

**FEATURE**



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Steve Pruitt (left) and Hans Hellsund of the Friends of Recreation Park BandShell nonprofit pose for a picture while sitting on the edge of the nearly 100-year-old stage on June 12, 2023.

# These two friends are revitalizing one of Long Beach's historic musical landmarks

*Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell hopes to restore the outdoor venue to its former glory*

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

The bandshell at Recreation Park has gone through many iterations in its nearly 100-year history, being declared a historical landmark in 1991.

It started as a stage for bands and actors to perform. Then it was a place for temporary classrooms after the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, and in the 1940s, Richard Nixon gave a speech early in his political career in front of the stark, curved arch and intricate tiled borders.

But now most days the elaborate

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An overhead view of the bandshell and seating area at Recreation Park on June 12, 2023.

**CULTURE**



# Long Beach releases plans for LGBTQ+ cultural district

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An aerial view of the crosswalks at Junipero Avenue and Broadway in Long Beach on June 30, 2022.

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Long Beach released its preliminary plan for the city's "gayborhood," the Broadway corridor in the Alamitos Beach neighborhood that will soon become an LGBTQ+ cultural district.

Although the area has long been a hub for the LGBTQ+ community to congregate, celebrate and establish businesses, it has never been officially recognized. This time last year, Long Beach City Council appointed city staff to create a visioning process and feasibility plan for the creation of an LGBTQ+ cultural district.

Nearly 500 residents shared their priorities, ideas and requests for the cultural district through a community survey and engagement events.

Long Beach is inviting residents to look over the plan and send their feedback and ideas about historical context, community events and requested improvements to [LGBTQVisioning@longbeach.gov](mailto:LGBTQVisioning@longbeach.gov) from now until Aug. 25. The city will host an engagement event about the plan at the 40th Annual Long Beach Pride Festival on Aug. 4 and 5.

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**COMMUNITY**



# Summer nights in Long Beach: Concerts in the Park(ing lot)

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King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns trumpeter Pat Mullen plays a series of notes as the sun begins to dip behind the Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea building in Bixby Knolls during the first of this year's Concerts in the Park(ing lot) series on June 26, 2023.

**Richard H. Grant & Samantha Diaz**  
Photo Editor | Managing Editor

Every summer for the last 14 or so years, select parking lots in Bixby Knolls kick out the cars and make room for leisure, lawn chairs and live music.

The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBIA) kicked off another series of its summer Concerts in the Park(ing lot) on Monday, June

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, June 21

1:11 p.m., Vandalism, 2000 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
1:44 p.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Ohio Ave.  
2:58 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.

### Thursday, June 22

1:35 p.m., Battery, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
3:25 p.m., Auto burglary, 2900 block E. PCH  
5:50 p.m., Battery, 1000 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
11:06 p.m., Vandalism, Walnut Ave. south of E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

### Friday, June 23

5:52 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2100 block Gundry Ave.  
8:51 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St.  
9:06 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

### Saturday, June 24

10:09 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block Nevada St.  
3:54 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Palm Dr.  
7:24 p.m., Grand theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
9:39 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block Orange Ave.

### Sunday, June 25

7:54 a.m., Auto burglary, 1500 block E. Hill St.  
7:45 p.m., Fire, 2200 block E. Hill St. (citation issued)  
9:05 p.m., Person with a knife, 2600 block Walnut Ave.  
11:38 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 20th St./Stanley Ave.

### Monday, June 26

1:54 a.m., Injury traffic collision; DUI, E. Willow St./California Ave. (suspect arrested)

### Tuesday, June 27

No Information available at time of print.

*LBPD reporting area is too extensive to report here, but you can go to their website: [longbeach.gov/police](http://longbeach.gov/police). Once there, click on Crime Info, then Crime Incident Mapping Application. Click on Launch Crime Incident Mapping Application & type in an address.*

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## BUDGET

# Signal Hill adopts budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

Kristen Farrah Naeem  
Staff Writer

The Signal Hill City Council approved a nearly \$33 million budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 on Tuesday, allocating the largest portion to the police department.

The budget lays out how much money each public department will receive in a fiscal year. While the City usually plans and adopts the budget annually, in 2022 the City Council approved a biennial budget.

As part of the biennial budget, the City Council adopted a budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 while simultaneously approving a prospective budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The 2022-2024 budget book states “The purpose of preparing a two-year plan is to promote stability and consistency in operations—including programs, services, and staffing—over a two-year period while still maintaining the flexibility to respond to new information.”

The budget approved on Tuesday had some changes compared to the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year that was approved by the City Council in 2022. The budget proposed in 2022 allocated \$30.9 million for this upcoming fiscal year, compared to the adopted budget of \$32.9 million approved on Tuesday.

The City’s overall budget has increased by over \$10 million over the past two years, from around



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The Signal Hill City Hall building on Jan. 13, 2022.

\$22 million for fiscal year 2020-2021 to \$32.9 million for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Each year the Signal Hill Police Department receives the most funding. The money allocated to police has steadily increased alongside the overall budget each year, from \$9.1 million in fiscal year 2020-2021 to \$12.9 million in fiscal year 2023-2024.

