



## 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

### El Dorado Groundwater Well Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, July 20th, I had the honor of speaking at the ribbon cutting event for the new groundwater well in El Dorado Park. The well is called Commission 22A and is the City's newest groundwater well and the first in two decades. It will reduce our dependence on imported water and increase resilience and sustainability of our local water supply for generations to come. Long Beach has groundwater wells located throughout the city and currently has water rights to pump approximately 33,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year. That amount is enough to fulfill about sixty percent of Long Beach's water needs. Production at Commission 22A is 2500 gallons per minute, and the well was drilled to a depth of 980 feet. For those interested in the ROI, you might say, "Drilling a new water well: \$3.4 million. Reducing our dependence on imported water: priceless."



### Successful Refuse Operator Hiring Event

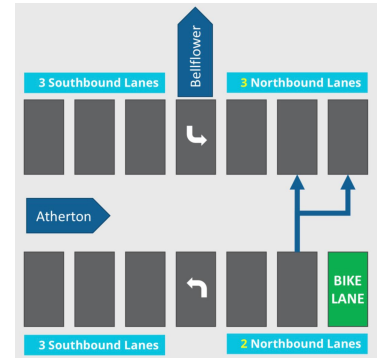
The One-Day hiring event for refuse operators exceeded

expectations. 250 individuals attended, 24 full time classified offers were made on the spot, 8 non-career offers were made, and 26 individuals were placed on the wait list. The city will continue to service missed and open refuse routes as the new staff ramps up.



## Bellflower Bike Lane Project at CD4 Meeting

Late last week, we learned about a Public Works project to install bike lanes on Bellflower Blvd. through the heart of Los Altos. We also learned that the construction was scheduled to begin Monday, 7/24, and there had been no council notification and no public outreach. We quickly asked the city manager to halt the construction, and we asked for a City Traffic Engineer to make a presentation at our already scheduled monthly community meeting. While the PowerPoint was not available for the meeting, you can view the presentation at this [link](#). The construction project has been postponed indefinitely, we will likely have another project presentation at a future meeting to gain public input.



## Upcoming Events

### LB Municipal Band Back at Eldo Tonight!

July 28th | 6:30 pm | El Dorado Park West

The Long Beach Municipal Band is celebrating their 114th season this year with free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks. Tonight, they will be at El Dorado Park West, and the concert theme is "Take Flight". All concerts begin at 6:30 pm and are FREE. Meloney Collins brings her powerful vocal talent to close the evening. View the full schedule at this [link](#).



### Movie at Whaley & Beach Cabana Tonight

July 28th | Movie begins at dusk | 5620 E Atherton St.

Parks, Recreation and Marine is hosting a FREE movie night at Whaley Park on Friday, July 28th. Families can bring a picnic style dinner and free popcorn will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The movie will begin at dusk. For more information, please call (562) 570-3226. The CSULB Alumni Beach Cabana will also be in attendance at the movie tonight promoting the university to the community.



### F/A-18 Ops at LGB this Weekend

July 28th - 30th | Long Beach Airport

The U.S. Marine Corps has informed LGB that four F/A-18 aircraft will be conducting operations at Long Beach Airport from Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30. It is anticipated that the aircraft will arrive late in the evening, and nighttime, on Friday,



conduct a few training operations on Saturday, and depart late in the morning on Sunday, but all times are tentative and subject to change. LGB will be informing the community via WebTrak, social media and LGB's [website](#). Included in the messages to the community will be a reminder that these aircraft are exempt from our noise regulations; however, the military has demonstrated a desire to assist us in being a good neighbor and they have been very responsive to community concerns.

## Donation Drive-Thru Event in CD4

July 29th | 9 am - 1 pm | 2525 Grand Ave.

On Saturday, the City of Long Beach will host its fifth donation drive-thru event as part of a monthly series, to collect essential items to distribute to people experiencing homelessness. The event will take place at the Department of Health and Human Services Main Facilities Center. Donations received during the event will be distributed at the Multi-Service Center to people experiencing homelessness. View the press release at this [link](#).



### Donation Drive-Thru

Drive Thru to Support People Experiencing Homelessness

Saturday, July 29th

Department of Health and Human Services  
Main Facilities Center, (2525 Grand Ave.)

