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.

Krispy Kreme O'reignial Glazed Doughnuts
Today, Krispy Kreme is celebrating St. Patricks day with green "O'reignal Glazed Doughnuts". Krispy Kreme Doughnuts is located at 4760 Los Coyotes Diagonal.
Past Events

**CSULB Pow Wow Last Weekend**

Last Saturday and Sunday, CSULB hosted their annual Pow Wow, an American Indian social celebration, on the central quad. The largest spring event of its kind in Southern California, the Pow Wow at Cal State Long Beach is focused on displaying the University's strong American Indian presence. This two day event featured American Indian dancing, arts, crafts and food.

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**Long Beach Water Department Update**

On Monday afternoon, I met with Chris Garner, General Manager, and Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager, of the Water Department. They shared that the LBWD recently conducted a thorough rate study that evaluated all of the utility's costs for providing both water and sewer services, including costs such as different sources of water.
supplies, pipeline maintenance and repairs, water quality assurance, and conservation programs. Consistent with the legal requirements of Prop 218, these costs were then allocated amongst the varying customer classes to ensure customers are paying for their fair and reasonable share of those costs. The result is a proposal to readjust the current water and sewer rates and structures, effective July 1, 2017. While the overall proposal is revenue neutral to the Water Department, the new rates/structures will have varying impacts to residential customers: average volume users should see little or no change, low volume users should see an even lower water/sewer bill than under current rates, and high volume users will see higher water bills.

Housing Authority Family Self Sufficency Graduation
Tuesday evening at the City Council meeting, we celebrated the individuals who completed the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program through the Long Beach Housing Authority. FSS enables families assisted through the Housing Choice Voucher program, Public Housing residents, and residents of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act-assisted housing to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Under the FSS program, low-income families are provided opportunities for education, job training, counseling and other forms of social service assistance, while living in assisted housing, so they can obtain skills necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. Congratulations to all the graduates including three Fourth District residents: Abner Benavides, Shanena Whitson and Nekeita Williams.

CalTrans Adopt a Highway in Council District 4
The Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program provides an avenue for individuals, organizations, or businesses to help maintain sections of roadside within California’s State Highway System. Groups have the option to participate as volunteers or to hire a maintenance service provider to perform the work on their behalf. At our
Quarterly Caltrans meeting on Wednesday, I agreed to adopt a segment of the 405 FWY that borders the Fourth District. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our office for more details.

Beach Streets Community Meeting

Wednesday evening, I attended a community meeting for the upcoming Beach Street University event. They discussed the logistics and what residents should expect. I am very excited to see this event being planned for the Los Altos Neighborhood. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer during the event please contact the Special Events Office.

Carl's Jr. Closes for Demolition

Earlier this week, the Carl's Jr. Restaurant at PCH and Ximeno was closed, and demolition has already begun to make way for a new Rite Aid store. Carl's Jr. Is moving just a few hundred feet toward the traffic circle. The plan was to open the new Carl's Jr. when the the old location closed, but rainstorms over the past months caused numerous construction delays. Below are photos of the old sign removal and new construction.
LGB Flight Slots Awarded to Southwest Airlines

Thursday afternoon, the Long Beach Airport announced that Southwest Airlines has been offered two air carrier flight slots, which will be available for their use beginning August 1, 2017. Last month, American Airlines advised the Airport that it was reducing service at LGB and elected to return two of their five permanent air carrier flight slots effective February 16, 2017. In accordance with City Council Resolution C-28465, these two permanent flight slots have been offered to Southwest Airlines because of their status as a "new entrant carrier" at the Airport.
Saint Patrick's Day Events - TODAY!
The Red Leprechaun, at 4000 E.Anaheim St., is gearing up for Saint Patrick's Day 2017. Today, March 17th, they will be celebrating St.Patrick's Day with live music from Sportive Trick and Good Citizens, a traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage outdoor buffet and a green "Red Leprechaun Blonde" craft beer from Karl Strauss. For more information on any of the events please call the restaurant: 562-343- 5560.
This Saint Patrick's Day, Plan Before You Party

St. Patrick's Day has become one of the nation's favorite holidays to celebrate and party. Unfortunately, too many people are taking to the roads after drinking, making the holiday one of our most dangerous. The Long Beach Police Department will deploy additional officers on special DUI Saturation Patrols on Friday, March 17, 2017, specifically to stop and arrest drivers showing signs of alcohol or drug impairment. In addition to this St Patrick's Day enforcement effort, all police, sheriff and CHP officers will be on heightened alert ready to stop and arrest any impaired driver throughout the weekend. You can read the entire LBPD press release [here](#).

