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

**LBFD December Fire Response Map for CD4**

The map below plots all the LBFD response calls for the month of December in Council District 4. Included in the total are 479 medical (88%) and 37 fire (6%) 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 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. Engine 22 has been working out of Station 17 while Station 22 has been closed for repairs. Station 22 is scheduled to reopen next week, and Engine 22 will move back to its home station.
Filming in the Fourth Last Monday
If you noticed all the activity Monday morning at Atherton & Ximeno, filming was taking place for the television show, Rosewood. The rain stopped in time for the crew to complete their shot of the building that doubled as a bus depot. The parking lot of the former Smart & Final was used to cater lunch for the cast and crew.

Annual State of the City Address
Last Tuesday night, Mayor Robert Garcia delivered the 2017 State of the City address at the Terrace Theatre. There was large crowd in attendance that completely filled the lower level of the theatre. After opening musical performances, the Pledge of Allegiance was led
by the Adventure Guides from our own CD4 Los Altos YMCA. Mayor Garcia then delivered his State of the City address that you can view below.

A large audience fills the lower level of the Terrace Theatre

Los Altos YMCA Adventure Guides

Construction Begins on New Carl's Jr. Restaurant

In spite of weather delays, construction of the new Carl's Jr. at 4511 E. PCH is moving along quickly. When the new restaurant is opened, the old Carl's Jr. will be torn down to make way for a new "drive-thru” Rite Aid store at the corner of PCH and Ximeno. We are very excited for all this new development.
EASBA/Zaferia Monthly Mixer
On Wednesday night, I stopped by the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance (EASBA) monthly mixer at The Crooked Duck at Clark & PCH. Thanks to EASBA and to The Crooked Duck owners, Joey & Shelly Rooney, for hosting the event. EASBA mixers are open to business owners, neighbors & friends. Please visit the EASBA/Zaferia website for information on next month's mixer.

Your Weekly News & Updates

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade Jan. 14th
Councilman Dee Andrews is hosting the 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade on Saturday, January 14th. This year's theme is "Love & Forgiveness". The parade will take place at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, located at 1950 Lemon Ave at 10:30 a.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Closures
Monday is a federal holiday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The following schedule will be in effect: All libraries will be closed on Monday, January 16th. Street sweeping and associated parking control will NOT occur on Monday, January 16th. Red, white and blue curbs are always enforced, even on holidays. Refuse and recycling collection WILL occur on its regular schedule. Parking meters with holiday exemptions will NOT be enforced on January 16th.
What's Next of the Council Agenda: Jan. 17th

The city council meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 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:

- City Council will consider requesting the Health Department to lead an effort to meet with various stakeholders, including but not limited to, the Board of Health and Human Services, marijuana business owners and collective representatives, City Council offices, educational institutions, the Office of Traffic Safety, and any other interested agency to develop an outreach and education campaign to educate (1) Long Beach youth on the consequences of youth marijuana use; (2) drivers regarding marijuana-impaired driving risks and consequences; (3) customers of the licensed marijuana dispensaries about the consequences and risk of reselling or distributing medical marijuana to minors or other individuals; and (4) parents on the significant role they play in effectively teaching their kids about medical marijuana safety.

You can view the entire City Council Agenda at this link. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.

Electric Vehicle Charger Giveaway

The City of Long Beach is launching an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Giveaway Program as part of the new expedited permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations. Beginning January 9, 2017, the City will be distributing 270 EV chargers free of cost to eligible Long Beach residents who own or lease an electric vehicle. The City’s Office of Sustainability estimates that nearly 1,300 electric vehicles are currently being used by Long Beach residents, with approximately 20 more added each month. This giveaway program is made possible by a generous donation of KEBA KeContact P20-U chargers (Level 2 - 240 volt/3.3KW) by Mercedes-Benz USA. The donation kindly supports City efforts to expand EV infrastructure and make individual EV chargers more easily available to Long Beach residents. For more information or to apply for the giveaway please visit Sustainable Long Beach's website.
Women's Bunco Night at Hope Church
Hope Church, at 1429 Clark Ave, is hosting a Women's Bunco night on Friday, January 20th at 7 p.m. Special guest Dyanna Cisneros from Pampered Chef will be providing healthy treats for the New Year! Bring your comfy shoes and be ready for fun. Bunco is a chance game with simple counting skill, everyone can play! You can learn more or register for the event on their website.

Baskin Robbins Grand Re-Opening Celebration
Please join me on Saturday, January 21st for the grand re-opening of the Baskin Robbins in the Von's Circle Center at 1960 Ximeno Ave. There will be entertainment, prizes, and I will be participating in a ribbon cutting at 1:00 pm. Coupons will be available at the event next weekend for ice cream specials.

Aquatic Capital of America Awards
The Aquatic Capital of America will be celebrating the 2016 accomplishments of aquatic honorees. Fourth District resident and the USA Men's Water Polo Team Captain, Tony Azevedo, will be honored as the 2016 Athlete of the Year. This non-profit organization promotes the myriad of aquatic activities offered in the city of Long Beach; honors and supports the City and its aquatic athletes, coaches and organization; and promotes water safety and education.

Reminder: FIS Coming to Council January 24th
The City Council is projected to vote on the International Terminal FIS Facility on January 24th. Please mark your 2017 calendar for this very special date. We will be providing updates on this agenda item in future newsletters.

Volunteers Encouraged to Help with Citywide Count of Homeless Persons on January 26th
Community volunteers are encouraged to participate in the count of persons experiencing homelessness in Long Beach on the morning of Thursday, January 26th. The 8th biennial Homeless Count, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), defines the scope of homelessness, both in the community and across the nation, and helps to determine existing resources, identify gaps, and highlight progress toward ending homelessness. To learn more about the count or to volunteer please visit Homeless Services website.

Young Women's Empowerment Conference
Congressman Alan Lowenthal is hosting a Young Women's Empowerment Conference for 7th and 8th grade students on Saturday, January 28, 2017. It takes place at Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science, 1100 Iroquois Avenue, Long Beach, CA from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is the second year the conference is focusing on middle school students. The event provides an opportunity to encourage young women to think about their transition to high school, continuing their education and learn more about the options open to them for a successful future. The students will be able to register and choose the sessions they wish to attend by following this link. The deadline for registration is January 18th.

And Finally

"Just the Facts" on Publishing Our Newsletter
Our newsletter is emailed every Friday afternoon, but typing up the articles is a continual work in progress. We receive items of interest on a daily basis, and we try to provide our readers with key information related to the 4th council district. If you have an item you'd like to share, we want to hear from you. Please submit your article or idea via email, and type "Newsletter item" in the subject line. It is also helpful if you provide the date you would like it published, and that has to correspond to a Friday. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

1/13 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/14 - Los Cerritos Wetlands Walk, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m., PCH & First on the border of LB and Seal Beach (Turn inland and park off asphalt)
1/14 - Opening Reception of Art in Bloom, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
1/14-30 - Art in Bloom on Display, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
1/14 - A Murder is Announced: Opening Night, 8 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St. Tickets Here
1/15 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., St. Cyprians Catholic Church,
Construction on the Nature Center’s new entryway project is scheduled to continue throughout 2017. 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.

**2 Days Per Week Watering Restrictions**

![New Watering Schedule](image)

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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