



## 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

### Rancho Los Alamitos Holiday Schedule

The Rancho Los Alamitos Museum Gift Shop will be open through Sunday, December 17 from 1 - 5 pm (entrance gate closes at 4:30 pm). Find unique gifts for those on your holiday shopping list before time runs out. Purchases in the Gift Shop support the Rancho's mission. The Rancho will be closed to the public from December 18th through January 9th for seasonal maintenance. Rancho staff will be back for their regular schedule beginning January 10, 2024. Visit this [link](#) for more information.



### EBM Japanese Garden Winter Schedule

The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden is now closed until late January for scheduled cleaning and maintenance. This is an annual occurrence as the Garden closes from mid-December through January for the maintenance requirement. Our GFIF newsletter will keep you posted on

the reopening date in late January, and you can find more information at this [link](#).



## 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.



## Winter Wonderland at the El Dorado Frontier

Sat-Sun 11 am - 4 pm or Fri-Sun 5 - 9 pm | Eldo Park East

El Dorado Frontier is hosting its Winter Wonderland event on weekends until Dec. 23. The park will be open for daytime and special nighttime events. The event will feature decorations, food for purchase and falling snow! Children under 12 months old enter The Frontier for FREE. FREE parking is available with a nighttime reservation. Ticket purchases also include a private meet and greet with Santa! Find more information [here](#) and purchase your tickets at this [link](#).



## Nature Center December Art Exhibit

Now through December 31st | 7550 E Spring St.

The Nature Center's newest art exhibit is now on display for visitors to experience. The art, created by Cypress resident Kathy Wallace-Phelps, will be on display until December 31st. The Visitors Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 8:30 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call (562) 570-1745.



## New Assistant City Manager April Walker

At the December 12th meeting, Long Beach City Council voted unanimously to approved the City Manager's appointment of April Walker as the new Assistant City Manager. Ms. Walker, who is a CD4 resident and currently serves as the Administrative Deputy City Manager, will begin her new role as ACM on December 31st. Per the City Charter, the Assistant City Manager is empowered to perform all duties of the City Manager in the event of the absence or disability of the City Manager. Congratulations, April!



## Upcoming Events

### LBFD Academy Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, December 16th | 11:00 am | 2249 Argonne Ave.

Tomorrow, December 16th at 11 am, the Long Beach Fire Department will host the 2023 Fire Academy Graduation at the Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center located at 2249 Argonne Ave. in Council District 4. I will be attending as I have for every academy graduation since taking office in 2015. The ceremony will include fire fighting demonstrations by the recruits. Neighbors should be aware that some of the demonstrations will include live burns around the noon hour. Semper paratus.



### Snow Day at Orizaba Park Tomorrow!

Saturday, December 16th | 11 am - 3 pm | 1435 Orizaba Ave.

Attend a Winter Wonderland snow day event at Orizaba Park, hosted by Council District 2. This event will feature a live DJ and performances, real snow, a toy giveaway, Santa, and free food. Vendors, games, and complimentary delights await, making this a celebration for all ages. This event is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Special thanks to Vice Mayor Cindy Allen for inviting me to co-sponsor this event. Find more info [here](#).



### Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Event

December 16th | 11 am - 2 pm | 2086 Bellflower Blvd.

Visit the Long Beach Animal Care Services Adoption Waggin' tomorrow, Saturday, December 16th from 11 am to 2 pm at the

monthly Pet Supplies Plus adoption event. Don't miss out on finding your new best friend! Visit this [link](#) for more information.



## Christmas Events at Farmers Marketplace

December 17th | 8 am - 1 pm | 5000 E Spring St.

Farmers Marketplace is hosting their annual Christmas Market this Sunday, December 17th. Come see Santa Claus from 10 am to 12:30 pm. There will also be the usual farmers, vendors, crafters and food. Find more information on the event [here](#).



## 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](#).



## 100-Year Holiday Tradition at F&M Bank

December 18th - 22nd | Regular bank hours | 2302 Bellflower Blvd.

