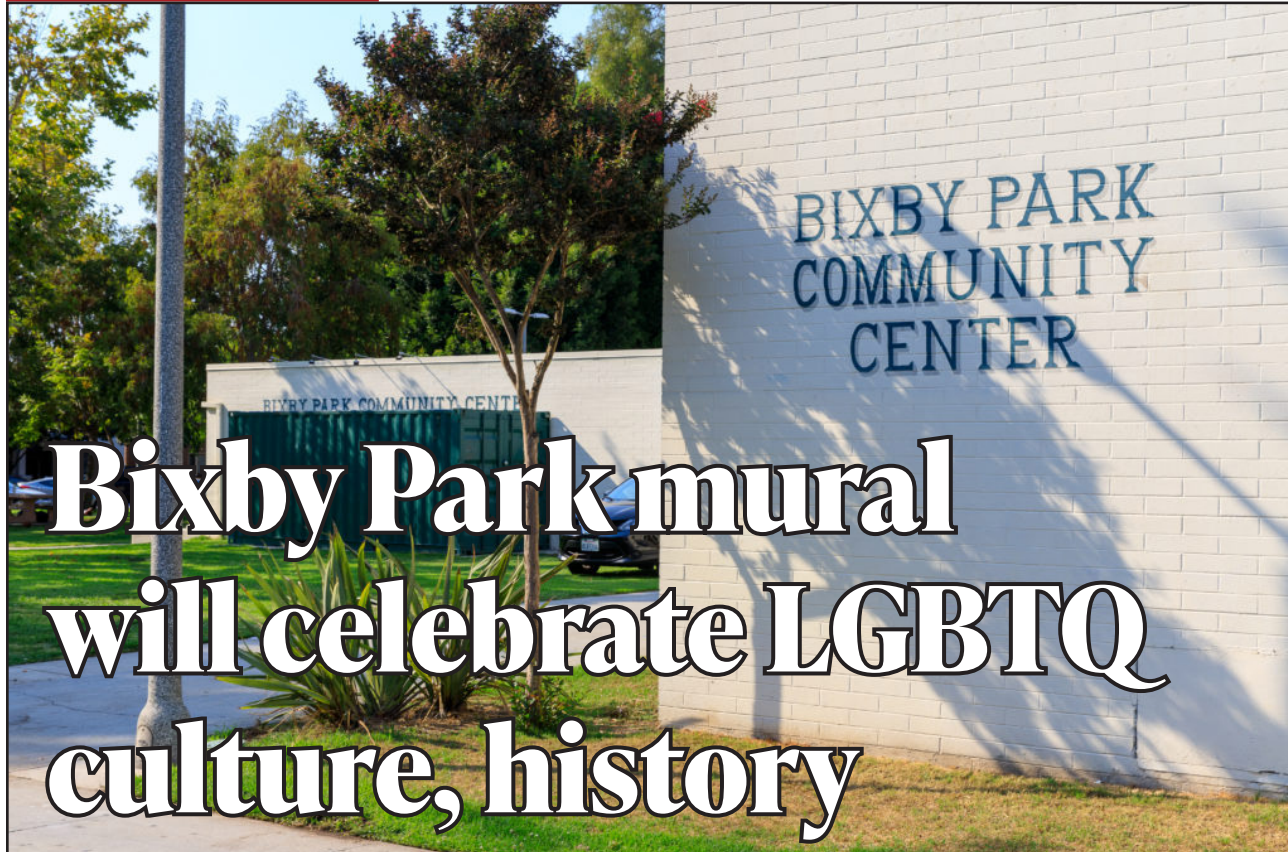


**PUBLIC ART**



## Bixby Park mural will celebrate LGBTQ culture, history

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An exterior view of the the Bixby Park Community Center in Long Beach, California.

