November 11, 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

Past and Ongoing Events

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 email lbbiz@longbeach.gov with the subject line "Sidewalk Vending". Take the survey here.

El Dorado Library Closed for Maintenance

The El Dorado Neighborhood Library will be closed for emergency maintenance. The anticipated re-opening date will be on Tuesday, Nov. 15th. You can check out the activities of the other LBPL locations at this link.
Fire Chief Espino Announces Retirement

Yesterday, Long Beach Fire Chief Xavier Espino announced his retirement from the Long Beach Fire Department after nearly 37 years of service. Chief Espino has served as Fire Chief since 2018, and his last day as Chief will be Dec. 30, 2022. Of his many accomplishments, Chief Espino was the major force behind the restoration of Engine 17. True to his selfless character, even though he did all the heavy lifting, he publicly shared the credit with me. He served our city with distinction and will be greatly missed. You can read the City’s press release at this link.

November 8th Election Results

The votes are still being tabulated by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder. You can find updates on their website here. As shown in the graphic at right, type in the words "Long Beach" to jump to the results of the local election. At this time, the County is scheduled to certify the election on the afternoon of Dec. 5th.

Happy 103rd Birthday to Grace Florence Old

District 4 resident, Grace Florence Old, celebrated her 103rd birthday on Monday, November 7th. Three years ago, I closed the November 5th city council meeting in recognition of her 100th birthday and for her being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. In 2016, Congress approved an act to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II. Happy birthday, Grace, and thank you for your service.

PRM Winter Class Registration Now Open

Long Beach Parks and Recreation Winter Class Registration is now open. Classes including art, music, fitness and sports will be offered from December 2022 through February 2023. These programs provide opportunities for exercise and recreation, social interaction, learning, and relaxation for all ages. To register click here, call (562) 570-3111 or visit the Registration Recreation Office at 2760 Studebaker Rd. between 8 am - 5 pm on weekdays. Click this link for more information.
Hof’s Hut Honors Veterans Today  
November 11th | 7 am - 10 pm | 2147 Bellflower Blvd.

Veterans and active duty military: Hof’s Hut wants to thank you for your service. Today, November 11th, get a FREE Hofburger or Pancakes combo + a $10 Thank You card good on your next visit between 11/25/22 and 12/4/22. While supplies last and valid on Veterans Day only. Offer is available for both takeout phone orders and dine-in. Must show proof of service or Military ID.

Veterans Day Celebration Tomorrow  
November 12th | 11 am - 2:30 pm | 6301 Myrtle Ave.

The Veterans Day Celebration, a community event honoring local Veterans, is taking place Saturday, Nov. 12th from 11 am to 2:30 pm. at Houghton Park. There will be live musical performances by ‘80s tribute band Knkyt Ryder and DJ Dennis Owens, a Veterans and Community Resources Fair with 20 different community-based organizations and City departments, a Kids Zone, food trucks, an ice cream truck, a Giant Obstacle Course Challenge and a beer garden. A special program with a flyover by a World War II-era plane, the Lakewood High School Naval Junior ROTC Color Guard, and a presentation of certificates to Veterans making a difference in our communities takes place at noon.

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event  
November 12th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

Household cleaning products, pesticides, paint, e-waste including batteries, medications, and many other products are considered hazardous waste and should not go in your trash or recycling carts. The next collection event is tomorrow, Saturday, November 12th. This will be the only HHW event for November, as EDCO will be closed on 11/26. Learn more at this link.

Towne Center Pawlidays Adoption Event  
November 12th | 10 am - 4 pm | 7460 E Carson St.

Join the Long Beach Animal Care Services at the Long Beach Towne Center for the 3rd Annual Adoption Event and Craft Fair from 10 am to 4 pm on November 12th. There will be 200 dogs and cats to choose from and local vendors to pick up holiday gifts. There will be holiday-themed treats, a photo booth, Santa photos, a bake sale and raffle items. The event will take place in the retail space next to Sam's Club. Visit this link for more information.

Farmers Marketplace Car Meet Up  
Sunday, Nov. 13th | 9 am - 12 pm | 5000 E. Spring St.
The return of the Farmers Marketplace Car Meet Up takes place this weekend! All car enthusiasts are welcome to join other gearheads to talk about cars and appreciate each others’ vehicles... new, old, classic and “forgotten”. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee and cars every second Sunday of the month. No guarantee, but you might even see CD4 Don Allison’s ‘63 T-bird.

Next on the City Council Agenda
November 15th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5:30 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:

- R-34: Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department in the amount of $4,000, offset by the Fourth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department to provide supplemental funding for pickleball court restriping at El Dorado Tennis Center; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by $4,000 to offset a transfer to the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department.

- R-38: Recommendation to receive and file presentation on the Race and Suburbanization Historic Context Statement. (Citywide)

- R-39: Recommendation to approve the City of Long Beach’s (City) Draft Blueprint 2.0 for Economic Development to guide the City’s overall economic development work plan for the next ten years. (Citywide)

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

Annual Youth Fishing Derby
November 19th | 8 am - 2 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

El Dorado Regional Park will be hosting its Annual Children's Fishing Derby on Saturday, November 19th. The event is free and fishing poles and tackle to catch fish will be provided. Kids ages 15 years and under are free to attend, anyone over the age of 16 must have a California State Fishing License. For more information, please call (562) 570-1771.

Nature Center Tellebration!
November 19th | 7:30 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

The El Dorado Nature Center will be hosting "Tellabration!", an international storytelling celebration on Saturday, November 19th at 7:30 pm. Attendees will join local storytellers for an evening of tales, music, food, and fun!
Blood Drive at the Nature Center Museum
November 21st | 10 am - 4 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

The El Dorado Nature Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, November 21st from 10 am to 4 pm. To make an appointment, please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: ElDoradoLB or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Los Altos Family YMCA Fall Camp
November 21st - 23rd | 7 am - 6 pm | Register Here

Los Altos YMCA is hosting its Fall Traditional Camp starting November 21st. Participants must be in grades K-8. Participants will navigate through a wide variety of activities including games, crafts, sports and more. The registration fee is $159 for YMCA members and $198 for community participants. Financial assistance is available. Find more information and register here.

And Finally....

Month of November, November 10th and November 11th

The month of November is Native American Heritage month. Yesterday, November 10th, was the 247th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps (one year older than our nation). Today, November 11th is Veterans Day. That combination brings to mind Ira Hayes, the Native American who was one of the six 5th Division Marines who raised the flag on Iwo Jima. He is on the far left in Joe Rosenthal’s iconic photo taken on February 23, 1945. It is likely the most valuable image in the history of photography as it was used in the Seventh War Bond Tour to raise $26 billion, more than any other war bond. The photograph also won the Pulitzer Prize in 1945 and was the model for the 110-feet tall bronze Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.
Ira Hayes is known as one of the six flag raisers immortalized in the photograph Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima by photographer Joe Rosenthal.

So what’s the connection to the 4th Council District? There may have been a number of 5th Division Marines who settled in East Long Beach during the post-war housing boom. I can absolutely confirm one, my dad, Don Supernaw. He was a 60-year CD4 resident and worked for the LBFD for 25 years at CD4 Stations 17 and 22. His unit of the 5th Division was part of the invasion force of Japan, and he did not land on Iwo Jima. He was, however, stationed on Camp Tarawa (see photo at right) in Hawaii and bunked two tents down from Ira Hayes. The USMC and LBFD share similar mottos. Semper Fi and Semper Paratus.
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