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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



## CD4 Summer Concert Season

### El Dorado Park Free Summer Kickoff Concert

May 24th | 6 - 8 pm | El Dorado Park West - 2800 Studebaker Rd.

Last year, Council District 4 set a record with 20 Free Summer Concerts. This year, we're set to break that record with 20+ concerts. It all starts next Friday night, May 24th at El Dorado Park West with our first concert featuring the popular rock song cover band, UNDERCOVER. Come welcome the start of free CD4 summer concert season starting at 6 pm. Go Fourth!



## Past and Ongoing Events

### F-35A Fighters Arriving at LGB Today

The Long Beach Airport has informed us that two United States Air Force F-35A aircraft are arriving at the Long Beach Airport this afternoon. They are part of the 308th Fighter Squadron "Emerald Knights" from Luke AFB in Arizona. They are here to participate in Fleet Week, and you will likely hear them on Friday, Saturday and Monday. The military aircraft we typically see (and hear) are Navy or USMC F/A-18s. They, along with the F-35s, are exempt from our noise ordinance.



### Registration Open for PRM Summer Classes

Register [Online](#) or In-Person at 2760 Studebaker Rd.

Registration for summer recreation classes offered by Parks, Recreation and Marine is now open. Classes in art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues and aquatics programs will begin in June and continue throughout the summer months. These programs promote social interaction and learning, exercise and recreation, and growth and relaxation for preschool-aged children to adults. Details about summer classes can be found [here](#). For more information please call (562) 570-3111. Read more about summer classes in the press release at this [link](#).



### PRM Adult Softball League Registration Open

Register by May 24th | [Registration link](#)

Sign-ups for Long Beach Parks and Recreation Adult Softball leagues are now open for leagues that begin June 3rd. Registration is open at this [link](#) until May 24th. Read more information about the adult softball league [here](#). Game locations will vary.



# Upcoming Events

## LGB Main Runway 12/30 Closure Tonight

Overnight May 17th - May 18th | 10:00 pm - 6:15 am

Starting tonight, Friday, May 17th, Long Beach Airport's primary runway, Runway 12/30, will be closed from 10:00 pm until the following morning, Saturday May 18th, at 6:15 am due to maintenance. During this time, Runway 08L/26R will be in use. Normal nighttime operations will resume on Runway 12/30 on Saturday, May 18th.



## LBFD Training Center: Live Burn Schedule

May 18th | 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:

- Saturday (5/18) 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!



## Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Event Tomorrow!

May 18th | 11 am - 2 pm | 2086 N Bellflower Blvd.

Visit the Long Beach Animal Care Services Adoption Waggin' on Saturday, May 18th from 11 am to 2 pm at the monthly Pet Supplies Plus adoption event. Don't miss out on finding your new best friend! Please call (562) 570-7387 for more info.



## BARK @ Los Altos Library

May 18th | 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](mailto:Tamara.Hall@lbpl.org) or call (562) 570-1045.



## Morning Bird Walk at the Nature Center

May 19th | 8 - 10 am | 7550 E Spring St.

Whether you're a new bird watcher or want to sharpen your skills,

join volunteers and staff for this morning walk through the Nature Center. There is no sign-up fee, but pre-registration is required by calling 562-570-1745. Parking is \$8.



## 41st Annual Long Beach Pride Parade

May 19th | 10:00 am | Ocean Blvd from Lindero to Alamitos

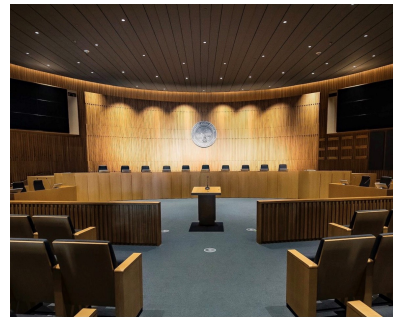
The Long Beach Pride Parade returns for its 41st annual celebration. One of the world's largest Pride festivals, Long Beach celebrates the community and brings people together in an environment that entertains, educates, and inspires. The Parade step off is at 10:00 am on Ocean at Lindero Avenue. Admission is free, and more information [here](#).



