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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

Bellflower Blvd. Construction Update

This week, Public Works performed slurry seal treatment on Bellflower between Stearns St and Los Coyotes Diagonal. Temporary “cat-tracking” markings will be used to delineate through lanes and turning lanes prior to installing permanent traffic striping and pavement markings on Wednesday, December 17th through Friday, December 19th. More details can be found in the construction update notice [here](#).



LBPD East at Traffic Circle CFA

Thank you to LBPD East for coordinating a fun Coffee with a Cop event at the Traffic Circle Chick-fil-A! Commander Benson and LBPD East officers joined restaurant staff in handing customers their drive-thru orders with Holiday Safety Tips flyers. (Photo L to R: Lt. Randall Beach, Officer Alex Lim, Chick-fil-A Owner Joe Byrne, Deputy "Moo",

Commander Shaleana Benson, Patrol Resource Officer
Brendan Murphy, East Division Secretary Claudia Meza and
East Division Community Outreach Liaison Dianne Scarritt)

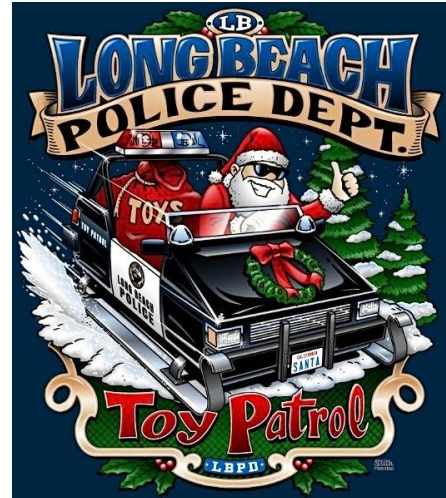


LBDP Toy Patrol Holiday Drive

Ends December 14th | Various locations

The Long Beach Police Department has kicked off their annual Toy Patrol activities for the 2025 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 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. All drop-off locations are listed [here](#). CD4 locations include:

- LBDP East Division | 3800 E Willow St.
- F&M Bank - Los Altos | 2302 Bellflower Blvd.
- Target - Bellflower | 2270 N Bellflower Blvd.
- Cassidy's Corner | 5900 E Spring St.
- Relativity Space | 3500 E Burnett St.
- Lowe's | 2840 N Bellflower Blvd.
- Los Altos YMCA | 1720 N Bellflower Blvd.
- Residence Inn | 4111 E Willow St.
- Starbucks | 6560 E Spring St.
- Shapell Properties | 2000 Park Ave.



LBFD Spark of Love Toy Drive

Ends December 15th | M-F 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

The Long Beach Fire Department holiday toy drive is underway. Please help LBFD spread some holiday cheer this year! Monetary and toy donations are being accepted now through December 15th. Unwrapped toy donations may be dropped off outside all LBFD fire stations Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. CD4 Fire Station locations include:

- Fire Station 5 - 7575 Wardlow Rd.
- Fire Station 17 - 2247 Argonne Ave.
- Fire Station 22 - 6340 Atherton St.

More details on the toy drive can be found at this [link](#). For questions regarding drop-off, please call the Toy Warehouse at (562) 570-3168.



Winter Fun Days Registration Now Open

The department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will be hosting Winter Fun Days from Monday, December 22nd to Friday, January 2nd, 2026. There will be no program on

Thursday, December 25th and Thursday, January 1st. The program is free for ages 5 to 12, and registration is now open. Registration is required and must be onsite. Participating CD4 parks include Stearns Champions Park and Whaley Park. Read the full press release [here](#).



OLLI Winter Registration Now Open

Registration [link](#)

Long Beach State's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) hosts non-credit courses for persons 50 years of age or older. The eight-week Winter Session will begin January 5th, 2026, with over 80 classes offered. Registration and more information can be found at this [link](#) or call the OLLI office at (562) 985-8237.



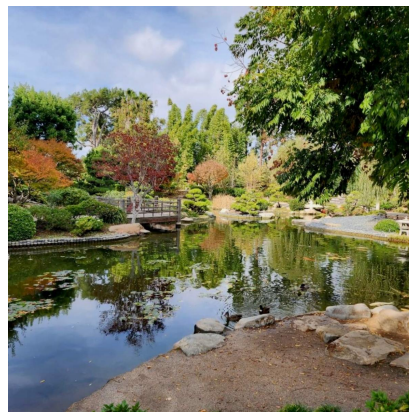
Preferential Parking District Permit Renewal

Renewal notices have been mailed out for PPD permits. Each household is allowed up to three residential and one guest permit per year. The annual fee for each residential or guest permit is \$34. If you would like to pay online or have not received your renewal notice, visit the Parking Permits [website](#) and click "Parking Permits Portal" to purchase your new PPD permits for 2026. You will need your username and password for this online portal. The copper-colored permits expire on 12/31/25.



