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

Fire Near El Dorado Nature Center

Last Sunday morning at 2 am, two fires broke out on the west side of the Nature Center. The burned areas were both approximately 150’ long (running parallel to the bike path) by 50’ wide. Approximately 150’ of unburned vegetation separated the two burned areas. LBFD’s response included five fire engines, a battalion chief and fire investigators. The fire was controlled before spreading into the Nature Center. Our office posted this information on social media Sunday morning. This included a notice that the Nature Center was closed due its to proximity to the fire area. You can read press coverage of the event at this link.

LB Health Dept. Rejects Mask Mandate

Last week, there was speculation that Long Beach and LA County might return to a COVID-19 mask mandate. On Tuesday, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services ended the conjecture with this statement: “Despite rising cases, hospitalizations among Long Beach residents remain stable,
area hospitals have adequate capacity and fatalities remain low. Therefore, regarding masking, the City of Long Beach will continue to align with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), which strongly urges, but does not require, masking in most circumstances.” You can read the press release here.

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**Health Dept. Update on Monkeypox Vaccine**

Yesterday, July 28th, the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (LBDHHS) issued this statement: “Monkeypox Vaccine supply is currently limited, Those who are interested in receiving the Monkeypox vaccine can sign-up through our pre-registration system or website at longbeach.gov/monkeypox to join a vaccine wait list.” Additional information is available here.

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**Go Long Beach App and Website**

Did you know you can use the Go Long Beach app to report dumped items, trash and debris? The Apple and Android apps are available for download now. You can also try the new Go Long Beach website and submit your requests online here.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Muni Band Concert TONIGHT at El Dorado!**

The Long Beach Municipal Band is celebrating its 113th season with free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks with a different musical theme every week. Council District 4 performances will continue at El Dorado Park on Friday nights through Aug 5th. Tonight’s concert begins at 6:30 pm, and the musical theme is “Cinema Classics” with a selection of scores from notable classic movies. For more information on the concerts, please click here.

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**PRM Fall Class Registration Starts Monday**

Registration for a variety of new and existing recreation classes offered by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) begins Monday, August 1st. More than 700 activities in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues and aquatics will begin in September and continue through November. Residents can browse the fall classes in the latest issue of Recreation Connection, PRM’s 56-page programs catalog, at Long Beach park community centers, Long Beach Public Library branches or online at this link.
Spring St. Bike Lane Message Boards Ahead

Construction on the much anticipated Spring Street Bikeway is scheduled to commence next month. Phase 1 of this project will create bike lanes along Spring St. from Studebaker to the Nature Center. Also, Public Works has been listening: there will be no green bollards, and the bike lanes will be wide enough to accommodate a full-size street sweeper. Message board trailers are scheduled to be placed on the street on August 1st. Construction will start two weeks later and is expected to be completed on September 9th. Please call Public Works at (562) 570-6331 and/or read the construction notice at this link.

Movies in the Park - Sing 2
August 1st | 8 pm | Whaley Park

Movies in the Park, Signal Hill Petroleum, and Partners of the Parks have partnered to present Movies in the Park throughout the summer months. Movies begin promptly at dusk. In “Sing 2” at Whaley Park on August 1st, Buster Moon and his friends must persuade reclusive rock star Clay Calloway to join them for the opening of a new show. For more information, visit lbarks.org or call (562) 570-3226.

Next on the City Council Agenda
August 2nd | 5:00 pm | Virtual & In-Person

The City Council “hybrid” meeting will begin at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be open, but the public can also call in to provide comments on agenda items. Instructions to join the meeting virtually can be found at the top of the agenda linked below. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday’s council meeting agenda include:

- BH-22: Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. (Citywide)
- R-25: Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by $200, offset by the Fourth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to the Friends of the Long Beach Public Library for their Celebrate Our
ORD-33: Recommendation to declare ordinance amending Section 1.20.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to the boundaries of the City’s nine council districts, adding Section 1.20.020 to maintain final adopted maps on the internet webpage for at least ten years, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

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

National Night Out on August 2nd
August 2nd | 6 pm - 9 pm | Citywide

National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. LBPD encourages you to turn on your porch lights, lock your doors, and go out and meet your neighbors and police officers. It’s past the deadline to guarantee attendance by LBPD personnel. However, if you’d like to host a NNO event on August 2nd and would like to register with LBPD East, please email your name, phone number and location of your event here.

Blood Drive at LBFD Headquarters
August 4th | 8 am - 2:30 pm | 3305 Lakewood Blvd.

"Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood" - American Red Cross. Please join the LBFD at their headquarters next Thursday, August 4th to donate blood. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code "LBFD". Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Save the Date: Duck Pond Meeting Aug 10th
August 10th | 6 pm - 7 pm | Virtual Community Meeting Link

The Long Beach Department of Public Works has scheduled a Virtual Community Meeting to provide an update on the El Dorado Duck Pond restoration project. Construction was scheduled to commence earlier this year, but it was delayed to accommodate nesting season. Visit longbeach.gov/eldoduckpond for a project overview and the latest project updates. Please email contact.BPW@longbeach.gov or call (562) 570-6383 with any questions prior to the meeting.
Nature Center Concert - Corday
August 11th | 6:30 pm to 8 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

The El Dorado Nature Center outdoor concerts open for picnicking at 6:30 pm with live music from 7 to 8 pm. Friends of El Dorado Nature Center members can enter early at 6 pm. Bring an eco-friendly dinner and low chairs. For more information, please call (562) 570-1745.
- August 11 - Corday
- August 25 – JP McDermott and Western Bop

FREE Knyght Ryder Concert in El Dorado Park!
August 19th | 6 pm - 8 pm | 2800 N Studebaker Rd

Back by popular demand! 80’s tribute band, Knyght Ryder, is continuing the long-time tradition of their summer concert in El Dorado Park West. The location will be where the LB Municipal Band hosts their concerts. The Knyght Ryder concert will take place on Friday, August 19, from 6 - 8 pm. Join us for an evening filled with live entertainment, children's activities, food and family fun! Admission is free. For more information on the event, contact the CD4 Office at (562) 570-4444 or District4@longbeach.gov.
And Finally....

Not Your Typical Encampment

We were alerted by a very observant CD4 resident about an encampment in the rafters of the Wardlow bridge over the San Gabriel River. We had a clean-up scheduled already, so we assumed the LB Clean Team could remove it. However, the wooden structures turned out to be impossible to remove without special equipment. Help came in the form of LBFD Truck 17, aka the “Beast From the East”. As described by LBPD officers assisting with the clean-up: “Underneath the bridge were a total of three loft structures. They were difficult to demolish by the Long Beach Fire Department. The wooden planks were bolted and screwed together and wedged between the concrete rafters. LBFD required a ladder truck [T17] to come out with their heavy power tools and chainsaws”. Thanks to all who participated in this very challenging clean-up, including LBPD, Homeless Services, the LB Clean Team, and crews from LBFD E22 and T17.