



# 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](mailto:district4@longbeach.gov).

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



## Past Events

### Another Successful WESCA Clean Up

Casey Carver normally gets "all hands on deck" for the monthly WESCA Clean Up, but last Saturday's event had a different type of nautical theme. Among the items picked up were eleven refrigerators, three water heaters, mattresses, couches, building materials, tree branches and a BOAT! Local neighbors and businesses alerted WESCA to the abandoned vessel, and it was reported to the Long Beach Police Department. Our office supplies a roll off dumpster each month, and it was filled to capacity. Please join the WESCA volunteers at the next clean up on Saturday, March 28th from 8am to noon.



## 68th Annual LBLL Opening Day Ceremony

Saturday morning, I had the honor of participating in the Long Beach Little League Opening Day Ceremony at Stearns Champions Park. Having played Little League baseball as a kid at Stearns Park, it's always a very special treat for me to attend this annual event. Thanks to the LBLL Board for the invitation, and thanks to all the volunteers, parents and players for attending. Pictured below are Brent Poppen throwing the ceremonial first pitch with catcher Tommy Pincerelli.



## Cambodian Consul General Hosts Disaster Preparedness Workshop

Saturday afternoon, I attended a workshop focused on disaster preparedness and business recovery plan programs. It was held at the Royal Honorary Consulate General of Cambodia in California offices in our 4th district. Along with gaining valuable information from the workshop, it was my first opportunity to see the beautifully renovated office building at 3448 E. Anaheim St. Thank you to the Hon. Consul General of Cambodia, Kim Chha Hout, for the invitation.



## Long Beach Pony Baseball Opening Day

Sunday afternoon, I participated in the Long Beach Pony Baseball Opening Day Ceremony at Whaley Park. We were excited to debut the improvements including a new snack shack and refurbished restrooms. Pictured below are Assemblyman O'Donnell; LBPB alumnus, Chase De Jong; LBPB President, Ken Jakemer; Parks & Rec Commissioner, Ben Goldberg and Councilman Supernaw. Good luck to all the teams this season. For more information on the league, please visit LBPB's [website](#).



## Fourth District Community Meeting with LBPD

Wednesday night, we hosted our monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. LBPD East Division Commander, Pat O'Dowd, provided neighborhood crime stats and answered questions from the audience. We hope to see you at our next community meeting on Wednesday, March 25th at the Los Altos Library at 5 pm.



## Beach Streets University Community Meeting at Whaley Park

Long Beach Special Events hosted a community meeting on Beach Streets University. They discussed the road closures, how businesses in the area could participate and answered questions from the audience. Beach Streets University is taking place on Saturday, March 21st from 10 am to 4 pm along Atherton, Bellflower, Los Coyotes Diagonal and Spring St. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.



## Traffic Circle Road Construction Update

This week, Caltrans installed K-rails in preparation for lane reconfiguration around the traffic circle. The first phase involves moving the storm drains and adjusting the curbs around the perimeter of the central island. Bulbouts will be created on the east and west sides of the circle where PCH intersects the circle. If you have not driven around the traffic circle this week, be prepared for some major changes. The K-rails completely block the innermost lane on the east and west sides of the circle. This forces traffic to merge right at both PCH entrances/exits. Traffic on the west side of the circle at PCH is restricted to a single lane.



## City Holds Coronavirus (COVID-19) Media Briefing

Thursday afternoon, the City of Long Beach held a Coronavirus Briefing at the Long Beach Health Department. Mayor Robert Garcia and Long Beach City Health Officer, Dr. Anissa Davis, provided an updated report on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide practical guidance for residents. Also providing information was Communicable Disease Controller (and 4th district resident), Emily Holman. She indicated daily calls are conducted with the CDC and neighboring jurisdictions to discuss changing guidelines. She also said that the situation is rapidly evolving. Coronavirus causes fever, cough shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. It can also lead to pneumonia. Death is rare and those most at risk are older adults and those with underlying health conditions. Most of the people infected recover within two weeks. Additional information is available at this [link](#).



