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

Proposed 15th Street Bike Blvd Community Meeting
This Monday, September 25th, the Department of Public Works will be hosting a community meeting on the proposed 15th Street Bike Boulevard Project. The project will construct a bicycle boulevard on 15th Street as part of the City's Bicycle Master Plan to provide a safer east-west bikeway connection between neighborhoods. This project will consist of new bike/pedestrian facilities, wayfinding signage, new striping, pavement markings, crosswalk enhancements, intersection traffic circles with landscaping and reconstruction of pedestrian curb ramps. The meeting will take place at the Red Leprechaun, 4000 E. Anaheim St., from 6 to 7:30 PM.

Past Events

READY Long Beach 2017
Last Saturday, I attended the Ready Long Beach 2017 emergency preparedness expo held on the campus of CSULB. The event featured fire safety demonstrations, emergency vehicle displays, emergency supplies and equipment,
Congratulations to Long Beach CERT on another successful event.

Proposed Development for Atherton from Outer Circle to Ximeno
On Monday, we got our first glimpse at plans for the parcel located on the south side of Atherton Street between Outer Circle and Ximeno Ave. This is the location of the former Toyota dealership parking lot and parts and service department. The proposal includes two restaurant pads but does not indicate the name of the restaurants. The development of this property will add to the already $40 million of private sector investment in the area. This includes the new Rite Aid, Carl's Jr., Chick-fil-A (opening in two weeks) and the bank building under construction next to Chick-fil-A.
General Plan Land Use Element (LUE)

Simply stated, I do not support the proposed zoning changes outlined in the 4th District August map (see below). However, there is a process in place, and I do want to respect that process. As stated in our August 25th newsletter, it is important to note this was a Planning Commission report, not a City Council item. The commission voted to have the report sent back to the public for further discussion, and after some intervention by Mayor Garcia, that's exactly what happened. The proposed public workshops, including Whaley Park on October 4th, will be an opportunity for public to provide feedback. When the additional outreach is concluded, the LUE will be brought back to the Planning Commission prior to going to City Council. Please feel free to provide feedback to our council office before or after the public workshop.

Your Weekly News & Updates

Native American Day Today

Today, September 22nd, marks the 50th anniversary of Native American Day. A ceremony is taking place on the steps of the State Capitol this afternoon. Locally, we'll celebrate Native American Heritage Month on November 7th at City Hall. This will be the
2nd annual commemoration of the event that our office sponsored in 2016.

Friends of the Sunnyside Cemetery Cleanup
Sunnyside Cemetery is asking for volunteers this weekend, September 23rd & 24th, 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 two significant events in October: Movie Night - Saturday, October 14th and Historical Cemetery Tour - Saturday, October 28th. For more information please call or email Ken Lockhart at 562-208-9579 or kent.lockhart@gmail.com.

"Around the Table" on September 23rd
Join the largest, one-day, city-wide community conversation in the history of Long Beach. The topic is about how we can make our community even better presented by Long Beach Community Foundation and We Love Long Beach. They are inviting neighbors, local businesses, nonprofits, schools, local government and the faith community to host an Around the Table mealtime conversation on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017. If you are interested in participating in Around the Table as a host or a guest, or you want to learn more visit their website.

Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Survey
After much anticipation, the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Survey (PALA) survey is now available for completion! Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA) seeks to prepare the Los Angeles region for a rapidly aging population through an innovative, sustained initiative that unites public and private leadership and strategies. Mayor Robert Garcia, on behalf of the City of Long Beach, joined the PALA Initiative in February and committed to the goals of the Initiative, including the overarching goal to make the City of Long Beach age-friendly for all who live, work and play in our City.

The results of this survey will be used by both the County
and the City of Long Beach to develop an Age-Friendly Plan for our region. The survey is open to anyone 18+ living in the City or County of Los Angeles. The data collected from this survey will serve as baseline data for the City's new Office of Aging and will be used to help determine the state of older adults living and working in Long Beach and to assist the Office in identifying the steps needed in order to make Long Beach an age-friendly City for all. The survey is available at this link.

