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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

### Gail Tweedt Retires After 40 Years at LBPL

On Friday, I stopped by the El Dorado Branch Library to say goodbye to one of our favorite librarians, Gail Tweedt. She started her career at Los Altos in 1982 and retired at El Dorado 40 years later. Gail was the quintessential librarian who who was great with children, so I thought it would be fitting for the photo to include 9-month-old Ellie who had just attended her first Infant Storytime class. The flowers Gail is holding are from a former colleague who also stopped by to say goodbye. Congratulations to Gail on a well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your service to the readers of Long Beach. You will be greatly missed.



## Altrusa Essay Awards at Prisk Elementary School

Tuesday morning, I helped present certificates and cash prizes to students at Prisk Elementary in CD4. Fifth graders participated in an essay contest sponsored by Altrusa International. They were asked to write about nature. Congratulations to contest winners Natalia Velasco, Betsy Primas, Logan Santore and Kenzie Bedard. Thank you to Altrusa International for organizing this fun and educational contest. In addition, thank you to all the participating Prisk students, teachers and Principal Beth Cohen.



## Happy Birthday California Sea Lions!

Here's a fun fact: more than half of CA sea lion pups are born on June 15th. That means Wednesday was a very busy day for new moms on the Channel Islands. Thanks to the phenomenon known as "synchronized reproduction" where the animals breed, birth

and wean simultaneously, researchers have found that June 15th is the peak of their births. The remaining mothers-to-be will have their young in the two-week period before or after. Sixty to seventy thousand pups will be born on the islands this month. Photo credit: Pacific Marine Mammal Center.



## Digital Inclusion Resources Hotline

The City's Technology and Innovation Department relaunched the [Digital Inclusion Resources Hotline](#). The Hotline connects the Long Beach community to digital inclusion resources and language interpretation services. A team of digital inclusion navigators are available via email and by phone on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to inform residents and business owners about free and low-cost internet services, computing devices, digital literacy training, and more. For more information, click on the link above.



## SWA Announces New Flight to Nashville & DC

Yesterday, Southwest Airlines announced a new destination out of LGB to Nashville, TN. What will also be great about this specific flight is that Monday thru Friday, the plane lands in Nashville for brief 45 min stop and continues on to Reagan International Airport (DCA). No plane change necessary!



## El Dorado Nature Center Concerts

Last night, I had the honor of opening the summer concert season at the El Dorado Nature Center. There are five remaining outdoor concerts that open for picnicking at 6:30 pm with live music from 7 pm to 8 pm. Friends of El Dorado Nature Center members can enter early at 6 pm. Bring an eco-friendly dinner and low chairs. Upcoming concerts include: Steel Parade on 6/30, The Salty Suites on 7/14, Silo Rags on 7/28, Corday on 8/11 and JP McDermott & Western Bop on 8/25. For more information, please call [\(562\) 570-1745](tel:562-570-1745).





## Upcoming Events

### Long Beach to Celebrate Juneteenth on Monday

June 20th | All day | [Citywide closures](#)

Last year, the President signed legislation establishing Juneteenth as a new national holiday. Long Beach moved forward to establish Juneteenth as a local holiday for City government as well. This year, the City holiday will be celebrated on Monday, June 20th. City Hall will be closed as is done with federal holidays. Constant staffing for critical services will remain in place as is done for other holidays or any critical functions that cannot be cancelled. Citywide closures are listed [here](#). Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. In 1968, Juneteenth received another strong resurgence through the Poor Peoples March to Washington. Rev. Ralph Abernathy's call for people of all races, creeds, economic levels and professions to come to Washington to show support for the poor.



### LB Parks Free Summer Food Service Program

June 21 - Aug 26 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | College Estates, Stearns & Whaley

The City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to provide free, nutritious meals to Long Beach children and youth throughout the summer months. Beginning June 21 through August 27, PRM will provide free meals for children and youth Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm (excluding July 5th). Meals will be available to all attending children and youth between one and 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](#).