Wassail & Gingerbread week returns to Farmers & Merchants Bank! Interestingly, the story of wassail & gingerbread begins in the warm summer months of 1923 in Downtown Long Beach. Carrie Walker, wife of F&M Bank Founder, C.J. Walker, offered lemonade to clients waiting in line at the un-airconditioned Main Office. Looking for a way to continue the tradition during the winter, Carrie decided to serve the family's wassail recipe with a slice of homemade gingerbread. Every year in December, clients are served wassail & gingerbread at each F&M Bank branch office, including the Los Altos branch at 23rd and Bellflower.



## Next on the Council Agenda

December 19th | 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](http://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](mailto:CityClerk@longbeach.gov). Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:



- [R-15](#): Recommendation to adopt a proclamation by minute order regarding the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Israel.
- [R-23](#): Recommendation to receive and file the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) [2022 Annual Military Equipment Report](#), authorize the department to continue the use of military equipment as defined by California Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481); adopt the 2023 Military Equipment Special Order; and Direct City Attorney to prepare ordinance formally adopting the 2023 Military Equipment Special Order as required by AB 481. (Citywide)
- [R-25](#): Recommendation to declare ordinance for Code Amendment (ZCA19-005) to repeal and replace the Subdivision Regulations of the City of Long Beach (Title 20 of the Long Beach Municipal Code) in its entirety, 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](#).

## 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 preferential permit per year. The annual fee for each residential preferential or guest permit is \$34. If you would like to pay online or if have not received your renewal notice, visit the [Parking Permits website](#) and click "Parking Permits Portal" to purchase your new PPD permits for 2024. You will need your username and password for this online portal. If you do not remember your username and/or password, please call (562) 570-6822 for assistance. The purple colored permits expire on 12/31/23.



## Pee Wee Tennis Classes at Eldo Tennis Center

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

Southern California Tennis Academy is 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 program may be new to tennis or building on previous tennis instruction. The 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](#).



## OLLI Winter Session Registration Open Now

[Registration](#) open now | Classes start January 8th

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSULB announced its Winter Session. Registration opened on December 11th and classes begin on January 8th. View the Winter Session catalog at this [link](#). Classes are held on campus at Long Beach State, at several community satellite locations and/or online with Zoom. For more information and to register for classes, visit this [link](#).



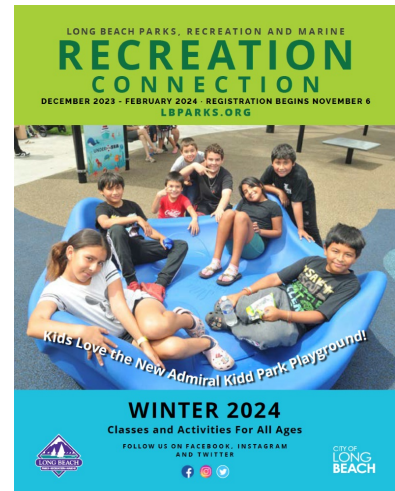
## FREE Winter Youth Fun Days with PRM

December 26 - 29 & January 2 - 5 | 12 - 5 pm | Various City Parks

Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer free extended supervised recreation programs for youth over the winter school break from Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5, noon to 5 pm, at parks throughout Long Beach. Youth may come and go at their own discretion and PRM staff will be on-site to lead a variety of recreational activities. The program will offer children ages 5-12 free games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips and holiday celebrations. Onsite registration to participate is required. More information is available [here](#), or by calling the location of your choice. Winter Fun Days will take place at these CD4 parks:

- College Estates Park, 808 Stevely Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.
- Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.

Program inquiries may be directed to (562) 570-3150 or [stephanie.perez@longbeach.gov](mailto:stephanie.perez@longbeach.gov).



