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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

Saint Patrick's Day Celebrations in CD4
With March 17th falling on a Friday, our 4th District "Irish themed" restaurants were packed to capacity. Both E.J. Malloy's in Los Altos, and The Red Leprechaun on the Anaheim Corridor, hosted hundreds of holiday revelers. Friday marked the 5th annual Saint Patrick's Day Celebration at the Red Leprechaun.
Traditional Irish songs were performed by "Good Citizen" at The Red Leprechaun

2017 World Wood Day "Roots" at the LB Convention Center
Tuesday morning, I had the honor of welcoming attendees of the World Wood Day Celebration at the Long Beach Convention Center. Participants from over 100 countries and regions (including the local Ti'at Society) are displaying their creations through Sunday. A wide variety of activities including a symposium, woodcraft, design and temple bus programs, folk art workshops, children's events and musical festivals are taking place. Please visit the website for more information.

Persian New Year "Norooz" Celebration at City Hall
Tuesday afternoon, I attended the annual Narooz celebration hosted by Councilwoman Suzie Price. Norooz is the Persian New Year that begins on the first day of Spring. Tuesday's event began in the lobby of City Hall and included Persian treats, tea and music. It concluded with a presentation at our council meeting by Councilwoman Price.
Artists for the Cambodian Town Mural Project Announced

Tuesday afternoon, the Arts Council for Long Beach announced the Cambodia Town Mural Project artists. In October, the council began the search for artists to create eight public art murals on Anaheim Street, between Long Beach Boulevard and Junipero Avenue. A panel of community professionals chose the artists. They are: Sayon Syprasoeuth, Jose Martinez, Angela Willcocks, Bodeck Hernandez, ZEINAB, Jason Kearn, Ricardo Vilchis and Tracy Negrete. The project is set to kick off on Sunday April 2nd at the Cambodian Town Cultural Festival at the Mark Twain Library. For more information about the project or artists, please visit the Arts Council for Long Beach's website.

Long Beach Police Department Recruit Class 90 Graduation

Thursday afternoon, I attended the graduation ceremony of the Long Beach Police Academy Recruit Class #90. Thirty-eight LBPD recruits successfully completed six months of intense academic, physical and practical training in the areas such as: Patrol Procedures and Law Enforcement Tactics, Firearms Training, Weaponless Defense, Criminal Law, Vehicle Operations, Community Oriented Public Safety, Persons with Mental Health Disabilities and Cultural Diversity/Human Relations. Congratulations to all the graduates!
Your Weekly News & Updates

**WESCA Cleanup Saturday**
Join the West East Side Community Association (WESCA) and Litter-Free Long Beach for their upcoming clean-up tomorrow morning. The location is at 2512 E. 17th St. and will go from 8 AM - 12 PM. Tools and supplies will be provided. They also will be collecting tires and electronic waste during the event.

**Joan Lind Van Blom Bridge Dedication Tomorrow**
The public is invited to join State Senator Janet Nguyen along with Long Beach Councilmembers Suzie Price, Gary DeLong (ret.) and myself for this Saturday's dedication of the Joan Lind Van Blom Bridge at Jack Nichol Park at 11:00 am. Named for Long Beach and Olympic Rowing icon, the Joan Lind Van Blom dedication will be joined by her husband John Van Blom and the Long Beach Rowing Association.
Wilson High School Critical Incident Drill
Please be advised that Woodrow Wilson High School will perform a mock critical incident drill on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 for approximately one hour beginning at 10:20am. This drill will involve response from various emergency agencies (police, fire, ambulance, etc.) responding to a mock "crash" scene. No real emergency will actually be taking place.