EBM Japanese Garden Winter Schedule

The EBM Japanese Garden will be closed for the winter beginning Monday, December 15th. The Garden will reopen its doors on Friday, January 23rd, 2026. Final day to visit for 2025 is Sunday, December 14th! Keep an eye out for future programs and events at this [link](#).



What to Know Before You Purchase or Ride an E-Bike

If an e-bike is on your holiday shopping list, please review the attached infographic on the different types of e-bikes available on the market. This information is part of legislation I brought forward at the October 21st city council meeting. I asked the City Manager to work with city departments to develop a public safety initiative related to e-bike usage. I knew the initiative would take time to develop, so I asked for a separate list of guidelines to come back in time for the holiday shopping season. The attached flyer represents the results of that request. Special thanks to LBPD Commander Benson, Deputy Mayor Paul Monge, the Transportation Bureau and the Walk & Rollers Group for their work on this project

Know Before You Ride: Quick Guide on Choosing the Right E-Bike



E-bikes are a fun, sustainable and convenient way to get around Long Beach, see below to learn more about which one may be right for you!

Class 1: Best for First Time E-Bike Riders or Riders Under the Age of 16

- Includes pedal assist only
- Helmets required for riders under 18
- Safest option
- Allowed on all roads, bike lanes and multi-use paths including the beach bike path

Max Speed
20mph



Class 2 Best for Those With E-Bike Experience & Over the Age of 16

- Includes a throttle assist that allows use without pedaling and can accelerate quickly
- Helmets required for riders under 18
- Shorter battery life
- Allowed on all roads, bike lanes and multi-use paths including the beach bike path

Class 3: Best for Adult E-Bike Commuters

- Includes pedal assist only
- Higher speed bike that will include a speedometer
- Helmet mandatory for all ages
- Must be 16 years or older to ride
- **Not** allowed on the beach pike path or other multi-use paths

Max
Speed
28mph



Bikes Over 750 Watt Power

- Requires vehicular driving experience
- **Not** allowed on bike paths and must ride on vehicular roads only
- *Many big box stores advertise these as e-bikes, but California Vehicle Code classifies them as motorized bicycles or mopeds*

NOT AN
E-BIKE



To request this information in an alternative format or for a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Department of Public Works at 562.570.6383 or email ContactLBPW@longbeach.gov. A minimum of three (3) business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.

Upcoming Events

PawFest: Winter Wonderland

December 13th & 14th | Hours vary | 7550 E Spring St.

Enjoy the holiday season with your pets at El Dorado Frontier's PawFest Winter Wonderland event this weekend. There will be photos with Santa, holiday music and an ugly sweater contest. Hours and ticket package options vary. Find more information and purchase tickets at this [link](#).



Hmong New Year Festival at El Dorado Park

December 13th & 14th | 10 am | 7550 E Spring St.

The Hmong New Year Festival will take place this weekend, Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th from 8 am to 5 pm at El Dorado East Regional Park. This event will feature traditional performances, traditional foods, ball tossing and more! Everyone is welcome to attend. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 10 am.

FREE HHW & E-Waste Event

December 13th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2755 California Ave.

The City of Long Beach hosts FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronic Waste Collection Events every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at EDCO Recycling & Transfer Center in Signal Hill. The next collection event is tomorrow, Saturday, December 13th. Drop off your hazardous household items, old electronics, and used tires safely. Learn more here. Option to reserve a spot for the event at this [link](#).

Bridge the Gap FREE Tennis Play Day

December 13th | 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 tomorrow, Saturday, December 13th. Enjoy free tennis play, music, fun and free food! There will also be face painting and a balloon artist. All ages and levels are welcome! Reserve a spot at this [link](#).

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Free Youth Tennis Play Day – Fall Fun!

- Ages 4-15 | All skill levels welcome
- Face painting, games, and fun activities to keep everyone smiling
- Free pizza and refreshments for all participants
- No racket? No problem! Equipment will be provided

For more info email: BRIDGETHETENNIS@GMAIL.COM
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Pet Supplies Plus Jolly Jubilee Event

December 13th | 12 - 2 pm | 2086 N Bellflower Blvd.

Let your pups sip on FREE puppychinos and grab FREE samples while you earn extra points on Instinct purchases. Create a keepsake at the ornament pawprint activity, and when you spend \$30 on toys and treats, get a \$5 reward plus a free reusable bag (while supplies last). It's a jolly good time for pets and their people!