Among the purchases the SHPD will make in the coming year are the continued upgrading of the police radio system, the purchase of new cameras and a cloud-based storage system.

The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget allocates the following amounts to each City department:

- \$12.9 million for Police

- \$6.3 million for Public Works
- \$4.9 million Finance, IT and non-department expenses
- \$4.3 million for Legislative & Administration
- \$2.5 million for Parks, Recreation & Library Services
- \$1.5 million for Community Development

The money in the City’s budget comes mostly from sales tax, which accounts for 75%. The second highest earning source of revenue for the City is property taxes, which accounts for 7% of money in the City’s general fund. Oil production taxes account for only 1%.

Signal Hill City Council meetings are held biweekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and can be watched online live or as a recording on Granicus.

## EDUCATION

# LBUSD approves \$1.3 billion budget; projects deficit spending in upcoming years as enrollment declines

Briana Mendez-Padilla  
Education Reporter

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) unanimously approved a \$1.3 billion budget for the 2023-2024 school year at their Wednesday, June 29 meeting, following previous discussions of impending budget deficits.

The district receives different local, federal and state grants and entitlements as well as allocations from the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)—the state funding of K-12 education.

Over the past three years, the LBUSD budget has also received significant one-time COVID-19 relief money. However, 2023-24 is the last year the district will receive these funds.

“We have done our best to stretch that money as far as we possibly can, looking at the various expiration dates of some of the funding and really wanting to sustain some of the programs that we rolled out over multiple years,” Chief Business and Financial Officer Yumi Takahashi said at the board’s June 7 meeting.

The district received \$146.8 million in COVID-19 relief funds for the upcoming school year. Takahashi said the money will be used on one-time resources and that the district will assess which programs and investments made over the past years will survive without these funds.

Some of these programs include:

- Counseling services for students and families
- Bilingual education/realistic

and relevant curriculum

- The hiring of mental health personnel like counselors, psychologists and social workers
- School climate support

The district plans and actions on how to spend the relief and LCFF funds are found in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which was also approved at Wednesday’s meeting.

State funds depend on declining enrollment numbers

Of the \$1.3 billion LBUSD budget, \$891.6 million are unrestricted funds, meaning the district can decide what to use them for—a \$23 million increase from last year.

**Every 1% of enrollment or attendance loss represents about \$7-8 million less in state funding.**

Most of the district’s unrestricted funds come from the LCFF, which is provided through base and supplemental and concentration grants.

The base LCFF \$729.8 million grant is based on the district’s enrollment, whereas the \$134.2 million in supplemental and concentration grants are based on unduplicated pupil percentage.



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Members of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education listen to Dr. Juan Benitez during a meeting on Nov. 17, 2021.

Unduplicated pupil percentage represents specific student populations such as emerging bilingual, economically disadvantaged, foster and homeless students.

Though the LCFF grants increased from last year, the board predicts that LBUSD’s declining enrollment numbers will result in less funds from the state. Every 1% of enrollment or attendance loss represents about \$7-8 million less in state funding.

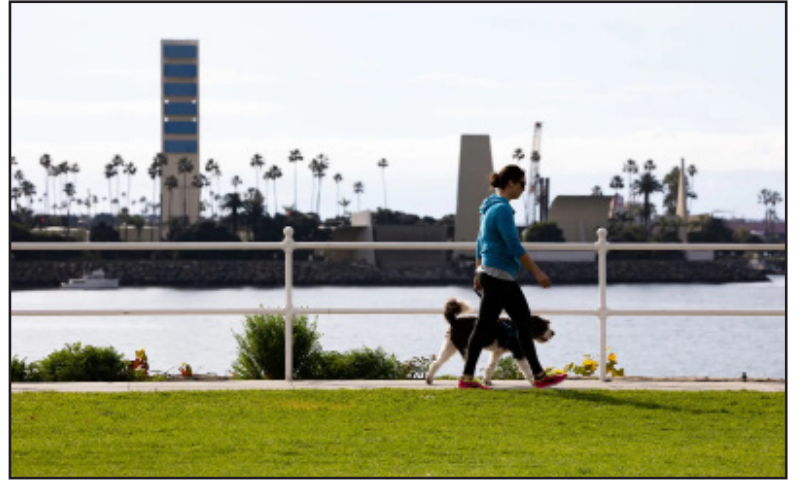
LBUSD enrollment has been steadily declining with a 2.5% enrollment loss for 2022-23. The district has an unduplicated pupil percentage of 64.98%, which has also been declining.

To maintain staffing and programs the district would have to use money from its reserves, which Arkus said is at about \$1 billion. Arkus said the district is projecting to have deficit spending as soon as the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.



# AROUND TOWN

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



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A woman walks a dog along the path that makes up Long Beach's Bluff Park on Jan. 18, 2022.

For those not quite feeling the spirit of the season yet, this week provides plenty of iconic summer activities to fill the days.