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

Bixby Park will soon receive a makeover that serves a larger purpose. The wall of the Bixby Park Community Center will join a handful of Los Angeles County locations adorned with thematic murals over the summer. The murals are part of a project from LA vs. Hate, a community-centered system to support residents who may be targeted for hate acts. The system is led by the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations which publishes an annual report on hate crimes in the county. As part of its Summer of Solidarity series, the group chose locations and themes for five murals that will be unveiled throughout the summer. Long Beach's Bixby Park mural will focus on the LGBTQ community's history and community. Other groups that will be honored through the Summer of Solidarity are Indigenous peoples and the Black community.

see BIXBY PARK MURAL page 7

**POLICE**

## New SHPD chief looks to lead the department as a 'servant leader'

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

When Wayne Byerley read on a police recruitment flier that "work and life balance" was cherished for Signal Hill employees, he knew it was the right place for him. When the city's newest Chief of Police interviewed for his job and told City Manager Carlo Tomaino that he won't miss his 14-year-old's track and field meets for city meetings, Tomaino replied, "That's the right answer." Signal Hill City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Byerley as the new chief of police at its May 16 meeting. His first official day was May 23. Previously, Byerley served as Captain of the Investigative and Administrative Services department for the Los Alamitos Police Department for three years. Byerley started his career with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, where he worked for 32 years in various roles. He served as a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain.



Image Courtesy of SHPD  
Signal Hill Chief of Police  
Wayne Byerley.

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**FOOD**

## Nick the Greek lands on Second Street in Belmont Shore

Greek food chain offers a concise menu of classics at new Belmont Shore location



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An aerial view of Nick the Greek restaurant on 2nd Street in Belmont Shore that will have its grand opening on July 25, 2023

**Richard H. Grant**  
Photo Editor

Greek street food makes its way to Belmont Shore's Second Street next week in the form of Nick The Greek, offering a variety of freshly roasted meats, heartily loaded fries and decadent desserts.

Nick the Greek is a chain of Greek street food-style fast-service restaurants with 60 locations throughout the Western United States. Their newest location is at the corner of Second Street and Argonne Avenue in Long Beach, taking over from the former, also Greek, Petris Bakery location.

The restaurant has a concise menu that won't overload patrons with options, as most will be tempted to opt for one of the pita wraps that are made to order from the rotating spits of meat in the fully viewable kitchen behind the register.

In addition to the wraps there are also salads, burgers, meat skewers and plates with rice, salad, and pita with a spread of tzatziki sauce.

**Read the full food review online at SigTrib.com**

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# EYE ON CRIME

## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, July 12

5:35 a.m., Burglary, 3200 block E. 19th St.  
11:25 a.m., Burglary, 2500 block E. 19th St.  
1:14 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Junipero Ave./E. 20th St.  
10:39 p.m., DUI, E. Willow St./Orange Ave. (suspect arrested)

### Thursday, July 13

12:22 a.m., Battery, 2000 block Stanley Ave.  
4:19 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Palm Dr./Obispo Ave.  
5:21 a.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Walnut Ave.  
10:31 p.m., Fire, Orange Ave./E. Spring St.  
10:57 p.m., Grand theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

### Friday, July 14

11:34 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1400 block E. 23rd St.  
9:15 p.m., 700 block E. Willow St.

### Saturday, July 15

12:58 a.m., Fire, 2100 block Stanley Ave.  
3:34 a.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant, 800 block E. Spring St. (2 suspects arrested)  
7:17 a.m., DUI, 800 block E. 33rd St. (citation issued)  
10:18 p.m., Fire, E. Spring St./California Ave.

### Sunday, July 16

N/A

### Monday, July 17

8:00 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Walnut Ave./E. 33rd St.  
5:19 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave. south of E. Spring St.  
6:01 p.m., Petty theft; trespassing, 700 block E. Spring St.

### Tuesday, July 18

1:53 p.m., Grand theft, 3500 block E. PCH  
2:15 p.m., Grand theft, 3000 block California Ave.  
4:23 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
11:46 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 3300 block Lewis Ave.

*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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## BIXBY KNOLLS



# Bixby Knolls kicking off zoning updates with open house

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Signs flank both ends of the Bixby Knolls Atlantic business corridor welcoming drivers to the area on Nov. 8, 2021.

