

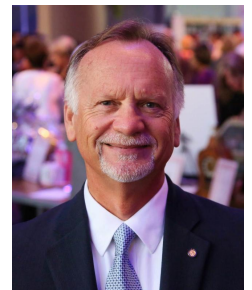


# GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

December 25, 2020

Issue No. 296

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 contacting us at: [district4@longbeach.gov](mailto:district4@longbeach.gov).



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



## COVID-19 Updates

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

#### By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 27,719 total positive results
  - 1,002 new cases since yesterday
  - Seven-day positivity rate: 14.4%
  - 124.2 seven-day case rate per 100K population

- 341 fatalities
- 170 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 400 total COVID-19 hospitalizations in area hospitals (Long Beach Memorial Hospital, St. Mary Medical Center, College Medical Center, Lakewood Regional Medical Center and Los Alamitos Medical Center)
- Approximately 19,927 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 456,586 total tests conducted
- Information as of Dec. 22

**COVID-19**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

LONG BEACH  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### State Indicators (Updated on 12/22/20):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 14.3%
- 53.0 daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 20.3%

### Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 178 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
  - 2 were in their 20s
  - 1 were in their 30s
  - 9 were in their 40s
  - 35 were in their 50s
  - 73 were in their 60s
  - 79 were in their 70s
  - 98 were in their 80s
  - 44 were over 90
- 146 female, 195 male
- 4 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 2 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

### Safer at Home Order:

- View the current ["Safer at Home" Order](#) (12/10/20)

### Past News Releases:

- To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the [City Press Release Archive](#). Releases include information about economic relief, help for people experiencing homelessness and updates regarding City operations.

The City of Long Beach continues to monitor the situation 24/7 in coordination with local, state and federal officials. For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's website at this [link](#).

## Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (LBDHHS)

If you have been impacted by the pandemic and need mental health care, food access, housing/shelter, legal aid, children/family services and more, help is here. Call LBDHHS at 562-570-INFO (4636), select Option 5, leave a message and you will receive a call back with resources.

# LB Resource Line

562.570.INFO  
(4636)



Press 5



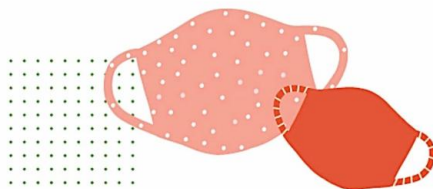
longbeach.gov/covid19

## Gather Safety This Holiday Season

From the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (LBDHHS): There is no better gift than having good health. Protect yourself and your community.

### Give the Gift of Health

Gather safely for a joyous season



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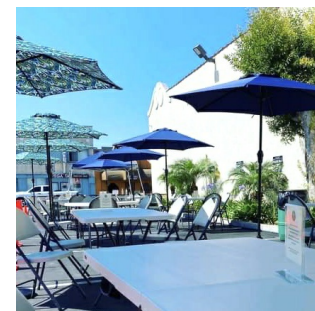


## Past and Ongoing Events

### Outdoor Dining Grant Program

Deadline to apply: Monday, December 28th at 4:00 pm

The City has launched the "Outdoor Dining Grant Program" funded by the CARES Act. The program will provide grants to Long Beach bars, breweries, distilleries, restaurants, and wineries up to \$10,000 to reimburse a variety of existing eligible expenses associated with operating outdoors. Eligible expenses must have been incurred between June 1, 2020 and December 28, 2020. Applicants must already have a permit to operate outdoor dining and may find more information about the application process online. A new [website](#) has been established for this program.



### Preferential Parking District Permit Renewals

Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permits. Each household is allowed up to three residential and one guest preferential permit per year. The annual fee for each residential

preferential or guest permit is \$33.00. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the [Parking Permits Portal](#) to purchase your yellow PPD permits for 2021. The mint green colored permits expire on 12/31/20.



