



GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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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

Long Beach Sees Surge in COVID-19 Cases

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services has begun offering COVID-19 boosters for 12- to 15-year-olds and third doses to 5- to 11- year-old immuno-compromised children. Previously, boosters were only authorized for those 16 and older. The boosters administered will be Pfizer brand; Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines and boosters are still only eligible to those 18 and older.



Testing appointments can be made at longbeach.gov/covid19testing or by calling 562.570.4636. People also may contact their healthcare provider or area pharmacies to get tested, subject to availability. For other sites across Los Angeles County, people can visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>.

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

Past and Ongoing Events

Redistricting Continues to Generate Questions

Our office is continuing to get questions on redistricting, and we are working with Districts 3 & 5 regarding ongoing projects or issues. If you have left CD4 and would like to reach out to your new council district office, please use the email addresses listed below. All neighborhoods leaving CD4 are south of PCH:

- Clark to Redondo will be in CD3 - District3@longbeach.gov
- Redondo to Junipero will be in CD2 - District2@longbeach.gov
- Junipero to Gardenia will be in CD6 - District6@longbeach.gov

For CD3 and CD5 residents redistricted into CD4, please contact us at: District4@longbeach.gov If you or a neighbor would like to sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter, please do so at this [link](#). The “zoomable” final maps the council districts are available at this [link](#).



Treecycling Drop-Off Ends Tomorrow, Jan.15th

Extended until tomorrow, January 15, 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 St. These are specified locations, so please do not drop off your tree in just any city park. Visit the LB Recycles [website](#) for more information.



Natural Gas Prices Going Up

This winter heating season (November 2021 through April 2022), natural gas prices are higher across the country and have almost doubled in price since this time last year. Last winter, a combination of a warmer-than-average season, and natural gas prices at a 5-year low, led to residential heating bills that were comparatively low for our Long Beach and Signal Hill customers. However, this winter season, natural gas commodity prices could rise to levels not seen since 2018. Several market factors are contributing to this, including lower global natural gas inventories; incentives for producers to let prices rise; and a mismatch between supply and demand as economies emerge from the pandemic. More information and the impact of this winter's higher natural gas prices is available [here](#).



LBPD 2021 Crime Stats

The Long Beach Police Department announced the 2021 year-end crime statistics. Similar to other cities across the nation, the Long Beach community experienced an increase in crime in 2021. In order to meet the challenges posed in 2021, the Long Beach Police Department explored and utilized new resources to better serve the community. You can read the entire report at this [link](#).



Upcoming Events

El Dorado Duck Pond Restoration

On Wednesday, we held our first meeting with Public Works and Parks & Rec on the El Dorado Duck Pond restoration project. It has been in the planning stages for a long time, but CD4 just inherited the area through redistricting. Construction is scheduled to begin on the duck pond, just S/E of Studebaker Rd. and Willow St. in the Winter of 2022 with anticipated completion in Spring 2023. The first phase of

construction will begin the week of January 24th with the removal of 27 non-native trees. The project biologist has conducted a tree survey prior to the scheduled removal to ensure proper wildlife protection. The project rehabilitation will replant a total of 33 new trees within the renovated site. If you'd like to see how few trees were on the site when the pond was constructed in 1960, check out the "And Finally" photo at the end of the newsletter.



The project will convert the pond to a recycled water storage facility by creating a disinfection system that will allow the water to be reused for downstream irrigation. The project also improves landscaping with natural diverse plant material, eradicates invasive plant species and will help restore habitat around the pond with native trees and vegetation. Renovations to the concrete walkway around the pond and reconstruction of the shoreline will allow for improved accessibility. For more information, please see the Public Works Construction Notice at this [link](#).



Private Sneakers Grand Opening Tomorrow

January 15th | 10:00 am | 1900 Ximeno (in the Vons Circle Center)

Private Sneakers has moved from 4640 E. PCH (near Staples) to 1900 Ximeno in the Vons Circle Center. The storefront is next to Planet Fitness in the former Petco Unleashed location. Their official opening will take place tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 am. Customers are asked to observe all COVID protocols including physical distancing and quality masks. You can check out Private Sneakers at this [link](#).



FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event

January 15th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

After holiday closures in November and December, EDCO is back to 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.



El Dorado Nature Center Artists' Reception

January 15th | Noon to 3 pm | 7550 E. Spring St.