Saturday, July 29, 2023  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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[longbeach.gov/homelessness](http://longbeach.gov/homelessness)

## LBFDF Training Center: Live Burn Schedule

July 31, August 1, 3 & 4 | 8 am - 12 pm | 2249 Argonne Ave.

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

- Monday (7/31) between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Tuesday (8/1) between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday (8/3) between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Friday (8/4) between 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

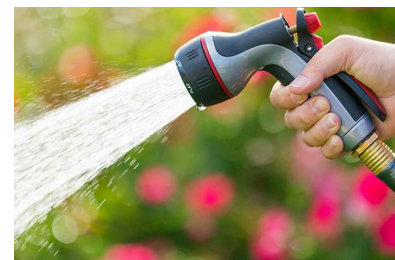
Live fire training is essential in the development of firefighters and teaches skills needed to perform lifesaving and property-saving operations in the City of Long Beach. Thank you for your continued support of the Long Beach Fire Department!



## New Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Starting August 1st

The Board of Public Utilities Commission established a new Water Shortage Contingency Plan. We have entered into a Level 1 water shortage. Watering landscape is limited to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays before 9 am and after 4 pm. For a full list of restrictions and water use rules, click [here](#).



## CSULB Parking Permits for Fall semester

Available for purchase on August 1st | [Permit information](#)

Long Beach State parking permits for Fall 2023 will be available for purchase starting on Tuesday, August 1st. These include semester, academic year and resident permits. Daily and Short-Term parking can be purchased touch-free via the Parkmobile App or at a parking pay station. Find more information on campus parking permits at this [link](#).



## Next on the City Council Agenda

August 1st | 3:00 pm | 411 W Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 3:00 pm in the Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. The early start time and short agenda will accommodate council members who are attending National Night Out events. City council meetings are broadcast live online at: [LBTV3.com](https://www.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). Tuesday's meeting agenda includes:



- BH-29: Recommendation to conduct a Budget Hearing to receive and discuss an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. (Citywide)

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

## "National Night Out" Next Tuesday Evening

August 1st | Citywide

The Long Beach Police Department is inviting neighbors, community groups, and businesses to join them in celebrating the 40th Annual National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 1st. Neighborhoods throughout the city will be hosting block parties and events to celebrate the annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer places to live and work. Read more at this [link](#).



## Zen Yoga at the EBM Japanese Garden

August 2nd | 12 pm - 1pm | CSULB Lot G4

The Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden will be hosting noon and evening Zen Yoga classes in the Garden. Starting June 21st, classes will take place at 12 pm or 5 pm on Wednesdays and 12 pm on Fridays. This class is open to all levels and beginners are welcome. Special \$10 pricing for EBMJG members. Register for classes at this [link](#). Garden gates and check-in for this program close 10 min after the class begins.



## Miller Music Series: Panjive Steel Drum Band

August 4th | 6 pm - 8 pm | Free parking in CSULB lot G4

Visit the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden for a family friendly free PANJIVE concert. Celebrating their 29th year in business, PANJIVE is a smooth blend of Calypso, Reggae, Ska, Classic Rock, Bossa Nova and Contemporary music that always incorporates the unique island sounds of the "Steel Drum." One reservation is good for a group of up to 6 people. Parking in lot G4 is free. Light refreshments will be provided. Visit this [link](#) for reservations and more information.



## Become a Compost & Recycling Ambassador

Applications open July 31st @ 10 am [Application Information](#)

The City of Long Beach Compost and Recycling Ambassador Program (CRA) is an opportunity to explore the world of waste reduction, recycling, and at-home composting. This 8-week program is offered at no cost to residents and combines lectures, hands-on experiences, and collaboration to teach community members about waste reduction strategies. Community members who complete the program by attending at least 7 of 8 required courses and completing the 25 required volunteer hours will be certified as Compost and Recycling Ambassadors. The [application portal](#) will open on July 31st at 10 am. The program is open to Long Beach residents 18 and older. Space is limited. For questions, email [cra@longbeach.gov](mailto:cra@longbeach.gov) or call (562) 570-2869.



