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

**Asian Pacific Islander Mental Health**
May is Mental Health Month and Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On Wednesday, I attended the "Ready, Set, Recover" celebration event at the Long Beach Asian Pacific-Islander Family Mental Health Center. This facility, located in CD4, is fully staffed with clinicians and case workers, especially Cambodians, who have the ability to culturally connect with their clients to destigmatize mental health and the proper treatments. They have a sliding scale, and no one is turned away due to lack of money.

Your Weekly News & Updates

**Meals on Wheels Luncheon Today**
This afternoon, Meals on Wheels Long Beach (MOWLB) is hosting a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for their many dedicated volunteers. I will have the honor of presenting certificates of recognition to each of the volunteers and supporters. Thank you to every member of the organization for making a positive impact on our community each day. MOWLB has been serving Long Beach residents for over 45 years.

**Fireworks at Blair Field Tonight**
The CSULB Dirtbags will be playing their final Friday night game of the season tonight at Blair Field. Please be aware that there will be a fireworks show at the conclusion of the game. We don't have an exact time for the show, but an estimate would be between 8:30 and 9:00 pm. You'll be able to hear the loud booms in many parts of CD4 including Zaferia, Artcraft Manor and Los Altos. Please visit the CSULB website for more information or tickets. Go Beach!

![Fireworks at Blair Field Tonight](image)

**Bike Recycling at Whaley Park Tomorrow**
Do you have an old bike taking up space in your garage? Has your child outgrown a bike or two? You can give your bike a second life by donating it to Long Beach youth through the Recycle Your Bicycle Program. In celebration of National Bike Month, the City is hosting the Recycle Your Bicycle Program to collect and refurbish bikes, and then redistribute them to local youth. They will be at Whaley Park tomorrow, May 20th from 9 am to 2 pm.

![Bike Recycling at Whaley Park Tomorrow](image)

**AOC7's 5th Annual Book Drive**
The Anaheim, Orange, Cherry and 7th St. Neighborhood
Assoication (AOC7) will be hosting their 5th Annual Book Drive and Literacy Fair tomorrow, Saturday, May 20th from 10 am to 1 pm. They are asking the community to help reach their goal of 3,000 new and gently used children books for the event. Please call 562-758-5751 or visit their Facebook for more information.

**AOC7 5th Annual Literacy Fair**

AOC7 stands for the streets of Anaheim, Orange Cherry and 7th Street. A neighborhood organization founded to improve the overall quality of life within our community.

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

1321 E. Anaheim Street

Long Beach, CA 90813

For more information, contact Mary (562) 758-5751
mmsmarys61@hotmail.com

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**Sunnyside Looking for More Volunteers**

Sunnyside Cemetery, at 1095 E. Willow St., needs assistance this weekend. They need anyone with gas weed eaters, mowers, rakes, brooms and any other trimmers to come to help mow grass, trim around headstones and markers and do a general clean up. Anyone who has woodworking or plastering skills, Sunnyside could use your help as well. They are a non profit cemetery, and donations are tax deductible. They do have plywood available at the cemetery that could be used. If there is anyone that would be willing to install the new flooring and baseboard that would be awesome. Any help is appreciated. For more information, please contact Mike Miner, the cemetery manager: (562) 595-9392 or cell (562) 760-4343.

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**Dedication Ceremony of the NEW Entry Way at the El Dorado Nature Center**

Join myself, Mayor Robert Garcia, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works at the Dedication Ceremony of the new entry way at the El Dorado Nature Center. The ceremony will be tomorrow Saturday, May 20 at 11:30 am. The El Dorado Nature Center Improvement Project enhanced accessibility to, and increase functionality of, the Nature Center. It provided a newly constructed pedestrian bridge that connects the Nature Center entry to the island and a new outdoor...
amphitheater that has seating for 150 individuals. Please follow this link for more information about the El Dorado Nature Center Improvement Project. I hope to see you and your family at the Dedication Ceremony on the 20th!

**LBLL Challenger Division "Pack the Stands" Event**

Please help Long Beach Little League "Pack the Stands" for the Challenger Division teams. The Challenger Division allows youths with physical or mental challenges participate in baseball. Come out to support the athletes and their families tomorrow night, Saturday, May 20th at 5 and 6 pm at Murphy Field in Stearns Park.

**“PACK THE STANDS” NIGHT**

Saturday May 20th 5pm

**Challenger Division Baseball**

**DOUBLE HEADER**

Raffle and Silent Auction During the Games

Auction items Include:

- Huntington Harbor Duffy Rental & Wine Basket
- MAC Certified Make Up Artist Hair & Make Up Sessions
- Art Lessons from Inspyr Arts

Proceeds of the evening’s events will go towards the Long Beach Little League Challenger Division.

Follow us on Facebook.com/lbllchallenger and on Twitter.com/lbllchallenger

Questions, donations or sponsorships email: vpchallenger@lbll.org

**Art Party at Luna Rising Art Studio Tomorrow**

Luna Rising Art Studio is hosting their quarterly Art Party this month on Saturday, May 20 from 4 pm - 9 pm at 2101 Clark Ave. Nearly two dozen local artist will be presenting their creations. There will be live entertainment and light refreshments.
34th Annual Pride Festival and Parade This Sunday
This weekend is the 34th Annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival and Parade. Over the past three decades, this event has grown to become one of the nation’s premiere Pride celebrations. Thanks to Circle Porsche for, once again, providing us with a great parade vehicle. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride, Inc. for its role in planning this wonderful celebration not only this year, but every year.

