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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

Hot Topics

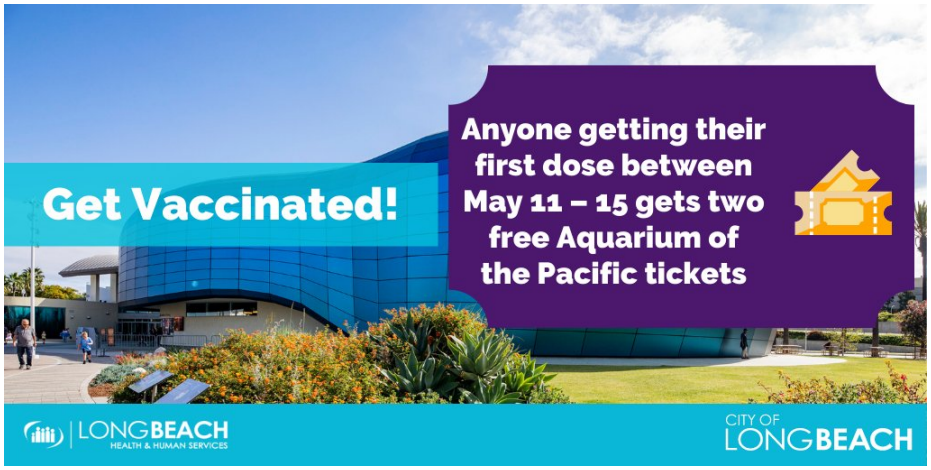
CHLB Emergency Department Reopens!

On Wednesday, May 12th at 11:00 am, we unveiled the "Emergency" sign at Community Hospital. At noon, the emergency department was officially reopened for walk-in and transfer patients for the first time in nearly three years. In the next few weeks, we expect CHLB will begin to accept patients who are transported by ambulance. The newly reopened department has 20 beds, new medical equipment, upgraded electronic patient tracking, a refurbished exterior facade and an updated lobby area. This was a monumental day for the City of Long Beach as residents now have the 24/7 medical services that are so critically needed. We would like to thank all those involved in the reopening efforts including the Community Hospital Long Beach Foundation, Mayor Garcia and City Council, Molina Wu Network, City staff and all the medical personnel, past and present, who were always such a positive influence. You can read the Press Telegram's event coverage at this link. Photo credit: Brittany Murray.

COVID-19 Updates

Aquarium Tickets for People Receiving First COVID-19 Vaccine

Until tomorrow, May 15, the City of Long Beach Health and Human Services Department is providing two general admission tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific to anyone receiving their first COVID-19 vaccination as an incentive for eligible people to get vaccinated. Those who are eligible can receive a vaccination without an appointment from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, for both drive-through and walk-up options at the Long Beach Convention Center. More information is available at this link



Long Beach Using 'My Turn' For Vaccination Appointments

The City of Long Beach has transitioned to My Turn, the State's COVID-19 vaccine notification and appointment system. My Turn is now required by the State and is intended to help manage vaccine distribution. While walk-up appointments are available at the Convention Center, all residents age 12 and over can make appointments on My Turn at this link: https://myturn.ca.gov/

Mobile Vaccination Team Adds Tucker School

May 19th & 26th | 2:30 - 4:30 pm | 2221 Argonne Ave.

Continuing on Wednesday, in partnership with the LBUSD, the Health Department's Mobile Vaccination Team (MVT) will be visiting Tucker Elementary School at Stearns and Argonne on two dates: May 19th and 26th. MVT-1 will continue to visit private residences and facilities. MVT-4 will be launching soon with new locations. If you have any questions about the MVT schedule, please email us at this link or contact Nick Lefranc at (562) 570-4241.

Past and Ongoing Events

Original Tommy's 75th Anniversary Celebration

May 15th | 9 am - midnight | 4315 E. Anaheim St. &Online

Original Tommy's will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary tomorrow. The 'Virtual Celebration' will take place all day Saturday, May 15th. They will be posting & sharing stories all day long! They will be giving away random prizes all day to the best video posts & video stories all day in addition to over 100+ giveaways by entering for a chance to win in the Original Tommy's app. Stop by the Original Tommy's on Anaheim St. today and tomorrow for $4.75 Combo Meal. More information available here.

