December 23, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

I would like to take the time to wish you and your family a beautiful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness!

Thank you for taking the time to read our Fourth District weekly newsletter. It is emailed every Friday afternoon and provides updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to sign up to receive our publication by contacting our office at: district4@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-4444.

Past Events

Museum Executive Director "Helps to Make the Season Bright"

Ron Nelson, Executive Director of the Long Beach Museum of Art, really knows how to dress for the holidays. Not only does he have an expert eye for art, but he definitely knows how to pick out a suit. Last Friday night, Councilwoman Suzie Price was so impressed that she borrowed Ron's coat and tie for Tuesday's council meeting. No problem for Ron... he already had a backup plan.
70th Annual Naples Boat Parade

Last Saturday, I participated in the Naples Improvement Association 70th Annual Holiday Boat Parade. Thanks to Port of Long Beach Harbor Commissioner, Rich Dines, for the invitation. The PoLB entry this year was their newly converted landing craft "Sea Force" that competed in the large boat category.

City Council Approves Styrofoam Ban
Last Tuesday night, City Council voted to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance banning some expanded polystyrene products. It was requested that the draft return to council within 180 days and include input from various stakeholders. The ban would not include expanded polystyrene retail sales or packaging materials as pictured below. In the past, this topic was within the purview of City Council's Environmental Committee. However, this particular council agenda item did not go through the Environmental Committee which I have chaired since taking office in 2015.

Wilson High School CD4 Sweatshirt Fund
Last year, I was made aware of a funding gap at Wilson High School that needed to be addressed. While school uniforms were supplied at no cost to students in need, there was no provision for the popular school logo sweatshirts. The District 4 office decided to step up and create a program to fill this void. For the past year, we have donated non-taxpayer funds for this ongoing need. If you’d like to make a tax deductible donation, any dollar amount would be greatly appreciated. Sweatshirts run about $40 each. Please make your check out to "Wilson PTSA", and you can write "CD4 Sweatshirt Fund" in the memo line. You can mail your donation to: Council District 4, 333 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802 or Wilson High School ATTN: Cheryl Supernaw, 4400 E. 10th St., Long Beach, CA 90804

City of Long Beach "Year in Review"
On Monday, the City Manager released the 2016 "Year in Review" for the City of Long Beach. The report revisits some of the major actions and achievements resulting from the council's work throughout the past year.
Mayor and City Council's policy direction and the efforts of our dedicated city staff. We accomplished a great deal during the past 12 months. Truly, there is much we should be proud of. You can view the 2016 “Year in Review” here.

Long Beach Public Library Eliminates Rental Fees for DVDs and CDs
Last week, the Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) eliminated the rental fees charged when borrowing DVDs and CDs. With the elimination of DVD and CD rental fees, all materials available for checkout from the LBPL will be free of charge. There are several significant benefits to the fee elimination, including: improved access to materials for all residents; increased staff efficiency and shortened wait times at checkout desk; ability to check out DVDs and CDs at LBPL self-check kiosks; and expected increase in circulation of DVD and CD collections. Swing by the Los Altos or Brewitt branch to check out some of your holiday favorites!

Your Weekly News & Updates

City of Long Beach Holiday Closures
Long Beach City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017. All libraries will be closed on Saturday,
December 24th and Sunday, December 25th, and closed on Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1st. Street sweeping and associated parking control will NOT occur on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Refuse and recycling collection WILL occur on its regular schedule. Parking meters with holiday exemptions will NOT be enforced on December 25th and January 1st. All meters and time zones WILL be enforced on December 24th and December 31st.

**Fourth District Community Meeting**

Next Tuesday, December 27th, we will be hosting our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We will be addressing neighborhood concerns, discussing past City Council meetings topics and providing CD4 end of the Year Stats! I hope you and your neighbors can make it out during the busy holiday season.

