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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](#).

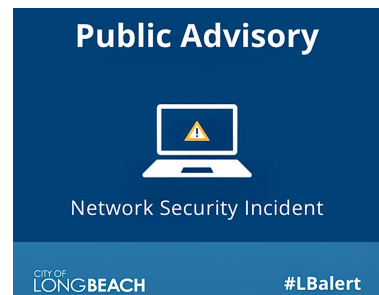
- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



Past and Ongoing Events

Update on Network Security Incident

Last week, the City of Long Beach learned that it was subject to a potential cybersecurity incident. As of Sunday evening (11/19), some internet services have been restored, but please note that there is still a significant outage and impact to operations. We foresee being in a degraded state for an unknown amount of time as services come back online. For now, please continue visiting the city's temporary [webpage](#) or call the community information line at 562-570-INFO (4636) [on weekdays 8 am - 5 pm] for additional information and LGB flight schedules. Members of the community are also encouraged to follow the City's social pages on [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [Instagram](#) with #LBAAlert for updates



Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Starting November 20th | Order here: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Beginning this week, households in the U.S. can order another

round of four rapid COVID-19 tests for free. Now is a good time to stock up on tests. To order your free tests and to have them delivered by mail, click [here](#). Also, before throwing out "expired" tests, check the FDA's [website](#) to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended.



Thanksgiving Closures

November 23rd - November 24th | All Day | Various Locations

The City of Long Beach announced its closures in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, occurring on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th. All Public Libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th. All libraries will be open on Saturday, Nov. 25th. There will be no scheduled Street Sweeping or enforcement of street sweeping violations on Thursday, Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th. Street sweeping will resume its regular schedule on Monday, Nov. 27th. For the entire list of closures, check this [link](#).



26th Annual Bob Rodgers Toy Drive

Now thru November 30th | CSULB Alumni Center | 1250 Bellflower Blvd.

There's still time to participate in the 26th Annual Bob Rodgers Cherishing the Children Toy Drive! CSULB Alumni and the community are invited to drop off toy or gift card donations for foster children and teens at the Anna W. Ngai Alumni Center. All toys and gift cards will be distributed by Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Walter Pyramid in December.



Toys for Tots Drop Off at F&M Bank

Now thru December 15th | Los Altos Branch | 2302 Bellflower Blvd.

Brighten a child's Christmas by donating a new, unwrapped toy! F&M Bank is proud to support the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's program. Visit a Branch to drop off a new, unwrapped toy now through Thursday, December 15th. The F&M Bank Los Altos Branch in Council District 4 is located at 2302 Bellflower Blvd. For additional ways to donate visit: www.toysfortots.org/donate/

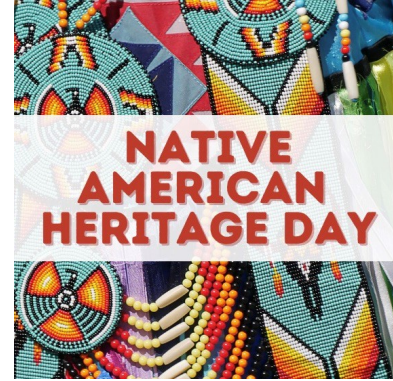


Upcoming Events

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. For Long Beach, it's also a time to celebrate the support we have garnered as we continue to pursue the creation of our own Native American Commission.



Small Business Saturday - Go Fourth! & Shop Local

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!



CANCELED: HHW & E-Waste Event

November 25th | CLOSED | EDCO, 2755 California Ave.

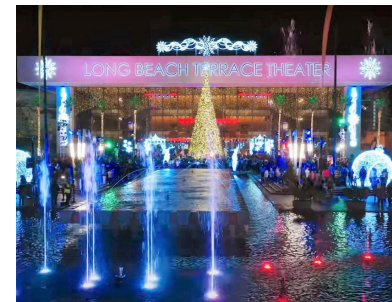
Due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste event at EDCO Recycling & Transfer in Signal Hill will be closed tomorrow, Saturday, November 25th. EDCO's next HHW/E-Waste event, and last of the year, will take place on Saturday, December 9th.



