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

Energy Resources Explains December Price Hike

Last week, Long Beach Energy Resources (formerly LB Gas &
Oil) released a memorandum explaining the December increase in natural gas pricing. The memo was posted on their website and is available at this link. The memo stated that with the onset of cold weather, an increase in usage combined with the increased cost of gas drove the average residential customer increase in December 2018 to between $25 and $36 greater than in December 2017. Individual accounts varied. They are ready to assist its customers through this difficult period. Call Center staff can provide Payment Arrangement over several months. In addition to payment arrangement plans, the Department also offers a Level Pay Plan.

Past Events

CSULB Community Meeting - Conoley Follow Up

In last week’s GF!F newsletter, we covered the CSULB Community Update Meeting on proposed construction projects along the Atherton Corridor. We posted a link to the meeting presentation and the Beach Community website. What we didn’t have last week, but we have now, is President Jane Conoley’s perspective that was featured in the Grunion Gazette. You can read “Talking With the Community” at this link.

CD4 Monthly Community Meeting

On Wednesday night, we hosted our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. The guest speaker was Tony Foster, Manager of Business Operations, Long Beach Energy Resources (formerly LB Gas & Oil). He provided a very thorough explanation of the causes of the December gas bill increase that affected many customers. We greatly appreciate Tony Foster’s appearance on very short notice. Also thanks to Cub Scout Den 1 from Burcham Elementary School for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of our meeting.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Chocolate Glazed Doughnuts TODAY!
Friday's just got a lot more chocolatey! On the First Friday of every month, Krispy Kreme on Los Coyotes Diagonal will offer the wildly popular Chocolate Glazed Doughnuts. If you haven't had the chance to try one yet, it's Krispy Kreme's classic Original Glazed® Doughnut covered in rich chocolate glaze. The perfect start to any weekend.

**Krispy Kreme Valentine's Special**
On sale now thru Valentine's Day | 4760 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal

**Pilates X Studio 10 Year Anniversary Event Tomorrow!**
February 2nd | 11:30 am Ribbon Cutting | 5555 E. Stearns St. #108
Shakespeare Aloud at the Los Altos Library
February 2nd | 1 pm - 3 pm | 5614 E. Britton Dr.

Hark! The Los Altos Neighborhood Library is pleased to announce the third installment of their Shakespeare Aloud series in concert with the Carpenter Center! All are welcome Saturday to participate in readings of Shakespearean plays. Tomorrow, February 2nd, Henry VI, Part II - 2nd half will be read. Check the flyer at this link for additional information. Seeth thee th're!

Super Bowl Sunday - Go Go Go Rams!
February 3rd | Kickoff at 3:30 pm on KCBS

The L.A. Rams are in the Super Bowl for the first time in 39 years. They'll play the New England Patriots on Sunday at 3:30 pm. The favorite player of the District 4 office is Ram's kicker, Greg Zuerlein. Is that because of his game-tying field goal drive with less than two minutes left and then nailing a long-distance field goal for the win in the NFC Championship Game? No, we just like his jersey number.
Super Bowl Impaired Driver Enforcement

In an effort to flag those who choose to drive impaired, Long Beach Police Department will increase patrols Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3). Additional officers will be on the lookout for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. You can read LBPD's press release at this link.

Parks & Rec Opens Spring Classes Registration

February 4th | www.lbparks.org

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine will be opening registration for more than 400 Spring classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest, adult sports leagues and aquatics starting February 4th. The classes are listed in PRM’s spring "Recreation Connection" brochure, and run from March through May. Certain age requirements must be met for some classes. For more information on registration, visit www.lbparks.org or call (562) 570-3111.

Next on the Council Agenda

February 5th | 5 pm | 333 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start early at 4 p.m. for a special hearing on Refuse and Recycling Rates. The meeting will take place 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 are topics that will be discussed at Tuesday's city council meeting:

- Special Hearing on a recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record; receive public comment pursuant to Proposition 218; direct City Clerk to tabulate the written protests and report the results of the tabulation to the Mayor and City Council during the February 5, 2019 hearing; and, if a "majority protest" is not established, conclude the public hearing and adopt resolution establishing the Refuse and Recycling Rates under a two-step rate adjustment.

- The Council will discuss a recommendation to request City Manager and City Attorney to report back to the City Council on the next steps and timeline for implementation of the Ethics Commission, including any enacting ordinances or budget appropriations that may be required.

- The Council will consider a Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary, including a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA), with Eddie N John #1, LLC, a California limited liability company, and Youna Kim, a Sole Proprietor dba Eddie's Liquor #1 (collectively "Seller"), for the purchase of certain real property located at 6841-6845 Atlantic Avenue, Assessor Parcel Numbers 7116-019-029 and -036 (Subject Property), in the amount not to exceed $9,591,540.

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.
Bird Walk at the El Dorado Nature Center  
February 10th | 8 am - 10 am | 7550 E. Spring St.

Join El Dorado Audubon for a morning of birding along the beautiful Nature Center trails. Over 200 bird species have been documented at our urban nature park. No prior birding experience is necessary. All skill levels are welcome. Suggest bringing binoculars, field guide, hat, sturdy shoes and water. Meet at the Nature Center entrance gate. $7 parking fee (or annual park pass, which can be purchased at the Nature Center Museum).

We Love LB Citywide Breakfast  
February 16th | 9 - 11 am | Citywide

The We Love LB 6th annual Citywide Breakfast is February 16th from 9-11am. This event is a great way to get out and invite your neighbors over for coffee and donuts or pancakes & bacon. They provide a host kit to make the experience a little bit easier. This year, they are partnering with Rose Park Roasters to give each host a starter bag of coffee for their event with a special We Love LB Blend. For additional information, please check online or email at info@welovelb.org.

LBLL Opening Day Ceremonies  
February 23rd | 10 am | 4520 E. 23rd Street

Long Beach Little League’s Opening Day Saturday, February 23rd at Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd Street. The event will take place from 10 AM - 11:00 AM. Please feel welcome to attend and cheer on the kids as they start their season! For more information please visit the LBLL website.

Circle Audi & Circle Porsche Special Event!  
February 23rd | 11 am - 2:00 pm | 1919 N Lakewood Blvd

Our council office is honored, once again, to help sponsor this event to recognize our local Military and First Responders. Please join us for an afternoon of fun for the whole family
And Finally

Natural Gas Storage Facility at Spring & Junipero

At our community meeting last Wednesday night, we learned that Long Beach imports its natural gas supply from various sources. Tony Foster from LB Energy Resources explained that we no longer store natural gas locally. As shown at upper right in the photo below, the LB Gas Department once had huge natural gas storage facility. It was located on Junipero Ave. just south of Spring Street. You can see the photo taken from above the Traffic Circle that the huge black cylinder dominated the horizon. It was dismantled in the 1980’s as the capacity of the natural gas facility was outpaced by the growth of the city.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

2/3 - Yoga, 11 am, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St. - Register Online
2/5 - Robo Coders: Sphero Coding Challenges, 3:30 pm, Los Altos Library
2/5 - City Council Meeting, 5 pm, Long Beach City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd
2/6 - Healing Through Creativity, 5 pm, 2810 Long Beach Blvd, RSVP: 562-933-7815
2/7 - Coloring for Adults, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/8 - Toddler Story time, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/8 - Baby/Toddler Story time, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim
2/8 - Pre-school Story time, 11 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/9 - Drawing in Nature Class, 10 am, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St. - Register
2/9 - Young Explorers Tour, 1:30 pm, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St. - Register
2/10 - Audubon Bird Walk, 8 am, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St.
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