**Holiday Toy Drive at SideYard Cafe**

The SideYard Cafe at 2222 Palo Verde Ave. is holding a toy drive again this year. They will be donating the toys they receive to Precious Lamb Preschool. Precious Lamb provides free, quality education and care for homeless children that promotes school readiness as well as a supportive community for parents that fosters hopeful, healthy and permanent change. If you are interested in giving, please take a look at their wishlist. SideYard Cafe will be collecting toys and supplies all month long.
Long Beach Airport: Lot A Closure
Parking Lot A will close on January 7 for renovations. The last day travelers will be permitted to park in the garage will be Thursday, December 29, and all vehicles must exit the garage by Friday, January 6 or be subject to towing. Among the renovations being performed, the parking garage's stairways will be replaced, and the existing elevator will be replaced with two elevators. Vehicle entry and exit points will be revised, and parking spaces will be re-striped.

Reminder: FIS Coming to Council January 24, 2017
The City Council is projected to vote on the International Terminal FIS Facility on January 24th. Please mark your 2017 calendar for this very special date. We will be providing updates on this agenda item in future newsletters.

Young Women's Empowerment Conference
Congressman Alan Lowenthal is hosting a Young Women's Empowerment Conference for 7th and 8th grade students on Saturday, January 28, 2017. It takes place at Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science, 1100 Iroquois Avenue, Long Beach, CA from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is the second year the conference is focusing on middle school students. The event provides an opportunity to encourage young women to think about their transition to high school, continuing their education and learn more about the options open to them for a successful future. The students will be able to register and choose the sessions they wish to attend by following this link. The deadline for registration is January 18, 2017.

And Finally
Happy Anniversary to Sergeant Joe Friday
One year ago on this date, December 23rd, Sgt. Joe Friday (aka Jack Webb) made his inaugural appearance in our newsletter. Since then, Jack Webb's image has appeared in every single edition of the Go Fourth! Friday e-newsletters in 2016. Readers have told us they always check to see if Sgt. Friday has found his way into the newsletter when they receive it each Friday afternoon. Our response: of course he's always in there. After all, it's called the Go Fourth! "Friday" newsletter.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

12/26 - Free Christmas Tree Drop Off Locations Open, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Stearns Park, Corner of 23rd St & Roycroft
12/29 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, 6500 Stearns Ave.
12/29 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 672 Temple Ave
12/29 - Youth Sports Street Hockey Clinic - FREE, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave. (Near the basketball courts)
1/7 - Free Christmas Tree Pick Up, 7 a.m., Your House!
1/8 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Cornelius Catholic Church, 5500 Warlow
1/10 - State of the City, 5 p.m., TBA, RSVP
1/15 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Cyprians Catholic Church, 4714 Clark Avenue

El Dorado Nature Center

Construction on the Nature Center’s new entryway project is scheduled to continue through fall. During this time, access to trails and the parking lot will be impacted. As we know more details, we will provide updates. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve access to the Nature Center for all.

Winter Break Workshops: Join us for vacation fun at the Nature Center! Workshops are available for children ages 5-8 from 9 a.m. to noon during winter break! Pre-registration is required at www.lbparks.org. Workshop include:
Creature Comforts (19771), The Eyes Have It (19772), Itty Bitty Bird Brigade (19773), Woodland Wizardry (19774), Habitat Helpers (19775), Pond Picassos & Meadow Monets (19776), Migration Madness (19777) and Roly Polys and the FBI (19778).

**Long Beach Library Information**

**Brewitt Neighborhood Library Book Club**
The Brewitt Neighborhood Library Book Group meets the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00AM. Bring your favorite title suggestions (fiction or nonfiction) and join us! Everyone welcome! For more information call (562) 570-1040.

**Los Altos Neighborhood Library Book Club**
The Los Altos Neighborhood Library Book Group meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00AM. Bring your favorite title suggestions (fiction or nonfiction) and join your neighbors for lively discussions. For more information call (562) 570-1045.

**2 Days Per Week Watering Restrictions**

Check out the Long Beach Water Department's [website](http://example.com) for information about water use prohibitions, available rebates, and ways you can conserve water during this drought!