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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

Farewell to Summer Concert Ends the Season

Another huge crowd joined us Friday evening for the final summer concert of the season featuring Journey USA. It was a great way to conclude the unprecedented "20 Free Summer Concerts in the Fourth" series. Thanks to all the attendees and to PRM for hosting the concert. Also thanks to CSULB Alumni, Partners of Parks, PRM Kids Zone, LB Utilities and CD4's Orange County Credit Union for attending.





J&L's Trunk Show & Legacy Business Award

Saturday, we stopped by J&L Fine Jewelry in Circle Center West to check out their annual "trunk show" and to celebrate the Legacy Business Award presentation from Long Beach Heritage. Mayor Richardson was also on hand to recognize the special occasion. Congratulations to J&L for this wonderful honor and for another successful trunk show. You can read about the LBH Legacy Business Award at this [link](#). You can also read Jo Murray's coverage of the event for the PT/Grunion at this [link](#).



Budget Discussion at CD4 Community Meeting

On Tuesday, we hosted our Council District 4 monthly community meeting at the Los Altos Library. The discussion topic for the evening was the City's FY-24 budget. Thanks to our special guest speakers, Long Beach City Budget Manager, Grace Yoon, and Joshua Hickman, Bureau Manager for Public Works Business Operations. You can view the presentation at this [link](#). If you would like to view the entire 660-page budget, or any of the executive summaries, you can do so at this [link](#).



Parks & Rec After School Program Now Open!

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is offering its free After School Program which safely engages youth ages 5 to 12 with educational activities during the after-school hours. Registration for the After School Program is now open and can be completed at a park of choice. The After School Program is a free drop-in program where registered participants may come and go as they please. They are now available weekday afternoons through Dec. 22nd. Find more information at this [link](#). Council District 4 parks hosting the After School Program include:



Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m.

- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.
- Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.

Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

- College Estates, 808 Stevely Ave.
- Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

D'Vine Mediterranean Ribbon Cutting Event

On Wednesday, D'Vine Mediterranean Restaurant hosted the grand re-opening event for their Fourth Council District location at 5525 E Stearns St. I was joined by owners Ateef and Jamal Alarja for the official ribbon cutting. They have a variety of entrees with fresh pita bread, soups, salads, and wraps. You can check out their menu at this [link](#).



LBPD's Recruitment and Retention Crisis Update

Last Tuesday, City Council received a remarkable memo from the City Manger. It was forwarded from Police Chief Wally Hebeish, and it was remarkable in its description of the recruitment and retention crisis being faced by LBPD. Equally noteworthy are the steps that are now being proposed to manage and resolve the crisis. The memo cites: there has been a 63% decrease in police recruit applications coupled with an 18% decrease in applicant certification by the Civil Service Commission; the civilian vacancy rate currently stands at 19% (77 vacancies departmentwide); recommendation to double the lateral transfer incentive to \$30,000 to keep pace with other agencies. We're including a link to the memo [here](#) because we think it is an important document for everyone to read. Next up: addressing the staffing crisis for the LBFD.



Upcoming Events

City of Long Beach Labor Day Holiday Closures

In observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 4th, the City of Long Beach facilities and services listed in the [press release](#) will adhere to special schedules. There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, 9/4. Refuse/Recycling Trash and Recycling will be collected as scheduled on Monday, 9/4.



El Dorado Regional Park Tree Removals

Begins Sept. 5th | Eldo Regional Park - Snake Road (West Side)

Tree removals are scheduled to begin in El Dorado Regional Park on Tuesday, September 5. A nesting survey will be completed prior to the work beginning. There is a notice of work posted at the front gate of the park. View the presentation with more information on the scheduled tree removals at this [link](#). For questions/comments, please call (562) 570-4895.



Next on the City Council Agenda

September 5th | 5:00 pm | 411 W. Ocean Blvd.

The City Council meeting will start at 5:00 pm in the Civic Chambers on the ground floor of City Hall, located at 411 W. Ocean Blvd. City council meetings are broadcast live online at: [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. Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:

- Ceremonials and Presentations: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH
- BH-27: Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and take the actions necessary to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 budget as listed in Attachment A. (Citywide)
- R-30: Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. R-7207 and award a contract to New Dynasty Construction Co., of Tustin, CA, for construction of the Long Beach Police Training Academy Modular Replacement, New Locker Building, Renovations and Site Improvements Project for an amount of \$25,541,819, authorize a 6.5 percent contingency in the amount of \$1,660,218, for a total contract amount of \$27,202,037; 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 \$2,000,000, offset by a transfer of \$2,000,000 of Police Facilities Impact Fees; and Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Police Department by an additional \$2,000,000, offset by Police Facilities Impact Fees in the Capital Fund. (District 4)



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

Eldo Race Series Finale and All Clubs BBQ

Sept. 9th | 7:40 am start | 11 am All Clubs BBQ | Eldo Area III

The famous All Clubs LA BBQ returns in conjunction with the Eldo Race Series finale! Come for a lovely day in the park featuring bike racing, cycling clubs, vendors, BBQ, music, games, awards, and so much more! These events will be hosted in El Dorado East Regional Park Area III. Find more information [here](#).



READY Long Beach Returns to CSULB

September 9th | 10 am - 4 pm | Walter Pyramid, 1250 N Bellflower Blvd.

