

**CULTURE**

## Long Beach moves forward with plans to create Cambodian American Cultural Center

*A nonprofit will be organized to oversee the next steps of establishing the center*



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Siithy Yi holds two flags with the theme for the 15th annual Cambodia Town Parade, "Stop the Hate," as the parade ends and attendees are showered with colorful confetti on April 2, 2023.

**Samantha Diaz**

Managing Editor

Cambodian Americans in Long Beach will soon have a place to create intergenerational relationships, showcase their art and history and access mental health resources.

Less than a month after the 48th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge capturing the city of Phnom Penh on April 17, 1975, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved a feasibility plan for creating a Cambodian American Cultural Center.

Outside of Cambodia, Long Beach has the highest population of Cambodians in the United States. Many of the residents emigrated to the city in the 1970s and were fleeing from the Khmer Rouge, otherwise known as the Communist Party of Kampuchea, under the leadership of Pol Pot.

The Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia for nearly five years and orchestrated a genocide that killed almost 2 million people during its time, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Long Beach now has roughly 20,000 Cambodian Americans, according to the Cal State Long Beach news center, and has formally recognized a part of Central Long Beach as Cambodia Town in 2007. The corridors along Anaheim Street between Atlantic and Junipero Avenues are home to many Cambodian restaurants, small businesses and religious centers.

"Timing is really key ... we know our history, we know the Khmer Rouge was the catalyst that brought all this here, but here we are almost 50 years since then and we're so much more than the Khmer Rouge," said Mayor Rex Richardson. "The Cambodian community's contributions to Long Beach are incredible from arts, culture and food to entertainment."

The city started the process of creating a community engagement plan for a Cambodian American Cultural Center in September 2021.

Since May 2022, there have been multiple community meetings, public surveys, workshops and interviews to find out what Cambodians in Long Beach want to see in their cultural center.

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**COMMUNITY**



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Lori Woods, Keir Jones and other public officials right before the ribbon cutting commemorating the upgrades to Discovery Well Park on May 10.

## Signal Hill gets its first pickleball court

*The renovations also include new playground equipment and a resurfaced basketball court*

**Kristen Farrah Naeem**

Staff Writer

Public officials held golden paddles aloft during a ribbon cutting ceremony at Discovery Well Park on Wednesday, May 10, commemorating the installation of new playground equipment, a resurfaced basketball court and the city's first pickleball court.

City employees were joined by dozens of students from nearby Alvarado Elementary School, who each had their own handmade paper pickleball paddles adorned with colorful drawings.

After the ribbon cutting, children swarmed the new playground equipment, while others ran around the new pickleball court, paddle in hand, playing with councilmember Keir Jones.

The new updates to Discovery Well Park were funded by a Community Development Block Grant and a grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

According to data from the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, pickleball was the fastest growing sport in the United States in 2021 and 2022, with a near 40% increase of players across the nation.

In an April 2022 interview with the *Signal Tribune*, local pickleball player Mark Leonard described pickleball as being "a mix of tennis, table tennis and badminton. It's tennis on a badminton court, played with an oversized ping pong paddle."

Tensions have risen between pickleball players and tennis players in neighboring Long Beach over the last few years due to limited court space.

The scarce amount of dedicated pickleball courts means pickleball players often make do with tennis courts. Long Beach has begun adding new lines to some tennis courts so they can be used for either sport, including at Somerset Park.

**History of Discovery Well Park**

The installation of Signal Hill's only pickleball court is the latest in Discovery Well Park's historical feats.

It was there that Signal Hill's first oil well struck "black gold" on June 23, 1921 in front of 500 spectators and forever changed the trajectory of the city's development.

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## CITY COUNCIL

# Long Beach hopes to receive reimbursements for sewage spills in city's beaches

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

An average of 473 tons of trash has been picked up by city workers on Long Beach's shores each month in 2023. Despite these efforts, Long Beach continues to have a negative reputation for dirty ocean water and closed-off beaches, partially due to sewage spills from neighboring regions.

