What’s happening in the Fourth this week!

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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

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade**

Last Saturday, I participated in the 29th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace & Unity Parade. This year's theme was "Love & Forgiveness", and the Grand Marshalls were: Assemblyman Mike Gipson, City Auditor Laura Doud, Long Beach Fire Chief Mike DuRee, Mr. Leonard Adams, Tevy Men Sithan and Chhaylee Saing. I shared a fire engine with City Attorney, Charlie Parkin, and his wife, Terese. A big thank you to Council District 6, Parks, Recreation and Marine and Special Events for hosting an excellent event for our community.

Terese Parkin, City Attorney Charles Parkin and Councilman Supernaw

Councilman Supernaw and City Auditor Laura Doud
Reusable Grocery Bags for the AIDS Food Store

Thanks to a generous donation from LB Gas & Oil, I was able to drop off 100 reusable grocery bags to the AIDS Food Store on Saturday morning. The AFS, at 10th & Termino, is open two Saturday mornings per month, and they gladly accept food (or grocery bag) donations. Please check their website or contact our office for additional information.

Stearns Street Traffic Study Gets Underway

In response to a neighborhood request, we asked Traffic Engineering to conduct a traffic study along Stearns Street between Albury and Palo Verde Avenues. The goal is to find ways to reduce traffic accidents on the corridor where left and right turns are made into
the neighborhood. Thanks to Rajeev Seetharam, P.E., Senior Traffic Engineer for the City of LB for preparing the preliminary study at this [link].

Detailed traffic volume counts are collected on Streams Street at Carfax Avenue.

**LBPD Promotes New Department Leaders**

On Thursday afternoon, I attended the LBPD promotion ceremony in City Hall Council Chambers. Congratulations to the all the promotees in this [link]. Noted in the ceremony was the family of East Division Sergeant (now Lieutenant), James Foster. His grandfather, father and two brothers all served with the LBPD. Cumulatively, the Foster family has given a total 114 years of service to our city.

![Lieutenant James Foster and Councilman Supernaw](image)

**Input Sought on Upcoming Polystyrene Ban**

At its December 20th meeting, city council voted to enact a citywide ban on expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) products beginning in June 2017. In the meantime, stakeholder input will be collected by the Environmental Committee which I
chair. We have not yet finalized a date for our next Environmental Committee meeting, but we will definitely convene during the month of February. If you would like to be a part of the process to provide input for a new citywide policy, please contact our council office.

Your Weekly News & Updates

**Women's Bunco at Hope Church Tonight**

Hope Church, at 1429 Clark Ave, is hosting a Women's Bunco tonight, 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 tomorrow, 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 tomorrow's event for ice cream specials.

**CSULB Spring Semester Begins Monday**

Cal State University Long Beach begins their 2017 Spring Semester this Monday, January 23rd. Traffic around the University and in the surrounding neighborhoods may be heavier than usual. If you are having any parking issues please call the Long Beach Police Department's non-emergency number: 562-435-6711. If you need to update or pay for Preferential Parking Permits please visit the [Parking Services Website](#).

**Reminder: FIS Coming to Council Next Tuesday**

The City Council is projected to vote on the International Terminal FIS Facility next Tuesday night, January 24th. Please mark your calendar for this very special date. If you have any questions regarding the agenda item, please contact our office. Also, please note that we will be preparing for the council meeting next Monday and Tuesday.
What's Next on the Council Agenda: Jan. 24th
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 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with interested Long Beach carriers or operators a financial agreement for the development of a Customs and Border Protection facility at the Long Beach Airport, subject to further City Council action approving the final terms and conditions of the agreement. In addition, City Council will discuss authorizing the City Manager to execute and submit all documents necessary to the United States Department of Homeland Security for designation of the Long Beach Airport as a United States Customs and Border Protection User Fee Airport for the processing of aircraft, passengers and baggage arriving from outside the United States.

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.

New Dates and Times for 2017 Community Meetings
Please join us for our first community meeting of 2017 next Wednesday, January 25th from 5 - 6 PM at the Los Altos Library. Our Monthly Los Altos Community Meetings will continue to be on the LAST WEDNESDAY of every Month at 5 PM. Our Orizaba Community Meetings are tentatively scheduled for February 23rd, June 29th and October 26th at 6:30 PM.
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.

And Finally

Rainy Day Cart Procedures from Long Beach Recycles
Rain has been in past and is anticipated for future Long Beach weather forecasts. City crews are busy preparing for future storms with a coordinated, multi-department response by clearing catch basins, clean and test pump stations and much more. To report street flooding, downed trees or inquired about street sweeping please call 562-570-2700. Please visit the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications' website for more information on Preparing for Severe Weather.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

1/20 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/20 - Women's Bunco Night - 7 p.m., Hope Church, 1429 Clark Ave
1/21 - Make & Take Crafts, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/21 - Baskin Robbins Grand Re-Opening, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Baskin Robbins, 1960 Ximeno Ave.
1/24 - Crafter Club for Adults, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/24 - City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall Chambers, 300 W. Ocean Blvd.
1/25 - Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/26 - Citywide Homeless Count, 5 a.m. - 1 p.m., Various Locations - Volunteer Signups
1/27 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/27 - Preschool Storytime, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/27 - Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim
1/27 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/28 - Make & Take Crafts, 10 a.m - 4 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/28 - BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/31 - Natural History Lecture Series, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.

El Dorado Nature Center

The El Dorado Nature Center project is approaching the final steps to completion. The new bridge has been installed, the amphitheater is complete, benches have been installed and many other infrastructure details like lighting, pathways and irrigation are underway. There are a few items remaining to be installed including the monument sign on Spring Street, along with the interior signage, and the tree planting, which are anticipated to take place over the next several weeks. With the recent rain, the construction crews must work around the rain to complete the project, and the opening date will be scheduled as the project gets closer to completion.

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](https://www.longbeach.gov/water) for information about water use prohibitions, available rebates, and ways you can conserve water during this drought!

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