Mercifuls Spark of Love Toy Drive

December 14th | 9 am - 12 pm | 7390 Carson St. (behind Lowe's)

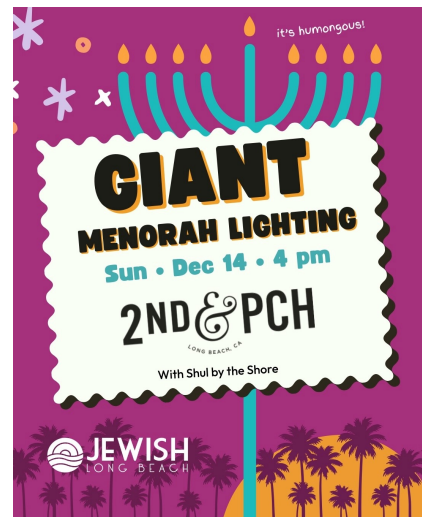
Mercifuls, ABC7 Spark of Love and the Long Beach Fire Department are hosting a toy drive car show on Sunday, December 14th. Car entry fee is \$20 cash donation or equivalent in new unwrapped toy(s). LBFDD will provide a "Fill the Boot" Pancake Breakfast. The Best of Show awardee wins a \$250 cash prize. No pre-registration is required, show up and enjoy! Find more information at this [link](#).



Giant Menorah Lighting w/ Shul at the Shore

December 14th | 4 pm | 2nd & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Highway)

Jewish Long Beach, in partnership with Shul by the Shore, will be hosting the Ignite Long Beach celebration at 2nd & PCH on Sunday, December 14 at 4pm. The event will feature the annual grand menorah lighting ceremony, live music, entertainment and more. For more information, click [here](#).



LB Community Band Holiday Concert

December 14th | 5 - 7 pm | 2250 Clark Ave.

Celebrate the season with sounds of the Long Beach Community Band at Bethany Church! Everyone is welcome to join the event. Learn more about the Community Band [here](#).



LBACS Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics

December 16th & 18th | 10 am - 2:30 pm | 7700 E Spring St.

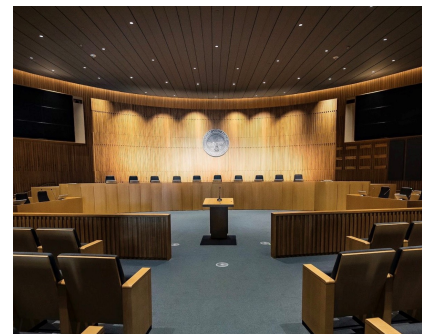
Long Beach Animal Care Services and Camp Clinics are hosting low-cost vaccine clinics on Tuesday, December 16th and Thursday, December 18th from 10 am to 2:30 pm. No appointment is necessary, but only the first 60 pets will be accepted. For a vaccine price list and important tips to expedite your visit, please visit this [link](#). Click [here](#) for future vaccine clinics at LBACS.



Next on the City Council Agenda

December 16th | 5 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 & Presentations: Recognizing Port of Long Beach CEO Mario Cordero
- [C-6](#): Recommendation to receive and approve the reappointment of Emily Holman to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District's Board of Trustees, for a four-year term beginning January 5, 2026. (Citywide)
- [R-17](#): Recommendation to adopt the Speed Safety System Use Policy and Speed Safety System Impact Report for the Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program; Adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and all necessary documents including any subsequent amendments, with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. dba Verra Mobility of Mesa, AZ, for the design, installation, maintenance, and data processing of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems, under the same terms and conditions afforded to the City of Oakland in the amount of \$4,860,000, with a 15-percent contingency in the amount of \$729,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,589,000, until the City of Oakland's contract expires on October 1, 2031, with the option to renew for as long as the City of Oakland's contract is in effect and for so long as automated speed enforcement technology is authorized by the State Legislature, at the discretion of the City Manager; and Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$5,589,000, offset by anticipated revenues from the Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program. (Citywide)

Meet Santa at Kennedy's Craft Kitchen

December 16th | 6:30 pm | 5506 E Britton Dr.

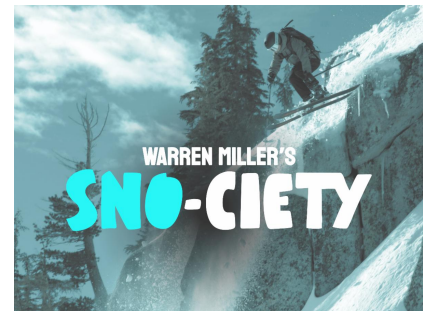
Visit Kennedy's Craft Kitchen & Cocktails on Tuesday, December 16th for a meet and greet with Santa. He'll be available for photo-ops. Dinner and seasonal cocktails will be on sale. To make a dinner reservation (not required), please call 562-594-8771.



Sports Basement LB SNO-CIETY Screening

December 18th | 5 pm | 2100 N Bellflower Blvd.

