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

We Love Long Beach Citywide Ice Cream Social

Last Saturday, We Love Long Beach hosted the Citywide Ice Cream Social. There were over 60 socials and many of them took place in the Fourth District. Thank you to all the neighbors who participated and hosted during this fun event!
Chick-fil-A at the Traffic Circle
Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to meet Kristie Bergstrom, owner of the new Chick-fil-A at the traffic circle. Thanks to John Howard, owner of the Chick-fil-A at the Towne Center, for making the introduction. Also, congratulations to John for becoming "chair-elect" of the Greater Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. His official term as Chairman of the Board will begin in July 2018. We are very excited that Chick-fil-A is among the five new businesses opening at the traffic circle. Yesterday, Nation's Restaurant News called Chick-fil-A "the hottest restaurant chain in the country". You can read the article at this link. We wish Kristie every success and look forward to supporting her with the grand opening events. We also plan to "Eat Mor Chikin".

EASBA's Zaferia Speaker's Series Luncheon
Tuesday afternoon, I attended the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance (EASBA)
Monthly Member Luncheon with Councilwoman Suzie Price. We both provided updates on projects happening within our council districts. Thank you to EASBA for inviting us to be your guest speakers for the month of June. For more information on the EASBA/Zaferia Business Improvement District, please visit their [website](#).

**Illegal Fireworks Press Conference**

In efforts to impact the illegal possession, sales, and usage of fireworks, the City of Long Beach launched an education and prevention campaign to raise awareness that ALL fireworks are illegal in the City of Long Beach. In the last week and a half, the LBPD conducted several investigations relating to the illegal possession and sales of fireworks. On Monday, June 26th, officers from the North Division Directed Enforcement Team responded to a residence regarding a report of fireworks being sold from the location. Officers confiscated over 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks, with an approximate street value of $30,000, that were being sold from a makeshift storefront set-up in the garage.
Midtown BID Quarterly Mixer
On Tuesday evening, I stopped by the Midtown Business Improvement District Mixer held at the United Cambodian Community building. We took the photo below in front of the nearly-completed mural facing Dawson Avenue.

Long Beach Municipal Band at Whaley Park
Tuesday night, the first Long Beach Municipal Band concert of the summer took place at Whaley Park. We had a very large group in attendance to see the LBMB launch their 108th season. We hope to see even more neighbors at the next concert at Whaley Park on Tuesday, July 11th! For the full schedule and themes for each concert, please visit the Long Beach Municipal Band website.

Community Meeting at Los Altos Library
Wednesday night, we hosted our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. We had various guest speakers including Commander Liz Griffin from the LBPD East Patrol Division and Dr. Anna Pearl from Newton Chiropractic. Representatives from LBFD included Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall, Rich Brandt, Lead Fire Investigation Captain, Bob Cheng, and Public Information Officer, Jake Hefflin. Thank you to all our speakers and everyone who attended our community meeting.

Dr. Anna Pearl shared a presentation on the immune system

52nd Annual Meeting of the Sovereign Parks Estates HOA
Last night, Councilwoman Suzie Price and I spoke at the 52nd annual meeting of the Sovereign Park Estates HOA. It was the second time this week that we co-presented at a
meeting. Sovereign Park Estates is on the south side of Atherton in the 3rd council district and directly adjacent to CD4. The group was interested in hearing about developments at the traffic circle and at 2nd & PCH. Thank you to the HOA board for inviting us to speak.

Your Weekly News & Updates

**Movie in the Park: Sing! - TONIGHT**

Tonight, June 30 there will be a Movie in the Park at Whaley Park. The featured film will be Sing. The movies and the popcorn are free. The time spent as a family is priceless. Movies in the Park begin at dusk. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, picnic style dinner, and family and friends. Movies in the Park are sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum in cooperation with Partners of Parks.

Local 4th of July Events

The 4th of July holiday is a great day to spend with friends and family and celebrate this great country’s independence. The Long Beach Police Department encourages those celebrating the holiday to do so in a safe and responsible manner. I am reminding residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are illegal in the City of Long Beach. There are two firework shows the public can attend: The Big Bang on the Bay on July 3rd at Alamitos Bay and The Queen Mary Firework show on July 4th. There are various viewing parties for the Queen Mary show including one at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Click [here](#) for more details.
The Police Department will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4th to ensure compliance with the Long Beach City Ordinance that bans fireworks. Anyone found in violation of the city ordinance may be cited or arrested. Those found in violation may be faced with a $1,000 fine, sentenced to jail for six months, or both. The fines and penalties may increase depending on the fireworks' classification. Call the Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 if you observe dangerous or illegal activities.

