

What's happening in the Fourth this week!



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Dear Neighbor,

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 the council office at: district4@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-4444.

Past Events

Billboards Are Up!



New billboard on Anaheim Street just west of Temple Avenue

The 20 free billboards have been installed throughout the City for the holiday weekend. Thank you again to Richard Montgomery of Lamar Advertising for responding to our request with this great public service. There are two professional

firework shows in the City of Long Beach this weekend: [Big Bang on the Bay](#) on July 3rd and the [Queen Mary Firework Show](#) on July 4th.

If you do see or hear fireworks, please call the Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 and provide "the facts" such as an exact address or intersection.



Speaking at the Camp Justin Day Camp

On Friday, I was invited by Justin Rudd to speak to his "campers" at his annual, week long day camp. This year, 13 deserving high schoolers from the LBUSD, attended the camp that afforded them opportunities to "explore, dream, and discover" Southern California. Those are the three words of the motto for Justin Rudd's [Website](#). The camp took place from Sun, June 19 to Sat, June 25.



Another Successful WESCA Cleanup Last Saturday

On Saturday at 8:00 am, we assembled for the monthly WESCA cleanup. Along with our regular volunteers, Mike Brascia of Brascia Builders brought his crew to assist with the cleanup. Thanks to Jill Hill, Bryant Ben and City crews for staging the event. Also thanks to our regular volunteers including Mike Wilson, David Hensler and Jim Busher.



Original WESCA member, Mike Wilson, drops off an abandoned couch

I Dig Long Beach: 10th Street Tree Planting



Last Saturday, I joined Neighborhood Services and the community to plant trees on 10th Street between Cherry Avenue and Temple Avenue. The Rose Park Neighborhood Association hosted this event in honor of the Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. To commemorate the 96th-year anniversary of the women's vote, the project included planting approximately 96 trees.

The event was part of "I Dig Long Beach", a project to plant 6,000 trees by 2020 funded by a grant awarded by the Port of Long Beach. Volunteers came from as far away as the Wrigley and California Heights neighborhoods. Thank you to everyone who came out and planted trees!



Volunteers Lee Fukui and Mauna Eichner of Wrigley is Going Green! and Tom Underhill of Cal Heights ReLeaf

LBLL Dad's Farewell Letter Featured in the Press-Telegram

Congratulations to Long Beach Little League dad, Dan DeCarlo, for having his guest commentary published in the Press-Telegram. Dan's "farewell letter" appeared in the Sunday, June 3rd edition and is available at this [link](#).

The Long Beach Little League was founded in 1952 and is home of the 1992 and 1993 Little League World Series Champions. Their mission is to provide the youth of Long Beach a great baseball experience at the 4th District's Stearns Champions Park where they learn more than just a game.

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COMMENTARY

Long Beach father's sad farewell to Little League

By Daniel C. DeCarlo

The eighth and final closing ceremony of my son Sam's career at Long Beach Little League is today. I'm dreading it. I will cry like a tee-baller who gets drilled in the knee with an errant throw.

The truth is that I love Little League baseball, and while my son will recover from the sadness of his playing days at Stearns Champions Park being over, I'm not sure his dad ever will.

Long Beach Little League is a venerable organization, chartered in the 1950s. It has earned remarkable success as the only little league in the United States to win back-to-back Little League world championships, having done so in 1992 and 1993. Those teams were coached by Long Beach (Wilson High) baseball legend Jeff Burroughs, the 1974 American League Most Valuable Player.

The city fathers cemented Long Beach Little League's legacy by putting "Champions" forever in the name of Stearns Champions Park, where 65-year-old Jeff Burroughs still prowls the third-base coaching box.

I grew up playing Little League baseball in suburban Chicago. I remember details like taking a third strike in a key play-off game that eliminated my VFW team from championship contention.

I remember the sound, and most of all the feel in my hands, when my wooden 31-inch Louisville Slugger connected with Jeff Jessup's middle-of-the-plate fastball catapulting the ball into the April sky for my first home run.

On the 10th anniversary of those Little League World Series championships, the Press-Telegram did a wonderful piece interviewing nearly every kid from the championship teams. They spoke glowingly of their experiences, their enduring friendships and the important lessons learned. To a boy (well, now they were men), they trumpeted the virtues of teamwork and the fondness they still had for their teammates. I read that when I was a father of a few-months-old little boy, I promised myself, would play Little League baseball. That he would play at Stearns Champions Park made it all the better.

It has been a blur of friendships and joy that I fear will never be repeated.