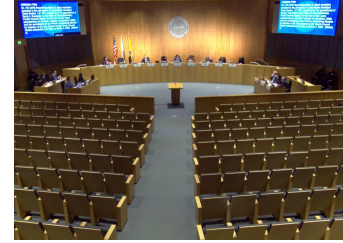


### Next on the City Council Agenda

June 21st | 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:



- C1: Recommendation to adopt resolution providing for a temporary amnesty program waiving first-time pet licensing fee and late penalty fee for an expired pet license from June 24, 2022 through August 23, 2022.
- R28: Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$500, offset by the Fourth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to the Long Beach Camerata Singers for their summer concerts in the Fourth District.
- R29: Recommendation to request City Manager to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Safe Passage Plan in collaboration with the Long Beach Police Department, other appropriate City departments, Long Beach Unified School District, and relevant local organizations, and report back to the City Council in 60 days.

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

## LBPL Summer Reading Program

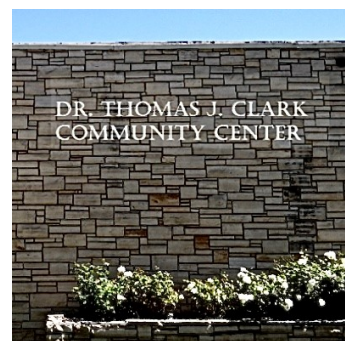
The Long Beach Public Library will be hosting its annual summer reading program from June 18 through August 13. The program is for readers of all ages and will feature special events throughout the duration. Online registration will open on June 18 [here](#) and in-person registration on June 21. For more information on the program and events, please visit [lbpl.org](http://lbpl.org)



## Save the Date: June 25th Honoring Tom Clark

June 25th | 11:00 am | 2800 N Studebaker

The El Dorado Park West Senior Center will be the site of the new building signage that will read: 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 multiple terms as mayor. He also served for 16 years as an LBCC trustee for a total of 46 years in elected office. Join us on June 25th as we honor the longest-serving elected official in City history.



## FREE Camerata Singers Event at Los Altos Park

The Long Beach Camerata Singers are hosting their Front Porch Concert Series throughout the summer months. There are a few upcoming events occurring in CD4. The performances usually last about an hour and feature musical artists that perform ensemble music, musical theater solos, and more! It is recommended that guests bring chairs. You can reserve your free tickets [here](#).

- June 26th at Whaley Park at 4:30 pm
- July 16th at Los Altos Library at 4:30 pm



## Municipal Band Concerts

The Long Beach Municipal Band will celebrate 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 – June 28 and July 5
- El Dorado Park West – Fridays, July 1 through August 5



## FREE Big Band Concerts in CD4

**Mondays & Wednesdays | Noon - 2 pm | 2800 N Studebaker**

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 and all you need are your dancing shoes! For more information, please call [\(562\) 570-3227](tel:562-570-3227).



## Summer Movies at El Dorado Opossum Patch

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



## And Finally....

### From Gasometer to Hancock Oil Fire to Billie Jean King

We really appreciate the readers of our Go Fourth! Friday newsletter. They are well-informed, interested and engaged in Long Beach history. Two weeks ago, we ran the story of the gasometer or natural gas “holder” at Spring and Redondo. That led to comments and questions about the Hancock oil fire. We followed up with that story last week and mentioned that my LBFD father was among those who fought the fire.

Last week’s story prompted CD4 resident, Chris Koenig, to tell us that Billie Jean King mentioned the Hancock oil fire in her book, “All In”. Billie Jean's father was an LBFD firefighter/engineer, and Chris wanted to know if our fathers had worked together. I was able to tell Chris that our fathers were the same age and attended Poly HS and LBCC together. They also both served in WWII and joined the LBFD after the war. I was honored to be able to present Billie Jean King with an official LBFD photo of her dad when she was here for the library naming. She seemed very touched and told me she had never seen the photo before.



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