April 1, 2022

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 filling out the form at this link.

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

COVID-19 Updates

City Begins COVID-19 Second Booster Program

On Tuesday, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services began administering second booster doses of either the Pfizer-BioNTech (Pfizer) or the Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccines for eligible people. Fourth District clinic locations include CSULB on Mon./Wed. and El Dorado Park West (2800 Studebaker) on Wed. afternoons. Check the City’s press release for details at this link.

Past and Ongoing Events

LBFD Calls for Service

In January and February, the Long Beach Fire Department responded to 10,800+ calls for service. Each month, LBFD will be sharing calls of service by the type of incident within each Council District. The reports are intended to keep residents and businesses informed of where the services are being provided with safety and privacy being LBFD’s main priority. You can view the Calls for Service by each council
LBPD Promotes New Leaders

On Tuesday afternoon, I had the honor of attending the Long Beach Police Department promotional ceremony that took place in the City Council Chamber. Due to previous COVID-19 restrictions, it was the first in-person promotion ceremony held since 2020. A total of thirty eight employees were recognized during Tuesday's ceremony. Command level promotions included Deputy Chief Gerardo Prieto (a former East Division Sergeant) and Deputy Chief Patrick O'Dowd (a former East Division Commander). The list of all promotees is available at this link.

State Eviction Protections Extended

On the last possible day, the State extended eviction protections for tenants who are waiting to receive emergency rental assistance payments through June 30, 2022. This action will protect renters who have applied for rental assistance funding by March 31st. Without this legislation, renters in the queue for assistance could have been at risk of eviction for non-payment of rent beginning April 1st. More information from the Governor's office press release is available at this link.

FREE Tax Preparation from CSULB

Through April 9th | M-Th: 10am to 8pm; Fri: 9am to 3pm

The CSULB College of Business is offering FREE income tax preparation online now through April 9, 2022. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides virtual appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income ($58,000 annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. The VITA IRS-certified tax preparers can assist you in preparing both federal and state tax returns. Schedule a virtual appointment or get more information on the CSU Long Beach VITA site at this link.

Upcoming Events

Summer Watering Schedule Now in Effect

Today, April 1st, the New Watering Schedule goes into effect that allows landscape irrigation three days a week. The adoption of the Stage 1 Supply Shortage means that one additional outdoor watering day will now be permitted during the hot and dry summer months. Watering is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, before 9am and after 4pm, from April 1st through September 30th. From October 1st to March 31st, when the temperature is cooler with more natural rainfall, watering will only be allowed on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
FREE Shred Event at the Pyramid TOMORROW!
April 2nd | 9 am - 12 pm | 6000 E. Atherton St.

Get the word out! Realtor Michele “K” Kreinheder, along with LB Poly Wrestling, are hosting a free shred event at the CSULB Pyramid on Saturday, April 2nd from 9am to noon. Donations are accepted and will help the wrestling team in raising funds for much-needed new mats. Plus, you get to clean out those old files and drop them off in a secure manner right here in our 4th council district!

Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival on Sunday!
April 3rd | 10 am - 6 pm | 1321 E. Anaheim St.

The Cambodia Town Parade and Culture Festival is back in person! Join the traditional blessing, parade, performances and more at MacArthur Park on Sunday, April 3rd from 9am - 6pm. Celebrate Cambodian Heritage Month and the Year of the Tiger.

Next on the City Council Agenda
April 5th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5 pm in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcast live online and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Here are some topics that appear on next Tuesday's agenda:

- H25: Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and grant an Entertainment Permit with conditions for Entertainment without Dancing to Long Beach Tiki, LLC, dba The Bamboo Club, at 3522 E. Anaheim
- R26: Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by $250, offset by the Fourth Council District one-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to Partners of Parks for the Ranchos Cars & Coffee Event;
- R30: Recommendation to request City Manager work with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine as well as the Long Beach Pickleball Advisory Group to develop a plan for the future of pickleball in Long Beach including: the feasibility of, converting all tennis courts to dual use courts, creating dedicated pickleball courts, developing a minimum amount of storage at each park for equipment, and exploring further partnerships with local schools for joint use of LBUSD tennis courts. This report back to City Council is requested within 60 days.

