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

COVID-19 Updates

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You can read the official statement by City of Long Beach Health and Human Services Health Officer regarding indoor mask requirements at this link.

Past and Ongoing Events

Research Your Family History From Home

Long Beach Public Library announced that until September 30th all LBPL card holders, including those with a temporary library card, will have access to Ancestry Library Edition from home. Ancestry Library Edition is a great place to start researching your family history. With it you can unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more. Please visit LBPL's website for more information.

Review the Draft Housing Element Update

The City of Long Beach released a draft of the General Plan Housing Element update on Friday, July 9. It is available for public review and comment through Friday, August 13. The Housing Element provides the City with a roadmap for accommodating the projected number of housing units needed to house existing and future City residents and guides future decisions that impact housing. Visit the Housing Element Update website to view the draft plan, find more information including an FAQ, and for details on how to submit a comment.
Prior to Tuesday’s council meeting, we held a 2-hour study session covering the Queen Mary. Both Long Beach City Staff and the Port of Long Beach made presentations. In my view, some of the most interesting data presented during the study session were the estimates for simply getting rid of the ship. The price to "retire and recycle" the ship (page 32 of the report) ranges from $105M to $190M. You can view the entire 80-page report under "Queen Mary Study Session Report" at this link.

Presentation on the Proposed FY 2022 City Budget

At Tuesday's city council meeting, we received a presentation on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 22) Budget. The $3 billion budget continues the tradition of providing diverse services addressing City Council priorities while emphasizing good financial management and policies. Of particular interest to District 4 residents, the FY22 budget continues the restoration of Engine 17 ($2.5 million) and the annual payment for Community Hospital ($1 million). Visit the City’s website for more information or to view the presentation.

LBFD Physical Ability Testing

Now through July 25th | 6 am - 5:30 pm | 2249 Argonne Ave

The Long Beach Fire Department Training Center will be conducting Physical Ability Testing now through Sunday, July 25th from 6:00am - 5:30pm (each day). The parking may be impacted in the neighborhood surrounding the LBFD Training Center during this time.

Upcoming Events

LBPD Holding DUI Checkpoint TONIGHT

July 23rd | 6 pm - 2 am | LBPD South Division

The Long Beach Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint on July 23rd from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am in the South Patrol Division. Checkpoint locations are chosen based on a history of DUI crashes and arrests. The primary purpose of checkpoints is not to make arrests, but to promote public safety by deterring impaired driving. During the checkpoint, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The press release is available here.

Volunteers Needed for WESCA Clean Up TOMORROW

July 24th | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th & Orizaba Ave.

The West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up. Volunteers are needed to work from 8:00 am to noon... especially those with pick up trucks. Please come out and help make the neighborhood look great. Tools and supplies will be provided. They are also accepting tires and electronic waste
FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event Tomorrow!
July 24th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave., Signal Hill

The next EDCO Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & E-Waste Collection Event will be held tomorrow, June 24th, from 9 am - 2 pm at the EDCO Recycling Center in Signal Hill. Drop off your hazardous household items and old electronics safely and responsibly! For additional information, visit bit.ly/HHW_LB.

UCC Webinar: Certification & Contracts
July 26th | 10:00 - 11:00 am | Register

The United Cambodian Community (UCC) is pleased to present a FREE webinar on getting help to get certified and secure contracts with the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County. Visit their website for webinar topics and registration. For more information email fred.sor@ucclb.org or call (562) 433-2490.

Cambodia Town Draft Vision Plan Launch
July 29th | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Online

Cambodia Town Thrives has just released the first community-led vision plan of Cambodia Town. To learn more about Cambodia Town Thrives and to view the plan, please click on this link. Also, please save the date for a virtual launch on July 29th from 5:30-6:30 pm. More details will be provided closer to the launch event.
Propeller Club of LA-LB Scholarship Opportunity
Deadline: July 30th | Apply Online

The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach is offering scholarships ranging from $250 to $1,000 to graduating high school seniors from schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington or Carson. Requirements include a 500-word essay on a selected essay question. Recommendation letters do not have to be specific to this scholarship, and students may repurpose a recommendation letter for this scholarship. For more information, please visit the Propeller Club Scholarship website or email Mechelle Smothers at mechelle.smothers@polb.com

Summer Concerts at El Dorado Nature Center
August 5th | 7 pm - 8 pm | 7550 E. Spring St.

El Dorado Nature Center will host their third event in the 2021 Summer Concert Series on Thursday, August 5th. The outdoor concert is open for picnicking at 6:30 pm with live music from 7 to 8 pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring low chairs or blankets and a picnic dinner. The concerts are free, but a $5 donation to the Friends of El Dorado Nature Center is encouraged. The Aug. 5th concert features Big City Hillbillies.
Free Movies in the Park: Avenger's Endgame
August 12th | Movies Begin at Dusk | Orizaba Park

On August 12th, there will be a Movie in the Park at Orizaba Park, and the featured film will be Avenger's Endgame. The movie and popcorn are free, but the time spent as a family is priceless. Movies in the Park begin at dusk and are sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum in cooperation with Partners of Parks. Check the PRM website for a full list of movies throughout the summer. You can also view the official trailer for Avenger's Endgame here.

And Finally

Pacific (Islander) Coast Highway through Council District 4

There was never an "official theme", but driving along Pacific Coast Highway in the 1960's provided a definite Pacific Islander vibe. The 4th Council District section of PCH was bookended by the Grass Shack west of Cherry Ave. and Mr. C's/Outrigger Inn east of Clark Ave. In between were Java Lanes west of Termino Ave. and The Hawaiian east of Ximeno Ave. The CD4 establishments have all disappeared. The Grass Shack became the parking lot for Me-n-Ed's Pizza, Java Lanes became condos and The Hawaiian is now Pep Boys. Mr. C's and Outrigger Inn still exist in CD3 as Greenfield's and Hotel Current. Long Beach abandoned the Pacific Islander theme and embraced the "British Invasion" with the Queen Mary, but that's a story for another newsletter.
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