FREE Mondays Krispy Kreme Doughnut & Coffee

4760 E. Los Coyotes Diag. | Daily 6 am - 10 pm | thru 5/24

Start your week on a sweet note! On Mondays through May 24th, stop by Krispy Kreme for a FREE Original Glazed® doughnut and medium brewed coffee, no purchase required. Mondays are better with a melt-in-your-mouth Original Glazed® doughnut and coffee in hand.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services has launched the Mental Health Matters campaign to raise awareness and bring supportive services to lessen the stigma associated with reaching out for help. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health estimates that 1 in 5 adults have developed a mental health condition since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. The City would like to remind residents: you are not alone, and mental health struggles do not define us. Support is there when you are ready. Information about supportive services is available via the City's website at this link.

May is AAPI Heritage Month

In May, we observe Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. This year, we continue to celebrate and learn from our diverse community through virtual programming and events. The Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) will commemorate AAPI Heritage Month with a series of virtual programs, events and activities for all ages. Through story times, book discussions and cultural programs, the Library will celebrate and uplift the beauty of many AAPI stories, voices and experiences that add richness to the cultural landscape of Long Beach. A full list of events is available on the LBPL online calendar.

May 2021 is Virtual Bike Month

The City of Long Beach will be celebrating Bike Month in May virtually by offering a wide variety of self-guided mobility related activities, bicycle infrastructure and safety tips, and fun offerings for residents. From bike rides, to bike history, to social media promos, there is something for everyone this month. Be sure to follow GoActiveLB's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts to get daily updates throughout Bike Month. You can also check out the GoActiveLB May is Bike Month page at this link.

Rental Assistance Program Extended

New application deadline: June 11, 2021

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Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The City is extending the deadline for residential landlords and tenants to submit applications for the Long Beach Emergency Rental Assistance Program (LB-ERAP) by 30 days. All LB-ERAP applications can be submitted via an online information and service portal at longbeach.gov/erap. The program provides rental assistance to residential landlords and income-eligible tenants in Long Beach who have experienced financial loss or economic hardship due to COVID-19. You can read the entire press release at this link.

Report on City Partnership with Caltrans

Last November, City Council directed the City Manager to seek approval, access and reimbursement from Caltrans to enable the City to perform needed maintenance and cleanup of State transportation rights-of-way in the most efficient, cost effective and expeditious way possible. On Tuesday, we received a 4.5 page memo from Tom Modica outlining what has been accomplished over the past six months. You can read the entire report at this link.

Upcoming Events

Fire Recruit Application Filing Closes Today!

May 7th - 14th | closes at 4:30 pm on 5/14 |Online

Are you or someone you know interested in the Long Beach Fire Department's Fire Recruit classification? If so, don't miss out on the chance to apply for this challenging but rewarding opportunity. Apply here!

Next on the City Council Agenda

May 18th | 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. Below are items that appear on Tuesday's agenda:

- Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt resolution amending the Master Fees and Charges Schedule. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to request City Manager to develop a plan to allow restaurant and other related service industry parklets and outdoor dining spaces to remain open beyond June 30, 2021 program expiration date. Such plan should include community outreach to residents, Business Improvement Districts and other stakeholders and create options for both extensions and permanent parklet structures.
- Recommendation to request City Manager to work with the relevant departments, and all relevant outside agencies to consider the feasibility of developing an open space public park area and walking path along the San Gabriel River.

