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

LBFD Saves Structures Adjacent to CD4 Garage Fire

Early last Monday morning, LBFD responded to a structure fire in the 1200 block of Roswell Ave. According to Battalion Chief Mike Garcia, Engine 4 was first in, and a detached garage on the property was fully involved. While the garage ended up being a complete loss, the fire was kept from spreading to the adjacent occupied homes thanks to quick work by the firefighters. Preventing the fire from spreading was a challenge considering the large tree (see photo below) that is adjacent to the garage and overhanging the alley. The tree did catch fire, but firefighters quickly knocked down the flames. Engine 4 is housed at Station 4 (Loma Ave /4th St) which is one of six fire stations whose fire response zone abuts Station 17's area. There is no fire engine at Station 17 due to budget cuts. Thankfully, Engine 4 was not busy covering 17's area when the fire broke out.

Tree overhangs alley behind the property where garage fire occurred

Long Beach Care Transitions Collaborative Event

Wednesday morning, I had the honor of welcoming guests to the LB Care Transitions Collaborative at Memorial Hospital. Event attendees represented hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, home care agencies, hospice agencies and other healthcare providers. The theme of the event was partnership, communication and coordination between healthcare providers in all settings of care to reduce unwanted hospital readmissions, improve care transitions and improve quality of care. Thanks to the Health Services Advisory Group, SCAN Health Plan and others for their presentations, and special thanks to Rhiannon Acree, President & CEO of Cambrian Homecare, for the invitation.

Councilman Supernaw delivers opening remarks at Long Beach

Care Transitions Collaborative

First Meeting of Measure A Citizens' Oversight Committee

Wednesday afternoon, I attended the inaugural meeting of the newly formed, Measure A oversight committee. The official name of the five-member group is the City of Long Beach Transactions and Use Tax Citizens' Advisory Committee. It was approved by voters as part of Measure A so that taxpayers are assured the new revenue coming from the 1% sales tax increase is allocated as promised: on public safety and infrastructure.

Committee members were selected from a pool of individuals who submitted applications to serve on the committee. The members are former 9th District Councilmember Steven Neal, who is a civic engagement advocate with Molina Healthcare; the president and CEO of Dignity Health/St. Mary Medical Center, Joel Yuhas; former president and CEO of International City Bank, Jane Netherton; former executive director of the Long Beach Nonprofit Partnership, Judy Ross; and vice president of administration and finance at CSU Long Beach, Mary Stephens.

