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# LB Sustainability



## Programs in Numbers 2019

### Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

**148** Deliveries  
5,200 since 2010  
**85.8** Tons  
3,160 since 2010

### Parkway Tree Planting:

**69** Trees Planted  
2,205 since 2010

### Compost Pilot Program:

**67.62** tons  
320 since 2014

### Edible Garden Food Donations

**144.4** pounds  
1,050 since 2011

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## Long Beach Celebrates Green Businesses

Long Beach Certified 31 local businesses and organizations through the Green Businesses Program in the past year since the program re-launched under the California Green Business Network. On May 7th it celebrated these businesses' achievements with a presentation at City Council and a celebration at The Harbor downtown.

In the last year businesses in the Green Business Program have saved over 100,000 pounds of CO2 which is the equivalent of planting 168 acres of urban forests. Businesses also saved enough energy to power 10 houses and enough water to fill one bathtub per hour for a year.

"There are many simple actions businesses can take that make a big impact," Sustainability Coordinator Larry Rich said. "Thank you to all of the businesses that have made protecting the environment a part of their mission."

Long Beach launched the new Green Business Program in May 2018 under the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), which provides a statewide standard of sustainability for Green Business Certification. Certification is provided free of charge to all Long Beach businesses, and the program connects businesses with any resources and incentive programs available to help them go green. Businesses that achieve certification are promoted on the City website and social media channels, listed on the CAGBN database of green businesses, and provided with branded material to showcase their certified status.

Join the community of Green Businesses or support local sustainable business at [www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness](http://www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness).

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## Commissioner Spotlight

Meet the new Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.



### Chair Sona Coffee

is passionate about transforming local governments to create environmentally sustainable communities. Prior to joining the City of Irvine as the Environmental Programs Administrator in 2017, she held a similar role in Manhattan Beach for eight years. Sona is a proud USC alum with undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Price School of Public Policy, with an emphasis in environmental policy. She is also a member of the Council on Women in Energy and Environmental Leadership, focusing on career development of women in the energy and environmental fields. She and her husband live near Cal State Long Beach where they enjoy riding their bikes around the neighborhood, and tending to their drought tolerant and urban gardens.



## Ranchos Walk

### 2019

Save the date for Ranchos Walk 2019 on September 28! The Inaugural Ranchos Walk last year brought 400 residents and visitors together to experience Long Beach on foot. We're excited to bring this event back for another year.

Beginning at 8 a.m., participants will walk a trail that links Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos. This 9.4-mile scenic walk also connects the California State University, Long Beach campus, Reservoir Hill, Hilltop Park in Signal Hill, Longview Point at Willow Springs Park, and Rancho Los Cerritos. The Ranchos Walk will end at Rancho Los Cerritos with a Festival celebrating 175 years since the Rancho's construction.

In addition to the full 9.4-mile urban hike, participants will have the choice of 6-mile and 3.5-mile route options. The route will be updated in the izi.TRAVEL app to provide route guidance and information about points of interest along the route.

Registration will be available in August at [www.longbeach.gov/ranchoswalk](http://www.longbeach.gov/ranchoswalk).

The Ranchos Walk seeks to create an active and fun way for hikers to discover neighborhoods, historic landmarks, and vista points, while also highlighting pedestrian safety and awareness. We hope you can join us for Ranchos Walk 2019!

## Edible Garden

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshops! View the calendar of upcoming classes online at:

[www.longbeach.gov/ediblegarden](http://www.longbeach.gov/ediblegarden)

Classes are held at various libraries throughout the City. Contact us to have the schedule sent to your email each month:

[Sustainability@longbeach.gov](mailto:Sustainability@longbeach.gov)

## Native Plants

Join us at Willow Springs Park for Native Plant Workshops! View the schedule of upcoming workshops and RSVP online at:

[www.longbeach.gov/nativeplants](http://www.longbeach.gov/nativeplants)

Workshops are held the first Saturday of the month from 9-10am. Participants will have the opportunity to volunteer in the restoration area from 10-11am. Please bring water and wear closed-toed shoes.

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# CAAP

CLIMATE ACTION  
+ ADAPTATION PLAN

## Climate Action in Long Beach

The City of Long Beach is developing the City's first ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) to ensure the community and physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change.

On Saturday, June 1, at Marine Stadium, the City hosted LB ClimateFest, a public open house event for the City's CAAP. At the event, City staff unveiled a draft CAAP and offered family-friendly activities for the community to provide input on the plan. The event also featured information and resources booths from various City departments, environmental project displays from Long Beach students, a sea level rise chalk art exhibit, and more.

The CAAP includes actions and strategies to protect our healthy, economy, and quality of life. The plan itself is also an invitation for everyone who lives, works, or plays in Long Beach to work together in making Long Beach a low-carbon and climate-resilient city. Without action, climate change impacts such as worsening heat waves, sea level rise, drought, and reduced air quality could have significant negative impacts on our communities.

In 2018, staff set out to create an inclusive, community-centered planning process to engage the Long Beach community broadly and with attention to those most affected by climate change. City staff convened a scientific, business, and community working group to engage key stakeholders. To date, the City community engagement efforts have reached over 8,500 residents at nearly 50 events including: community meetings, open houses, resource fairs, cultural festivals, and panel discussions across the city. Community input is critical to helping address climate action and better prepare Long Beach for the impacts of climate change—and we want you to be part of the process!

June 1, 2019 kicked off a 45-day public comment period that will close on July 15, 2019. The draft is now available online for public review and comment.

Share your vision for a healthier, more livable, and more resilient community. Share your comments on the draft plan at:

<http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/caap/>

## Commissioner Spotlight

Meet the new Vice Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.



### Vice Chair Morgan Wheeler

is a proud dad, husband and son, whose family migrated to the area over 150 years ago. He is a keeper of bees, chickens and ducks, and is a dedicated supporter of food security and sustainable agriculture. He heads up the Business Intelligence Department at Farmers & Merchants Bank and volunteers with Rancho Los Alamitos, The LB Nature Center, the Los Cerritos Wetlands, The National Park Service and with various CA Channel Island Restoration efforts. Morgan grew up in the Los Altos YMCA on Bellflower Blvd, received his MBA from Cal State Long Beach, and is currently training to join the local CERT and Search & Rescue Teams. Morgan's FCC Amateur Radio call sign is W9LBC, after his hometown. Go Long Beach!

## Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00pm in City Council Chambers.

### July 25, 2019

Presentations: TBD

### August, 2019

No meeting scheduled

### September, 2019

Commissioner Retreat

Date and location TBD

## Certified Green Businesses

As part of the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), Long Beach certifies and recognizes green businesses for their efforts to protect the environment. Below are the businesses that were certified in Q2 2019.

Find more green businesses and get your business certified at [www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness](http://www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness).

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Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that

Advance **environmental stewardship**,

Support **local sustainability practices**, &

Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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