

505 E. 3rd St.

July 27 & 28

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bon Odori dancing at 6:30 p.m.

July 13 & 14

3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bon Odori dancing from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

July 20 & 21

12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Obon service at 1:30 p.m. both days

Okaeri Festival Returns Saturday

Come to the Terasaki Budokan this Saturday, June 29, from 4-9 p.m. for Okaeri Matsuri, a community festival open to all LGBTQ+ communities and friends. Admission is free. [Pre-register here.](#)



First Nisei Week Festival in 1934

Nisei Week is Back, Baby!

August 10-18, 2024



Return of the Nisei Week parade in 2022 PHOTO BY RAFU SHIMPO

It All Started with a Small Group of Issei Merchants

Ninety years ago, the American-born children of the Issei immigrants were coming of age. Little Tokyo merchants searched for a way to stimulate interest in the growing Japanese American community among this new generation of young people who were in their teens and early 20s.

The Issei leaders hit upon the idea of a festival dedicated to this new generation, and the Nisei Week Festival was born.

Since then, the Festival has grown, but it was also faced with challenges that threatened its existence, including the forced removal and incarceration of all persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II, L.A. Riots in 1992, and more recently, COVID-19. Today, it is Southern California's most enduring cultural celebration, attracting approximately 45,000 visitors in 2023, according to statistics obtained by the Little Tokyo Business Association.

See you in August!

New Laws Businesses Need to Know

AI Fresco - Temporary authorizations for outdoor dining will no longer be valid after July 31, 2024. However, in response to the success of the temporary program, the City is now offering permits for businesses that would like to offer AI Fresco dining permanently.

Polystyrene Ban - Starting April 23, 2024, the City and parts of LA County, all large food or beverage facilities and retail establishments must comply with the requirement prohibiting the distribution, offering, providing, renting, or selling of any expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam)

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product. This applies to restaurants with 26 or more employees and establishments that are part of chains.



The City of Los Angeles Legacy Business Program celebrates and supports the visibility, legacy, and sustainability of small businesses that have been operational for 20 years or more.

Small businesses face many challenges, such as increased competition, technological changes, shifting consumer preferences, narrow profit margins, exposure to rent increases, encroaching gentrification, and changing labor costs.

The Los Angeles Legacy Business Program can help the small business community navigate these challenges. Contact legacybusiness@lacity.org for questions.



Through its Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), the City of Los Angeles offers financing tools designed to benefit low-income communities, create jobs, and provide essential goods and services to underrepresented neighborhoods within the City of Los Angeles.

For assistance or to apply for one of EWDD's loan programs, [click here](#) to access EWDD's Loan Program Intake Form.

STASH IT / DON'T FLASH IT

Avoid Car Break-ins Before They Happen

If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, put them in the trunk **BEFORE** you arrive at your destination. This will avoid the possibility of someone seeing you with your valuables and breaking into your trunk.

The Little Tokyo BID extends a big thank you to the Arts District L.A. BID for providing "Stash It / Don't Flash It" signs to remind motorists to remove (or at least hide) valuables from their cars.



How to File a Police Report

We all hope nothing bad ever happens, but if you are the victim of a crime, we encourage you to file a police report. [Click here](#) to learn how to report a crime online. You can report such crimes as hit-and-run, identity theft, harassing phone calls, theft from vehicle, vandalism, and illegal drug activity. For non-emergencies that require a police response, dial (877) 275-5273. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

**Little Tokyo BID Safety Patrol
(213) 880-6875**

**For Graffiti Removal, Bulky Item Pickup and other City services
Dial 3-1-1 or Call (213) 473-3231**

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