Tsunami Preparedness Guide
Tsunami Preparedness Week is March 27-31, 2017. This week will provide an opportunity for residents to learn how to plan for and survive a tsunami. The Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC) have planned many events including:

- The Long Beach Tsunami Walk will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8 am. Residents will meet at Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier and walk to a designated safe zone.
- On March 27, 2017 DPEC staff will canvass businesses in the tsunami inundation/flood zone, and hand out the new Tsunami Preparedness Guide.
- On March 29, 2017 DPEC staff will coordinate a Tsunami Communication Drill to practice interagency communications with the County of Los Angeles, the American Red Cross and the Long Beach Police and Fire Departments.
- On March 30, 2017 DPEC staff will test its ability to communicate with residents in the tsunami inundation/flood zone who have signs up to receive AlertLongBeach emergency notifications.

EASBA Speaker Series Lunch Program
Join the East Anaheim Street Business Alliance for their Monthly Member Lunch Program next Tuesday, March 28th at the Long Beach Playhouse at noon. Guest speakers for this month will be: Small Business Development Center - Brad Pollak; East West Bank - Ann Huynh; Farmers & Merchants Bank - Korosh Davatolhagh. Learn about the variety of small business loans available to help you start or grow your business. Complimentary light lunch is provided. Members and non-members are welcomed.

Fourth District Community Meeting Next Week
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 this Wednesday, March 29th at 5 PM.

Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting
The Recreation Park Neighborhood Coalition will be holding a meeting on March 30, from 7 PM - 8 PM at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center, at 1109 Federation Drive. LBPD Officer Johnny Dodson will be in attendance to do a presentation on homelessness in the area. Come out and join your community to discuss the various neighborhood topics.
6th Annual Lawn to Garden Tour and Festival

The Long Beach Water Department is excited to announce their 6th Annual L2G Tour and Festival happening on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event features nearly 30 Long Beach homes that have transformed their lawns into beautiful water wise landscapes throughout the city, including in the Fourth Council District. This year's event is extra special, because they've added a fun family-friendly festival at their Administration Building (1800 E Wardlow Road) that features games and prizes, a succulent giveaway, water-saving tips and sustainability resources, live music and food trucks. They are inviting residents to start their day with them at 9:30 a.m. with ribbon-cutting ceremony for our newly revamped, demo garden. Festival activities and the Tour start at 10am.
Cambodia Town Cultural Festival April 2nd
The 9th Annual Cambodia Town Cultural Festival will take place at Mark Twain Library on Sunday, April 2nd from 8:30 am - 4 pm. We'll have more information in next week's newsletter, and you can view the promotional video below.
EV Charger Give-A-Ways
There are still about 200 chargers left since the beginning of the program on January 9. While the EV chargers are complimentary, recipients are responsible for any expenses related to completing the electrical work necessary to accommodate the charger, installation, and upkeep of the device, including City permit and inspection fees which start at $148. Long Beach residents who qualify for a free charger are required to complete a Residential Electric Vehicle Charger Checklist, a Development Services Permit Application, and a site plan ensuring proper installation and compliance for eligibility. For more information go here.

And Finally

Circle Marina Carwash Featured in Helpful Honda Commercial
On February 15th, the Helpful Honda People filmed a commercial at the Circle Marina Carwash at 4800 E. PCH. Customers pulled up for a car wash but left with a Random Act of Helpfulness. The second customer shown is CD4 resident, Sumi Gant. Check out the surprise reactions!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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., 2512 E. 17th Street
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
3/28: EASBA Monthly Member Lunch Program, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
3/29: Community Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
3/30: Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center, 1109 Federation Dr.
3/31: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
3/31: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
3/31: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E.Anaheim St.
3/31: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/1: "Out of the Wilds and into Your Garden" Lecture Series, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., 7550 E. Spring St.
4/1: First Saturday Stewards, 10 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
4/1: FREE Tech Workshop, Website Design Series, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/1: 6th Annual L2G Tour and Festival, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Water Department Administration Building, 1800 E. Wardlow Rd.
4/1: The Shady Bunch Improv Debut, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., The Red Leprechaun, 4000 E. Anaheim St.
4/2: Cambodia Town Culture Festival, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mark Twain Library, 1401 E. Anaheim St.
4/5: FREE Tech Workshop, Website Design Workshop, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.

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.

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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