



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

City Council Unanimously Passes "Framework for Reconciliation"

At Tuesday's city council meeting, each council member made personal statements condemning the murder of George Floyd and recognizing systemic racism in our country. The statements were heartfelt, eloquent and certainly illustrated unity in our sentiments. It is important to realize that city council serves as a "legislative body". Beyond expressing our individual feelings, we collectively made a statement by unanimously passing "Framework for Reconciliation in Long Beach". The outcome of this resolution will start the process of public engagement, internal policy review and a local action plan. You can read the entire document at this [link](#).

2020 Homelessness Count Numbers

The City of Long Beach will be releasing the Homeless Count numbers this afternoon. LA County saw an increase 13%, and LA City saw an increase of 14%. In Long Beach, we saw an increase of 7%. There will be an official press release out

shortly, and we will post it on Facebook and Twitter. The maps are still in development and will be provided next week.



Public Safety Committee Meeting Scheduled June 23, 2020 | 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Teleconference



City Council's Public Safety Committee will hold a meeting to receive reports from the Long Beach Police Department, Fire Department and City Prosecutor on issues related to the civil unrest that took place on May 31, 2020. A question and answer session will also be included. The agenda for the meeting can be accessed at this [link](#).

COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only | as of 6/12/2020):

- 2,512 total positive results
- 108 fatalities
- 74 people hospitalized
- Approximately 1,846 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)



Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 83 are associated with long-term care facilities
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 40s
 - 7 were in their 50s
 - 23 were in their 60s
 - 25 were in their 70s
 - 32 were in their 80s
 - 19 were over 90
- 47 female, 61 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:

- 658 positive cases have been confirmed at a total of 27 long-term care facilities (LTCF) in the city since the start of the pandemic. (see attachment)
 - Twenty-six 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 (see attachment).

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](#) (6/12/20)

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](#).

Long Beach Reopens More Businesses

Following a review of new State guidelines and local health data, the City of Long Beach announced the reopening of additional businesses such as gyms and fitness facilities, day camps, museums and hotels starting today, Friday, June 12th. You can read the entire press release at this [link](#).



Rental Assistance for Tenants Impacted by COVID-19

On Tuesday, 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.



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

Parking Citation Dismissal Through July 5th

On Tuesday night, city council unanimously approved my motion to continue the street sweeper parking citation forgiveness program. Citations issued to residents during the period of May 18th through the extended date of July 5th 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 citations are on the back of your citation.



Long Beach Challenge - Feeding our Community

Mike and Tracy Murchison have partnered with Meals on Wheels of Long Beach and the Long Beach Education Foundation to create the "[Long Beach Challenge](#)," a campaign to raise up to \$100,000 to provide food to people in need during the coronavirus pandemic. The Long Beach effort features an auction of donated items, such as Major League Baseball tickets, rounds of mini-golf and a private charter fishing trip. 100% of all proceeds will be split between Meals on Wheels and the Education Foundation. Item donations will be accepted through July 1, with bidding running from June 1 to July 15. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