Long Beach 9th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

November 28th | 5 - 8 pm | Terrace Theater Plaza

Celebrate the holiday season in Downtown Long Beach at the 9th annual Christmas Tree Lighting! Have a merry night with music, food, fireworks and cool selfie stations! It's a night for pics with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, enjoy local food trucks, kids' train rides, music, choirs, fireworks and snow!



CD4 Community Meeting Postponed

Due to a number of community events and the city's annual holiday tree lighting, our monthly community meeting is postponed until further notice. Typically, the Council District 4 community meeting is held at the Los Altos Library on the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Please stay tuned for a new date.



Filming in the Fourth

November 29, 30 & December 1 | 6 am - 6 pm | El Dorado Park West

Aero will be filming at El Dorado Park West on November 29, 30 and December 1 from 6am to 6pm. Production shall work within the public space and may NOT disturb park patrons and/or wildlife at any time.



LB Camerata Singers Christmas Concert

November 29th | 7:30 pm | 5950 Willow St.

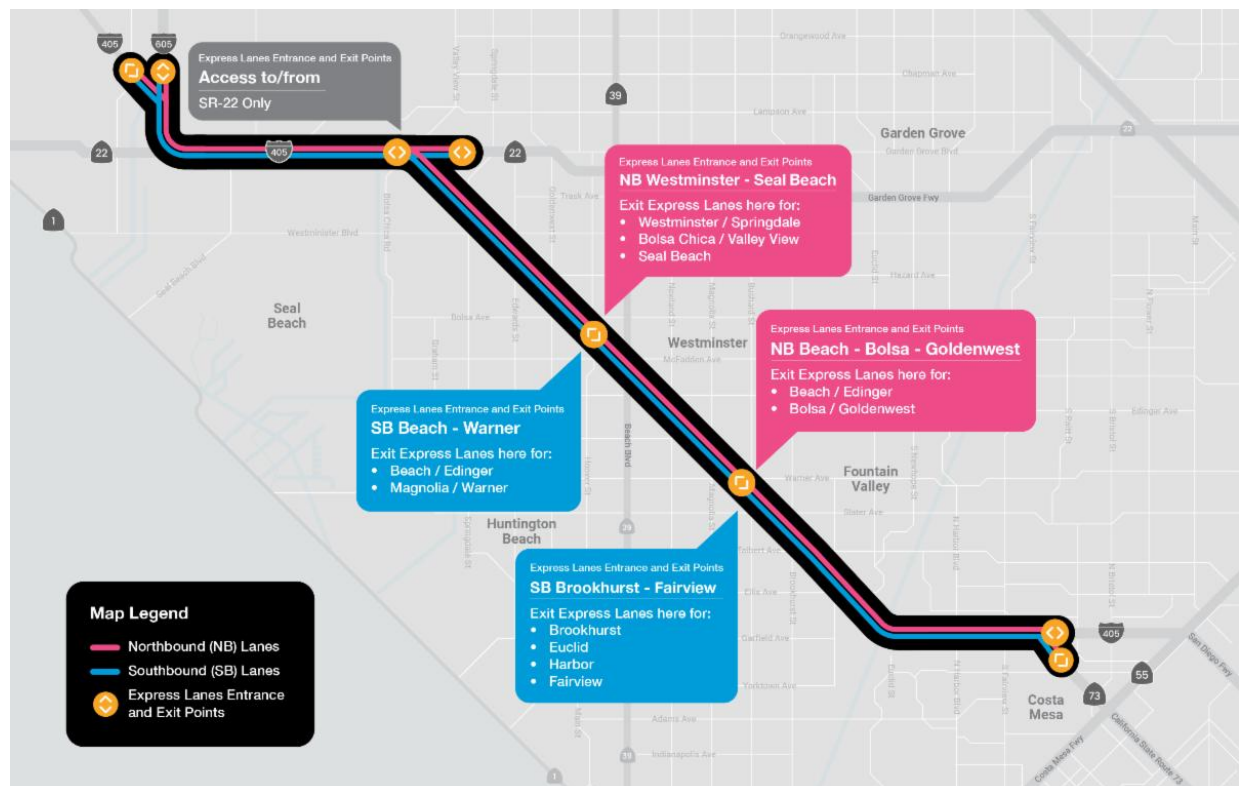
The Long Beach Camerata Singers will be presenting their first "Catalyst Candlelight Christmas" concert on Wednesday, Nov 29th at 7:30pm at the Los Altos United Methodist Church. This beautiful a Capella chamber concert will feature a 14-voice ensemble singing your Christmas favorites in a beautiful space lit by 100 candles. Tickets start at \$40 at this [link](#).



