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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 Topic

Community Hospital Grand Reopening

Yesterday, May 27th, we held the grand reopening and ribboncutting event at Community Hospital. The crowd was limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the atmosphere was certainly celebratory. After such a long and arduous fight to get the hospital reopened, reading the first line of the Press Telegram's article was absolutely as good as it gets:



"A giant, red-handled pair of scissors emblazoned with the slogan "Go Fourth!" sliced through ribbon on Thursday morning, May 27, marking the grand reopening of Community Hospital in Long Beach's Fourth District."

We also arranged to have the LBFD museum's 1924 Ahrens Fox fire engine showcased at the event (see photo below). It went into service in Long Beach the same year Community Hospital opened. As I stated yesterday in my remarks: "It's considered the top of the line, it's beautifully restored and perfectly functional, and that's exactly how I feel about Community Hospital." It was a milestone day for our Fourth District and

the City of Long Beach. Thanks to all those who supported the multi-year effort to "Save the ER". You can read all the press coverage at the links below. Go Fourth and Go Community Hospital!

Press Telegram | LB Post | Signal Hill Tribune



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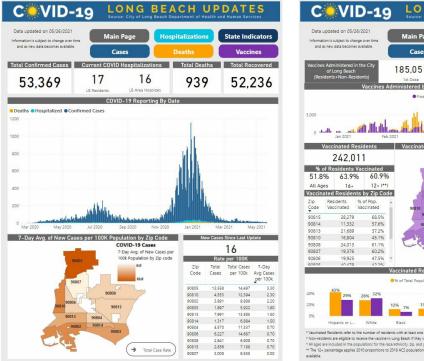


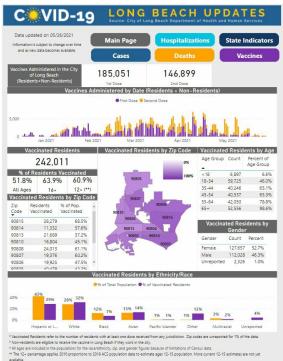
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More information available at this link

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/









GET NOTIFIED TO BOOK YOUR VACCINE APPOINTMENT WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN.



Past and Ongoing Events

WESCA Clean Up a Huge Success!

Next event June 26th | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th & Orizaba Ave.

Congratulations and thank you to Casey Carver, WESCA and the many volunteers at last Saturday's clean up! After a 15-month hiatus due to COVID-19, the West East Side Community Association (WESCA) was able to recruit a huge number of



volunteers and collect tons of trash. Casey will be ready to go next month on Saturday, June 26th. 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!

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.



Rental Assistance Program Extended

New application deadline: June 11, 2021

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 ed

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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 <u>link</u>.

Prevent the Spread of Mosquito-Borne Diseases

This morning, the Long Beach Health Department issued a press release that included tips to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. Residents are encouraged to take precautions to protect themselves and to report unusual numbers of day-biting mosquitos. You can read the press release at this link. Certain birds are more likely to get sick and die from West Nile Virus (WNV). These birds include crows, and many counties test crows for WNV because they can be a good way to tell if WNV is active in a certain area. If you find a dead crow or other bird, please report it to the WNV & Dead Bird Call Center at 1-877-WNV-BIRD or https://westnile.ca.gov/



Upcoming Events

LBFD Training Center Live Burns This Sunday May 30th | 1-5 pm | 2249 Argonne Ave.

The Long Beach Fire Training Center will be conducting burns Sunday, May 30th, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Area neighbors are advised the planned burns might produce smoke and loud noises. Thank you for your continued support of the Long Beach Fire Department.



Memorial Day Closures Monday, May 31st | Citywide

In addition to the standard holiday closures of City facilities and services, resources enacted for COVID-19 response will also close in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31st.



These include all City-run COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, but trash and recycling will be collected as normal. El Dorado Nature Center will be closed, but El Dorado Regional Park will be open. For a full list of closures, please check this <u>link</u>.

