



GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only | As of 8/21/20):

- 10,016 total positive results
 - 86 new cases since yesterday
 - Seven-day positivity rate (updated M/W/F): 7.8%
- 201 fatalities
- 74 people hospitalized
- Approximately 8,895 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 173,623 total tests conducted
- Information as of August 20



Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 133 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 20s
 - 4 were in their 40s

- 17 were in their 50s
- 47 were in their 60s
- 46 were in their 70s
- 55 were in their 80s
- 30 were over 90
- 88 female, 113 male
- All individuals had underlying health conditions

Today's Highlights:

- Effective immediately, the City is [extending the waiver of penalties](#) related to payment of certain City fees to help relieve the financial strain on local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Long Beach has [provided tips for avoiding small business grant scams](#) after learning that entities not affiliated with the City have made attempts to scam businesses seeking grants for relief from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the civil unrest that took place on May 31, 2020.
- The City has partnered with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to [place 16 Vote By Mail drop box locations in Long Beach](#) for the Presidential General Election.
- The City yesterday [announced tentative labor agreements](#) with five of the City's bargaining units. Each labor group voted overwhelmingly to ratify the tentative agreements.

Tracking the Curve:

- Information regarding positive cases, hospitalizations and demographic breakdown is available online at longbeach.gov/COVID19 and on the City's [digital dashboard](#), providing the most up-to-date information available.

Testing for Long Beach Residents:

- We strongly encourage all Long Beach residents who are interested in being tested to first contact their Primary Care Provider or Healthcare Center about receiving a test at their facility. If you do not have access to this care or are unable to contact them, free testing is available at CVS, Rite Aid and at City of Long Beach testing locations. More information on testing is available [here](#).

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current ["Safer at Home" Order](#) (8/13/20)

Past News Releases:

- To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the [City Press Release Archive](#). Releases include information about economic relief, help for people experiencing homelessness and updates regarding City operations.

The City of Long Beach continues to monitor the situation 24/7 in coordination with local, state and federal officials. For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's website at this [link](#).

Drive-Thru Businesses in the Fourth District

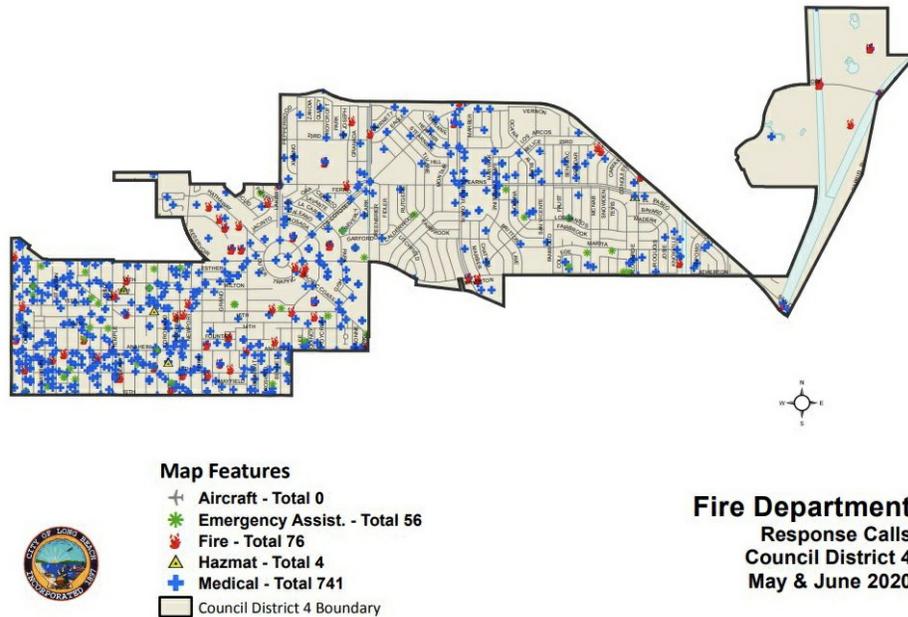
We currently have 25 drive-thrus in the Fourth Council District. You can grab food, go to the bank and pick up prescriptions without leaving your car. We have created a [list](#) of all the drive-thrus in District Four. Please call for operating hours.



Past Events

LBFD Calls for Service - May/June 2020

The Long Beach Fire Department has released the response calls data for May and June 2020. The Fourth District totals are listed in five categories: Aircraft - 0, Emergency Assist. - 56, Fire - 76, Hazmat - 4, Medical - 741. You can access LBFD maps of responses citywide at this [link](#).



Public Works, Library & LBPD Budget Hearings

On Tuesday, the City Council heard the proposed budget presentations from three departments: Public Works, Library Services and Police. Their presentations are available at this [link](#). City Council will vote on budget approval in September.