### Staff Report

Signal Tribune

For the first time since the 1980s, Bixby Knolls is set to update its zoning and land use regulations.

Zoning regulations guide development in the city by stating the types of uses that are allowed on a property. Long Beach has been updating zoning codes in various parts of the city as part of its Zone In project since last year.

Residents are invited to learn about the project and help inform community needs at an open house at the EXPO Arts Center on Wednesday, July 26.

The Zone In project is part of a city-wide effort for zoning regulations to fall in line with Long Beach's 2019 Land Use Element as well as the 2022 General Plan Housing Element update.

By updating zoning regulations,

the Development Services Department can more readily meet housing needs, support neighborhood services and encourage business opportunities.

Bixby Knolls is the fourth area in the city to undergo the zoning update process, following the West Long Beach neighborhood, North Long Beach and the City Core area bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, 10th Street, Magnolia and Ximeno Avenues.

Zoning regulation updates are focused on commercial corridors and multi-family household areas, not already existing single-family household areas.

The Bixby Knolls neighborhood covers roughly 3.5 miles and is bounded by a railroad line to the north; Cherry Avenue to the east; East Wardlow Road and the 405 freeway to the south; and Long Beach Boulevard and Country Club

Road to the west.

Following more community events, Zone In: Bixby Knolls is expected to go before the Long Beach City Council in early 2024. The city expects to launch a zoning process for the Wrigley neighborhood before the end of this year.

The Zone In: Bixby Knolls open house will be held at the EXPO Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) on July 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Residents interested in attending are requested to RSVP online. Interpretation services are available for request through the RSVP link at least 72 hours before the meeting.

For more information about Zone In: Bixby Knolls, visit [longbeach.gov/zoneinlb](http://longbeach.gov/zoneinlb) or contact Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Advance Planning Officer at 562.570.6553 or [Alejandro.Sanchez-Lopez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Alejandro.Sanchez-Lopez@longbeach.gov).

## SIGNAL HILL

# Signal Hill plans for two workforce housing developments

*Over 20 prospective developers have already placed bids*

Kristen Farrah Naeem

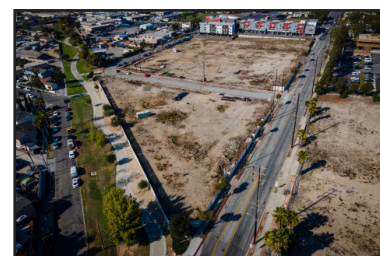
Staff Writer

The City of Signal Hill is planning to create two workforce housing developments on Walnut Avenue and Willow Street to address the local workforce housing needs and contribute to the community's affordable housing stock.

The City has identified up to \$10 million in funding to hire a developer for the two sites. City staff said the average cost to build each unit would be \$425,000, and the potential cost to develop both housing projects is \$160 million.

According to California State-wide Communities Development Authority, workforce housing is for individuals and households that earn between 60% and 120% of the Area Median Income. At times it is also known as middle-income or moderate-income housing.

The Orange Bluff site (near the intersection of Orange Avenue and 28th Street) will encompass 8.6



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An aerial view of the empty lot proposed to house a new Signal Hill Business park along Walnut Ave. on Nov. 8, 2021.

acres and will have up to 290 workforce housing units. The Walnut Bluff site (near the intersection of Willow Street and Walnut Avenue) will span 2 acres and have up to 90 workforce housing units.

Both sites have active, idle and abandoned gas and oil wells that developers will have to factor into their plans.

Rent for the units are planned to be under market rate, making them more affordable. City staff explained that because workforce housing projects don't generate as much rental income as other housing properties, developers who take on these types of projects usually have to apply for a variety of federal, county, city and other funding sources to help pay for develop-

ment and construction.

The City is looking for a developer that has built similar projects in other communities. City staff also said that they are looking for a developer that can provide on-site services to the residents at the two housing developments, such as promoting financial literacy and providing childcare.

