Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Fourth District 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.

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

Hot Topics

Community Hospital Update
December 19th | 6 pm | 6201 Appian Way

SAVE THE DATE: December 19th
We be holding our next Community Hospital "reopening update and stakeholder input" meeting at the Long Beach Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 19th from 6 - 8 pm. We'll have additional meeting details in coming weeks.

LGB Director Jess Romo to Retire

The City of Long Beach announced yesterday the retirement of Long Beach Airport (LGB) Director Jess L. Romo, A.A.E. Mr. Romo has served as director of the Long Beach Airport since 2016. During his time with LGB, Mr. Romo oversaw the progress or completion of major projects and initiatives, such as: Phase II Terminal Area Improvement project, reconstruction of Runway 8R-26L and the implementation of a modernized, commercial ground
transportation program to improve access and traffic flow and to yield greatly improved cost recovery highlighted by an annual revenue increase of over $1.2 million.

**Past Events**

**Belmont Shore Christmas Parade**

Saturday night, we had a great time participating in the 36th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas parade. The Grand Marshal was the Long Beach State's 2018 National Champion men's volleyball team. Thanks to Circle Porsche for providing us with a beautiful new 911 Carrera parade car!

Joe Jost's Annual "Lighting of the Antlers" - We Have a Winner!
Joe Jost's celebrated their annual "Lighting of the Antlers" on Saturday, December 1st at 3 pm. Part of the annual tradition is to guess how many of the 15 lights will actually light up. Congratulations to CD4 resident, Joe McDonald, for correctly guessing that 10 bulbs would light up. This is the second win for Joe, and we'll be sending him a Joe Jost's baseball cap.

4th Annual Lighting of the Letters

On Sunday afternoon, I stopped by Whaley Park for the the 4th Annual Lighting of the Letters. The largest crowd ever enjoyed a neighborhood potluck, holiday cheer and a visit from Santa. Neighbors also donated unwrapped toys for the California Children's Services Toy Drive. Thanks to the Los Altos Charitable Giving Fund for hosting the event and to all those who attended.
Annual Lighting of the Menorah at City Hall

The Long Beach City Council and Rabbi Binyomin Fajnland participated in our annual menorah lighting ceremony before Tuesday’s council meeting. You can watch the eight and a half minute lighting ceremony at the Facebook link below. Happy Hanukkah!

Fourth District Students at City Hall

Students from fifteen LBUSD elementary schools toured City Hall this week. We had three CD4 schools, Minnie Gant, Bryant and Prisk, visit us throughout the week. We gave them a tour of City Hall, the council members' offices and the Mayor's office. Thank you to the students, staff and parents who participated in the City Hall tour.
City Council Receives Report on Homelessness

In May, the City of Long Beach launched Everyone Home Long Beach (EHLB), a new initiative to address the statewide homelessness crisis and its impacts on Long Beach. The report will be coming to City Council next Tuesday night, and you can read the entire 32 pages of the report at this [link](#). You can also read the LBPost coverage [here](#) and the Press Telegram coverage [here](#).

Huge Turnout for Buffum TLC Special Event

Buffum Total Learning Center, along with the volunteer organization, Toys for All, held its first annual "Hack-a-Thon" event Wednesday night. Rainy weather did not deter a large number of volunteers and your councilman from attending. The event brought together community members, LBUSD Special Education Staff, high school robotic teams and graduate students from local universities to "hack" toys by making switches for them. Children within the LBUSD Specialized Health Care Program (SpHC) will be given a modified toy and switch for Christmas. Many of the SpHC students are not able to play with popular toys the way typically developing children do because their muscles won't let them hold and manipulate things in the same way. Participants of the "hack-a-thon" event will modify toys to be activated by a simple switch for independent play. The toys were boxed, wrapped, and topped with a Holiday card from Toys for ALL! If you would like to sponsor a toy & switch for $40 contact [lbusdtoy4all@gmail.com](mailto:lbusdtoy4all@gmail.com).
We Want to Hear From You!

We had another marathon city council meeting on Tuesday night that served as a reminder of the need for streamlining. Please take this two minute survey to share how the City can improve and make the council meetings more productive for everyone.
Rain Related Auto Theft Alert From LBPD

Auto thefts typically increase in rainy weather. If possible, secure your vehicle's doors, windows and park in well-lit areas, preferably driveways or garages. Check on your car's status often.

