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# Building A Better Long Beach

*Westside Water  
Tower Restoration*



# Message from Craig Beck, Director

Dear Community Partner,

The Department of Development Services continues to streamline our processes in order to better serve our customers and facilitate new developments throughout our City. We also continually strive to find new ways to engage residents and communicate with the public about our activities. The Department is now on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and we have an active RSS news feed.

Our Planning team continues to work with the community in outlining a shared vision for what Long Beach will be like in 2030. Part of the City's general plan update, Long Beach 2030 is a comprehensive, long-term plan that creates a vision for the future of our city. The General Plan serves as a "blueprint" for development, and the guide to achieving our vision.

To better address the needs of our unique neighborhoods and areas of Long Beach, placetypes are being created. Typical land use designations determine a narrow range of uses allowed within a community. Placetypes, on the other hand, are more holistic and inclusive, and acknowledge the various uses that make up a single-family. These placetypes are being created for neighborhood centers, employment areas, commercial corridors, and other development patterns, and will be applied to all areas of the City, replacing nearly 20 single-use Land Use Districts found in the current General Plan.

The planning team has scheduled a series of community meetings throughout our City to discuss these placetypes, with a focus on specific neighborhoods, corridors, and sites. Reaching out to the entire City and creating an action plan for each neighborhood will enable us to create a strategic plan that reflects the needs and desires of both local communities and the city as a whole.

I encourage all Long Beach residents and business owners to participate in these meetings, and share their ideas and goals for their community. By working together, we can ensure that future developments in our City are meeting our changing needs.

For more information about Long Beach 2030 community meetings, please see the Calendar section of our newsletter, or visit [www.LongBeach2030.org](http://www.LongBeach2030.org).

Thank you for your continued partnership in building a better Long Beach.

Craig Beck

In December 2008,  
LBDS staff provided:

- 1,739 building inspections
- 1,257 electrical inspections
- 821 plumbing inspections
- 610 mechanical inspections
- 647 misc. inspections
- Total inspections provided: 5,074
- 99% of inspections were provided within 24 hours of request

One Stop Permit Center  
staff:

- Assisted 3,200 customers
- Issued 314 building permits
- Reviewed 153 plans

# LBDS News & Updates

## WATCH US ON YOUTUBE

If you haven't watched our show, *Inside Long Beach*, or want to see other videos about activities taking place throughout Long Beach, visit our YouTube page at [www.YouTube.com/LBDSVideos](http://www.YouTube.com/LBDSVideos). You can also follow us on Twitter, friend us on Facebook, or receive daily updates to your newsfeed via our RSS feed.

## RAY WOOLHETHER PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL INSPECTOR



Ray has worked in the Building inspection division since 2002. Since that time, he has consistently demonstrated strong leadership and dedication to providing excellent customer service. As the Department's new Principal Commercial Inspector, Ray now supervises 9 building inspectors and is responsible for overseeing commercial building inspections in our City, including electrical, plumbing, mechanical, building, energy, and accessibility inspections. Congratulations, Ray!



## BIKESTATION LONG BEACH IS MOVING

Bikestation Long Beach will begin operating in their new facility at 222 E. Broadway on February 6th. Bikestation staff will continue to offer bike parking and repair services for downtown visitors, workforce, commuters, and homeowners. Secure 24/7 parking services will also be available to members. Current membership and key fob will grant access to the 24-hour member area of the new facility.

## LOS ALTOS ALLEY PAVING

The RDA's North team has completed work rehabilitating an alley in Los Altos. The renovations included removal of existing asphalt that was in disrepair, and pouring of new concrete. The alley lies west of Bellflower Boulevard, from Stearns Street to Abbeyfield Street, and serves a number of Los Altos businesses.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Have a question or comment about our department?

We want to hear from you.

Call us at (562) 570-LBDS

or

Email us at [LBDS@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBDS@longbeach.gov)

# TRANSFORMING STOREFRONTS WITH ART

As part of our commitment to supporting public art and fostering opportunities for local artists to showcase their work, the RDA has launched a highly visible partnership with Phantom Galleries Los Angeles (PGLA) to bring more than a dozen public galleries along downtown Long Beach's empty storefronts.

The galleries feature art in a variety of mediums, including sculptures, paintings, sketches, video, and other multimedia displays.



*“WHICH WAY BERLIN - L.A.?” was displayed at 81 S. Pine Avenue*



*“Inventory”, an installment by artist Joe Davidson, was displayed at 309 Pine Avenue*

Last year, Phantom showed artist Susan Chorpenning's *The Fiat Lux III* exhibit at the former Bath & Body Works space at 248 Pine Avenue.



