Dear Neighbor,

I would like to take the time to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, wonderful holiday season and a new year of peace and happiness!

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.

Hot Topics

Shop Small - Shop Local - Go Fourth!

For those last minute gift ideas, why not support our small local businesses in the 4th District? From See's Candies in Los Altos, to J&L Jewelry in the Circle Center to a gift certificate from Joe Jost's in Zaferia, our retailers have a lot to offer. It's way too late to order online, so go shopping and Go Fourth!
Commission voted to forward the Land Use Element, Urban Design Element Place Type and Height Maps to City Council. A date for that City Council meeting is yet to be determined. Updated Place Type maps reflecting the changes made by the Planning Commission will be available after the first of the year. We'll post the link to the maps in our January 5th GF!F newsletter. Please submit all comments and/or questions to our office and to Development Services.

Past Events

Three Long Beach Airport Updates

LGB Flight Slots
The Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance requires LGB to evaluate noise budgets each year and determine whether flight slots should be added or removed to ensure compliance. Based on the finding of this year's analysis, the current level of 9 supplemental commercial flight slots, along with the 41 minimum commercial flight slots, will be maintained. To read the complete memo and analysis, click here.

October Noise Report
The Long Beach Airport released the Monthly Noise Report for October 2017 this week. JetBlue conducted a total of 32 late night operations in October, and their year-to-date noise violations rose to a total of 219. This is in contrast to a total of only 100 noise violations for the same period of time in 2016. You can read the entire report at this link.

Runway 25L Closure
Starting in early January, Runway 25L will be closed for reconstruction. General Aviation aircraft that typically use this runway will be diverted to 25R, the airport's secondary runway, and occasionally Runway 12-30, the airport's main runway. Communities surrounding the airport are advised there will be noticeably more air traffic in those areas. Runway 25L is anticipated to reopen on July 1, 2018.

Preferential Parking District Permit Renewals
Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permit renewals. Each household is allowed up to three residential permits and one guest preferential permit per year. The annual, non-subsidized, fee for each residential preferential permit or guest permit is $33.00. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the Parking Permits Portal to purchase your PPD permits for 2018.

Long Beach Public Works "Legend" to Retire
After 18 years with the City of Long Beach, one of our favorite City employees, Berta Platt, has decided to retire. Berta (who is a former CD4 resident) is the assistant to the Director of Public Works. She does a masterful job of keeping track of all the PW projects. That's a monumental job in the 4th District alone, and she does it for all nine council districts! Thank you for all your years of service, Berta, and best wishes for a happy retirement.

City of Long Beach "Year in Review"
The City Manager released the 2017 "Year in Review" for the City of Long Beach this week. The report revisits some of the major actions and achievements resulting from the Mayor and City Council's policy direction and the efforts of our dedicated city staff. Congratulations to CD4 resident, Bryant Ben, whose photo is featured on page 4 in recognition his award from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. You can view the 2017 "Year in Review" here.

Your Weekly News & Updates
City of Long Beach Holiday Closures

City Hall Closed
Monday, December 25 &
Monday, January 1

There will be no City Council meeting on January 2, due to the New Year holiday.

Libraries
All Long Beach Public Libraries will be closed Saturday, December 23 through Monday, December 25 and Saturday, December 30 through Monday, January 1. All Libraries are closed on Mondays per their normal schedule and will reopen on Tuesday following the respective holiday. (The library catalog, downloads, and databases are available 24/7.)

Street Sweeping
There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule the Tuesday following each holiday.

Parking Enforcement
Read your parking meter: Parking meters will be enforced on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 unless the meter states "Exempt on Holidays." All meters will be enforced as usual on December 24 and December 31. The days and hours of enforcement are displayed inside the meters.

Refuse/Recycling
Refuse and recycling collection will not occur on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1; collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week, ending on Saturday. For example, if Monday is your regular trash day, then it will be collected on Tuesday instead; and if Tuesday is your regular trash day, then it will be collected on Wednesday instead.

