



# 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

Note an underreporting of COVID-19 cases has been discovered due to technology issues with the electronic laboratory reporting system which reports into the State's disease registry system (CalREDIE). Patient care and test results are not affected or delayed by this issue. Laboratories continue to report test results directly to providers and hospitals. Hospitalization and death rates are not impacted as they are reported directly to the State through different systems.



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

- 8,775 total positive results
- 181 fatalities
- 89 people hospitalized
- Approximately 7,455 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- Information as of August 6

**Details Regarding Fatalities:**

- 124 are associated with long-term care facilities
- Ages:
  - 2 were in their 20s
  - 2 were in their 40s
  - 13 were in their 50s
  - 41 were in their 60s
  - 42 were in their 70s
  - 55 were in their 80s
  - 26 were over 90
- 82 female, 99 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:**

- 1,223 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](#).

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**Outdoor Dining Spots in District 4 - Zaferia BID East**

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 have been highlighting these restaurants in recent weeks. Today, we're featuring two restaurants at the eastern end of the Zaferia Business District. They include The Crooked Duck at 5096 E. PCH and The Hideaway at 4137 E. Anaheim Street. The Hideaway is calling their new patio dining area "The Oasis". Stop by and enjoy the outdoor dining experience and support a local CD4 business at the same time.



The Crooked Duck - 5096 E. PCH



The Oasis - 4137 E. Anaheim St.

## 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

### New Deadline Established for 2020 Census

On Monday, the U.S. Census Bureau Director issued a statement that included a new end date for the 2020 Census:

"We will end field data collection by September 30, 2020. Self-response options will also close on that date to permit the commencement of data processing. Under this plan, the Census Bureau intends to meet a similar level of household responses as collected in prior censuses, including outreach to hard-to-count communities."

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What this means is, as of today, we have a total of 55 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.

## Proposed City Budget Released

The FY 2020 City budget was released this week with recommendations from the Mayor and City Manager. The final budget will be approved by a vote by City Council next month. Our biggest challenge will be resolving the \$30 million deficit now facing us as a result of COVID-19. You can read the City Manager's and Mayor's recommendations at the links below. There will also be four "virtual" community budget meetings on the dates listed in the chart.

[City Manager's Overview](#)

[Mayor's Budget Recommendation](#)

The graphic features a blue header with the text 'Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget' and 'JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET AND FUNDING PRIORITIES'. Below this is a dark blue bar with the title 'Citywide Community Budget Meetings'. The main content is a light blue box containing four meeting details in two columns.

Citywide Community Budget Meetings	
<b>Thursday, August 13, 2020</b> 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Accessible in English and Spanish Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/CBMAug13">https://bit.ly/CBMAug13</a>	<b>Monday, August 24, 2020</b> 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Accessible in English and Khmer Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/CBMAug24">https://bit.ly/CBMAug24</a>
<b>Thursday, August 20, 2020</b> 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Accessible in English and Tagalog Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/CBMAug20">https://bit.ly/CBMAug20</a>	<b>Wednesday, August 26, 2020</b> 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Accessible in English and Spanish Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/CBMAug26">https://bit.ly/CBMAug26</a>

## Rent Moratorium Extended Through September

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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.



## Insect Repellent Information from CA Dept of Public Health

You can help prevent insect bites and the spread of diseases carried by mosquitoes by using insect repellent. These products keep insects from biting you and possibly transmitting viruses or bacteria that cause diseases like West Nile virus. Different types of repellents, such as lotions or sprays, are used on skin and clothing to keep insects away. **Repellents do not kill insects.** The active ingredients in repellent products work by blocking an insect's ability to "smell" you. If an insect cannot smell you, it will have a harder time finding and biting you. There are different types of active ingredients used in repellent products. For addition information on mosquito repellent, check the CDPH website at this [link](#).



## Upcoming Events

### Pet Supplies Plus Grand Opening Celebration This Weekend

Sat 9 am to 7 pm | Sun 10 am to 6 pm | 2086 Bellflower Blvd.

Pet Supplies Plus will be celebrating their Grand Opening with a two-day celebration this weekend. Stop by to check out their great services and take advantage of their free giveaways like scratch cards up to \$10, nail trims for dogs and pet food. More information is available on their [website](#).



## EDCO Hazardous Household Waste Event

August 8th | 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](#).



## HHW & E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday of Each Month | 9 AM - 2 PM

## Next on the Council Agenda

August 11th | 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](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov). Here are three items on the agenda:

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- Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the following Departments: Police, Fire and Parks, Recreation and Marine.
- Recommendation to request City Council to endorse the CAAP to include a resilient jobs program; consider the CCA initiative; and include a construction career policy with the CAAP that ensures there are job standards for people who are impacted more with the air quality in their area.
- Recommendation to review a report on Racial Equity and Reconciliation Initiative and provide input and policy direction. (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.



## Contacting the District 4 Council Office

If you're unable to email us at [District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov), you can always call our the office at (562) 570-4444. When leaving a message, please include the address of the issue you're referencing. We'll try to respond within an hour of receiving your message. Please understand that during these COVID times, there may not always be someone in the office. However, voice messages are emailed to us immediately. You can be assured that your message will be heard when it is received.



## And Finally

### What Would Joe Kelly Think?

If you don't know the name Joe Kelly, he's the relief pitcher who won the hearts of Dodger fans last week for his "performance" against the Houston Astros. In response to the Astros cheating in the World Series, he secured his place in Dodger lore by throwing a few "message pitches" and smirking as he left the field. He clearly communicated there's no place for cheating in baseball and became an instant hero. In the process, Major League Baseball gave him an eight game suspension for his actions, and fans responded by creating a #FreeJoeKelly t-shirt.

Imagine our disappointment when we began receiving complaints about youth baseball taking place at Stearns Park in defiance of the health order. We're not talking about a few kids sneaking onto the field to practice. These were organized events with chalk lines, umpires, uniforms, fans in the stands, no social distancing and no masks. Not only did this send a message to the kids that it's okay to break the rules, but it was incredibly unfair to the teams that ARE adhering to the health order. The actions immediately brought to mind the Astros cheating scandal. Can you imagine what Joe Kelly would think about the Stearns Park situation?

Speaking of the latest Dodger hero, you can see in the photo that he wears number 17. Fire Station 17 happens to sit right next to Stearns Park. How great would it be if Joe Kelly became the new fire station mascot? He could join the ranks of Station 22's prospector and Station 2's Zeep the Sheep. After all, relief pitchers are often called "firemen" because they enter the game to put out the fire.



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