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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](#).

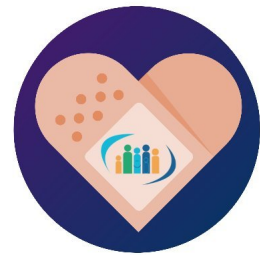
- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



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



Past and Ongoing Events

Black History Month Celebrated by LBTV

February is Black History Month, and Long Beach Television is celebrating by featuring a special series of 45-second videos. The vignettes recognize African American men and women who made significant contributions in American and world history. With Long Beach Little League's opening day tomorrow, we're featuring LBTV's Jackie Robinson video. Among the 30 baseball clubs, more than 180 individuals have had a number retired in their honor. Jackie Robinson is the only person to have his number (42) retired across all of Major League Baseball.



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](#).



Bird is the Word - Don't Be a Birdnapper!

El Dorado Nature Center staff are preparing for another season of phone calls with questions about injured or orphaned wildlife. It's common to find baby birds around our neighborhoods, and people are often unsure about what steps to take. The Songbird Care and Education Center (SCEC) tells us, "Nestlings are birds that are naked, have pin feathers or down. They are dependent on their parents. Fledglings are feathered with short tails. They are learning to fly and should be left alone. Their parents are close by and will continue to support them."



Three facts from SCEC about baby birds and their parents:

1. Birds only need to be rescued if they are injured, icy cold, naked or abandoned.
2. Parent birds will search for their babies even after 24-48 hours of absence.
3. Parent birds will feed their babies after you have touched them.

If you happen to find a bird in distress, call the Nature Center at (562) 570-1745, and they will be happy to put you in contact with a wildlife rehabilitation group.



LGB “Plane to See” Art Contest Takes Flight

Submissions: now through March 31st | [Online](#)

The Long Beach Airport (LGB) is calling on local artists to take part in a “Plane to See” aviation-themed design contest, where 10 selected winners’ drawings will earn \$500 honorariums and be used to create coloring sheets for travelers of all ages. Selected drawings will be printed and distributed at community events and to LGB travelers with a designated exhibition space and coloring area. The images also will be available to download online. The contest is open to local artists of all ages and skill levels. Read the press release 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](#).



Development Services Announces Ombudsperson Position

Phone: 562.570.OMBD (6623) | Email: 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.



Upcoming Events

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](#).



EDCO HHW

February 26th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

EDCO is hosting two events per month on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! Drop off all your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) items and e-waste at the FREE drop-off event from 9 am to 2 pm tomorrow. More info: http://bit.ly/HHW_LB.



Next on the Council Agenda

March 1st | 5:00 pm | Virtual

The City Council teleconference of the council meeting will begin 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. The entire agenda can be found here. To see the schedule and agenda for all upcoming city meetings, click [here](#).



POLB Summer High School Internships

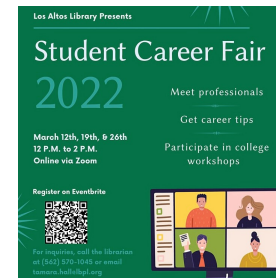
Applications are now open for the Port of Long Beach Summer High School Internship Program. High School internships are available to current high school juniors and seniors who reside in Long Beach or attend a high school in the Long Beach Unified School District service area. The deadline to apply



Los Altos Library Online Student Career Fair

March 12, 19 & 26 | 12 pm - 2 pm | [Register Online](#)

The Los Altos Neighborhood Library presents a Student Career Fair for ages 13-18. The program is scheduled on Saturday, March 12, 19, & 26. Presentations will include employers discussing possible career paths for teens who are in attendance. Participants will meet with a presenter of their interest to inquire further information about their career path and the steps it took them to get to where they are. Students will also have a chance to ask questions regarding volunteer, internship, or job opportunities that can help further their experience. A librarian will email participants additional resources connected to each presenter after the event. For more information and registration please visit this [link](#).



Community Election Workers Needed

Election Workers play an essential role in elections and in our democracy. They are trusted community members who assist the in-person voting experience throughout Los Angeles County. To become an Election Worker in Los Angeles County, you must be: 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and registered to vote in California OR a Legal Permanent Resident and provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Bilingual Election Workers are highly needed! Learn more and apply to be an Election Worker [online](#).

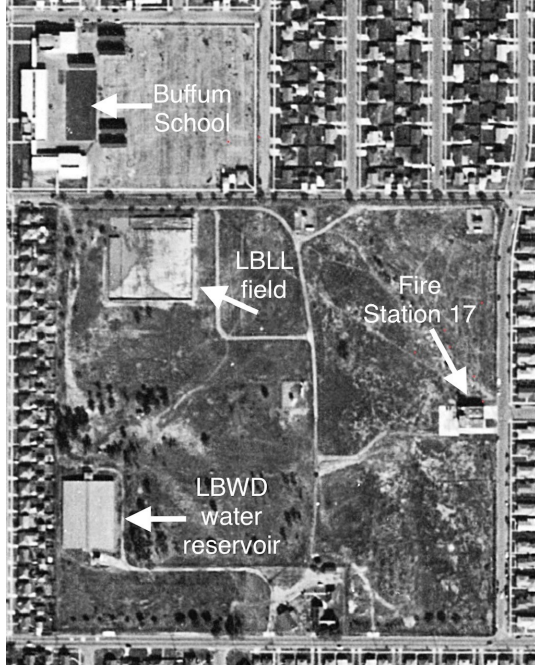


And Finally

Long Beach Little League 70th Opening Day

Tomorrow, Long Beach Little League (established in 1952) will celebrate opening day in Stearns Park (established in 1957). You might be wondering how baseball was played five years prior to the park existing. The vintage aerial photo below, taken in November 1952, shows the original sandlot ball field. It was located north of the current fields where the Community Center, built in 1976, now stands. The land was an open field that had been purchased by the Long Beach Water Department in 1931. You can see the dirt roads that connected the water wells (still in use today) with the water reservoir building that was torn down 40 years ago. Buffum Elementary had been built in 1950, but there was no classroom building along 23rd St. Fire Station 17 was built in 1951, but there was no Lbfd Training Center to the north or Tucker School to the south. There have been lots of changes over the past 70 years as shown in the color image, but baseball has remained.





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