



## 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

### LB Proclaims Homelessness Emergency

On Tuesday, City Council, on a unanimous vote, adopted the City Manager's proclamation of a local homelessness emergency. On Wednesday, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and initial staffing was determined to support the emergency. Yesterday, the City Manager released a mission statement that reflects City Council input from Tuesday's meeting. It reads: *The City's stated mission is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in the City and the region by increasing housing opportunities and by enhancing current initiatives that provide field-based outreach, engagement, and supportive services while maintaining the safety and security of the people experiencing homelessness, the general public and staff, and address and improve overall public safety for the entire community.* For more information in the Homelessness Emergency, please see the press release at this [link](#).



### CD4's Jim McDonnell to Join USC Price School

Congratulations to former LA County Sheriff (and Council District 4 resident), Jim McDonnell, on joining the USC Sol Price School of Policy as director of the school's Safe Communities Institute. SCI provides research, education and collaboration among stakeholders to advance public safety strategies, policies and programs. In his 40 year career, Jim served in executive leadership roles with the three largest policing agencies in LA County: Los Angeles Police Dept, Long Beach Police Dept. and LA County Sheriff's Dept. You can read SCI's press release at this [link](#).



## Nature Center Gallery Show

**Tuesdays - Sundays in January | 8:30 am - 4 pm | 7550 E Spring St.**

The newest El Dorado Nature Center Art Gallery Show is now open for the month of January. The Gallery features drawings and watercolors from artist and Nature Center volunteer Anita Hrishikesan. Visitors can see the gallery from 8:30 am - 4 pm Tuesday thru Sunday at the Visitors Center. Please call (562) 570-1745 for more information.



**Exhibit of Drawings  
& Watercolors**

## Stearns Park Water Well Project Update

Drilling has concluded at the Alamitos 9A site of the Stearns Park groundwater well project, located at 23rd Street and E. De Ora Way. The drill rig is scheduled to be moved and the sound wall dismantled this month. Work will soon begin at the second well site, Alamitos 14, located just north of the community center. As the drilling phase of construction winds down, the wells will be prepared for pumping groundwater. Proposed renderings of the landscaping (see below & right) show how the sites will look once the plants mature. The design was based on input and suggestions received from neighbors at community meetings. Staff will consider options for improved lighting and security. Find more information at [lbwater.org/Stearns](http://lbwater.org/Stearns). For questions and concerns, call project manager Nik Baykal at [\(562\) 570-2347](tel:5625702347).



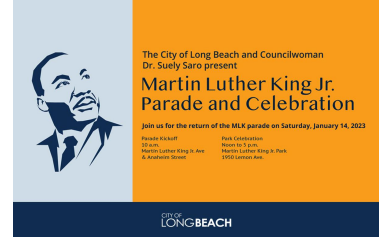
## Upcoming Events

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration

**January 14th | 10 am - 5 pm | MLK Avenue & 1950 Lemon Avenue**



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration will take place Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. Community members are encouraged to attend the event to honor and celebrate the life and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The parade kickoff will begin at 10 am at the intersection of MLK Ave. and Anaheim St. followed by the park celebration from noon to 5 pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1950 Lemon Ave.). The park celebration will include performances, a health/wellness area, a youth area, food and merchandise vendors, and information booths. Find more information at this [link](#).



## No HHW Event at EDCO Tomorrow

There will be no Household Hazardous Waste event tomorrow, January 14th due to the MLK Holiday Weekend. EDCO's HHW & E-waste events are normally scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, so the next event will take place on Saturday, January 28th. For more information on Hazardous Waste drop-off protocols, please visit this [link](#).



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Schedule

Monday, January 16th | All Day | Citywide

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 16, City of Long Beach facilities and services will adhere to the closure schedule associated with all Federal holidays. The City-run COVID-19 testing site at Veterans Stadium will be open (pending weather conditions), but all other City-run testing sites will be closed. For a full list of closures and hours of the testing sites, please check this [link](#).



## LBFD Training Center: Live Burn Schedule

January 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 | Various Times | 2249 Argonne Ave.

The Long Beach Fire Training Center will be conducting live fire trainings on these dates/times that are subject to change:

- Tuesday (1/17) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Wednesday (1/18) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Thursday (1/19) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Friday (1/20) between 7:00 am - 10:00 am
- Saturday (1/21) between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Live fire training is essential in the development of firefighters and teaches skills needed to perform lifesaving and property-saving operations in the City of Long Beach. Thank you for your continued support of the Long Beach Fire Department!



