What's happening in the Fourth this week!

October 20, 2017

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.

Hot Topics

Earlier this week, I was the subject of a scathing letter from The LGBTQ Center criticizing my attendance at the grand opening of the Chick-fil-A at the Traffic Circle. There was no mention of the already existing Chick-fil-A at the Long Beach Towne Center. The letter was distributed to the local media, and I received requests for a statement from a few news outlets. Here is my response:

"Our office welcomes all new businesses to the fourth council district, and we feature grand openings in our weekly newsletter whenever possible. In the case of Chick-fil-A, I felt I was on solid ground considering Mayor Garcia’s relationship with the company. Of all the local restaurants available, he has chosen Chick-fil-A as the sponsoring caterer of his annual golf tournament for the past three years. Severe criticism of my actions, while giving the Mayor a pass, would be considered by many to be a blatant double standard. More importantly, our office has, and will continue to be, in complete support of our LGBTQ residents, businesses and organizations."

Past Events

15th & Grand Neighborhood Community Watch Meeting
Sunday morning, I stopped by an LBPD East Patrol Division Community Watch meeting near 15th Street and Grand Ave. Commander Eric Herzog and Ruth Ann Salau addressed many resident concerns. Thanks to the many neighbors who attended, and special thanks to LBPD and our host family for organizing the meeting.
Fourth and Final LUE Meeting
Wednesday night, I stopped the final meeting in the series of "workshops" on the General Plan/Land Use Element. It was another large crowd of both newcomers and residents who had attended multiple meetings. A date for the LUE to return to the Planning Commission is yet to be determined, but we'll keep you posted in our newsletter. As always, please continue to provide your comments to our office.

Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills
Thursday morning, CD4 staff participated in the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill at City Hall. The Department of Disaster Preparedness encourages all residents to have a plan to mitigate personal injury or loss of property as a result of an emergency. Learn more about earthquake preparedness including how to be informed, making a plan, building a kit and being prepared on their [website](#)!
Parks & Rec Monthly Meeting
Thursday afternoon, we had our monthly Parks and Recreation briefing at City Hall. We received updates on various projects including the new Whaley Park playground. The Whaley Park playground will undergo improvements and upgrades to the existing playground facilities and surrounding areas. They anticipate to start the construction in December 2017, and, depending on weather, to be complete by February 2017.

Your Weekly News & Updates

Costume Clothing Drive 2017
Please help the Anderson Real Estate Group bring smiles to the toddlers, children and teens of the WomenShelter of Long Beach. They will be collecting new or gently used costumes, masks and other soft accessories. All items collected will be donated to the families of the WomenShelter of Long Beach. You can drop off kid's NB to 18 years old to GOLD Salon and Natural Boutique located at 3706 E. Anaheim St. Please drop off all donations by October 24th.
**3rd Annual AIDS Food Store Hike the Hill**

Come out and support the AIDS Food Store's 3rd Annual Hike the Hill event on Saturday, October 21 at 10 AM. There will be two courses this year. Parking will be available at Signal Hill City Hall parking lot off of Hill Street. Check in begins at 9:30 AM at the Registration Shelter in Signal Hill Park. There is a $25 entry fee with all proceeds benefiting the AIDS Food Store. Registration and Donation forms available [online](#) or can be picked up at Christ Chapel Long Beach. You may show up without registration, but it must be completed before you Hike at the registration shelter. We hope to see you there!

**Friends of the Sunnyside Cemetery Cleanup**

Sunnyside Cemetery is asking for volunteers this weekend, October 21st & 22nd, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Help is needed with grounds keeping. This includes leveling the grounds, uncovering headstones, weeding/trimming and general clean-up. Wear gloves, sturdy shoes, long pants, hat and sunblock. They are preparing for their Historical Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 28th. For more information please call or email Ken Lockhart at 562-208-9579 or kent.lockhart@gmail.com.

**EASBA Quarterly Breakfast**

The East Anaheim Street Business Alliance (EASBA) will be hosting their Annual Meeting and Quarterly Breakfast on Tuesday, October 24 at DiPiazza’s at 7:45 AM. The Board President will report out on the goals for the coming year and budget. EASBA members will vote on changing the organization name to Zaferia Business Association. In addition, Long Beach City Traffic Engineer, Eric Widstrand, will speak on the 15th St. Bike Blvd. project. A light complimentary breakfast will be provided.

**Next on the Council Agenda: October 25th**

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. The entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#).