## Puvungna Community Caretaking Day

August 6th | 10 am - 4 pm | Adjacent to Lot G2 at CSULB

Community members are invited to join Friends of Puvungna for Community Caretaking Day. Attendees will volunteer to help care for Puvungna. Come learn about the history of Puvungna, how to be a good ally, and protocols when working on a sacred site. It is encouraged to bring gloves, a chair and sunscreen. Dress accordingly and bring your own tools such as flat shovels, weed eaters, trimmers, rakes, etc. For more information, visit this [link](#) or email [friendsofpuvungna@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpuvungna@gmail.com).



## Rancho FREE Summer Concert Series

August 6th | 4:30 - 7 pm | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.

Rancho Los Alamitos proudly presents their 2023 Summer Concert Series! Grounds will be open after hours for a relaxing summer evening on Sunday, August 6th. Grab low lawn chairs, and pack a picnic dinner for a night with family and friends amid the lush historic grounds. Shy But Flyy will be performing. Free parking and free accessible shuttle service to and from the Rancho for each concert at CSULB Lot G13. Gates open at 4:30 pm and the event will end at 7 pm. RSVP for the event at this [link](#).



## Knyght Ryder Concert In El Dorado Park!

August 11th | 6:30 pm - 8 pm | 2800 N Studebaker Rd.

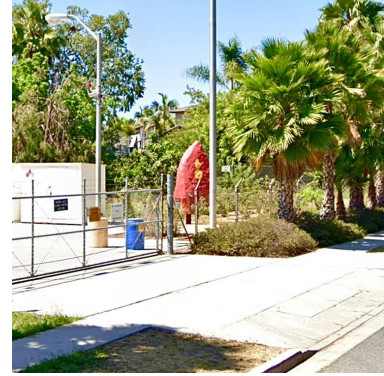
Back by popular demand! 80's tribute band, Knyght Ryder, is continuing the long-time tradition of their summer concert in El Dorado Park West. The location will be where the LB Muni Band hosts their concerts. The Knyght Ryder concert will take place on Friday 8/11 from 6:30 - 8 pm. Join us for an evening filled with live entertainment, children's activities, and family fun! Admission is free. For more information on the event, contact the CD4 Office at (562) 570-4444 or [District4@longbeach.gov](mailto:District4@longbeach.gov).



