



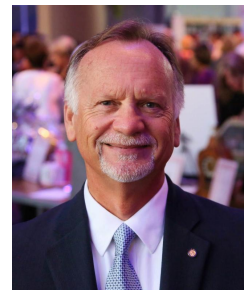
GO FOURTH! FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

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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 contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.

- Councilman Daryl Supernaw



COVID-19 Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

By the Numbers (Long Beach only):

- 50,579 total positive results
 - 169 new cases since Tuesday
 - Seven-day positivity rate: 6.1%
 - 23.2 seven-day case rate per 100K population
- 787 fatalities
- 233 Long Beach residents hospitalized with COVID-19
- 190 total COVID-19 hospitalizations in area hospitals (Long Beach Memorial Hospital, St. Mary Medical Center, College Medical Center, Lakewood Regional Medical Center and Los Alamitos Medical Center)
- Approximately 46,949 recovered (Please note that, for low-risk patients recovering at home, recovery data is self-reported)
- 695,375 total tests conducted
- Information as of Feb. 16



State Indicators (Updated on 2/16/21):

- Current LA County Tier: Purple Tier (Widespread)
- Seven-day positivity rate: 7.2%
- 20.0 adjusted daily new cases per 100K population
- Testing positivity in lowest-resourced areas (health equity metric): 10.1%

Details Regarding Fatalities:

- 307 are associated with long-term care facilities (LTCF)
- Ages:
 - 6 were in their 20s
 - 21 were in their 30s
 - 31 were in their 40s
 - 82 were in their 50s
 - 170 were in their 60s
 - 176 were in their 70s
 - 209 were in their 80s
 - 92 were over 90
- 332 female, 455 male
- 20 individuals had no known underlying health conditions
- 33 individuals had unknown underlying health conditions

Safer at Home Order:

- View the current "Safer at Home" [Health Order](#) (2/10/21)

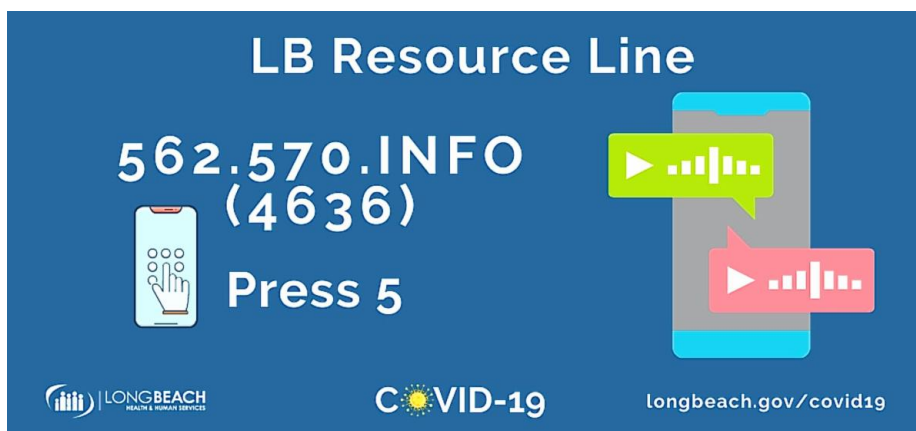
Past News Releases:

- To view past COVID-19-related press releases, visit the [City Press Release Archive](#). Releases include information about economic relief, help for people experiencing homelessness and updates regarding City operations.

The City of Long Beach continues to monitor the situation 24/7 in coordination with local, state and federal officials. For the latest updates on Coronavirus, check our Health Department's website at this [link](#).

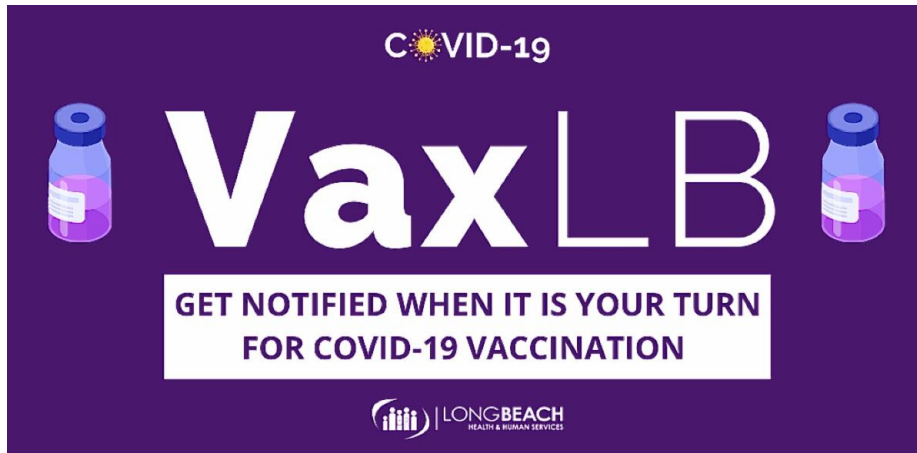
Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services (LBDHHS)

If you have been impacted by the pandemic and need mental health care, food access, housing/shelter, legal aid, children/family services and more, help is here. Call LBDHHS at 562-570-INFO (4636), select Option 5, leave a message and you will receive a call back with resources.