405 Freeway Express Lanes Open to Open Next Friday

Opening December 1st | I-405 from I-605 to CA-73

The new 405 Freeway Express Lanes are scheduled to open on December 1st. The lanes will extend over the 14-mile stretch from Long Beach to Costa Mesa. The system will utilize electronic tolling to keep traffic flowing, and there will be no cash payments or toll booths. FasTrak transponders will be required for customers to use the express lanes. If you have an existing transponder and active account from any toll agency in California, there's nothing more needed to use the 405 Express Lanes. For additional information or to open an account and to obtain a transponder, visit this [link](#).



Pee Wee Tennis Classes at Eldo Tennis Center

Tuesdays 4 - 6 pm or Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 am | [Registration link](#)

Beginning in December, Southern California Tennis Academy will be hosting monthly Pee Wee Tennis programs for children ages 4-7. Pee Wee Tennis is a fun, game-based program with experienced coaches. Students that start the Pee Wee program may be new to tennis or building on previous tennis instruction. The program cost is \$80 per month. The program will be held Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings at El Dorado Park Tennis Center. Find more information [here](#), and register for the program at this [link](#).



39th Belmont Shore Christmas Parade

December 2nd | 6 - 9 pm | Belmont Shore

The Belmont Shore Business Association is hosting the 39th Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd. The theme of the parade is Christmas by the Shore. Attendees will line up along 2nd Street to view the night-time event that features Santa Claus, elves, colorful bands, floats and surprises. East 2nd Street will close to traffic at 5 pm. Find more information on the event at this [link](#).



Female Firefighter Career Workshop

December 3rd | 8:30 am - 1 pm | [Register Here](#)

The LBFD is hosting workshops for potential female firefighter applicants. These workshops will feature a guidance to the hiring process, introduction to fire ground tools and equipment, and a Q&A panel with the Women's Fire Alliance. To participate, complete a registration form [here](#). All genders are welcome to attend.



Bethany School Christmas Concert

December 3rd | 5 pm | 2250 Clark Ave

Bethany School invites you to kick off the season with a Christmas concert put on by the Long Beach Community Band! This FREE concert is for the whole family and will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 5pm. For more information, click [here](#).



Rancho Voices: A Holiday Celebration

December 7th, 8th, & 9th | 4 pm - 8 pm | 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd.

Experience Rancho Los Alamitos during their holiday program. The Ranch House will be decorated on theme for a 1920s holiday party featuring historical voices. Attendees are welcome to enjoy light refreshments and music after the tour. Free admission. Parking reservations are required. Parking is free for RLA members, \$5.00 for non-members. For more information, please call (562) 431-3541. Register for a tour at this [link](#).



Native American Heritage Day and Month

On this Native American Heritage Day, Long Beach can reflect on its celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Specific to Council District 4, we hosted our annual Native American Celebration at City Hall and continued our progress on creating a Long Beach Native American Commission. CD4 is home to the Puvungna sacred site adjacent to the CSULB campus, and Native American celebration events took place on the campus during November. 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 a 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 98-year-old quote from Will Rodgers 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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