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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

### Melanie Wagner Appointed Manager of LBACS

Dr. Melanie Wagner has been appointed Bureau Manager for Long Beach Animal Care Services, under the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. She has been serving as the acting manager since June 2023, and our council office has received rave reviews on her performance. She began her newly appointed role as Bureau Manager on Jan. 31, 2024. Congratulations, Melanie! Read more about Dr. Wagner in the press release at this [link](#).



### Vote By Mail Drop Boxes Through March 5th

The Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk began distributing Vote by Mail ballots for the March 5, 2024 Primary Nominating Election. All registered voters in Los Angeles County, which includes Long Beach, will be mailed a Vote by Mail ballot. Ballots may be returned by mail (no postage required), in person at any Vote Center in Los Angeles County,

or at any Vote by Mail Ballot Drop Box. Long Beach voters have 24-hour access to drop boxes at more than 400 participating locations across Los Angeles County. There are 17 drop box locations throughout Long Beach, and Council District 4 locations include the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center and Stearns Park. Click [here](#) to find the nearest drop box.



## El Dorado Duck Pond Project Nearly Complete

The City's contractor, Los Angeles Engineering, has recently completed a majority of the landscaping which includes planting shrubs and trees. New aquatic plants were installed during the last week of January. Construction of the new pedestrian path around the pond has been completed. The rebuilding of the pump house will be completed this month. The newly constructed pond is expected to undergo water quality testing at the end of March 2024. Read more at this [link](#).



## CSULB Career Clothing Donation Drive

**Donations accepted until March 5th | Various times & locations**

Donate your gently used business attire and accessories to the Beach Pantry! Help Long Beach State University students look their best for their future endeavors such as interviews, business events, professional development and more! Donations will be accepted at the following locations during normal operating hours. For a list of where donations are accepted, visit this [link](#). If you're unable to drop-off items and would still like to donate, visit their Amazon wishlist [here](#). For

any questions, email [asi-pantry@csulb.edu](mailto:asi-pantry@csulb.edu).

## Career Clothing Donation Drive

**Feb. 1 - March 5**

Donate your gently used business attire and accessories to LBSU students!

**ITEMS ACCEPTED:**

*Dress shirts, dress pants, blazers, dresses, blouses, suits, ties, skirts, shoes, accessories, etc.*

**DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

- University Student Union (USU)
- Information Center
- Maxson Center (USU 312)
- ASI Beach Pantry (USU 116)
- Brotman Hall (BH)
- Student Affairs Office (BH 377)
- Career Development Center (BH 250)
- University Bookstore
- Student Recreation & Wellness Center (SRWC)



## Eldo Nature Center Spring Break Workshops

Various dates | 10 am - 12 pm | Ages 5 - 8 [Registration link](#)

Children ages 5-8 can participate in a week of fun and exploration this spring break! Each day, the children will learn about a different aspect of nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts! They will study birds, frogs, insects and more. Children must have Kindergarten experience to participate. Fee is \$20 per class. Register at this [link](#).



## Eldo Nature Center Tails and Trails Workshops

Various dates | 10 - 11: 30 am | Ages 18 mos - 5 yrs [Registration link](#)

Bring your imagination and sense of adventure as you and your child celebrate the seasons with a special morning of stories, nature play, and outdoor exploration. Investigate the incredible, changing, natural world with your child. Parent participation is required. Registration is \$20 per class. Register at this [link](#).



## FREE Tax Preparation from CSULB

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

The CSULB College of Business is offering FREE income tax preparation online through April 10th at the College of Business. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) IRS program provides appointments to individuals who qualify as low-income (\$58,000 or less annually), students, the elderly, non-residents and limited English proficiency. The VITA IRS-certified tax preparers can help prepare both federal and state tax returns. More information at this [link](#), email [vita.csulb@gmail.com](mailto:vita.csulb@gmail.com) or call 562-354-0805.