General Plan Noise Element Update

The City has now begun a planning effort to update the Noise Element of the General Plan. This update will be the first since 1975. The plan is envisioned to include a noise policy which will limit noise exposure in housing neighborhoods and schools. The city will begin taking comments and photos on March 31, 2017 in an effort to get feedback from the public. Two Planning Commission study sessions are anticipated; the first is scheduled for April 20th.

Next on the Council Agenda: March 21st

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 is some of the topics that will be discussed at Tuesday’s city council meeting:

- The City Council will discuss requesting the City Manager and City Attorney to review the regulation of short term rentals in other municipalities and report back to City Council with a review of next steps required to create, along with zoning code changes, and a timeline for these next steps in 30-60 days.

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.

FOLBA Fundraiser at Polly’s Pies
On Monday, March 20th, Friends of Long Beach Animals will be hosting a fundraiser at Polly’s Pies from 4 to 8 pm. Polly’s is located at 4680 Los Coyotes Diagonal. Polly’s will donate 20% of the proceeds to Friends of Long Beach Animals when you bring this flyer and present it to your friendly Polly’s server. You can print the flyer out here.
Meals on Wheels Long Beach Fundraiser
Meals on Wheels Long Beach (MOWLB) will be hosting Neil Simon's "Rumors", a timely and hilarious political farce. Mistaken identities, social mishaps and physical slapstick will keep you rolling in the aisles. The event will be Thursday, March 23 at the Long Beach Playhouse. All proceeds to benefit the MOWLB meal program for the home-bound. Please visit their website for information or tickets!

Joan Lind Van Blom Bridge Dedication March 25th
On Saturday, March 25th, Councilwoman Suzie Price, the Century Club and I will be dedicating the PCH bridge between Loynes Dr. and 2nd St. to Joan Lind Van Blom. Joan passed away in August 2015, and she will be remembered as one of the greatest athletes to ever compete in the sport of rowing. Joan was a '70 Wilson High grad and long-time educator in the LBUSD. The dedication will take place at the Jack Nichol Park (6200 Costa del Sol Way) at 11 a.m. Please contact our office with any questions.

Fourth District Community Meetings
Beginning in 2017, we changed the day and time of our monthly community meetings to the last Wednesday of the month at 5 pm. The location will remain the same, the Los Altos Library at 5614 E. Britton Dr.

The next community meeting is on March 29th.
And Finally

Apartment Fire at 17th St. and Junipero Ave.

During the city council meeting on March 7th, I received a note that there was an apartment fire in CD4. The next note stated it had gone to a 2nd alarm, and fire resources from all over the city were responding. Then, I was told there were news helicopters overhead. Imagine the relief when word came in that firefighters had it knocked down in less than an hour. Equally impressive was that firefighters confined the damage to a single unit of the apartment building. ABC7 captured the Long Beach Fire Departure in action (video below). A big thank you to LBFD for the quick response!

Calendar of Upcoming Events
3/17: St. Patrick’s Day Events, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., The Red Leprechaun, 4000 E. Anaheim St.
3/17: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/19: Third Sunday Beer Garden, 12 p.m., Working Class Kitchen, 1322 Coronado Ave.
3/20: FOLBA Fundraiser, 4 p.m., Polly’s Pies, 4680 Los Coyotes Diagonal
3/21: Family Storytime with Miss Carla, 2:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/23: MOWLB presents Rumors, 7 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.

**Tickets**
3/24: Baby & Toddler Storytime, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/24: Preschool Storytime, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/24: Baby & Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
3/24: Monthly Matinee: Mr. Church, 1 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/24: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/25: WESCA Cleanup, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 14th Street and Orizaba
3/25: BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/26: Graphic Novelization In Search of the Black Panthers by Alan "Saint" Clark and other readings by the Manifold Fiction Collective, 7 p.m., Luna Rising Art Studio, 2012 Clark Ave.
3/29: Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/30: Baby & Toddler Storytime, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
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3/30: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
3/30: Rec Park Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center, 1109 Federation Dr.

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**El Dorado Nature Center**

![Pardon our dust! Construction for our entryway improvement project may affect trail access and some Nature Center programs until March 2017. Stay tuned for updates on our construction project or feel free to call us at 562-570-1745.](image)

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**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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