READY Long Beach Expo returns in September to promote community emergency preparedness. The event will feature food, prizes, emergency vehicle displays, safety demonstrations and more. Find more information about the event at this [link](#).



End of Summer Party at College Estates Park

September 9th | 5 - 8 pm | 808 Stevelly Ave.

Long Beach Locals, in partnership with Council District 4, is hosting an End of Summer Party at College Estates Park on Saturday, September 9. The event will feature live music from The Emperors, lawn games, photo booth, balloon artist, face painter, ice cream and much more! The event is free and open to all community members.



National Grandparents Day Next Sunday

National Grandparents Day was established by a presidential proclamation in 1978 that designated the first Sunday after Labor Day as Grandparents Day. If you'd like to celebrate the holiday with a bouquet, the official flower of Grandparents Day is the forget-me-not. Considering the holiday is celebrated on the same Sunday as the Belmont Shore Car Show, you could take your grandchildren to the FREE event... or have them take you!



Belmont Shore Car Show

September 10th | 8 am - 4 pm | 2nd Street in Belmont Shore

The Belmont Shore Car Show returns this year on Sunday, September 10 at 2nd Street in Belmont Shore. This year's car show will showcase approximately 700 cars with a wide variety of classic cars, custom cars and hot rods. Attendees can expect an assortment of vendors, and amazing restaurants and shops stretching over 14 blocks. For more information, visit this [link](#).



FREE Tickets for District 4 Aquarium Night!

September 14th | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | 100 Aquarium Way | [Ticket Link](#)

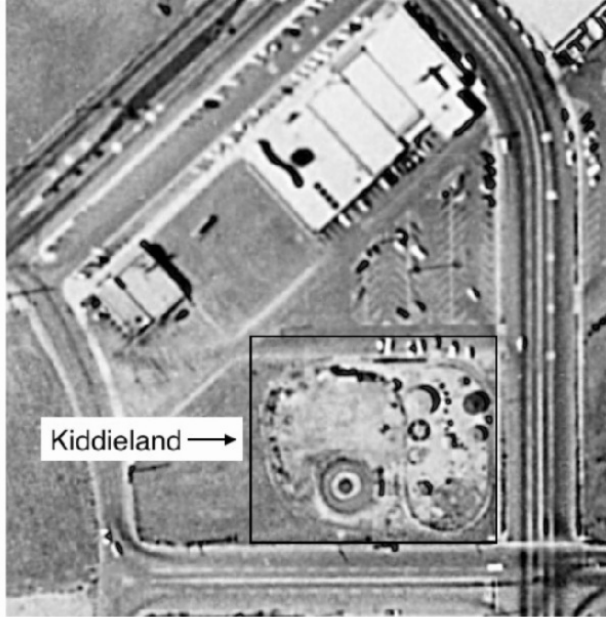
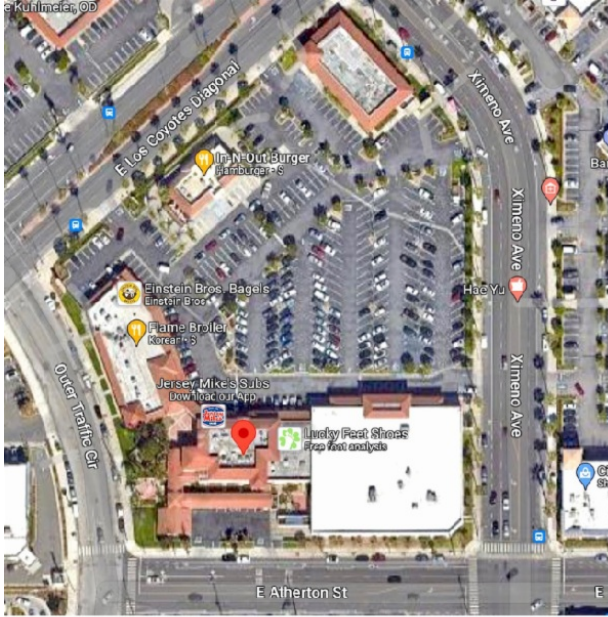
Save the Date! On Thursday, September 14th, CD4 residents are invited to a FREE evening at the Aquarium of the Pacific. The event will take place from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and is open to everyone. Parking is \$8 with validation in the structure across from the Aquarium. You can make reservations at this [link](#). For questions about the event please contact our office at [\(562\) 570-4444](tel:5625704444) or district4@longbeach.gov.



And Finally....

Kiddieland at Atherton & Ximeno

J&L Fine Jewelry is located at 1823 Ximeno Ave. between Marshall's and Jersey Mike's in Circle Center West. While celebrating their Legacy Business Award on Saturday, I thought of the history of the land they occupy at the northwest corner of Atherton and Ximeno. There was a successful business on the site before the land was ever developed. Kiddieland, a mini amusement park, stood on the original vacant lot in the 50's and 60's. Amenities included a train, pony rides and multiple merry-go-rounds with horses, boats, airplanes and fish. The round merry-go-rounds are clearly visible in the vintage blank & white aerial photo. As the baby boomer population diminished, business slowed, and Kiddieland closed. However, in the 1970's, the vacant lot ended up supporting two seasonal business. It was the first of two District 4 sites of Pa's Pumpkin Patch and Snowy Pines Christmas Trees. They eventually moved to PCH and Studebaker, but that's a story for another newsletter. Photo credit: Lynn Johsz



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