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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

Joan Lind Van Blom Bridge Dedication

Last Saturday morning, I had the honor of participating in the dedication ceremony for the newly named "Joan Lind Van Blom Memorial Bridge". CA State Senator Janet Nguyen, Councilwoman Suzie Price, former Councilman Gary DeLong, the Century Club, Joan's family and many friends were on hand to celebrate the life of our Long Beach and Olympic Rowing icon. We even had ten (including myself) of Joan's fellow Wilson High class of '70 grads in attendance.

Mike Guardabascio did a very nice job covering the event. His article was featured on the front page of Sunday's Press-Telegram and in the Grunion Gazette at this link.
l to r: Senator Janet Nguyen, Councilman Supernaw, former Councilman Gary Delong, John Van Blom, Johnny Van Blom, Councilwoman Suzie Price and Joan's siblings.
Fox 11 Broadcasts Live From LBFD Training Center
On Monday morning, I stopped by the LBFD Training Center to see Fox 11 broadcasting a segment highlighting the large LBFD class of recruits and some of the many skills that they must master while training. Reporter, Sandra Endo, interviewed Xavier Espino, Assistant Chief of Support Services, and other LBFD training personnel. She also participated in many of the recruit training exercises. You can view part of the segment on Fox 11’s [website](http://www.fox11.com).

East Anaheim Street Business Alliance Meeting
Last Tuesday, I attended the Zaferia Speaker Series meeting hosted
by EASBA. The presentation was all about small business loans to help start or grow a business. Speakers included Brad Pollack of the Small Business Development Center, Ann Huynh of East West Bank and Kourosh Davatolhagh of F&M Bank on Anaheim Street.

Fourth District Community Meeting Next Week
Wednesday night, we hosted our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. We received community updates from LBPD Commander Liz Griffin and the Greater Los Altos Neighborhood Association (GLANA). GLANA will be selling shirts and flags with the original Los Altos Village at Beach Streets University. For more information please send them an email.

Dan Halverson and Joe Mello display the "new" Los Altos Village Flag
Southwest Airlines Adds Sacramento Flights
Thursday afternoon, Southwest and City Officials announced the addition of new regular flights from Long Beach to Sacramento beginning in August 2017. Back in February 2017, American Airlines had advised the Long Beach Airport they were reducing scheduled service and had elected to return two of their five permanent air carrier flight slots. These two permanent flight slots were awarded to Southwest because of their status as a "new entrant carrier".

Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting
Thursday evening, I attended the Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center. Topics discussed included issues pertaining to homelessness, code enforcement reporting and an update on new businesses and developments in the area. The group's next meeting will be Thursday, May 25th at 7 pm at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center.

RPNC President, Yolanda Verrechia, addresses the crowd

Your Weekly News & Updates

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 tomorrow, 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.
YMCA Summer Sign Up Day
Tomorrow, April 1st the Los Altos Family YMCA will be holding their Summer Sign Up Day. This will be a community event with games and activities for kids and families, as well as discounts and promotions offered towards summer program registrations like camp and swim lessons. Visit the Los Altos Y website for more details about the event and promotions or call the Y a 562.596.3394.

YMCA Summer Sign Up Day
Saturday, April 1, 2017
10:00am-1:00pm
Los Altos Family YMCA, 1720 Bellflower Blvd. 90815
LBymca.org
National Library Month and Amnesty Program
Join the Long Beach Public Library all month long for a celebration of National Library Month. For special events and workshops happening at your local library branch, check out the online flyer or pick up an official calendar brochure at any library branch. In addition, April Amnesty is back at Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) for National Library Month! From April 1 - 30 only, return any undamaged, overdue library materials to the circulation desk or book drop at your local LBPL location and your overdue fines will be waived. For more information on how it works please visit their website.

Cambodia Town Cultural Festival April 2nd
The 9th Annual Cambodia Town Cultural Festival will take place at Mark Twain Library this Sunday, April 2nd from 8:30 am - 4 pm. Festivities include performances, a costume contest, and a raffle! Come out and support your neighbors and while having fun!
Next on the Council Agenda: April 4th

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 one of the topics that will be discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting:

- The Council will discuss requesting the City Manager to gather data on Illegal Dumping and draft an Illegal Dumping Action Plan to address the City's approach to resources, education, reporting and enforcement related to illegal dumping.
- The Council will consider requesting the City Manager, Department of Health and Human Services and Development Services Department to develop an incentive package to encourage landlord acceptance of subsidized tenants through the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

This is just a small selection of the topics to be cover 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.

Transaction & Use Tax Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

Nearly 60 percent of Long Beach voters approved Measure A in June, which enforces a temporary sales tax percent increase to fix Long Beach streets, roads and alleys, repair the city's infrastructure, maintain and add more police officers, maintain and improve 911 paramedic response times as well as maintain and restore firefighters at critical locations. In addition, Measure A established a Citizens Advisory Committee, which comprises five members including former Councilman Steve Neal, Jane Netherton, Judy Ross, Mary Stevens and Miles Nevin, to review the city's use of the revenue generated by the tax and ensure it is being used in accordance to the ballot's language and council's intent. The agenda for the Committee's April 5th meeting can be found here.
**Michele K Shred & E-waste Event**

Michele K's bi-annual shred and & e-waste event is next Saturday, April 8th. This is the 3rd Spring Shred & E-waste Event with the sponsorship and help of Minnie Gant Elementary School’s Green Team. Shredding is done on-site by Southern California Shedding, Inc. There is no fee for shredding but your generous donations to Gant PTA are much appreciated. E-waste collection is another way you can help raise funds for the Gant PTA. Bring your old computer, televisions, printers, etc for collection. This service is provide by Omni-Tech out of Los Alamitos. In addition, The owner of the popular local eatery SideYard Cafe has generously donated a $5 off their delicious wings coupon to the first 100 Shred & E-waste participates. For more information please visit her website.

Gant Elementary School Green Team  
Saturday, April 8, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Minnie Gant - 1854 N. Britton Drive.

**LBPD Response Questions: Call a Sergeant**

Our council office has been asked us to help communicate a new protocol on police response questions or complaints. If you are unhappy or want more information regarding a call for service where a police officer responded, please call LBPD dispatch at 562-435-6711 immediately. Ask for a sergeant to respond, and the issue will be handled as quickly and efficiently as possible. If there is a problem with how the resounding officer handled the call, the sergeant can also take immediate action to rectify it.

**And Finally**

**Circle Volkswagen**

With the LBWD’s 6th Annual L2G and Festival happening tomorrow, it’s interesting to note that drought-tolerant landscaping is not a new concept. Check out this vintage photo of Circle Volkswagen on Lakewood Blvd. at Outer Circle. It appears they had a water-conserving landscape 50 years ago.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

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.
4/6: Film Series: Field of Dreams, 4:20 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
4/7: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/7: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/7: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E.Anaheim St.
4/7: Free Movie - Mr. Holmes, 1 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/7: Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
4/8: Michele K's Spring & Fall Shred & E-Waste Events, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Minnie Gant, 1854 N. Britton Dr.
4/9: Audubon Bird Walk, 8 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St.
4/11: It's Worm Day, 2:30 p.m./4 p.m./5:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
4/11: Family Night Walks, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St. (Register Here)
4/13: Film Series: Sully, 4:30 p.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
4/14: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
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4/15: Earth Day Coastal Cleanup, 10 a.m. - Noon, East side of Belmont Pier (Rain Cancels)

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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