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## 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



## Past and Ongoing Events

### Great Night for a Harbor Tour!

Thanks to all the Council District 4 residents who joined us for last night's harbor tour. We had spectacular weather and spectacular views of the Port of Long Beach. This included one of the final views of the two bridges side-by-side as the center span of the Gerald Desmond Bridge is scheduled for demolition on July 9th. Thanks to PoLB staff and Executive Director, Mario Cordero, for joining us.





## Community Center Named to Honor Tom Clark

Thanks to all who attended the naming ceremony on Saturday to honor Dr. Tom Clark. The El Dorado Park West Senior Center has been renamed the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center. It is a fitting tribute to the man who, as a Parks & Rec Commissioner, led the effort to establish El Dorado Park. Dr. Clark also served for 30 years as the 4th district councilman including three terms as mayor. He also served for 16 years as an LBCC trustee for a total of 46 years in elected office. Pictured (l to r) are: PRM Director, Brent Dennis, Councilman Daryl Supernaw, Carol Clark Quinlan (Tom's daughter), Councilman Roberto Uranga and Parks & Rec Commission Chair, David Zanata.



## Camerata Singers at Whaley Park

This is the first year our council office has sponsored the Long Beach Camerata Singers. Our only caveat was that they hold a few concerts in CD4, and they delivered. We received rave reviews on last Sunday's concert in Whaley Park. To learn more about the Camerata Singers, please visit their website at this [link](#). Photo credit: Ruth Lowell



## Tom Clark Community Center Big Band Concerts

Come and enjoy live big band performances every Monday and Wednesday from 12 pm to 2 pm at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center, formerly known as the El Dorado Senior Center. The events are free to attend, just bring your dancing shoes! For more information, please call [\(562\) 570-3227](tel:562-570-3227).



## LBPL Summer Reading Program

The Long Beach Public Library is hosting its annual summer reading program from June 18th through August 13th. The program

is for readers of all ages and features special events throughout the duration. Online registration is [open here](#) and in-person registration started on June 21st. For more information on the program and events, please visit [lbpl.org](http://lbpl.org).



## LB Parks Free Summer Food Service Program

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is offering the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide free, nutritious meals to Long Beach youth throughout the summer months. From June 21st through August 27th, PRM will provide free meals for children Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (excluding July 5th). Meals will be available to all attending children between the ages of 1-18 years old. Infant meals will not be provided. To view the complete list of locations where meals will be provided and for more information, visit the [PRM website](#).



## Animal Fosters Urgently Needed

When animal shelter admissions spike due to incoming dogs and cats that are lost because of fireworks, space is needed in the shelter. However, LBACS is already at full capacity because it is committed to saving every healthy and treatable animal. You can make a difference by fostering an available, adoptable pet for up to fourteen days to make space for the incoming animals over the holiday. You will be helping the shelter, the community's animals and the families of those lost animals by providing time to reunite with their beloved pets. More information is available [here](#).



## Smart City Initiative Annual Report

The launch of the Long Beach Smart City Initiative in 2019 established guiding principles and pathways for the City to use technology and data to improve the lives of all Long Beach residents. The Smart City Initiative is built upon principles of equity, inclusion, transparency, resilience, innovation, and community collaboration. From augmented reality, to smart traffic signals, to data privacy protections; Long Beach is working hard to make sure technology works for you! Click [here](#) to read the full 2022 Smart City Initiative Annual Report!



## Upcoming Events

### Muni Band Concert TONIGHT at El Dorado!

The Long Beach Municipal Band is celebrating their 113th season this year with free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks from June 28 through August 5, 2022, with a different theme every week. Council District 4 performances of

the Long Beach Municipal Band are on the dates and locations below. All concerts begin at 6:30 pm and are free. For more information on the concerts, please click [here](#).

- Whaley Park – July 5
- El Dorado Park West – Fridays, July 1 through August 5



## LB Public Libraries Closed on Saturday

In observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4, 2022, the City of Long Beach libraries will be closed on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Digital resources are available 24/7 by clicking [here](#). The digital library allows you to watch movies, read a newspaper or magazine, take classes, research your family tree, learn a language, read or listen to books and articles, or get help with homework. You can also take practice tests, get help writing a resume, and find classroom materials for all grades.