Over 20 developers have placed bids to work on the two housing projects. One of the prospective developers is Signal Hill Petroleum, which also owns the land the housing projects will be built on.

According to City documents, there will be three types of units in the housing projects: rental units, homeownership units and mutual self help units (where residents help build the unit). Rental units will be income-restricted for 55 years, homeownership units for 45 years and 15 years for mutual self help units.

According to U.S. Census data, between 2010 and 2020 the population of Signal Hill increased from 11,016 to 11,848.

The number of available housing units in the city has also increased from 4,389 in 2010 to 4,632 in 2021, according to the State Department of Finance Housing data.

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# AROUND TOWN

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

Hopefully Signal Hill and Long Beach residents are staying cool and hydrated through the heat waves hitting sunny Southern California. Next priority: attend a fun event, whether it's a festival, book fair, summer concert, movie screening or community clean-up.

Festivals are in full swing, as the annual Love Long Beach Festival is making its return, accompanied by the Rising Japan Music Festival and a plant festival at Plantiitas Saturday morning. Book lovers have reason to celebrate too, with a book fair at Good Time Long Beach Saturday morning and a booze-filled book fair at Ambitious Ales Sunday afternoon.

Families have no shortage of exciting, fun ways to keep busy. Children can send their favorite stuffy off to a Signal Hill Public Library sleepover Friday night, learn about sharks at the CSULB Shark Lab Saturday and attend a family game night at Steelcraft LB Sunday night.

### 21 FRIDAY

#### LOVE LONG BEACH FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Around 20 performers will take the stage during this two-day music festival at Shoreline Aquatic Park (200 Aquarium Way). The event will also include art, yoga, food and more. This festival is appropriate for all ages. General admission tickets cost \$35, and can be purchased on Ticketpro.

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Noon to 2 p.m. Local nonprofit Adventures to Dreams (903 Fairbanks Ave.) and the Foodbank of Southern California invites individuals and families in need to receive groceries. Free.

#### GREAT STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Children are welcome to drop off their favorite stuffed animal between the listed hours at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) for a sleepover. Participants will create a name tag and craft for their stuffed animal and will receive a picture journal documenting its fun times at the library overnight. Space is limited and registration is required by calling 562.989.7323. Free.

#### LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Long Beach Municipal Band will be continuing its 114th season at Dorado Park West (2800 N Studebaker Road) with a theme of "It's Show-

time," where they will play classic Broadway musical numbers. Residents are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnic food. Free.

#### PCH MOVIES & MOONLIGHT

7:30 p.m. Residents are invited to this weekly rotation of family-friendly movie screenings along Seaport Way. This week's film is "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile," a live-action film based on a children's classic book. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome but must remain on a leash. Free.

### 22 SATURDAY

#### BEACH CLEAN UP

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Let's Make Waves needs volunteers to help clean litter off Junipero Beach. Gloves, bags and free parking will be provided to volunteers. Volunteers will meet in the Junipero Beach parking lot (1 Junipero Beach). Free.

#### BOOK FAIR

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Casita Bookstore and Good Time Long Beach (1322 Coronado Ave.) will be holding a book fair, with a wide range of titles for both adults and children. Free to attend.

#### SHARK LAB OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to learn about shark science technology, review safety tips and participate in shark-themed arts and crafts at Cal State Long Beach's Shark Lab located in the Hall of Science (1250 Bellflower Blvd.) Free.

#### LONG BEACH PLANT FEST

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hella Plants Market and Plantiitas will be hosting a festival at 1738 East Seventh Street featuring plant vendors, plant care workshops and food. General admission tickets cost \$5 per person, and can be purchased on Eventbrite.

#### RISING JAPAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

noon to 10 p.m. This two-day festival at Marina Green Park (400 E Shoreline Drive) will feature over 20 Japanese music artists, food, sake tastings and more. A one-day ticket is \$60 and a two-day ticket is \$110. Tickets can be purchased on the RJMF website.

