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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 neighbors to sign up to receive our publication by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-4444.

Past Events

**Chronic Tacos Feature on KTLA 5 News**

Last Friday night, I stopped by Chronic Tacos, at 5525 Stearns St., where KTLA 5 was shooting a segment for their News at 10. Entertainment reporter, Doug Kolk, covered the preview of the Gringo Bandito Taco Eating Contest. Chronic Tacos owner, Jason "Wee Man" Acura, provided play-by-play of the eating contest preview, and world famous hot dog (and taco) eating champ, Takeru Kobayashi, was also on hand for the event. You can view the entire KTLA 5 segment at this [link](link).
Michele K and Minnie Gant’s Shred Event
Saturday morning, I stopped by the popular shred and e-waste event hosted by Realtor Michele K and the Minnie Gant Elementary School Green Team! A big thank you to everyone who organized and attended this great community event. The next shred event will take place in the fall at Wilson High School. I hope to see you there!
On Sunday, I attended the 43rd Annual Long Beach Grand Prix. Perfect weather conditions made for another outstanding event. I took a photo of just one of the 20 cars on pit row before the race. That turned out to be the car of this year's winner, James Hinchcliffe. It was also nice to see CD4 business owner (Molino Pharmacy), Andrew Quach, and his boys enjoying the race.

Zaferia Monthly Mixer at Joe Jost’s
Wednesday night, I attended the Zaferia Monthly Mixer at Joe Jost’s. With no surprise, there was a large attendance from business owners and neighbors along the Anaheim corridor. A big thank you to the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance for hosting this fun event. To learn more about events and upcoming mixers please visit their website.

Final Beach Streets Community Meeting
Thursday evening, I attended the final Beach Streets University
community meeting at the El Dorado Park Community Center. We discussed neighborhood impacts, street closures and all things Beach Streets. The event is on Saturday, April 29th and will close 4 miles of streets in east Long Beach from 11 AM - 5 PM. The route will include Atherton St., Bellflower Blvd., Los Coyotes Diagonal and Spring St. Please visit their [website](#) for more information about the event, street closures or to get involved. I hope to see you at the event!

LB Business Journal Features CD4 Businesses
Municipal Code on Trash and Recycling Bins

Our office has been getting questions about the Long Beach Municipal Code on trash and recycling bins. Please be aware that it is illegal to store your trash and recycle bins permanently in the front or side yards and visible from public streets. Trashcans can be placed at the curb the night before pickup, but they must be put away the following evening.

"Can Your Butts" Cigarette Litter Program

Earlier this month, the City of Long Beach launched the "Can Your Butts" cigarette litter prevention program. The new campaign promotes a clean, safe, and litter-free community by offering education and assistance to Long Beach restaurants, bars and other businesses to reduce cigarette litter in commercial corridors. Participating businesses can receive free resources such as posters, pocket ashtrays, and a cigarette waste receptacle for the front of their establishment. Thirty-three businesses along the Broadway corridor will participate in the first phase of this campaign. The campaign will expand to other business districts over the next several months. For more information, please visit litterfreelb.org.

Next on the Council Agenda: April 18th

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 broadcast 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 discuss requesting the City Manager, Department of Development Services, Housing Groups and Associations to draft a report on streamlining and making the rental application credit check process more affordable through a third party repository program.
- The City Council will consider asking the City Manager to execute an agreement with KPMG Corporate Finance to assist the City in the evaluation and selection process for the operator of the Grand Prix of Long Beach.
- The City Council will discuss approving the 2016-2019 Memorandum of Understanding with the Long Beach Firefighters Association.

This is just a small selection of the topics to be cover at next week's city council meeting. Public comment is also available. The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.