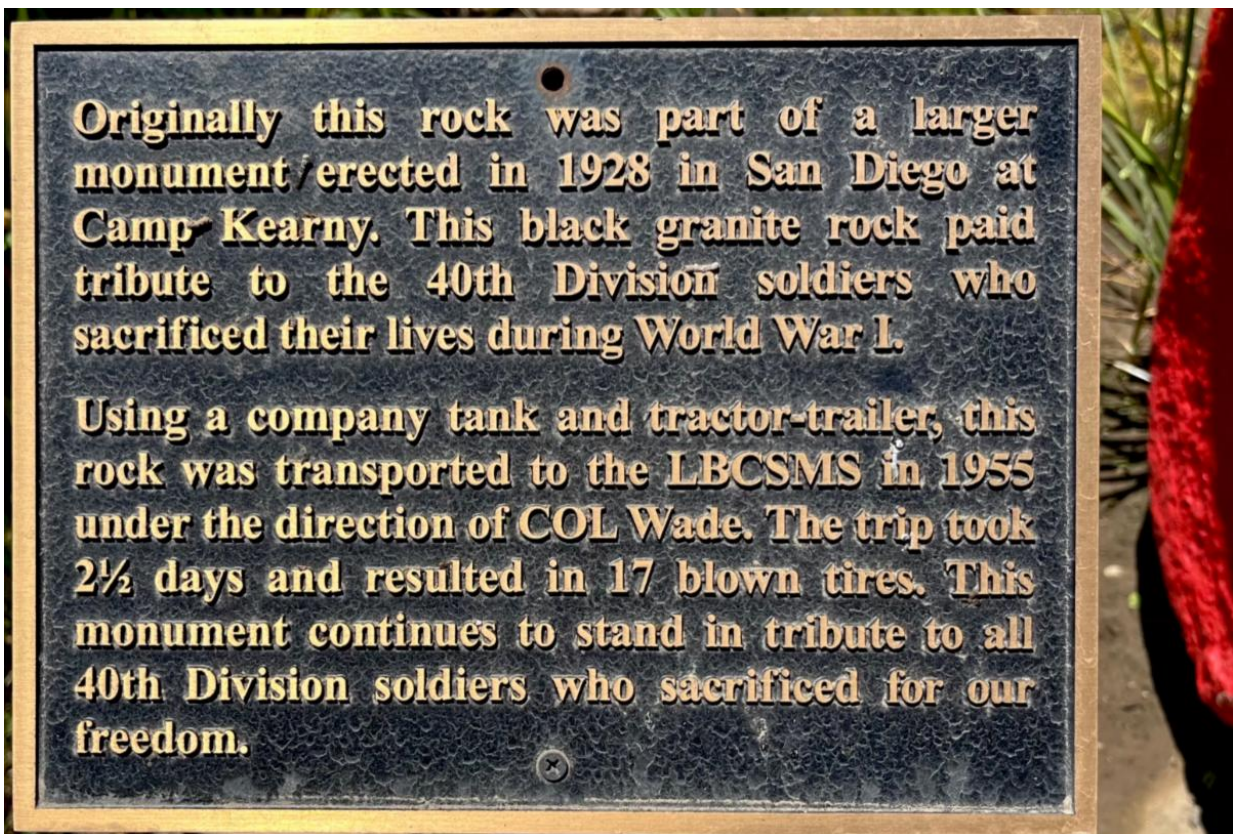
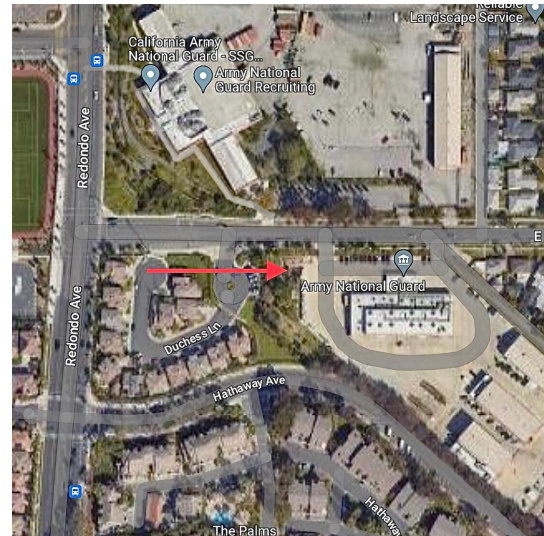
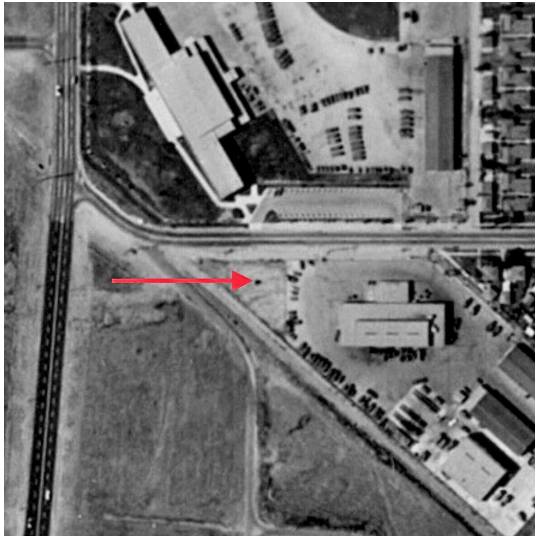
## And Finally....

### History of "Red Rock Monument" in CD4

You may never have noticed the 12-foot red monolith standing southeast of Redondo and Stearns because it is surrounded by trees and shrubs. However, it has stood at that location for nearly 70 years. It once dominated the landscape because there was nothing around it for many years. As shown in the 1955 black & white aerial photo attached, the area was barren compared to today. The monument has a significant history that is explained on a plaque next to the rock. It was originally erected in 1928 as a black granite rock at Camp Kearny in San Diego (bottom black & white photo). It honored soldiers who sacrificed their lives during WWI. When Camp Kearney was repurposed as Mira Mar Naval Air Station, the rock became an obstacle on the airfield.



The decision was made to transport the monument to National Guard Headquarters in Sacramento. The rest of the story has been provided to us by former Long Beach Councilman Jerry Schultz. When the vehicle transporting the monument broke an axle due to the enormous weight, the National Guard decided to drop it off at the Long Beach Armory at 3500 Stearns Street. It was painted red with a yellow Ordinance Corps logo. The Ordinance Corps is no longer there, but the logo remains.





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