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GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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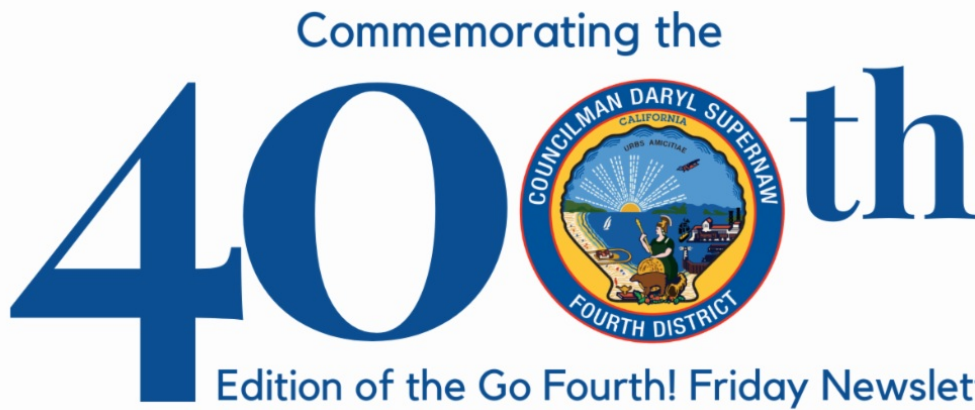
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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by filling out the form at this [link](#).

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



GF!F Newsletter Milestone



Today's edition is our 400th weekly newsletter published since taking office in 2015. With an average of 15 items per issue, that's a total of 6,000 updates on a variety of Council District 4 topics. Thank you for your readership, and special thanks to those who have taken the time to let us know how much they enjoy the updates... especially the "And Finally" feature. Go Fourth!

Past and Ongoing Events

Archbold and Rainey Receive Keys to the City

On December 13th, Press-Telegram Public Editor and Columnist Rich Archbold, and NAACP Long Beach Branch President Naomi Rainey-Pierson, each received a Key to the City from Mayor Robert Garcia. The two local icons who have given so much to the City were honored in a ceremony prior to the City Council meeting. On a personal note, during the presentation I referenced my family's appreciation for the 10/20/19 article Rich Archbold wrote titled, "Daryl Supernaw's' grandparents resting more easily at Long Beach's Sunnyside Cemetery". The article illustrated both his incredible skill as a storyteller and his love for our community. Congratulations Rich and Naomi. Photo credit: Howard Freshman



CD4 Well-Represented at Inauguration Event

Tuesday night, the Terrace Theatre was the venue for the ceremonial swearing-in of nine elected representatives. This included the five odd-numbered council districts and the four citywide offices. Council District 4 was well-represented with five residents, including myself, on stage: City Attorney Dawn McIntosh was sworn in by State Senator, Lena Gonzalez. City Prosecutor Doug Haubert was sworn in by LA County Sheriff, Robert Luna. All four of these elected representatives are CD4 residents.



Homeless Services & Information Hub Webpage

On Wednesday, Long Beach launched a new Homeless Services and Information Hub webpage, now available at this [link](#). The webpage was developed in an effort to provide a one-stop-shop of resources and information for the public and to offer a more open and transparent platform regarding homelessness. The webpage serves as a localized platform where all community members can learn more about the City's efforts to combat the homeless crisis. For example, if you want to discuss an encampment, the webpage instructs you to call the Multi Service Center. Hours at the MSC are: M-T-W-F 8am - 4pm, and Th 8am - 2pm. They are also closed daily from noon to 1pm. You can read the press release [here](#).



LBFD Spark of Love Toy Drive

Now thru Dec. 24th

The Long Beach Fire Department holiday toy drive is underway. Please help LBFD spread some holiday cheer this year! Monetary and toy donations are being accepted now through December 24th. See additional information at this [link](#). Unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off outside all LBFD fire stations. CD4 locations drop off locations include:

- Fire Station 5 - 7575 Wardlow Rd.
- Fire Station 17 - 2247 Argonne Ave.
- Fire Station 22 - 6340 Atherton St.



Upcoming Events

Celebrate Safely This Holiday Season

This morning, the City issued a press release encouraging residents to “Celebrate Safely This Holiday Season”. The notice contains a number of safety tips on topics including: decorating safely, holiday entertaining, health precautions, driving and pedestrian safety, package theft and reporting of illegal activities. You can read the entire press release at this [link](#).



Santa and Mrs. Claus Appearance Tonight!

