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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

LBFD Academy Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, I attended the Long Beach Fire Department's 2022B Fire Academy Graduation at the Captain David Rosa Regional Training Center in Council District 4. Along with family and friends of the recruits, the audience included a large number of elected officials including the Long Beach Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Attorney, City Auditor and Council Members from districts 3, 4 and 5. Congratulations to our eleven new firefighters who demonstrated their skills at the ceremony including the hat toss captured in the video below.





County Supervisors Extend Eviction Moratorium

On Tuesday, the LA County Board of Supervisors moved to extend the County's evictions moratorium for another two months. Low-income renters who declare a financial impact due to COVID-19 are protected from no-fault evictions and harassment for nonpayment of rent through March 2023. In addition, the motion called for American Rescue Plan Act funding to support the County's rental and small "mom-and-pop" landlord relief programs. Due to many reservations expressed by the Board, this motion is expected to be the County's final extension.



Natural Gas Price Update from LB Utilities

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 has seen an increase of \$200 or more. Long Beach Utilities issued an initial media release on January 4th available at this [link](#). Last Tuesday, January 24th, LBU made a presentation at the City Council meeting on the causes and impacts of the natural gas market price increase. That presentation can be found at this [link](#).



LBPD Academy Class #96 Graduation

Yesterday, January 26th, I attended the graduation ceremony for the Long Beach Police Department's Recruit Academy Class #96. Forty-one LBPD recruits, with nearly 27% female, successfully completed five months of intense academic, physical, and practical training. In the photo below, City Clerk, Monique De La Garza, administers the oath during the official swearing-in ceremony. Congratulations to all the recruits, and thank you for serving the City of



Long Beach. You can read the 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

Justin Rudd's Sock it to 'Em

Ends Monday, January 31st | 5209 E The Toledo #1

Help Justin Rudd reach his goal of donating 15,000 socks for homeless agencies in the Long Beach community. The Sock it to 'Em Drive will end on January 31st. Community members are encouraged to donate black or white athletic socks in youth and adult sizes. Participants can drop off donations at 5209 E The Toledo #1 or at Bay Shore Church 5100 E The Toledo. Participants can also donate by purchasing socks from this Amazon wish list [link](#). For more information on the donation drive, visit this [link](#).



Upcoming Events

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event

January 28th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

Household cleaning products, pesticides, paint, e-waste including batteries, medications, and many other products are considered hazardous waste and should not go in your trash or recycling carts. The next collection event is tomorrow, Saturday, January 28th. Learn more at this [link](#).

Free HHW and E-Waste Event!



Saturday, January 28th
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2755 California Ave,
Signal Hill, 90755

BARK @ Los Altos Library

January 28th | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

Come practice reading with calming, friendly, and nonjudgmental dogs tomorrow at the Los Altos Library! No registration required, and all ages are welcome: Toddlers (1-3), Preschool (3-5), School-age, Teens and Tweens. For more information, email Tamara.Hall@lbpl.org or call (562) 570-1045.



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.



FREE Tax Preparation from CSULB

January 30th - April 8th | M-Th: 10am to 8pm; Fri: 9am to 3pm

The CSULB College of Business is offering FREE income tax preparation online from January 30- April 8, 2023. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides virtual appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income (\$58,000 annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. The VITA IRS-certified tax preparers can assist you in preparing both federal and state tax returns. Schedule a virtual appointment or get more information by contacting Heather Anne Eusebio at vita.csulb@gmail.com or call 562-726-2331.



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](#). For questions regarding street vendors, please contact Daniel Ramirez at daniel.ramirez@longbeach.gov.



Filming in the Fourth

January 31st | 6:00 am - 10:00 pm | 7515 Carson Blvd.

Filming will take place at 7515 Carson Blvd., Dave & Buster's, and will consist of interior dialogue with talent against scenery. Scenes to include talent walk and talk, hanging out, playing games, food specialist preparing and presenting meals, talent eating different menu offerings, and being interviewed. Production to have (55) extras and will remain completely on property. 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 block ingress/egress of businesses nor disturb Towne Center patrons at any time.



CD4 Community Meeting Tuesday Evening

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

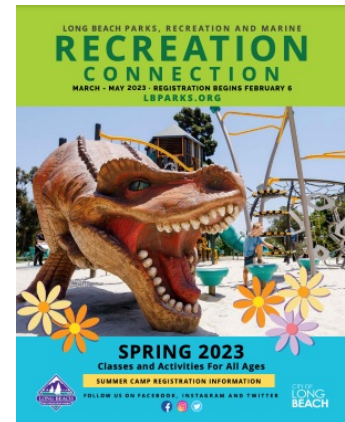
We are hosting a Council District 4 community meeting at the Los Altos Library on January 31st from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. All CD4 residents are invited to attend. Our special guest speakers will be LBPD East Division Commander, Michael Richens, and City of LB Ethics Officer, Heather Van Wijk. Please join us for an informative meeting on the latest happenings in our council district. Go Fourth!