*“Fiat Lux III”*



*Todd Brainard's exhibit “Paintings” is on display at 344 E. 3rd Street*

Exhibits are currently located at:

- 81 S. Pine Avenue
- 309 Pine Avenue
- 120 E. 3rd Street
- 340 E. 3rd Street
- 344 E. 3rd Street
- 346 E. 3rd Street
- 350 E. 3rd Street
- 390 W. 3rd Street

For more information, visit:  
[www.phantomgalleriesla.com/long\\_beach](http://www.phantomgalleriesla.com/long_beach).

# TRANSFORMING STOREFRONTS WITH ART

Locations at the Pike include:

- 21 Aquarium Way
- 24 Aquarium Way
- 45 Aquarium Way
- 150 Aquarium Way
- 160 Aquarium Way

Exhibits that will open soon include:



## ***“Superelastic”***

Artists:

Julia Latane, Rebecca Neiderlander, Tim Nolan, and Carrie Ungerman

Curated by Tim Nolan

Opening:

Thursday, February 5, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Location:

150 North Promenade

Artists:

Dennis Ekstrom, Jimi Gleason, James Hayward, Andy Moses, John Scane and Roger Weik

Curated by Michael Rosenfeld

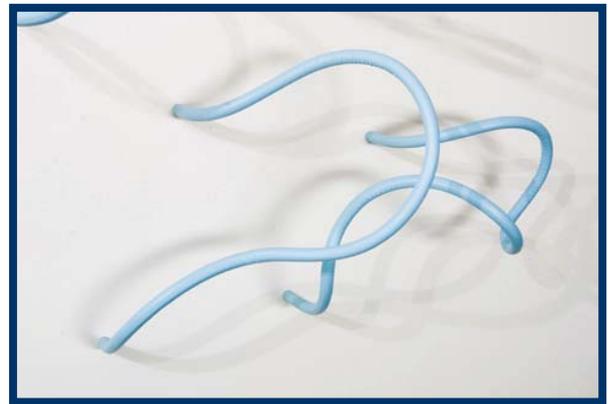
Opening:

Friday, February 6, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Location:

81 S. Pine Avenue

## ***“The Surface of Space”***



## ***“Emergence Enchanted”***

Artists:

Lita Albuquerque, Stephanie Allespach, Naomi Buckley, Krista Chael, Cloud Eye Control, Ben Dean, Fallen Fruit, Micol Hebron, Parichard Hold & Ryan Zufryden, Daniel Marlos, Miwa Matreyek, Molly Millar, Tricia Lawless Murray, Anna Oxygen, Nora Jean Petersen, Nancy Popp, Semiconductor, Elizabeth Tremante

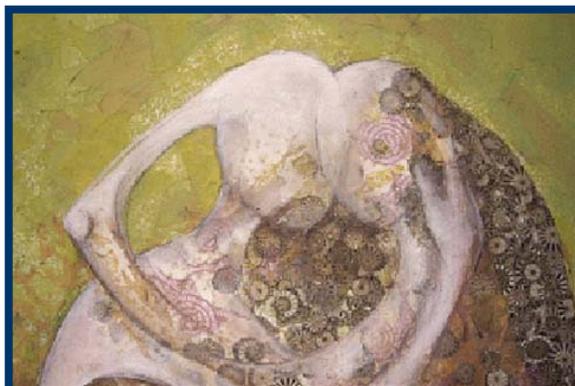
Curated by Stephanie Allespach and Krista Chael

Opening:

Friday, February 6, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Location:

24 Aquarium Way, 45 Aquarium Way



## ***“Four Chambers”***

Artist:

Christiana

Curated by Christine Faraci

Opening:

Saturday, February 7, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Location:

309 Pine Avenue

# Project Planning

## NEW Applications - Filed in January

### **Council District 1**

#### **1133 Atlantic Avenue**

Conditional Use Permit request for the installation of wireless communication antennas atop an existing commercial building.

#### **Planning Commission**

Contact: Cuentin Jackson

### **Council District 3**

#### **400 Termino Avenue**

Standards Variance request to build an overheight fence within the front yard setback of a residence.

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Contact: Angie Zetterquist

### **7171 Seawind Drive**

Local Coastal Development Permit request to repair and/or replace underground water mains (Long Beach Water Department).

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Contact: Cuentin Jackson

### **4828 East 2nd Street**

Conditional Use Permit and Local Coastal Development Permit requests to upgrade the ABC license at Lucille's Restaurant.

#### **Planning Commission**

Call 562-570-6194 for more information.