Upcoming Events

AFS Needs Volunteers on Tuesdays

AIDS Food Store is in need of volunteers to help with their Tuesday Distributions at 3935 East 10th Street in CD4. Duties will include set up, distribution of food and clean up. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 am - 12 pm or 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. No need to sign up, just drop by and help out as you are able. For more information, visit www.aidsfoodstore.org

Next on the Council Agenda

December 11th | 5 pm | 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

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 here and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Here are some agenda topics for Tuesday's city council meeting:

- The City Council will discuss a recommendation to receive and file a report from the Everyone Home Long Beach Task force.
- The City Council will consider a recommendation to Declare an Ordinance amending Title 21, Zoning Regulations, of the Long Beach Municipal Code to: (1) update regulations for religious assembly uses to be equal to, or more flexible than, other assembly uses; (2) classify different size assembly uses to be permitted, conditionally permitted, or not permitted in various zoning districts; (3) update development standards for religious assembly uses; and, (4) provide new definitions to ensure that land uses are categorized properly, ...
- The City Council will discuss a recommendation for design-build services for a public safety parking structure in the amount of $9,279,400, with a 10 percent
contingency in the amount of $927,940, for a total contract amount not to exceed $10,207,340. Authorize Public Works Department to initiate the realignment of the public safety fueling facility and the preliminary design for a new fleet maintenance facility, previously housed in the Lincoln Garage, in an amount not to exceed $500,000. Express intent to issue a bond to finance up to $13,300,000 for the costs associated with the construction of a public safety parking structure including project management, relocation of the fuel station, preliminary design of a police fleet maintenance facility, and costs associated with issuing a bond.

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

**Bethany Church Free Concert**  
**December 9th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 2250 Clark Avenue**

The Long Beach Community Band will be performing their "Prelude to Christmas" holiday concert this Sunday, December 9th at Bethany Church.

![Prelude to Christmas Poster](image)

**Lazy Acres Cookie Decorating Event**  
**December 15th | 10 am to 2 pm | 2080 Bellflower Blvd.**

Bring your little elves, and join us behind Lazy Acres Market for some holiday cheer! You will find live music by DJ HoneyMee & Kymberly Stewart Music, cookie decorating, Santa's elves craft center, a winter inspired photo booth, Winter Wonderland sensory center and some special visitors straight from the North Pole. Inside the store, Santa will be greeting visitors and offering photo opportunities. This is a totally free community event hosted by Macaroni Kid Long Beach and Lazy Acres Market.
**LBFD Training Center Graduation Ceremony**  
December 15th | 11 am - 2 pm | 2249 Argonne Ave.

On Saturday, December 15th, 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 2:00 pm. We apologize for any neighborhood inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

**Khmer Arts Academy's Open House**  
December 22nd | 1 pm - 3 pm | 1364 Obispo Ave

Experience Cambodian Culture through the creativity of young Cambodian-Americans! Free to the public and sponsored by the Port of Long Beach at the Khmer Arts Academy Studio in CD4.
And Finally

Christmas Tree Lighting Event Video

The Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau has produced a beautiful two minute video of the 2018 Mayor Tree Lighting that took place on Tuesday, November 27th. Check out the Santa Train that appears at the 38 second mark. I'm hoping we can borrow it for next year's Whaley Park Lighting of the Letters event.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

12/7 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/8 - Artist Trading Card, 12 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/11 - City Council Meeting, 5 pm, Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.
12/13 - Paper Airplane Mini Golf, 3:30 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/14 - Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/14 - Family Playtime, 11 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/14 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/15 - Lazy Acres Cookie Decorating Event, 10 am, Lazy Acres, 2080 Bellflower
12/18 - Special Holiday Storytime with Miss Carla, 2:30 pm, Los Altos Library
12/18 - City Council Meeting, 5 pm, Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd.
12/21 - Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/21 - Family Playtime, 11 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/21 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/26 - Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 pm, Los Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
12/28 - Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/28 - Family Playtime, 11 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim St.
12/28 - Coloring Club for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.