#### SUNDAY SATURDAYS

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. V.I.P. Records will be hosting a celebration of gospel music on the Billie Jean King

main Library's terrace (101 Pacific Ave.) in Downtown Long Beach once a month during the summer. Local churches and various city departments will be present. Free.

#### EAST VILLAGE SUMMER FEST

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents are invited to shop and enjoy themselves at this outdoor community event. The event will take place in the East Village Arts District, between E Third Street and E Broadway. Free to attend.

#### ALT RHYTHMS

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Residents are invited to enjoy Latin and Caribbean music at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). There will be food, beer and paletas available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 on the museum's website.

### 23 SUNDAY

#### CLEAN STREETS CLEAN-UP

8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Residents are invited to help clean the Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos neighborhoods during this weekly clean-up. The meeting location for this Sunday is at 3433 Long Beach Blvd. Gloves and tools are provided. Free.

#### ROCKIN SUMMER MARKETPLACE

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over a dozen small businesses will be selling their products at Roxanne's (1115 E Wardlow Rd.). There will also be DJs and tiki-themed drinks. Admission costs \$5.

#### BOOZY BOOK FAIR

Noon to 5 p.m. Ambitious Ales (4019 Atlantic Ave.) and Bel Canto Books will be hosting an adult book fair, where those 21 and older can drink beer as they peruse the different titles available. Smoked and Salted Barbecue will be selling Filipino-Texas fusion dishes. Free to attend.

#### FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

4 p.m. The Silver Fox (411 Redondo Ave.) will be hosting a summer apparel fashion show featuring designs from Jomo Patterson, a "Top Model" competition and prizes to be auctioned. All proceeds will benefit the AIDS Food Store in Long Beach. Free to attend.

#### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Families are invited to a weekly family game night at Steelcraft LB (3768 Long Beach Blvd.) where they can rent or bring



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A man holds his golden retriever while watching King Salmon and the Funk Yard Horns play in the parking lot of Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea in Bixby Knolls during the first of this year's Concerts in the Park(ing lot) series on June 26, 2023.

their own board games and card games to play. Free.

### 24 MONDAY

#### GLASS BOTTOM BOAT ECO-TOUR

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Passengers will board a glass-bottomed boat and visit the break wall off the coast of Long Beach, while observing and searching for local marine life. The boat will depart from Shoreline Village (429 Shoreline Village Dr.). General admission tickets can be purchased for \$25 on Eventbrite.

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

6:30 p.m. Residents can gather at the Bixby Joe Coffee & Tea parking lot (4245 Atlantic Ave.) to dance the night away with live music from Blanco y Negro. Attendees can bring food, lawn chairs, coolers and more. Free.

#### MOVIES IN THE PARK

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The public is invited to an outdoor screening of the Pixar movie "Toy Story" at Grace Park (intersection of Elm Avenue and Plymouth Street). Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic food. The movie will begin at dusk. Free.

### 25 TUESDAY

#### SENIOR MOVIE MATINEE

11 a.m. Residents ages 55 and older are invited to the Signal Hill Public Library Community Room (1800 E Hill St.) for a social club and movie screening of "The Wizard of Oz." Free.

#### MOONLIGHT MOVIES ON THE BEACH

7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Watch a screening of "Lilo & Stitch" at Granada Beach (5000 E. Ocean Blvd). The event will feature pre-show entertainment from local bands. This screening is part of the summer-long Moonlight Movies at the Beach series. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to sit on. Food trucks will be present. The movie screenings are family-friendly and pet-friendly. Free.

### 26 WEDNESDAY

#### RISING TO THE OCCASION

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The United Cambodian Community will be hosting this small business summit at the

Long Beach Airport (4811 Airport Dr.). The purpose of this event is to encourage and inform members of the Cambodian community who want to do business in Long Beach. To register for the event, bit.ly/RisingtotheOccasion. Free.

#### SAVE OUR WATER

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Centro CHA will be holding a workshop at the Jenny Oropeza Community Center (401 Golden Ave.) where residents can learn how to conserve water during the summer. Free.

