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 Goes to Planning Commission on Monday
This Monday, December 11th, the Planning Commission will discuss the Land Use Element and Urban Design Element Place Type and Height Maps at a special meeting. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at City Hall. You can find the agenda to the meeting at this link. You are still able to submit comments on the the LUE and Place Type Maps. Please continue to contact our office or Development Services if you have any questions.

Past Events

35th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade
Saturday night, we had a great time participating in our 3rd Christmas parade. The Grand Marshal was five-time Olympic Medalist (and 4th district resident) Tony Azevedo. This year, we were proud to sponsor the Community Hospital nurses with their entry, "CNA Save Community Hospital". Thanks to Circle Porsche for providing us with a beautiful new 911 Carrera parade car!

3rd Annual Lighting of the Letters
On Sunday afternoon, I stopped by Whaley Park for the 3rd Annual Lighting of the Letters. The largest crowd ever enjoyed a neighborhood potluck, holiday cheer and a visit from Santa. Neighbors also donated unwrapped toys for the California Children’s Services Toy Drive. Thanks to the Los Altos Charitable Giving Fund for hosting the event and to all those who attended.

Los Altos Village Association members (l to r) Holli Applegate, Michele K., Joe Mello, Karen & Bill Marshall along with Santa and Councilman Supernaw

Long Beach Community Band's "Prelude to Christmas"
After the "Lighting of the Letters" event at Whaley Park on Sunday, I headed over to Bethany Church on Clark Avenue. The Long Beach Community Band was performing their "Prelude to Christmas" holiday concert. It was another wonderful performance by the group that has played at our Movies in the Park events in the 4th district.
Browning High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Before Tuesday night's city council meeting, I stopped by Richard D. Browning High School for the official Ribbon Cutting ceremony. Browning is the first high school to be located in the 4th council district. The school will focus on academic pathways to careers in culinary arts, hospitality and recreation. The inaugural class at Browning will consist of 150 freshmen with the high school adding a new crop of ninth graders each year until it reaches capacity. Richard D. Browning was an avid supporter of local youth and schools, and special guests at the event were members of the Browning family.

Art Exhibit "Pure Nature" at the LB Playhouse Gallery

Wednesday night, I stopped by the Long Beach Playhouse to view the "Pure Nature" art exhibit. The reception was hosted by the Long Beach Creative Group and featured works from multiple artists including our 4th district's own, Marka Burns. Thanks to all the attendees for supporting the arts!
On Wednesday night, I had the honor of speaking to the Junior League of Long Beach at their annual "Legislation & Libations" forum. For the past three years, JLLB has held this event at the 4th district's Red Leprechaun. Their membership really enjoys having a casual forum to hear from elected officials about what they are working on and learn how we can work together to make a difference in our Long Beach community. Thanks to JLLB for the invitation and to Red Leprechaun owner, Tracy Ames, for providing such a great venue.

Junior League of Long Beach Advocacy Committee- (Left to Right) Cyndi Stafford, Monica Waldau, Junior CalSPAC Delegate Amanda Stayton, Debbie Stobojan, Senior CalSPAC delegate Jaylene Westfall, Sabrina Ortiz and MayLynn Salley.

Your Weekly News & Updates
SideYard Café's 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Drive
Join SideYard Café’s annual holiday toy drive for Precious Lamb Preschool now through December 13th. The preschool provides a trusting learning environment for homeless families. Visit their website at preciouslamb.org to get involved! SideYard Café is located at 2222 Palo Verde Ave. and is open daily 8am-8pm and Sundays 8am-4pm.

Cambodian Association of America Annual Gala
Tonight, I will be attending the Cambodian Association of America 42nd Anniversary Gala. The event will take place in the 4th council district at Hak Heang Restaurant, 2041 E. Anaheim Street. CAA's Anniversary dinner and raffle celebrates their 42nd year of providing quality comprehensive social services to low income children and families. The gala is a vital fundraising event for the organization.

Last year's CAA Gala with (l to r): Doug Sato, Chanthy Yi, Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Councilman Supernaw and Wayne Chaney, Sr.

Cambodian Community Forum
Tomorrow, I will be attending a Cambodian Advocacy Collaborative Community Forum from 2:00-4:00pm. We will be meeting at the Community Center at Martin L. King Jr. Park. The forum will include reports on the current state of Cambodian-American Families in Long Beach specifically in health, education, economic stability, and housing. If you have further questions, please contact Susana Sngiem at susana.sngiem@ucclb.org or 562-433-2490.
CHLB Foundation Survey
The Community Hospital Long Beach Foundation has published the results of their "community assessment". They surveyed a core constituency of two thousand donors and friends with a simple, online, ten question format. They received over 200 responses to date with some very informative results. You can access the survey results at this link.

Beachcomber Coverage of Community Hospital
The Beachcomber newspaper has published a survey and news article on the proposed closure of the Emergency Room at Community Hospital. The December 7th online edition of the news article can be found at this link.

The survey titled "Do you agree or or disagree with MemorialCare's plan to close Community Hospital?" Can be accessed at this link.

Next on the Council Agenda: December 12th
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 Council will discuss approving the Midtown Business
The Council will consider accepting grant funds through the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Tire-Derived Product Grant Program, to be utilized for the pour-in-place playground safety resurfacing at Drake, Jackson, Los Cerritos, Veterans, and Whaley Parks.

The Council will discuss requesting the City Manager to provide a review of the City’s Unlawful Harassment Complaints policy and procedures, how city employees are informed of how they can file a complaint, a breakdown of the complaints the City has received over the past 5 years, and to reexamine the existing policies and make recommendations on any possible changes to the policy to ensure it is victim friendly.

This is just a small selection of the topics to be covered 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](#).

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**Santa to Visit LBS Financial CU at 10th & Ximeno Next Friday**

Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch, will be visiting the East Long Beach Branch

**Friday, December 15, 2017**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bring your kids for a free photo opportunity!

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**Open Studio Art Party Next Weekend**
"Lighting of the Antlers" Contest Winners

Last Friday afternoon, Joe Jost's continued their annual tradition of the "lighting of the antlers". We asked our readers to guess how many of the 15 lights would turn on for a chance to win a Joe Jost holiday t-shirt. Congratulations to winners Don Allison, Chris Alvarez, Gloria Berg, David Hafeman and Brian Halter who correctly guessed that 12 lights would turn on. Thanks to Joe Jost's owner, Ken Buck, and to everyone who participated!
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
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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