Long Beach City Council appointed the City Attorney to look into ways for the city to receive compensation for "costs incurred by the city related to sewage spills," on Tuesday, May 9, according to staff reports.

The city's beaches have been closed to the public for health reasons eight times so far in 2023, with seven separate advisories cautioning residents to avoid contact with the ocean water, according to the Long Beach Bureau of Environmental Health.

The most recent sewage spillage that impacted Long Beach's shores occurred on April 22, when 250,000 gallons of sewage spewed into the Pacific Ocean from the Los Angeles River. The incident prompted over a week of beach closures after the Bureau of Environmental Health deemed local ocean waters a public health risk.



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Two women walk towards the shoreline of Huntington State Beach on Oct. 4, 2021, despite the warning signs, after an estimated 126,000 gallons of crude oil leaked from an underwater pipeline.

Long Beach's ocean waters are the dumping zone for roughly 207 million gallons of water daily that travels through the Los Angeles River and ends up in Long Beach's ocean waters, according to the Los Angeles Public Works Department.

City Council also asked City Manager Tom Modica to work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to draft a report on:

- The date of recent sewage spillages
- The agency responsible for each incident

- Amount of sewage spilled
- Ocean water areas impacted
- Costs incurred by Long Beach to clean the ocean waters following incidents of sewage spills

"We need to take a close look at this issue because we do not want to have that reputation of having contaminated water," said Councilmember Kristina Duggan, who introduced the item to the council. "Contrary to popular belief, we have great water quality in the dry season. The city has spent time to

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## PORT OF LB

# Port of Long Beach gives update on ambitious offshore wind project

City News Service

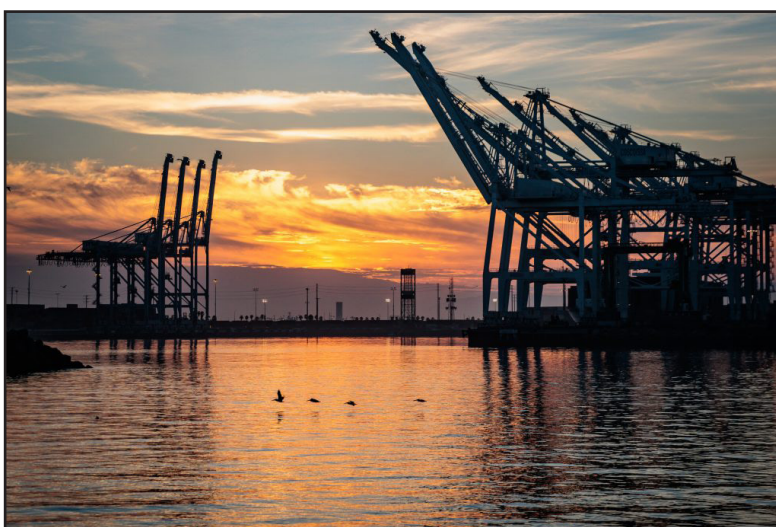
Southern California Local News

The Port of Long Beach offered more details Tuesday on its plans for a floating offshore wind facility to help California and the nation reach renewable energy targets in the coming decades.

The facility, known as Pier Wind, would support the manufacture and assembly of offshore wind turbines standing as tall as the Eiffel Tower, port officials said. It would be the largest facility at any U.S. seaport specifically designed to accommodate the assembly of offshore wind turbines.

"Imagine fully assembled wind turbines capable of generating 20 megawatts of energy towed by sea from the Port of Long Beach to offshore wind farms in Central and Northern California," Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero said. "As society transitions to clean energy, our harbor is ideally located for such an enterprise — with calm seas behind a federal breakwater, one of the deepest and widest channels in the U.S., direct access to the open ocean and no air height restrictions. No other location has the space to achieve the economies of scale needed to drive down the cost of energy for these huge turbines."

