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

Breaking News: Historic Train Depot Destroyed by Fire

Early this morning, a fire destroyed the 109-year-old Southern Pacific train depot building at Willow Springs Park. The historic building was moved to its current location near 27th Street and California Avenue in 2015. The historic preservation of the structure was scheduled to be completed in 2017. This is obviously a devastating loss for our City and to all those who work so hard to preserve our history. Additional information about the fire can be found at this link.

Photo and caption from a 2014 Long Beach Business Journal article featuring Councilman Supernaw (then Sustainable City Commission Chair) and Sustainability Coordinator, Larry Rich, in front of the historic train depot at its former location.

Donations for the AIDS Food Store
On Saturday, I stopped by the AIDS Food Store at 10th and Termino with a donation of breakfast cereal. Twice a month, the AIDS Food Store provides a standard bag of grocery items to men, women and children whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS disabilities free of charge. The organization relies on various groups and individuals to assist with ongoing donations of food, supplies and financial support. If you'd like to make tax deductible donation, please contact our CD4 office at (562) 570-4444. We will be collecting boxes of cereal and canned goods for the AFS at our community meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at the Los Altos Library.

Margo Martinez, AFS Board Treasurer, gives two thumbs up for the CD4 donation. Councilman Supernaw loads a grocery cart full of cereal for the AIDS Food Store.

**EASBA "Meet Zaferia" Monthly Mixer**

On Wednesday night, I stopped by the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance monthly mixer. EASBA hosts these events as a community mixers for business owners, neighbors and friends. This month’s venue was the Red Leprechaun, and owner Tracy Ames served her usual array of incredible appetizers. For more information about EASBA or their next mixer, check this link.
New Trees and Railing at Brewitt Library
The Long Beach Office of Sustainability, in coordination with the Public Works Department, planted trees in front of the Brewitt Library this week. In addition to the new trees, the library had new railing installed and the parking lot received ADA improvements over the summer months.

Coastal Cleanup Day This Saturday
Join the largest beach clean up of the year! The CA Coastal Commission holds their annual cleanup day on September 17th. Surfrider Foundation will be set up at the Belmont Pier location at the end of Termino Ave. and Ocean Blvd. Bags and gloves are provided. RSVP is not required. Visit their Facebook page or
"Ready Long Beach" This Saturday
Join me at Heartwell Park on Saturday for the annual Ready Long Beach event. I'll be on the stage around 12:15 pm to say a few words about the community emergency preparedness expo. Please check this link for additional information.
Long Beach Transit: Zero Emission Vehicles
Please join Long Beach Transit (LBT) as they host a press conference and bus rides on Monday, September 19, 2016, to celebrate the arrival of their first battery electric buses. We encourage you to attend the press conference and take a ride on the bus to experience it for yourself before the buses are commissioned for regular service. The fleet of 10 buses will commence full operation in November 2016. The new buses are zero emission vehicles that are 100 percent battery powered. Portable phone charges and reusable bags will be given out to the first 100 attendees.

Florence Bixby Elementary School
Congratulations to Florence Bixby Elementary School who ranked #1 in growth out of all 55 elementary schools in the Long Beach Unified School District (as measured by state SBAC tests) last year! They more than quadrupled the District goal of 3% growth in reading/English Language Arts (13% growth), and they met their math goal! To celebrate and share why their new motto of "Everything's Better When YOU'RE at Bixby!" rings more true than ever, please join the Bixby Beavers for their Back to School night

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Florence Bixby Elementary School Auditorium
5:00 p.m.

After an informative multimedia presentation, audience questions will be answered.

New Neighborhood Association in Los Altos
Join the Greater Los Altos Neighborhood Association (GLANA) and get in on the planning stages for this year's Christmas in Whaley Park being held on December 4. The first meeting is being held on Saturday, September 24 at 11:00 am. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to MicheleK90815@gmail.com by the 22nd.
Overnight Closures on LGB's Main Runway Next Week
The Long Beach Airport will be closing Runway 30 for maintenance Monday through Friday of next week during the hours 10 pm - 6:45 am. Any late night arrivals or departures will take place on Runway 25R. This means arrivals will be coming in from the east affecting mostly the 5th Council District. Departures will be taking off to the west affecting mostly the 5th and 7th Council Districts.

Hof's Huts Celebrates their 65th Anniversary
The Los Altos Hof's Hut will be celebrating their 65th anniversary this month with a photo contest! You can enter by posting your Hof's Hut photo on Instagram or Facebook using #Hofs65. The contest runs September 1 - 30. The winner of the contest will receive a $200 Hof's Hut gift card. For full information about the contest please visit their
What's Next on the Council Agenda: September 20th

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 Council will vote to approve the Mayor's recommendations for non-charter commission and board appointments and reappointments.
- The Council will consider asking the City Attorney to draft a city wide ordinance to restrict over-sized and recreational vehicles in residential and commercial corridors.
- The Council will discuss entering into a contract with The Volunteer Center for their expertise and guidance in volunteer management and the use of their online volunteer opportunity platform in order to launch and execute the City's upcoming inaugural "Volunteer Campaign".

This is just a small selection of the topics to be covered 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.

BARK Dogs in the Fourth!

Children of all ages are welcome to read to BARK's certified therapy dogs at the Long Beach Neighborhood Libraries. Research shows that reading to friendly, non-judgmental dogs can increase reading skills and self-confidence. And it's FUN! Beach Animals Reading With Kids (BARK) dogs want to hear you read. BARK dogs will be visiting the Los Altos Library on September 24 at 11 am, and they will be at the Brewitt Library on October 1 at 11:30am. Visit barkdogs.org to learn more.

Meals on Wheels Long Beach Celebrates 45th Birthday

Help Meals on Wheels Long Beach celebrate 45 years of service to the Long Beach and Signal Hill Communities with an evening of craft beer, wine tasting and appetizer parings. There will be a silent auction...
And Finally

2700 E. Anaheim Street Circa 1932

Last week's 1940's photo of the Traffic Circle got quite a reaction, so we thought we would share another vintage photo from the 4th Council District. Below is a promotional photo taken at the Signal Gasoline station on the SE corner of Anaheim St. and Ohio Ave. in the early 1930's. The Signal Gas & Oil Company, based in Signal Hill, sponsored the Tarzan Radio Program broadcast locally on KFWB. The kids in the shot are holding Tarzan Radio promotional items that were given away with each gasoline purchase. To the left of the photo is the Palace Hotel which still stands today.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

9/17 - CERT's READY Long Beach, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Heartwell Park, corner of Clark & Carson
9/17 - Batman Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/19 - LB Transit Presents "100% Battery Powered Buses", 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., The Promenade at 1st St.
9/20 - "Florence Bixby Elementary School: We're #1", 5 p.m., Florence Bixby Elementary School Auditorium, 5251 E Stearns St.
9/23 - Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
9/24 - Book Club Discussion, "Memory Man" David Baldacci, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
9/24 - BARK Dogs, 11 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/27 - Community Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/28 - Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center, 1109 Federation Drive
9/30 - Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/1 - BARK Dogs, 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/1 - First Saturdays Stewards Cleanup, 10 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
10/8 - California Native Plant Sale, 9:30 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.

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.

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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