Local bands and inflatable movie screens will be at a park near you—Long Beach and Signal Hill have returned with their lineup of concerts and movies at the park. Residents can watch “Frozen” at MacArthur Park on Friday or “Lightyear” at Orizaba Park Monday and El Dorado West Park Wednesday.

For a more adventurous trip into the outdoors, residents can search for endangered turtles Saturday morning and children can learn about nature at Willow Springs Park Thursday. Residents can finish up their turtle trek and head straight to a community potluck and picnic at Heartwell Park Saturday.

Two patriotic parades will encourage pets and children to dress in their best while they show off their costumes in the park or along the beach.

### 30 FRIDAY

#### LEADERS OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Long Beach Advancing Peace Initiative will be hosting a symposium at the Miller Family Health Education Center (3820 Cherry Ave.) in honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Month. This event will include mini-lectures, a panel discussion and spoken word performances. Free.

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the animated movie “Frozen” at MacArthur Park (1321 E. Anaheim St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and pic-

nic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

### 01 SATURDAY

#### TURTLE TREK

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Ecologists will lead residents on a stroll through the Los Cerritos Wetlands to spot a glimpse of endangered Pacific Green Sea Turtles that have taken up residence nearby. Participants may also see rabbits, hawks or burrowing owls on this journey. The hike is open to people 7 years and older, and will begin at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and First Street. Parking is available. Closed-toed shoes are required. Free.

#### DOG PARADE

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friendly local dogs are invited to march in a patriotic parade starting at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.). Five honorees and their pets will be recognized for their public service. All dogs that participate must be fully vaccinated, leashed, in control, and with their owner the entire time. Free.

#### COMMUNITY POTLUCK & PICNIC

11 a.m. Local hiking group Hike, Explore, Repeat will host a potluck and picnic at Heartwell Park (5801 Parkcrest St.) open to the public. The group will be joined by hiking and nature enthusiasts hoping to meet like-minded individuals. Free.

#### BOOK DONATION DROP OFF

Noon to 2 p.m. The friends of Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) invites residents to donate their gently-used books on the curbside on the first Saturday of each month. Free.

### 02 SUNDAY

#### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. SteelCraft LB (3768 Long Beach Blvd.) will be hosting a family game night every Sunday night. Residents can bring their own games or check some out from Hangry Belly. Free.

#### BLUES & SOUL LEGEND

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Musician Arthur Adams will be performing at Malainey's Grill & One Hell of an Irish Bar (168 N Marina Dr.). Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite, and prices range from \$22 to \$50 depending on seat location.

#### SUNDAY FUNNIES

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to this weekly comedy show at the Laugh Factory (151 S Pine Ave.). General admission costs \$25, and tickets can be purchased on Tixr.

### 03 MONDAY

#### BIG BANG ON THE BAY

5:30 p.m. This annual Independence Day celebration at Boathouse on the Bay (190 N Marina Dr.) will include dinner and a fireworks show. The event will be catered by Naples Rib Company. Tickets are \$75 for adults and \$30 for children under 10. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit boathouseonthebay.com.

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the movie “Lightyear” at Orizaba Park (2937 E. 14th St.). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

### 04 TUESDAY

#### KIDS BIKE PARADE

9:50 a.m. to 11 a.m. Kids and their parents are invited to participate in a two mile bike ride along Granada Beach (1 Granada Ave.). The event will also include a patriotic speech contest and a patriotic costume contest. Speeches should be no longer than 90 seconds. Awards will be given out at the end of the event. Free.

#### 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARTY

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Deep House Brunch and Catalina Classic Cruises (1046 Queens Hwy.) will be hosting an Independence Day celebration at sea. The sunset cruise will include house music, tacos, and fireworks. Tickets cost \$55 on Eventbrite.

#### FIREWORKS

9 p.m. The public will be able to enjoy a fireworks show from the downtown waterfront, including the Lions Lighthouse for Sight, Shoreline Village, Rainbow Harbor and Marina Green. Parking will be extremely limited, and using ride-shares is advised. Free.

### 05 WEDNESDAY

#### FOOD PANTRY

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) and Help Me Help You will be distributing groceries to families and individuals in need. Both drive-thru and walk up service will be available. No registration or appointment is needed. Free.

#### ADULT ART CLUB

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adults are invited to learn to make em-

broidered tea towels at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E. Anaheim St.). No registration is necessary, but supplies are limited and will be available on a first come first served basis. Free.

### 06 THURSDAY

#### JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children between the ages of 6 and 10 are invited to engage with the natural habitat, create nature-themed crafts, and spend time outdoors at Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.). Each child must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit bit.ly/3Cy4HKk. Free.

#### INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This three day festival at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E. Ocean Blvd) will feature 400 quilts across 33 special exhibits, 200 plus vendor booths selling quilts, fabrics, sewing machines and more, along with a selection of 33 hands-on, instructional classes for quilters of all levels. Admission tickets range in price from \$12-\$15. Three day passes cost \$35. For more information regarding the festival's special exhibits, vendors, classes and ticket options, visit quilts.com.

