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
Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record from CDPH

Everyone who is vaccinated in California can now request a COVID-19 Vaccination Record. As more industries and organizations start to require proof of vaccination, the City encourages the community to utilize the various services available at no cost to maintain vaccination records.

You can access the CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Record portal at this link, or you can call 833.422.4255 to get your digital vaccination record.

Grand Prix Following All COVID-19 Health Mandates

The City is reminding Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach attendees to follow COVID-19 health orders. Regulations require ticket holders to show proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID-19 test. Children ages 2 to 11 who are not yet eligible for vaccines are required to show a negative test. Those who are unvaccinated need to take a test within 72 hours of their first day of attendance at the Grand Prix, and that negative test result will apply for the rest of the weekend. You can. Read the City’s press release at this link.
Port Accepting Sponsorship Applications

The Port of Long Beach will accept applications this month for its Community Sponsorship Program. Funding is available for nonprofit organizations and their events and activities that help inform residents about the maritime industry. Community groups can submit their sponsorship funding requests online from Wednesday, Sept. 1 through Thursday, Sept. 30. Applications are judged on how they can help the Port inform the community of its critical role as an economic engine and jobs creator.

Arts Council Grant Applications

Deadline: September 30th | Apply Here

The Arts Council for Long Beach is excited to announce that the 2021-2022 Annual Grant Cycle Applications and Guidelines are now available. Applications and Guidelines can be found on the Arts Council website at http://www.artslb.org/grants. The Arts Council provides three types of annual grants to fund Long Beach artists, organizations and initiatives: the Community Project Grant; Operating Grants I & II and Professional Artist Fellowship Grants. These grants are generously supported through the City of Long Beach’s allocation for the arts.

Nature Center Solo Art Exhibition

Thru Sept. 30th | 10 am - 2 pm | 7550 E. Spring Street

Now that the El Dorado Nature Center museum is open daily, local artists have been welcomed back to display in the gallery. Stop by and see the wonderful works of Sylvia Schorn. “Connecting the dots” will be featured daily from 10 am to 2 pm through September 30th.

Sowing the Seeds Fundraiser

Saturday evening, Partners of Parks held their 3rd annual fundraiser at El Dorado Nature Center titled "Sowing The Seeds". It was special after-hours event recognizing individuals who have impacted parks and programs. This year's honorees included Harry Saltzgaver, the AOC7 Neighborhood Association and Larry Curtis. Sowing the Seeds also provides an opportunity for community groups to raise funds for future events. Congratulations to the honorees, and thanks to all those who attended.
Past and Ongoing Events

**Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach**
**September 24-26** | [Website](#)

The City has issued COVID protocols which may impact some guests attending the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach race weekend. Details are available at this [link](#). The latest order requires masks in all outdoor and indoor locations, plus proof of vaccination OR a negative COVID test within 72 hours prior to the event to enter the gates. Race organizers are intent on providing the maximum fun and excitement that is traditionally associated with the Grand Prix while still giving fans a safe and secure environment.

**Volunteers Needed for WESCA Clean Up**
**September 25th | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th & Orizaba Ave.**

The West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up TOMORROW, September 25th. 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 (anything with a cord). The WESCA area is bordered by PCH, Redondo, 10th St. and Cherry Ave.

**FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event Tomorrow!**
**September 25th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave., Signal Hill**

The next EDCO Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & E-Waste Collection Event will be held tomorrow, September 25th, 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](#).

**YMCA Lacrosse Clinic**
**September 25th | 12 pm - 1:30 pm | 1720 N Bellflower Blvd**

The Los Altos Family YMCA, in partnership with USA Lacrosse, presents TryLax. It is an introductory lacrosse experience for kids who are new to the sport! The clinic will be held by USA Lacrosse trained coaches from the local community in an effort to connect you with a
American Cancer Society Relay for Life  
*September 25th - 26th | 9 am | 7390 E. Carson Blvd*

Relay For Life is a 24-hour fundraising event where teams take to the track/path and walk in honor, memory, or support of a friend, family, or loved one. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Greater Long Beach goal this year is to raise over $100,000 for the third year in a row! There will be several ceremonies throughout the event where they celebrate survivors, remember loved ones and fight back against a disease that has affected too many. More information is available [here](#).

Artist Talk at Compound  
*September 25th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 1395 Coronado Ave.*

Join Compound for a discussion with Lita Albuquerque on Art + Transcendentalism. Artist Lita Albuquerque speaks on time as a physical dimension and how her work creates a path towards transcendence through story and narrative. Please visit their [website](#) for more information or to register.

LB Eastside Open Studio Tour  
*October 2nd - 3rd | 12 pm - 5 pm | Zaferia/Rose Park/East Side*

Long Beach local artists will be opening up their studios to visitors for the Long Beach Open Studio Tour (LBOST). The LBOST is a free, self guided, at your own pace event. There is no ticket to buy. All you need is the [Digital Tour Map](#). CD4 artists/locations include: Aia White-Podue, Che Zifandel, Javier Sola, Katie Stubblefield (Co-op) Lisette Thierry (Co-op) Marka Burns and Mic Burns. More information is available [here](#).

Blood Drive at the Nature Center
October 4th | 10 am - 4 pm | 7550 E. Spring St.

American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at El Dorado Nature Center on Monday, October 4. To make an appointment, please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: ElDoradoLB or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Streamline your donation experience by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

PRM Extends After-School Programs
Citywide from Oct. 4 - Dec. 17 | Registration opens Sept. 22

The Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is extending its free after-school youth programs through December 17th with registration opening at 10 am Wednesday, September 22nd. The fall/winter programs for children ages 5 to 12 take place after school, at varying times per location, on weekdays. The current session ends October 1, with the next session running from October 4 through December 17. Participants receive homework assistance and enjoy enrichment activities and games. You can read the press release at this link.

And Finally

The Roa Family Farm

Last Saturday, the “Sowing the Seeds” fundraiser took place at El Dorado Nature Center. Over 100 years ago, there were seeds being sown on that same land. Before there was a Nature Center, El Dorado Park or housing tracts, the area was farmland. Around 1915, Bernardo and Salome Roa leased a large section of the land from the Bixby Family to establish the Roa Family Farm. The color map below, created by grandson Brad Roa, shows the farm extended from Wardlow to Stearns, and from Palo Verde to the San Gabriel River. The farm house, where the Roa’s eleven children were raised, stood on the south side of Spring Street just east of Studebaker Road.
The family left the farm after the untimely death of Bernardo in 1938. The farm house, however, remained for many years. The vintage aerial photo below, taken in the early 1950’s, shows the farm house still standing as tract houses were built around it. We’ll never know if the Roa farmhouse played a role in saving the land from development so it could later be preserved as parkland. Many of the eleven Roa children remained in the area, and four of the siblings established households in the 4th council district. Two sons, Bernard and Tom, became part of the Long Beach City Family working for the Gas Dept. and the Water Dept.

Roa Farmland - Leased from the Bixby's in Long Beach, CA
Approximately 1915 - 1938
Bernardo & Salome Roa w/ 11 Children
as described by Bernard Roa (II) on his 94th Birthday 3/13/2021