The facility would span up to 400 acres of newly built land southwest of the Long Beach International



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Birds fly near the cranes as the sun rises over the Port of Long Beach on Aug. 13, 2022.

Gateway Bridge within the Harbor District. The Port's new concept study provides information to continue planning and discussion with state and federal officials, developers and funders for the \$4.7 billion project.

Officials said Pier Wind would also create new jobs for the communities closest to the port that have been disproportionately impacted by climate change and port operations. They said construction could start as early January 2027, with the first 100 acres operational in early 2031, the second 100 acres operational in late 2031, and the last 200 acres coming online in

2035.

"Building Pier Wind lays the foundation for a zero-carbon energy future, not only for the public but for our operations as well," Long Beach Harbor Commission President Sharon Weissman said. "Offshore wind is essential to the Port of Long Beach's own goals to transition to zero emissions, and ensuring there is a ready supply of reliable, resilient and renewable power is vital for the work we do moving commerce."

More information about the project can be found at [polb.com/pierwind](http://polb.com/pierwind).

## SIGNAL HILL



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A young boy peeks out from behind a waving Cambodian flag during the 15th annual Cambodian Town Parade on April 2, 2023.

# Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Signal Hill

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Staff Writer

The City of Signal Hill will honor Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month with the raising of a commemorative flag in front of City Hall on Monday, May 15.

The month of May was first designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by President George H. W. Bush in 1992, as a time to celebrate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.

The City of Signal Hill began flying commemorative flags in front of City Hall in 2020, despite opposition from Mayor Lori Woods and religious members of the community at the time.

The first three commemorative flags approved to fly in front of Signal Hill in 2020 were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) flag, the LGBTQ Pride flag, and the Women's Suffrage movement flag.

The list of commemorative flags approved by the Signal Hill City Council has steadily changed and grown since 2020, and now includes the AAPI Heritage Flag.

To further celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, the City invites the public to two free movie screenings

at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.), "Finding Ohana" on Tuesday, May 16, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and "The Donut King" on Tuesday, May 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## AAPI History in Signal Hill

There was once a deep-rooted community of Japanese Americans in Signal Hill over a century ago, many of whom were Japanese cucumber farmers. But after the passage of the 1920 Alien Land Law, people of Asian descent were no longer allowed to own land in California.

According to an article by local historian Claudine Burnett, many Japanese farmers left to find better treatment in Texas and Mexico, while others moved into the cities, such as Long Beach, where white businessmen and lawmakers then accused Asians of trying to take over local commerce, and attempted to bar them from owning businesses in California or fishing in California waters.

According to 2022 US census data, 22.4% of Signal Hill's population identify as Asian, while 0.8% identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

The City of Signal Hill will raise the AAPI Heritage Month Flag on Monday, May 15 at 9 a.m. in front of City Hall (2175 Cherry Ave.).

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# AROUND TOWN

## A WEEKLY LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL

Families, mothers, teens and people of all ages can spend the next week in Long Beach and Signal Hill participating in local events and cultural celebrations.

Multiple free events this week shine a light on health and healing. There will be a mental health resource fair at MacArthur Park Friday morning, a workshop on toddler behavioral issues for caregivers at the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library Saturday morning and a virtual course on mental health first aid on Wednesday.

For last minute Mother's Day celebrations, residents can visit the LBX Hangar to shop from local vendors Friday night or purchase jewelry and other gifts at a pop-up shop in the Museum of Latin American Art Saturday afternoon.

Long Beach will continue its AAPI Heritage Month events with a festival of AAPI books at the Billie Jean King Main Library Saturday.

### 12 FRIDAY

#### HEALING THROUGH COMMUNITY

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be holding a mental health resource fair at MacArthur Park (1321 E. Anaheim St.), to raise awareness of mental health resources in the local area. Community-based organizations and businesses will set up booths where they will inform attendees about their services. Free.

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6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The opening night of an exhibit at Icehouse Arts Complex (625 W Anaheim St.), featuring sculptures made by over a dozen CSULB students. Free.