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

Redistricting Commission Citywide Kickoff Event

May 19th | 6 pm |Online

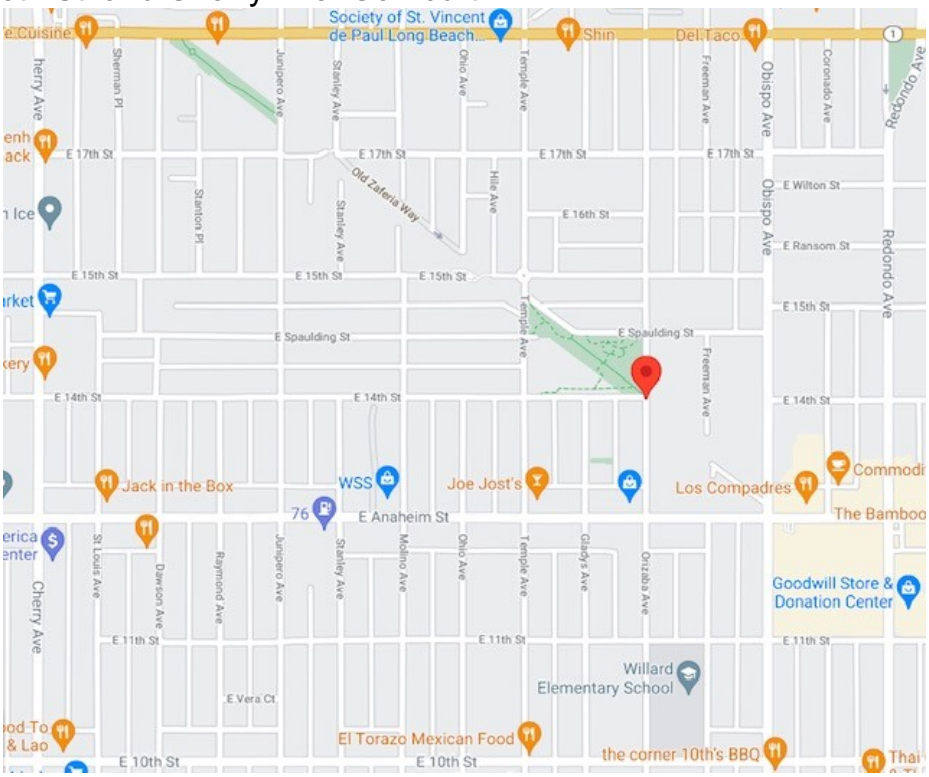
The 2021 Redistricting Kickoff Web Event, hosted on Zoom, will introduce the redistricting process to the community. This meeting will have a presentation by the Chair and Vice-Chair of

Long Beach's Independent Redistricting Commission and staff to learn about the City's current efforts, redistricting basics, and how to help define your community using your voice. Register here today to be a voice in your community! Spanish translation will be made available.

Volunteers Needed for WESCA Clean Up Next Weekend

May 22nd | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th & Orizaba Ave.

After a 15-month hiatus due to COVID-19, the West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up. Volunteers are needed to work from 8:00 am to noon... especially those with pick up trucks. Please come out and help make the neighborhood look great. Tools and supplies will be provided. They are also accepting tires and electronic waste (anything with a cord). The WESCA area is bordered by PCH, Redondo, 10th St. and Cherry Ave. Go Fourth!



Nature Kids Discovery Camps

June 21 - August 20 | 10:00 am - noon | 7550 E. Spring St.

Nature kids summer camp! Registration begins Tuesday, May 11 at 8am online at lbparks.org or in person at El Dorado Nature Center. For more information call (562) 570-1745. Class descriptions and dates can be viewed online here.

And Finally

Rest In Peace Sweet Olivia

It is with profound sadness that we report the passing of Olivia Alvillar. Olivia was the inspiration for the all-inclusive swings that were installed at Los Altos Park. The need for playground equipment for children of all abilities was brought to my attention by CD4 resident, Don Allison. He had been taking his granddaughter, Olivia, to playgrounds outside the area and thought we should have a local all-inclusive playground. We agreed, and after the swings were installed in July 2018, we held a dedication event to celebrate the occasion. Olivia, along with grandparents Don and Marie Allison, Olivia's parents, April and Marco Alvillar, Olivia's brothers and PRM Director, Gerardo Mouet, joined us for the ribbon cutting. To the Allison and Alvillar families, we offer our deepest condolences, and we thank you for sharing Olivia's story with our community. The inspiration she provided will live on as we build more all-inclusive playgrounds throughout the city. At Los Altos Park, where it all started, our plan is to erect a plaque that will forever read, "Olivia's Swing".

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