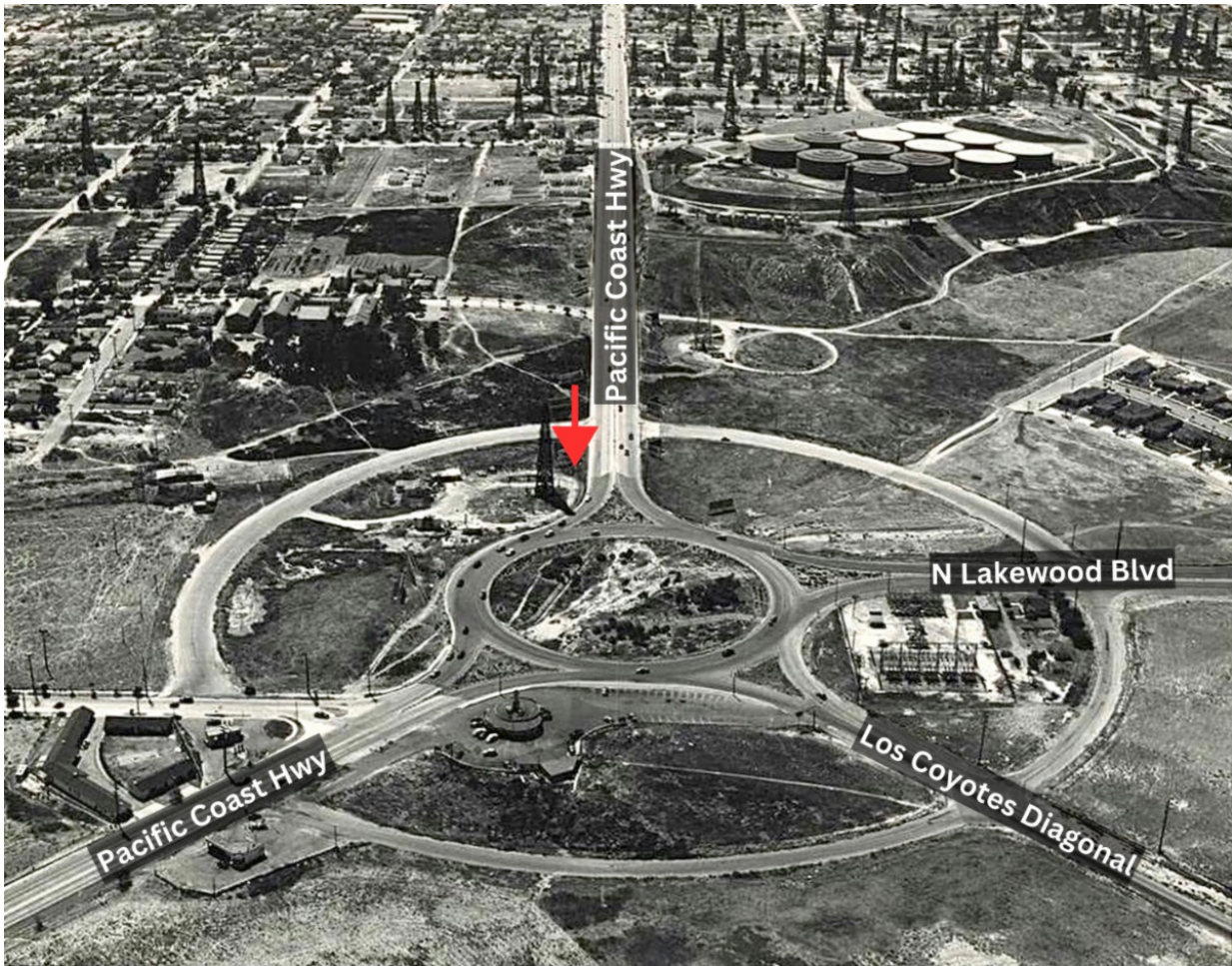
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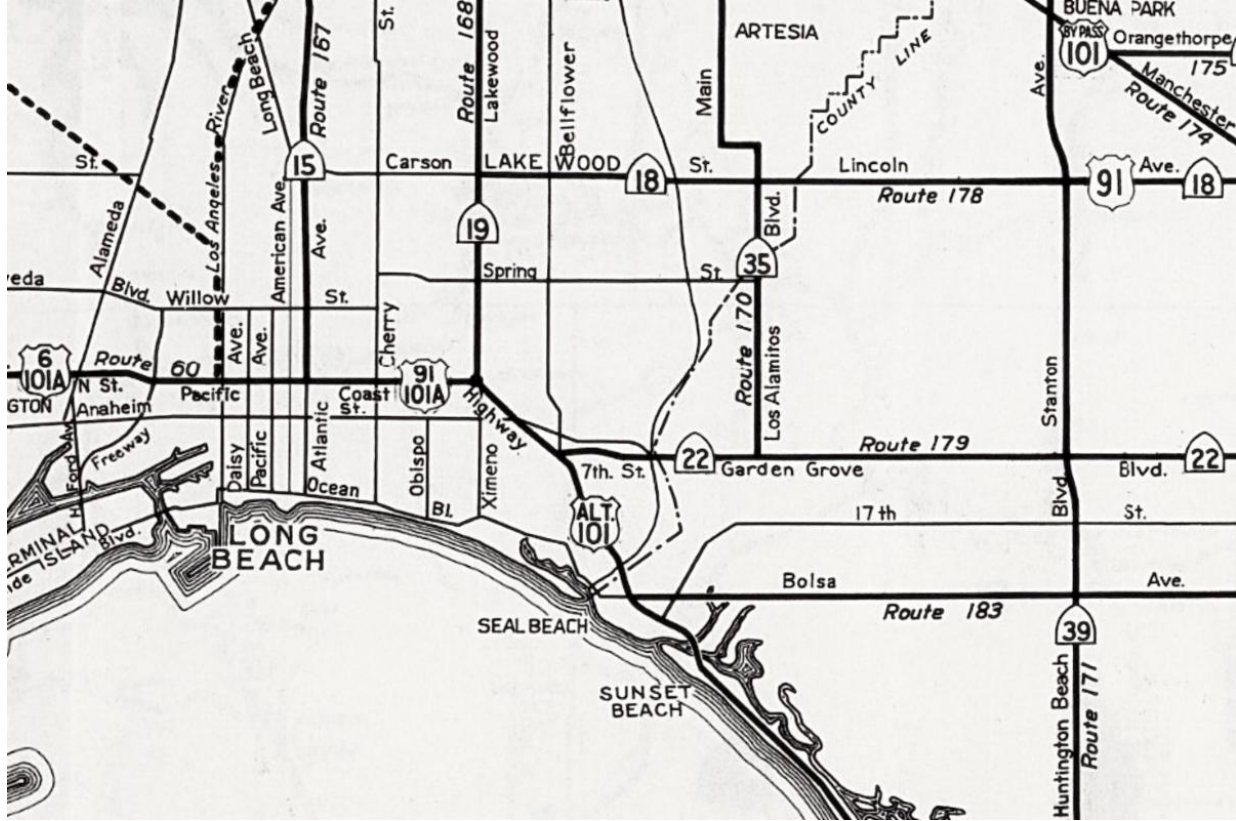
### Traffic Circle Signage in 1948

The attached photo, taken on November 20, 1948, shows the directional signage as drivers approached the Los Alamitos Traffic Circle from eastbound Pacific Coast Highway. The location of the camera is indicated with a red arrow in the aerial photo. In 1948, PCH was designated "US-101 Alternate", and it is now CA-1. Over the years, PCH west of the Traffic Circle was also known as US-6, US-91 and State Street.

The State Highway 19 sign on the pole indicated Lakewood Blvd. Similar signs exist today, but Caltrans relinquished control of Lakewood Blvd. many years ago. The bottom signs, US-91 and State Highway 18 indicated Carson Street (Lincoln east of Long Beach). That's the same current Highway 18 in the San Bernardino Mountains. Before the local freeways were built, the official route from Long Beach to the SB Mountains was PCH to Lakewood Blvd to Carson/Lincoln to Santa Ana Canyon Road.

# Freeways of Los Angeles





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