Vaccines for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Following State guidelines, the City is vaccinating groups based on the risk of getting COVID-19 or becoming very sick from the disease. Vaccines in Long Beach are currently being made available to individuals in two phases and multiple tiers. Please visit the City's website to learn about the distribution plan and current/upcoming groups being vaccinated. Before making an appointment through the City, residents should first contact their healthcare provider for vaccine availability. Large medical providers have access to the vaccine for older adults. Sign up for appointment links and notifications by visiting the City's new VaxLB [website](#). For additional information call: (562) 570-4636.



Past and Ongoing Events

Former Mayor Eunice Sato Dies at 99

On Tuesday, we received the sad news of the passing of Eunice Sato. She was the first woman and only Asian to serve as mayor of Long Beach. You can read coverage of her passing by Rich Archbold [here](#) and Tim Grobaty [here](#). We were very honored to have Eunice Sato attend our Tom Clark recognition event five years ago. The photo from that day (below) features her with four other Long Beach mayors: (l to r) Ernie Kell, Tom Clark, Beverly O'Neill and Robert Garcia. We were told this was likely the only time five Long Beach mayors had ever appeared in a single photograph. Our sincere condolences to the family, friends and many admirers of Mayor Eunice Sato.



Photo credit: Brittany Murray, Daily Breeze

"Thank You Thursdays" from McDonald's

From February 4th thru 25th, McDonald's franchisees will offer COVID-19 responders a free small coffee and Egg McMuffin every Thursday (2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25) with their new "Thank You Thursdays" program at drive-thru and takeout locations. Medical workers (to include paramedics, hospital and vaccination site staff), firefighters and police officers are eligible to redeem the offer during breakfast hours from 5:30 am - 10:30 am. The Fourth District has two McDonald locations: 3302 E. Anaheim St. & 2290 N. Bellflower Blvd.



FREE Tax Return Preparation by CSULB Students Through March 26th | M-Th: 10 am to 8 pm & Fri: 9 am to 3 pm



The CSULB VITA site is available to qualifying taxpayers with an income level of \$57,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for federal and state tax returns. Preparers can inform taxpayers about special tax credits for which they may qualify such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. CSULB VITA refunded over 1 million in taxpayer dollars last tax season. Due to COVID-19 protocols, VITA is not meeting with clients face-to-face, but you can schedule an online appointment. You will meet over zoom and complete the tax return through a virtual setting. More information at this [link](#) or contact Briana Martin, VITA Coordinator, at vita.csulb@gmail.com or (562) 726-2331.

Lunar New Year Commemoration Coins at F&M Bank While supplies last | Los Altos and Zaferia

The Lunar New Year festival is an annual celebration in most Asian countries. This year, the Lunar New Year is celebrated February 12th - February 22nd and marks the beginning of the new moon. Each year is represented by a zodiac animal on the lunar-solar calendar, and 2021 is the Year of the Ox. F&M Bank is gifting a "Year of the Ox" coin to visitors of any F&M Bank branch office. There are two locations in District 4 at 2302 Bellflower Blvd. and 3140 E. Anaheim St. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

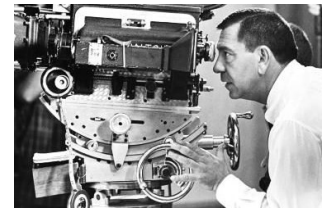


Upcoming Events

Filming in the Fourth

Feb. 19th - 20th | 3 pm - 4 am & Feb. 22nd | 8 am - 10 pm

Filming will take place at 1720 Termino Ave., Long Beach Community Hospital, level B and at fountain in front entrance. Filming will consist of interior dialogue with a patient recovering and dialogue in the waiting room about the patient. Filming will also consist of exterior dialogue near front fountain. All on property.



AOC7 Cleanup - 1101 Gardenia

February 20th | 7:30 am - 11:30 am | 1101 Gardenia Avenue

The AOC7 Neighborhood Association is hosting a neighborhood clean-up tomorrow, Saturday February 20th, at 1101 Gardenia Ave. The event will follow social distancing and other required safety protocols.



ANAHEIM - ORANGE - CHERRY - 7TH

Port of Long Beach Food Distribution TOMORROW

February 20th | 9 am - 12 pm | 1650 W. 9th Street

HOSTED BY LABOR COMMUNITY SERVICES & LOS ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK



2020 California Nonprofit of the Year

PORT OF LONG BEACH

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

HELPING OUR FAMILIES THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1650 W. 9TH STREET | LONG BEACH, CA 90813

DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION ONLY | NO WALK UPS ALLOWED

LBFD Recruitment Webinar

February 24th | 7 pm - 8 pm [Online](#)

The Long Beach Fire Department is hosting recruitment webinars to assist you in preparing for a career in the fire service. They will have guest speakers, exam prep information,

oral interview techniques, exercise tips and more. You can learn more and register at this [link](#). Please email joinlbf@longbeach.gov if you have any questions.



