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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

### Girl Scouts Take Part in City Council Meeting

On Tuesday, Girl Scout Troop #1213 visited City Hall to fulfill the requirements to earn the Inside Government Badge. They toured the various offices and met City Clerk Monique De La Garza, City Attorney Dawn McIntosh, Director of PRM Brent Dennis and Mayor Rex Richardson. The girls had planned to watch the beginning of the City Council meeting, but I thought they could do more than just observe. They accepted our offer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and did a great job! Thanks to Girl Scout Troop #1213 for the visit, and we're looking forward to the delivery of the cookies we ordered!





## State Parks Funding for El Dorado & Stearns

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, CD4 parks were set to be a major recipient of State Parks funding. That agenda item passed unanimously at Tuesday's council meeting, and we have the breakdown. This is in addition to the FY22 State Appropriations of \$1.2M for the El Dorado ball field improvements (laser leveling, replace netting, replace asphalt in quad area, design services for restrooms). The FY23 State Appropriations include: \$1.6M El Dorado ball fields (convert women's & men's restrooms to single stall restrooms), \$10.2M El Dorado Park (repair park roads and parking lots) and \$1.6M Stearns ball field improvements.



## Natural Gas Price Update from LBU

Residents and businesses throughout Southern California have seen a dramatic increase in their natural gas bills as global market prices hit a 20-year high. There were higher-than-average bills in December when the price of gas doubled from November. The price then tripled from December to January. The average single-family residential customer is likely to see an increase of \$200 or more. Long Beach Utilities issued an initial media release on January 4th available at this [link](#). On January 12, the Utilities Commission held a special meeting to receive and file a report on the causes and impacts of the natural gas market price increase. That presentation can be found at this [link](#).



## SWA Connects LGB to Kansas City

Yesterday, Southwest Airlines announced it will launch daily nonstop flights from Long Beach to Missouri's Kansas City International Airport (MCI) with the first flight set to depart on March 9th. The announcement comes less than two weeks after SWA's inaugural flight from LGB to New Orleans. The Kansas City flights are initially scheduled to depart LGB at 1:20 pm daily. Arriving flights will land at LGB at 12:40 pm. We hope the inaugural flight to MCI will use Southwest's "Missouri One" pictured at right. You can read LGB'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

## 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.



## Upcoming Events

### LBFD Academy Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, January 21 | 11:00 am | 2249 Argonne Ave.

Tomorrow, January 21st at 11 am, the Long Beach Fire Department will host the 2022B Fire Academy Graduation at the Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center located at 2249 Argonne Ave. (at Hill St.) 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.



### Lunar New Year Craft Event at Los Altos Library

January 21st | 1 - 2 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

Join Los Altos Librarians for a Lunar New Year themed Craftin' Kids event on January 21st from 1 - 2 pm. Kids ages 6-12 will participate in completing a Rabbit Origami craft for the Year of the Rabbit. For more information, please call (562) 570-1045. View the full press release at this [link](#).



### 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

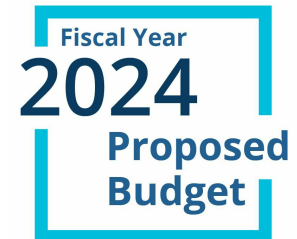
find participant information, visit this [link](#).



## 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](#).



## Next on the City Council Agenda

January 24th | 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:



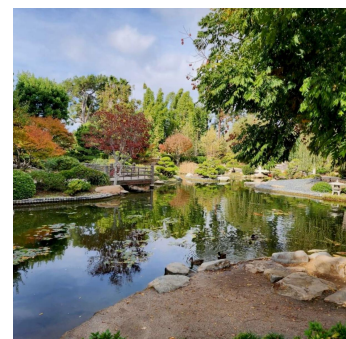
- R20: Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Sections 14.15.020, 14.15.030, 14.15.100, 14.15.110, all relating to parklets, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

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

## Japanese Garden Reopens on Tuesday

January 24th | Reserve a time slot at this [link](#)

The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at CSULB will reopen to the public next Tuesday, January 24th. You can make a reservation now on the Visitor Portal at this link. Select "Book Your Free Visit" to make a reservation. Use this same link to book "Feed the Koi". You can also sign up for programs such as Yoga on the portal.



## 2023 Homeless Count Scheduled for Thursday

January 26th | 4:30 am | 4101 E Willow St.

The 2023 Long Beach Homeless Count will take place on January 26, 2023. This Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a communitywide effort to

count and survey people experiencing homelessness in our community. It is vital for determining the scope of homelessness, defining existing resources available, and identifying gaps. For more information on the count, please visit this [link](#). For any questions, please contact [HomelessCount@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessCount@longbeach.gov).



**EVERYONE HOME  
LONG BEACH**

## Japanese Garden Lunar New Year Event

January 29th | 1 - 3 pm | Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit with music, crafts and family fun on January 29th at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden. Reservations are required at this [link](#). One reservation is good for a group of 6. Free parking will be provided in lot G4.