Tomorrow, the Nature Center is hosting an artist reception to kick off a new art exhibit. Les Jolie Tresors and El Dorado Nature Center Art Gallery are presenting the exhibit titled "Nature Transformed". Featured artists include Bridget Beckage, Annie Clavel and Maureen Vastardis. The exhibit runs through February 23rd. Gallery hours are 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. For additional information, phone (562) 570-1745.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Schedule

Monday, January 17th | All Day | Citywide

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 17, the City of Long Beach facilities and services will adhere to the closure schedule associated with all Federal holidays. Notable exceptions are two COVID-19 testing sites that will be open on Monday: Boeing lot at 3550 Wardlow Rd. and Houghton Park. For a full list of closures and hours of the testing sites, please check this [link](#).



Next on the Council Agenda

January 18th | 3 pm & 5:00 pm | [Virtual](#)

The City Council teleconference will start 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. Items on Tuesday's study session and council meeting agendas include:



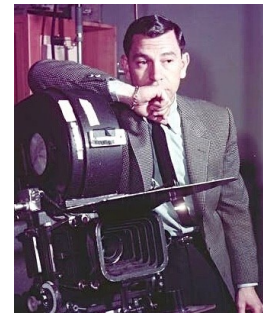
- Study Session: Recommendation to hold a study session to receive and file a presentation on City's Bicycle Infrastructure and Update on Homelessness.
- R-27: Recommendation to receive a report and adopt the proposed Parks, Recreation and Marine Department Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

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

Filming in the Fourth

January 21 - 22nd | 7 am - 10 pm | 5155 PCH

Filming will take place at 5155 Pacific Coast Hwy, International City Masonic Lodge. Filming will consist of interior dialogue with talent against scenery. Scenes to include a group discussion in conference room and office. Production to use and light herbal cigarettes and incense, approved by property manager to be used indoors. Production to remain completely on property.



Virtual Community Budget Meetings

Jan. 25th - 6:30 to 8 pm | Jan. 27th - 5:30 to 7 pm | [Register Here](#)

The City of Long Beach is inviting members of the public to participate in the City's fiscal year 2023 budget development process by sharing their service priorities at one of two upcoming virtual community budget meetings. The community budget meetings were originally scheduled to be held in person at multiple locations throughout the



city; however, due to the increased transmission of COVID-19, the City recently transitioned all scheduled in-person community outreach meetings to a virtual format as part of various City service modifications that were announced earlier this month. The virtual community budget meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 25, from 6:30 to 8 pm, and Thursday, January 27, from 5:30 to 7 pm. More information is available at this [link](#).

Homeless Count - Postponed Until February

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

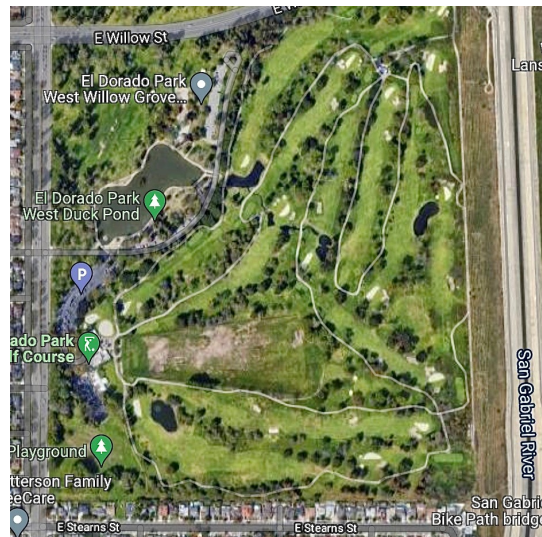
The 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count is being postponed to Thursday, February 24th. There are still volunteer slots left to fill! Your support is vital for determining the scope of homelessness, defining existing resources available, and identifying gaps. Register [online](#) today!



And Finally

El Dorado Park West Duck Pond - 1960

The black & white aerial photo below was taken on May 27, 1960. It shows the El Dorado Park duck pond and golf course as they looked in the early stages of construction. The color photo to the right is the current view of the same area. The vintage photo is bordered by the San Gabriel River on the right, Stearns St. at the bottom and Studebaker Rd. at the left. The dirt path at the top of the photo is where Willow St. is now located. It did not extend east of Studebaker at that time. It's interesting to note that there were no trees on the land at the time construction began. The photo serves as a reminder that the area was farm land prior to the development of El Dorado Park. I'm sure it's just a coincidence, but the original pond's shape looks like the silhouette of a duck.



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