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**REC PARK BANDSHELL**  
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central arch, ornately decorated pillars and maroon-colored stage sit empty, as do the rows and rows of aqua-green benches facing it.

Two friends and local music supporters want to change that.

Steve Pruitt and Hans Hellsund, both Long Beach residents, are breathing life back into the bandshell and hoping to “return it to its glory days,” Pruitt said. It won’t be easy, given the plants growing out of its crevices, cracked paint, broken windows and faded tiles.

Hellsund and Pruitt started their nonprofit organization, Friends of Recreation Park Bandshell (FORPBS), in 2022 to revitalize the stage and accompanying building.

While the stage and benches are often used by skaters and people who need a place to rest, the duo hopes to transform the underused and underappreciated bandshell into a mecca for local talent, live music, theater and education.

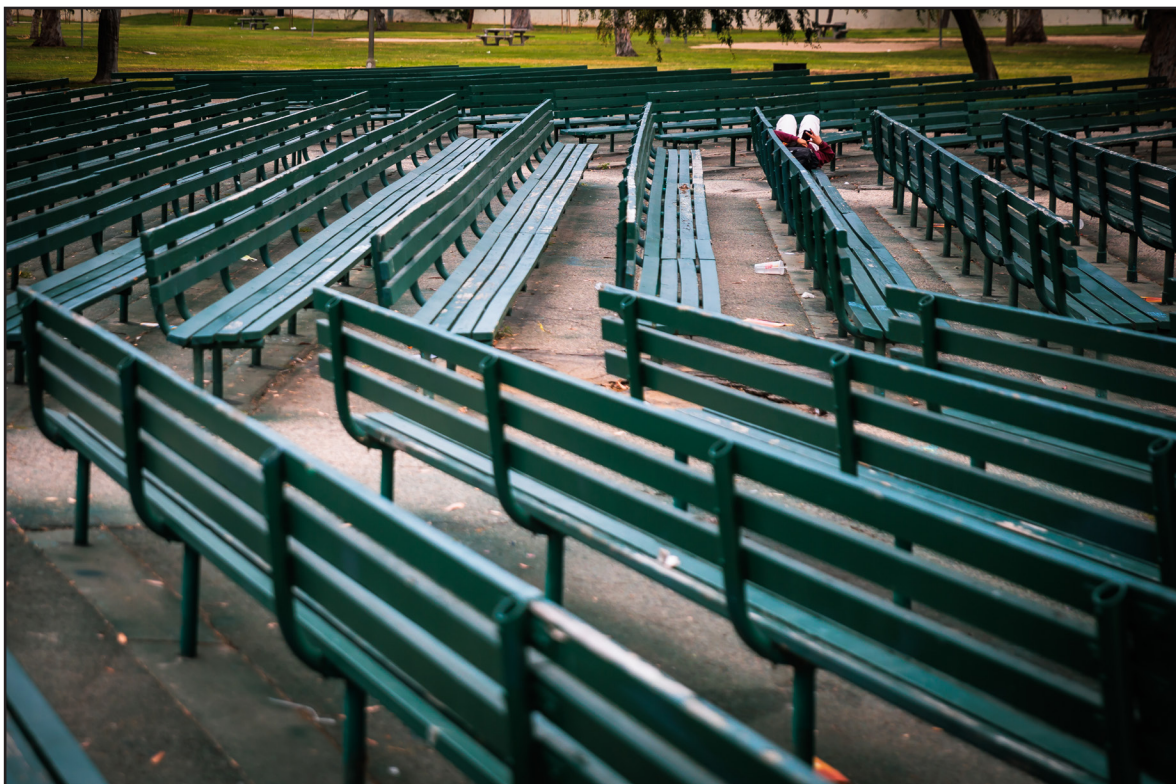
The two said they’ve driven past the bandshell for years, often wondering why such a perfect location for live music and performances goes unused. Since retiring from the same sound engineering company, the friends have devoted their time to giving it a sense of pride.

There’s enough room for 600 people on the benches (even more on the grass), a raised stage framed by a 1920’s Spanish Baroque Revival style arch covered in colorful mosaic tiles and perhaps most importantly, one of the city’s largest and newest playgrounds is within shouting distance.

The bandshell was constructed in the 1920’s, though there’s no date confirmed, according to the city’s website. The stage and building’s last update was in 1995 to provide structural integrity to meet earthquake standards.

The bandshell used to have arbors, shade provided by woodwork and climbing plants or trees, and the City had plans to replace those arbors but couldn’t find the funds, according to the city’s website.

FORPBS functions under Part-



A woman lays on one of the benches at the Recreation Park Bandshell and browses on her phone on June 12, 2023.

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ners of Parks, the nonprofit branch of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department.

Pruitt said the next step is to have someone inspect what updates are needed on the bandshell, building and benches. So far, they can tell the bandshell and building needs a

new coat of paint, plumbing, electrical wiring, additional lighting and probably more.

