



## 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

### Celebrate Safely This Holiday Season

The City of Long Beach issued a press release encouraging residents to “Celebrate Safely This Holiday Season”. The notice contains a number of safety tips on topics including: decorating safely, holiday entertaining, health precautions, driving and pedestrian safety, package theft and reporting of illegal activities. You can read the entire press release at this [link](#).



### DUI Checkpoint Results: 2 Arrests, 14 Citations

The DUI Checkpoint in the East Division that took place on December 22nd resulted in two arrested for DUI and 14 citations. Two drivers were cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license, 1390 vehicles passed through the checkpoint and 380 drivers/vehicles were screened. The purpose of DUI/CDL checkpoints are to promote public safety by taking suspected impaired drivers off roads. Read the press release at this [link](#).



## No Changes to LGB Flight Slot Allocation

In a December 27th memo to the City Manager, Airport Director, Cynthia Guidry, recommended no changes to the Airport's Air Carrier slot allocation at this time. The City's noise ordinance requires additional slots to be added if noise falls below the allowable budget. While Air Carriers were below their allowable budget for the reporting period, the data indicates that if all 58 flight slots were utilized, the air carriers would be just below their allowable budget. You can read the entire memo at this [link](#).



## LBACS Pick Your Price December Promotion

Until December 31st | Animal Care Services | 7700 E Spring St.

Now through Sunday, December 31st, you can adopt an animal from Long Beach Animal Care Services and choose your own adoption fee! View adoptable animals at this [link](#) or visit Animal Care Services at 7700 East Spring St. Their hours of operation are Wednesday - Friday from 10 am - 4:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 3 pm.



## Nature Center Art Exhibit Ends Sunday

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.



## 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 preferential residential or guest permit is \$34. If you would like to pay online or 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.



## 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](#).



## Treecycle Your Christmas Tree

December 26th - January 12th | Various times & locations

From December 26, 2023 - January 12, 2024, you can drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at one of 12 special locations. Your nearest CD4 location may be at Stearns Park (corner of 23rd St. and Roycroft), El Dorado Park (2760 Studebaker) or the Environmental Services Bureau (2929 E. Willow St.). If your trash/recycling is collected by the City's refuse and recycling service, you qualify for a FREE pick-up at your home on January 13th. Make sure you put it out before 7 am where you normally leave your carts. If your tree is over 12 ft. tall, make sure to cut it in half. All decorations and stands must be removed. Visit the LB Recycles [website](#) for drop-off times and information.



## New California DMV Laws for 2024

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has issued a press release highlighting new laws for 2024. The highlights include AB 1606 (Gibson) that provides driver's license renewal alternatives allowing 70+ year olds to renew remotely and other measures to increase customer convenience; AB 645 (Friedman) including Long Beach in a 5-year pilot program to install speed cameras; SB 55 (Umberg) establishes various measures to crack down on catalytic converter theft. Read the DMV press release at this [link](#).



## Upcoming Events

### IKEA Planning Studio Family Event

December 30th | 11 am - 4 pm | 7611 Carson Blvd.

Visit the IKEA Long Beach Planning Studio, located close to Sam's Club in the Long Beach Towne Center for the IKEA Family Appreciation Day! The event takes place on Saturday, December 30th from 11 am - 4 pm. Enjoy activities for kids 12 & under, raffles, giveaways and more! More information [here](#).



## City of Long Beach Holiday Schedule

The January 2nd council meeting has been cancelled, and the [State of the City](#) will be held at the Long Beach Terrace Theater on January 9th. There will be no scheduled refuse and recycling

collection on Monday, January 1. Refuse and recycling will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday, January 2. Street sweeping will not take place on Monday, January 1. You can read about all the citywide closures [here](#). The Go Fourth! Friday newsletter will maintain its regular schedule and be distributed next Friday at 1:30 pm. Happy Holidays to all!



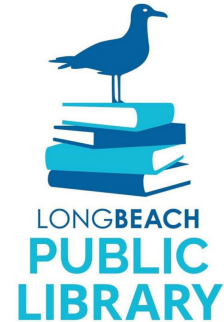
## Long Beach Public Library Holiday Closures

Closed December 30th through January 1st | Citywide

All Library locations and services, including the Library main phone line, will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 1st. Libraries reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the Library's vast collection of [digital resources](#) including the Library catalog, downloads, and databases available 24/7.

Hours + Holidays: <https://bit.ly/325cjF0>

Digital Library: <https://bit.ly/3291Dp1>



## FREE Winter Youth Fun Days with PRM

January 2 - 5 | 12 - 5 pm | Various City Parks

Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer free extended supervised recreation programs for youth over the winter school break from Jan. 2-5, noon to 5 pm, at parks throughout Long Beach. 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 is required. More information [here](#). 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).



## Bethany Church Blood Drive

January 3rd | 11 am - 5 pm | 2250 Clark Ave.

'Tis the season for giving! As you plan your holiday giving, you can also plan to give the first week of the New Year! Join Bethany Church, Long Beach on January 3 from 11 am – 5 pm to help save lives with the American Red Cross with a blood drive. Bethany Church is hoping to collect 24 units of much needed blood. Click this [link](#) to make an appointment. Please call (562) 597-2411 for more information.



## Romp & Rhyme Workshop @ Los Altos

January 9th | 11 am - 12 pm | 5614 Britton Dr.

Join Los Altos librarians at the weekly Romp & Rhyme reading workshop. This 30 minute program features songs and rhymes that will help fine and gross motor skills, visual motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and body awareness. There will be songs and

rhymes, scarves, and bubbles! There will be playtime after. This program is geared towards children under 2 years of age. Find more information on the recurring program at this [link](#).



## 2024 State of the City Address

January 9th | 5:30 pm | Terrace Theater - 300 E Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson will deliver the 2024 State of the City Address at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, in the Terrace Theater. The 2024 address will commence with an inaugural “Youth State of the City” highlighting Long Beach Youth. The Youth State of the City will feature remarks by youth leaders overviewing the City's inaugural Youth Advocacy Day, Youth Participatory Budgeting, the Annual Youth Festival, the Youth Advisory Council, and other youth-centered projects for the upcoming year. Visit this [link](#) to RSVP for the event.



## And Finally...

### Thriftymart Grocery Store at Bellflower & Stearns in 1954



Three weeks ago, we featured a 1956 photo of Little Oscar in front of the Thriftymart in the Los Altos Shopping Center. We mentioned that the grocery store stood at the SE corner of Bellflower and Stearns at the current site of CVS Pharmacy, but the photo did not show the building. Today, we are featuring an aerial photo of the building taken before the shopping center opened in 1955. The stores on the west side of Bellflower were already built, but Thriftymart was the only retail

store east of Bellflower. Also, there was nothing but vacant land northeast of the intersection of Bellflower and Stearns.

Although there wasn't much competition for Thriftymart when it opened, that didn't stop them from going all out on promoting the new location. The attached newspaper article from November 16, 1954 features a story about their huge giveaway contest. The grand prize was \$1,000 and a trip to Hawaii. It was won by Dorothy Jones who lived on Faust Avenue in Los Altos. Her husband, Charles, was a Long Beach firefighter. To put that \$1,000 figure in perspective, their house on Faust was likely valued at about \$12,000 in 1954.



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