.

The motto of the Donate Life/One Legacy non-profit organization—borrowed from the famous poet Maya Angelou—is very inspiring and speaks to the core values of so many Lakewood people, organizations and causes: "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

You can check to see if you've signed up to be an organ and tissue donor by looking for the pink dot on your driver's license. And if you haven't signed up or want to learn more, go to donatelifecalifornia.org/CityofLakewood.



Protect yourself and your neighborhood from mosquitoes

Mosquitoes can quickly breed in water left standing for just a few days. Serious illness and even death can result from mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile virus and the new threat of the Zika virus.

Zika is transmitted by the small Aedes mosquito and has serious repercussions for pregnant women. Aedes mosquitoes can live indoors or outdoors. Eggs are laid along the waterline of any water-holding container such as flower vases, plant saucers, buckets, used tires, and even plants that hold water, like bamboo or bromeliads. Eggs can remain alive for years, and hatch into larvae when conditions are right.

Look for:

- small, black mosquitoes with white stripes
- mosquitoes active and biting during the day — even indoors!
- immature mosquitoes (larvae and pupae) swimming in stagnant water.
- Report black-and-white, daytime-biting mosquitoes to the Greater L.A. County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656 or www.ReportMosquitoes.org. This FREE service includes inspection and treatment.

Remember the “3 Ds” of mosquito protection:

■ **DEET:** Use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus to keep mosquitoes away. Prevent mosquitoes from invading your home by ensuring window screens are intact.



■ **Dawn & Dusk:**

Dawn and dusk are the most active time for most mosquitoes. If you must be outdoors at those times, wear long-sleeve shirts and pants and insect repellent. NOTE: The Aedes mosquito is active during the day.

■ **Drain:** Clear

your yard of any standing water, including water pooling at the bottom of plant saucers. Check toys or other small items left standing in water and wash them thoroughly if kept. Mosquito eggs laid in cracks are hard to detect and can live for up to a year. Remove or drill holes in the bottom of all plant pots, saucers, barrels, bins and old tires.

Untreated swimming pools can be reported to Lakewood City Hall by calling 562-866-9771, extension 2140, or emailing service1@lakewoodcity.org.

Residents finding any dead birds or squirrels (which could be a sign of West Nile virus) can report them by calling the West Nile Virus Dead Bird Hotline at 877-968-2473.

Water Quality Report now available

Lakewood's 2017 Water Quality Report shows that the city's drinking water continues to meet all federal and state quality standards. You can view the most recent report at www.lakewoodcity.org/2017waterqualityreport. If you want a copy of the report or have any questions, contact the Lakewood Department of Water Resources at 562-866-9771, extension 2700.