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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

Stearns Park Water Drilling Update

Long Beach Utilities continues to move forward with the Stearns Park Groundwater Wells Project. Final well development at the Alamitos 9A well site at 23rd Street and E. De Ora Way will conclude in two weeks. The well will then be capped and secured until the equipping phase of the project slated for summer 2024. 24-hour drilling resumed at the Alamitos 14 well site located north of the community center. Drilling and construction will continue for approximately five weeks. Additional sound barriers have been installed to mitigate noise impacts. Numerous material deliveries are expected to arrive at the site throughout March and April with considerations for school pickup and drop off and park activities. For questions, contact Nik Baykal at [\(562\) 570-2347](tel:562-570-2347) or visit lbwater.org/stearns.



Long Beach Gives Campaign Application Open

Application Open until April 30th | Apply [here](#)

Long Beach Gives applications for nonprofit organizations are now open until Sunday, April 30th at 11:59 pm. For more information, nonprofits are invited to attend a virtual information session on Wednesday, April 5, 1 - 3 pm to learn more about Long Beach Gives, participation requirements, how to run a successful campaign, and have the opportunity to ask questions. More information on eligibility, participant requirements, the selection process, and the online application can be found at this [link](#).



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 at the College of Business. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income (\$60,000 annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. Walk-ins are available in-person and virtually at this [link](#). Find more information at this [link](#) or email vita.csulb@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events



Spring Fun Days with Parks, Recreation and Marine

M-F April 10 – 14 | 12 - 5 pm | Citywide

The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will offer its free youth recreation program, Spring Fun Days, at various parks throughout Long Beach during the upcoming school spring break. Spring Fun Days is a free extended supervision recreation program where children 5-12 years old can enjoy free games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips and more. Onsite registration is required. For more information, call the location of your choice! Read the press release at this [link](#).

- College Estates Park | 808 Stevely Ave | (562) 570-1617
- El Dorado Park West | 2800 N Studebaker | (562) 570-3225
- Stearns Champions Park | 4520 E 23rd St. | (562) 570-1685
- Whaley Park | 5620 E Atherton St. | (562) 570-1710

Tomorrow's HHW/E-Waste Event CANCELED

March 25th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

Due to the holidays, EDCO Recycling & Transfer (Signal Hill) will be closed tomorrow, 3/25 and Saturday, 4/8. Their next scheduled Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)/E-waste collection event will be on Saturday, 4/22 from 9 am - 2 pm. Learn more HHW info at this link: http://bit.ly/HHW_LB



Rancho Los Alamitos Upcycling Workshop

March 25th | 10 - 11:30 am | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.

Rancho Los Alamitos will be hosting an upcycling workshop for community members to learn about reusing and upcycling everyday objects. The Public Programs Coordinator, Margarete, will lead a hands-on weaving workshop using sock scraps. Learn how to repurpose socks to create a sustainable pot holder. Supplies are included and participants are encouraged to bring a well-worn pair of socks. The cost of attendance is \$25 per person and \$20 for RLA members. Space is limited. View the flyer at this [link](#) and purchase tickets [here](#). Members should contact info@rancholosalamitos.org for the ticket discount code.



BARK @ Los Altos Library

March 25th | 11:30 am - 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.



Sowing the Seeds Fundraising Event

March 25th | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

On March 25th, Partners of Parks will be hosting their 4th annual Sowing the Seeds event at the El Dorado Nature Center. All proceeds will benefit Partners of Parks and their affiliated partners. You can purchase tickets at this [link](#). For more information on Partners of Parks, please click [here](#).



Prisk Native Garden's Open House

March 26th & April 2nd | 1 - 4 pm | 2375 Fanwood Ave.

The Prisk Native Garden was created to be a hands-on environmental nature center on an elementary school campus. The large, semi-wild garden provides an educational resource utilizing the native flora of California arranged by plant groupings. The annual open house takes place on March 26th and April 2nd, and the public is welcome! The garden is located at Prisk Elementary School near the corner of San Vicente and Los Arcos. For more information, contact letteriello@charter.net.



