



**Date:** March 6, 2019  
**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *P.H.W.*  
**From:** Reginald Harrison, Director, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications *R.H.*  
**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**Subject:** **Tsunami Preparedness Week – March 26-29, 2019**

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Tsunami Preparedness Week, March 26-29, 2019, provides an opportunity for residents and staff to refine plans and preparations for a tsunami. Tsunamis can be caused by a local or near-source earthquake, a far-source earthquake, or a landslide under the sea. With a near-source tsunami, we could have as little as 15 minutes before it reaches our shores. A far-source tsunami could take up to 15 hours. When a tsunami is imminent, residents can generally mitigate injury by quickly moving to higher ground.

Tsunami Preparedness Week activities for 2019 include:

- The 2019 Long Beach Tsunami Walk and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Will Rogers Mini Park. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the walk taking place at 10:30 a.m. Participants will walk to a designated safe zone where staff from Disaster Preparedness and tsunami awareness organizations will answer questions and provide additional information.
- Additionally, on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., City staff and tsunami experts from various agencies will conduct a press briefing to provide information on how to prepare for a tsunami and the natural warning signs of a tsunami. The press briefing will immediately precede the Tsunami Walk at Will Rogers Mini Park
- During Tsunami Week, Disaster Preparedness staff will test its ability to send emergency notifications to residents in the tsunami inundation/flood zone who have signed-up to receive AlertLongBeach emergency notifications. Residents are encouraged to sign up for AlertLongBeach at [alertlongbeach.com](http://alertlongbeach.com) to receive a voice, email, or text message on their computer or mobile device.
- Distribution of the Tsunami Preparedness Guide (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and presentations to residents and businesses in the tsunami inundation/flood zone on tsunami preparedness. The Tsunami Preparedness Guide was designed for Long Beach residents to learn how to prepare for and survive a tsunami.
- Throughout the month of March, Disaster Preparedness staff will distribute information on Tsunami Preparedness through social media and conduct a *Facebook Live* educational session at [@LongBeachDisasterPreparedness](#).

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Attached is a flyer detailing Tsunami Walk 2019 activities. We encourage all residents and businesses throughout Long Beach to participate in Tsunami Preparedness Week activities.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (562) 570-9460.

ATTACHMENT

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# Join us for Tsunami Walk 2019

The City of Long Beach wants to mobilize the community and educate residents on how to prepare for a tsunami.

Saturday, March 23

Walk begins at 10:30 AM

At Will Rogers Mini Park located at Nieto & Appian Way.

## Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 AM: Preparedness fair begins at Will Rogers Mini Park
- 10:00 AM: Tsunami Preparedness Press Conference
- 10:30 AM: Educational tsunami evacuation walk from Will Rogers Mini Park to Recreation Park Community Center
- 11:00 AM: Q&A regarding tsunami preparedness
- 11:20 AM: Walk back to Will Rogers Mini Park
- 12:30 PM: Preparedness fair ends

## Different types of Tsunami warnings:



**Warning**

Dangerous coastal flooding and powerful currents, move to high ground or inland.



**Watch**

Potential hazard not yet known, stay tuned for more information and be prepared to act.



**Advisory**

Strong currents and waves dangerous to those in or very near water. Stay out of water, away from beaches and waterways.



**Information**

No threat or very distant event and threat not determined.

In case of a tsunami

**MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND OR INLAND**



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