“It’s functional, but extremely rough,” Pruitt said. “It looks like nothing’s been done to it for 50 years.”

FORPBS has already hosted three events at the bandshell in the past month in an effort to remind people of the possibilities. Pruitt said that with each event, people share memories of the bandshell with them, ranging from concerts in the ‘70s to high school graduations and summer camp meet-ups.

They’re hoping that local talent will soon see the bandshell for what it is: an ideal jumping point to create a live music scene in Long Beach, as well as a free place for youth to showcase their talent through concerts and plays.

Next on the fundraising and word-spreading schedule is a Long Beach Student Battle of the Bands contest, where local high school

students will be invited to enter a musical contest. Bands don’t need to have an affiliation with their school, but school-ran ensembles will also be able to perform.

Since Pruitt is a seasoned sound engineer, he said he hopes to teach people who are interested in learning the technical side of putting on a show. Pruitt said if any high school students want to learn and help produce the Battle of the



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A skateboarder jumps down the stairs of the Recreation Park BandShell on June 12, 2023.

Bands contest, they can reach out to FORPBS.

Hellsund said they are also planning a Blues Festival sometime in the fall. Along with events, Pruitt said that the group is interested in working with local high school bands to host their performances, as the bandshell did in the past.

The nonprofit is actively accepting volunteers and donations through its website forpbs.org. People can fill out a form on the site to volunteer, become a patron or perform at the bandshell or email forpbs.org@gmail.com.

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PICS FROM PEEPS

# Pictures from the People: Summer fun in the sun

Coming up this week: a heat wave, a holiday and like clockwork, a new photo prompt.

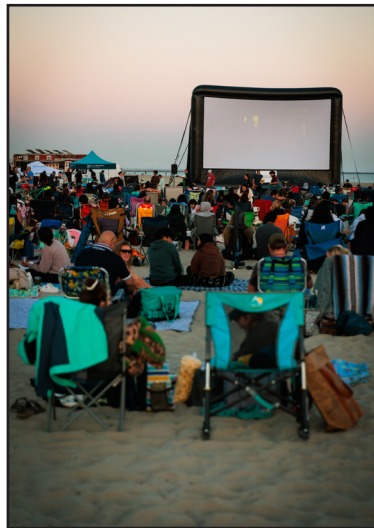
The *Signal Tribune* is soaking in the summer season, kicking off a new series of coverage on summer night activities like the Bixby Knolls Concerts in the Park(ing lot). While we share the free and fun ways to spend the season in Long Beach and Signal Hill, we want to see how you celebrate summer.

Whether you're skating through the city, watching a movie at the park, running through the sprinklers or relaxing in your garden, we

want to share all the ways families and friends can spend their summer days and nights. Residents can send in pictures of their favorite summertime activities to see their photos published in the newspaper and online.

For the next two weeks, we'll be accepting photos of any and all summer memories, whether it's from this year or a cherished summer memory spent locally.

Photos can be sent via email to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com or to our Instagram @SignalTribune.



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Residents begin to gather in the sand around the large inflatable screen at Rosie's Dog Beach for the second film in the summer Moonlight Movies at the Beach series on June 27, 2023.



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Families sit together while the rock band, The Brobots, perform at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 3, 2022, as part of the Concerts in the Park series of summer events.

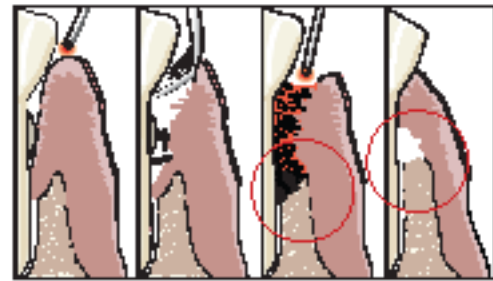


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Willow Gaskins runs towards her mother Madeleine after sliding down one of the new slides in the renovated playground at Colorado Lagoon Park on March 29, 2022.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTH-WEST DISTRICT, 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401 PETITION OF: Mario Elmer Claros Amaya for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: MARIO ELMER CLAROS AMA-YA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Mario Elmer Claros Amaya Proposed Name: Mario Elmer Amaya 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: August 4, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 510. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, June 23, 30 & July 7, 14, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Virginia Keeny, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 20, 2023

**TST6992 Case No. 23LBCP00229  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Mark Anthony Connell for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: MARK ANTHONY CONNELL has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Mark Anthony Connell Proposed Name: Sonya Kova Connolly 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: July 28, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, June 16, 23, 30, & July 7, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 14, 2023

**TST6993 Case No. 23LBCP00238  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Governor-George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Kelly Nguyen for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: KELLY NGUYEN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Kelly Nguyen Proposed Name: Juliette Nguyen 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: July 28, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755, June 23, 30 & July 7, 14, 2023 \_\_\_/ss/\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: June 15, 2023

