



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

Update on Network Security Incident

The City of Long Beach has restored most of its internet connections, network and systems, including the [main website](#), which were taken offline on November 15th. The City continues the process of restoring internet connections and systems securely in a planned and sequential method to ensure that systems function properly. The investigation of the network security incident remains ongoing and it could take several weeks or months to conclude. Due to the nature of the network security incident and active investigation, most of the information relating to the investigation must remain confidential. Regular updates and incident information are available at this [link](#). Residents may also call 562.570.INFO (4636) from 8 am to 5 pm on weekdays, for up-to-date information.

Public Advisory



Network Security Incident

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9th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Tuesday night, I was in attendance at the Terrace Theater Plaza

with residents from all over Long Beach to participate in the 9th Annual lighting of the city's Christmas Tree. New this year was Santa in his sleigh actually flying through the air. There are a couple of shots of his flight in the video of Tuesday night's event. Check it out by clicking on the arrow in the video window. You won't want to miss this celebration next year!



Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

As of November 20th | Order here: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

As of November 20, households in the U.S. can order another round of four rapid COVID-19 tests for free. Now is a good time to stock up on tests. To order your free tests and to have them delivered by mail, click [here](#). Also, before throwing out "expired" tests, check the FDA's [website](#) to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended.



LBFD Spark of Love Toy Drive

Now thru Dec. 24th

The Long Beach Fire Department holiday toy drive is underway. Please help LBFD spread some holiday cheer this year! Monetary and toy donations are being accepted now through December 24th. Unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off outside all LBFD fire stations.

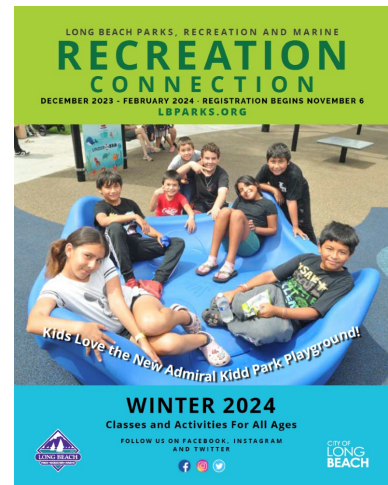
- Fire Station 5 - 7575 Wardlow Rd.
- Fire Station 17 - 2247 Argonne Ave.
- Fire Station 22 - 6340 Atherton St.



PRM Winter Class Registration Open Now

Registration open now | [Online](#) or in-person

Registration for winter recreation classes provided by the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) began Monday, November 6. Classes including art, music, fitness and sports will be offered from December 2023 through February 2024. Residents can browse the complete list of winter classes in the latest issue of Recreation Connection, available now at LBParks.org, or at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches. Register at this [link](#) for classes hosted at parks in the 4th District. For more information, call (562) 570-3111. Read the press release [here](#).



Nature Center Winter Workshops for Kids

El Dorado Nature Center is hosting children's classes and Parent & Me workshops this winter. Registration is now open.