## Sidewalk Vending Virtual Meeting

January 30th | 6 - 7:30 pm | Virtual Meeting [Register Here](#)

The City of Long Beach will be hosting a virtual Sidewalk Vending Community Feedback meeting on January 30th. Feedback from the community meetings will be utilized to help inform sidewalk vending regulations. Pre-registration is required at this [link](#). Read the full press release at this [link](#).



## CD4 Community Meeting

January 31st | 5:30 - 6:45 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

Our monthly Council District 4 community meeting at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library is returning on January 31st at 5:30 pm. All CD4 residents and business owners are invited to attend. The special guest speaker will be LBPD East Division Commander Michael Richens. Please join us for an informative meeting on the latest happenings in our council district. Go Fourth!



## And Finally....

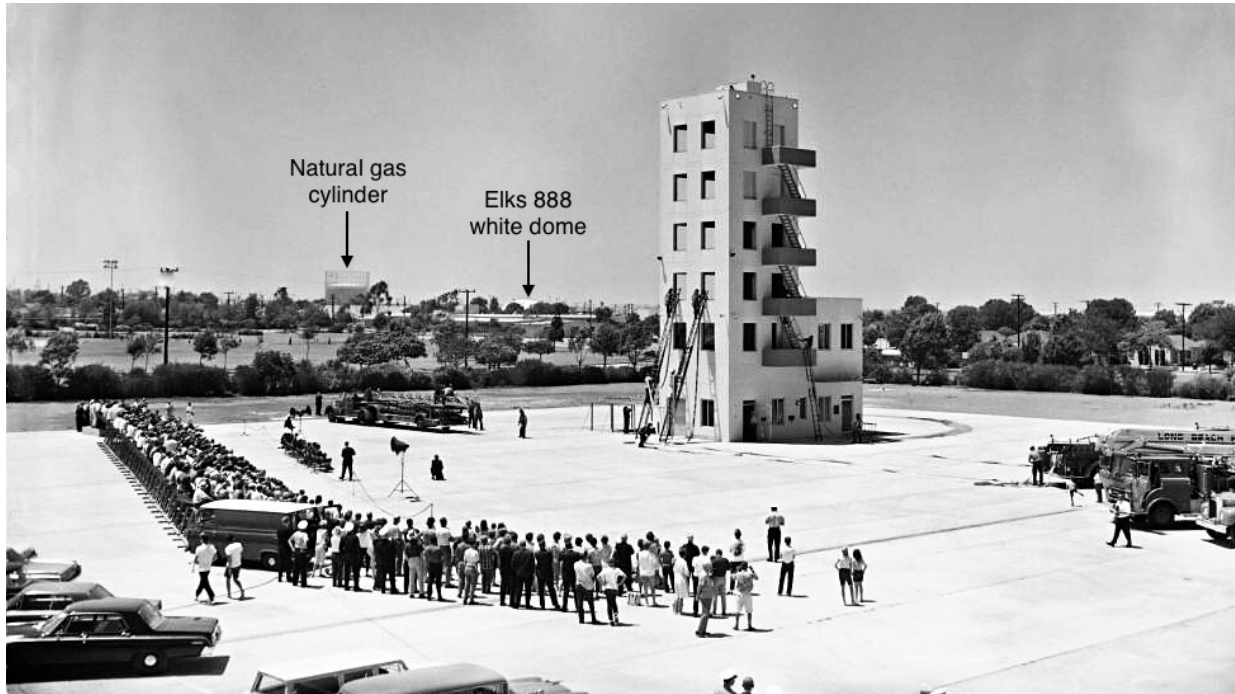
### David Rosa and Kent Holliday Remembered

Tomorrow, the 2022B Fire Academy Graduation will take place at the Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center. The training facility was named in honor of David Rosa at a dedication ceremony on June 25, 2019. That was the one-year anniversary of Captain Rosa's tragic death in the line of duty. Also honored at the training center is Firefighter Kent Holliday. He died on November 16, 1964 from injuries sustained during a training exercise. The drill tower was dedicated on December 7, 2013 in memory of his ultimate sacrifice. A plaque, pictured at right, was affixed to the drill tower that day. The dedications are LBFD's way of expressing to the Rosa and Holliday families, and to the Long Beach community,



that these firefighters, and their families, will never be forgotten.

The photo below, from the LBFD archives, was taken on July 9, 1964. The caption reads: "As a crowd of dignitaries, family and media watch, firefighters scale ladders propped against the drill tower. Demonstrations are part of the dedication ceremony for the new Drill School and marks the graduation of the first class from the new facility. On the horizon in the photos are the long-gone natural gas cylinder near Spring & Junipero and the Elks Dome near Willow & Grand. Other than those missing landmarks, tomorrow's ceremony will look much the same as the drill tower's first graduation over 58 years ago.



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