Little League is not just about trying to win championships. This year, our league introduced the Challenger Division, devoted to giving disabled kids the joy of playing baseball. Mike Gomez, the man who heroically championed that division for our league, loves to tell us how his son Mikey knows when it is game day and demands his gear so he can go play. Sam participated in a Challenger game recently and told me how much fun he had playing with the kids. They just love to play, Dad," he said.

Try not to weep when your 12-year-old reveals to you that a morning on a baseball field with disabled kids has made him a better person. Yes, Little League gave that gift to my son.

My years of Little League are over (at least until the grandkids come along) and I'm just going to have to deal with it. Sam will keep playing baseball for hopefully years to come, but I have no illusions that the next stage of his baseball career will come with the sweet innocence of Little League.

Trust me, folks, you should get your kids over to Stearns Champions Park today at 11 a.m. for the closing ceremonies and see for yourself. Try the bacon cheese burgers. They are the best.

Daniel C. DeCarlo is a Long Beach resident.



COURTESY PHOTO
Sam DeCarlo, left, and his father, Daniel C. DeCarlo, of Long Beach say goodbye to Sam's Little League games today.

East Anaheim Street Business Alliance June Meeting

On Tuesday, I attended the monthly EASBA meeting at the Long Beach Playhouse. The guest speaker was 4th district resident, Ted Hiatt. Ted is the Director of the Long Beach Small Business Development Center headquartered at LBCC. Under a federal grant, the SBDC provides consultation to small business owners and develops/facilitates small business training and workshops throughout the region.

EASBA will be hosting Shakespeare in the Park - A Midsummer Night's Dream the weekend of July 23/24 at the Recreation Park Band Shell. We'll have more details in next week's newsletter.



LB Municipal Band Opens the Season at Whaley Park

On Tuesday evening, we had the honor of hosting the season-opening concert of the Long Beach Municipal Band Summer season. We had perfect weather for the event that drew a very large crowd. In fact, LBMB Conductor, Larry Curtis, announced that it was the largest crowd he had ever seen at Whaley Park. If you missed the concert, you have another opportunity next Tuesday night, July 5th, at Whaley Park. The music starts at 6:30 pm. Unfortunately, I'll be at a city council meeting and will have to miss the festivities.





City Attorney, Charles Parkin, and granddaughter enjoying the concert



Your Weekly News & Updates

TONIGHT!! "Movie in the Park"

Featuring: PAN

Signal Hill Petroleum is sponsoring Movies in the Park again this summer. All movies begin at dusk. Remember to bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic style dinner, and family and friends. Free popcorn will be provided! Tonight, July 1, "Pan" will be the featured film at Whaley Park.



Fireworks are Illegal in Long Beach

The 4th of July holiday is a great day to spend with friends and family and celebrate this great country's independence. The Long Beach Police Department encourages those celebrating the holiday to do so in a safe and responsible manner. I am reminding residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are illegal in the City of Long Beach.

The Police Department will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4th to ensure compliance with the Long Beach City Ordinance that bans fireworks. Anyone found in violation of the city ordinance may be cited or arrested. Those found in violation may be faced with a \$1,000 fine, sentenced to jail for six months, or both. The fines and penalties may increase depending on the fireworks' classification. Call the Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 if you observe dangerous or illegal activities.



City of Long Beach Holiday Closures

The City of Long Beach has announced its [closures](#) in observance of the holiday, occurring this year on Monday, July 4th. Long Beach City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4. Street Sweeping and enforcement of street sweeping violations will not occur on July 4. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday,

July 5. Refuse and Recycling collection will occur, per the normal schedule, on Monday, July 4.

New smart parking meters display their days and hours of operation, and also when they are exempt, on large backlit screens. Meters with holiday exemptions will not be enforced on July 4, however those without holiday exemptions will be enforced.



All Long Beach Public Libraries (LBPL) will be closed on Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4. All libraries will re-open to the public at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

Public Works Update - Street Repave Projects

On Tuesday, repaving of Park, Malta and Gish was completed in just one day. I stopped by in the late afternoon to check out the amazing transformation. Park Avenue was in incredibly bad condition, and the area had some major drainage challenges. Thanks to Senior Civil Engineer, Vahik Vartanians, and Public Works ADA Coordinator, Luis Garcia, for a great job!

Next up: Roswell Ave., Fountain St. and Belmont Ave. repaves beginning July 12th.



