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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

### City of Long Beach Thanksgiving Closures

November 28th & November 29th | All Day | Various Locations

In observance of Thanksgiving, all Public Libraries are closed on Nov. 28-29 and will reopen on Nov. 30. There is no Street Sweeping or parking enforcement Nov. 28-29; sweeping resumes on Dec. 2. Refuse and recycling are being collected as usual. El Dorado Nature Center was closed on Nov. 28, and reopened today, Nov. 29. For more closures, visit this [link](#).



### Anytime Fitness Honors Aiden Gossage

Last Saturday, I attended the award event for the 2024 Aiden Tai Gossage Gym Membership Program at Anytime Fitness, where Millikan student Aiden Gossage worked out before his

tragic death three years ago. Aiden, who dreamed of becoming a fitness instructor, would recruit students to join him. To honor Aiden's passion for fitness, his parents, Greg and Lily Gossage, established a fund to provide free 6-month gym memberships to students. Congratulations to the nine Millikan High School students who received memberships: Michael Bravo, Dakota Bou-Assi, Mason Galbreath, Brandon Janney, Carter Jepsen, Cole Ritter, Ilyana Santilla, Kloe Thurmond, and Deymi Tovar.



## Sidewalk Vending Update at CD4 Meeting

On Tuesday, we hosted our monthly Council District 4 community meeting at the Los Altos Library. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Judeth Luong, the Environmental Health Bureau Manager at the Department of Health and Human Services. Judeth provided an informative update on the Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, which can be read [here](#). Please note that our December meeting has been canceled in observance of the holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year. Go Fourth!



## Cherishing the Children Toy Drive at CSULB

Ends December 6th | CSULB Bookstore - 6049 E 7th St.

CSULB is hosting their 27th Annual Bob Rodger's "Cherishing the Children" Toy Drive. Toy collection boxes for donation drop-off are located at the Anna W. Ngai Alumni Center or the University Bookstore. Suggested donations include new, unwrapped toys (ages 0-12, no plush toys) or Target gift cards for teens. Gifts will be distributed to local foster children during the Children's Holiday Party. Please drop off donations by Friday, December 6th. Find additional details at this [link](#).



## LBFD & LBPD Toy Patrol Holiday Drive

Ends December 15th | Various locations

The Long Beach Police and Fire Departments are kicking off their annual Toy Patrol activities for the 2024 holiday season. Local businesses and organizations are hosting toy drop-off collection boxes for new and unwrapped toys that will be distributed across the city by police and fire personnel. These toys will go to families in need as well as families who receive services through the Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center. All donated items must be new and unwrapped. Toys for all ages are welcome. Items for teens are also greatly needed. Drop off locations in District 4 include:

- Starbucks - Lakewood & Willow | 2590 Lakewood Blvd.
- 9Round | 6502 E Spring St.
- El Dorado Park West Community Center | 2800 Studebaker Rd.



- F&M Bank - Los Altos | 2302 Bellflower Blvd.
- Starbucks - Ximeno & Atherton | 1775 Ximeno Ave.

## Upcoming Events

### Happy Native American Heritage Day

Today, the Friday after Thanksgiving, is a special day for Native people and communities across the United States. It is the pinnacle of the 30-day Native American Indian Heritage Month, where we celebrate and acknowledge the rich and diverse histories, traditions and contributions of our nation's original inhabitants and their descendants. Native American Heritage Day and Month is also a fitting time to learn more about Native cultures as well as the distinct challenges that Native people have faced both historically and presently.



### Upcoming LBACS Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics

November 30th | 8 am - 12 pm | 7700 E Spring St.

Long Beach Animal Care Services and Camp Clinics are hosting a low-cost vaccine clinic tomorrow Saturday, November 30th from 8 am to 12 pm. No appointment is necessary, but only the first 60 pets will be accepted. For a vaccine price list and important tips to expedite your visit, please visit this [link](#). Click [here](#) for future vaccine clinics at LBACS.



### El Dorado Frontier Winter Wonderland Event

November 30th - December 29th | Hours Vary | 7550 E Spring St.

The El Dorado Frontier is hosting their annual Winter Wonderland event. The park will be open for daytime and special nighttime events. The event will feature decorations, food for purchase and falling snow! Children under 12 months old enter The Frontier for FREE. The event will begin tomorrow, Saturday, November 30th, and will take place every Saturday and Sunday from 11 am - 4 pm or 5 pm - 9 pm. Additionally, starting Friday, December 6th, the event will also be open on Friday nights from 5 to 9 pm. FREE parking will be available with a nighttime reservation. Ticket purchases also include a private meet and greet with Santa! Find more information [here](#) and purchase your tickets at this [link](#)



### Small Business Saturday - Go Fourth! & Shop Local

Saturday, November 30th

For your holiday gift buying, why not support our small local businesses in the 4th District? From See's Candies and Umberto's in Los Altos, to J&L Jewelry in the Circle Center, to Tenni-Moc's in the Spring Street Center, our retailers have a lot to offer. You'll save the online delivery costs and help the environment by keeping that packing material out of landfills. Also, Tenni-Moc's is hosting a special Small Business

Saturday event from 10 am to 4 pm at 6536 E. Spring St. They will have hot cocoa, a prize wheel, raffles and more! Details are at this [link](#). Go shopping and Go Fourth!



## Filming in the Fourth

December 2nd | 10 am - 12 pm | El Dorado Park West

Filming will take place on Monday, December 2nd at El Dorado Park West. Production will be required to keep facilities, restroom building, playgrounds, and walking paths accessible to the public. See map for filming location details.