Sports Basement Long Beach will be hosting a screening of Warren Miller's 76th annual film SNO-CIETY. There will be prizes and complimentary snacks and beverages. Doors open at 5 pm and screening begins at 6 pm. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at this [link](#).



Santa Visits District 4 Pizza

December 18th | 6:30 pm | 2123 N Bellflower Blvd.

Visit District 4 Pizza on Thursday, December 18th to meet Santa Claus! Santa will be present to take wish lists and snap photos. Grab some pizza and get in the holiday spirit.



And Finally...

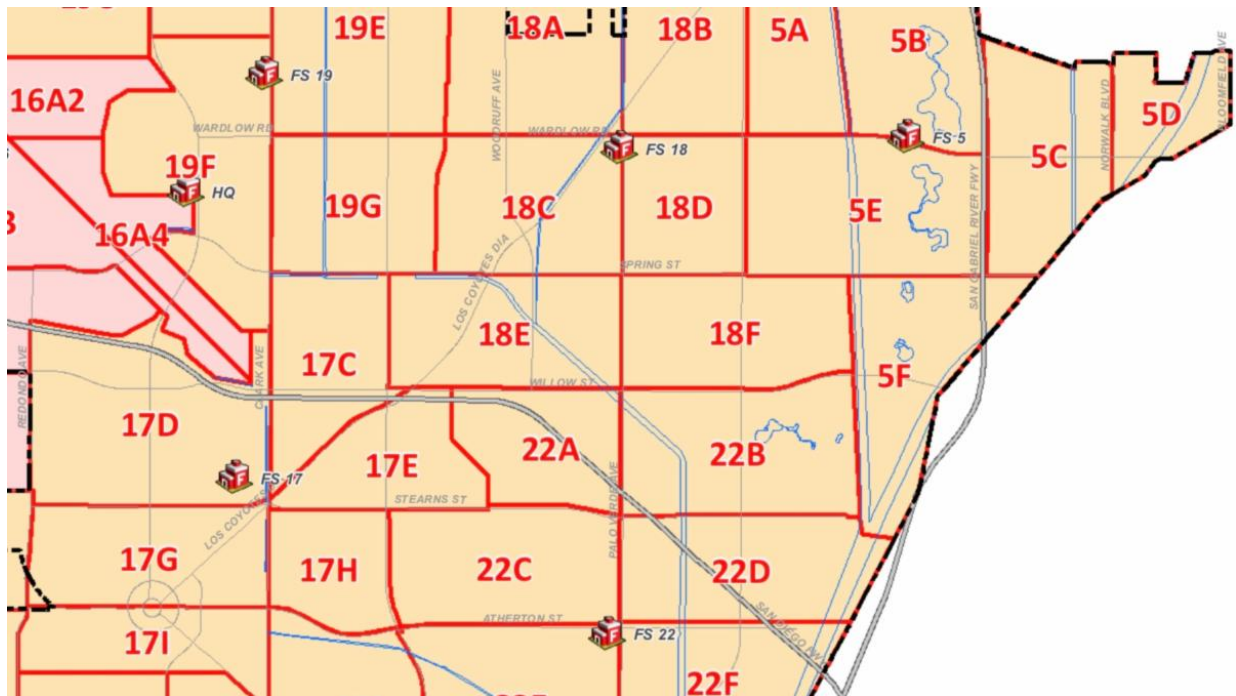
The 103-Year History of Fire Station 5

The Long Beach Fire Department employed a system for naming, or numbering, fire stations. They assigned a number in chronological order as the stations were built. The City grew eastward in the post WWII era, and the number of fire stations reached the mid-teens. As shown on the attached "fire response zone" map, Stations 16, 17, 18, 19 (20 & 21 were fire boats) and 22 cover the east side. The exception to the



rule is Station 5 that is located in El Dorado Park and the last station built in the area. The LBFD elected to close the original Station 5, at the corner of Anaheim and Newport, and use its number for the new station. On a technicality, possibly for budget reasons, the fire station was “moved” from 3500 E. Anaheim St. to 7575 E. Wardlow Rd.

The original Station 5, built in 1922 (see photo), was destroyed in the 1933 earthquake. A temporary building was then erected at the same location. The attached photo of the temporary station was taken in 1939. A permanent station was built in 1948 (see photo) and still stands today. After its closure, there was talk about turning it into a fire museum. Instead, the City sold it to a private party who converted it into a dollar store. Not a distinguished ending, but the legacy of Fire Station 5 still includes two sites and four different buildings.





Fire Station 5 - Anaheim & Newport - 1948



Fire Station 5 - Anaheim & Newport - 1922



Temporary Fire Station 5 - Anaheim & Newport - 1939

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