LBPL Architecture & Historic Preservation Series

February 27th | 3 pm - 4 pm | Online Event

The Miller Special Collections Room at the Billie Jean King Main Library is pleased to announce the next big online Architecture & Historic Preservation Series event, "Exploring Our Historic Districts: 'Efficient' Single Family Homes & Neighborhoods in 1920s Long Beach," presented by Sam & Linda Dragga of Long Beach Heritage. This free program will take place online via Zoom and [registration](#) is required to attend. Can't make the event? Please still sign up -- an archived video link will be emailed out to registrants after the program for viewing at your leisure. For any other questions, contact Miller Room staff at (562) 570-6729.



POLB High School Scholarship Program

The Port of Long Beach high school scholarship program is an annual award for Long Beach high school seniors who plan to pursue careers in international trade, goods movement or other port-related industries. The program is open to students attending a LBUSD service area high school. **Deadline to apply is Monday, March 1, 2021** and applications must be submitted online. The scholarship application and additional criteria and information are available online at www.polb.com/scholarships.



Bird is the Word - Don't Be a Birdnapper!

El Dorado Nature Center staff are preparing for another season of phone calls with questions about injured or orphaned wildlife. It's common to find baby birds around our neighborhoods, and people are often unsure about what steps to take. The Songbird Care and Education Center (SCEC) tells us, "Nestlings are birds that are naked, have

pin feathers or down. They are dependent on their parents. Fledglings are feathered with short tails. They are learning to fly and should be left alone. Their parents are close by and will continue to support them."

Three facts from SCEC about baby birds and their parents:

1. *Birds only need to be rescued if they are injured, icy cold, naked or abandoned.*
2. *Parent birds will search for their babies even after 24-48 hours of absence.*
3. *Parent birds will feed their babies after you have touched them.*

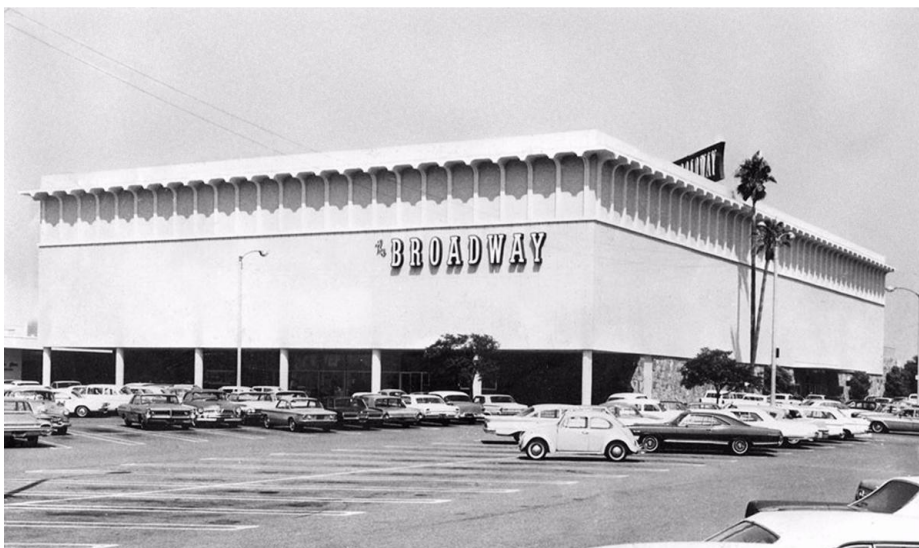
If you happen to find a bird in distress, call the Nature Center at (562) 570-1745, and they will be happy to put you in contact with a wildlife rehabilitation group.



And Finally

From Walker's to The Broadway to Sears to ?

Over Presidents' Day weekend we learned, after years of speculation, that Sears had made the decision to close their Los Altos location. We do not yet know what is planned next, but the new owner may end the 65-year retail use of the building. The original two story structure, shown at the right of the top photo below, was opened in November of 1955 as a Walker's department store. It was the first, and only, "suburban" location of the downtown Long Beach landmark store. The red arrow to the left of the photo shows the location where the second photo was taken. It shows the interior of the mall at night. The Walker's sign above the entrance and the giant "W" on the roof are circled in red. Just a year later, the Walker's store was sold and rebranded as The Broadway. In 1963, a third story was added (see third photo below), and The Broadway ended up serving as the anchor store of the shopping center for 40 years. In November 1995, a month after purchasing the 82-store Broadway chain, Federated Department Stores announced the Los Altos store was being sold to Sears. The conversion to Sears was completed the following year, and the newly remodeled shopping center opened with a new anchor store. The Sears closure may signal the end of an era, but we are very excited about future opportunities for the site.





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