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

### YMCA Spring Tee Ball Clinic

**April 7th - May 12th | Thursdays 4-4:50 pm | 1720 Bellflower Blvd.**

This 6-week instructional Tee Ball class is a non-competitive program that will introduce the fundamentals of baseball in an encouraging environment. Your young athletes will be introduced to the basics of catching, throwing and hitting a baseball off a tee. Open to everyone from ages 3-6! Clinics take place on Thursdays from 4:00-4:50pm at the Los Altos Family YMCA. Fee: Members $70 / Non-Members $90. More information and registration is at this [link](#).

### Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach Next Weekend!

**April 8th - 10th | On the Streets of Long Beach**

Today, April 1st, the State of California lifted the vaccination requirement for indoor “mega-events” such as in the Long Beach Convention Center at the Acura Grand Prix. This, combined with the lifting of the mask protocols, means there are no more COVID mandates for this year’s Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach! Of course, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask indoors or outdoors, you are encouraged to do so. Check the [AGPLB website](#) or call (888) 827-7333 for additional information.

### Grand Prix Street Closures & Traffic Impacts

**Wed. April 6th - Mon. April 11th | Downtown Long Beach**

In anticipation of the Grand Prix taking place April 8 through 10, the City is advising the public of street closures and traffic impacts beginning next Wednesday. The affected area will be Downtown Long Beach between April 6th and 11th. All streets will be re-opened by 5 pm Monday, April 11th. For a complete list of closures, please check this [link](#).

### Adaptive Recreation at Stearns Park

**Registration started March 23rd by appointment | (562) 570-2867**

Parks and Recreation will offer in-person adaptive recreation programs for middle and high school youth and adults providing fun and enriching experiences such as art, games and fitness activities designed for people with disabilities. The Adaptive Recreation Programs will take place at Stearns Park, located at 4520 E. 23rd St. in the Fourth District. Programs will run April 30 through June 11. More information is
Registration Date Change for In-person Day Camps
Registration begins April 16th | Online or at parks citywide

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer in-person Summer Day Camps weekdays beginning June 20th through August 26th where youth ages 5 to 12 will enjoy games, crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more. Registration was originally scheduled to begin April 9th but has been changed to April 16th. Summer camps will operate weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and from 7 am to 6 pm for those enrolled in extended care. More information is available in the press release, at the PRM website or by calling 562.570.3150.

And Finally

The DC-8’s Impact on Long Beach

Tomorrow marks a milestone date in the aviation and economic history of the City of Long Beach. Sixty-six years ago, on April 2, 1956, the Douglas Aircraft Company made the decision to build a new assembly facility adjacent to the Long Beach Airport for the production of the new DC-8 jetliner. The 1 million square foot facility was completed in 13 months at a cost of $20 million. The City of Long Beach also helped Douglas when voters approved a $5.5 million bond to finance an extension of the main runway. The extension to 10,000 feet was critical because the DC-8 required a very long take-off roll to get airborne.

In the January 28th edition of our newsletter (link here), we explained how LGB’s main runway was extended from Lakewood & Spring to Clark & Willow. The extension required tunnels to be constructed on both Lakewood Blvd. and Spring St. What we did not explain is why voters approved a bond measure for the construction. The answer: the economy and jobs. With a combined public/private construction investment of $25.5 million, by the time of the DC-8’s rollout, 17 airlines had placed orders worth $700 million for 138 aircraft.

Long Beach produced a total of 556 DC-8 aircraft over a 15-year period from 1957 to 1972. It represented an incalculable boost to our local economy and an incredible number of jobs. While these local economic impacts were obvious, the founder of Douglas Aircraft had a more global perspective. Donald Douglas Sr. once termed the DC-8 a “billion dollar expression of faith in the economic future of the nation and the world.”