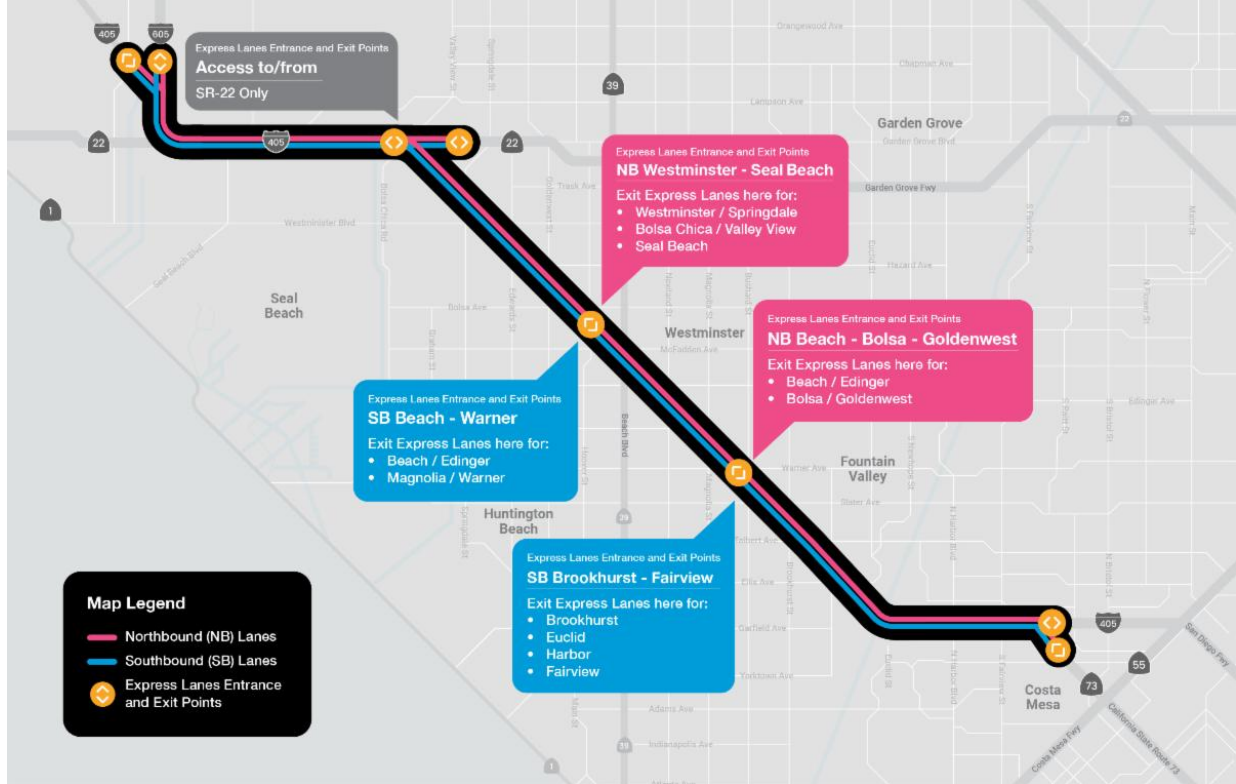
- **Nature Kids! Winter Break Discovery Workshop:** Ages 5 years - 8 years. 10 am – 12 pm. \$20 per class. What mysterious things happen out on the trails in the dark? Join us at the Nature Center for a daytime exploration of nocturnal animals this winter! [Register here](#).
- **Parent & Me Workshops:** Ages 2 years - 5 years. 10 - 11:30 am. \$20 per class. Bring your imagination and sense of adventure as you and your child celebrate the seasons with a special morning of stories, nature play, and outdoor exploration. Parent participation required. [Register here](#).



405 Freeway Express Lanes Opened This Morning

Special Introductory Offers Below | I-405 from I-605 to CA-73

The new 405 Freeway Express Lanes opened today. The lanes will extend over the 14-mile stretch from Long Beach to Costa Mesa. One and two week toll-free specials can be found at this [link](#). The system uses electronic tolling to keep traffic flowing, and there will be no cash payments or toll booths. FasTrak transponders will be required for customers to use the express lanes. If you have an existing transponder and active account from any toll agency in California, there's nothing more needed to use the 405 Express Lanes. For additional information or to open an account and to obtain a transponder, visit this [link](#).



Join The Team - The YMCA is Now Hiring!

Los Altos Family YMCA | 1720 Bellflower Blvd. in CD4

Start your Y journey and become a part of the team! When working for the Y, you'll join a nationally recognized nonprofit team with opportunities at all career levels. The YMCA is now hiring for the following positions: youth vehicle driver, assistant site director, and school-age childcare program teacher/teacher aide. Apply today using this link: <https://lbymca.recruiting.com/>



Upcoming Events

Small Biz Holiday Pop-Up Shop

December 2nd | 12 - 4 pm | 2938 Clark Ave.

Visit Wine, Cheese, Etc. for a festive event showcasing local small businesses and their unique products. Get into the holiday spirit and support the community by shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts, delicious treats and much more! Event is tomorrow, Saturday, December 2nd at 2938 Clark Ave. from noon to 4 pm. More information at this [link](#).



39th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

December 2nd | 6 - 9 pm | Belmont Shore

The Belmont Shore Business Association is hosting the 39th Annual Christmas Parade this Saturday. The theme of the parade is Christmas by the Shore. Attendees will line up along 2nd Street to view the night-time event that features Santa Claus, elves, colorful bands, floats and surprises. East 2nd



Street will close to traffic at 5 pm. Find more information on the event at this [link](#). Stream the parade live [here](#).

Female Firefighter Career Workshop

December 3rd | 8:30 am - 1 pm | [Register Here](#)

The LBFD is hosting workshops for potential female firefighter applicants. These workshops will feature guidance on the hiring process, introduction to fire ground tools and equipment, and a Q&A panel with the Women's Fire Alliance. To participate, complete a registration form [here](#). All genders are welcome to attend.