**TST6998  
NOTICE OF \$10,000 REWARD OFFERED  
BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has established a \$10,000 reward offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 12 year-old Eric Gregory Brown III, who was fatally shot while walking on the sidewalk with friends near the 2200 block of Lewis Avenue in Long Beach on May 9, 2023, at approximately 11:32 p.m. Si no entiende esta noticia o necesita mas informacion, favor de llamar al (213) 974-1579. Any person having any information related to this crime is requested to call Detectives Michael Hubbard or Jesus Espinoza at (562) 570-7244 at the Long Beach Police Department or Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477 and refer to Report No. 230022639. The terms of the reward provide that: The information given that leads to the determination of the identity, the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons must be given no later than September 3, 2023. All reward claims must be in writing and shall be received no

later than November 2, 2023. The total County payment of any and all rewards shall in no event exceed \$10,000 and no claim shall be paid prior to conviction unless the Board of Supervisors makes a finding of impossibility of conviction due to the death or incapacity of the person or persons responsible for the crime or crimes. The County reward may be apportioned between various persons and/or paid for the conviction of various persons as the circumstances fairly dictate. Any claims for the reward funds should be filed no later than November 2, 2023, with the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, 500 West Temple Street, Room 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California 90012, Attention: Eric Gregory Brown III Reward Fund. For further information, please call (213) 974-1579. CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CN997788 04066 Jun 30, Jul 7,14,21,28, Aug 4,11,18,25, Sep 1, 2023

**TST7000 / 2023 138820  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MIXED MIRACLE ARTS, 3960 N STUDEBAKER RD SUITE 108, LONG BEACH, CA 90808. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MIXED MIRACLE ARTS LLC, 3709 BRAYTON AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90807. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: ANGEL FIGUEROA, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in April, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 23, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7001 / 2023 106585  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: FARM LOT 59, 2714 CALIFORNIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90755. Mailing address, 6450 E. EL PASEO ST., LONG BEACH, CA. 90815. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: LONG BEACH LOCAL, 6450 E. EL PASEO ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90815. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SASHA KANNO, CEO. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in May, 2018. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on May 15, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7005 / 2023 138534  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: PUPUSAS RAQUEL, 5541 LINDEN AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: VILMA DE JESUS BARAHONA COELLO, 5541 LINDEN AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: VILMA DE JESUS BARAHONA COELLO, OWNER. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 23, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7006 / 2023 138536  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: SUSHITO TERIYAKI GRILL, 2605 E CESAR E CHAVEZ AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. Mailing Address: 12261 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MICAAN LLC, 12261 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JESUS E CARLON SALERNO, CEO. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business

name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 23, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7007 / 2023 138539  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. 4J'S LEGAL SERVICES, 2. 4JS LEGAL SERVICES, 14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GROUP 4JS LLC, 14515 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GINA GAMINO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in September, 2013. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 23, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7008 / 2023 127850  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ALICE HAIRSTYLIST, 5960 E FLORENCE AVE, STE D, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. Mailing Address: 6366 GAGE AVE UNIT 316, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: BERTHA ALICIA CRUZ CASTRO, 6366 GAGE AVE, UNIT 316, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: BERTHA ALICIA CRUZ CASTRO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2014. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 09, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7009 / 2023 127848  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. I & A BEAUTY STUDIO, 2. I & A BEAUTY STUDIO BY IVETTE RZ, 3719 E GAGE AVE, BELL, CA. 90201. Mailing Address: 6417 HOLLENBECK ST, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARIA IVETT RUIZ, 6417 HOLLENBECK ST, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: MARIA IVETT RUIZ, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in June, 2018. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 9, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7010 / 2023 127852  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: MESA PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, 11025 FERINA ST APT 1, NORWALK, CA 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: EDUARDO JESUS MESA, 11025 FERINA ST APT 12, NORWALK, CA 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: An Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: EDUARDO JESUS MESA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2021. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on June 9, 2023. NOTICE: This fictitious

business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Pub. The Signal Tribune: June 30 & July 7, 14, 21, 2023

**TST7012**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

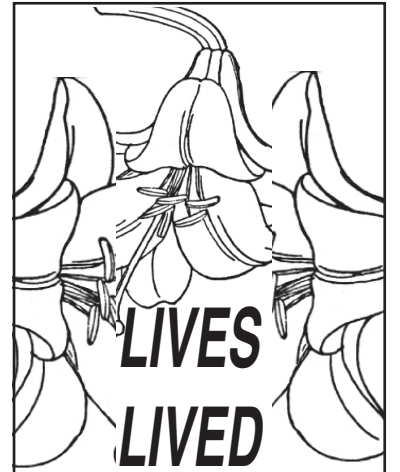
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the California Self-Storage Facility Act Code, Section #21700, the undersigned will be sold by public auction at: Storco Self Storage, 3050 Orange Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807, County of Los Angeles, and State of California. Auction date of: July 18th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Terms of sale: Cash sale, all sales are final and purchased at buyers own risk. No guarantees or warranty of any sale are promised by seller. Storco Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. Facility owner or its representatives has the right to bid on any and all units or stop sale at any time. Name of auctioneer: Climers Auction Services. The following units are scheduled for sale: Unit # & Customer Name: Unit # B114/Lauren McGaster - Unit # C123/Mangers Unit - Unit #C194/Brinne Norton. Unit/s contents may include but are not limited to: Electronics, furniture, appliances, garage items, toys, clothing, sporting goods, tools, automotive and miscellaneous household goods, unless otherwise stated. Publish Dates: 06/30/2023 & 07/07/2023.