### 13 SATURDAY

#### FESTIVAL OF AAPI BOOKS

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 AAPI authors and illustrators will be attending this literary festival at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway) to meet local bookworms, read their work and sign copies of books. Genres will include nonfiction, fiction and children's authors as well as poets from a wide range of AAPI communities present in Southern California. There will also be live performances, vendors, and a teen writing workshop. Free to attend.

#### ASANAS & SOUND BATH

10:30 a.m. Community members are invited to enjoy a half hour of yoga asanas followed by a half hour sound bath. This event will be hosted by Joy Frequency, Groov3 Dance and Heart of Ananda at El Dorado Park, at the intersection of Studebaker Road and Stearn Street. A donation of \$20 to \$40 is highly encouraged.

#### CAREGIVER SOS

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students from Long Beach City College's Parent Educator Program will be talking to local parents about behavioral issues such as biting and tantrums. This event will be held at the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.). Free.

#### MOTHER'S DAY MARKET

1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Over 45 local vendors will be selling handmade products at the LBX Hangar (4150 McGowen St.). The event will also feature food, drinks, live music, facepainting and more. Friendly dogs are welcome. Free.

### 14 SUNDAY

#### HI-PERFORMANCE SWAP MEET

6 a.m. to 1 p.m. A wide variety of antique, classic and high-performance cars and parts will be available for purchase at Veterans Memorial Stadium (5000 E Lew Davis St.). Free to enter.

#### MOTHER'S DAY POP-UP SHOP

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) will be hosting a pop-up shop in its gift store so visitors can find a gift for Mother's Day. There will be a discount on jewelry from the gift shop. Free to attend.

#### SILENT DISCO

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. So We Are Silent Disco will be hosting a silent disco on the beach (3998 E Allin St.) in honor of Mother's Day. This event is a safe space for those in the LGBTQ+ community and those who feel they don't have a mother figure in their life. A donation of \$25 is highly encouraged.

### 15 MONDAY

#### 9-HOLE NOT-SO-SERIOUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

3 p.m. to 9 p.m. This casual golf tournament organized by the LB Chamber of Commerce will raise money for the WomenShelter of Long Beach. The tournament will be held on the El Dorado Golf Course (2400 N Studebaker Rd.). Participation costs \$175 per golfer.



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A sign and artwork by Cambodian residents shows a section for books written in the Khmer language is in the Mark Twain Community Library in the Cambodia Town neighborhood of Long Beach.

#### TRIVIA NIGHT

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to the Auld Dubliner (71 S Pine Ave.) to participate in a weekly trivia competition hosted by America's Pub Quiz. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Free to attend.

### 16 TUESDAY

#### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - POOL DAY

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. 100 seniors will be able to enter the Belmont Plaza Pool (4320 Olympic Plaza) and enjoy tropical music. Space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free.

#### DINO DIG PUZZLE

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Children will be able to study and identify replica fossils at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Registration is required. To register, call 562-989-7323. Free.

### 17 WEDNESDAY

#### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mental Health America of Los Angeles will be teaching people who live and work in Long Beach how to give "mental first aid" to someone in distress. The online training will cover how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse problems in adults. Participants will complete a 2-hour self-paced course, as well as 6-hour instructor led training session. This event is funded by a grant from Kaiser Permanente. To register, visit [https://linktr.ee/MHA\\_Los\\_Angeles](https://linktr.ee/MHA_Los_Angeles). Free.

#### SENIOR PROM

Noon to 2 p.m. Seniors are invited to enjoy dancing and music at the El Dorado Senior Center (2800 Studebaker Rd.). Attendees are welcome to dress up if they want to. Free.

### 18 THURSDAY

#### TEEN SOCIAL DROP-IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Students from the 6th to 9th grade are invited to enjoy STEAM crafts, movies, gaming, snacks and more at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

#### SPRING PLANTING

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Long Beach Office of Sustainability will teach the public how to propagate native plants at the Alamitos Neighborhood Library (1836 E. Third St.). Participants will get to take home a native plant to add to their yards or gardens. Free.