## Upcoming Events

### Nature Center Bird Count This Weekend

February 16th - 18th | 8 am start | 7550 E Spring St.

Weather permitting, visit the El Dorado Nature Center to participate in this year's Great Backyard Bird Count. Stop by the education table Friday, Saturday or Sunday, February 16, 17, & 18 from 8 am to 5 pm. You'll learn about a fun way to participate in citizen science at your local park or right outside your window. For more information, visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

## How many birds can you find?

27th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count  
Feb 16-19, 2024  
birdcount.org



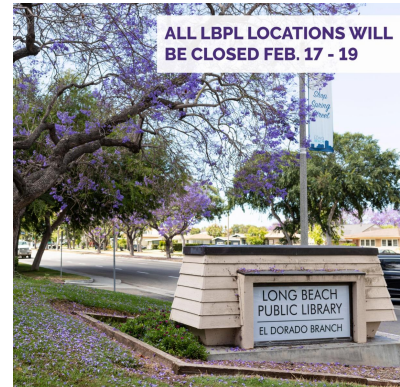
## Library Closures Presidents Day Weekend

Closed 2/17 - 2/19 | Citywide

In observance of Presidents Day, all Long Beach Public Library locations and services (including phone lines) will be closed Saturday, February 17th through Monday, February 19th. All LBPL locations will reopen under regular operating hours on Tuesday, February 20th. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the Library's vast collection of [digital resources](#) including the Library catalog, downloads, and databases available 24/7.

Hours + Holidays: <https://bit.ly/325cjF0>

Digital Library: <https://bit.ly/3291Dp1>



## Celebrate Origami Day @ Japanese Garden

February 18th | 1 - 3 pm | Adjacent to CSULB Lot G4

On Sunday, February 18th, the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden is hosting an Origami Day event! Come learn the traditional Japanese Art form of paper folding as well as other fun crafts and activities! Reservations are required at this [link](#). Tickets are \$10 for a group of up to 6 people, or \$5 for members. Visit this [link](#) for additional information.



## Presidents Day List of Closures

Monday, February 19th | All Day | Citywide

In observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 19th, City of Long Beach facilities and services will adhere to the closure schedule associated with all Federal holidays. There will be no scheduled street sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Monday, Feb. 19. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Refuse and recycling will be collected as scheduled on Monday, Feb. 19. For a full list of closures, please check this [link](#).



## Black History Month Movie Night @ Los Altos

February 20th | 5 - 7 pm | 5614 E Britton Dr.

Join Los Altos librarians to watch family-friendly movies to celebrate Black History Month. The selected movies embrace the achievements in Black Culture. On the evening of February

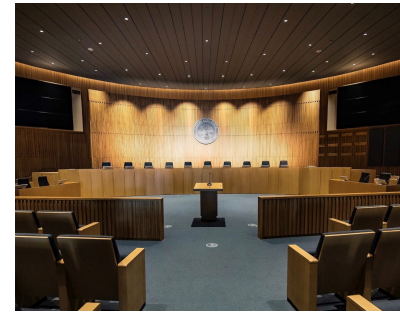
20th, the library will be showing Disney's Princess and the Frog. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. Please call (562) 570-1045 for more information.



## Next on the City Council Agenda

February 20th | 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](http://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). Items on Tuesday's meeting agenda include:



- **R-16:** Recommendation to receive Charter Commission appointments approved by the Government Operations and Efficiency Committee pursuant to Section 509 of the City Charter and Section 2.03.065 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.
- **R-20:** Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary, including a Standard Offer, Agreement and Escrow Instructions for Purchase of Real Estate with 4 Redondo Holdings, LLC, a California corporation, for the purchase of certain real property located at 2961 Redondo Avenue, Assessor Parcel Numbers 7149-011-006, in an amount not to exceed \$4,100,000; Increase appropriations in the General Services Fund Group in the Technology and Innovation Department by \$6,000,000 to fund the purchase of the property, acquisition-related costs, and tenant improvements, offset by future bond proceeds; Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,800,000 to fund tenant improvements, offset by a transfer from the General Services Fund Group in the Technology and Innovation Department; and Accept the Categorical Exemption CE-24-013. (District 4)