December 23rd | 6 - 8 pm | 2191 Gondar Ave (Stearns St. side)

For many years, Los Altos area residents have enjoyed the brightly decorated home of Jim and Joan Miller on Stearns at Gondar. Each year, a new banner was posted on the garage door praising how many years Joan had been cancer free. Jim and Joan would also pose as Santa and Mrs. Claus (pictured at right) for photo ops with neighborhood families. Sadly, we lost Joan in 2017, but the tradition will continue tonight. Their daughter, Jill Birdwell, will be playing her mom’s role as Mrs. Claus, and Jim will play Santa. Please stop by between 6 and 8 pm tonight if you’d like to take a photo or to tell Jim and Jill thank you for continuing this wonderful tradition.



Holiday Schedule for the City of Long Beach

There will be no City Council meeting next week, and the January 3rd meeting has been canceled. Our next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will take place on January 10, 2023. Refuse and recycling pick-up will occur as regularly scheduled Monday through Friday. Street sweeping will not take place on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. You can read about all the citywide closures at this [link](#). The Go Fourth! Friday newsletter will maintain its regular schedule and be distributed next Friday at 1:30 pm. Happy Holidays to all!



Long Beach Public Library Holiday Closures

December 24th & December 31st | Citywide

All Library locations and services, including the Library main phone line, will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 31. Libraries are not open Sundays or Mondays per their normal schedule. Library patrons are encouraged to utilize the Library’s vast collection of [digital resources](#), including the Library catalog, downloads, and databases, available 24/7.



Treecycle your Christmas Tree

Dec. 26th - Jan. 6th | Various times & locations

From December 26, 2022 - January 6, 2023, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at one of 12 special locations. Your nearest CD4 location may be at Stearns Park (corner of 23rd St. and Roycroft), El Dorado Park (2760 Studebaker) or the Environmental Services

Bureau at 2929 E. Willow. If your trash/recycling is collected by the City's refuse and recycling service, you qualify for a FREE pick-up at your home on January 8th. Make sure you put it out before 7 AM where you normally leave your carts. If your tree is over 12 ft. tall, make sure to cut it in half. Visit the LB Recycles [website](#) for drop-off times and more information.



Nature Kids! Winter Break Workshops

December 26th - January 6th | 10 am - 12 pm | Register [Here](#)

Registration for Nature Kids! Winter Break Workshops are now open. The workshops will take place at the El Dorado Nature Center where children aged 5-8 years will experience nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts. Children must have Kindergarten experience. Registration at this [link](#) is required, and there is a \$20 fee per class.



FREE Winter Youth Fun Days

Dec. 27-30th and Jan. 3rd - 6th | 12 pm - 5 pm | Various locations

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer free extended supervised recreation programs for youth over the winter school break. The Winter Fun Days Program will operate Dec. 27 through 30 (Closed December 26 & January 2) and Jan. 3 through 6, noon to 5 p.m., at parks throughout Long Beach. Youth may come and go at their own discretion and PRM staff will be on-site to lead a variety of recreational activities. Here is a list of CD4 parks that will participate:



- College Estates Park, 808 Stevely Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
- Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.

For more information on these events, visit the press release at this [link](#) or call (562) 570-3233.

Preferential Parking District Permit Renewals

Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permits. Each household is allowed up to three residential and one guest preferential permit per year. The annual fee for each residential preferential or guest permit is \$33.75. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the [Parking Permits Portal](#) to purchase your new PPD permits for 2023. The blue colored permits expire on 12/31/22.



Bethany Church Blood Drive

January 4th | 9 am - 3 pm | 2250 Clark Ave.

Bethany Church is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Wednesday, January 4th. The blood drive will be held in the Well Ministry Center off E Los Coyotes Diagonal. To register to give blood, click this [link](#). You will also find information on the Power Red type of donation under "+More

Details” on the registration link.



And Finally....

Snow Globes of Council District 4

Six years ago, our newsletter featured a single image of a Joe Jost's schooner turned upside down to look like a snow globe. The tradition grew, and last year we featured a total of ten CD4 businesses that used the snow globe theme. They include (top to bottom) Chick-fil-A, Papa John's, Lowe's, Starbucks, In-N-out, Krispy Kreme, Wing Stop, F&M Bank, Cane's and Ross. For 2022, we've added McDonald's, Goodyear and Taco Bell for a total of 13 snow globes representing CD4 businesses. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Go Fourth!





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