TST7003/Order No: 13571  
Auto Lien Sale

On 07/14/2023 at 6520 S 8TH ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2016 NISSAN  
VIN: 1N4AL3AP2GC177396  
STATE: CA LIC: 7SLE546 at 10 AM

TST7002/Order No: 14069  
Auto Lien Sale

On 07/14/2023 at 5010 S VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 NISSAN  
VIN: 3N1AB7AP1JY303950  
STATE: CA LIC: 9CUS95 at 10 AM



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Terri Herrema 64  
John Jones 59  
Amanda Knutson 34  
Bernard Larsen 96  
Donald O'Driscoll 86  
Sandra Madden 79  
Marvin Miller  
Henry Viets 87  
Leonard Bierbrodt 75  
Maria Olea 68  
Amelia Reinking 84  
Ramiro Martinez 75  
Celeste Ojeda 56  
Stephen Copley 53  
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**LGBTQ+ CULTURAL DISTRICT**

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The district was originally planned to span from Alamitos to Junipero Avenues, but the city has extended the border to Temple Avenue to include more businesses, according to staff reports.

The creation of an LGBTQ+ cultural district is intended to honor the history the community has in the city, from hard-fought battles for equality to the central figures who helped shape the culture since the early 1900s.

**A Brief History of Long Beach's LGBTQ Community**

In 1914, two well-known gay bars in Long Beach were raided by police, where they arrested 31 men and accused them of fellatio. One of the men arrested, Jonathan Lamb, eventually committed suicide and soon after the city passed a law prohibiting oral sex.

In the '60s, Long Beach resident and gay bar owner Lee Gaze organized a "flower power" protest where he and several other people bought out a nearby flower shop and brought the bouquets to the police department. They were at the department waiting for their

friends—men who had been arrested for dancing with other men—to be released from jail.

In 1973, the city's first gay dance club, Club Ripples on Ocean Boulevard, was firebombed.

Despite these acts of violence and discrimination, Long Beach residents continued to protest, organize and fight for equal rights. Many bars, restaurants, clubs and other stores became community hubs for members of the LGBTQ+ community looking for a place to feel safe and welcome.

A *Los Angeles Times* article from 1985 estimated that 25 to 50% of the businesses along Broadway at that time were gay-owned. Residents estimated that 30% of the people living in the immediate vicinity were part of the LGBTQ+ community.

The area became even more important for gay people during the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As businesses and newly established organizations began to shut down due to sickness and deaths, the remaining establishments made it their mission to educate and support their



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An exterior view of the Mine Shaft on Broadway in Long Beach on July 22, 2022.

community.

Today, many Long Beach organizations still make it a point to provide services such as health screenings, medication, housing services and more. Well-known establishments such as Hot Stuff, Mine Shaft, The Brit Bar among others have continued to create a sense of pride for the gayborhood.

**Community Responses & Requests**

One of the most popular responses from the preliminary plan is an emphasis on this history so residents can learn about the contributions and struggles of local ac-

tivists before their time.

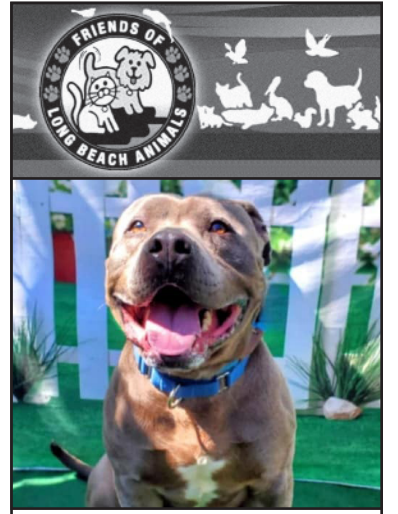
Residents overwhelmingly requested improvements to lighting and a more activated corridor to create a stronger sense of community and safety. Suggested decorations included art installations, murals, historical plaques, banners and decorative lighting.

The report will be presented to Long Beach City Council in the fall of 2023.

Once receiving the report, the city can begin developing designs, identifying funding and applying for grants. Small improvements such as tree planting, street furniture, signage and murals can be expected within a year after the council receives the plans.

Larger improvements such as lighting upgrades and construction, are expected in the following years.

Residents can send feedback and suggestions for the LGBTQ+ cultural district to [LGBTQvisioning@longbeach.gov](mailto:LGBTQvisioning@longbeach.gov) from now until Aug. 25.

