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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

### Ribbon Cutting #1 - Dave & Buster's

Monday morning, we joined the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce at the Towne Center for the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for the new Dave & Buster's. The festive event also featured radio personality, Big Boy, who was kind enough to pose for a photo with our giant Go Fourth! scissors. Manager Steve Allison is a Long Beach local who is very excited to open a Dave & Buster's in his hometown. For more information and specials at Dave & Buster's Long Beach, visit this [link](#).





## Ribbon Cutting #2 - CSULB Alumni Center

On Tuesday, Councilwoman Suzie Price and I had the honor of attending the Grand Opening celebration for the Anna W. Ngai Alumni Center at CSULB. The beautiful new facility is located on the site of the former Soroptimist House. Pictured are Councilwoman Price, President Jane Close Conoley, Anna W. Ngai and Councilman Supernaw. You can read about the new alumni center at this [link](#).



## Ribbon Cutting #3 - AbilityFirst

Our third ribbon cutting of the week took place at the grand re-opening of AbilityFirst. The remodeled facility is located at 3770

E. Willow St. and features improved parking and vehicle access, expanded study spaces, and an art room. It was my honor to present a certificate of recognition to April Stover, Senior Director of Programs, and David Saeta, Chair of the AbilityFirst Board of Directors. For more information on AbilityFirst Long Beach, please visit this [link](#).



## El Dorado Library Storytime Events

Thursdays & Fridays | Various Times | 2900 N Studebaker Rd.

El Dorado Library will host its Children's Storytime events starting in October. Children will participate in singing, stories, and other activities. For more information call (562) 570-3136.

- **Infant Storytime (0-9 mos)** Fridays 12 -12:30 pm
- **Toddler Storytime (9 mos - 3 yrs)** Thursdays 10 - 11:15 am or 11:15 am to 12 pm
- **Preschool Storytime (3 - 5 yrs)** Fridays 10:30 - 11:15 am



## Upcoming Events

### Bethany School's Kick-Off TONIGHT!

Sept 30 | 5:30 pm | 2244 Clark Ave.

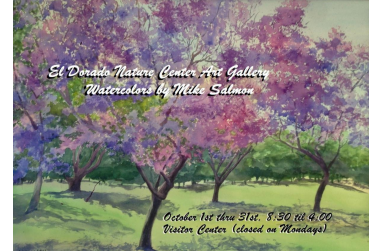
Bethany School will be hosting a community kick-off event tonight in the Bethany School Parking lot. There will be a free hamburger dinner for attendees and a dessert fundraiser. It is recommended to bring a lawn chair or blanket as seating will not be provided. Order your hamburger dinner at this [link](#).



## El Dorado Nature Center Art Gallery

**Oct 1st - 31st | 8:30 am - 4 pm | 7550 E Spring St.**

The El Dorado Nature Center's new art gallery show is set to open this weekend and will continue throughout the month of October. The art gallery will feature watercolor artwork from artist Mike Salmon. For information on the Nature Center's gallery space, please call (562) 570-1745.



## Rancho Los Alamitos Dance Performance

**Oct 1 & 2 | 5 pm | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.**

Rancho Los Alamitos is hosting "Experience the Rancho" with Nannette Brodie Dance Theatre. Performers will travel through the gardens and the barnyard in this celebration of music and dance. Tickets are \$50 per adult, \$45 for RLA members, \$25 for children, and \$20 for RLA child members. For more information and to reserve your ticket, visit this [link](#).



## Los Altos Library: Hispanic Heritage Month

**October 1st | 5 - 7 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.**

Los Altos Library is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on the evening of Saturday, October 1st. There will be crafts for children, refreshments and a singing performance from Margarita Luna. The event will take place in the community room. Please contact (562) 570-1045 for more information about the event.



