



# 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



## COVID-19 Updates

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

#### By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 8,142 total positive results
- 177 fatalities
- 97 people hospitalized
- Approximately 6,650 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- Data dashboard updated July 30

#### Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 121 are associated with long-term care facilities
- Ages:
  - 2 were in their 20s
  - 2 were in their 40s
  - 13 were in their 50s
  - 39 were in their 60s



- 42 were in their 70s
- 54 were in their 80s
- 25 were over 90
- 81 female, 96 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:**

- 1,186 positive cases have been confirmed at a total of 32 long-term care facilities (LTCF) in the city since the start of the pandemic (see attachment).
  - Thirty-two 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](http://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](#) (7/13/20)

### **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](#).

## **Outdoor Dining Spots in District 4 - Artcraft Manor**

With the re-closing of indoor dining announced on July 1st, many CD4 restaurants have geared up with outdoor dining areas in their parking lots. Others have established new outdoor dining areas by utilizing the City's "Parklet Program". We'll be highlighting these restaurants in the coming weeks. Today, we're featuring two restaurants in the Artcraft Manor neighborhood north of the traffic circle. They include The Marketplace Grill Cafe at 4750 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal and The Potholder Cafe P3 at 2246 Lakewood Blvd. Stop by and enjoy the outdoor dining experience and support a local CD4 business at the same time.



Potholder Cafe



Marketplace Grill Cafe

## 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.



## Past Events

### A Note About Last Week's Newsletter

Due to a "glitch" with Constant Contact, the July 24th edition of the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter was delivered three hours late. Instead of our regular 1:30 pm distribution time, subscribers did not receive the newsletter until 4:30 pm. The issues occurred systemwide according to Constant Contact. It was the first time we've had such a delay in more than five years and 274 weekly editions. We apologize for last Friday's inconvenience and thank you for your readership. If you know someone who would like to subscribe, please use this [link](#).



## Rent Moratorium Extended Through September



On July 14th, City Council voted unanimously to extend the rent and eviction moratorium through September 2020. Tenants will still need to provide proof that they've been impacted by COVID-19 to utilize the rent deferral option. With the revised moratorium, rents due between April and September can be deferred, but the entire balance is due July 31st, 2021. On average, that amount would be a total of \$9,000 for tenants who have deferred payment for each of the six months. Council also approved my friendly amendment requesting correspondence to be sent to Congress and State representatives asking for mortgage relief for property owners who have lost revenue from renters who have been unable to pay partial or complete rent payments

## Street Sweeper Citation Waiver Extended

On July 15th, the street sweeper citation waiver program, previously scheduled to expire, was extended indefinitely. The issue will return to Council for direction on how to proceed at a later date. For now, residents who have received a street sweeping citation, and are experiencing COVID-19 related financial hardships, can request to have their fines waived by following the instructions 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](#).



## ConnectedLB Platform

Long Beach residents, do you need access to low-cost Internet services, computers or digital literacy resources? Check out [ConnectedLB](#), a centralized online platform to connect to digital inclusion resources. Long Beach residents may qualify for low-cost Internet services and computers based on verification of income status and household participation in public benefit programs. To access the platform, Long Beach residents can visit: [everyoneon.org/longbeach](http://everyoneon.org/longbeach).



## Upcoming Events

### F/A-18 Operations at LGB This Weekend

July 31st - August 2nd | Long Beach Airport



The U.S. Marine Corps has informed LGB that two F/A-18 aircraft will be conducting training operations at the airport this weekend. The two F/A-18 aircraft will conduct a few training operations on Saturday and are planning to depart in the morning on Sunday, August 2nd, but all times are tentative and subject to change. LGB will be informing the community via WebTrak, social media and their website. Included in the messages to the community will be a reminder that these aircraft are exempt from noise regulations. 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.

### Delta to Resume Flights at LGB Tomorrow

Yesterday, the Long Beach Airport announced that Delta Air Line's recently published schedule indicates it will resume flights from LGB on August 1st, a month ahead of schedule. The carrier will initially operate two daily nonstop flights to Salt Lake City with service expected to increase to five daily flights (destinations not yet determined) beginning October 1st. In response to JetBlue's recent announcement that it will relinquish the remainder of its flight slots in October, LGB will commence the formal process of redistributing the 17 permanent slots via an established waiting list that already includes Delta, Hawaiian and Southwest. Other certificated air carriers have until August 28th to request to be added to the waiting list so that they may participate in the allocation process.



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### Census 2020 - Cambodian Car Caravan Tomorrow

The United Cambodian Community and the Cambodian Complete Count Committee will be outside doing a Census Car Caravan on Saturday, August 1st at 11 am - 1 pm. They will have goodie bags and will be promoting the 2020 Census to the community in central Long Beach. Please visit [www.mycensus2020.gov](http://www.mycensus2020.gov) and be counted!

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### Next on the Council Agenda

August 4th | 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

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provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: [CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov). Here are three items on the agenda:

- Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to request City Manager to work with all other appropriate departments, to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a temporary suspension of the health, fire and business licensing renewal fees for restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Subsection 8.100.030.A. and Section 8.100.040; each relating to the temporary prohibition of evictions due to COVID-19; declaring the urgency thereof; and declaring that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

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

## 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.



## Take the Budget Survey for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The City of Long Beach has an average annual budget of approximately \$3 billion. Priorities for our council office include the continued restoration of Fire Engine 17 and a fire academy in February 2021. About 80% of the annual budget is tied to designated funds that limit how the funding can be used. The remaining 20% of the budget pays for most of the City's public resources such as streets and sidewalks, police patrol, fire response, parks and recreation, and library services. Early budget



projections anticipated a shortfall, and this has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 response and lost revenue sources. In total, the FY 21 budget must resolve a \$30 million deficit. The [budget prioritization survey](#) is another opportunity to share feedback with the City Council about what items should be prioritized.

## And Finally

### La Plaza Street In Council District 4

It may be the least known street name in CD4 if not the entire city. It is certainly the most traveled street with a name that is unknown to its users. If you've ever been to the Potholder Cafe #3, Primary Care Animal Hospital or Pupazzo Dog Grooming, you've traveled on La Plaza Street. The businesses have Lakewood Blvd. addresses, but they sit on La Plaza Street. It runs diagonally between Stearns and Lakewood just N/E of the intersection. You may have used it simply as a right turn cut-through from westbound Stearns St. to northbound Lakewood Blvd. It has served the Artcraft Manor neighborhood for 75 years, and it's had a variety of attractions over time. One of the most popular was Taco Bell built in the mid-1960's. It was an original mission style building complete with a fire pit. Pupazzo Dog Grooming now occupies the Taco Bell location. Across the street was a Dari-Delite restaurant that later became OK Burgers. The Potholder Cafe now occupies the original building. On the corner of Lakewood & Stearns was a bar called the Rocket Room. It was later named the Silly Goose and The Local Pub before being torn down to make way for the animal hospital. In the 1950's, the parking lot at the northern end of La Plaza Street was used for the Long Beach Public Library Bookmobile. It was there every Monday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. as a mobile library for the neighborhood including students from Buffum Elementary School.



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