Next on the City Council Agenda June 1st | 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 increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the
 City Manager Department by \$500, offset by the Fourth Council District One-time
 District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to
 provide a donation to Tichenor Clinic for Children for the Sixth Annual Carnival
 and Resource Fair; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in
 the Citywide Activities Department by \$500 to offset a transfer to the City
 Manager Department.
- Recommendation to request City Manager update and revise the policies and procedures related to the City's Tree Maintenance Policy and urban wildlife policy, including nesting birds. Direct City Manager to reevaluate the standard operating procedure, including, but not limited to inspections by a trained biologist, when trimming or removing City trees that have evidence indicating an active bird nest. Also, direct City Manager to report back on the feasibility and costs associated with establishing a program to pro-actively inspect trees for urban wildlife that are scheduled for trimming and removal.
- Recommendation to direct City Manager, the Fireworks Committee, and all
 applicable departments to develop a Fireworks-Free Neighborhood Incentive
 Program targeting the key holidays where illegal fireworks are most in use (New
 Year's Eve and the 4th of July) with short term goals set for the upcoming 4th of
 July holiday; and Waive the fees of all submitted and approved block party
 applications for this upcoming July 4, 2021 holiday as a way to further incentivize
 the commitment by the organizers and neighbors that it will be a fireworks-free
 event

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

Summer Adaptive Youth & Adult Rec Programs M-F | June 21 - Aug. 27 | 4520 E. 23rd St.

Stearns Park will be the site of in person adaptive recreation programs for middle and high school youth and adults. Programs will provide fun and enriching experiences such as art, games and fitness activities designed for people with special needs. Registration begins June 7th, 2:30 p.m. in-person at



Stearns Champions Park by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, please call 562.440.2867. Additional information including program hours is available at this link.

Tichenor Clinic Superheroes Drive-Thru Carnival! June 5th | 11 am - 3 pm | 1660 Termino Ave.

Our council office is proud to help sponsor the 6th Annual Tichenor Clinic Superheroes event. Join us on Saturday, June 5, 2021 outside Tichenor Clinic for the Superheroes Carnival & Resource Fair for families. Come dressed up to join a Superhero

car parade through the lot. Drive through and the Superhero staff will be masked and ready to safely provide every family with take-home games & activities, community resources and food. For more info, call (562) 597-3696.



Data Summit Links - Food Security June 8th | 11:00 am | registeronline

This Summit on "Data About Food Security" is a FREE Virtual Webinar which will teach users how to explore tabulations that assists in determining funding for federal food programs, learning how many grocery stores there are in a community, in addition to providing weekly estimates on food insecurity experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, at the state and states and states are states are states are states and states are states and states are sta



experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, at the state and sub-state geographic levels. You can register now at this Webex <u>link</u>.

Cambodia Town Inc. Scholarship Program

Deadline: June 30th | Apply Online

The objective of Cambodia Town Inc.'s Scholarship Program, now named the Rosana Chanou Memorial Scholarship, is to provide Cambodian American high school graduates from the Long Beach Unified School District with a scholarship to achieve higher levels of education. The program supports students who have shown an interest in the history of Cambodians in Long Beach and through volunteer activities improved conditions in Cambodia Town. Please visit their website for more information.



The Rosana Chanou Memorial Scholarship

Rosana Chanou was a founding member of Cambodia Town, Inc (CTI). She continuously served on CTI's Board of Directors from its inception in 2005 until her passing on September 22, 2020. Rosana's dedication, hard work, and generosity to CTI earned her the affectionate nickname, "Mother of Cambodia Town." As someone who believed her college degree was a critical element for her success in achieving the "American dream", Rosana encouraged all students to pursue a higher education. Cambodia Town, Inc. names its scholarship program: "The Rosana Chanou Memorial Scholarship" in her memory.

And Finally

Community Hospital "Original" Honored

Longtime Los Altos residents, Ray and Dot Bays, were honored guests at the Community Hospital grand reopening event yesterday. Ray is a retired Long Beach firefighter who served most of his 28-year career at Stations 17 and 22. The black & white photo below is his 1965 LBFD Portrait. In the other photo, Ray and Dot are talking to Fire Chief Xavier Espino prior to the yesterday's ceremony. Ray will turn 93 next Tuesday, but that's not the entire story of why he received special recognition. You see, Ray was born on June 1, 1928... at Community Hospital! We believe he is the longest-living person born at CHLB. The image below was taken from the Community Hospital Maternity Record with Ray's birth clearly documented. Congratulations Ray, and thank

you for your service to the City of Long Beach!







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