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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

Council Votes 8-1 Against FIS Proposal

"JetBlue shocked by Long Beach rejection of international flights". That was the headline in yesterday's USA Today article at this link. Make no mistake about it, hundreds of residents who attended the council meeting Tuesday night were also surprised, albeit pleasantly, by the outcome. After months of discussions, a $350,000 feasibility study and over three hours of public comment Tuesday night, it all came down to a final decision. Council votes prior to Tuesday's had been 6-3 in favor of "moving forward", and that got flipped to an 8-1 rejection of the staff recommendation. Thanks to all who took the time to study the proposal, attend the community meetings and contact my office with phone calls and emails. Your civic engagement was every bit as remarkable as the final outcome. Go Fourth!
Baskin Robbins Grand Re-Opening Celebration
Last Saturday, I attended the Grand Re-Opening of the Baskin Robbins located at 1960 Ximeno Avenue in the Vons Circle Center. This establishment has been open for the past 40 years, and I am excited to see the successful operation continue. Make sure to stop by for an ice cream cone, milkshake or Cappuccino Blast. Congratulations to the new management!
Dollar Tree Grand Opening Celebration
Later Saturday afternoon, I also welcomed the new Dollar Tree to the Fourth District. This new store is located on the corner of Lakewood Blvd. and Stearns St. in the former Munro’s Furniture location. I am excited to see this business open, and we will keep you updated on what is is planned for the retail space next to the store in an upcoming Go Fourth! Friday newsletter.
2016 Citywide Reported Crime Statistics
Earlier this week, the City released the 2016 Citywide Reported Crime Statistics. In comparison with 2015, Long Beach experienced a slight increase of 0.1% in Total Part 1 crime. Violent Crime showed an increase of 3.5%; however, murders decreased by -8.3%. Property Crime dropped by 0.5% when compared to 2015, with notable double digit decrease in Bike Theft, Grand Theft and Petty Theft greater than $50. For more detailed data see attached the report.

City Crews Spotted Near the Traffic Circle
Earlier this week, I stopped to check out the new "No Parking" signs being installed on Atherton east of Outer Circle. Whenever I see our City crews working in our district, it's nice to be able to stop and say thanks for the great work they do throughout our district and city.

Jim Danno of LB Public Works Traffic Operations Division core drills the sidewalk in preparation for new signs that will serve to restrict oversized vehicle and unattached trailer parking.

Long Beach Receives Record Rainfall on Sunday
On Wednesday morning, I stopped by Pump Station No. 9 at Atherton and Knoxville to check on the repairs. The pumps had stopped working during the heavy rainstorm on Sunday when Long Beach received 3.91 inches of rain (breaking all records that have been kept since 1949). The problems with the pumps have been identified, and repairs are underway. LBFD responded to a total of 273 calls for service during the heaviest periods of rain between 1-8 pm. On average, during a 24 hour period, the Long Beach Fire Department will respond to approximately 200 calls for service.
Los Altos Library Community Meeting
Wednesday night, I hosted our first community meeting of 2017. Commander Liz Griffin gave the us an update on East Division Crime Stats, and I discussed the Airport vote. The neighbors were in good spirits, and I wanted to thank those who were attending their second, maybe third, meeting of the week. Our next community meeting at the Los Altos Library will be Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at 5 pm.

Your Weekly News & Updates

2017 Animal Care Services Open House
The department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS), is hosting the ninth annual Open House event. The event will be held at the P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village, 7700 E. Spring Street,
tomorrow, January 28th from 10 am - 12 pm. The Open House will include a message from Mayor Robert Garcia, a brief review of 2016 achievements and improvements, recognitions awards and a tour of the City's animal care shelter. They will also celebrate and share information about their ongoing partnerships and collaborations. Additionally, they will be highlighting our new mobile adoption vehicle, medical suite and a new cattery addition to their cat cottage.

**Neighborhood Leadership Program**
The department of Development Services is pleased to announce that applications are available for the Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2017. The Neighborhood Leadership Program is designed to enhance the skills of grassroots neighborhood leaders. The five-month program focuses on effective communication and team building. The deadline to apply is Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:30 pm. To learn more about the program or to apply please visit the Neighborhood Leadership Program's website.

**Natural History Lecture Series**
Join the Los Altos Library for a lecture with Mary Parsell, Conversation Chair of our local El Dorado Audubon Society chapter, regarding local winter bird migrations and the Great Backyard Bird Count on Tuesday, January 31st at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

**Junior League of Long Beach - New Mixer Event**
The Junior League of Long Beach is hosting a series of prospective new member mixers. This is an organization that builds leadership skills and develops the potential of women through training and volunteering in the community. Learn more about their mission and membership opportunities on Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at the Marketplace Grill | Cafe (4750 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal). Please send RSVP's and inquires to NewMember@JLLB.org.

**Greater Los Altos Neighborhood Association**
Next GLANA Meeting is Saturday, February 11th at 10:30 in the morning. They will meet at Whaley Park on the south side of Atherton, behind the Recreation Building. It will be a wrap up meeting on the Lighting of the Letters Event and discussion about a music event at Whaley Park sometime in July. Email MicheleK90815@gmail.com to get put on email reminder list. You can check out the GLANA Facebook for more information.

**Stakeholder Input Sought on Polystyrene Ban**
We now have a date scheduled for the Environmental Committee to hear testimony on the City's proposed polystyrene (Styrofoam) ban. We will convene on Tuesday, February 21st at 3:00 pm in City Council Chambers. Anyone interested in helping to craft the upcoming ordinance is invited to speak at the meeting. If you cannot attend but would like to provide input, please send all correspondence to our council office. We will provide information about other Environmental Committee topics in our upcoming GF!F newsletters.

**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](http://www.sustainablelongbeach.org).

**And Finally**

**Cheers to the Neighborhood!**

At the close of Wednesday night's community meeting, attendees from the 3rd, 4th and 5th districts joined together for a toast. We each raised a glass (of sparkling cider) to commemorate the incredible outcome of City Council's international terminal vote. To the residents citywide who spent so much energy and countless hours on the effort, enjoy the victory!
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 - 9th Annual Animal Care Services Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village, 7700 E. Spring St.
1/28 - BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
1/30 - Applications Due the 2017 Neighborhood Leadership Class, 4:30 p.m.
1/31 - Natural History Lecture Series, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
2/3 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
2/3 - Preschool Storytime, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
2/3 - Toddler Storytime / Playtime, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim
2/3 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
2/4 - First Saturday Stewards Cleanup, 10 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
2/5 - California Native Plant Class, 2 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
2/8 - Love Bugs Preschool Art Program, 10 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St. - Call 562-570-1745 to register
2/8 - Meet Zaferia Monthly Mixer, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Lighthouse Capital Group in the Go Green Building, 4433 E. Anaheim St.
2/10 - Baby & Toddler Storytime, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
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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.
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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