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COMMUNITY

# Pictures from the People: Camera-ready canines

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

As a reminder of the many large dogs left sitting in cages and kennels at shelters and waiting to find homes for over a year, the *Signal Tribune* asked its readers to show off their rescued pups for our second photo prompt.

We received pictures of loveable furry family members from rescues in Long Beach, Hawthorne and Riverside. These large dogs came from shelters and now live out their days going on walks through Long Beach landmarks, breweries and local neighborhoods.

Those interested in adopting a large dog of their own to spend days exploring and nights cuddling can visit the Long Beach Animal Care services website or location 7700 E Spring St. Wednesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Saturdays & Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There's still time to send in pictures of your adopted dog to be featured in our Pictures from the People pets series until May 17. Residents can send entries to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com or to our Instagram page @SignalTribune.



Image Courtesy of John Signey

Hero was adopted from SPCALA in Hawthorne and loves visiting her favorite Long Beach tourist spots like the Queen Mary with her owner John Signey.



Image Courtesy of Karina Chavez

Molly is a 5-year-old rescue dog from Harbor Animal Care Center in San Pedro who loves walks on the beach, learning new tricks and her owner Karina Chavez. Instagram: MollyinLB.



Image Courtesy of Erik Garcia

Kylo was adopted last month from a shelter in Long Beach by Erik Garcia and his wife.



Image Courtesy of Cynthia Evans

Violet was rescued from a shelter in Riverside and now spends her days visiting Long Beach's breweries and eateries with her owner Cynthia Evans while she sits and waits for pets from people passing by.

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### Wednesday, May 3

7:51 a.m., Identity theft, 2600 block Cherry Ave.  
3:11 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3200 block Lewis Ave.  
3:32 p.m., Battery report, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
10:53 p.m., Fire, Gundry Ave. north of E. Willow St.

### Thursday, May 4

5:44 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Orizaba Ave.  
5:59 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave.  
7:24 a.m., Auto burglary, 2000 block Orizaba Ave.  
7:31 a.m., Burglary, 1000 block E. 32nd St.  
7:57 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave.  
9:02 a.m., Auto burglary, 1900 block Temple Ave.  
3:12 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2300 block E. Spring St.  
6:18 p.m., Auto burglary, 3200 block E. PCH

### Friday, May 5

3:40 p.m., Auto burglary, 900 block E. 33rd St.

### Saturday, May 6

7:37 a.m., Fire, E. 28th St. east of Atlantic Ave.  
12:40 p.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.  
7:49 p.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Willow St.

### Sunday, May 7

12:30 p.m., Grand theft; possessing controlled substance & paraphernalia; felony warrant; misdemeanor warrant; false id to Peace Office, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
1:27 p.m. Person with a knife, 2600 block Atlantic Ave.  
9:06 p.m., Burglary, 2000 block Stanley Pl.

### Monday, May 8

10:23 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block Orange Ave.  
12:24 p.m., Fire, 2100 block Gaviota Ave.  
1:37 p.m., Auto burglary, 2200 block E. Willow St.  
2:20 p.m., Injury hit and run, E. 29th St./Cherry Ave.  
5:40 p.m., Suspicious transients; possessing paraphernalia; felony warrant, 1900 block E. 21st St. (suspect arrested)  
7:38 p.m., Trespassing/refuse to leave property; 2 misdemeanor warrants, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
8:15 p.m., Grand theft, E. 33rd St./Lime Ave.

### Tuesday, May 9

2:31 p.m., Battery, 2200 block Walnut Ave.