## Filming in the Fourth

January 16th | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | El Dorado Park Area II

Filming will take place at the north edge of Horseshoe Lake at El Dorado Park East, Area II and will consist of exterior dialogue with talent against scenery. Scenes will include one (1) talent fishing at the edge of the lake. Production to use fishing poles with fishing wire and a weight at the end, but NO hooks at the end of the line. Production to enter through the Spring St. gate and exit through the Wardlow Rd. gate. Production MUST leave a 4-foot pedestrian access on sidewalks/walkways at all times and may NOT have camera, equipment, or



persons in the street at any time. Production may not disturb other park patrons or wildlife at any time and must follow park rules and traffic laws at all times.

## Next on the City Council Agenda

January 17th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5:00 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:



- R-18: Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. RFP ED22-154 and award a contract to California State University, Long Beach Research Foundation, of Long Beach, CA, to research and evaluate the Long Beach Guaranteed Income Pilot Program, in a total amount not to exceed \$450,000 for a period of eighteen (18) months, with the option to renew for one year if additional funding is secured, at the discretion of the City Manager; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (Citywide)
- R-25: Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, to accept grant funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) in an amount not to exceed \$15,400,000, for capital improvements at El Dorado East Regional, El Dorado Park West, Houghton, and Stearns Parks. (Districts 4,9)
- R-27: Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7171 and award a contract to Powell Constructors Inc., of Fontana, CA, for the I-605 Soundwall Project, in an amount of \$2,073,095, authorize a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$310,964, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,384,059; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments; Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,300,000, offset by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program Grant funds (MR315.60); Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,300,000, offset by transfer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program Grant funds from the Capital Grant Fund; and Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE-20-017. (District 4)

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

## Los Altos Library Storytime Events

Thursdays & Fridays Starting Jan. 19th | Various Times | 5614 Britton Dr.

Los Altos Library will host its Children's Storytime events in January. Children will participate in singing, stories, and other activities. For more information call (562) 570-1045.

- **Baby Storytime (6-18 mos)** Thursdays 10:30 am -11:00 am
- **Family Storytime (1 - 5 yrs)** Fridays 11 am - 12 pm



## F&M Bank Lunar New Year Commemorative Coins

Starting Jan. 17th while supplies last | All locations including Los Altos

The Lunar New Year festival is an annual celebration in most Asian countries. This year, the Lunar New Year is celebrated on January 22nd and marks the beginning of the new moon. Each year is

represented by a zodiac animal on the lunar-solar calendar, and 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. F&M Bank is gifting a "Year of the Rabbit" coin to visitors of any F&M Bank branch office. The Los Altos branch is located in District 4 at 2302 Bellflower Blvd. Visit the F&M [website](#) for more information.



## Friends of Puvungna 5k Run

January 22nd | 9:30 am | Adjacent to Lot G2 at CSULB

Friends of Puvungna is hosting their virtual and in-person 5k Run on Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30 am. Participants will honor elders at noon and Ohlone Dancers will be present at 2 pm. Participants who choose to run virtually are encouraged to upload their times and photos from Jan. 15th - Jan. 22nd. To register, sponsor a runner, or find participant information, visit this [link](#).



## FY24 Budget Meeting at El Dorado Park West

January 23rd | 6:30 pm - 8 pm | Teen Center | 2800 N Studebaker Rd.

The City of Long Beach is inviting members of the public to participate in the City's fiscal year 2024 budget development process at one of the upcoming community budget meetings. The community budget meetings will be held in person at multiple locations throughout the city, and one meeting will be in a virtual format. There will be a meeting at El Dorado Park West in the Teen Center on Monday, Jan. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, read the press release at this [link](#).



## And Finally....

### Park Circle Homes... Then and Now

In last week's "And Finally" feature, we talked about the open space that existed along the Atherton Corridor between Clark Avenue and Outer Circle. There were housing developments on all sides of the area bordered by Clark, PCH and Los Coyotes Diagonal, but there was no housing in the middle. That changed in 1949 when developer Mark Taper (as in Mark Taper Forum) built 65 single-family homes on Park Ave between Atherton and PCH. The "Park Circle Homes" newspaper ad on November 6, 1949 stated the two-bedroom homes were \$8,300, and the three-bedroom homes were \$9,500. Vets could move in without a down payment, and monthly payments were as low as \$52.



What was not mentioned in the ad was the large size of many of the lots. As you can see in the 1952 aerial photo below, the lots nearest Atherton were incredibly deep by Los Altos standards. That may have been a factor that determined the fate of the neighborhood. Those lots became very attractive to multi-unit housing developers, and that is exactly what happened. Most of the single-family homes were converted to apartment buildings, and the housing density grew by over 600%. The original 65 single-family units became a whopping 395 multi-family units!





Count Group	Unit Total
Gish Ave	12
Malta St	49
Park Ave Group 1	110
Park Ave Group 2	78
Park Ave Group 3	78
PCH	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>395</b>

### Count Groups by Street

- Gish Ave
- Malta St
- Park Ave Group 1
- Park Ave Group 2
- Park Ave Group 3
- PCH

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