



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

As COVID-19 cases continue to surge locally and throughout the state, the City of Long Beach announced [several operational changes and potential impacts to City services](#). To accommodate additional testing, City-run testing and vaccine clinics will temporarily adhere to the following modified schedules beginning Monday, Jan. 10:

- Testing Schedule
 - Long Beach City College, Veterans Stadium: Mondays - Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 - 5 p.m.
 - Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park: Mondays - Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2:30-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus: Mondays - Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - Cabrillo High School: Saturdays and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2:30 - 5 p.m.
 - CSULB (Long Beach State): Mondays, 1/24 and 1/31 and Wednesdays, 1/19 and 1/26 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Rapid tests not available)
- Vaccine Schedule
 - Long Beach City College, PCC: Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 7p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 - Long Beach City College, Liberal Arts Campus (Parking Lot 1, corner of Clark



- Avenue & Carson Street): Thursdays, 10 a.m. - noon
- Cabrillo High School (2001 Santa Fe Ave.), Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park: Mondays - Wednesdays, 1 - 5 p.m. and Thursdays – Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- CSULB: 6049 E. 7th St., Mondays, Jan. 24 and Jan. 31 and Wednesdays, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- El Dorado Park West: Wednesdays, 2 - 6 p.m. (boosters only; begins Jan. 5)

People should get tested if any symptoms are present or if they have been in close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have the virus, regardless of vaccination status. It is important for people to make testing appointments and arrive according to their scheduled date and time. High demand has impacted wait times for appointments, but the City has ample tests available, and test results are generally available within 48 hours. Non-appointments are available at each of the five clinic locations; those without an appointment should be prepared to potentially wait for a significantly longer time due to the number of scheduled appointments.

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 Changes Now in Effect

The newly drawn council district borders went into effect on December 18th. Our office will continue to work with Districts 3 & 5 regarding requests on all ongoing projects or issues. If you have left CD4 and would to reach out to your new council district office, please use the email addresses listed below. The changes to the 4th council district are substantial, and 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](#). New “zoomable” final maps of each of the council districts are available at this [link](#).



Treecycling Drop-Off Extended to January 15th

Now extended until January 15, 2022, 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 tomorrow, January 8th. Just 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 more information.



Register Your New Bicycle

The City of Long Beach has partnered with 529 Garage, the premier online bike registry, to easily pass along information in case of theft. Long Beach residents are encouraged to register

their bikes at www.project529.com/garage or through the [529 Garage App](#). More information is available at this [link](#).



**REGISTER YOUR BIKE
AND HELP US
RECOVER YOUR BIKE**

The Long Beach Police and Public Works Departments invite you to join **529 Garage**, an online bike registry, so you can easily pass along information in case of theft.

Visit: PROJECT529.COM/GARAGE or download the 529 Garage app to register:

Download on the **App Store** | GET IT ON **Google Play**

Logos: Long Beach Police, PW, GO ACTIVE LB, CITY OF LONG BEACH, 529 GARAGE

How to Report an Illegally Parked Scooter

Residents and businesses are encouraged to report any e-scooter parking violations through the City's Go Long Beach App. Once reported through the app, e-scooter vendors will typically remove the vehicle within 2 hours. The public should contact vendors directly regarding issues with vehicle maintenance, billing, and questions regarding pricing and user apps. Questions or comments on the program? Contact City of Long Beach: e-scootershare@longbeach.gov



eScooters IN LONG BEACH CITY OF LONG BEACH

Treat It Like A Bike:

RIDE IN A BIKE LANE (CVC 21229a)

PARK WITHOUT BLOCKING SIDEWALKS, BIKEWAYS OR PATHS (CVC 212351)

HAVE A SAFE RIDE! 👍

City Council Approves Tom Clark Naming

On Tuesday, the City Council unanimously voted to rename the El Dorado Park West Senior Center in honor of former Mayor and 4th District City Councilman, Dr. Thomas Clark. Tom Clark was the consummate public servant. He served served in the military, on the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commission, as Mayor and City Councilman for thirty years and as a member of the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees for sixteen years. In the early 1960's, Dr. Clark led the Parks and Recreation Commission's effort to secure a bond for the purchase of the land that is now El Dorado Park. Without his efforts, the open space we enjoy today may not exist. El Dorado Park was originally part of the CD4 until redistricted into CD5. When the Tom Clark naming process began in 2021, we had no idea the Senior Center would be returned to CD4 through redistricting.



Park Estates Community Meeting Very Well-Attended

If attendance is any indication, the first Park Estates community meeting as a Council District 4 neighborhood was a huge success. The Zoom virtual meeting was hosted by LBPD's East Division and provided crime updates through a Q&A session with residents. LBPD East reported that the total of 133 participants was a record number of attendees at a community meeting! Thank you to all the Park Estates residents who logged onto the meeting. Also thanks to Commander Michael Richens, Detective Brian Calderon and Community Liaison Ana Rios for hosting the meeting. For CD4 residents who are interested in having an LBPD East Division hosted community meeting, please email LBPDEast@longbeach.gov or our council office at: District4@longbeach.gov



Upcoming Events

El Dorado Nature Center Art Exhibit

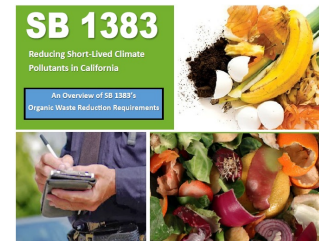
Jan. 7th - Feb. 23rd | 10am - 3pm, Tues-Sun | 7550 E. Spring St.