## Next on the City Council Agenda

**October 4th | 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 available on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Comments can be submitted by email to: [CityClerk@longbeach.gov](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov). Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:



- Ceremonials & Presentations: Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Filipino Heritage Month
- R-38: Recommendation to request City Manager to work with Health and Human Services and Technology and Innovation Departments to provide an updated report within 90 days on the feasibility and possible implementation strategies to develop a City of Long Beach specific mobile and web-based application for City staff and City of Long Beach residents who work with or interact with those experiencing homelessness and/or addiction or other mental health issues that provides updated, real-time data on bed availability at shelters, rehab, detox, medical detox, and other types of public, private, and non-profit beds. The mobile and web-based applications would provide additional information to City of Long Beach employees and residents about services such as food pantries, showers, or locations to get ID vouchers.
- R-44: Recommendation to declare the City of Long Beach owned Property located at 1720 Termino Avenue, 1760 Termino Avenue, and 4111 Wilton Street as surplus; Authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all necessary documents, including a Purchase and Sale Agreement with MWN Community Hospital, LLC, a California limited liability company, for the transfer of the Subject Property in accordance with certain provisions of Lease No. 35432; and Accept the Categorical Exemption CE-22-149. (District 3)

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

## Los Altos YMCA SKATEDOGS

Oct. 5th - Nov. 30th | Wednesdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm | 1725 Bellflower Blvd.

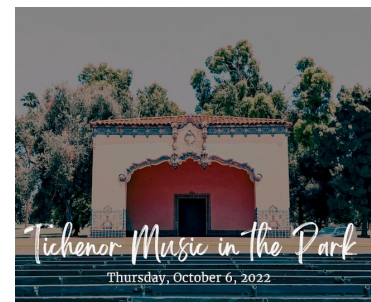
Whether you are just learning or ready to master advanced tricks, this program is right for you! From games, competitions & prizes to quarter pipes, launch ramps, fun boxes, rails, and other fun obstacles, YMCA coaches will work with your individual skill level to ensure you have fun and help you be the best skateboarder you can be! Open to everyone ages 5-13. More details and pricing information at this [link](#).



## Tichenor Clinic for Children Fundraiser

October 6th | 5:30 pm | 850 Federation Dr.

Everyone is invited to a very special evening of Tichenor Music in the Park, their fall fundraising event. Come sing along to your favorite hits from Disney, the theater and more! The evening will include dinner, activities for children and the opportunity to be in community with the extended Tichenor family. Get more information and purchase tickets at this [link](#).



## Farmers Marketplace Car Meet Up

Sunday, Oct. 9th | 9 am - 12 pm | 5000 E. Spring St.

The return of the Farmers Marketplace Car Meet Up takes place next weekend! All car enthusiasts are welcome to join other gearheads to talk about cars and appreciate each others' vehicles... new, old, classic and "forgotten". Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee and cars every second Sunday of the month.



## LGB Festival of Flight

October 29th | 10 am - 4 pm | 3590 E. Wardlow Rd.

Long Beach Airport's Festival of Flight is back on the last Saturday in October. The free event will feature aircraft on static display, live music, food & beer trucks, activities for kids and helicopter rides for purchase. No pets, coolers or large bags. For more information, call (562) 570-2678 or visit this [link](#).



## 26th Annual Cemetery Tour

October 29th | 9 am - 3 pm | 1095 E. Willow St.

The Historical Society of Long Beach will be hosting the 26th Annual Historical Cemetery Tour on Saturday, October 29th at Sunnyside Cemetery. Graveside performances run continuously from 9 am with the last skits starting at approximately 2:40 pm. Actors bring local history to life as told by the colorful characters who lived it! Tickets are available [online](#)!



## And Finally....

### The Roa Family Farm

Before there was a Nature Center, El Dorado Park or housing tracts, the area was farmland. Around 1915, Bernardo and Salome Roa leased a large section of the land from the Bixby Family to establish the Roa Family Farm. The color map below, created by grandson Brad Roa, shows the farm extended from Wardlow to Stearns, and from Palo Verde to the San Gabriel River. The farm house, where the Roa's eleven children were raised, stood on the south side of Spring Street just east of Studebaker Road.

