City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: April 23, 2018

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager

From: Tom Modica, Interim Director of Development Services

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **International Code Council Building Safety Month**

The Department of Development Services is pleased to recognize Building Safety Month (BSM) during the month of May, alongside the International Code Council (ICC) and its 64,000 members worldwide.

BSM is an international campaign to raise awareness about building safety and the important role of code officials in ensuring safe and sustainable structures that communities can rely on for generations to come. This year's theme, "Building Codes Save Lives," reinforces the need for adopting modern, model building codes, preparing the community before disaster strikes; encouraging water conservation, and promoting the use of technology in the construction industry.

Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofit organizations, and more come together each May in support of BSM because they understand the need for safe and sustainable buildings.

In observance of BSM, the Department of Development Services will be hosting a celebration on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza. The event will feature information and resource booths, as well as the unveiling of the Department's new Disaster Assessment Team Vehicle. Staff from the Building and Safety Bureau and other City departments will be available to answer questions and discuss various building safety topics, including:

- Building stronger and safer communities.
- Advancing resilient communities through science and technology.
- Protecting communities from disasters.
- Safeguarding our water.
- Improving education and training standards in building and safety.

Activity books will be available for children and light refreshments will be provided. The event will include a proclamation presentation from Mayor Garcia inside the City Hall Council Chamber.

Additional outreach efforts for BSM will include, but are not limited to:

- Cards distributed at the Development Permit Center (attached)
- A press release and social media campaign on the Development Services Facebook and Twitter pages.
- A project webpage; www.lbds.info/lbbsm

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact David Khorram, Superintendent of Building and Safety, at (562) 570-7713 or david.khorram@longbeach.gov.

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ATTACHMENT:
Building Safety Month Counter Card

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Let's Celebrate Building Safety Month!

The Long Beach Development Services Building and Safety Team is proud to recognize the 38th annual Building Safety Month (BSM) during the entire month of May! This year's theme, "Building Codes Save Lives," focuses on raising awareness about the important role of code officials in ensuring safe and livable buildings, preparing our community before a natural disaster strikes, encouraging water conservation, and promoting the use of technology in the construction industry. Join us for a fun and informational Building Safety Month celebration!

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Long Beach City Hall Civic Center Plaza
333 W. Ocean Blvd.

- Free resources and information
- Giveaways
- Light refreshments
- Unveiling of new Disaster Assessment Team Vehicle!

The event will be followed by a proclamation presentation inside the City Hall Council Chamber.

We will be highlighting a different topic pertaining to building safety in Long Beach each week in May on the Development Services Facebook and Twitter pages. Join the discussion and share photos using **#LBBSM18**

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Building Safety Month's Weekly Topics

Week 1

Development Permit Center – A One-Stop Shop

The Development Permit Center, located on the 4th floor of Long Beach City Hall, is a one-stop shop comprised of Zoning, Business License, Engineering, Plan Check and Building Permits. Visit us online at: www.lbds.info/building/development_services_center.asp

Week 2

Expedited Plan Check Service

Expedited Plan Check is an alternative plan review service that can accelerate the typical plan review process by up to 50%! For additional information, go to: bit.ly/bulletin003

Week 3

Make an Emergency Plan

Making sure your family is prepared for a natural disaster is critical. Develop a plan today, and review evacuation routes and emergency shelter locations with your family. Ensure your property is built to code to increase safety and health during a disaster. For helpful tips and more information, visit: www.longbeach.gov/disasterpreparedness and www.lbds.info/building/disaster_assessment.asp

Week 4

Water Safety

Building codes and standards have addressed water-related concerns for decades. In Long Beach, we're committed to working with residents to encourage smart water usage and the use of water-efficient products. "SoCal Water$mart" is a State rebate program for water-saving products. Visit: www.socalwatersmart.com for rules, approved products, and to apply. The Long Beach Water Department's "Lawn-to-Garden" program offers up to $3,750 in incentives to replace grass lawns with drought-tolerant landscapes. For more information, go to: www.lblawntogarden.com

Week 5

Submit Inspection Request Online

The Development Permit Center offers online residential inspection scheduling. It's simple, fast, and convenient! Schedule an inspection today at: bit.ly/lbdsinspections