Starting today, Les Jolie Tresors and El Dorado Nature Center Art Gallery are hosting an exhibit titled "Nature Transformed". Featured artists include Bridget Beckage, Annie Clavel and Maureen Vastardis. The exhibit runs from January 7th to February 23rd. Gallery hours are 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. For additional information, phone (562) 570-1745.



Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions

On January 1, 2022, new California State laws took effect requiring all California cities to implement food recovery and organics processing programs for the purpose of removing these materials from the waste stream. While this mandate remains in place, the State is allowing cities additional time for compliance in large part due to delays attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about what the City is doing about this new mandate at this [link](#).



GetSetUp for FREE Next Tuesday

January 11th | 10:30 am | Register online

The Long Beach Public Library has teamed up with **GetSetUp** to provide hundreds of online classes for 55+ adults. Classes are FREE for all LBPL card holders! **GetSetUp** is an online learning platform designed for older adults that offers interactive classes on topics such as cooking, travel, technology, photography, and much more. Choose from a catalog of over 2,000 classes, with more than 500 classes offered every week, all live and taught by older adults. Through the support of California State Library, classes are available for no cost. Tickets for next Tuesday's event, January 11th at 10:30 am are available at [Eventbrite](#).



GetSetUp is the premier online learning service for adults 55+.

Next on the Council Agenda - Meeting Canceled

January 11th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, January 11th, has been canceled due to the COVID surge. Beginning Tuesday, January 18th, City Council meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. A Zoom link will be provided on the posted agenda. Members of the public will be able to join virtually from a smartphone/tablet app, computer or phone. Additional details are available in the City's press release at this [link](#).



State of the City Address Next Wednesday

January 12th | 11:30 am | Virtual Event

Mayor Garcia will deliver the 2022 State of the City address on Wednesday, January 12th at 11:30 am. Like last year, it will be hosted virtually to protect the health and safety of our community. You'll be able to watch it live on LBTv, at LongBeach.gov, and on the city's Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube channels. The live speech is at 11:30 am, but it will be available afterward on social media and repeated throughout the week on LBTv. Watch virtually on the City's [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages or on [LBTv](#). Interpretation services are available. If you are in need of Spanish, Khmer or Tagalog interpretation, please [follow this link for more information](#).



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 permit per year. The annual fee for each residential preferential or guest permit is \$33.00. If you have not received your renewal notice, you can visit the [Parking Permits Portal](#) to purchase your new blue permits for 2022. The yellow colored permits expired on 12/31/21.

Special Notice for PPD Z: residents have requested increased parking enforcement in this PPD N/E of Clark and Atherton. Enforcement can take place 7 nights per week, so please have permits clearly displayed on your vehicles.



LGB Taxiway L Construction Project

A major construction project to improve the safety of the Long Beach Airport (LGB) airfield started this week and is expected to last through August 2022. The \$25 million project is primarily funded by grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). It will reconstruct Taxiway L, which is the primary taxiway for all departing commercial aircraft. The construction will occur adjacent to the main runway which will close nightly from 10 pm to 6 am except for Friday and Saturday evenings. Due to the closure, operations will shift to Runway 08L-26R which runs parallel to Wardlow Road. Read more details [here](#).



Natural Gas Prices Rising Sharply

The City's January 2022 monthly residential commodity natural gas price that posted this Monday was \$0.9451/therm, more than double the January 2021 posted price of \$0.43850/therm. This commodity price increase results in an approximate 35% increase to our residential customers gas bills if they consume the same volume of gas in January 2022 as they did in January 2021. The past December 2021 month was the coldest December that Long Beach has observed in 10 years so it is anticipated the typical residential customer will have consumed more natural gas than their December 2020 usage, further exacerbating the impact to their monthly natural gas bill. January 2022 has begun with colder temperatures as well.

Gas bills are going up.

Why? It's a simple question with a complex answer. Below is a website you can visit to get an in-depth explanation of the many reasons contributing to rising gas prices.

You can calculate. Eliminate bill surprises by going to our website and clicking on our easy-to-use bill calculator tables that help you to estimate your bill for this winter. With this information, you can plan ways to reduce your usage and ultimately, your bill.

You can conserve. Visit our website and follow us on Facebook to learn about the many ways you can reduce your gas usage. From "Dial it down" to tips on the efficient use of appliances, we can help you cut that bill!

We're here to help. Having trouble paying your bill? Just call us, we can help. And remember, there will be no shut-offs before February 2022.

Rising gas prices. www.comnews.com/news/business/articles/2021-09-30/surging-natural-gas-prices-threat-to-consumers-this-winter

Bill calculator, longbeach.gov/energyresources/

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And Finally

Unusual Sight on the 405 Freeway This Morning

It is a pretty rare sight to see no 405 southbound traffic captured by the Caltrans camera at Palo Verde. This morning at 6:16 am, the Long Beach Fire Department responded to the scene of a overturned semi truck located in the southbound lanes of the 405 freeway just north of Palo Verde Ave. It was quite a response with a Battalion Chief, BLS14, E17, E19, E22, E24, Rescue18 and Truck17. All lanes were blocked, but there were no injuries to report. We immediately posted the photo on Twitter and Facebook as a warning to morning commuters to avoid the freeway. We have no idea if fog contributed to the accident, but there was one side benefit. News helicopters were grounded, so residents were not awakened by hovering aircraft.



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