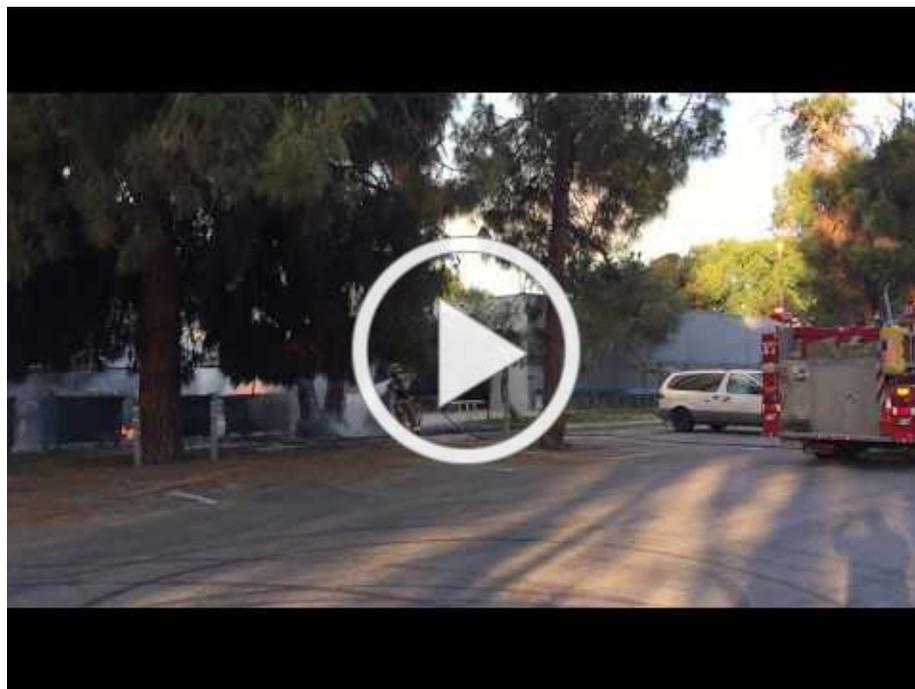
Linda Tatum Appointed as Assistant City Manager

City Manager Tom Modica announced the appointment of Linda F. Tatum to the position of Assistant City Manager. The Assistant City Manager supports the City Manager and various functions within the Office of the City Manager. Ms. Tatum is currently the Director of Development Services for the City of Long Beach, where she oversees Planning, Building Safety, Code Enforcement, Housing and Neighborhood Services as well as the Long Beach Community Investment Corporation (LBCIC). The full



Restoration of E17 Pays Dividends

Last Wednesday morning at 6:20 am, we got a graphic illustration of just how important the restoration of Engine 17 is to our city. A fire broke out at the base of three palm trees in Stearns Park. The location is just a few hundred yards from Station 17 where Truck 17 and Engine 17 are located. The engine company arrived on scene within minutes and doused the flames. Palm from dropping from the trees had ignited trash bins adjacent to the building at 4519 E. Stearns Street. The quick work of E17 prevented the flames from communicating to the building. Great job LBFD!



Upcoming Events

LBFD Training Center: Live Burn Schedule

June 12th | 2249 Argonne Ave.

The Long Beach Fire Training Center will be conducting a live fire

burn TODAY:

- Friday, June 12th from 9 am to 3 pm

Live fire training is essential in the development of firefighters and teaches skills needed to perform lifesaving and property saving operations in the City of Long Beach. Fire times are subject to change without notice.



Telephonic Public Comment for Council Meetings

Beginning Tuesday, June 16, 2020, the Long Beach City Council will begin allowing telephonic public comments on agenda items. The City Council will begin transitioning to more opportunities for public engagement since health orders and guidelines related to COVID-19 have changed public gathering and public meeting rules. Up to 20 public speakers who sign up to speak will be able to do so live, telephonically. The City Council will continue to adjust and expand public access in the weeks ahead and continue to follow the Governor's recommended public meeting guidelines. You can read the full press release at this [link](#).



Next on the Council Agenda June 16th | 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 is an item on the agenda:

- Recommendation to request City Manager, or designee, to work with the Long Beach Health Officer and the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to conduct outreach, draft safety protocols, and discuss and enact related strategic planning initiatives with youth sports leagues in preparation for reopening our parks to youth sports activities as allowable by the State and City health orders within 60 days.

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

July 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.

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

JUNE 15 - AUGUST 21, 2020

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

FREE LUNCH

And Finally

LB Little League Opening Day - February 22, 2020

The 8-minute video below captures the sights and sounds of Long Beach Little League's opening day events on February 22nd. It was a great start to their 68th season, but the season never happened. State and City health orders related to COVID-19 closed Stearns Park to all sports activities. Next Tuesday, a City Council agenda item will explore first steps in bringing back youth sports. It reads: "Recommendation to request City Manager, or designee, to work with the Long Beach Health Officer and the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department to conduct outreach, draft safety protocols, and discuss and enact related strategic planning initiatives with youth sports leagues in preparation for reopening our parks to youth sports activities as allowable by the State and City health orders within 60 days."



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