4th of July Holiday Closures
The City of Long Beach has announced its closures in observance of Independence Day this Tuesday. Long Beach City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4. Street Sweeping and enforcement of street sweeping violations will not occur on July 4. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Wednesday, July 5. Refuse and Recycling collection will occur, per the normal schedule, on July 4.

New smart parking meters display their days and hours of operation, and also when they are exempt, on large backlit screens. Meters with holiday exemptions will not be enforced on July 4, however those without holiday exemptions will be enforced.

All Long Beach Public Libraries (LBPL) will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of the holiday. All Libraries are closed on Mondays, per their normal schedule and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5.

A list of all City closures can be found at this link.

4th of July Pet Warning
Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) advises pet owners that the Fourth of July Holiday can be a frightening time for animals, with the loud sounds of firecrackers and fireworks often sending pets scurrying out of the house or yard in search of security or shelter. Taking special care of pets during the Fourth of July is responsible pet ownership, just like licensing and keeping identification tags on pets, as well as ensuring that they are spayed or neutered. ACS reminds all animal owners that they can save themselves and their pets a tremendous amount of heartache and anxiety by following a few simple suggestions.
Orizaba Park Community Meeting Next Week
Next Thursday, July 6th, we will be hosting a community meeting at Orizaba Park Community Center. Make sure to come out to hear updates from the Long Beach Police Department and the Fourth District Council Office. The meeting will start at 6 pm! We hope to see you there!

Wildlife Photography Presentation
Please join the Brewitt Library for an evening of wildlife photography by Carl Palazzolo, D.V.M. from the Long Beach Animal Hospital. He will discuss his international travels and present a slideshow with images of exotic animals. The discussion will take place on Tuesday, July 11th at 5:30 pm in the Brewitt Library Community Room.
Go Fourth! Harbor Boat Tour July 20th

It's that time of year again. Join "Skipper" Daryl Supernaw and the Port of Long Beach for a Long Beach Harbor Boat Tour on Thursday, July 20th from 6 to 7:30 pm. There will be complementary refreshments and a light snack. Please dress to be out on the water and wear comfortable shoes. Space is limited, and you must RSVP to reserve your spot. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. This event is free of charge and includes three hours complementary parking. Ship ahoy!
The Atherton Street Curves

In last week’s newsletter, we described the quirky CD3/CD4 border along Atherton Street. Another unusual element to this border between Bellflower and Clark is the road itself. The 2006 aerial photo below shows how the Atherton curves are far more extreme than they seem while driving. At the bottom/right of the photo are Ximeno/PCH Carl's Jr., bank and winery buildings that were cleared recently for new development. Toward the top/center of the photo, on the left side of Atherton, is the former Atherton ditch that was covered a few years after the photo was taken.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

6/30: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
6/30: Movie in the Park: Sing, 8 p.m., Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton
7/6: Fourth District Community Meeting, 6 p.m., Orizaba Park Community Center, 1435 Orizaba Ave.
7/7: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
7/7: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
7/7: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
7/7: Buster Balloon: A wild and wacky mix of comedy, magic, and amazing balloon twisting, 1pm, Brewitt Library, 4036 E Anaheim St
100 Days of Summer

Stay and Play in Long Beach
visit www.100DaysofSummer.org

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine encourages everyone to "stay and play" in Long Beach during the "100 Days of Summer" from Memorial Day to Labor Day. There is no reason to travel far or spend a lot of money to have fun with your family and friends.

Free concerts and movies, free family recreation programs, and activities at El Dorado Nature Center, Homeland Cultural Center, Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos are scheduled all summer long. There is also spontaneous fun available like biking, hiking, golf, tennis, kayaking, swimming and free drop-in youth and teen programs at local parks.

The City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau will post hundreds of activities on www.100DaysofSummer.org to make planning each of your 100 days easy and fun.

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.

3 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!