## Next on the City Council Agenda

December 3rd | 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:



- **C-14:** Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$3,675, offset by Fourth Council District One-Time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide support for the following: Long Beach Latino Employees Organization Inc. in support of their annual Churro Run in the amount of \$265; Care Closet in support of their ongoing efforts to assist people experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$2,500; The Belmont Shore Business Association in support of their annual community holiday parade in the amount of \$450; Leadership Long Beach Inc in support of their annual MLK Day of Service in the amount of \$1,000; and Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$3,675, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.
- **R-45:** Recommendation to adopt resolution condemning all forms of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement of violence, and hate crimes, and affirming the City's values of inclusivity, diversity, equity, and acceptance in relation to public meetings.

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

## Long Beach 10th Annual Tree Lighting

December 4th | 5 - 8 pm | Terrace Theater Plaza

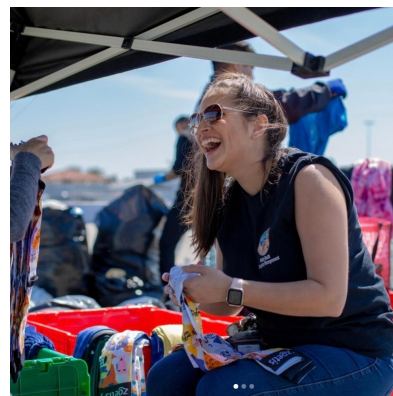
Celebrate the holiday season in Downtown Long Beach at the 10th annual Christmas Tree Lighting! Have a merry night with music, food, and other festive activities! It's a night for pics with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, enjoy local food trucks, kids' train rides, music, choirs, and snow! Visit this [link](#) for more information.



## Holiday Donation Drive-Thru Event

December 7th | 9 am - 1 pm | 2525 Grand Ave.

The City of Long Beach is hosting its Season of Giving donation drive to encourage the local community to make someone's holiday season bright. Items will be distributed to people experiencing homelessness throughout the holiday and winter seasons. The upcoming donation drive-thru event will take place on Saturday, December 7th, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Health Department Main Facilities Center, located at 2525 Grand Ave. Donations suggestions include cold weather items like men's and women's sweatshirts, pants, coats, socks, and blankets. Holiday themed gifts are also welcomed. More info and donation suggestions [here](#).



## Sports Basement Grand Opening

December 7th & 8th | 9 am - 4 pm | 2100 N Bellflower Blvd.

The official grand opening of the Sports Basement in the Los Altos Shopping Center will take place on Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th. The event will feature giveaways, food, music, and deals. The store is located in the former Sears department store. The event will benefit the Long Beach YMCA with music, swag and giveaways! RSVP for the event at this [link](#). Read the entire press release at this [link](#).



## FREE Tennis Play Day at El Do Tennis Center

December 7th | 12 - 2 pm | 2800 N Studebaker Rd.

Bridge the Gap Tennis is hosting another Free Tennis Play Day at the El Dorado Park tennis courts on Saturday, December 7th. Enjoy free tennis play, music, fun and free food! There will also be face painting and a balloon artist. This month, all attendees are encouraged to wear a Disney themed costume! The event is sponsored by Councilman Supernaw, SC Tennis Academy and Bridge the Gap Tennis Mgmt. All ages and levels are welcome! Reserve a spot at this [link](#).



## 40th Annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

December 7th | 6 - 9 pm | Belmont Shore

The Belmont Shore Business Association is hosting the 40th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7th. The theme of this year's parade is "A Holiday Tradition," honoring

the 40 years of producing the parade and the tradition it has become for so many. Attendees will line up along 2nd Street to view the night-time event that features Santa Claus, elves, colorful bands, floats and surprises. Belmont Shore side streets will be closed at 2 pm and 2nd St. will be closed to traffic at 4 pm. Find more information on the event at this [link](#). This event is FREE and open to all ages. FREE parking is available on the Ocean Blvd. beach lots, and after 3 pm, additional spaces in the Marine Stadium parking lots.



## Ladies Night at J&L Jewelers

December 8th | 5 pm | 1823 Ximeno Ave.

Grab your girls and attend the ladies night event at J&L Jewelry for a sparkling soirée! It's the perfect time to snag favorites and get ahead on holiday shopping. This event will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 5 pm. Please visit this [link](#) for additional event details.



## Stearns Park Community Meeting

December 12th | 6 - 7 pm | 4520 E. 23rd St.

Community members are invited to join the Long Beach Department of Parks and Recreation for an informational meeting on Thursday, December 12th. Attendees will learn about the park improvement proposal to add batting cages to the baseball field. For more information on this project, please contact [Sheryln.Beatty@longbeach.gov](mailto:Sheryln.Beatty@longbeach.gov) or call (562) 570-3145.



## And Finally...

### Native American Heritage Day and Month

On this Native American Heritage Day, Long Beach can reflect on its historical celebrations of Native American Heritage. Specific to Council District 4, we are home to the Puvungna sacred site adjacent to the CSULB campus. Native American celebrations take place on the campus each March with the CSULB Pow Wow. Rancho Los Alamitos, also in CD4, has created an audio tour focusing on Puvungna that is available [here](#).

Long Beach is also home to Will Rogers Middle School. Many are not aware that Will Rogers, the vaudeville performer, actor, radio star, syndicated columnist



and humorous social commentator, was Native American. He was born in 1879 as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation in Oologah, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). His story is part of my presentation at Sunnyside Cemetery each year at my grandparent's grave. My grandfather was born in 1878 in Skiatook, Indian Territory, on the Osage Reservation just 20 miles west of the Rogers' home. There is 99-year-old quote from Will Rogers that perfectly summarizes why we celebrate Native American Heritage today. When asked for proof that he was an American in order to obtain a passport (ironically to travel to Europe) he responded, "My ancestors didn't get here on the Mayflower, but they did meet the boat when it arrived".



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