Bethany School Christmas Concert

December 3rd | 5 pm | 2250 Clark Ave

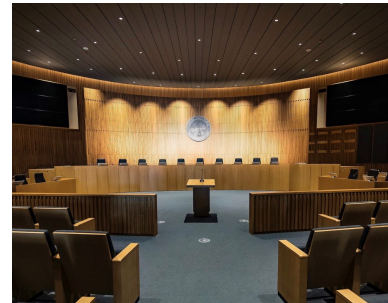
Bethany School invites you to kick off the season with a Christmas concert featuring the Long Beach Community Band! This FREE concert is for the whole family and will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 5 pm. Find more information [here](#).



Next on the Council Agenda

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

The City Council meeting will start at 5:00 pm in the Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcast live online at: [LBTv3.com](#) and on Channel 3 for Charter cable subscribers and Channel 21 for FIOS subscribers. Comments can be submitted by email to: CityClerk@longbeach.gov. Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:



- C-24: Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 36194 with Pardess Air, Inc., of Los Angeles, CA for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition System upgrades at the Emergency Communications and Operations Center, to increase the contract amount by \$106,621 for a revised amount not to exceed \$701,171. (District 4)
- Ceremonials and Presentations: Utilities Department Update on Customer Gas Pricing
- H-28: Recommendation to receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and grant an Entertainment Permit with conditions for Entertainment without Dancing to DiPiazza Inc, dba DiPiazza, at 5205 Pacific Coast Hwy. (District 4)
- O-40: Recommendation to declare the attached Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Long Beach (City) amending the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) by amending and restating Chapter 1.15 and Section 2.01.1030; amending sections 2.01.320, 2.01.410, 2.01.630, and 2.01.1110.B; adding section 2.01.1010; and repealing Chapters 1.21, 1.22, 1.24, 1.25, 1.26, and 2.02, all relating to municipal elections, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

Pee Wee Tennis Classes at Eldo Tennis Center

Tuesdays 4 - 6 pm or Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 am | [Registration link](#)

Beginning in December, Southern California Tennis Academy will be hosting monthly Pee Wee Tennis programs for children ages 4-7. Pee Wee Tennis is a fun, game-based program with experienced coaches. Students who start the Pee Wee program may be new to tennis or building on previous tennis instruction. The program cost is \$80 per month. The program will be held Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings at El Dorado Park Tennis Center. Find more information [here](#), and register for the program at this [link](#).



December 2023 - June 2024

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TENNIS ACADEMY

PEE WEE TENNIS MONTHLY PROGRAM

\$80 per month
Daily drop-in rate is \$25

CHOOSE YOUR DAY
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm
OR
Saturdays 8:30-9:30am

Register Today

Ages 4-7 years old

- Fun Games
- Prizes

Long Beach Towne Center Blood Drive

December 11th | 11:30 am - 6 pm | 7411 Carson Blvd.

Be a part of a life-changing cause and donate at Long Beach Towne Center's Blood Drive on Monday, December 11. The bloodmobile will be located in the parking lot near Lucille's and Original Roadhouse. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: LBTowneCenter to schedule an appointment. For updated donation safety protocols, please visit this [link](#). Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCross.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Make an appointment and receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card to your email by visiting this link: rcblood.org/Amazon



Red Cross Blood Drive Long Beach Towne Center

Red Cross Bloodmobile next to Lucille's
7575 Carson Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90808

Monday, December 11, 2023
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Towne Center Holiday Celebration

December 17th | 12 pm - 2 pm | 7501 E Carson St.

Long Beach Towne Center invites the community to its Holiday Celebration on Sunday, December 17th, from 12 pm to 2 pm in the Regal Promenade. During this fun-filled family event, there will be photo opportunities with Santa, crafts, face painters, balloon twisters, stilt walkers and more! Find more info [here](#).



LONG BEACH TOWNE CENTER

Holiday Celebration

Sunday
December 17
12PM - 2PM
Located in the Regal Promenade

Free Santa Photos, Balloon Art, Face Painters & More!

