

GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2021

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: <u>district4@longbeach.gov</u>.



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- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

COVID-19 Updates

Long Beach Updates Health Order

On Tuesday, the Long Beach Health Department issued an updated <u>Health Order</u> allowing reopening of some businesses in accordance with Governor Newsom lifting the Regional Stay at Home Order. The order was lifted because it is projected that Southern California will have more than 15% hospital ICU capacity in the next four weeks. This allows counties to return to

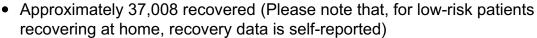


the color-coded tier system that allows for reopening based on case numbers per 100,000 population and the positivity rate among people who have taken COVID-19 tests. Long Beach is again aligned with the purple tier, or most restrictive tier, subject to certain restrictions to help limit further transmission of COVID-19. You can read the press release at this <u>link</u>.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 47,619 total positive results
 - 414 new cases since yesterday
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 10.7%
 - 75.0 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 649 fatalities
- 288 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 399 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)



- 646,619 total tests conducted
- Information as of Jan. 27

State Indicators (Updated on 1/26/21):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 13.9%
- 48.2 daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 18.3%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 276 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 3 were in their 20s
 - 16 were in their 30s
 - 24 were in their 40s
 - 65 were in their 50s
 - 136 were in their 60s
 - 150 were in their 70s
 - 182 were in their 80s
 - 73 were over 90
- 276 female, 372 male
- 13 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 23 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

• View the current "Safer at Home" <u>Health Order</u> (1/26/21)

Past News Releases:

• To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the <u>City Press Release</u> <u>Archive</u>. 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 <u>link</u>.

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.





Vaccines for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following State guidelines, the City is vaccinating groups based on the risk of getting COVID-19 or becoming very sick from the disease. Vaccines in Long Beach are currently being made available to individuals in two phases and multiple tiers. Please visit the City's website to learn about the distribution plan and current/upcoming groups being vaccinated. Before making an appointment through the City, residents should first contact their healthcare provider for vaccine availability. Large medical providers have access to the vaccine for older adults. Sign up for appointment links and notifications by visiting the City's new VaxLB website. For additional information call: (562) 570-4636.



Past and Ongoing Events

Statewide Eviction Moratorium Extended

On Monday, January 25th, Governor Newsom and State legislative leaders issued a statement on extension of the statewide eviction moratorium to June 30th, 2021. The moratorium had been set to set to expire at the end of this month. The new law protects against eviction if a tenant validly asserts COVID-19-related financial hardship between March



2020 and June 2021. Rent owed between March and August 2020 is converted to consumer debt, thereby preventing unpaid rent from being the basis for eviction. If a tenant pays 25 percent of rent owed between September 2020 and June 2021, the remaining amount owed will also be converted to consumer debt. Since the State's residential eviction moratorium was extended, the County's resolution continues to apply to commercial tenants. We'll provide additional details in upcoming newsletters.

LBPD Announces Year-End Crime Statistics

Earlier this week, LBPD released citywide crime statistics showing that the pandemic may have played a significant role as crime began to increase in late spring. While overall violent crime is down 1.4%, Long Beach experienced a 5.9% increase in murder and 18.6% in aggravated assault. Approximately 31% of murders are attributed to disputes that escalated into

violence. Property crime increased by 12.1% compared to 2019. The majority is attributed to a 28.9% increase in auto burglaries, a 26.2% increase in commercial burglaries, a 22.6% in garage burglaries, and a 21.4% increase in grand theft auto. You can read the entire Press Release at this <u>link</u>.

SWA Announces Maui Flights from LGB

Yesterday, Southwest Airlines announced today that it will launch daily, nonstop service from Long Beach Airport (LGB) to Maui, beginning in March. The news comes after Southwest saw strong interest in their recently announced flights from LGB to Honolulu, which will also start in March. Flights are now on sale today at



Southwest.com. This is the seventh new destination announced by SWA since the airline requested and received 17 additional flight slots in Sept. 2020. Southwest currently flies to 14 cities from LGB. Check this <u>link</u> for a route map and full list of destinations.