PRM Spring Class Registration

February 6th | [Online](#) or In-Person at 2760 Studebaker Rd.

Registration for spring recreation classes offered by Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) begins Monday, Feb. 6. More than 300 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues and aquatics programs will be offered starting in March. These programs provide opportunities for social interaction and learning, exercise and recreation, and growth and relaxation for preschool-aged children to adults. Details about the spring classes as well as summer camp registration information is included in the latest issue of PRM's program catalog, Recreation Connection, available online beginning Feb. 2. You can read the press release at this [link](#).



Blood Drive at the Nature Center Museum

February 6th | 10 am - 4 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

The El Dorado Nature Center is hosting a blood drive on Monday, February 6th from 10 am to 4 pm. To make an appointment, please sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: EIDoradoLB or call [1-800-RED CROSS \(1-800-733-2767\)](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS). Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

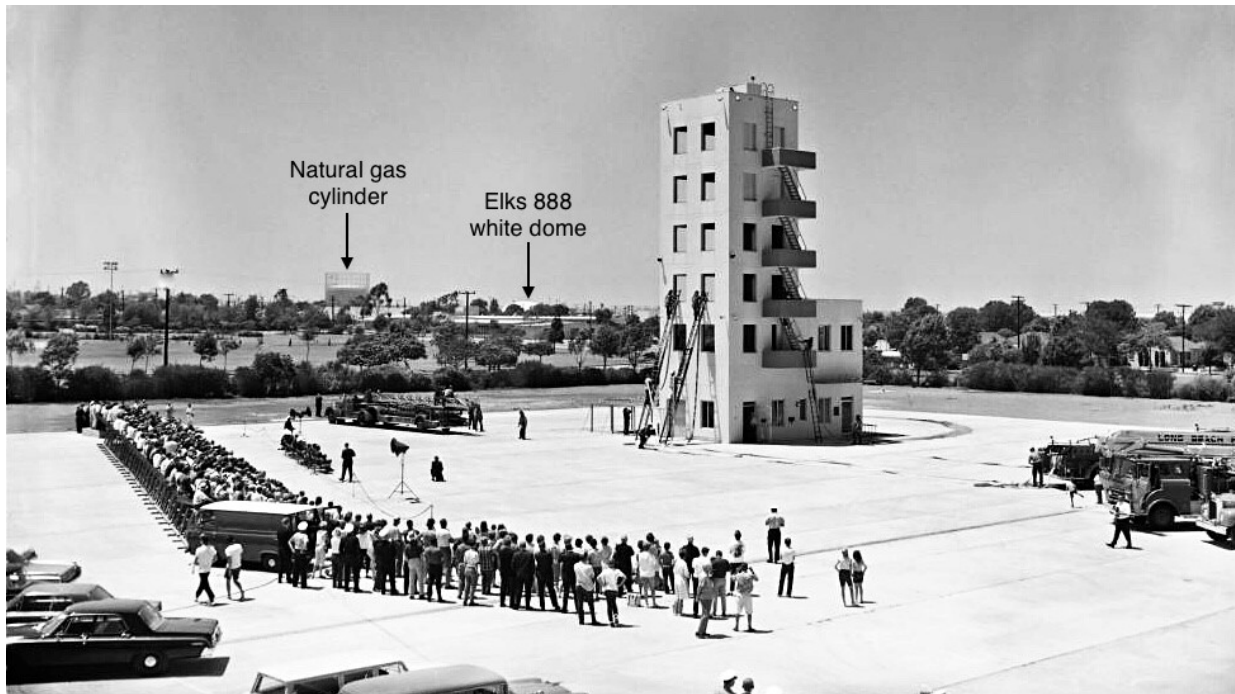


And Finally....

Lbfd Training Center Then and Now

Last week, we featured the vintage photo below of the first Lbfd recruit graduation ceremony held at the new training center in Council District 4. The photo was taken on July 9, 1964, and the event also served as the dedication ceremony for the new drill tower. The natural gas cylinder and Elks 888 dome in the photo are long gone, and the Holiday Inn (which would be to the right of the tower) would not be built until 1968.

LBFD Battalion Chief (and CD4 resident), John Davis, saw the vintage photo in our newsletter last Friday. It prompted him to try to replicate the image at the graduation ceremony the next day. He did a remarkable job of lining up the same angle of the original photo from the roof of Fire Station 17. You can see the Stearns Park trees have grown quite a bit as have the number of fire training structures surrounding the tower, As for the Holiday Inn tower, it is in the new photo to the right of the drill tower, but it is almost completely covered by the trees. Special thanks to Chief Davis for a great contribution to the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter.



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