## "Lighting of the Letters" Food & Hygiene Items Drop Off Through - Jan. 4 | 5609 E. Los Santos Dr.

A graphic for the "Lighting of the Letters" event. The title "LIGHTING OF THE LETTERS" is written in large, bold, green letters. Below it, the text reads: "Let the tradition continue! Sunday, December 6 dusk at Whaley Park". In red text, it says: "In lieu of annual community event we will be collecting food and hygiene items for the Christian Community Outreach in Action from Dec. 6 to Jan 4 Place donations in barrels located at 5609 E. Los Santos Drive." The graphic is decorated with colorful brush strokes in green, red, and gold, along with small starburst and diamond shapes.

## Free Coffee for Health Care Workers & First Responders Palo Verde & Stearns - Bellflower & Stearns - Atherton & Ximeno

Starbucks will be giving away free cups of coffee to health care workers and first responders who have been working during the Covid-19 pandemic. They want to show their deep gratitude for those who support and protect us every day with a small gesture of kindness and a cup of coffee. Until the end of December, a customer "who identifies as a front-line responder to the COVID-19 outbreak" can walk into any Starbucks and receive a free tall brewed coffee, hot or iced. The giveaway also extends to other hospital staff, like janitors and security, mental health workers and active-duty military.





## COVID-19 Impacts to Street Sweeping

The City's Street Sweeping team has had significant impacts to service due to possible COVID-19 exposure to several field staff. To ensure the health and safety of staff and community, employees who may have been exposed to COVID-19 are unable to return to work until they have been cleared by the LB Health Department. When possible, our Public Works Department will reallocate staff to cover areas impacted by COVID-19 leave, however operating street sweeping vehicles requires additional licensing and qualifications that make it difficult to temporarily fill these roles. Street sweeping routes missed due to COVID-19 staffing issues will be prioritized for service during the location's next scheduled street sweeping day. If you have questions or comments relating to Street Sweeping service, please contact our council office at (562) 570-4444 or the Street Sweeping group at (562) 570-2890.



## Utility Bill Payment Assistance

The City of Long Beach is helping residents and businesses by temporarily suspending utility service shut-offs for nonpayment, waiving penalties and interest for late payments and more. Learn more about flexible payment options by calling 562-570-5700 or by visiting the website at this [link](#).

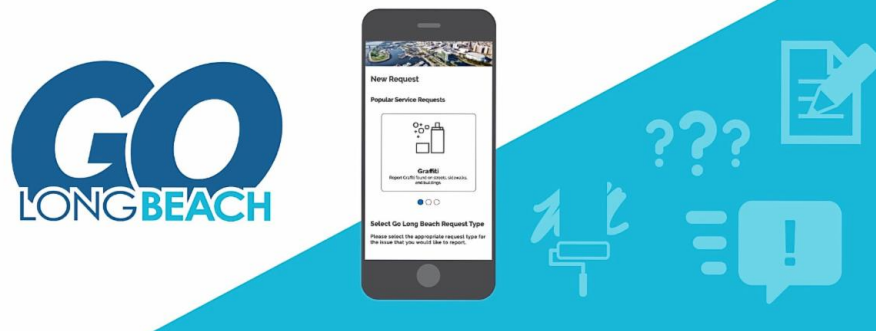


An advertisement graphic with a light blue background. On the left, there is a silhouette of a woman with short dark hair sitting at a desk, using a laptop and a mouse. To the right of the woman, the text 'Check out our flexible repayment options.' is written in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font. At the bottom right, there are three small orange icons: a house, a trash can, and a plug. Below these icons, the text 'TROUBLE PAYING?' is written in a bold, blue sans-serif font, followed by the phrase 'let's figure it out.' in a smaller, italicized, blue sans-serif font.

## New Go Long Beach App!

Report graffiti, potholes, sign damage, dumped items and more on the NEW Go Long Beach app. The app has been updated to provide more transparency, language access and more frequently request updates. You can download the app at this [link](#).

