



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

In Memorium: Fire Chief Harold Omel, Jr.

It is with profound sadness that we share news of the passing of Harold Omel, Jr., one of the most influential leaders in our city's history. Harold served as the President of the Long Beach Firefighters Association for 22 years prior to serving as LBFD's Fire Chief. He was a product of our 4th council district having grown up on Cervato Street in the Artcraft Manor/Stearns Park neighborhood. He was also a member of Millikan High School's original graduating class. I had the honor of closing Tuesday's city council meeting in his memory. Our deepest condolences are extended to Harold's wife Patti, the entire Omel family and to all the firefighters who were blessed to have benefitted from his lifetime of service.





El Dorado Park & Nature Center Now Cashless

The City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is following the practice of the National Park System and moving to cashless park entry for El Dorado East Regional Park and El Dorado Nature Center. Cashless entry reduces transaction times at park entry stations, improves accountability and consistency and reduces chances of errors. Effective immediately, entry booths at these locations will only accept cashless payment options including debit, credit, prepaid credit cards and smart pay. Park patrons who do not have access to cashless payment options may purchase day tickets at the El Dorado East Regional Park Office or El Dorado Nature Center Visitors Center located directly inside the parks' entries. Find more information at this [link](#).



Proposed Solid Waste & Recycling Rate Increase

The City of Long Beach Department of Public Works is planning rate adjustments to account for the introduction of residential organics collection in compliance with Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). A Proposition 218 public hearing to review the proposed rate adjustment will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. A memo was also mailed to residents last week, and can be read at this [link](#). Residents can submit protests by mail or online at this [link](#). Mailed protests should be sent to: City Clerk; City of Long Beach; 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802. Mail-in protests must be received (not postmarked) by 2:30 pm on March 11th. Questions can be directed to the Environmental Services Bureau Call Center at (562) 570-2876.



PRM Spring Class Registration

Register Online or In-person at 2760 Studebaker Rd.

Registration for spring recreation classes provided by the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is now open. Classes including art, music, fitness and sports will be offered from March through May 2025. Residents can browse the complete list of spring classes in the latest issue of Recreation Connection, available at LBParks.org, or at

Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches. Register at this [link](#) for classes hosted at parks in CD4. For more information, call (562) 570-3111.



Apply to be a LB School Crossing Guard

Applications close February 21st at 4:30 pm | [Application link](#)

The Department of Public Works has announced an employment opportunity for a School Guard position in the City of Long Beach. There are currently 27 vacancies for this position. Some requirements include working a split schedule with non-working periods between shifts and safely guiding children and adults across intersections. The closing date for this opportunity is February 21st at 4:30 pm. For more information and to apply, please use this [link](#).



El Dorado Park East Road Repave Project

Thru March 10th | M-F 7 am - 5 pm | El Dorado Park - Area III

Please be advised that there are road closures in El Dorado East Regional Park for repaving projects.

- **Beginning February 3 - March 10 Area III** will be closed Monday – Friday 7 am - 5 pm for repaving and parking lot improvements. Picnic sites will be available on the weekends, but roads will be unfinished grade.
- **March 10 - April 4 portions of Area II** will be closed off intermittently for repaving projects Monday- Friday. Access to the Campgrounds will be available Friday afternoon after 3 pm. All areas will be accessible on weekends, but roads will be unfinished grade.



Area III will be closed for repaving on the yellow marked areas in the attached map. For more details on the improvement project, please visit this [link](#).

Upcoming Events

FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event

February 8th | 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, February 8th. Drop off your hazardous household items, old electronics, and used tires safely. Learn more [here](#). Reserve a spot for the event at this [link](#).

Free HHW and E-Waste Event!



Los Altos Family YMCA Family Fest Event

February 8th | 11 am - 2 pm | 1720 N Bellflower Blvd.

Join the Los Altos YMCA for a Family Fest tomorrow Saturday, February 8th. This event will include a first look at the Summer Day Camp 2025, an exclusive offer on Y memberships and fun-filled activities provided by the YMCA camp vendors. Registration for this event is required. Registration is available on February 8th in person or at this [link](#). Please contact (562) 596-3394 for any event questions.



Bethany Church Blood Drive

February 10th | 11 am - 5 pm | 2250 Clark Ave.

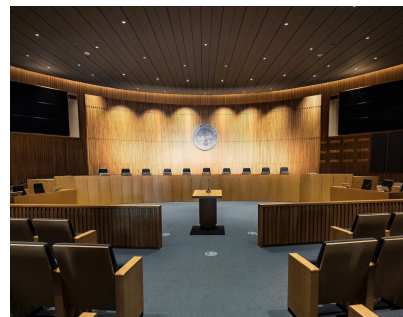
Bethany Church is hosting a blood drive on Monday, February 10th from 11 am to 5 pm. To make an appointment, please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org using code BethanyLB or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life. Schedule your blood donation appointment today.



