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

Celebrating the 4th in the 4th

Over the Independence Day weekend, 23 block party permits were issued to residents of Council District 4. That number does not include the many outdoor celebrations, barbecues and bike parades that weren’t associated with a block party. Thanks to all those who celebrated safely. As firework-related calls start to pick up every year throughout June and through the Fourth of July, the City is noting that in 2022, fireworks-related calls for that time period were 56% of last year’s total during the same time period, representing a dramatic decrease. You can read yesterday’s press release on the 4th of July weekend public safety statistics at this link.

City Now Offering Moderna for Ages 6-17

Yesterday, July 7th, the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) began offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to those aged 6 to 17. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact their health care provider to learn more about
the COVID-19 vaccines, now available to everyone 6 months old and older. The city continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines at locations citywide. The CD4 vaccination site is located at the Tom Clark Community Center at 2800 Studebaker Rd. on Wednesdays in July from 3-6 pm. You can read more about the program in the City’s press release at this link.

CSULB Learning Institute Summer Classes

Long Beach State’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) hosts non-credit courses for persons 50 years of age or older. Courses will run from July 5 to August 29 in hybrid formats, in-person or on Zoom. Registration for the Summer 2022 session is now open. For more information on the courses and how to register, click here.

Smart City Initiative Annual Report

The launch of the Long Beach Smart City Initiative in 2019 established guiding principles and pathways for the City to use technology and data to improve the lives of all Long Beach residents. The Smart City Initiative is built upon principles of equity, inclusion, transparency, resilience, innovation, and community collaboration. From augmented reality to smart traffic signals, to data privacy protections; Long Beach is working hard to make sure technology works for you! Click here to read the full 2022 Smart City Initiative Annual Report!

Upcoming Events

Muni Band Concert TONIGHT at El Dorado!

The Long Beach Municipal Band is celebrating their 113th season this year with free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks with a different musical theme every week. Council District 4 performances are continuing at El Dorado Park on Friday nights through Aug 5th. Tonight’s concert begins at 6:30 pm, and the musical theme is “Give My Regards to Broadway”. For more information on the concerts, please click here.
FREE HHW Collection Event Tomorrow!
July 9th | 9 am to 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

EDCO is hosting two events per month on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! Drop off all your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items and e-waste at the FREE event from 9 am to 2 pm tomorrow. Please visit http://bit.ly/HHW_LB for a full list of accepted items.

Next on the City Council Agenda
July 12th | 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:

- R-18: Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7194 and award a contract to Vellutini Corporation dba Royal Electric Company of Sacramento, CA, for the Rehabilitate Runway 12-30 Lighting Project at the Long Beach Airport, in an amount of $6,739,739, authorize a 10 percent contingency in the amount of $673,974, for a total contract amount not to exceed $7,413,713; (Districts 4,5)
- O-21: Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Section 1.20.010 establishing and designating the Political Subdivisions or Districts of the City of Long Beach, pursuant to the actions of the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

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

El Dorado Nature Center Concerts

The El Dorado Nature Center outdoor concerts will 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.

- July 14 – The Salty Suites
- July 28 – Sligo Rags
- August 11 - Corday
- August 25 – JP McDermott and Western Bop

LBWD Well Construction Meetings at Stearns Park
July 14th at 6 pm | July 16th at 10 am | 4520 E 23rd St. | (562) 570-2347

With the record-breaking drought continuing, the Long Beach Water Dept. is working to ensure greater access to groundwater by rehabilitating existing wells. One of their projects is in Stearns Park, and LBWD is hosting two community meetings to explain the scope of the well construction process. Their plan is to construct two new groundwater wells on the north end of the park. Project construction is set to begin later this summer, and they have committed to making every effort to mitigate impacts on the surrounding community. Please attend the informational open house meetings to learn more and to ask questions about the project. If you are unable to attend but have questions, please direct them to project manager Nikolas Baykal at (562) 570-2347.

Propeller Club of LA/LB Scholarship Opportunity
Deadline: July 15th | Apply Online

The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach is offering scholarships ranging from $250 to $1,000 to graduating high school seniors from schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington or Carson. Requirements include a 500-word essay on a selected essay question. Recommendation letters
do not have to be specific to this scholarship, and students may repurpose a recommendation letter for this scholarship. For more information, please email jenn@propellerclubla.org

Meals on Wheels Car Show Fundraiser
July 16th | 9 am to 2 pm | LBPOA Park at 7290 E Carson St.

Long Beach Meals on Wheels is hosting their inaugural car show fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will go towards funding prepared and packaged meals for seniors, veterans and low-income individuals. The event includes a raffle, food trucks, live music and more. Admission to the event is free.

Pet Adoption Bonanza and Craft Fair
July 16th | 10 am to 4 pm | 7641 Carson Blvd.

Long Beach Animal Care Services, along with PetSmart, Little Lion, The Cat Cove and the Port of Long Beach, are hosting a Western-themed pet adoption event featuring over 200 adoptable animals from local rescues and shelters. The event at the Long Beach Towne Center will also include a craft fair featuring local vendors and crafters and a western-themed photo booth.

Camerata Singers Event at Los Altos Library
July 16th | 4:30 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

The Long Beach Camerata Singers will host their Front Porch Concert Series at Los Altos Library on Saturday, July 16th at 4:30 pm. The performances usually last about an hour and feature musical artists that perform ensemble music, musical theater solos, and more! It is recommended that guests bring chairs. Please reserve your free tickets here.

YMCA Flex 6 Lacrosse League
July 16- September 10 | Register Online

The YMCA of Greater Long Beach is offering lacrosse lessons for youth ages 4 - 12. They have partnered with USA Lacrosse to teach the fundamentals of running, carrying, catching, shooting and passing. Volunteer coaches are also needed. For more information, please email the Sports & Outreach Coordinator at Felipe.Orozco@lbymca.org.
And Finally....

Gerald Desmond Bridge Demo Begins Tomorrow

If you want to get one last look at an intact Gerald Desmond Bridge, you'll have to hurry. Removal of the center section of the span suspended over the Back Channel will begin tomorrow. The Back Channel will be closed to vessels from 6 am Saturday, July 9, to 6 am, Monday, July 11, as the bridge's 410-foot-long suspended span is dismantled and lowered onto a barge. The Gerald Desmond Bridge has been closed to vehicle traffic since early October 2020 when its replacement opened. Vehicle traffic on the replacement bridge will not be affected by the demolition of the old span. You can read more about the demo project at this link. Photo credits: Nina Turner & PoLB
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