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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



COVID-19 Updates

Booster Clinics Expanded for Nov. End Today

Nov. 19 | 9 am - noon & 2 - 5 pm | 2525 Grand Ave.

Today, the Long Beach Health Department is holding the final of their three expanded COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics for November. The clinic is taking place at Main Health, 2525 Grand Ave., to provide booster shots to those who are eligible. The drive-through clinic hours are from 9 am to noon and 2 to 5 pm on Friday, Nov. 19. Additional information is available in the press release at this [link](#).



COVID-19 Updates and Information available at this [link](#)

Past and Ongoing Events

Nature Center Family Night Walks

Thru Dec. 16th | Thursdays, 6 - 8 pm | 7550 E. Spring St.

Family Night Walks will take place from 6 to 8 pm every Thursday

through December 16, except for Thanksgiving, November 25. Attendees are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to start time for check in, and the entry gates close at 6:05 pm. Participation in Family Night Walks is \$5 per person or free for children ages 2 and younger. Registration is required at www.lbparks.org. Register online or in-person registration is available from 8:30 am to 4 pm Tuesdays through Sundays at El Dorado Nature Center. For more information about the Family Night Walks, call [562.570.1745](tel:562.570.1745).



El Dorado Nature Center Native Plant Sale

Tues/Thurs/Sun | 10am-1pm | Nov 9-28 | 7550 E. Spring St.

California Native Plant Sale at the El Dorado Nature Center began November 9th, and will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 10am-1pm, through November 28th. No sales on Thanksgiving. Enhance your garden, patio or balcony, while increasing habitat for wildlife! Following Covid-19 safety guidelines, there will be hundreds of beautiful and beneficial California native plants to choose from. Patrons can download plant list and order form online at this [link](#). Payments will need to be done onsite the day of plant pick up. Cash, charge and checks made payable to Partners of Parks are accepted.

A promotional poster for the California Native Plant Sale. The background is a field of vibrant orange and yellow poppies. The text is overlaid in white and yellow. At the bottom, there are logos for the City of Long Beach, Partners of Parks, Friends of El Dorado Nature Center, and the El Dorado Nature Center itself.

Friends of El Dorado Nature Center
California Native Plant Sale
Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays
November 9-28, 2021
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
No sale on Thanksgiving, November 25

El Dorado Nature Center
7550 E Spring St., Long Beach
(562) 570-1745
www.longbeach.gov/naturecenter

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2021 - 2022 Edison Scholarships

Thru December 13th | [Apply Online](#)

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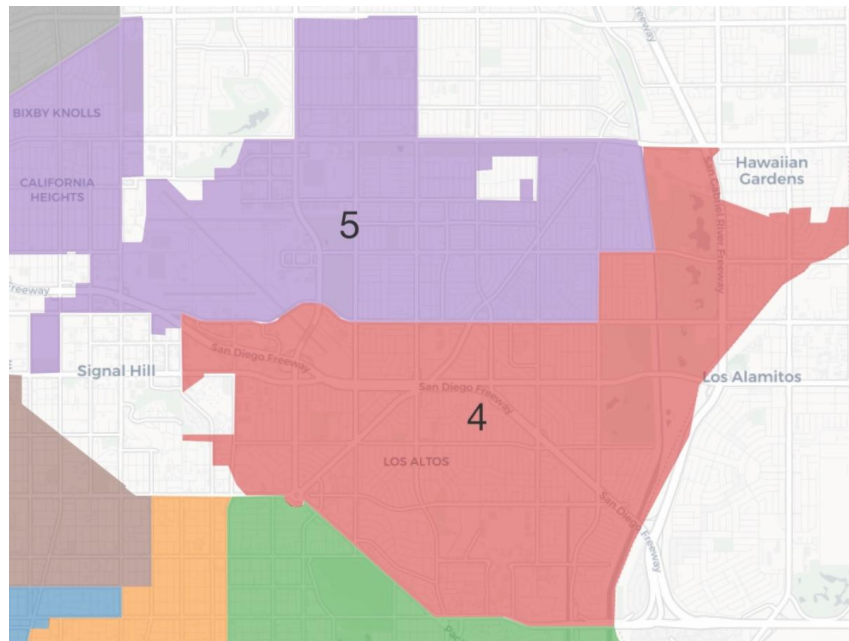
Festival of Flight 2021 at LGB

Long Beach Airport's award-winning Festival of Flight took place on Saturday, November 6th. The popular free event, which was canceled last year due to the pandemic, returned with aircraft on static display, live music, food and beer trucks, activities for kids and helicopter rides for purchase. I stopped by in time to see the Goodyear blimp buzz the crowd. Another special visitor was the NASA DC-8 Airborne Laboratory. It was a "coming home" for the aircraft as it was built in Long Beach in 1969. You can read more about the NASA Airborne Laboratory at this [link](#).



Redistricting Commission Approves Final Map

The Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission met last night, November 18th, at City Hall Council Chambers. They approved one of the two proposed final maps which is now considered the final adopted map and will not be subject to any further review by the Commission. Significant changes requested by members of the public at this late stage would have required additional meetings. The changes to the 4th council district borders are substantial. As shown in the map below, we have lost Cambodia Town, Zaferia, the Bryant Neighborhood and Community Hospital. We have also moved north of our 405 Freeway border and extend well into the current 5th district. As we've stated previously, City Council has no role in the process and was not allowed to provide input. We will follow up next week with information on when these changes take effect. You can view a high resolution copy of the final map [here](#).