### **Council District 8**

#### **14 West 52nd Street**

Standards Variance request for a reduced front yard living space setback.

#### **Zoning Administrator**

Contact: Jaime Ustin

### **Council District 9**

#### **3290 East Artesia Boulevard**

Conceptual Site Plan Review request for a 60-unit affordable senior living facility.

#### **Site Plan Review Committee; Planning Commission**

Contact: Steve Valdez

## Scheduled Public Meetings in February

### Redevelopment Agency Board

#### **Monday, February 2nd at 9:00 am**

- Approve and authorize Letter of Intent with Judicial Council of California for development of regional courthouse in downtown Long Beach
- Receive and file presentation on proposed "Art Exchange" and authorize staff to move forward with conceptual plans, site plan review, and CEQA clearance for the project
- Approve and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with California State University, Long Beach to negotiate development of the Broadway Block
- Approve and authorize Purchase and Sale Agreement for acquisition of properties at 5100-5110 Long Beach Boulevard for a purchase price of \$2,400,000 plus closing costs
- Approve and authorize agreements with West Coast Choppers, Inc. and Patrick Vogel Designs, Inc. for decorative metal fabrication services
- Approve and authorize a contract with Mega Lighting, Inc., dba Mega Way Enterprises, in amount not to exceed \$1,265,230 for completion of improvements to Seaside Park
- Adopt a resolution finding there are insufficient funds to make payment required by Section 33685 of Health and Safety Code unless funds from the Low and Moderate-Income Housing Fund are used

**Meeting cancelled February 16th. Next meeting Monday, March 2nd at 9:00 am.**

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# Scheduled Public Meetings in February

## *Planning Commission*

**Thursday, February 5th at 5:00 pm**

**1598 Long Beach Boulevard  
1st District**

Study Session for a proposed five-story, mixed-use development that would include 36 residential units and 9,250 square feet of commercial uses.

*Contact: Lynette Ferenczy*

**Billboard Study Session  
Citywide**

Study Session to discuss digital and LED billboards and the City's current and future billboard regulations.

*Contact: Scott Kinsey*

**Thursday, February 19th at 5:00 pm**

**Marine Stadium  
3rd District**

Appeal of a Local Coastal Development Permit to operate a farmer's market on the grounds of Marine Stadium.

*Contact: Lynette Ferenczy*

**2640 East Anaheim Street  
4th District**

Conditional Use Permit, Historic Landmark Designation, and Standards Variance requests to establish a special group residence for transitional-aged youth.

*Contact: Jaime Ustin/Mark Hungerford*

**6502 East Stearns Street  
5th District**

Appeal of a Conditional Use Permit modification to allow the placement of an energy generator and containment pad within the enclosure of an existing wireless telecommunications facility.

*Contact: Monica Mendoza*

## *Zoning Administrator*

**Monday, February 9th at 2:00 pm**

**3029 San Francisco Avenue  
7th District**

Standards Variance request to build an overheight garage.

*Contact: Cuentin Jackson*

**Monday, February 23rd at 2:00 pm**

**400 Terraine Avenue  
3rd District**

Standards Variance request to build an overheight fence within the front yard setback.

*Contact: Angie Zetterquist*

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

The RDA Board meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

Cultural Heritage Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Library, Lower Level.

Zoning Administrative Hearings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall in the 7th Floor Large Conference Room.



## LBDS Upcoming Meetings & Events February 2009

<u>Monday, February 2</u> 9:00 am	Redevelopment Agency Board City Hall, Council Chambers
7:00 pm	LB2030 Community Meeting Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
<u>Wednesday, February 4</u> 6:30 pm	Affordable Senior Housing Community Meeting Ramona Park Community Center, 3301 E. 65th St.
<u>Thursday, February 5</u> 5:00 pm	Planning Commission City Hall, Council Chambers
6:00 pm	Central Project Area Committee 1900 Atlantic Ave., 2nd Floor
<u>Monday, February 9</u> 2:00 pm	Zoning Administrative Hearing City Hall, 7th Floor Conference Room
6:00 pm	LB2030 Community Meeting Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 370 Junipero Ave.
<u>Wednesday, February 11</u> 5:00 pm	West Project Area Committee LBPD West Substation, 1835 Santa Fe Avenue
<u>Monday, February 16</u>	City Hall Closed for President's Day
<u>Wednesday, February 18</u> 6:00 pm	LB2030 Community Meeting Carver Elementary, 5335 E. Pavo St.
<u>Thursday, February 26</u> 6:30 pm	North Project Area Committee LBPD North Substation, 4891 Atlantic Ave.

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