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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](#).

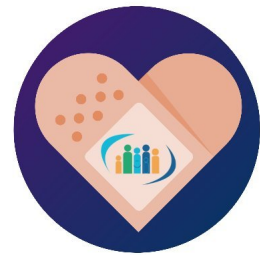
- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



## COVID-19 Updates

### LB Health Order Update for Youth Sports Protocol

The updated protocol no longer requires masking at outdoor youth sporting events and outdoor youth sports activities, such as practicing, conditioning and competitions. This applies to athletes, spectators, coaches and game officials. Masks remain required at indoor youth sporting events regardless of vaccination status, and masks are still encouraged at large youth sporting events where physical distancing is not possible. Read the entire press release at this [link](#).



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

### FREE At-Home COVID-19 Tests

**Limit 4 tests per household**

Every home in the U.S. is now eligible to order 4 free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests. Getting tested, along with vaccinations and masking, helps reduce the chance of spreading COVID-19 and its variants. For free

at-home COVID-19 tests, visit this [link](#).



## Past and Ongoing Events

### Celebrating Black History Month in Long Beach

February is Black History Month, and the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) is highlighting and recognizing a number of legal professionals. They have included Long Beach Assistant City Attorney, Gary Anderson in this recognition. Gary has served in our City Attorney's office for twenty years. In December 2021, he was promoted to be one of two Assistant City Attorneys in the Office. Gary continues to maintain his role as the primary legal advisor to the Civil Service Commission and to all of the City's various Employment and Personnel matters. You can read more about the IMLA recognition at this [link](#).



### Absolute Best of Long Beach Awards

**Nominations: Feb. 11-22 | District voting: March 1-10 | [Online](#)**

The time has come to celebrate all things Long Beach including businesses, organizations and individuals. You, the people, nominate and vote for The Absolute Best of Long Beach! Nominations will be by council district, and five nominees from each district will be voted on. The nomination period runs from 2/11/22 to 2/22/22 with 45 categories for each district. The Best of each District Voting will run from 3/1/22 to 3/10/22. Get the nominations started today by going to the CD4 page at this [link](#).



### FREE Tax Preparation from CSULB

**Through April 9th | M-Th: 10am to 8pm; Fri: 9am to 3pm**

The CSULB College of Business is offering FREE income tax preparation online now through April 9, 2022. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides virtual appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income (\$58,000 annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. The VITA IRS-certified tax preparers can assist you in preparing both federal and state tax returns. Schedule a virtual appointment or get more information on the CSU Long Beach VITA site at this [link](#).



### PRM Spring Class Registration

**Happening now | [Online](#) or In-Person at 2760 Studebaker Rd.**

Registration for new recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) began on February 7th. More than 300 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, and adult sports leagues and aquatics programs will be offered starting in March. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, a new issue of the Recreation Connection programs

catalog is now available to residents digitally on [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) and printed copies at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches. More information is available at this [link](#).



## New Recruit Fire Academy to Start

Feb. 14th - May 21st | M/T/Th/F, 6:30am - 5:30pm | 2249 Argonne Ave.

The Long Beach Fire Department Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center will be conducting training for the new Recruit Firefighters. This Recruit Fire Academy will be 14-weeks long and will be conducted from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays starting February 14, 2022 until May 21, 2022. Live fire burning may occur between February 28, 2022 to May 21, 2022. Notifications regarding the live fire burns will occur 24 hours prior to the scheduled burn. Thank you very much for your cooperation, and please feel free to contact the Training Center at (562) 570-3350 if you have any questions.



## Contacting the District 4 Council Office

The best way to contact our office is through email at [District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov). That enables us to easily forward your contact information and any attached photos to the appropriate City department. You can also call our office at (562) 570-4444. When leaving a message, please include the address of the issue you're referencing. We'll try to respond right away. Please understand that there may not always be someone available to answer the phone. However, voice messages are emailed to us immediately. You can be assured that your message will be heard as soon as it is received.



## Upcoming Events

### LB Public Libraries Closed Tomorrow

February 19th | 10 am - 5 pm | Citywide

In observance of Presidents Day, all Long Beach Public Libraries will be closed tomorrow, Saturday, February 19th. As per the usual schedule, libraries are not open Sunday and Monday. They will reopen on Tuesday, February 22nd. For a full list of LBPL visit: <https://bit.ly/325cjF0>  
Access the LBPL digital archives for free at: <https://bit.ly/32911Dp1>



### Presidents Day Closures on Monday

February 21st | All Day | Citywide

In observance of Presidents' Day, the City of Long Beach offices and services will adhere to the following schedule on Monday, February 21st. Closures include Animal Care Services, City Hall, El Dorado Nature Center, libraries and street sweeping. Refuse and recycling collection will

occur on their regular schedules. Parking meters with holiday exemptions will NOT be enforced. Visit this [link](#) for a full list of closures.

