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

State of the Third: A Midterm Review
Last Sunday evening, I attended the CD3 Midterm Review presented by Councilwoman Suzie Price at the LB Museum of Art. The review highlighted many of the CD3 projects, initiatives and accomplishments over the past two years. The 3rd and 4th council districts share a 4-mile border along Atherton St., Clark Ave., Anaheim St., Ximeno Ave. and 10th St. Many of our neighborhoods share common issues including CSULB parking impacts, airport noise, RV parking and traffic impacts.

CD4 Community Meeting on Tuesday
Last Tuesday night, we held our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. The meeting started with a special flag presentation by the Webelos Cub Scout pack from Minnie Gant Elementary. Next, Lt. Ryan LeBaron provided recent crime stats to the attendees. Principal Sam Platis of Bixby Elementary delivered a power point presentation...
on recent improvements at his school. Finally, Michele K. and Joe Mello provided an update on the new Greater Los Altos Neighborhood Association. There is a strong possibility that next month's meeting may be cancelled. The date coincides with the Economic Develop Commissions meeting that will likely cover the LGB International Terminal Study. Many Los Altos residents will plan on attending the EDC meeting if the the FIS study is on the agenda.

Lt. LeBaron speaks to the audience at the Fourth District Los Altos Community Meeting

**El Dorado Nature Center Entryway Improvement Project**

I stopped by the Nature Center Wednesday afternoon to check out progress on the new entryway. Construction is well underway and is expected to take 4 to 5 months. The Nature Center will remain open, however, for the duration of the construction. The temporary entrance and parking is located on the north side of the Nature Center adjacent to Spring Street. Please call (562) 570-1745 for Nature Center hours of operation and (562) 570-6375 for construction project information.
Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting on Wednesday

Wednesday night, I attended the Recreation Park Neighborhood Coalition meeting at the Lawn Bowling Center. I provided an overview all the neighborhood projects we have completed over the past year. The area includes the PCH, Anaheim, Ximeno and PCH business/transportation corridors. We are seeing substantial improvements throughout the area, and we hope to continue the positive trend.

Huge Turnout for Inaugural Community Watch Meeting

Last night, I attended the largest gathering I have ever seen for a Community Watch meeting. Over 100 residents showed up for the Artcraft Manor neighborhood gathering just south of Stearns Park. Special thanks to Sarah Alliston and Linda Attardo for organizing/hosting the event and to all the neighbors for attending. Also thanks to Lt. Ryan LeBaron of LBPD's East Patrol Division for speaking. We will now help organize each block into individual Community Watch Groups. Please call or email the CD4 office for additional information: (562) 570-4444 or district4@longbeach.gov.
Are You Interested in Starting a Community Watch Group on Your Block?

Community Watch is a crime prevention program that involves individual groups working with the police to affect crime. Crime prevention resources are available online regarding current crime trends, crime prevention, and safety techniques. Community Watch encourages participants to keep a watchful eye, not only on the block where they live but the community as a whole, and report suspicious and potential criminal behavior. Community Watch begins with a block approach and expands to include others in the surrounding area and scope of influence. Participants are encouraged to reach out to businesses, nearby schools, and non-profit organizations to get to know each other and communicate.

How to Start a Community Watch Group Information Sheet

Community Watch Starter Kit

Your Weekly News & Updates

Bixby Elementary Free Family Fun Night
Enjoy a FREE family fun event at Bixby Elementary tonight. There will be a live concert by acclaimed kid friendly
funk/rock-n-roll band "Jelly of the Month Club"! There will also be food trucks and free balloon sculptures for kids. Everyone in the Bixby neighborhood is welcome to attend.

**When:** Tonight, September 30th  
**Time:** 6 PM - 8 PM  
**Where:** Florence Bixby Elementary School (5251 E. Stearns)

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**2-Days-Per-Week Watering Restrictions Begin Tomorrow**

On June 2, 2016, the LB Board of Water Commissions declared a Stage 1 water supply shortage (rescinding the Stage 2) that permitted outdoor watering three days per week. However, the Stage 1 designation also stipulates that watering must revert back to two days per week from October 1st through March 31st. Please take the time this weekend to readjust your automatic sprinkler systems. For more information, you can check the LBWD website at this [link](#).