Mayor Garcia welcomes and thanks the new committee members

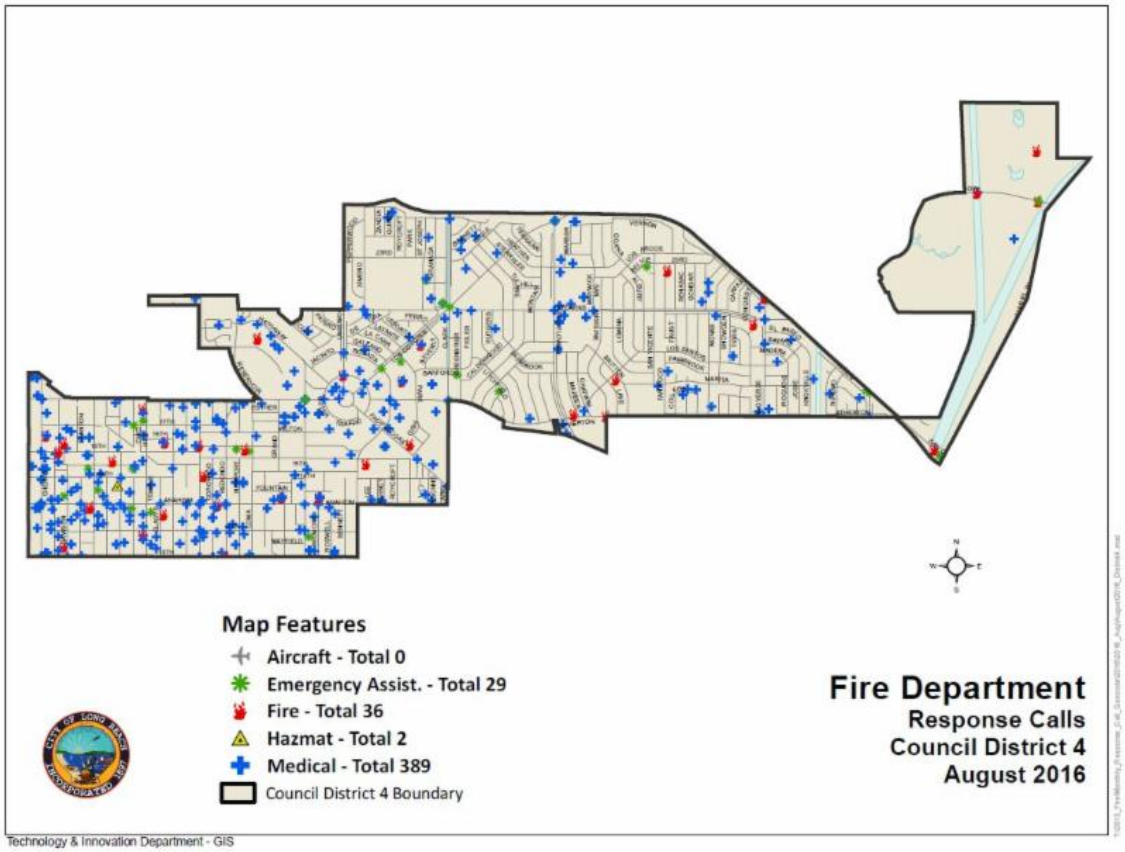
New Airport Director Stops By

Thursday afternoon, the new Director of Long Beach Airport, Jess Romo, stopped by our city hall office for a visit. He started earlier this week and was introduced at Tuesday's council meeting. However, this was our first opportunity for a one-on-one meeting. He is already up to speed on our noise ordinance, and we are anticipating the the release of the FIS (International Terminal) study in the very near future. You can read more about our new Director of LGB at this link.

Councilman Supernaw and Director of LGB, Jess Romo

LBFD Logs over 450 CD4 Response Calls in August

The map below plots all the LBFD response calls for the month of August in Council District 4. Included in the total are 389 medical (85%) and 36 fire (8%) responses. An engine company is the only fire apparatus capable of carrying and pumping water. The western end of the Fourth is covered by Engine 10 stationed in Council District 6. The eastern end of of the Fourth is covered by Engine 22 stationed in Council District 3. In the center of the Fourth is Fire Station 17, but there is no engine company at that station. It was eliminated years ago due to budget cuts. Restoration of Engine 17 would provide full fire coverage for our entire council district (and portions of CD3 and CD5). It would also relieve the strain on a very busy Station 10 by eliminating the need to cover parts of Station 17's area.