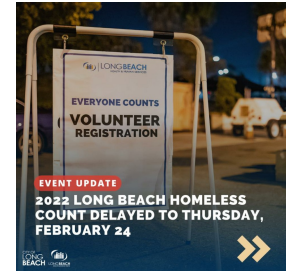
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## Homeless Count Postponed Until February 24th

February 24th | 5:00 am | The Grand, 4101 E. Willow St.

The 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count is being postponed until Thursday, February 24th. There are still volunteer slots left to fill! Your support is vital for determining the scope of homelessness, defining existing resources available and identifying gaps. Register [online](#) today!



## Long Beach Little League Opening Day

February 26th | 11 am | 4520 E. 23rd Street

Long Beach Little League's Opening Day is Saturday, February 26th at Stearns Champions Park. The opening ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 11 am. Again, this year, I'll have the honor of participating in the event on the field where I once played. Please feel free to attend and cheer on the kids as they start their season! For more information please visit the LBLL [website](#).



## POLB Summer High School Internships

Applications are now open for the Port of Long Beach Summer High School Internship Program. High School internships are available to current high school juniors and seniors who reside in Long Beach or attend a high school in the Long Beach Unified School District service area. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, March 1, 2022. More information is available [online](#)!



## Development Services Announces Ombudsperson Position

Phone: 562.570.OMBD (6623) | Email: [DV-Ombuds@longbeach.gov](mailto:DV-Ombuds@longbeach.gov) | [Online](#)

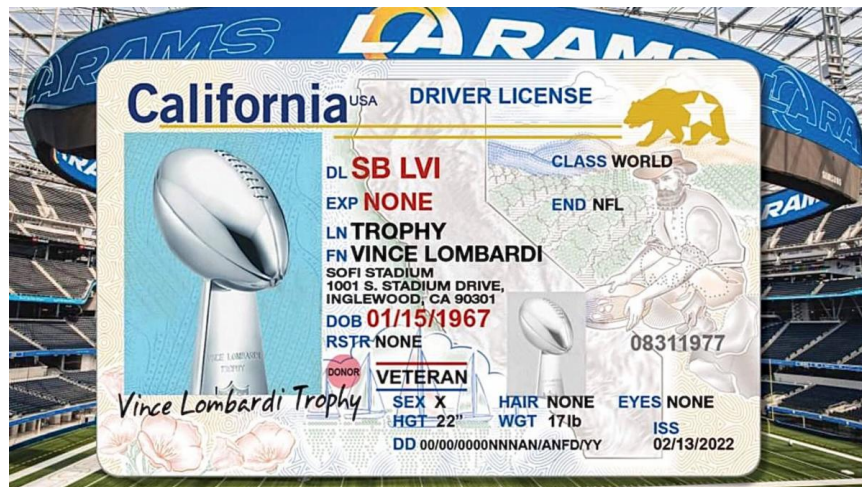
Permit Center customers now have access to one-on-one support with navigating the building permit process from start to finish. The new Ombudsperson position for the Long Beach Development Services Department was created to help customers through the permitting process, bring resolution to conflicts or concerns about issues that may arise on individual projects, and facilitate process improvements for customers and staff. The Ombudsperson acts as an advocate for the customer, answering questions, mediating complaints or issues and coordinating with various citywide departments or bureaus to make customer interactions as trouble-free as possible.



## And Finally

### Vince Lombardi Trophy Gets a CA Driver's License

It has been 60 days since the DMV office at 3700 E. Willow was redistricted into CD4, but this is our first newsletter reference to the State agency. Monday morning after the Super Bowl, the CA DMV ran a Facebook posting with an image of the Vince Lombardi Trophy's DL. Clever and creative are not words typically associated with the DMV, but the image is both. The DL number is SB LVI, and the DOB is the date of the first Super Bowl. Physical descriptions include HGT 22", WGT 17 lb, HAIR NONE, EYES NONE. The posting caption reads, "The #CADMV congratulates the Los Angeles Rams for winning Super Bowl LVI and bringing the Lombardi Trophy back to California. This is the ninth time a California team has won the Super Bowl." Editors note: The California team Super Bowl wins include San Francisco Forty 49ers (5), Oakland Raiders (2), Los Angeles Raiders (1) and Los Angeles Rams (1).



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