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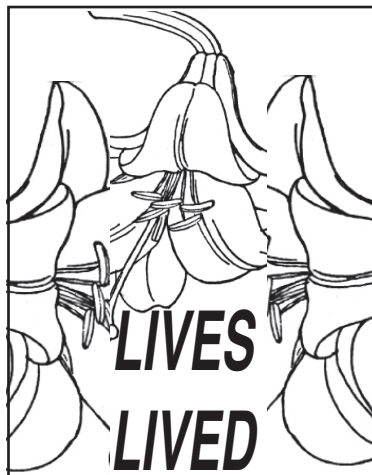
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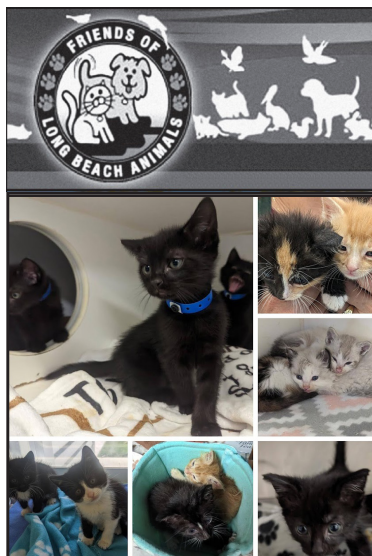
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Procesa Samson 76  
Bun Mam 66  
Carole Bassett 81  
Max Seven 60  
Phyllis Smith 87  
Sally Viets 88  
James Shirley 93  
Carlton Milliman 72  
Jorge Moy 93  
Mary McEntee 79  
Timothy Rattel 55  
John Ramos 58  
Frank Hines Jr. 46  
Thomas Valdespino 75  
Danielle Musser 44

*The families were assisted by  
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### Pet of the week: Kitten Kollage

It's kitten season, and Long Beach Animal Care Services admitted 16 cats and kittens in a single day last week. The community cat coordinator referred to it as a "kitten tsunami," an apt description because the waves of felines flooding in are about as easy to surf as a tsunami would be. Our shelter now has as many cats as dogs, and good people need to take these furry creatures home—not just the babies but also the adults. Shelter hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). You can email [PetAdopt@longbeach.gov](mailto:PetAdopt@longbeach.gov) to speed the process for adopting or fostering kittens and cats.

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)

## CRIME

# Long Beach mourns 12-year-old boy killed in shooting; investigation continuing



Screenshot courtesy of "In support of the burial of Eric Brown" GoFundMe

### City News Service

*Southern California Local News*

Police continued their search Thursday for at least two suspects who fled in a vehicle following a shooting in Long Beach that left a 12-year-old boy dead and a 14-year-old girl wounded.

Officers were sent to the 2200 block of Lewis Avenue, between Martin Luther King Jr. and Orange avenues, at about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

Eric Gregory Brown III of Long Beach died at a hospital, police said. The wounded girl was treated at a hospital for a non-life-threatening wound to her lower body, police said.

According to police, Eric, the 14-year-old girl and a 13-year-old girl were walking on the sidewalk when a vehicle approached them, occupied by at least two males.

"An unknown number of suspect(s) shot at the victims," police said in a statement.

No description was released of the vehicle or suspects. The younger girl was not injured, police said. Police increased patrols in the area after the crime.

"The shooting that took place last night is absolutely devastating," LSPD Chief Wally Hebeish said in a statement. "A young boy's life has been cut short due to an intolerable act of gun violence. While we mourn this loss as a community, our officers will not stop working to locate and arrest those responsible for this tragedy."

Neighbors told Fox 11 that investigators canvassed home surveillance cameras to help identify the suspect's vehicle.

"It's kind of crazy. I just heard the shots and five minutes later, the whole block was blocked off," a neighbor who wished to remain anonymous told Fox 11.

The wounded 14-year-old girl is

now at home, NBC 4 reported. Her father, David Chen, said she was shot in the leg.

"She was lucky that it didn't hit the bone," he told reporters.

Eric's friends and relatives gathered Wednesday outside a relative's apartment to mourn him and light candles, in a vigil that was attended by city officials and some of the boy's classmates from Jackson Middle School, the *Long Beach Post* reported.

