

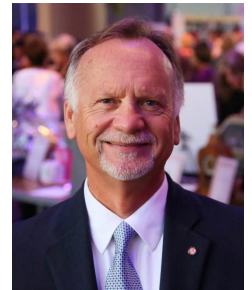


GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

January 1, 2021

Issue No. 297

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.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BREAKING NEWS

Community Hospital Receives State Licensure

The City of Long Beach announced yesterday that Community Hospital Long Beach (CHLB) has been granted a license from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and will be able to accept patient transfers as soon as Monday, January 4th. CHLB initially will open with 11 much-needed ICU beds and space for 40 other patients with the ability to add additional capacity later in 2021. Thanks to all the CHLB stakeholders for your patience and



COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update



By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 31,076 total positive results
 - 476 new cases from 12/28 to 12/29
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 14.7%
 - 131.1 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 380 fatalities
- 199 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 492 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 22,218 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 488,762 total tests conducted
- Information as of Dec. 28

State Indicators (Updated on 12/29/20):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 16.5%
- 66.4 daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 23.4%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 190 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 2 were in their 20s
 - 4 were in their 30s
 - 10 were in their 40s
 - 37 were in their 50s
 - 82 were in their 60s
 - 89 were in their 70s
 - 108 were in their 80s
 - 48 were over 90
- 165 female, 215 male
- 5 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)

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longbeach.gov/covid19

The graphic features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes icons of a smartphone and two speech bubbles (one green, one red) with signal strength indicators. At the bottom, there are logos for Long Beach Health & Human Services, COVID-19, and the website longbeach.gov/covid19.

Past and Ongoing Events

New Year's Resolution to Quit Smoking?

Start your plan to quit the habit by getting help. Research shows that social support while quitting smoking can make a difference. Seeking assistance from family and friends or other smokers through online social networks is an important factor related to success in quitting. You can also contact the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Tobacco Education and Prevention Program (TEPP) at 562-570-7950 or visit the [website](#) for additional information. TEPP has worked to build a healthier community by reducing the use of tobacco and the exposure to secondhand smoke in the City of Long Beach.



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 expired on 12/31/20.



"Lighting of the Letters" Food & Hygiene Items Drop Off
Final Day January 4th | 5609 E. Los Santos Dr.

LIGHTING OF THE LETTERS

Let the tradition continue!

Sunday, December 6

dusk at Whaley Park

In lieu of annual community event
we will be collecting food and
hygeine 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.

Su Casa Awarded \$1.25 Million Grant

Congratulations to Su Casa - Ending Domestic Violence on their selection to receive a 1.25 million dollar grant from the Day 1 Families Fund. Su Casa is located in the Zaferia area of CD4, and their Director of Development & Community Outreach, Dean Lockwood, is a board member of the Zaferia Business Association. Launched in 2018 by Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, the Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families. You can read more about Su Casa and the great work they do at this [link](#).



COVID-19 Impacts to Street Sweeping

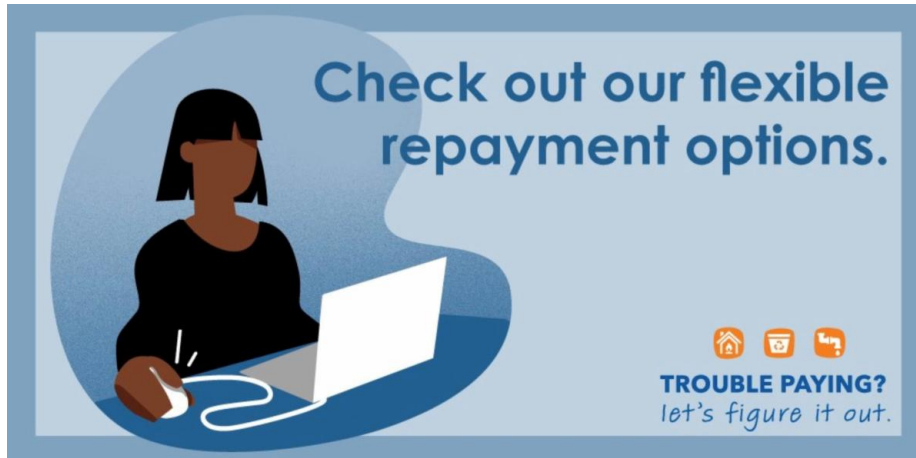
The City's Street Sweeping team has had significant impacts to service due to possible COVID-19 exposure to several field staff. To ensure the health and safety of staff and community, employees who may have been exposed to COVID-19 are unable to return to work until they have been cleared by the LB 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



