



Happy Friday!

July 1st already. I wonder how that can be. A couple quick updates:

- The Community Health Bureau Manager and Human Services Bureau Manager positions have been posted and will close on July 22nd. If you are interested, or know someone else who would be a great fit, please don't miss the date!
- This month we'll be interviewing for our Health Equity Program Coordinator and Veteran Commission staff member in addition to a number of other positions throughout the Department.

The summer takes everyone outside to our beaches, parks, and paths! Please take time to enjoy the many activities offered at the festivals, movies on the beach, and music everywhere. Have a wonderful July 4th holiday weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday!

Welcome New Employees:

Kelly

- Diandra Sanchez – Community Worker – Policy Planning Prevention Bureau
- Matthew Franco – Public Health Associate I – Community Health
- Michelle Lim – Community Program Tech I – Community Health
- Sandra Gogue – Medical Assistant II – Physician Services

Upcoming Events:

- The Health Department will be hosting a panel of experts discussion the subject of Nutrition and Exercise on a Budget, Wednesday, July 13th, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Family Health Education Center, 3820 Cherry Avenue. We tell our clients and patients to eat healthy and exercise regularly, but what really are the components of this advice? How does one stretch GR money of \$250 and food stamps to cover meals for a month? SSI/SSDI money of \$1,000 may also not go very far for a food budget, and gym memberships can be expensive. Experts will discuss such topics as Meal Planning on Limited Income, Shopping on a Budget, How to Read Food Labels, and Weight Management. Parking and lunch are free. There is no need to pre-register for this event. Everyone is welcome.
- The California Office of Traffic Safety awarded the Community Health Bureau \$50,000 to conduct pedestrian and bike safety workshops in Fiscal Year 2016/2017. The workshops will target elementary school-age children living in communities where pedestrian and bike collisions occur most frequently. Participants will also receive a free bike helmet. For more information contact Louisa at (562) 570-7901.



Highlights:

- The Housing Authority recently opened its waiting list for the first time in 13 years. As to be expected, many in Long Beach were anxiously awaiting the opportunity to sign up for Section 8 vouchers. At the close of the waiting list on June 20, 2016, staff recorded 18,592 applicants for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The HACLB also administers Project Based Voucher (PBV) programs for veterans, seniors, disabled, homeless, aged-out foster youth and persons living with AIDS. The PBV waiting list will remain open indefinitely and currently has a total of 14,345 applicants. That is a total of 32,937 new applicants! HACLB staff are working diligently to prepare for the influx of new participants. Go team!



- Councilman Richardson (CD9) held a “CommUNITY Conversation,” themed “Innovating for Equity.” The speakers included Alex Johnson (California Children’s Defense Fund), Patricia Lally, (Seattle Office of Civil Rights), and Councilmember Desley Brooks (Oakland District 6) and Kelly Colopy (LB Health Department). Each shared information on equity issues, including race, health, poverty and crime and the work they were doing. At the end, Councilman Richardson proposed developing an Office on Equity in Long Beach and combining violence prevention efforts and equity efforts within the Health Department to better coordinate and align resources and efforts. He will present an item at the July 5th City Council Meeting directing the City Manager to provide a feasibility study for this shift.
- A new, permanent, measured open water buoy line in Alamitos Bay, believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, along with new water quality signage, and swim ladders were unveiled at the “Play in the Bay” celebration, held on Sunday, June 16th at the Bay Shore Swimming Pier. The 500-yard Bay Shore Buoy Line features marked buoys at every 100 yards, starting at the Bay Shore North Restrooms near Second Street and ending slightly east of the Bay Shore Swimming Pier. Long Beach has seen sustained improvements in water quality over the past five years, according to Heal the Bay, and the new signs will provide current information about water quality in the Bay, to encourage more activity. They also will advise people to avoid the water within three days of rainfall, and display the current water temperature. The signs will be installed in five locations: Colorado Lagoon, Mother’s Beach, Bay Shore North Restrooms (across from the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library), Bay Shore South (near the Bay Shore Swimming Pier), and the Kite Beach parking lot on Ocean Boulevard and Claremont Place. Fifteen new swim ladders on public docks will increase safety and help swimmers get in and out of the water at popular Alamitos Bay. The swim ladders are located throughout the Bay, including Alamitos Bay Landing, the northeast corner of Naples Island, Mother’s Beach, Davies Launch Ramp, and the Bay Shore Swimming Pier. Long Beach resident Lynne Cox, who swam across the Bering Strait in 1987, and twice held the overall record for the fastest crossing of the English Channel, attended the ceremony.
- As part of the HEAL Zone effort, the Coalition for a Healthy North Long Beach (Coalition) met earlier this month to provide input on the North Long Beach Open Space Plan. Meeting participants discussed where they would like to see new park space and described the types of amenities each park should include. The Coalition, which meets the second Monday of every month at Houghton Park, will provide input on the City’s Bike Master Plan at July’s meeting.