LB Post photo

## Upcoming Events

### Closed Session: City Manager Appointment

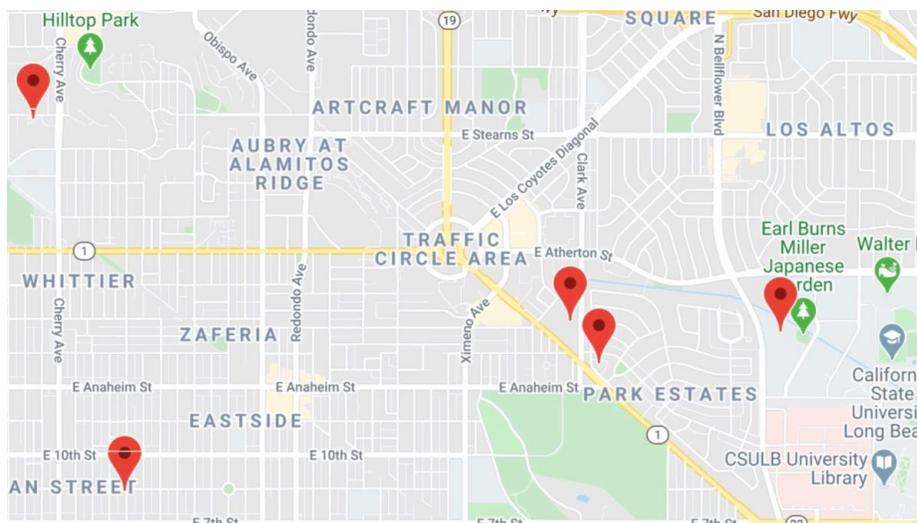
The City Council convened in a closed session this morning at 11 am, and the meeting will conclude this evening. The topic of the closed session is the appointment of the next City Manager. A final decision is not anticipated today, but there will be a determination of next steps. An announcement on hiring a new city manager will be made during a future open session council meeting.



## Pyramid Added to Vote Center Locations

Feb 22 - March 3rd | Various Locations

The new voting period will provide 11-day and 4-day vote centers, and they will open starting February 22nd and February 29th, respectively. Use this [link](#) to access a map of the local vote centers including the CSULB Pyramid. All vote centers will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, March 3rd. Voters will be able to cast their ballot at any vote center countywide.



## City Council Meeting on March 3rd Cancelled

Next week's City Council Meeting has been cancelled because of the election. You can see the schedule and agendas for all upcoming city meetings at this [link](#). Voting Centers for the election have been open since February 22nd and will remain open until 8 pm on March 3rd. See the item above for a list of voting centers.



## Free Tax Return Preparation by CSULB Students

Now thru March 27th | 1250 Bellflower Blvd.

Have you heard of the VITA program? Every year, certified English and Spanish speaking CSULB student volunteers provide free income tax return preparation for taxpayers with an income level of \$54,000 or less. The event runs through March 27. More information is available at this [link](#).



## Free Shred Event at Vet's Stadium

March 7th | 9 am - 11 am | Vet's Memorial Stadium

The City of Long Beach is hosting a free shredding event to help residents securely dispose of confidential documents and more. There will be a mobile shredding truck on-site (until truck is full). There is a 3 box maximum per car. They will accept: confidential documents, white or colored paper, manila file folders, staples and paperclips, CDs, hard drives, cell phones, envelopes, cardboard, 3-ring binders and credit cards.



## 18th Annual Long Beach Shaves for Kids

March 14th | 10 am - 3 pm | 2201 Cherry Ave

Long Beach Firefighters Association 372 are shaving their heads to raise money for childhood cancer research tomorrow, Saturday, March 23rd. The St. Baldrick's Foundation has raised more than \$200 million toward childhood cancer research. Events specifically occurring in Long Beach have raised more than \$1 million. To learn more about the event or to donate please visit their [website](#).



## And Finally

### Traffic Circle Changing After 88 years

The Alamitos Traffic Circle has used the same configuration since it was built in 1932. The three-lane capacity, whether there were lane markers or not, has remained

consistent. As shown in the vintage photo below, the width of the marked lanes from curb to curb was the same as it is today. Removing the lane markers, as shown in current photo of the west side of the circle, did not affect the overall width of the roadway. All that is about to change. The new design will reduce the overall width and reduce the number of lanes. Time will tell if the changes produce the desired results.



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 3/3 - Election Day**, 7 am - 8 pm, Various Locations
- 3/3 - Writer's Workshop**, 4:30 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 E. Britton Dr.
- 3/4 - Kids Cafe: Book Club**, 3:30 pm, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.
- 3/5 - Coloring for Adults**, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- 3/6 - Toddler Storytime**, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- 3/6 - Toddler Storytime & Playtime**, 10:30 am, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.
- 3/6 - Pre-school Storytime**, 11 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- 3/6 - Movie Matinee**, 1 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- 3/7 - Shakespeare Aloud**, 1 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton
- 3/8 - Audubon Bird Walk**, 8 am, El Dorado Nature Center
- 3/10 - City Council Meeting**, 5 pm, City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

**3/10 - Family Night Walk**, 7 pm, El Dorado Nature Center

**3/12 - Coloring for Adults**, 3 pm, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

**3/12 - Shamrock Slime**, 4 pm, Brewitt Library, 4036 Anaheim St.

**3/13 - Toddler Storytime**, 10 am, Los Altos Library, 5614 Britton

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