"I got calls that I was on the five o'clock news," Eric's grandmother Cynthia Johnson said, according to the *Long Beach Post*. "I hope the shooters saw me. I mean, who kills kids?"

Council members Suely Saro and Al Austin and representatives from Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson's office also attended the vigil.

A GoFundMe account established for the boy's family had raised more than \$14,500 as of Thursday afternoon. The account was established by LaQuioa Joseph, whose cousin Angela Washington was Eric's mother.

"He was just a baby in the wrong place at the wrong time," Joseph wrote on the GoFundMe page. "Eric was the 2nd of 5 children leaving behind his mother, his siblings and a host of family and lots of friends. Eric will be remembered for his loving smile and his dance moves. Unfortunately as a single mother Angela was not prepared to have to bury her son. Eric left a void in the family and will be forever missed."

The GoFundMe account may be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-support-of-the-burial-of-eric-brown>.

Anyone with information on the shooting was urged to call Dets. Michael Hubbard or Jesus Espinoza at 562-570-7244, or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS. Tipsters may also use the website [www.lacrimestoppers.org](http://www.lacrimestoppers.org).

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## CULTURAL CENTER

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An intentional effort to include youth and seniors was met through targeted workshops and outreach, according to staff reports.

Some of the programs Cambodian Americans said they want include Khmer and English classes, Cambodian and Cambodian American art, Khmer performing arts, cooking classes, history exhibits, mental health resources, youth development resources and healing spaces.

Lord Cultural Center, the consulting firm that conducted the feasibility study, said the center should “celebrate the [Cambodian American] narrative outside of solely the Khmer Rouge and the golden age of Cambodia and really build on the strengths and achievements of the Cambodian American community.”

The envisioned center would be roughly 27,500 square feet, preferably near MacArthur Park and the Mark Twain Public Library, both of which are in Cambodia Town.

Partnerships with local educational institutions, religious institutions, nonprofits, community groups and other cultural centers within the city were stated as part of the plan to provide a full slew of resources to residents.

Tasha Hunter, a representative from the firm, estimated that after five years of operation, the cultural center would require a budget of \$1 million annually, garner 30,000 visits a year and staff six full-time employees and four contract employees. Hunter said the center will likely generate \$25,000 annually and require \$75,000 a year through grants and donations to break even.

Suely Saro, the only Cambodian American councilmember in office,



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A woman in traditional Khmer clothing performs a ritual while a group of monks looks on before the start of the annual Cambodian Town Parade on April 2, 2023.

said the process was “bittersweet,” as it’s occurring less than a month from the anniversary of the Cambodian genocide.

“It’s always a reminder of why we need to have cultural arts and language preservation because so much was lost and so much disconnection occurred,” Saro said. “As a child of a genocide survivor, I know intimately what loss has meant in my family and community. The loss of loved ones, the loss of belonging and the sense of place and identity and language.”

“The vision for this is for us to be able to come back to a pace of gains rather than loss; it’s to be fulfilled rather than grieve.”

Part of the vision is to create economic opportunities for Cambodian Americans in Long Beach by hosting small businesses and providing youth mentorships and volunteer opportunities.

Many Cambodian American res-

idents spoke to the need for such a center, specifically for access to mental health resources for both older and younger generations.

“Cambodians experience high levels of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and depression due to the Cambodian genocide,” said Long Beach resident Ladin Chen. “The Cambodian American Cultural Center will be a hub for the community to receive services, resources and programs to help improve their mental health.”

The next step in the plan to create a Cambodian American Cultural Center is to form a nonprofit organization that will continue community outreach and advocate for the needs of the center.

There will soon be fundraising events, surveys, meetings and more to advance the efforts, all of which will be advertised on a soon-to-be-established website and social media pages.

## DISCOVERY WELL PARK

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When drilling reached 3,114 feet, the well suddenly began spewing a jet of oil that reached 114 feet high, and covered the surrounding area in a layer of crude oil.