State Approves CHLB Behavioral Health Unit

Community Hospital received state approval on Tuesday to activate 28 behavioral health beds, and the the first two transfer patients from College Medical Center we're accepted yesterday. The news comes three weeks after the hospital received its first patient since closing two and a half years ago. This is an important milestone in that it represents restoration of the 28 behavioral health beds that existed prior to the hospital's closing. The next major milestone will be renewal of the hospital's license that expires at the end of April. This is a mandatory annual renewal that all hospitals must compete. The renewal process is overseen by the CA Department of Public Health.





FREE Hotspots & Computers for Qualified LB Residents!

While supplies last, free tablets with keyboards and mobile hotspots with one-year paid internet service plans are available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified, low-income Long Beach residents with proof of income eligibility. To apply for the Free Internet Services and Computing Devices Program, contact the City's Digital Inclusion Resources Hotline at (562) 570-7000. Digital inclusion navigators will be available by phone to facilitate the application process. Proof of qualifying income of 200% below the Federal Poverty Guidelines will be required for all applicants. For additional information, residents can email or text digitalinclusion@longbeach.gov



Upcoming Events

Aquarium of the Pacific Reopens Tomorrow

The Aquarium of the Pacific will resume its outdoor operations Saturday, Jan. 30th following the city's announcement to lift the state's regional stay-at-home order. Visitors will be able to enjoy the outdoor exhibits with safety protocols in place with a reduced admission price. The aquarium will also limit the number of visitors and require advanced timed reservations to help staff manage traffic flow and ensure social distancing. Masks will be required for everyone 2 years of age and older, temperature checks will be administered at the entrance. Hours are 9 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 8 pm weekends. Admission is \$19 and free for children younger than 3. For information or to make a reservation, call 562-590-3100 or go to <u>aquariumofpacific.org</u>



Virtual Festival of Human Abilities January 30th | 10 am - 3:30 pm | Online event

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its 18th annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative talents and abilities of people with disabilities. This year, they we are presenting a virtual online festival streaming live from the Aquarium of the Pacific. Anyone can tune in for free from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This virtual event will celebrate the creative spirit of people with disabilities including dancers, musicians and artists. The Aquarium will present the Glenn McIntyre Heritage Award to Infinite Flow Dance at 3:15 p.m. More information at this link.



Nature Detectives - After School Camp

El Dorado Nature Center tells us there are still a few spaces available in the Nature Detectives After School Camp. Spaces are limited to the 2nd/3rd grade (#45138) and 4th/5th Grade (#45139) camps. All camps start next week. Visit longbeach.gov/parks or call (562) 570-1745 for additional information. Special note: Nature Center trails are closed this weekend due to flooding.





PRM & ACS Want to Hear From You!

The **Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine** is seeking your input on how to prioritize work, organize staff and decide where to invest in our Long Beach parks and beaches for the next 10 years. This is the second round of community outreach where stakeholders have been asked to share their vision. Residents are invited to participate in the official Strategic Plan Survey by visiting <u>LBPARKS.ORG</u>



Long Beach Animal Care Services and the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force have drafted a strategic plan which is available for review. There are several ways to provide feedback including survey, email, and public comment at two upcoming presentations. Please visit <u>http://longbeach.gov/acs</u> to learn more.

Next on the City Council Agenda January 5th | 3:30 & 5:00 pm | Teleconference

A special study session will start at 3:30 pm:



• Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout and Health Order Changes.

