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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 November

Nov. 5, 12 & 19 | 9 am - 5 pm | 2525 Grand Ave.

Today, the Long Beach Health Department is holding the first of their three expanded COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics for November. The clinics will take at Main Health, 2525 Grand Ave., to provide booster shots to those who are eligible. The drive-through clinics will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, Friday, Nov. 12, and 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 p.m. every Thursday from

October 7 through December 16, except for Thanksgiving, November 25. Attendees are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to start time for check in, and the gates close at 6:05 p.m. 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).



Chief of Police Qualities Survey

With Chief Robert Luna retiring, LBPd is asking the community for their thoughts on what professional experience and characteristics should be found in our next Chief. They are asking residents to complete a questionnaire designed to let them know what is most important to you in the scope of community policing. The survey is now [available online](#) and in hard copy formats at all local Long Beach Public Libraries through Sunday, November 7th.



Community Policing in Council District 4

Last Friday afternoon, I had the opportunity to join LBPd on a walking tour of the CD4 neighborhood south of Rotary Park. It was part of an LBPd program to promote positive relationships with residents and businesses by officers "walking the beat". Along the way, we encountered a family walking home from Hererra Elementary School. The young lady in the photo below told us she wanted to be a police officer when she grows up. You can imagine her excitement in meeting (left to right in the photo) Officer Vong, East Division Commander Michael Richens, Patrol Resource Officer Murphy, Chief Robert Luna and Commander Pat O'Dowd.



Mexihana Hibachi Grill Grand Opening

Last Friday, we attended the official grand opening/ribbon cutting for the much-anticipated Mexihana Hibachi Grill. The location is at 2222 Palo Verde Ave. just north of Stearns in the former SideYard Cafe spot. This is the second location for owner, Martin Luzanilla. Back in August, Martin was interviewed by Eyewitness News. You can view the video at the link below. It was the first announcement of the new location in Council District 4.



25th Annual HSLB Cemetery Tour

The Historical Society of Long Beach hosted their 25th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour last Saturday at Sunnyside Cemetery and the Long Beach Municipal Cemetery. Graveside performances ran continuously from 9 am to 3 pm. Again this year, I had the honor of sharing my family history at my grandparent's gravesite. My seven presentations ran from 11:30 am to 3 pm. A total of 1,323 attendees and 110 volunteers got to see the great improvements to the grounds made by our Parks & Rec Department. Thanks to HSLB and Parks & Rec for all the hard work that went into making this year's event a huge success. Photo credit: Stephanie Rivera



Halloween Block Party on Iroquois Ave.

Neighbors on/near the 1800 block of Iroquois didn't wait for Halloween Night to celebrate. On Saturday, October 30th, they staged a huge block party with a bounce house, food truck, dog parade, costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, house decorating contest, outdoor movie and special guests Jack Skellington and Sally. It was really great to see so many neighbors come together and embrace the Go Fourth! Halloween spirit. Hope to see it continue next year!



Upcoming Events

FREE Shred Event at OLR Tomorrow!
November 6th | 9 am - 12 noon | 5159 Stearns St.

Michele K. Kreinheder will be hosting another FREE shred event at Our Lady of Refuge Church tomorrow. The address is 5159 Stearns Street. Enter the OLR parking lot from Stearns, drop off

your items to be shredded, and exit onto Los Coyotes Diagonal. Contact Michele K. at micheleksells@gmail.com or (562) 243-2171 with any questions.



**FREE
SHREDDING
EVENT**

Saturday, November 6, 2021
9 am to 12 pm
Our Lady of Refuge Church
5159 Stearns Street
Long Beach

Hosted by: Michele "K" Kreinheder
micheleksells@gmail.com
(562) 243-2171

Festival of Flight at LGB Tomorrow!

November 6th | 10 am - 4 pm | 3590 E. Wardlow Road

Long Beach Airport's award-winning Festival of Flight is coming in for a landing tomorrow, November 6. The popular free event, which was canceled last year due to the pandemic, is returning with aircraft on static display, live music, food and beer trucks, activities for kids and helicopter rides for purchase. For more details, you can read the press release at this [link](#).



Daylight Saving Time Ends This Weekend

Sunday | November 7th | 2 am



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 begins November 9th, and will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, 10am-1pm, through November 28th. No sales

on Thanksgiving. Enhance your garden, patio or garden, 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.



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

Next on the City Council Agenda

November 9th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5:00 pm. The civic chambers will be open to the public, and the public can also use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Comments can also be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Below are items on Tuesday's agenda:



- Recommendation to adopt resolution making findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) to authorize City legislative bodies to follow the teleconference meeting provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)-(2). (Citywide)
- Recommendation to adopt Specifications RFP No. HE21-055 and award a contract to Bitfocus, Inc., of Las Vegas, NV, to provide web-based software as a solution for the Homeless Management Information System, in an annual contract amount of \$137,200, with a 20 percent contingency in the amount of \$27,440, for a total annual contract amount not to exceed \$164,640, for a period of three years, with the option to renew for five additional one-year periods, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to enter into the contract, including any subsequent amendments. (Citywide)
- Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7190 and award a contract to Select Electric, Inc., of Vista, CA, for ten Signalized Intersections on Los Coyotes Diagonal, in the amount of \$1,197,500, with a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$119,750, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,317,250, and authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter the contract, including subsequent amendments; Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$807,200, offset by Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from Caltrans (HSIPL-5108(190)); and Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$807,200, offset by transfer of HSIP funds from the Capital Grant Fund. (Districts 4,5)