## Next on the City Council Agenda

May 21st | 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:



- Ceremonials and Presentations: Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month
- Ceremonials and Presentations: Honoring our Heroes: A Sunset Celebration
- **C-1**: Recommendation to increase Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by by \$2,500, offset Fourth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide support for the following: \$2,500 to the Cooper Steinhauser Foundation in support of their inaugural NICU Walk; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$2,500 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.
- **C-14**: Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary for an Amended and Restated Ground Lease with Long Beach Christian Fellowship, a California non-profit corporation, for City-owned property located at the southwest corner of East Spring Street and Airport Lane at the Long Beach Airport. (District 4)
- **C-15**: Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute any and all documents necessary for an Other Transaction Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, for the continued participation in the National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program at the Long Beach Airport. (Districts 4, 5)

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

## Lbfd Recruitment Webinar

May 22nd | 7 - 8 pm | Online meeting

The Long Beach Fire Department will be conducting a recruitment webinar on Zoom. The webinar is for those interested in learning more about the Long Beach Fire

Department hiring process. The webinar will take place Wednesday, May 22nd from 7 to 8 pm. Find more information and sign up at this [link](#).



## LBACS Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic

May 24th | 10 am - 3 pm | LBACS - 7700 E Spring St.

Long Beach Animal Care Services and Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) are hosting a low-cost vaccine [clinic](#) because every pet deserves to be happy and healthy. No appointment is necessary, but only the first 60 pets will be accepted. For a vaccine price list, a calendar of future clinics, and important tips to expedite your visit please click [here](#).



## 4th Saturday Cleanup at the Nature Center

May 25th | 9 - 10am | 7550 E Spring St.

Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes. One hour of your time can really make a difference! Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and wear a hat and sunscreen. All ages welcome. Youth under 18 must bring an adult. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III of El Dorado Regional Park. Please call (562) 570-1745 to pre-register for the cleanup.



## Honoring our Heroes on Sunday Evening

May 26th | 5:30 - 8pm | 200 Aquarium Way

The Office of Veterans Support is hosting a Memorial Day ceremony event at the Long Beach Navy Memorial from 5:30 - 8 pm next Sunday. The event will feature music, a flyover with historic aircraft, a flag ceremony and more. Limited free parking is available at the Navy Memorial site. Overflow paid parking is available in the Queensway Bay/Aquarium parking garage (99 Aquarium Way). For more information, please visit this [link](#).



## Artcraft Manor Neighborhood Tree Ceremony

May 28th | 10 - 11am | 4930 E Stearns St. (at Tucker School driveway)

Please join the Community Development Department for a

special ceremonial dedication of an approximately 100-year-old California pepper tree that stands as a historical icon in the Artcraft Manor Neighborhood. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 28th, from 10-11 am. To attend, please RSVP to [LBCD@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBCD@longbeach.gov) by Friday, May 24th. For details about the Stearns Street centennial California pepper tree, read the And Finally below. Check out the And Finally feature below for photos and more details about our Stearns Street Centennial California Pepper Tree.

You're invited to the

## Artcraft Manor Neighborhood Tree Ceremony

Join the Long Beach Community Development Department for a ceremonial dedication of an approximately 100-year-old California pepper tree (*Schinus molle*) that stands as a historical icon in the neighborhood for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 | 10 - 11 a.m.  
Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.  
(Between East De Ora Way and Argonne Way)

## Save the Date: CD4 Community Meeting 5/28

May 28th | 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 May 28th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. All CD4 residents are invited to attend. Our special guest speaker will be the Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert. Please join us for an informative meeting on the latest happenings in our council district.



## 12th Annual Cottonwood Awards Luncheon

May 30th | 11 am - 1 pm | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.

The Cottonwood Awards Luncheon is a unique event that honors those who've made contributions to Long Beach's cultural and historical resources, including Rancho Los Alamitos. The event helps promote and support the Rancho's educational programs and preservation efforts. This year's event will honor Skip Keesal and Gloria Cordero. This year, I have the privilege of serving again as an honorary co-chair of the event. Visit this [link](#) for more information on the event.



## And Finally...

### Stearns Street Centennial Pepper Tree Update

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. Two years ago, we featured the attached 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. At that time, we did not notice the two black dots on Stearns between Lakewood Blvd and Clark Ave. We've 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 asked multiple City departments for assistance. The Community Development Department stepped up and did a remarkable job of documenting the area's history as part of establishing a potential historical designation. You can check it out at this [link](#). Their efforts will culminate in public ceremony on May 28th to unveil a plaque at the location documenting the tree's age.



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