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 new list of City Council Standing Committees, Authorities and Memberships.
- Recommendation to direct City Manager and Health Department to provide a receive and file update on the latest changes to the state and local health orders, the status of our vaccine rollout and ER/ICU capacity, and how residents and businesses may be impacted.
- Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 5.91, relating to grocery workers in Long Beach, and establishing labor standards requirements for premium pay for grocery workers working in Long Beach; declaring the urgency thereof; and declaring that this

ordinance shall take effect immediately, read and adopted as read. (Citywide) (Emergency Ordinance No. ORD-21-0004)

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

Long Beach Parks & Rec Extend Free Low Cost Youth Programs Through Feb. 26th | Register Online Now!

After school camps for children ages 5 to 12 years old will continue on weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Feb. 26 (closed Jan. 18 and Feb. 5) at three CD4 parks: Orizaba, Whaley and Stearns. Campers can enjoy fun new games that follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. In addition, the Community Learning Hubs will continue to offer free sessions in Feb. for distance learning and after-school activities for kindergarten to eighth grade Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) students at Orizaba Park. <u>Online</u> registration for both programs is now open. For additional information about these programs please call 562-570-3150.



Rain Barrel Event February 8-12 delivery | Pre-order here

The Long Beach Office of Sustainability is partnering with Rain Barrels Intl. to host a five-day rain barrel distribution event February 8-12! Pre-order a rain barrel and it will be delivered directly to your home with contactless delivery included in the price. The cost of the rain barrel is \$65 plus tax, and \$35 rebates are available through SoCal Water\$mart (up to 2 per household). Rain barrels can be pre-ordered here.



See's Candies for Valentine's Day 2129 Bellflower Blvd. | Open 7 days a week

See's is reminding us to shop early for Valentine's Day for the

best assortment. New for 2021 is the limited-edition tin with classic favorites and new heart-shaped sweets celebrating See's 100th year. It's a nostalgic nod to the memorable '50s. See's in Los Altos in open Mon-Sat from 10 am to 6 pm and Sun from 11 am to 5 pm.

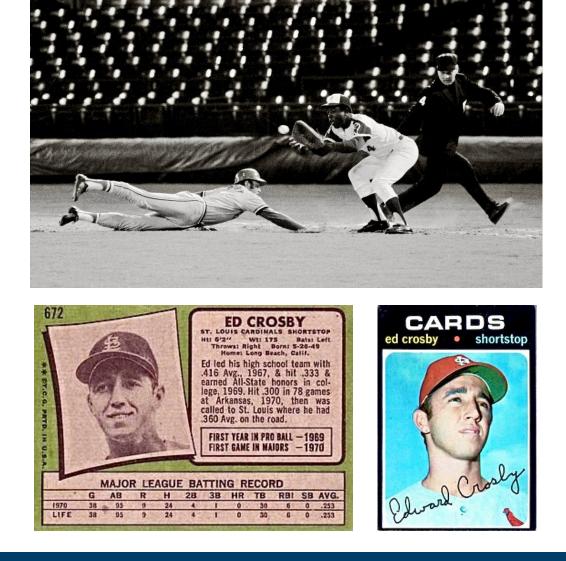




And Finally

Henry "Hammerin' Hank" Aaron | 1934-2021

Last Friday, January 22nd, we lost one of baseball's all-time greats. Henry Aaron played 21 seasons in MLB and retired with 755 home runs which was a record that stood for 33 years. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982. The photo below was taken in April 1972 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium where the Braves were playing the St. Louis Cardinals. The newspaper caption read, "Cardinals shortstop, Ed Crosby, dives back to the bag in front of Braves first baseman, Hank Aaron". So what's the Council District 4 connection? Ed Crosby grew up in CD4's Artcraft Manor neighborhood. He played Little League baseball at Stearns Park and Pony Baseball at Whaley Park. He went on to star at both Wilson High School and LBCC. As indicated on the baseball card below, he lead Wilson's baseball team in 1967 with a .416 batting average! With all the memorabilia Ed Crosby must have collected from his years in the big leagues, it's hard to imagine anything cooler than a photo playing alongside Hank Aaron hanging on his den wall.



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