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

Past and Ongoing Events

**CHLB Winter Shelter Opens Next Week**

The winter shelter for the unhoused at Community Hospital was approved at Tuesday’s City Council meeting. It is scheduled to open the week of December 19th. City staff has created an FAQ Sheet about the winter shelter that is available now at this link. For more information about the Winter Shelter, please visit this website or call the Multi-Service Center at (562) 570-4500.

**City of Long Beach Enters COVID Medium Tier**

With COVID-19 cases rising, the City of Long Beach has entered the Medium (Yellow) Tier of COVID-19 Community Level, the second of three tiers outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) is urging residents to be vigilant and take preventative steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. Read the
Stearns Park Water Well Project Update

Work continues on the Alamitos 9A groundwater well project near 23rd and Roycroft. Drilling is nearly complete with 24-hour drilling operations continuing through next week. Construction and well development will wrap up by the end of January. Crews have begun site preparation at the second well site, Alamitos 14, located just north of the community center. Planned tree removal occurred this week and temporary fencing has gone up around the site. The sound wall will be installed in late December. Once drilling is completed at Alamitos 9A, the drill rig will be moved to Alamitos 14. For questions and concerns, visit lbwater.org/stearns or call project manager Nik Baykal at (562) 570-2347.

Sidewalk Vending Survey Available Online

The City of Long Beach is initiating its outreach efforts to receive community input on sidewalk vending. City staff is gathering community perspectives to assist in the development of rules and regulations. The survey is anonymous unless you choose to share your contact information; demographic questions are also included. Responses are due by Sunday, Dec.18, 2022. For more information, call (562) 570-6211 or read the press release at this link. Take the survey here.

LBFD Spark of Love Toy Drive

Now thru Dec. 24th

The Long Beach Fire Department holiday toy drive is underway. Please help LBFD spread some holiday cheer this year! Monetary and toy donations are being accepted now through December 24th. See additional information at this link. Unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off outside all LBFD fire stations. CD4 locations drop off locations include:

- Fire Station 5 - 7575 Wardlow Rd.
- Fire Station 17 - 2247 Argonne Ave.
- Fire Station 22 - 6340 Atherton St.

Upcoming Events

LBACS Wrap-Up Event

December 17th | 4 - 6 pm | 7700 E Spring St.
Join Long Beach Animal Care Services for their wrap-up event at the LBACS shelter. The event will feature music, festive activities, and vendors. Attendees are encouraged to come in Christmas-themed ugly sweaters and bring unopened store-bought pet treats for stocking stuffers. Bring a gift for a furry friend to put under the Christmas tree. The event is free to attend. View the press release at this link or find more information here.

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**Christmas Events at Farmers Marketplace**

December 18th | 8 am - 1 pm | 5000 E Spring St.

The last Farmers Marketplace of the year will take place this weekend and will feature some Christmas festivities.

- **Christmas at the Market**: Come see Santa Claus from 10 am to 12:30 pm. There will also be carolers from the Long Beach Children's Theater, face painting, and the usual farmers, vendors, crafters and food.
- **Pet Food Drive**: There will be a collection of pet food for local rescues and shelters. Drop off any canned wet food, kibble, blankets, and toys at the Information Booth.

For more information on these events, visit this link.

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**LBFD Training Center: Live Burn Schedule**

December 19, 20, 21, 22 | 7 am - 10 am | 2249 Argonne Ave.

The Long Beach Fire Training Center will be conducting live fire trainings on these dates/times that are subject to change:

- Monday, (12/19) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Tuesday, (12/20) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Friday, (12/21) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Thursday, (12/22) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Live fire training is essential in the development of firefighters and teaches skills needed to perform lifesaving and property-saving operations in the City of Long Beach. Thank you for your continued support of the Long Beach Fire Department!

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**Next on the City Council Agenda**

December 20th | 3:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 3:00 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 available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Comments can be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:

- Ceremonials and Presentations: Election of Vice Mayor

The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click here.
Los Altos Library Holiday Event & Workshop
December 21st & 22nd | Community Room | 5614 E. Britton Dr.

Dec. 21st: Holiday Storytime - 1 to 5 years - 11 am to 12 pm
· A festive twist on children's storytime, join Los Altos librarians for a cheerful storytime and a festive craft session.

Dec. 22nd: Holiday Wreath Workshop - All Ages - 5 to 6:30 pm
· Sheena Langub from Rooted Harmony will host a wreath-making workshop to celebrate the holiday season. Space is limited to 15 attendees, so reservations are required.

For more information and to register for events, call (562) 570-1045.

LBSU Men’s Christmas Basketball
December 21st | 7 pm | Walter Pyramid aka “The ‘Mid”

On December 21st at 7 pm, LBSU Men's Basketball will take on the University of Idaho in the Walter Pyramid. The team will also be celebrating Christmas festivities with a Christmas Stocking, an Elf Hat, and a Holiday Bell giveaway. Santa will also make an appearance at the Kids Zone during the event. For tickets and more information, visit this link.

Nature Kids! Winter Break Workshops
December 26th - January 6th | 10 am - 12 pm | Register Here

Registration for Nature Kids! Winter Break Workshops are now open. The workshops will take place at the El Dorado Nature Center where children aged 5-8 years will experience nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts. Children must have Kindergarten experience. Registration at this link is required, and there is a $20 fee per class.

FREE Winter Youth Fun Days
Dec. 27-30th and Jan. 3rd - 6th | 12 pm - 5 pm | Various locations

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer free extended supervised recreation programs for youth over the winter school break. The Winter Fun Days Program will operate Dec. 27 through 30 (Closed December 26 & January 2) and Jan. 3 through 6, noon to 5 p.m., at parks throughout Long Beach. Youth may come and go at their own discretion and PRM staff will be on-site to lead a variety of recreational activities. Here is a list of CD4 parks that will participate:
· College Estates Park, 808 Stevely Ave.
· El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd.
· Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
· Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.

For more information on these events, visit the press release at this link or call (562) 570-3233.

Preferential Parking District Permit Renewals
Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permits. Each household is allowed up to three residential and one guest preferential permit per year. The annual fee for each residential preferential or guest permit is $33.75. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the Parking Permits Portal to purchase your new PPD permits for 2023. The blue colored permits expire on 12/31/22.

And Finally....

The Original Circle Area Porsche Dealership

Last week, we told you that Circle Porsche was sold to the Fletcher Jones Automotive Group and would be renamed Porsche Long Beach. We referred to Circle Porsche as a 53-year-old dealership because they opened at 4400 E Los Coyotes Diagonal (current site of CVS) in 1969. They later moved to their current location at 1850 Outer Circle at the former LA Fitness site. However, the history of Porsche sales at the traffic circle dates back even further. Circle Motors, located at 1919 Lakewood Blvd (where Circle Audi now sits), was both a Volkswagen and Porsche dealership. The two German brands shared the showroom and the parts department. On a personal note, I owned a 1954 Porsche (356 Pre-A Coupe pictured above) at the time and spent a lot of time in the parts department. Back then, most of the mechanics were from Germany and had very thick German accents. While waiting in the parts counter line one day, I heard one of the funniest exchanges. A mechanic walked up to the counter and said, “I need a set of viper blades for a ’63 bus.” A second mechanic quickly corrected him by saying, “It’s not pronounced ‘viper,’ it’s pronounced ‘wiper.’ A viper is a ‘schnake’.”