Next on the City Council Agenda

February 11th | 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:



- **H-21:** Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, review and determine that the proposed Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) amendments and Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21166, 15162, 15163 and 15061 (b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines; Declare ordinance adopting Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA24-003) and the proposed findings related thereto, to amend Chapter 21.67 of the Zoning Regulations to expand the existing Inclusionary Housing Ordinance applicability beyond the Downtown Plan (PD-30) and Mid-Town Specific Plan (SP-1) submarkets and apply the ordinance citywide, including sites within the coastal zone; change the affordability requirements for Inclusionary Housing units; and implement other changes to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading;
- **R-29:** Recommendation to adopt Plans and Specifications No. R-7230 and award a contract to Best Contracting Services, Inc. of Gardena, CA for the construction of the Main Health Critical Facility Improvements Project, in the amount of \$5,760,870, authorize a 20

percent contingency in the amount of \$1,152,174, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,913,044; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary subsequent amendments. (District 4)

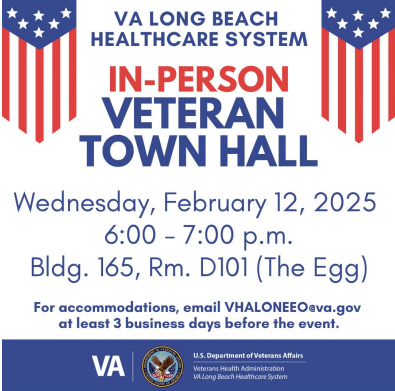
- [O-30](#): Recommendation to declare ordinance amending and restating Chapter 5.77 of the Long Beach Municipal Code relating to short-term rentals, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

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

VA Long Beach Veteran Town Hall

February 12th | 6 - 7 pm | 5901 E 7th St. - Bldg. 165 Rm. D101


Veterans are invited to attend the Tibor Rubin VA Long Beach Healthcare System in-person Veteran Town Hall on Wednesday, February 12th. The meeting will be held at Bldg. 165 in Room D101 (The Egg) from 6 to 7 pm. The meeting will be followed by a Q&A session. Visit this [link](#) for more info.



VA LONG BEACH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
IN-PERSON VETERAN TOWN HALL

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bldg. 165, Rm. D101 (The Egg)

For accommodations, email VHALONEEO@va.gov at least 3 business days before the event.

VA  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VA Long Beach Healthcare System

Pickle4Pups Tournament at Sports Basement

February 15th-16th | 9 am - 2 pm | 2100 N Bellflower Blvd.

Registration is now open for the Pickle 4 Pups Tournament Fundraiser supporting Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) and K9 Kismet Rescue. Registration is \$50 per player and closes on February 12th. Find more information on the tournament [here](#) and register at this [link](#).



Pickle4Pups.org
Pickleball Tournament
Benefitting K9Kismet and Long Beach Animal Care Services

Sports Basement
2100 N Bellflower Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90815

February 15-16, 2025

Register or Donate at our website

Questions?
888-215-1031
Matt@Laridon.org

LBACS
KgKISMET

Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Event

February 15th | 11 am - 1 pm | 2086 N Bellflower Blvd.

Visit the Long Beach Animal Care Services Adoption Waggin' on Saturday, February 15th from 11am to 1pm at the monthly Pet Supplies Plus adoption event. Don't miss out on finding your new best friend! Please click [here](#) for more information.



PET SUPPLIES PLUS ADOPTION EVENT

Pet Supplies Plus
2086 N Bellflower Blvd
Long Beach, CA 90815

 PET SUPPLIES PLUS

Stearns Champions Park Community Meeting

February 15th | 1 - 3 pm | 4520 E. 23rd St.

Community members are invited to join the Long Beach Department of Parks and Recreation for an informational meeting and site walkthrough on Saturday, February 15th.

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 or call (562) 570-3145.

Stearns Champions Park Community Meeting

Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting will be taking place in the Community Center at 4520 E. 23rd Street



Morning Bird Walk at El Dorado Nature Center

February 16th | 8 am | 7550 E Spring St.

Whether you're a new bird watcher or want to sharpen your skills, join volunteers and staff for a 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. For more information, please click [here](#).



Nature Center Great Backyard Bird Count

February 16th | 9 am - 12 pm | 7550 E Spring St.

Become a scientist for the day at El Dorado Nature Center's Great Backyard Bird Count! Help count the local feathery friends and discover why they are so important. The data collected helps scientists understand more about bird populations and migrations. No experience is necessary. Open to all ages. For more information, please call (562) 570-1745.



And Finally...

Bixby Hill Water Main Break Causes Widespread Damage

For the second week in a row, we've preempted our regularly scheduled "And Finally" feature to bring you breaking news. Early this morning, I began receiving calls from Bixby Hill neighbors reporting a water main break that happened in the 4am hour. The good news is that break was contained at 8:30 am, and now the cleanup efforts are commencing. Check out the attached photos and video that tell the story.

From the Long Beach Fire Department:

This morning, around 4:30 AM, #YourLBFD responded to the 700 block of Rancho Drive. @longbeachfirefighters requested @lbutilities to assist with a possible water main break. By 6:30 AM, swiftwater teams were deployed to assist two residents in safely leaving their home. At 8:23 AM, Water crews have contained the large main break. We are aware of one additional area where water is still flowing, though it is significantly less. Crews are working on emergency repairs.

Bixby Hill neighbors can contact our council office at District4@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-4444 with questions or comments. Emergency numbers for Utilities and City Attorney's office are listed below:

- Gas Emergency: (562) 570-2140

- Water Emergency: (562) 570-2390
- City Attorney claims number: (562) 570-2284





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