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**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 Brewitt Library on October 1 at 11:30am. Visit barkdogs.org to learn more.

Long Beach Serves Volunteer Campaign

Long Beach Serves is a 22-day campaign to encourage volunteerism in the city, culminating on Oct. 22 with the nationwide Make A Difference Day. Long Beach Serves will be coordinated by the Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach. Prospective volunteers can visit the organization's website to search for service opportunities. Many of the projects are outdoor beautifying efforts that require nothing more from volunteers than a slathering of sunscreen. The city’s needs don’t end in October. Although Long Beach Serves lasts only 22 days, the goal is to connect residents with opportunities they can help out with year-round. Projects are available for youth, seniors, families - anyone willing to spare a little time and do a good deed.

Specific Fourth District Projects:
10/1 - First Saturday Stewards, 10 am - 12 pm, El Dorado Nature Center
10/22 - Neighborhood Clean with LBPD, 8 am - 12 pm, Orizaba Park

If you are an organization, and would like to participate in Long Beach Serves, you will need to first contact your City Council district office to propose your site and volunteer needs and obtain approval. Then your district lead will collect information from you and post your opportunity as part of the project so it shows up on our calendar.

Next on the Council Agenda: October 4th

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 conduct a study session on the current state of homelessness in the City, and they will review the progress of the last 10 year plan.
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.

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.

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 pairings. There will be a silent auction and raffle drawing all evening, with a musical performance by Raymond Parker & the Jazz Explosion. The birthday celebration will take place on Monday, October 10th at the Red Leprechaun Restaurant from 6 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are $40 per person and reservations can be made online or by calling 562-438-6215. Please visit Meals on Wheels Long Beach’s website for more information about the event.

Static Salon Casino Night October 15th
Help support WomenShelter of Long Beach at this fun event. Static Salon is located at Bellflower Blvd. and 23rd Street right behind F&M Back, just east of Einstein's Bagels. Please visit Static Salon's website for more information.

And Finally
JetBlue Fined $24,300 for September Noise Violations

We still have one night left in September, but we thought we would give you a sneak peek at anticipated results. Preliminary numbers (subject to verification) show that JetBlue conducted seven operations after 11:00 pm. Four of these operations resulted in Consent Decree violations. For the month of September, each Consent Decree fine resulted in a fine of $6,000. JetBlue conducted a total of 10 operations in between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Nine of these operations qualified as unanticipated delays and the delays were primarily due to mechanical problems with aircraft and poor weather conditions. One operation that was conducted in between 10:00 pm and 11:00 pm resulted in a $300 violation. JetBlue was fined a total of $24,300 for the month of September. Thanks, as always, to LGB Airport Operations Specialist - Noise Analyst II, Ryan McMullen, for his timely data analysis. We should be receiving the quarterly noise violation report in a couple of weeks.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

10/1 - **BARK Dogs: Abi - The Labradoodle**, 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.
10/1 - **11/30 - Paula A. Prager Art Exhibit**, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
10/6 - **Civic Innovation Summit**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Long Beach Convention Center (Seaside Ballroom), 300 E Ocean Blvd. [Tickets](#)
10/7 - **Toddler Story time/Playtime**, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/8 - California Native Plant Sale, 9:30 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
10/8 - Low Cost Pet Licensing and Vaccination Clinic, 11:30 a.m., Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E 23rd St.
10/8 - Artist Trading Cards, 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/9 - Audubon Bird Walk, 8 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
10/11 - Family Nightlife Walk (Must Pre-Register), 7 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
10/14 - Toddler Story time/Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/20 - Free Flu Vaccines, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, 2525 Grand Ave. (No appointment required)
10/21 - Toddler Story time/Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/22 - Book Club Discussion, "A Maddess of Angels" Kate Griffin, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.
10/28 - Toddler Story time/Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.

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.
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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