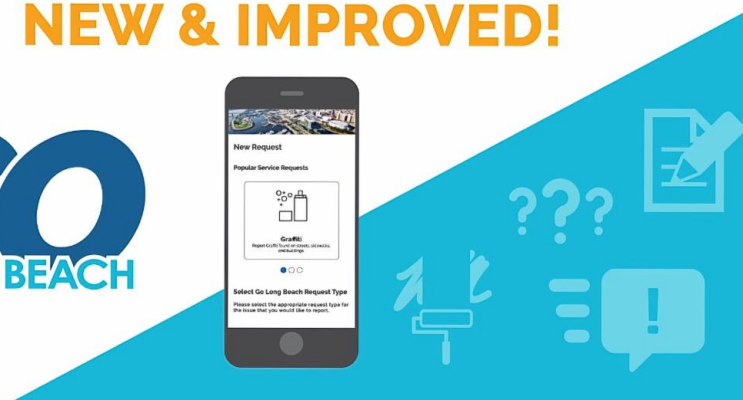
The City of Long Beach is helping residents and businesses by temporarily suspending utility service shut-offs for nonpayment, waiving penalties and interest for late payments and more. Learn more about flexible payment options by calling 562-570-5700 or by visiting the website at this [link](#).



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!



CM Announces New Years Eve Fireworks Plan

In a December 23rd memo, City Manager, Tom Modica, published the City's plan to address illegal fireworks on New Years Eve. In the memo, he stated:

"The Police Department will dedicate additional police officers to fireworks prevention and response activities during the week leading up to and on New Year's Eve. The additional officers will conduct proactive enforcement, while providing high-visibility patrols. This enhanced posture will be data driven, focused in areas previously identified as having high fireworks activity, and strategically deployed." You can read the entire memo at this [link](#).



Upcoming Events

City of Long Beach Holiday Closures

City Hall Closed Today, Friday, January 1st

Street Sweeping

There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations Today, Friday, Jan. 1st. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Jan. 4th.

Parking Enforcement

Parking meters will be enforced today, Jan. 1st, unless the meter states "Exempt on Holidays." The days and hours of enforcement are displayed inside the meters. Red, white and blue curbs are always enforced.

Refuse/Recycling

Trash and Recycling collection services will not occur today, Friday, Jan. 1st. As a result, collection will be delayed one day for residents with Friday service days. Regular scheduling will resume on Monday.

For more info on other City service closures, click [here](#).



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.



Next on the City Council Agenda

January 5th | 5:00 pm | Teleconference

The City Council teleconference will start at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be closed, but the public can use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday's council meeting agenda include:

- Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Cannabis Equity Program; direct City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to allow shared-use cannabis manufacturing in Long Beach; and, direct staff from the City Manager Department to prepare a feasibility analysis on licensing and regulating non-storefront (delivery-only) cannabis retail facilities in Long Beach. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to receive a report and confirm the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and direct staff to prepare the subsequent Environmental Impact Report. (Citywide)

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- Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP T120-047 and award contracts to Birdi Systems, Inc., of Pasadena, CA, Platt Security Systems, Inc., of Signal Hill, CA, and VectorUSA, of Torrance, CA, to provide as-needed video surveillance installation, repair, and maintenance to new and existing systems, in an annual aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, for a period of two years, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments. (Citywide)

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

City of LB Management Assistant Program Info Session Jan. 11th | 3:00 pm | [Online](#)

The City's Management Assistant Program offers an intense and fulfilling one-year paid apprenticeship filled with challenge, excitement and tremendous opportunities for career and personal growth - not to mention a host of work-life benefits that are hard to match. There is an online information session scheduled for January 11th, and the deadline to apply for the program is January 19th. Visit the [website](#) for additional details and to RSVP.



And Finally

Final Go Fourth! Friday Newsletter of the Year - Our 297th

This is the final GF!F newsletter of the year, and it is our 297th newsletter published since taking office in 2015. With an average of 15 items per issue, that's a total of 4,455 updates on a variety of CD4 topics. Thank you for your readership, and special thanks to those who have taken the time to let us know how much you enjoy the updates. Also, if you have an item you'd like to share in the newsletter, we want to hear from you. Please submit your article or idea via email and type "Newsletter item" in the subject line. It is also helpful if you provide the date you would like it published. Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you at: district4@longbeach.gov



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