## Independence Day Weekend Closures

Here's to a PEACEful holiday. City Hall offices and public services will be closed on Monday, July 4th, including commercial services typically available in the City Hall lobby. There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, July 4th. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday, July 5th. Trash and Recycling will be collected as scheduled on Monday, July 4th. For a full list of holiday closures, please check this [link](#).



## Next on the Council Agenda

July 5th | 5:00 pm | 411 W Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5 pm in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcast live online and are also available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Here are some topics that

appear on next Tuesday's agenda:

- R27: Recommendation to direct City Manager to invest in Community Policing by working with LBPD to provide options in the FY23 budget for structural funding of the Neighborhood Walks program; and Direct City Manager to work with LBPD to provide options in the FY23 budget for an expansion of LBPD's "Bicycle Beats" program, including assigning at least 25 more officers to the program. (Citywide)
- R34: Recommendation to declare ordinance setting aside and dedicating in perpetuity certain lands owned by the City of Long Beach for public park purposes and uses, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)



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

## Summer Movies at El Dorado Opossum Patch

July 5th & Aug 9th | at Sunset | 7550 E Spring Street

El Dorado Nature Center will host two movie nights on July 5th and August 9th at sunset around 8pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and a picnic. For more information, please call (562) 570-1745.



## CSULB Learning Institute Summer Classes

Long Beach State's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) hosts non-credit courses for persons 50 years of age or older. Courses will run from July 5 to August 29 in hybrid formats, in-person or on Zoom. Registration for the Summer 2022 session is now open. For more information on the courses and how to register, click [here](#).



## Propeller Club of LA/LB Scholarship Opportunity

Deadline: July 15th | Apply [Online](#)

The Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach is offering scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors from schools located in the cities of Long Beach, Lakewood, San Pedro, Wilmington or Carson. Requirements include a 500-word essay on a selected essay question. Recommendation letters do not have to be specific to this scholarship, and students may repurpose a recommendation letter for this scholarship. For more information, please email [jenn@propellerclubla.org](mailto:jenn@propellerclubla.org).



## YMCA Flex 6 Lacrosse League

July 16- September 10 | Register [Online](#)

The YMCA of Greater Long Beach is offering lacrosse lessons for youth ages 4 - 12. They have partnered with USA Lacrosse to teach the fundamentals of running, carrying, catching, shooting and

passing. Volunteer coaches are also needed. For more information, please email the Sports & Outreach Coordinator at Felipe.Orozco@lbyymca.org.



## And Finally....

### 2022 Homeless Count Results Released This Morning

Our weekly “And Finally” feature is usually reserved for a humorous or historical story about Long Beach. We’re deviating from that this week because of the significance of this topic. There is no issue more challenging and pervasive to our council office or to the Long Beach Police Department than homelessness. This morning, the City Manager released a 28-page memo updating the City’s efforts on dealing with the homelessness crisis. You can read the entire memo at [this link](#).

City Council has looked for solutions and resources, and that is demonstrated through significant action over the past two years. Below is a partial list of council initiatives. The last bullet point, CARE Court, is an item I brought to council and received unanimous support.

- Homeless Services has grown from 25 staff to 80 staff
- Dollars for Homelessness operations for our team and all our non-profit partners has increased from \$10 million to \$80 million
- Provided \$50 million in rental assistance
- Direct City outreach staff grew from 4 to 24
- The Council put \$81 million of Recovery Act dollars into programs that provide upstream safety nets
- The Council funded a new alternative outreach program, called REACH, to supplement existing outreach and provide enhanced medical and mental health care
- All four Police Divisions have Quality of Life Officers
- Clean Teams have been enhanced and visited over 1,000 encampments
- Currently more than 250 per day visit our Multi-Service Center to get connected to services
- We took over the CalTrans right of way and partnered with them to make a major improvement on our freeways
- Emergency interim shelter beds grew from 60 to 530.
- The Council has requested additional focus on REACH teams, non-profit partnerships and outreach services
- The Council has authorized the purchase of a new Project Roomkey Hotel
- The Council has supported the Governor’s CARE Court proposal.



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