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

## LBFD Training Center: Live Burn Schedule

February, 21 & 22 | 10 am - 2 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:

- Wednesday (2/21) between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Thursday (2/22) between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

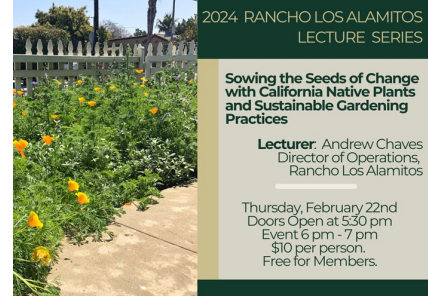
Live fire training is essential in the development of firefighters and teaches skills needed to perform lifesaving and property-saving operations in the City of Long Beach. Thank you for your continued support of the Long Beach Fire Department!



## Sowing Seeds of Change Lecture at RLA

February 22nd | 6 pm - 7 pm | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.

Join Rancho Los Alamitos for their first lecture of the 2024 season: Sowing the Seeds of Change with California Native Plants and Sustainable Gardening Practices! Lecturer Andrew Chaves is RLA's Director of Operations and a passionate horticulturist, educator, and a certified UC California Naturalist. Andrew will reveal how you, through gardening practices, can enact positive environmental change at home. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the lecture will start at 6 pm. Tickets can be purchased at this [link](#) for \$10 per person and free for members. Free onsite parking. Find more details on the event [here](#).



## El Dorado Park Estates Community Forum

February 22nd | 6 - 7:30 pm | 3351 Val Verde Ave.

El Dorado Park Estates Neighborhood Association is hosting a community forum at the Newcomb Academy Auditorium on Thursday, February 22nd. The forum will be held from 6 to 7:30 pm. Special thanks to the EDPE Neighborhood Association for inviting me to speak at the forum. Other speakers attending the forum include Long Beach Fire Chief Dennis Buchanan and Long Beach School Board President Diana Craighead. Find more information about the neighborhood association and event [here](#).



## Friends of Puvungna 5k Run & Walk

February 25th | 8:30 am start | Adjacent to Lot G2 at CSULB

Friends of Puvungna have announced their annual prayer run & walk for Puvungna and all sacred sites - virtually and in person! The in-person event will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The Run & Walk event will have traditional dancing, singing, and food after the prayer run and walk. Please prepare by wearing comfortable shoes and clothing for running and walking, sunscreen and protective gear for outdoors. Find more information and sign up at this [link](#).



## Studebaker Road Improvements Meeting

Saturday, March 2nd | 11 am - 1 pm | 2800 Studebaker Rd.

The City of Long Beach is hosting an in-person community meeting to provide an overview of the Studebaker Road Complete Streets Project. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 11 am to 1 pm at the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center. The approximate \$50 million project will implement major street improvements along the 5-mile corridor between 2nd Street and Carson Street. Read today's press release at this [link](#) for additional information.



## And Finally...

### Celebrating John McConnell's 100th Birthday

Tuesday night, I closed the city council meeting in recognition of the one hundredth birthday of the very first baseball coach at Long Beach State, Dr. John McConnell. John was raised in Illinois and served in the US Marine Corps during World War II. He earned his

Masters at Purdue University and his Doctorate at the University of Iowa. He then headed west in 1954 to coach 49er baseball for six years. He left coaching to become a professor and Associate Dean at CSULB until 1986. Dr. McConnell has been a 4th District resident for decades, and I stopped by last Friday night to wish him happy birthday. Tonight, Coach McConnell will throw out the first pitch at Blair Field to open the Dirtbag season. Congratulations to John McConnell on reaching this centennial milestone!



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