



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

Hot Topics

4th of July Holiday Weekend Closures

Friday July 3rd & Saturday July 4th | All Day | Citywide

The City of Long Beach has announced its closures in observance of Independence Day today, July 3rd, and tomorrow, July 4th. Long Beach City Hall is closed today, July 3rd, and street sweeping and enforcement violations will not occur. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, July 6th. Refuse and recycling collection will occur per the normal schedule. All Long Beach Public Libraries (LBPL) will continue to be closed. El Dorado Nature Center is open today, but it will be closed tomorrow, July 4th. For a complete list of closures, check the City's press release at this [link](#).



Latest Updates and Public Portal for Reporting Illegal Fireworks

The professional fireworks shows, such as the Big Bang on the Bay and the firework show over the historic Queen Mary, will not occur this year, due to the ongoing health

emergency and to prevent large gatherings that are prohibited under the State order. Block parties will also not be permitted for similar reasons. Events like fireworks shows and block parties encourage large gatherings, and such gatherings are not permitted, per the State of California.

In partnership with City Prosecutor's office, the City has launched proactive initiatives to prosecute people who possess, discharge, sell, or store fireworks in Long Beach. The City Prosecutor has launched a [public portal](#) for reporting and submitting gathered evidence of the discharge of illegal fireworks. You will be asked for your email address, name, address and phone number, so it is not an anonymous complaint submission. This public portal is also not intended to replace calling the police when fireworks are being set off in your neighborhood, but it is an additional tool to gather evidence that can be used by police and prosecutors. Please continue to call dispatch to report illegal fireworks at 562-435-6711.



COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only | as 7/2/2020):

- 4,379 total positive results
- 134 fatalities
- 78 people hospitalized
- Approximately 3,005 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- Data dashboard updated July 1



Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 101 are associated with long-term care facilities
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 40s
 - 8 were in their 50s
 - 27 were in their 60s
 - 31 were in their 70s
 - 43 were in their 80s
 - 23 were over 90
- 58 female, 76 male
- All individuals had underlying health conditions
- At this time, to avoid risk to patient privacy, no further details will be provided

Long-Term Care Facility Case Information:

- 929 positive cases have been confirmed at a total of 30 long-term care facilities (LTCF) in the city since the start of the pandemic (see attachment).
 - Thirty is a cumulative number; the Health Department is currently monitoring long-term care facilities with active cases. These cases include both facility

residents and staff members (who may not be residents).

- Long Beach has a total of 71 LTCFs, including assisted living and skilled nursing, that are currently open and operating in the city.
- In line with the California Department of Public Health's standard for [listing skilled nursing facilities](#) with positive cases, the City is listing facilities currently experiencing outbreaks (more than two cases of COVID-19) including counts for health care workers and residents.

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:

- Diagnostic testing in Long Beach is available for anyone with symptoms of COVID-19. Certain locations are also testing essential workers who may have been exposed but are not showing symptoms. Same or next day appointments can be made online and are prioritized for those 65 years or older; individuals with underlying chronic health conditions; and first responders, critical government workers, grocery workers, and health care professionals. More information is available [here](#).
- In an effort to expand testing availability, Long Beach residents who do not have symptoms for COVID-19 can get tested at the Cabrillo High School location beginning Saturday, May 30. The testing site is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., seven days a week and [appointments](#) are required.
- Many medical providers are also offering testing. Please check with your physician for requirements and scheduling opportunities.

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current ["Safer at Home" Order](#) (7/1/20)

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](#).

Re-Closure of Bars, Beaches & Indoor Dining

Last Sunday, Governor Newsom announced the mandatory closure of bars in Los Angeles County in order to limit the spread of COVID-19. The governor cited the social nature of bars amongst other reasons for the action that are listed in the City's [press release](#). On Monday, the City announced that, in alignment with L.A. County, [beaches will be closed](#) for the holiday weekend. This includes piers, beach parking lots, beach access ways, bathrooms and beach bike and pedestrian paths. Finally, on Wednesday, the governor mandated the closure of indoor dining and indoor museum spaces in L.A. County. The City issued a [press release](#) and updated the 151-page health order.



Grocery Stores in the Fourth District

All stores are getting regular shipments of food, and they are restocking shelves each day. However, some stores are restricting entry to prohibit overcrowding which may lead to longer wait times outside the store. Special operating hours for adults 65+ and people with disabilities are indicated in red 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.



Rental Assistance for Tenants Impacted by COVID-19

City Council approved an [Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#) specifically for qualifying tenants impacted by COVID-19. The Long Beach CARES program will provide up to \$1,000 per month of rental assistance payments for up to three months on behalf of qualifying Long Beach residents who have lost income due to COVID-19 and meet federal low-income requirements. The monthly assistance payments will be provided directly to landlords or property owners on behalf of qualifying residents and be applicable to rent due during the eligible period from March 27, 2020, until the end of the City's Safer at Home Order. More information is on the City's [website](#).



Past Events

Citation Dismissal Extended Through July 18th

Street Sweeper parking citations issued to residents during the period of May 18th through the newly extended date of July 18th are eligible for dismissal. This only applies to street sweeping citations as other parking laws have continued to be enforced. Instructions for dismissing street sweeping fines are on the back of the citation.