### NEW & IMPROVED!



## Upcoming Events

### Merry Christmas from the Nature Center

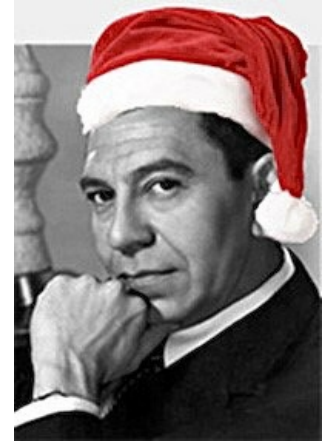
The City's December 18th Holiday Closure press release stated "all City parks and trails" would be open Christmas Day. However, El Dorado Regional Park and CD4's Nature Center will actually be closed today, December 25th. They will reopen tomorrow, Saturday. Next week, El Dorado Regional Park will be open on New Years Day, but the Nature Center will be closed. Have a Merry Christmas!



### Holiday Schedule Today & Next Week

There is no street sweeping, refuse collection or recycling collection today, Christmas Day, Street sweeping will be delayed one week, but refuse and recycling collection will take place tomorrow, Saturday. A listing of all city holiday closures is

available at this [link](#). We will maintain regular hours in our council office next Monday and Tuesday. The Go Fourth! Friday newsletter will maintain its regular schedule and be distributed next Friday, New Years Day, at 1:30 pm. Happy Holidays to all!



## Tomorrow's HHW Event Postponed Until 1/9

Due to the Christmas holiday, EDCO Signal Hill will be closed this Saturday, December 26th. The next scheduled Hazardous Household Waste drop-off event will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 9 am - 2 pm. More information on HHW events is available at this [link](#).



## Treecycle Your Christmas Tree

From December 26, 2020 - January 8, 2021, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at one of 12 special locations. Your nearest location may be either at Stearns Park (corner of 23rd St. and Roycroft) or Orizaba Park (corner of 14th St and Orizaba). If your trash/recycling is collected by the City's refuse and recycling service, you qualify for a FREE pick-up at your home on January 9th. Just make sure you put it out before 7 AM where you normally leave your carts. If your tree is over 12 ft. tall, make sure to cut it in half. Visit the LB Recycles [website](#) for more information.



## Recycle Cardboard Boxes Properly

More online shopping this holiday season means more packages. Please flatten all cardboard boxes before placing them in your purple cart to save space and prevent sorting issues. Learn more at [longbeach.gov/LBRecycles](http://longbeach.gov/LBRecycles)



## Next on the City Council Agenda - Closed Session December 28th | 2:00 pm | Teleconference

There is no regularly scheduled City Council meeting next week due to the last Tuesday of the month rule. However, we will have a special closed session meeting on Monday, December 28th starting at 2:00 pm. The topic of the closed session will be:



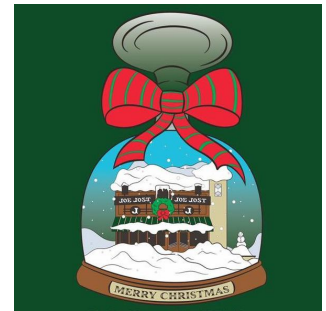
a. Pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the California Government Code regarding a conference with the City's real property negotiator: 1. Property: 1126 Queen's Highway, commonly known as the Queen Mary Long Beach, CA 90802 City's Negotiator: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager Negotiating Parties: City of Long Beach and Urban Commons Queensway, LLC Under Negotiation: Lease Amendment Terms

Comments can also be submitted [online](#) or by email to: [CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov).

## And Finally

### Snow Globes of Christmas Past and Present

Four years ago, Joe Jost's featured a very clever image on the back of their annual Christmas T-shirt. As shown at right, the Joe Jost's iconic schooner is turned upside down to look like a snow globe. Last year, we featured other CD4 businesses that used the snow globe theme including Raising Cane's and F&M Bank. This year, four more were added to the collection: Ross, Wingstop, Krispy Kreme and Tommy's 2020 New Year globe. Go Fourth!



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