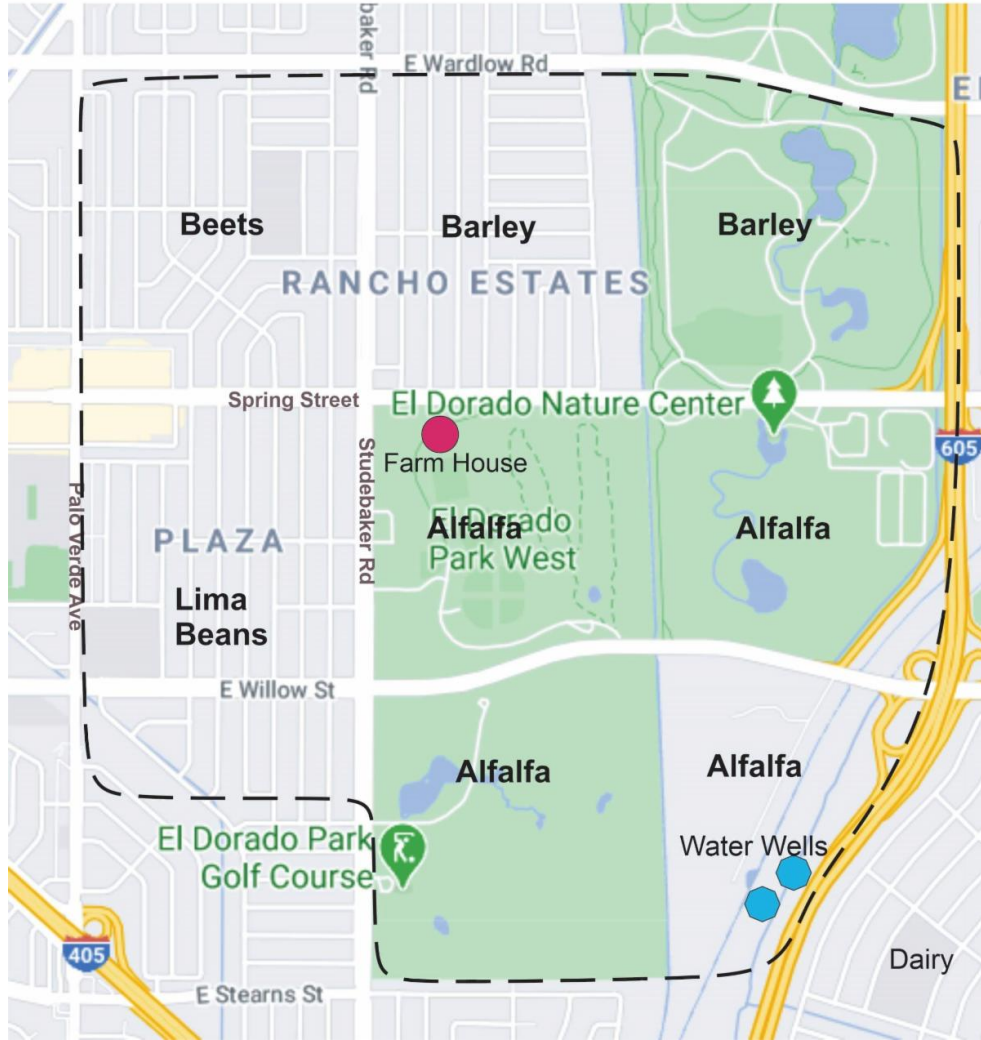




Bernardo Roa standing at his farm near Studebaker & Spring in what is now El Dorado Park

The family left the farm after the untimely death of Bernardo in 1938. The farm house, however, remained for many years. The vintage aerial photo below, taken in the early 1950s, shows the farm house still standing as tract houses were built around it. We'll never know if the Roa farmhouse played a role in saving the land from development to later be preserved as parkland. Many of the eleven Roa children remained in the area, and four of the siblings established households in the 4th council district. Two sons, Bernard and Tom, became part of the Long Beach City Family working for the Gas Department and the Water Department.

Roa Farmland - Leased from the Bixby's in Long Beach, CA  
Approximately 1915 - 1938  
Bernardo & Salome Roa w/ 11 Children  
as described by Bernard Roa (II) on his 94th Birthday 3/13/2021



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