CSULB Graduation Ceremonies
Cal State Long Beach's 2017 graduation ceremonies begin next week. Ceremonies will take place Tuesday through Friday at 9 AM, 1 PM and 5 PM. All ceremonies will be held outdoors on the Central Quad next to the University Library and are expected to last about two hours. Parking is free in all lots and structures on lower campus. Faculty parking on upper campus will remain off limits to non faculty. Please be aware that traffic may be heavier in the surrounding areas next week. Congratulations to the Class of 2017! GO BEACH!

Next on the Council Agenda: May 23rd
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 City Council will discuss executing a quitclaim to convey the City’s interest in the current utility line easement on the east side of the Traffic Circle.
- The City Council will consider renaming the El Dorado Neighborhood Library the "Ernie and Jackie Kell Neighborhood Library".
- The City Council will discuss asking for a study to explore options to improve the private commercial waste hauling system in Long Beach. In addition, they will consider asking the City Manager to explore allowing modification of our current private waste hauling system into a exclusive franchise system.

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.

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**Rancho Los Cerritos Lecture at Los Altos Library**

Los Altos Library is hosting a free lecture about Rancho Los Cerritos, one of Long Beach's unique historical sites, presented by the Rancho's Historical Curator, Sarah Wolk FitzGerald. This program will feature a historical overview of the Rancho's settlement and development from prehistory to the present, as well as highlights from the Rancho's newest exhibit, "The Literary Lives of the Bixby Family." Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, May 23, 5:30-6:30 pm. 5614 E. Britton Drive, Long Beach. Los Altos Library is located behind Lazy Acres and Sears.

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**May is Long Beach Bike Month!**

Gear up for a fun month that encourages Long Beach residents to incorporate biking into their daily routine. There will be events and giveaways all month long. Be sure to follow @BikeLongBeach on Twitter for updates through May. For more information and a calendar of events please visit Bike Long Beach's website.

May 26 - #CountMeInLB at Belmont Pier

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**Stearns Park Area Parking Impacts Next Weekend**

On Saturday, May 27th (one week from tomorrow), the Long Beach Fire Department will conduct its graduation ceremony at the Training Center on Argonne Ave. Tucker School and adjacent streets will be used for parking. The ceremony runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.
Proposed Polystrene Ban Policy Study Session on Economic Development Commission Agenda

The Economic Development Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 30th at 4:00 pm in the City Council Chamber. The citywide polystyrene (Styrofoam) ban policy is item #6 on their agenda, and the commission will invite public comment on the issue. The findings of the EDC will then be forwarded to the City Council's Environmental Committee for discussion at the June 13th meeting at 3:00 pm. The EDC agenda is at this link.

City Prosecutor Doug Haubert to Speak at Fourth District Community Meeting

Doug Haubert will be our special guest speaker the next CD4 community meeting. It will take place on Wednesday, May 31st, 5:00 pm at the Los Altos Library. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send us questions or topics of interest prior to the meeting. The Long Beach City Prosecutor is responsible for prosecuting all adult misdemeanor crimes committed within the City. Cases include battery, theft, vandalism, DUI, drug possession, domestic violence, prostitution, brandishing a weapon, graffiti, hate crimes, and code enforcement.

And Finally

Bellflower & Stearns 60 Years Ago

Last week, we featured a photo showing the large "Sav-on Drugs" sign at the Los Altos Shopping Center. The photo below shows the even bigger "Thriftymart" sign that was at the SE corner of Bellflower and Stearns (upper right next to the utility pole). Cub Scouts...
from Den 6 are being shown how to use the LBFD alarm box. These alarm pull stations were located throughout the city. To the left of the photo, there is an unobstructed view of the apartment buildings on San Anseline. The shopping center on the north side of Stearns was not built until the mid-sixties.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**5/19:** Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
**5/19:** LBCC's Annual Science Night, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., LBCC Liberal Arts Campus Building D Courtyard, 4901 E. Carson St.
**5/19:** LBCC's Big Band Concert featuring Kirsten Edkins, 7:30 p.m., LBCC - Liberal Arts Campus, 4901 E. Carson St.
**5/20:** Bike Recycling, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton
**5/20:** BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
**5/20:** 5th Annual AOC7 Book Drive and Literacy Fair, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., MacArthur Park, 1321 Anaheim St.
**5/20:** Dedication Ceremony of the New Entry of the El Dorado Nature Center, 11:30 a.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 Spring St.
**5/20:** Art Party, 4 p.m., Luna Rising Art Studio, 2101 Clark Ave.
**5/20:** Pack the Stands - Challenger Division, 5 p.m., Stearns Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
**5/21:** 34th Annual Pride Parade and Festival, 10 a.m., Ocean Ave
**5/23 - 26:** CSULB GRADUATION - Ceremonies take place each day at 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
**5/23:** Monthly Member Lunch Program, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., The LB Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
**5/23:** City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.
**5/25:** Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting, 7 p.m., Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center, 1109 Federation Dr.
**5/26:** Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
**5/26:** Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
**5/26:** Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E.Anahiem St.
**5/26:** Coloring Club for Adults, 3 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.Britton Dr.
**5/27:** BARK Dogs, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
**5/31:** Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E.
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!