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 California 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.

More information available at this [link]

Past and Ongoing Events

Track Your Mail-In Ballot

BallotTrax tracks the status of every mail-in ballot and sends a series of proactive alerts to voters telling them where their ballot is in the election process from printed to accepted. This gives voters peace of mind knowing their vote remains private and has been counted. You can sign up for BallotTrax at this [link].
**Ballot Drop Boxes at Stearns Park & Freeman CC**

Vote Center Facility Drop Boxes have been installed at Stearns Park and the Freeman Community Center in Council District 4. The agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (LARRCC) will facilitate voter accessibility and convenience for the September 14th California Gubernatorial Recall Election and future elections. A list of all ballot drop box locations citywide is at this [link](#).

**LB Reopens Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

The City has reopened the Long Beach Emergency Rental Assistance Program (LB-ERAP) for qualified landlords and tenants to apply for pandemic-related rental assistance. The reopening of the program is due to an additional $13.1 million the City has recently received in state and federal funding, bringing the program budget up to $64 million. Read the 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](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.
Krispy Kreme Vaccination Support Offer
Through Sept. 5th | 4750 E. Los Coyotes Diagonal

Krispy Kreme wanted to find a way to show their support for those who are protecting themselves and others by getting vaccinated. Through 9/5, anyone who shows their Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card will receive TWO free doughnuts, an Original Glazed® doughnut and an Original Glazed® Heart doughnut. Share your Original Glazed® Heart doughnut with a friend or family member and Be Sweet to your community!

Upcoming Events

LBPD Holding DUI Checkpoint TONIGHT
September 3rd | 6 pm - 2 am | LBPD East Division

The Long Beach Police Department will hold a DUI Checkpoint on September 3rd from 6:00 pm to 2:00 am in the East 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.

Long Beach Labor Day Holiday Closures

In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6th, the City of Long Beach facilities and services listed in the press release will adhere to special schedules. There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, 9/6. Refuse/Recycling Trash and Recycling will be collected as scheduled on Monday, 9/6.

In-Person Vote Centers Open Tomorrow

In-person voting starts tomorrow, Saturday, September 4th. The hours will be 10 am - 7 pm until Election Day, September 14th, when they will be open from 7 am - 8 pm. The nearest 11-day vote center to CD4 residents will the the CSULB Pyramid. Parking for voters will be in Lot G11 on the west side of the Pyramid. Vote Centers will follow public health and safety guidelines including wearing face masks while in line or voting (masks will be made available if needed), wiping and sanitizing all ballot marking devices after each voter, social distancing and election workers wearing protective gloves and masks.
Next on the City Council Agenda
September 7th | 5:00 pm | In-person/Virtual hybrid meeting

The City Council meeting will start at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be open to the public, and the public can also use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Below are items that appear on Tuesday's agenda:

- Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and take the continued actions necessary to adopt the Master Fees and Charges Schedule and the Water and Sewer Rates as they relate to the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as listed in Attachment A. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft an ordinance to enact "Kid Zones," defined as safe spaces for children at local parks, playgrounds, beaches and other areas intended for use by children. "Kid Zones" would prohibit adults from entering or remaining within these designated areas without the accompaniment of a child under the age of 12.
- Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by $400, offset by the Fourth Council District one-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to the Historical Society of Long Beach for their annual Cemetery Tour.

The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.

Citywide Community of Interest Meeting
September 8th | 6:30 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd or online

The Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission Outreach meeting will take place on September 8th, 6:30 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. Members of the public will have the option to attend the meeting in person or virtually. You can find additional information and a link to the virtual meeting here. Special note: City Council has no role in this process and cannot provide input. The City Attorney has indicated that Charter section 2506(c) specifically prohibits the Commission from considering the place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate in the creation of a map.

Camerata Singers Present "9/11 Remembered"
September 11th | 5:30 pm | Marine Stadium Park
Next Saturday, September 11th, the Long Beach Camerata Singers will mark this significant anniversary with a special free concert featuring music that memorializes our shared experience. The 12-voice ensemble will present works by American composers with pieces that offer words of hope and unity for our future. Please log onto this link to reserve your free tickets.

And Finally

"The Man Who Bought the Queen Mary"

If you missed Tom Grobaty's article last week in the LBPost, he did an excellent job of chronicling the City's acquisition of the Queen Mary. The article documents the obsession of "city leaders" to purchase the vessel, but one question still remains: Why the Queen Mary? Of all the possible tourist attractions, what was so "attractive" about the Queen Mary? The answer may lie in a cultural phenomenon of the time known as the British Invasion. From 1964 through 1967, everything British dominated the culture. Long Beach Vice Mayor, Bob Crow, became a poster child for the era when he donned a "bowler and brolly" (derby hat and umbrella) for a Life Magazine photo. He also appeared on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson in the same outfit. The photo caption in Life Magazine read, "The Man Who Bought the Queen Mary". The City made the purchase, but the spin suggested that "eccentric millionaire Bob Crow" was the buyer.

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