Misty May-Treanor to Receive Key to the City

Next Tuesday, April 18th, Mayor Garcia will present Misty May-Treanor a Key to the City at the beginning of the Council meeting. Misty May-Treanor is a three-time Olympic gold medalist and a Fourth District resident. Receiving a Key to the City is one of the highest honors the Mayor can bestow on a resident. Congratulations to Misty
El Dorado Audubon Society - Introduction to eBird

Please join Dan Cooper for an introductory workshop on using eBird, one of the most powerful citizen-science tools on earth. Learn about how to enter your sightings, and look up what others have seen. Dan will walk you through the basics of data entry, exploring and sharing data, creating seasonal abundance graphs and occurrence charts. If time allows, they will discuss eBird-ready apps, and iNaturalist, a "sister program" to eBird where you can upload photos of all species (not just birds). The event is on Thursday, April 20th at the El Dorado Nature Center at 7 PM. Please visit their website for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Fourth District Community Meeting

The next Fourth District Community Meeting is Wednesday, April 26 at the Los Altos Library at 5 PM. We will have a guest speaker from the Department of Health and Human Services who will give a short presentation on prevention measures for both Zika Virus and West Nile Virus in Long Beach. Make sure to attend our community meeting as we prepare for mosquito season!
Get Involved in City’s Noise Element Update
The city published a press release asking residents to provide input on noise concerns throughout the city of Long Beach. The process will be held over a year-long update period that includes public outreach, community meetings, and focus groups. The update to the noise element will replace the existing 1975 document, which will focus on establishing guidelines that will limit noise exposure. The Map Tool enables residents and stakeholders to share input on noise concerns in Long Beach neighborhoods by posting location-based photos and leaving comments online either by computer or smartphone. To access the Map Tool, visit: www.lbds.info/noise_element_update. The public is also encouraged to submit comments on Facebook and Twitter using #ListenUpLB.

CPUC Public Hearings on SCE Rate Increase
The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is holding Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) to receive comments from the public about Southern California Edison Company’s (SCE’s) request to increase rates and revenue by $222 million by January 2018, an additional increase of $533 million in 2019, and $570 million in 2020. The Long Beach hearings will be held at 2 pm on May 17th at the Port of Long Beach building at 4801 Airport Plaza Drive. You can read more about the hearing at this link.
And Finally

The Beachcomber "Best of Long Beach" Awards

Check out today's edition of The Beachcomber Newspaper for the listing of 16th Annual Best of Long Beach Awards. We ran an ad this year to recognize all the 4th District businesses that won awards. Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all who voted in the contest.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

4/14: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/15: 2nd Saturday Birds, Butterflies & Wildflowers, 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., Gum Grove Park - Seal Beach
4/15: Earth Day Coastal Cleanup, 10 a.m. - Noon, East side of Belmont Pier (Rain Cancels)
4/15: FREE Tech Workshop, Website Design Workshop, 10 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/19: Long Beach Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Evening Mixer, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Sweet Dixie Kitchen, 401 E. 3rd St.
4/20: Film Series - Chariot of Fire, 4:30 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
4/20: El Dorado Audubon Society Meeting, 7:30 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
4/21: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/21: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/21: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E.Anaheim St.
4/21: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/22: FREE Tech Workshop, Website Design Workshop, 10a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/22: Make & Take Crafts, 10 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/22: BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/22: Movie - Disney Nature Earth, 1 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/25: Zaferia Quarterly Breakfast Program, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
4/27: Film Series - Doctor Strange, 4:30 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
4/28: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/28: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/28: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E.Anaheim St.
4/28: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/29: Great LA River Cleanup, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Golden Shore Marine Reserve & Willow
El Dorado Nature Center

Looking for a bit of nature in the middle of the city? Nestled between the San Gabriel River and the 605 Freeway, El Dorado Nature Center is an oasis of natural habitat, offering visitors the chance to escape the hustle and bustle of the urban environment.

The 105 acres that make up the Nature Center grounds provide sanctuary for animals and plant life. Two miles of dirt trails and a ¼ mile paved trail wind around two lakes, a stream and forested areas. At the entrance, cross over the wooden bridge that spans the lake and you'll find yourself on a small island that houses the Visitor Center, containing educational displays, art gallery and a small gift shop offering environmentally themed books and gifts.

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.

3 Days Per Week Watering Restrictions
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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