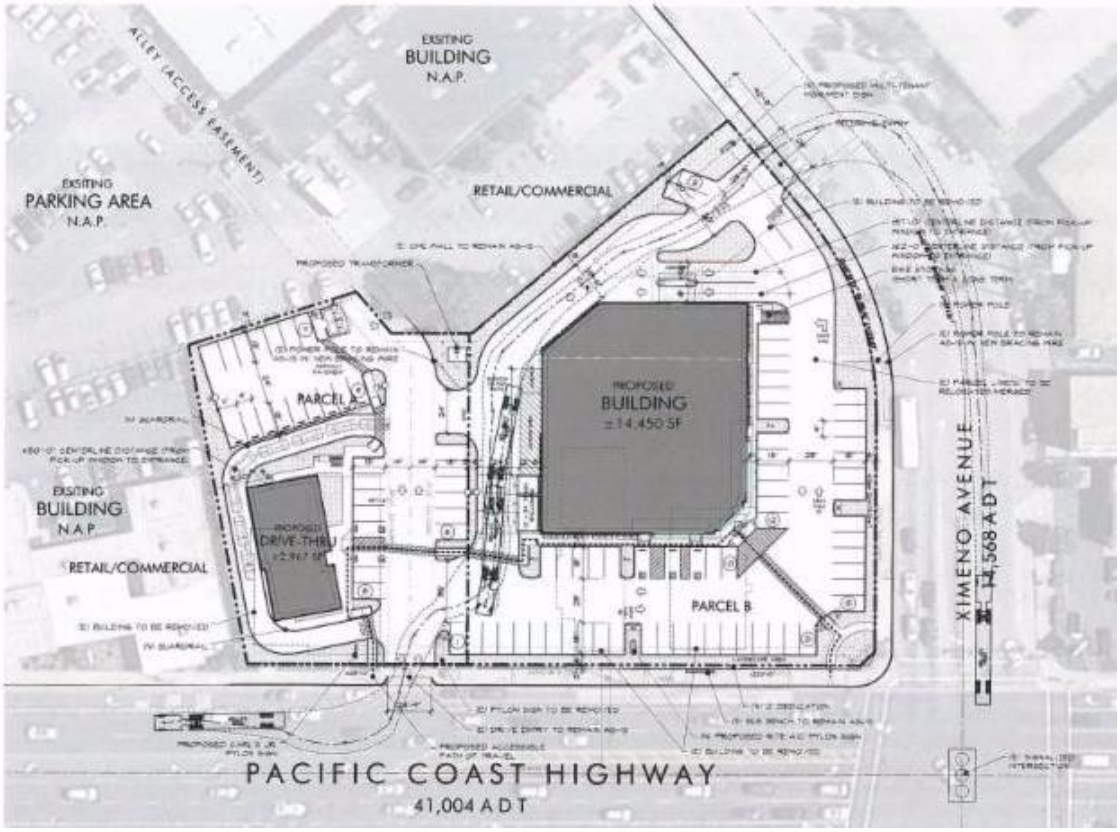


Click here for a large image of the map

Your Weekly News & Updates

Demolition of Ximeno and PCH Buildings to Begin Next Week

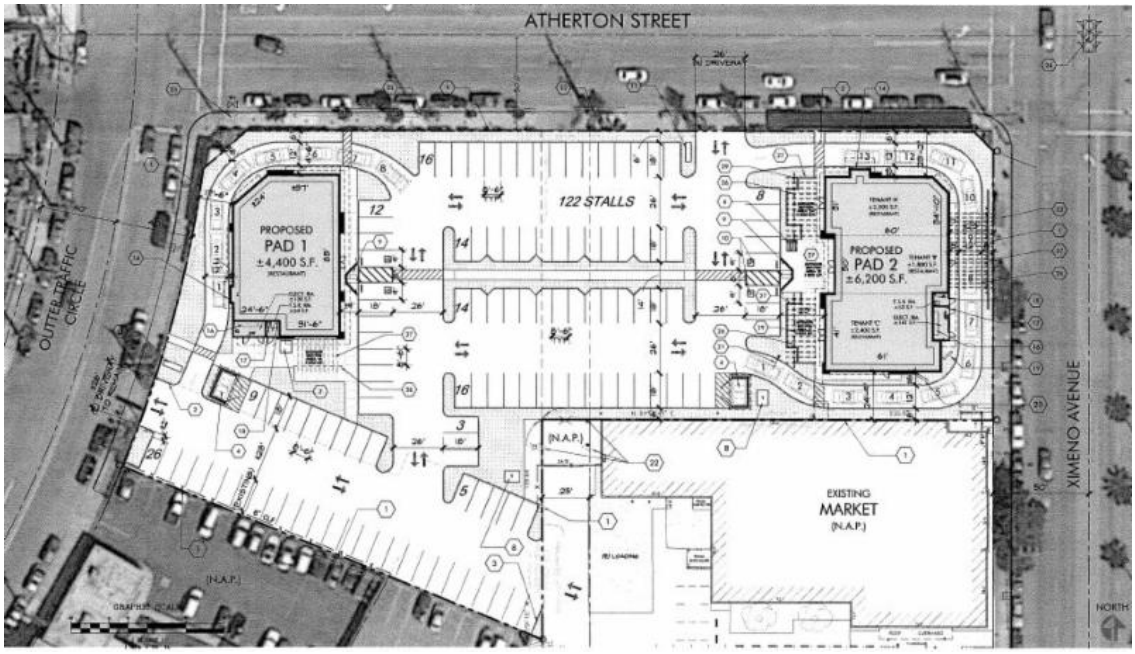
A new commercial development at 4525 E. PCH (NW corner of PCH and Ximeno) will be breaking ground early next week. The plan calls for the demolition of four buildings: Enterprise Car Rental, the mission style building (former winery), Carl's Jr. and the former bank building just south of Smart & Final. They will be replaced by a new Rite Aid on the corner and a new Carl's Jr. In the Enterprise spot. Both the Rite Aid (moving from the Von's Center) and the Carl's Jr. will have drive-thrus. You can view the supporting documents these links: Staff Report and Design Elements.