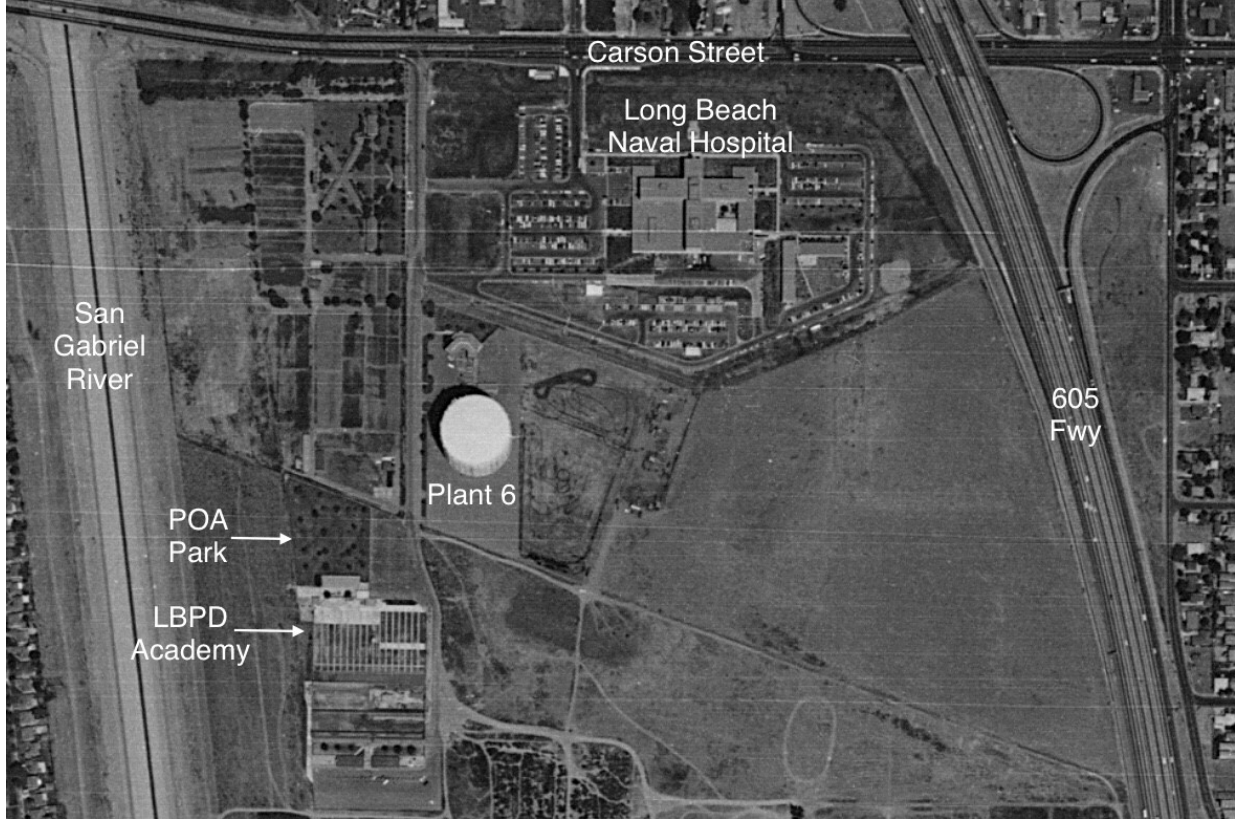
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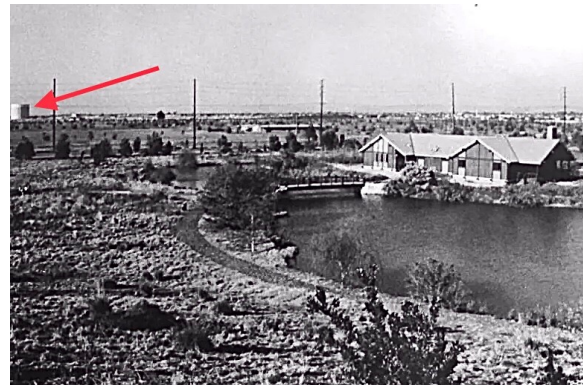
The Natural Gas Holder in East Long Beach

Two weeks ago, we posted a photo of the Los Altos Drive-in as an "And Finally" feature. I spotted an object on the horizon (upper right in the photo) that I had not seen in nearly 40 years. It was the natural gas holder that once stood on the property that is now occupied by the Long Beach Towne Center. The exact location was the site of the current Lowe's Home Improvement store just NE of the Long Beach Police Academy. Attached is a 1968 aerial photo of the gas holder south of Carson Street between the San Gabriel River and the 605 Freeway. Also attached are 1969 photos taken from of the El Dorado Nature Center with the gas holder in the background.





For details on the gas holder, we reached out to the GM of LB Utilities, Chris Garner. Chris explained that the area was called Plant 6. The holder was constructed in 1961 on Water Department property at Dovey Drive near the Naval Hospital. This plant had one of the world's largest gas holders at 173 feet tall with a five million cubic foot capacity dry seal gas holder. While 5 million cubic feet may sound like a lot of gas, on a cold winter's day, that volume of gas would only serve about 2 hours demand from Long Beach's natural gas customers. The tank was demolished in 1986 after the City's gas utility connected to SoCalGas' intrastate pipeline system which allowed access to gas produced in other areas of Southern California as well as from Texas.



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