Upcoming Events

F/A-18 Operations at LGB This Weekend

Fri - Sun | November 19th - 21st | Long Beach Airport

The U.S. Marine Corps has informed LGB that three (3) F/A-18 aircraft will be conducting training operations at Long Beach Airport from Friday, November 19 through Sunday, November 21. It is anticipated these aircraft will arrive late this afternoon (Friday) and conduct a few training operations on Saturday prior to departing around noon on Sunday, but all times are tentative and subject to change. LGB will be informing the community via WebTrak, social media that these aircraft are exempt from LGB's noise regulations. However, they will use noise abatement procedures when operating in the vicinity of Long Beach. These procedures include modified arrival and departure flight profiles and minimum use of afterburners.



LBPD to Join the WESCA Clean Up Tomorrow!

November 20th | 8 am - 12 pm | 14th St. & Orizaba Ave.

The West East Side Community Association (WESCA) will be hosting their monthly neighborhood clean up a week early tomorrow, November 20th. Volunteers, especially those with pick up trucks, are needed to work from 8:00 am to noon. Please join us and work alongside LBPD East officers 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



FREE Youth Fishing Derby Tomorrow!

November 20th | 8 am registration | 7550 E. Spring St.

El Dorado Regional Park will be the setting for a FREE Youth Fishing Derby tomorrow, November 20th. Registration starts at 8 am, and the derby begins at 9 am. There will also be FREE fishing tackle for kids 15 and under. On Sunday Morning, there will be a Derby Park Cleanup to remove any leftover fishing line and tackle. Service hour slips will be available. For more information about both events, please call (562) 570-1745.



Dee Andrews Naming Ceremony Tomorrow!

November 20th | 10 am | 1900 Walnut Avenue

The Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is hosting a dedication ceremony for the “Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field”. The naming ceremony honoring the former Vice Mayor and Sixth District Councilman will take place at 1900 Walnut Avenue. The public is invited to attend the naming and sign unveiling that will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 20th. More information is available in the City Manager’s memo at this [link](#).



Morning Bird Walks at the Nature Center

Sundays: 11/21, 12/19 | 8 - 10 am | 7550 E. Spring St.

Whether you’re a new birder or just want to sharpen your skills, join volunteers and staff for Sunday morning walks through El Dorado Nature Center. Pre-Registration is required at (562) 570-1745. The programs are Free, and parking is \$8.



Nature Center Winter Break Workshops

Registrations begins Nov 23rd | 8:00 am | [Online](#) or in person

Beginning next Tuesday, 11/23, you can register for El Dorado Nature Center Winter Break Workshops online or in person at 7550 E. Spring Street. Week long camps for ages 5-8 years old are from 10 am - 12 pm. For more information, call (562) 570-1745.

December 20-24: Wild Journeys #51526

December 27-31: Superpower Senses #51730

EL DORARDO NATURE CENTER
WINTERBREAK WORKSHOPS



Join us for vacation fun at the Nature Center!

FOR YOUTH AGES 5-8 • \$100 per week

December 20-24 and December 27-31

10 a.m.- noon, check in at 9:45 a.m.

\$100 per class. Pre-registration required



To register visit LBParks.org.
For more information call (562) 570-1745.



Zero Waste Thanksgiving

November 25, 2021



Skip the disposables and use reusable cups, plates, utensils, and napkins.



In addition to reusable totes, bring reusable produce bags to avoid plastic while grocery shopping.



ZERO WASTE THANKSGIVING



Tips to reduce waste this Thanksgiving



Avoid food waste by making your leftovers into new dishes and composting your food scraps.



Cook with reusable cookware instead of disposable aluminum.

Thanksgiving Closures

November 25th - 26th | All Day | Various Locations

The City of Long Beach has announced its closures in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, occurring on Thursday, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov.

26th. All Public Libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov. 26th. All libraries will be open on Saturday, Nov. 27th. There will be no scheduled Street Sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Thursday, Nov. 25th and Friday, Nov. 26th. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Nov. 29th. For the entire list of closures, check the [Press Release](#).



And Finally

Community Hospital Update

On Wednesday, November 17th at 8:00 am, Community Hospital Long Beach ceased receiving ambulatory patients including those transported by LBFD paramedics. On average, the Long Beach Fire Department transports about 264 emergency patients to Community Hospital per month. The hospital operator also announced they will close the emergency department to walk-in patients next week. While the LBFD will continue to provide first class service throughout the City, there is no way to sugarcoat this fact: the closure of the CHLB ER negatively impacts paramedic ambulance response times systemwide. That is one of major reasons we worked so hard to reopen the hospital.

As we told you two weeks ago, since CHLB's closure on July 3, 2018, the City made every effort to reestablish an acute care hospital, including maintaining and then reactivating the State license; finding a qualified partner to assume the lease; extending the State seismic deadline until January 1, 2025; and dedicating 25 million dollars in Measure A funds to assist with the cost of the seismic retrofits. These efforts were successful, and the hospital re-opened on January 4, 2021 and the emergency room reopened on May 12, 2021.

The current operator's plan for moving forward was the subject of a City Council closed session on Tuesday, November 16th. City staff continue to be engaged with the operator in lease discussions regarding the master lease agreement. The earliest the proposal could return to City Council is December 7th. I cannot comment on the plan or any proposal that involves a pending council vote.



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