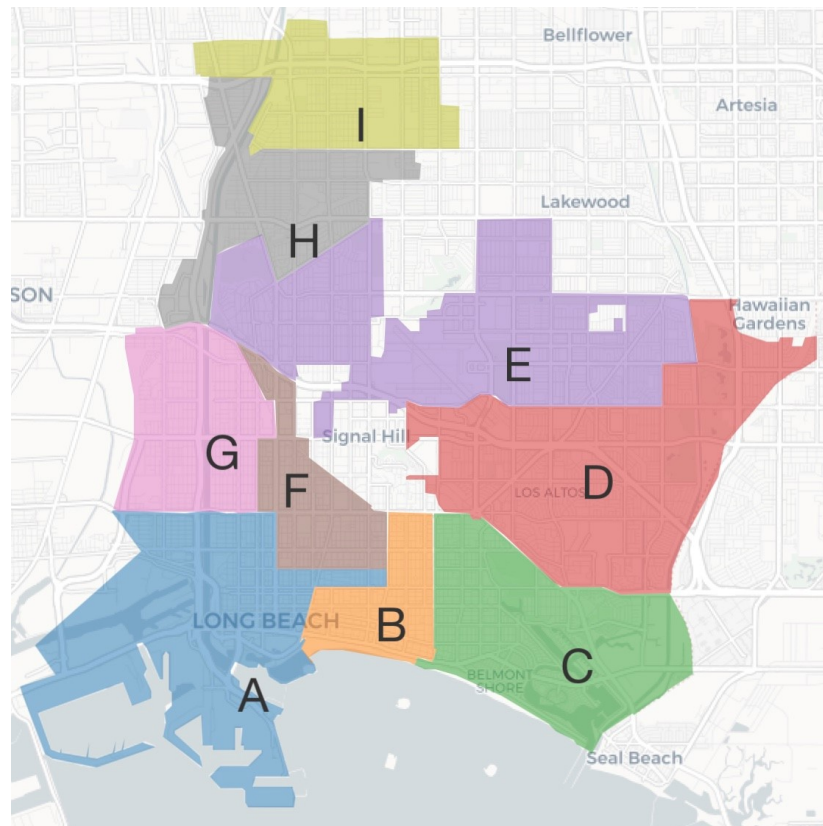
The entire agenda can be found [here](#). To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city

Redistricting Commission In-Person Meeting

November 10th | 6:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd or [online](#)



A Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission meeting will take place on November 10, 6:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers. Members of the public will have the option to attend the meeting in person or virtually. You can find additional information and a link to the virtual meeting [here](#). Special note: City Council has no role in this process and cannot provide input. At the November 3rd meeting, the Independent Redistricting Commission advanced one map (see below) for consideration at their November 10th meeting. This map included significant changes to most of the existing council districts. Most notably, the CD4 (D on the map) border now stops at PCH and the expands northeast to Carson St. CD5 (E on the map) moves west to encompass parts of Bixby Knolls, California Heights and the Los Cerritos neighborhoods. Next week's meeting may be the public's last opportunity to provide feedback on existing draft maps. These new district lines will determine city council representation for the next decade, so please make your voices heard. A high-resolution version of the map below can be found at this [link](#).



Aquarium of the Pacific - Veterans Day

November 11th | 9 am - 6 pm | [Reservations Required](#)

In celebration of Veterans Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific honors veterans and active military personnel. These individuals are invited to enjoy the Aquarium with free admission on Veterans Day. To receive free admission, veterans and active military personnel should make an online reservation in advance [here](#). General admission tickets are available for purchase for the general public. For a discount on additional tickets, military personnel may purchase guest tickets at their local MWR/ITT office. Advance reservations made online are required for everyone, including those receiving free admission, and no walk ups will be available.



Open Studio Art Party Returns

November 13th | 10am - 3pm | 2102 Clark Ave.

For the first time since 2019, Luna Rising Art Studio will be hosting an Open Studio Art Party. The popular events were canceled through 2020 and most of 2021 due to the pandemic. Masks will be required at the Saturday, November 13th event that is open to the public.



And Finally

Community Hospital Update

Yesterday, November 4th, the operator of Community Hospital Long Beach, Molina, Wu, Network, publicly announced their plans to discontinue operating the acute care hospital and emergency room. Their plan moving forward will be presented to City Council later this month, but I cannot comment on any proposal that involves a pending council vote.

The City of Long Beach did everything in its power to give the residents the acute care hospital and ER they requested. This included the unanimous support from City Council and the very hard work of City staff. Since its closure on July 3, 2018, every effort was made 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 Measure A funds to assist with the cost of the seismic retrofits. These efforts were successful, and the hospital reopened on January 4, 2021, and the emergency room reopened on May 12, 2021.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible level of support we received from the community. I would also like to recognize the work and dedication of four individuals: Director of Economic Development, John Keisler; Director of Development Services, Oscar Orci; Deputy City Attorney, Rich Anthony and the former CEO of CHLB, Virg Narbutas.

Go Fourth!



Photo credit: Brandon Richardson

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