Application Received for New Buildings at 1775 Ximeno

Long Beach Development Services has received an application for a new development on Atherton between Ximeno and Outer Circle. This is the former Hooman Service and Parts Department property. It is very important to note that this is only an application, and nothing has been approved at this point. There will be a process for public input, and there may be extensive revisions to the plans prior to approval. Additionally, these plans are not related to the project at PCH and Ximeno, and they do not involve the former Smart & Final building.

The Project Description for 1775 Ximeno states: "Demolish an existing 21,403 square-foot building and construct two new building pads consisting of 4,400-square-feet and 6,200-square-feet. Both buildings will have drive-thru windows and outdoor seating."



Dollar Tree Receives Business License

The Fourth District will be getting a new Dollar Tree in the very near future. It will be located at the corner of Lakewood and Stearns in the old Munro's Furniture building. The Dollar Tree will only occupy half of the property. We will keep you updated on what will be going in the other half of the building when we receive more information.

Meet Zaferia Monthly Mixer

Join the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance (EASBA) for their Monthly Meet Zaferia Mixer. Business owners, neighbors and friends are all invited to attend. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 14 at the The Red Leprechaun from 5:30 - 7 pm. There will be hosted appetizers sponsored by EASBA. Please visit their website for more information.

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.

Senator Lara's 2016 Innovations in the 33rd Awards - Deadline Extended

Business, nonprofit organizations, and individuals are the backbone and lifeblood of our community and economy. They deserve to be honored for their leadership and contributions for bringing new ideas, awareness and solutions to issues in our local communities. Southeast Los Angeles County has a rich history of businesses, nonprofits, and individuals serving our communities and

building our local economy in the areas of art, business, government, education, civic engagement and healthcare. They play major roles in improving the quality of life for our communities.
Senator Lara's office is looking for the next crop of amazing business owners, nonprofit organizations, and individuals that represent the best of the 33rd Senate District. Please take a moment to nominate a small or local business, nonprofit organization, or individual today!

The nomination deadline for Senator Lara's 2016 Innovations in the 33rd Awards has been extended to Monday, September 12th, 2016! Don't wait! Make your nomination now.

Overnight Closures on LGBs Main Runway Next Week

The Long Beach Airport will be closing Runway 30 for maintenance Monday through Saturday of next week during the hours 10 pm - 6:45 am. Any late night arrivals/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. Airport Noise Officer, Ron Reeves, tells us to expect these closures to occur the following week as well(9/19 - 9/22). We will continue to update you on these closures in our Go Fourth! Friday eNewletters.

What's Next on the Council Agenda: September 13th

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 consider adopting the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Budget

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.

And Finally

With all the new development taking place around the Traffic Circle, it's interesting to note the history of the area. While we think of the original area development taking place post-WWII, the Traffic Circle was actually constructed for the 1932 Olympics. Tim Grobaty wrote about its history in a Press-Telegram article back in 2011.

Los Alamitos Traffic Circle in late 1940's from east Outer Circle facing west

Calendar of Upcoming Events

9/13 - Crafters Club for Adults, 2 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/14 - EASBA: Meet Zaferia Monthly Mixer, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., The Red Leprechaun, 4000 E. Anaheim St.
9/16 - Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
9/17 - Long Beach CERT presents: READY, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Heartwell Park, corner of Clark & Carson
9/17 - Kid's Movie: Matilda, 2 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
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.
9/30 -Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
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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 to find the dates and times of all you favorite summer activities.

El Dorado Nature Center

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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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