When oil was first discovered at the site, what is now known as Signal Hill was still part of Long Beach. But when Long Beach passed a tax on oil barrels produced within city limits, Signal Hill oil producers led a movement to incorporate the most profitable oil wells into a separate city.

The oil magnates’ efforts were successful, and Signal Hill was incorporated as a city on April 14, 1924.

By 1930, Signal Hill had been given the nickname “Porcupine Hill” because it was completely covered with oil derricks. While the vast majority of oil derricks in Signal Hill have been taken down, and the original oil pump at Discovery Well Park is not currently operating, pumps can still be seen throughout the city.

Discovery Well Park is located at 2200 Temple Ave., and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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A rock holds a plaque for Discovery Well Park in Signal Hill on May 9, 2023.



Kristen Farrah Naeem | Signal Tribune

Children play on the new playground equipment at Discovery Well Park in Signal Hill on May 10, 2023.

## SEWAGE SPILLS

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make sure the quality is good, but we’ve been stigmatized by sewage spills.”

City staff will also look into the environmental, public health, social, fiscal and economic impacts Long Beach has faced due to sewage spillages.

The most recent sewage spillage in April was caused by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District cleaning sewage pipes, said Coun-

cilmember Suely Saro, who sits on the board for the district. There was another spill of 18,000 gallons of sewage water into Long Beach’s ocean waters/beaches in March, which also caused beaches to close.

Duggan pointed out the possible economic impacts of beach closures, stating that Long Beach’s shores are one of the driving points of tourism for the city.

“We would consider it a negative

impact if our park’s community centers were closed,” Duggan said. “I don’t think we’re equating the beach to that kind of open space.”

Mayor Rex Richardson asked city staff to look into ways to “hold other cities accountable” for spilling sewage into Long Beach’s waters. City staff will report back to the council with its findings within 120 days.

## EDUCATION

# LBUSD to introduce state-mandated high school ethnic studies courses



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People walk up the front steps of Woodrow Wilson High School on Nov. 2, 2021.

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**

Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District is developing new high school ethnic studies courses to meet state graduation requirements.

Assembly Bill 101, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in October 2021, made ethnic studies a graduation requirement for high school students. Under the bill, schools are required to offer ethnic studies courses by 2025, but it will not be a graduation requirement for students until 2029.

According to the California Department of Education, ethnic studies is the “interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and Indigeneity, with an emphasis on the experiences of people of color in the United States.”

The ethnic studies curriculum developed by the California Department of Education will cover Black/African American, Latinx, Native American, and Asian American and Pacific Islander groups, as well as other marginalized ethnicities within those core groups.

The district already offers a few ethnic studies options for students including dual enrollment at Cal State Long Beach. Dual enrollment course topics include introductory classes in Chicano, Asian American, and African American studies.

Intro to ethnic studies meets the graduation requirement for high schools and California State Universities.

The Assistant Superintendent of High Schools, Jay Camerino, said the district originally considered two models. The first would be a stand-alone, one-semester

course assigned to ninth graders and paired with a health course for the other semester. However, this would require hiring more teachers and presents potential course overload for ninth graders.

The second model consisted of creating a year-long course that combines ethnic studies and history classes for juniors that would also fill the current history/social science graduation requirement. This approach would require new training but not additional hiring. However, this means students would have less time to meet the ethnic studies requirement.

A limit to the second model is that it would not align with the Advanced Placement U.S. history course as that curriculum is defined by the College Board.

The district chose to offer both options to accommodate students.

Board member Juan Benitez expressed concern over avoiding disparities between the standard U.S. history course combined with ethnic studies and the AP U.S. history course.

Benitez said he wanted to avoid instances where some students receive an ethnic studies-lens to understand U.S. history while other students receive a “watered-down” version of history.

The high school offices will work over the next school year alongside OCIPD, teachers and parent groups to develop the curriculum and present it to the board for approval at a later date.

If approved, the district will begin offering the new course in September 2025.

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