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.

Hot Topics

**Land Use Element & General Plan Update**

As we covered in previous newsletters, the Planning Commission voted to forward the Land Use Element, Urban Design Element Place Type and Height Maps to City Council. We'll announce the date for that City Council meeting as soon as it is scheduled. 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 GFIF newsletter. Please submit all questions or map changes you'd like to see to our office at: district4@longbeach.gov.
Fourth District Community Meeting
Wednesday night, we hosted the final community meeting of 2017 at the Los Altos Library. Along with an update from LBPD East Patrol Division Commander Herzog, I recapped many of the projects we completed over the past year. The items below list the categories and the number of projects completed. Thanks to all those who joined us Wednesday night. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 31st at 5 pm.

Fourth District End of the Year Stats
We had a very productive 2017 in the Fourth District. In addition to the 12,657 items listed below, our office helped prevent the expansion of an FIS Facility at LGB, spent over $184,000 of office funds on various sidewalk, curb and alley repairs, and addressed over 1,500 constituent calls and emails. We accomplished many goals this year. We look forward to working with you, city staff and CD4 organizations to make 2018 even better.

Laura Doud Releases BID Oversight Audit
Yesterday, City Auditor Laura Doud released her recently completed audit of
the City’s Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). City Council had requested a comprehensive audit of the ten BIDs citywide. There are two BIDs in CD4, Zaferia and Midtown. Greater oversight, alignment with State requirements and assurance the BID members are made aware of services available are some of the audits recommendations. Thanks to Laura Doud and her team for taking on this task and for producing an excellent audit. You can read the entire 62-page report at this link.

Your Weekly News & Updates

New Years Safety and LB Transit
Fireworks and Celebratory Gunfire are Illegal
Long Beach Police will be out in force on New Year's Eve and would like to remind residents that "celebratory" gunfire is illegal and dangerous, could result in injury or death to those struck, and jail time for the offenders. Residents are strongly encouraged to report gunfire along with any other suspicious or criminal activity they see occurring. Callers should provide an exact location and physical description of suspect(s) and/or vehicle(s), along with license plate information, if it can be done safely. Most 9-1-1 calls from cell phones in Long Beach are directed to the Communications Center, however, callers may wish to program the Communications Dispatch phone number, (562) 435-6711, into their phones.

Long Beach Transit Offering Free Rides
Drive safe! Starting at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, free system-wide bus service will be available on Long Beach Transit. Free extended late-night service on many routes will also be available leaving the Transit Gallery on 1st Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Pine Avenue until 2:35 a.m. on New Year's Day. Please visit their website for information about the late-night service.

Pow Wow 2018
Coordinators are already planning the 2018 summer Pow! Wow! event. This event brings art and culture to public spaces by beautifying the city while cultivating community pride. Please let us know if you would like to see a mural in a specific spot in the Fourth District! Below is an image of the mural on Iguana Kelly's that was painted last July.
City of Long Beach Holiday Closures

City Hall Closed
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 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, January 1. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule the following Tuesday.

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

Refuse/Recycling
Refuse and recycling collection will not occur on 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.

** If your refuse/recycling collection falls on street sweeping day, please place your refuse/recycling carts on the curb or parkway for collection to allow the sweeper operators to best perform their work.
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.

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 on Tuesdays in the Fourth
The AIDS Food Store is looking for volunteers on Tuesday, 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. RSVP on this website. 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.

New California Laws for 2018
California has hundreds of laws taking effect Jan. 1, 2018, including new rules for voting, marijuana, guns, immigration, minimum wage and housing. The Sacramento Bee breaks down some of the major changes in this article.

Special Collections & Reporting Dumped Items
The start of a new year is the perfect time to plan for your special pick ups. Each residential refuse account receives two free special collections per year to pick up oversized items. Call 562-570-2876 from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm to schedule your special collection or visit www.longbeach-recycles.org. Leaving debris on the street or in the alley is illegal. Please report dumped items you see in the Fourth
Final Go Fourth! Friday Newsletter of the Year - Our 140th

This is the final GF!F newsletter of the year, and it is our 140th newsletter published since taking office in 2015. Thank you for your readership, and special thanks to those who have taken the time to let us know how much they enjoy the updates. Beginning next week, we'll make a few changes to the format, and we'd appreciate your feedback. Also, if you have an item you'd like to share in the newsletter, 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. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you.

And Finally

Dee Andrews in the 1960 Jr. Rose Bowl

In honor of the Rose Bowl coming up on Monday, we are (again by popular demand) featuring LBCC's appearance in the 1960 Jr. Rose Bowl for community colleges. I had the privilege of attending that game and watching star running back, Dee Andrews, help Long Beach City College win a national championship. Now, 57 years later, I have the privilege of serving with Councilman Dee Andrews. Check out the video (below) of Dee's kickoff return for a touchdown just before halftime of that game. Considering he started running from the 25 toward his own goal line to receive the handoff, turned upfield at the 6 and crossed from one sideline to the other, Dee probably covered over 150 yards on the return.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
1/6: Los Altos YMCA Open House, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Los Altos YMCA, 1720 Bellflower
1/9: State of the City, 5 p.m., Terrace Theater - Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd.
1/13: Christmas Tree Pick-up, Before 7 a.m., Your House
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!

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