Luis Garcia and Vahik Vartanians next to the "all new" Park Avenue

El Dorado Nature Center Summer Concert Series

The Friends of El Dorado Nature Center Summer Concert Series is featuring **Salty Suites** this Thursday, July 7. Gates open at 6:30pm, and the show begins at 7 pm. Bring low chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner. There is a \$3 donation at the gate for Friends of El Dorado Nature Center.



SCE Power Outage Information

Sometimes unexpected events can cause the power to go out. Other times, SCE may plan scheduled outages for routine maintenance or necessary repairs. Learn what to expect, how to prepare, and what SCE does to ensure your safety on their [Outage Center](#) website. To report or get updates on a power outage in your area please call 1-800-611-1911.



What's Next on the Agenda: July 7, 2016

The city council meeting is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the council chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 333 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcasted live [online](#) and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Here are some of the topics that will be discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting:



- The City Council will vote to accept a grant from 8-80 Cities and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for a proposed Book Bike program. On May 3, 2016, the Department of Library Services was selected as an Emerging City Champion by 8-80 Cities and the Knight Foundation, to launch a Book Bike program to deliver library services via bicycle at community events throughout the city.
- The City Council will vote to request the City Manager to explore the feasibility of realigning the initiatives of the City's Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan as well as the Language Access Program into the Department of Health and Human Services. In addition to evaluating the feasibility and benefits of establishing a new "Office of Equity, Access, and Prevention".
- The City Council will vote to request the City Attorney to draft a resolution requesting the Governor and State Legislative to declare a state of emergency to combat homelessness and direct resources to support the efforts of major cities in the state to address the problem.
- The City Council will hear the final reading of the ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the expansion of Preferential Parking District "R" on Snowden Ave. between Marita Street and Los Santos Drive.

This is just a small selection of the topics to be cover at next week's city council meeting. the entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#).

Measure A Citizen Oversight Committee Applications Now Available

Applications for the five member Measure A Citizen Oversight Committee have been made available by the office of Mayor Robert Garcia. The Mayor's office will accept applications until July 8, after which Mayor Garcia will submit his five choices to the City Council for approval.

The committee will begin meeting in August. Members must be Long Beach residents. Mayor Garcia and the City Council committed to only spending new revenue on infrastructure and public safety. The Citizen Oversight Committee will be charged with ensuring the revenue is spent on those items. Applications are available [here](#).



Sign-up for AlertLongBeach Notifications

Sign up for now for AlertLongBeach and receive up to date emergency and disaster notifications! AlertLongBeach is a free emergency notification system designed to keep those who live or work in Long Beach informed before, during and after a major emergency or disaster. Alerts will be sent to subscribers that will let them know what has happened, what first responders are doing and what actions they should take to protect themselves and preserve property. AlertLongBeach alert messages are also available in multiple languages including Spanish and American Sign Language. AlertLongBeach messages will be sent directly to the designated cell phone or email address. To sign up for AlertLongBeach, go to: www.longbeach.gov.



And Finally

MISSING: Boats and Truck from Gretchen's Automotive

Gretchen's Automotive reported two boats and one truck stolen from their property on Wednesday night. Gretchen's is located at 1965 Palo Verde Ave in the Fourth District. Gretchen's owner, Todd Klem, was featured on ABC7 and KNBC news stories Thursday afternoon and evening. If you happen to spot any of these vehicles, please call the Long Beach Police Department at 562-435-6711.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

7/1 - **Movie in the Park: Pan**, Whaley Park, movie begins at dusk, 5620 E. Atherton

7/5 - **Concert in the Park: Long Beach Municipal Band**, 6:30 p.m., Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.

7/7 - **"Best Bubble Show"**, 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.

7/7 - **Nature Center Concert - Salty Suits**, 6:30 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.

7/8 - **Kitty Hall 2**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd

7/8 - **"Animal Magic"** - an action-packed magic show with live exotic pets!, 1 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4035 E. Anaheim St.

7/14 - **"Annie Banannie"** - The famous Balloon Storyteller leads us on another goofy adventure, 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.

7/15 - **"Best Bubble Show"**, 1 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4035 E. Anaheim St.

100 Days of Summer 2016



The summer season brings countless events to the City of Long Beach, including the Fourth District. 100 Days of Summer is a partnership between the City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau to bring you unprecedented access to all Long Beach has to offer this summer. Make sure to check out the their [website](http://www.100DaysofSummer.org) to find the dates and times of all you favorite summer activities.

El Dorado Nature Center



Construction on the Nature Center's new entryway project is scheduled to continue through summer. 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.



Long Beach Library Information

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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.

Water Conservation



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



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