



Exploring America's Small Towns

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 Lemon Town Films Premieres Its 1st California Documentary on YouTube, Nov 1 at 8PM PT

“Welcome Home to Lemon Grove, California” Goes National in Celebration of America’s 250th

LEMON GROVE, CA – October 24, 2025 — After a sold-out local premiere weekend, the much-anticipated film *Welcome Home to Lemon Grove, California* will make its official online debut on YouTube, Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

This is the seventh town documentary from Lemon Town Films and the first set outside Illinois — marking a powerful expansion as the project steps onto the national stage. Tied thematically to the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States, the film celebrates local pride, American identity, and the power of small-town storytelling.

“This film is about more than just Lemon Grove—it’s about what makes any American town feel like home,” said filmmaker Michael Fanter, founder of Lemon Town Films. “It’s got time-traveling lemons, real community voices, and a whole lot of heart. I hope this is the one that opens the door to telling stories across the country.”

Blending heartfelt documentary footage with creative animated storytelling—including a giant flying lemon time machine that travels from 1893 to the future—this film is as imaginative as it is deeply personal. But at its core, *Welcome Home to Lemon Grove* is about the people: small business owners, community gardeners, city leaders, and neighbors who make Lemon Grove feel like home.

The film premiered in-person on October 17–18 at The Neighborhood venue in Lemon Grove, earning rave reactions and an average rating of 4.5 out of 5 from attendees.

“It was magical. You could feel the pride in the room,” said Anne Stapleton, venue host and longtime Lemon Grove advocate. “Michael’s work captures something really special.”

 Also Launching: New Lemon Town Films Merchandise

Coinciding with the YouTube premiere is the launch of the Lemon Town Films online store, featuring town-specific merchandise—starting with Lemon Grove—as well as an exclusive collection commemorating America’s 250th birthday, a theme woven into this and future films.

“We want to celebrate local towns and their role in American history,” said Fanter. “Every purchase supports the next film. Every view helps keep this vision going.”

 New Digital Media Kit Now Available

To support press coverage, Lemon Town Films is offering a full press/media kit, available at:

 www.lemontownfilms.com/press

The kit includes:

A PDF version of this press release

High-resolution images from the film and premiere

The official film trailer

A 60-second recap video of the in-person premiere

A short written overview of Lemon Town Films

 Watch the Online Premiere

 17 Saturday, November 1, 2025

 8 PM PT / 11 PM ET

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