Fourth District Community Meeting
Next Wednesday, September 27th, we will be hosting our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library at 5 pm. Please come out to hear updates on community projects and events. We hope to see you there! Please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to address here.

Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition Meeting
The Rec Park Neighborhood Coalition will be hosting a community meeting on Thursday, September 28 at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Center beginning at 7 PM. This neighborhood association's boundary is 10th St. to the south, Termino to the west, Anaheim St. to the north and Park to the East. There will be a representative from the Long Beach Police Department to give neighborhood crime updates.

Community Workshops for General Plan Land Use Element
The City of Long Beach will be conducting new and expanded public outreach for the City of Long Beach General Plan Land Use and Urban Design Element update process. The update to the General Plan is aimed at guiding Long Beach into a more sustainable future over the next 23 years and to meet new state requirements and development principles.

The City is hosting four additional citywide community workshops before the Land Use Element is presented to the Planning Commission in a study session for review and comment, and subsequently for recommendations. Once the Planning Commission makes recommendations, the Land Use Element will be presented to the City Council for deliberation and input before adoption.

The City is encouraging residents and property owners to attend an upcoming citywide community workshop:

Sat., Sept. 30, 3-5 PM at Veterans Park Community Center (101 E 28th St.)
Wed., Oct. 4, 6-8 PM at Whaley Park Community Center (5629 E. Atherton St.)
Sat., Oct. 14, 11-1 PM at Best Western Golden Sails Hotel (6285 Pacific Coast Hwy)
Wed., Oct. 18, 6-8 PM at Expo Center in Bixby Knolls (4321 Atlantic Ave.)

In addition, residents can obtain more information about the plan, or comment and give feedback online.
Save the Date! United Cambodian Community Anniversary Gala

**40th Anniversary Gala**

**United Cambodian Community**

**United Future, Cambodian History, Community Vision.**

**Friday, October 6th, 2017 at 6:00pm**

Pacific Ballroom at the Long Beach Arena
300 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802

**SAVE THE DATE**

Please visit their [website](#) for event information and to order tickets.

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**Interfaith Summit on Homelessness**

The Long Beach Rescue Mission (LBRM) in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and others, will be hosting a summit that addresses current issues regarding homelessness in our city. During the summit, you will learn successful models of collaboration, as well as effective outreach strategies to help our neighbors whom are experiencing homelessness. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 11 from 8 AM - 1 PM at Bethany Church (2250 Clark Ave). Register [here](#) to reserve your spot. Contact Jeff Levine jeffl@lbrm.org, if you have any questions.

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**Save the Date! 3rd Annual AIDS Food Store Hike the Hill**
And Finally

California Bungalows versus Cracker Box Apartments

With all the discussion of the Land Use Element, many have asked me about the "cracker box apartments" phenomenon that took place in Long Beach. As illustrated in the photos below, that was where single family homes, many of them California bungalows, were replaced with apartment buildings. My family has a very personal experience with this "process". You see, the top photo below was my grandparent's Wrigley area home of nearly 30 years. The house, which was our extended family gathering spot, was lost to the wrecking ball. For me, it's easy to understand people's emotions when zoning issues can affect neighborhoods and family homes.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

9/22: Coloring Club for Adults, 3:00 p.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/23: Community Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Training, 9 a.m., Admiral Kidd Park, 1721 W. 21st St.
9/23: Make and Take Crafts, 10:00 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/23: BARK Dogs and a Craft, 11:30 a.m., Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
9/23: We Love Long Beach - Around the Table, Various Locations, Learn more here.
9/23: Dracula, 8 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
9/25: 15th Street Bike Blvd. Community Meeting, 6:00 p.m., The Red Leprechaun, 4000 E. Anaheim St.
9/26: EASBA Lunch Program, 12 p.m., Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.
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.
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!

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