For more info on other City service closures, click here.
Los Altos Family YMCA Year End Special
This week the Los Altos Y opened their doors to the public at no cost. Next week, those who join the Y will receive 100% off their Joiners Fee and 1 complimentary personal training session. The Los Altos YMCA is located at 1720 Bellflower Blvd. In addition, please save the date! The Los Altos YMCA Open House is on Saturday, January 6th 10 AM - 1 PM.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree
From December 26, 2017 - January 12, 2018, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at one of 12 special locations. Your nearest location may be either at Stearns Park (corner of 23rd St. and Roycroft) or the CSULB Recycling Center (5800 Atherton).

If your trash/recycling is collected by the City's refuse and recycling service, you qualify for a FREE pick-up at your home on January 13th. Just make sure you put it out before 7 AM where you normally leave your carts. If your tree is over 12 ft. tall, make sure to cut it in half. Visit their website for more information.

CD4 Community Meeting Next Week
We will be hosting our monthly community meeting next Wednesday, December 27 at the Los Altos Library from 5 to 6 PM. We will have time for discussions on neighborhood issues and Fourth District 2017 End-of-Year Stats. Please join us next Wednesday, and share your questions and comments. We hope to see you there!

LBPD Holiday Safety Tips
With the holiday season in full swing, the Long Beach Police Department wants to make sure that you keep the following safety tips in mind while you're out shopping to ensure that you have a safe and happy holiday. Please report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1. More holiday safety tips are available at this link.
LBFD Christmas Fire Safety Tips
The Long Beach Fire Department has started a "12 Days of Fire Safety" social media campaign. Make sure to follow them on Twitter or Facebook to learn about the tips that can help you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.

LB Little League Challenger Division Registration Now Open
Registration for the 2018 Spring season is now open. The Little League Challenger Division gives boys and girls with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball in a fun and safe environment. It is open to all special needs players ages 4-22. So if you know of someone who would like to join, sign them up today! The fee is $50 per player with a $10 early registration discount until December 31. For more info click here.
Volunteer Opportunities in the Fourth

The AIDS Food Store is looking for volunteers on January 2, 9, 16 and 30. They will be having food distributions between 9 AM - 12 PM and 1 PM - 3:30 PM. The AIDS Food Store is located at 3935 E. 10th Street near Termino Ave. For additional information call 562-494-3425 or visit www.aidsfoodstore.org. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

State of the City 2018

Mayor Garcia will deliver the 2018 State of the City on Tuesday, January 9th. Plan to arrive early to mingle with your Long Beach friends and neighbors while you enjoy an array of dining choices from the food trucks parked at the Terrace Theater Plaza. Stay after the address to enjoy games, refreshments, and photos with your friends. Please visit the sponsor booths from the Long Beach Harbor and Water Departments, Long Beach Transit and Long Beach Public Library Foundation.
And Finally

Contest Winner a Real Joe Jost's Fan!

Congratulations to Don Allison, one of five CD4 residents who won a Joe Jost's t-shirt by correctly guessing that 12 of the 15 antler lights would turn on this year. Turns out Don is quite a fan of the Zaferia landmark. His miniature Christmas village display includes a Joe Jost's tavern and figurines wearing Joe Jost's t-shirts. Now that's brand loyalty!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

12/22: Los Altos Coloring Club for Adults, 3:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
12/23: B.A.R.K. Dogs, 11:30 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
12/23: Family Fun Lab, 1 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
12/24: Christmas Eve
12/25: Christmas Day
12/25: City Hall Closed
12/26: Kwanzaa Begins
12/26: EASBA Lunch Program, 12 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim
12/27: Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 p.m. Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
12/29: Los Altos Coloring Club for Adults, 3:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
12/31: New Year's Eve
1/1: New Year's Day
1/1: City Hall Closed
1/13: BARK Dogs, 1 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E Anaheim

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.

**2 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!