Fourth District Business Grants

City Council approved the allocation of Fourth District One-time Priority Funds for a District Restart Grant Program to assist CD4 businesses damaged by the events of May 31st. Impacted business owners will be able to apply for a Business Restart (SBR) grant up to \$2000. Learn more or apply for a SBR Grant [here](#).



Public Safety Committee Meetings June 23 & July 14

On June 23rd, we held a Public Safety Committee that included reports from Police and Fire on their responses to protests and civil unrest on May 31st. This included a Q&A session where I asked Chief Luna twenty questions about LBPD's preparations, deployment and actions. You can access an audio recording of the 2-hour meeting at this [link](#). A follow up Public Safety Committee is scheduled for July 14th from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. With the local and national conversations around policing, the committee's role will continue to be important in discussing these topics and making recommendations to the full City Council.

Upcoming Events

Krispy Kreme InDOUGHpendence Day Celebration!

July 3rd & 4th | 6 am - 10 pm | 4760 Los Coyotes Diagonal



Goodwill Store \$2 Sale Today and Tomorrow!

July 3rd & 4th | 10 am - 5 pm | 1130 Redondo Ave. in CD4

Happening Now! The Goodwill \$2 clothing sales is taking place today and tomorrow. Pick up jeans, jackets, shorts, skirts, dresses, shirts and more for only 2 bucks!



Next on the Council Agenda

July 7th | 5 pm | Teleconference



The City Council teleconference will start at 5 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 three items on the agenda:

- Recommendation to direct City Manager to work with the Fire Chief to present a report on the status of Long Beach's H.E.A.R.T. in 30 days and to include data on calls of service, proactive contact with individuals experiencing homelessness, and the Continuum of Care Partners.
- Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all appropriate departments to include commercial small business rent relief as part of any future rent relief funding initiatives provided by the City.
- Recommendation to request City Manager to engage California State Lands Commission and other stakeholders regarding potential modifications to the Oil Barrel Production tax; Request City Attorney to prepare all necessary documents to place a ballot question on the November 2020 ballot for an increase in the Oil Barrel Production Tax and to work with the City Manager to provide options and financial impact on the amount of the tax and mechanisms for a progressive tax that increases over time and for a resolution defining the City Council's intent for use of the funds; and Request City Manager and City Attorney to explore the feasibility of preparing a ballot advisory question on whether to reinvest future cannabis revenue into economic equity, health equity, and youth investments, and to further strengthen our cannabis equity program to expand equitable ownership opportunities.

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

Framework for Reconciliation Community Town Hall

July 9th at 5:30 pm & July 12th at 4:00 pm | Online

Town Hall sessions allow for a larger numbers of community members to share their experiences, feedback and ideas with City of Long Beach leadership. In an effort to accommodate as many people as possible, three minutes will be allowed for each participant to speak. All sessions will be recorded and posted online. For additional information, please check this [link](#).



The Long Beach Challenge Fundraiser



The Long Beach Challenge is an online auction to raise funds for Meals on Wheels of Long Beach and The Long Beach Education Foundation. More than 45 auction items are open for bidding and additional auction packages are being added. The auction will be open for bidding through July 15 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Rhonda at Meals on Wheels of Long Beach at 562-439-5000 or rhonda@mowlb.org. Visit the [website](#) to donate and/or sign up to bid on packages.

Long Beach to offer "Recreation Reimagined"

July 6th - August 9th | 9 am - 4 pm | 22 sites citywide

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) summer youth and teen programs for 2020 will feature greatly reduced fees, lower staff-to-camper ratios and enhanced safety protocols. "[Recreation Reimagined](#)" camps will take place at 22 sites across the city and offer a variety of recreational, educational enrichment and fitness activities. Camps will operate weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from July 6 through August 28 at a cost of \$30 per week (down from \$115 per week). Extended care is available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for an additional \$20 per week. Youth scholarships will be available to Long Beach families who may need assistance affording the weekly camp fee. For information on scholarships, call 562.570.3150.

CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

Recreation Reimagined

Youth Summer Program 2020

Ages 5-12 • July 6-August 28

LB Parks Summer Food Service Program

June 15 - August 21 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Including Whaley, Stearns & Orizaba

The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide free, nutritious meals to Long Beach children and youth throughout the summer months. Beginning June 15 through August 21, 2020, PRM will provide free meals for children and youth Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (excluding Friday, July 3, 2020). Meals will be available to all attending children and youth between one and 18 years old. Infant meals will not be provided. To view the complete list of locations where meals will be provided and for more information, visit the [PRM website](#) or call the Summer Food Office at 562.570.3226.



JUNE 15 - AUGUST 21, 2020

**FREE
LUNCH**

And Finally

An Elephant Never Forgets Her Face Covering

We've featured Lucy the Elephant in past newsletters, but we had not seen her out and about lately due to the Safer at Home Order. It's nice to know that she is practicing physical distancing in her Los Altos home and wearing a COVID-19 mask. Lucy also serves as a reminder this weekend that fireworks and pets do not mix. Please be aware that All Fireworks Are Illegal in Long Beach! Lucy has a trunk full of ideas from the City of Long Beach on how to celebrate safety. You can check them out in this [video](#).



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