Hazmat Emergency Closes Atherton and Fire Station 22

Wednesday morning, someone left a 5-gallon bucket of pool chlorine on the porch of Fire Station 22 near Atherton and Palo Verde. That brought a full-scale hazmat response that required LBPD to block traffic on Atherton between Palo Verde and Merriam Way. Responding LBFD apparatus included Battalion 2, Engine 19, Rescue 18 and Hazmat 24. The LB Health Department also responded and removed the chlorine. While it's great that the chlorine tablets weren't placed in a refuse cart, a fire station porch is not a proper method of disposal. One option would be to use the HHW Event hosted by EDCO. See the item below under Upcoming Events for information.



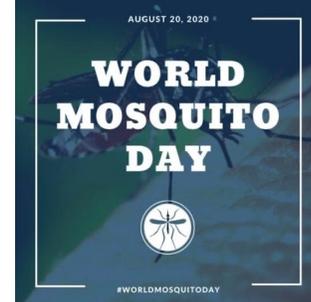
Business License Fee Penalty Waiver Announced

On August 4th, I introduced a council agenda item requesting financial relief for Long Beach businesses impacted by COVID-19. The item passed unanimously, and we now have a policy change. Yesterday, it was announced that, effective immediately, the City is extending the waiver of penalties related to payment of any business license bill issued from March 16, 2020, through October 31, 2020. Bills issued during that time should still be paid, but no penalty will accrue until after October 31st. This policy follows direction from CD4's agenda item requesting the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of certain business licensing renewal fees. You can read yesterday's press release at this [link](#).



World Mosquito Day August 20th

Yesterday, August 20th, was World Mosquito Day (WMD). They may not be Weapons of Mass Destruction, but these tiny insects kill more than 700,000 people every year. They are the world's deadliest animal and account for 17% of the estimated global burden of infectious diseases. The Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services is using the occasion to remind everyone of some tips on how to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. Remember to remove standing water, use EPA registered insect repellent and clean bird baths and pet water bowls. Additional information is available on the LBDHHS Vector Control Program [website](#).



Tips on How to Prevent the Spread of Mosquito-Borne Diseases



-  Dump water from potted plant saucers.
-  Limit the watering of lawns and outdoor plants.
-  Empty containers filled with water in and around the home.
-  Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls at least once a week.
-  Ensure that water-related play areas are properly maintained.
-  Install screens on doors and windows.
-  Use an EPA registered insect repellent such as DEET to prevent mosquito bites.

LBPL To-Go at the Los Altos Library

Starting August 18th | Tuesdays - Saturdays | 10 am - 1 pm

Beginning August 18th, LBPL To-Go will be available at the Los Altos Library. LBPL To-Go is the library's contactless pick-up service for books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks that aligns with the State and County's Phase 2 reopening plan for libraries. For more information please visit LBPL's [website](#).



Upcoming Events

F/A-18 Operations at LGB This Weekend

Fri - Sat - Sun | August 21st - 23rd | Long Beach Airport

The U.S. Marine Corps has informed LGB that four F/A-18 aircraft will be conducting training operations at Long Beach Airport this weekend. The four aircraft arrived this afternoon, August 21st at 1:00 pm. They will conduct a few training operations on Saturday and



Sunday and are planning to depart LGB in the afternoon on Sunday, August 23rd. All times are tentative and subject to change. LGB will be informing the community via WebTrak, social media and their website. The aircraft will use noise abatement procedures when operating near Long Beach. These procedures include modified arrival and departure flight profiles and minimum use of afterburners.



Public Safety Committee Meeting POSTPONED

August 21st | 2 pm - 4 pm | Online

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The Public Safety Committee meeting that was scheduled to take place this afternoon has been postponed. We don't have a date for the next meeting, but we will announce it in our newsletter when we do. The committee has met on a monthly basis since the civil unrest of May 31st. The next meeting agenda will be available at this [link](#).

EDCO Hazardous Household Waste Event

August 22nd | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave., Signal Hill

The Long Beach Recycles team has announced their Hazardous Household Waste and E-Waste events are back on the regular schedule. The semi-monthly events held at EDCO Recycling & Transfer were canceled from April to July due to the Safer at Home order. Here's your chance to get rid of cleaners, paints, electronic devices, lawn products and auto products. A full list of acceptable items is at this [link](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Nail polish, nail polish remover, and hair spray are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and should be disposed of responsibly.

Next HHW & E-Waste
Collection Event:
Tomorrow | 9 am - 2 pm
2755 California Ave.



How to Schedule a Special Pickup

"Make a call and we'll do a haul!" That's the new catch phrase Public Works is using to encourage residents to schedule a special collection. If you have bulky or oversized items that won't fit into your gray trash cart, you can call (562) 570-2876 to schedule a special pickup. Better yet, log onto the website at this [link](#) and submit a request online. You'll need your account number from your utilities statement to fill out the online form. City-serviced refuse customers can schedule up to four pickups per year for FREE!

