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**

**CSULB Community Update Meeting Follow Up**

Last Saturday, CSULB hosted a Community Update Meeting on proposed construction projects along the Atherton Corridor. Of special interest to CD4 residents were the University Alumni Center and the Atherton Street Residence Hall. CSULB representatives delivered a presentation and took questions from attendees including area residents and staff from CD3, CD4 and the State Assembly office. For those who were unable to attend, you can view the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting at this [link](#). We will also plan on hosting our own meeting on the topic in the near future. Contact our office with questions or check the CSULB's Beach Community [website](#).
Past Events

31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Last Saturday, we celebrated the 31st anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. I had the honor of walking with our own local civil rights trailblazer, Vice Mayor Dee Andrews. It was 60 years ago that Dee Andrews became the first African American to be elected Student Body President of Poly High School. To put that milestone in perspective, it was five years before the 1964 Civil Rights Act and three years before the first African American firefighter was hired by the LBFD. Congratulations to parade organizers on another successful event, and thank you Vice Mayor Dee Andrews!

MLK Day of Service With Two CD4 Projects

Thanks to some incredible organizing by CD4's Laura Som and Leadership Long Beach, we had two very successful projects in our council district. Dozens of volunteers made it a "Day on, not a Day off" as part of the MLK National Day of Service. For project #1 at the Maye Center, volunteers built a garden that will serve as a means of therapy for the community. At project #2, volunteers worked to revitalize the Gladys Avenue Urban Farm to provide food access and production to low income community members. While it was only one day of teamwork, these projects will serve the community for years to come. Thank you to all the volunteers, Leadership Long Beach and especially Laura Som for making this a very successful day of service.
Spires to Close for Good this Sunday Night

As we first told you in our June 8, 2018 newsletter, the Spires restaurant at Lakewood & Willow is being torn down to make way for three new businesses. Spires will be open this weekend until Sunday night at 9:00 pm. A Starbucks and an unnamed fast causal restaurant will replace Spires in the "PAD-1" location on the site plan (below). A Jack in the Box is slated for the "PAD-2" location north of a remodeled tire shop.
Federal Government Shutdown Relief

The City of Long Beach announced it will extend relief opportunities to Federal workers who are experiencing financial hardships and concerned with paying their utility bills, parking citations and other billing services, due to their unpaid status related to the partial Federal government shutdown. The City will provide payment arrangement assistance to these customers and households. You can read the entire Press Release for more information.

A CD4 resident, Kathy McGuire, is organizing a gift card drive for US Coast Guard members impacted by the Federal Government shutdown. Our office in City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., will serve as one of the drop off locations. You can read more about the effort in the Grunion Gazette.

In addition to the City's and your neighbors' efforts, a Fourth District business is also collecting gifts for LGB Airport staff affected by the Federal Government Shutdown. You can drop off gift cards at FreeConferenceCall.com located by the Traffic Circle.
Bike Light Giveaway & Bike Registration Event

The City hosted a bike registration and bike light giveaway Wednesday night at the corner of Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Thank you to Tony Cruz, Public Works Bike Ambassador, and the volunteers that organized and distributed the lights to residents. If you are interested in volunteering at a future Bike Light Giveaway and Bike Registration, please visit this [website](#)!

Presentation to Board of Water Commissioners

Thanks to the recent rains, the grass in the center of the Traffic Circle is currently very green and lush. Unfortunately, as illustrated in the photo below, the grass and trees take on a completely different look during drought conditions. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to present this dilemma to the Board of Water Commissioners at their monthly meeting. I briefed the commissioners on the historical significance of the Traffic Circle (built for the 1932 Olympics) and the importance of developing a sustainable plan for maintaining its aesthetics. We are hoping the LBWD can examine the feasibility of a "demonstration project" and work with other stakeholders to develop a future plan. The Traffic Circle is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans, but the City departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation & Marine are responsible for
maintenance. Thanks to LBWD General Manager, Chris Garner, and the Commission for the opportunity to present at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

LBSU Men's Volleyball Home Opener Tonight
January 25th | 7 pm | Walter Pyramid

LBSU Men's Volleyball home opener is tonight versus University of Southern California beginning at 7 pm. The first 1,000 fan will receive a replica Championship Banner. Tickets are available for purchase at this link, and parking is $9 for the event.

Volunteers Needed - WESCA Clean Up
January 26th | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th St. & Orizaba Ave.

Tomorrow, January 26th, the West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up. Volunteers are needed to work from
8:00 am to noon, and they could also use volunteers with pick up trucks. 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). Go Fourth!

Young Women’s Empowerment Conference 2019
January 26th | 9 am - 3 pm | 2180 Obispo Ave. in the 4th Council District

Congressman Alan Lowenthal (CA-47) will be hosting his 2019 Young Women’s Empowerment Conference for 7th and 8th grade students on January 26 at Browning High School in the Fourth District. This annual conference provides a space for young women to build leadership skills and interact with successful women of different ages and backgrounds. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity for young women to learn more about the options open to them and encourage thinking about creating their own pathway to success. To register for this conference, please visit their website.

Customer Appreciation Day at Lazy Acres
January 26th | 10 am - 4 pm | 2080 Bellflower Blvd.
Shakespeare Aloud at the Los Altos Library
January 26th | 1 pm - 3 pm | 5614 Britton Dr.

Hark! There was a nice turnout at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library on Saturday for the first of ten Shakespeare readings. The Shakespeare Aloud series will continue on Saturday, January 26th, with the second half of "Henry VI". Check the flyer at this link for additional information. Seeth thee th're!

Challenger Division Baseball Registration
Save the Date: January 30th - Fourth District Community Meeting

Fourth District Monthly Community Meeting
Wednesday, January 30th @ 5 PM
Los Altos Library | 5614 E. Britton Dr.

And Finally

Rounding Out the Fourth District

With the Spires Restaurant soon to be demolished, it's interesting to note that it was not the first area restaurant to be housed in a round building. That distinction goes to St. Clair's Circle that was built in the early 40's at the southeast edge of the Traffic Circle. We featured St. Clair's in a previous newsletter when Chick-fil-A was built on the same lot. We did not mention previously that St. Clair's was replaced (some 25 years after being demolished) with a nearly identical building on the exact same spot. Unlike St. Clair's, the original Toyota showroom stood at 4401 E. PCH for over 40 years.
Calendar of Upcoming Events

1/25 - LBSU Men's Volleyball vs USC (Home Opener), 7 pm, Walter Pyramid
1/26 - WESCA Clean Up, 8 am, Orizaba Avenue & 14th Street
1/26 - Young Women Empowerment Conference, 9 am, Browning HS, 2180 Obispo
1/26 - Book Club: The Astronaut Wives Club, 10 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim
1/26 - Customer Appreciation Day, 10 am, Lazy Acres, 2080 Bellflower Blvd.
1/26 - BARK Dogs, 11:30 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
1/26 - Shakespeare Aloud, 1 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
1/30 - Fourth District Community Meeting, 5 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/1 - Toddler Story time, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/1 - Baby/Toddler Story time, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 E. Anaheim
2/1 - Pre-school Story time, 11 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton Dr.
2/2 - Saturday Stewards, 10 am, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St.
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.
2/10 - Yoga, 11 am, El Dorado Nature, 7550 Spring St. - Register Online