CSULB Spring Break Next Week

March 27th - 31st | CSULB Campus

Spring Recess at CSULB is coming up next week from 3/27-3/31. Although classes will not be in session, staff and faculty will be working on campus Monday-Thursday. On Friday, 3/31, the campus will be closed for Cesar Chavez Day. Employee (E) Lots will follow a regular schedule with student permits allowed after 5:30 pm.



Save the Date: CD4 Community Meeting 3/28

March 28th | 5:30 pm - 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 March 28th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. All CD4 residents are invited to attend. Our special guest speaker will be the Long Beach Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan. Please join us for an informative meeting on the latest happenings in our council district.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, March 28th
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
Los Altos Library
Community Room

 For more information, please contact
Council District 4 at (562) 570-4444 or
via email district4@longbeach.gov

LBPD East Commander's Forum

March 29th | 5:30 pm | 1429 Clark Ave.

Save the date! The next East Division Commander's Forum is coming up on Wednesday, March 29th. The meeting will take place at the Sound House Church at 1429 Clark Avenue and will start at 5:30 pm. Please contact LBPDEast@longbeach.gov for more information.



LGB to Upgrade Runway Lights

Major electrical upgrades designed to improve the safety of the primary runway at Long Beach Airport (LGB) are being installed from late March through July, necessitating some temporary runway closures. During Runway 12-30 closures, operations will occur on Runway 8L-26R. Due to the safety setback requirements of the construction work, there will be temporary runway closures between March 29 and mid-July: Runway 12-30 will be CLOSED NIGHTLY, Sundays through Thursdays, from March 29 to mid-July. In addition, Runway 12-30 will be CLOSED DAILY, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from April 18 to May 24. You can read the entire press release at this [link](#).



Towne Center's Spring Spectacular Event

April 1st | 12 pm - 2 pm | 7501 E Carson St.

Long Beach Towne Center invites children and their families to a Spring Spectacular event on Sunday, April 1st, from noon to 2 p.m. During the event, which will be held in the Regal Promenade, attendees will enjoy free photos with the Easter Bunny, kids crafts, balloon twisters, face painters and more! For more information, please visit this [link](#).



LBACS Easter Egg Hunt Adoption Event

April 1st | 3 - 5 pm | 7700 E Spring St.

Join Animal Care Services in celebrating Easter at the shelter. Enjoy music, photos, an Easter Egg Hunt, and Easter egg decorating to bring home or place in the pets' Easter baskets. Adoption fees will be waived for ALL pets during the event. Please bring unopened store-bought pet treats and toys to put in the Easter baskets. Visit this [link](#) for more information.



Kitten Baby Shower with Little Lion Foundation

April 2nd | 11 am - 2 pm | 4750 E Los Coyotes Diagonal

To kick off kitten season, The Little Lion Foundation is excited to host their first kitten baby shower! This is an in-person party and an online fundraiser. The event will feature brunch, cocktails, kittens and games at the Tap24 Bar & Grill. This auction is set up to help fund our kitten nursery located in Long Beach CA. For more information, please visit this [link](#).



And Finally....

Stearns Street Centennial Pepper Tree

The beautiful pepper tree pictured here is located in the 4900 block of Stearns St. adjacent to Stearns Park. With its healthy green canopy, one would never imagine it could be 100 years old if it weren't for its massive 28-foot circumference at the base. We discovered its potential age quite by accident. One year ago, we featured an aerial photo of the area taken on October 20, 1927. We were noting the 100th anniversary of baseball on Stearns St. by pointing out Shell Park that was built in 1922 at Redondo and Stearns. We did not notice the two black dots on Stearns between Lakewood Blvd and Clark Ave. We added a red arrow to the photo to pinpoint the location. The pepper trees were large enough to show up in the 1927 aerial photo, so we assume they were at least 4 years old at the time.



Having grown up in the Stearns Park area, I certainly remember the two trees and having to duck under the branches when walking by. So why is there only one tree today? We're not sure, but Google street view photos indicate both trees were still there in 2008. We want to make sure the remaining pepper tree is preserved, so we have asked multiple City departments to honor our request. Development Services is researching a potential historical designation, and Parks & Rec is looking into a possible plaque at the location documenting the tree's age.



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