**Community Meeting with Senator Janet Nguyen**

Next Wednesday, we will be hosting our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library at 5 PM. The Long Beach Police Department will have a representative to provide neighborhood crime updates at the beginning of the meeting. Our guest speaker this month will be California State Senator Janet Nguyen. Senator Nguyen represents the 34th CA Senate District which includes a majority of the Los Altos neighborhood. She will discuss upcoming
state legislation that pertains to Long Beach, and she will be answering residents’ questions. We hope to see you there!

WESCA Cleanup Next Saturday October 28th
Next Saturday, the West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up. Please come out and help make the neighborhood look great. Tools and supplies will be provided. They are accepting tires and electronic waste (anything with a cord). The cleanup will start at 8 am at 14th Street and Orizaba Avenue.

Beach Streets Uptown October 28th
Ghouls and Ghosts of Long Beach: get ready to bust out your bikes, boards, and Rollerblades and strap on your shoes, because Beach Streets is back and it's better than ever! Come be part of the biggest people-powered party in Long Beach. For one day only, we're taking over Uptown and giving the community an opportunity to eat, laugh, dance, ride, play, skip, pop wheelies, shop, and socialize in the streets of our great city. Oh, and did we mention it's FREE! Stay tuned for updates and visit BeachStreets.com for more information.

22nd Annual Historical Cemetery Tour
The Historical Society of Long Beach will be hosting the 22nd Historical Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 28th at the Sunnyside Cemetery. Graveside performances run continuously from 9 AM with the last skits starting at approximately 2:40 PM, featuring actors who bring local history to life as told by the colorful characters who lived it! Tickets are available online!
We Love Long Beach Citywide Pumpkin Party

We Love Long Beach is looking for hosts for the 4th annual Citywide Pumpkin Party Potluck on October 28th. They have over 20 neighborhood hosts so far throughout the city. Carving pumpkins & enjoying a potluck is a great way to celebrate the fall season with neighbors. If you are interested or would like more information please email info@welovelb.org!

SAVE THE DATE: Howl-oween Festival at the Nature Center

Join us at the boo-tiful El Dorado Nature Center for a hare-raising good time as you trick-or-treat your way along the trails on Saturday, October 28th from 2 PM to 6 PM. Visit the animal education village, or bounce yourself silly in the Ooh-possum Patch. There will be puppet shows and face painting, food trucks and crafts. Parking is $7, and a suggested donation of $5 to support Partners of Parks/ Friends of El Dorado Nature Center at the gate. Dress as your favorite creature and come mingle with ours. We hope to see you there!

And Finally

Amazon Coast: Portal to the World

If you haven't heard, the cities of Long Beach and Huntington Beach are joining forces to bid for the Amazon.com second headquarters (HQ2). We are told the package featured in the video below was delivered to Amazon this morning. The combined cities are being pitched as the "Amazon Coast", and you can read more about the project at this link.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

10/20: Coloring Club for Adults, 3:00 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/20: Fried Chicken Friday & Craft Beer Friday, Working Class Kitchen, 1322 Coronado Ave.
10/21: AIDS Food Store: Hike the Hill, 10 AM, Signal Hill Park
10/24: EASBA Quarterly Breakfast, 7:45 a.m., DiPiazza’s, 5205 E. PCH
10/24: City Council Meeting, 5 p.m., City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.
10/25 Bookworm Buddies, 2:30 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/25: Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/27: Baby & Toddler Story time, 9:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/27: Preschool Story time, 10:15 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/27: Baby & Toddler Story time, 10:30 a.m., Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
10/27: Coloring Club for Adults, 3:00 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/27: Fried Chicken Friday & Craft Beer Friday, Working Class Kitchen, 1322 Coronado Ave.
10/28: WESCA Clean up, 8 a.m., Orizaba Ave and 14th St.
10/28: Beach Streets Uptown, 10 a.m.
10/28: BARK Dogs, 11:30 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
10/28: Historical Society Cemetery Tour, 11:30 a.m., Sunnyside Cemetery, 1095 E Willow St
10/28: Howl-o-ween Festival at the Nature Center, 2 p.m., El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring Street
11/1: Sweat for a Vet, 11 a.m., 5214 E. Los Altos Plaza
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11/4: Festival of Flight, 10 a.m., LGB Airport, 4100 Donald Douglas Drive
11/4: CSULB Homecoming, CSULB, 1250 Bellflower Blvd.

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.

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!