GOT ITEMS TOO BIG FOR YOUR TRASH CART?

SCHEDULE A BULKY ITEM PICKUP



City-serviced refuse customers can
schedule up to 4 pickups per year at no additional cost.

Next on the Council Agenda

August 25th | 3:30 pm | Teleconference

The City Council teleconference will start at 3:30 pm. The civic chambers will be closed, but the public can use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Here are two items on the agenda:

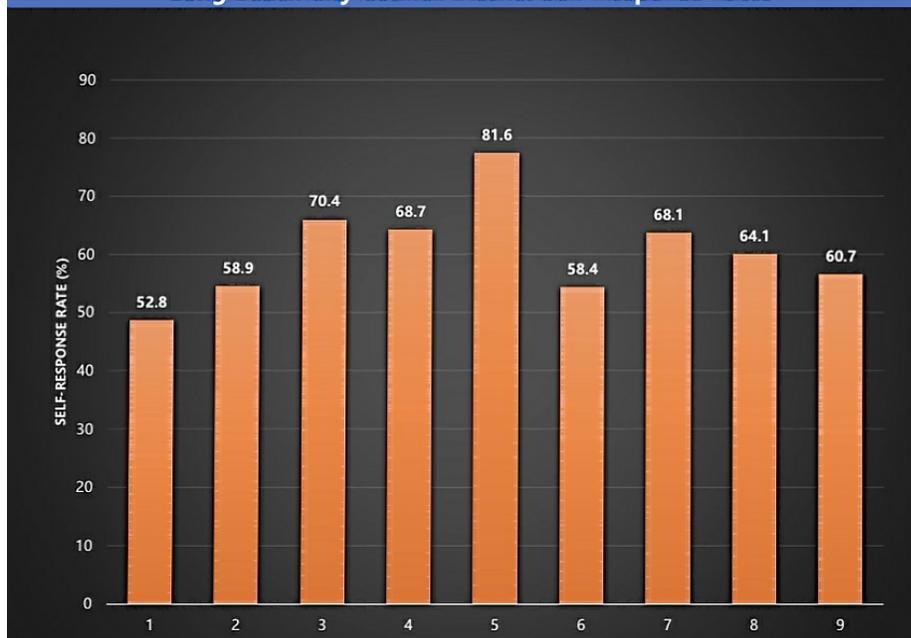
- Recommendation to request City Council to create a CCA or join the Clean Power Alliance, and file an implementation plan by the end of the year.
- Recommendation to receive and file a report on the feasibility of a Long Beach Community Choice Aggregation (CCA); Defer for two years any decision whether to participate in a CCA, or possibly sooner if new information becomes available solidifying benefits, to allow for increased stability in the California electricity market and reduce potential risk to residents and businesses; Direct City Manager to perform community outreach regarding the CCA concept along with potential benefits and risks to customers, as well as to gain feedback on how supportive the community might be of a Long Beach CCA; Direct City Manager to prepare a study that analyzes CCA governance options including forming a stand-alone City enterprise, creating a new Joint Powers Authority (JPA) with another interested public agency, or joining an existing JPA; Direct City Manager to continue to monitor the energy market and related regulations and report to the City Council annually or sooner if substantial market changes occur; and Direct City Manager to continue the City's partnership with Southern California Edison to raise awareness of existing programs that provide Long Beach residents and businesses with various options to purchase a greater mix of renewables and utilize energy more efficiently. (Citywide)

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

New Deadline Established for 2020 Census

As we reported in last week's newsletter, the U.S. Census Bureau Director issued a statement that included a new end date for the 2020 Census of September 30, 2020. This means that, as of today, we have a total of 41 days left to complete field data collection. That's plenty of time to deliver a complete and accurate 2020 Census count. You can read the full press release from the Bureau Director at this [link](#). There is also a link to fill out your census in the press release. CD4 district is doing great compared to the other council districts, but we could do better. As the graph below indicates, we are currently in third place amongst the nine districts.

Long Beach City Council District Self-Response Rates



Information as 8/14/20

And Finally

CSULB Unveils New Mascot "Elbee"

On Monday, CSULB introduced their new shark mascot, Elbee. The video below was posted on Twitter, and the Daily 49er newspaper covered the details in an article at this [link](#). In our May 17, 2019 Go Fourth! Friday newsletter, we covered the retirement of Prospector Pete and wondered if Fire Station 22's mascot would change. The fire station is located at the N/E corner of the campus, and their mascot bears a striking resemblance to Prospector Pete. A change might be possible, but it's hard to envision a shark wearing a fire helmet. Another feature of the Station 22 logo, just above the Walter Pyramid, is a pair of geese. We've heard they represent one of the challenges for the crews of Engine 22. When accidents on the 405 Freeway are reported with inaccurate locations, it can be a "wild goose chase" trying to find the vehicles.





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