**Pet of the week: Graham**

This is a plea to save a good dog. Graham, a 2-year-old neutered pittie, came to Long Beach Animal Care Services in November last year. He plays well with other dogs, is treat-motivated, loves walks, and loves people, too. Trouble is, our shelter is over capacity, and while our team works tirelessly to save every dog possible, there may come a day when we have to say goodbye in the worst way. With someone we love as much as we do Graham, it's heartbreaking. If you or someone you know would like to adopt this fellow and give him a reason for that big smile, please come get him. You can foster Graham, too, for a couple of weeks.

You don't have to keep him forever, but you may want to, and we won't say no. Our 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 Graham. Ask for ID#A688535.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK(ING) LOT**

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26 with local band King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns.

Families, friends and dogs filled the parking spaces in front of Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea with lawn chairs and coolers, but most attendees were out of their seats and busting dance moves for the duration of the concert.

Roughly 30 parking spots were taken over by the minimal set up, as King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns serenaded the crowd with a cocktail of popular R&B, funk, soul and rock song covers.

The beloved Concerts in the Park(ing lot) began over a decade ago as a saving grace for the local concert scene. Blair Cohn, executive director of the BKBIA said that the city scaled down the number of concerts in the park around 2009 due to budget cuts, which left a gap in ways for residents to enjoy live music.

One pun and brainstorm session later, the BKBIA created Concerts in the Park(ing lot), and a monthly summer tradition was born.

"It's a guaranteed good time," Cohn said. "It's unique. It's on a Monday night. I think because in



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An aerial view of people dancing in Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea parking lot while King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns perform.

the last 15 years, we've done so much to connect with the neighborhood that people just respond to it."

The original concerts began in an auto garage parking lot near Dave's Burgers. For the past couple of years, Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea has been hosting the first two months of shows while the August show

travels to Long Beach's SteelCraft.

Cohn said the parking lots made more sense for the business association since it encourages residents to get food, coffee, drinks, ice cream and more from nearby businesses before and during and after the concert. Especially on a Monday, Cohn said, it's invaluable to the small businesses that provide

dancing fuel for attendees.

"I look around and I see an absolute mix of the crowd in ages and the type of folks I mean, it's a full rainbow of people," Cohn said. "They're all dancing, they're all socializing with neighbors, they're just hanging out. That's the satisfaction right there. It's just the true sense of community."

Two more parking lot shows are slated on the schedule for this summer. Blanco Y Negro will play at the Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea parking lot (4245 Atlantic Ave.) on Monday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The following month, Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra will perform at the Howard CDM parking lot (3737 Long Beach Blvd.) on Monday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Residents will be treated to an extra Concert in the Park(ing lot) this year, as the association is working with district eight to add a second August show. More details will be released soon on the [@BixbyKnolls](https://www.instagram.com/BixbyKnolls) Instagram page and on the Bixby Knolls website.

**To see the full gallery, visit [SignalTribune.com](https://www.signaltribune.com)**

**CRIME****Retrial begins this week for Long Beach man accused of killing ex-girlfriend with homemade bomb**

Kristen Farrah Naem

Staff Writer

The retrial of a man accused of killing his ex-girlfriend in 2018 by bombing the business they co-owned in Aliso Viejo began this week.

The first time prosecutors took Stephen Beal to trial for the killing of Ildiko Krajnyak, the jury was deadlocked, and a mistrial was declared in Aug. 2022.

Beal and Krajnyak both owned Magyar Kozmetica day spa in Aliso Viejo and were previously in a romantic relationship.

During the first trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Annamartine Salick claimed that Beal became obsessed with Krajnyak after the couple broke up and she began seeing

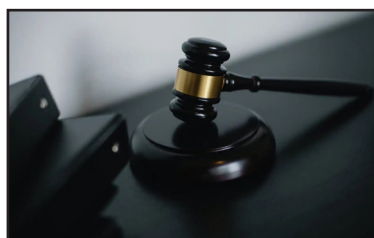
other men.

Beal is accused of planting a cardboard box containing an explosive device at the spa. When Krajnyak opened the box, the device inside was triggered and exploded. Krajnyak was killed, a nearby mother and daughter were critically injured and the building was decimated.

Prosecutors told the jury that pieces of wire found at the scene of the bombing matched wire found in Beal's home.

Prosecutors also said that Beal was caught on security cameras purchasing the same kind of battery used in the bomb, and that Beal allegedly bought three cardboard boxes similar to the one the bomb was placed in.

Beal's defense attorney claimed



Sora Shimazaki | Pexels.com

that none of these materials were related to the bombing, and that Beal's hobby was making rockets and fireworks.

During a search of Beal's Long Beach home that took place after the crime, investigators allegedly discovered over 100 pounds of explosive material, two explosive devices and three unregistered firearms.

Beal has been federally charged with use of a weapon of mass destruction, malicious destruction of a building resulting in death, use of a destructive device in a crime of violence and possession of an unregistered destructive device.

Beal's retrial began on Tuesday with jury selection, said Thom Mrozek of the United States Attorney's Office in an email. The jury heard opening statements Wednesday and witness testimonies on Thursday.

Mrozek said in an email that the trial will last several weeks.

Beal has pleaded not guilty. He is being held without bond.

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