#### WINE & ROOTS

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Those 21 and over are invited to learn how to report a plant while enjoying wine at local plant shop Plantiitas (2011 E 4th St.). This event is a collaboration between local businesses Plantiitas and Art du Vin. General admission costs \$40. To purchase tickets, visit Eventbrite.

#### CONCERTS IN THE PARK

6:30 p.m. The cover band Jimmy's Buffet will be performing at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). This is a family-friendly event appropriate for all ages. Free.

### 27 THURSDAY

#### BLOOD DRIVE

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Long Beach Fire Department is asking for volunteers to donate lifesaving blood at its headquarters (3205 Lakewood Blvd.) To make an appointment to donate blood, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code: LBFDF.

#### LEGO CLUB

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. School-aged children 6 and older are invited to build with Legos at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Legos will be provided. Free.

#### PCH RAISING DECIBELS

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This live music series along Seaport Way will feature reggae band Tomorrows Bad Seeds, face painting, airbrush tattoos and a dance floor. Free.

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(Left) Golden brown baklava and honey shine in the warm skylight on top of the sample size frozen Greek yogurt dessert at Nick the Greek on 2nd Street on July 25, 2023. (Center) A rotating Gyro slicer is used to cut the thin strips of roasted beef and lamb meat off the rotisserie in the kitchen of Nick the Greek on July 20, 2023. (Right) A fork rests inside the feta, green onion and garlic covered Greek fries at Nick the Greek before their grand opening on July 25, 2023.



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(Left) An employee at Nick the Greek sets down a plate of Nick's Fries that are fully loaded with feta cheese, gyro meat, garlic, green onion and a spicy yogurt sauce. (Center) Manager Esperanza Ridley (left) and cook Jesús Adrián Tun open the doors to Nick the Greek restaurant on July 20, 2023, before the grand opening on July 25. (Right) A beef and lamb gyro wrap with a side of Greek fries sit in a to go container at Nick the Greek' restaurant on July 20, 2023.

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# The Silver Fox's summer fashion show returns for 15th year to support AIDS Food Store

Samantha Diaz  
Managing Editor

Fabulous summer swimwear, fierce models and a friendly fashion show has become a beloved LGBTQ community tradition that helps to keep the AIDS Food Store in Long Beach up and running.

Local gay bar The Silver Fox will be hosting its annual fashion show and fundraiser for the 15th year, where residents will strut down a runway showing off this year's styles of swimwear, underwear and T-shirts. Attendees will be able to vote (through rowdy applause) for their favorite model, purchase various clothing pieces and enter raffles for a number of prizes.

Majority owner of The Silver Fox, John Barnes was part of the team that created the fashion show. He's worked at the bar in nearly every position during his 40-year tenure and could not recall the exact conversation that prompted the first show, but told the *Signal Tribune*, "I'm sure it happened over a cocktail."

The Silver Fox used to host fashion shows in the late '80s shortly after opening. During the AIDS epidemic in the '80s, when over 100,000 people died from the disease according to the Center for Disease Control, places like The Silver Fox became a safe haven for the LGBTQ community to mourn, celebrate and support one another.

"It was not easy to be gay in the '80s. Most people weren't out," Barnes said. "When you walked into a gay bar it was kind of a sign of strength ... It was a difficult time, it was the beginning of HIV and coming to gay bars was a kind of rite of passage."

John Newell, who has helped run the AIDS Food Store (AFS) in Long Beach for almost 18 years, joined the store for similar reasons. After his partner passed away from HIV in 2000, he wanted to help those who are going through the same experience.

"I've always wanted to find a way to give back to the community and help and make sure that people have the food and the necessities that they need to continue to live a healthy, vibrant lifestyle," Newell said.



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An exterior view of the Silver Fox gay bar on Redondo Avenue in Long Beach on July 20, 2023.

Long Beach's AFS was established in 1985, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, to support the growing needs of the LGBTQ community. The store operated out of Christ Chapel Church in East Long Beach until about six years ago when they relocated to a spot on Willow Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Newell was on the board of directors with AFS when the fashion show started, and has helped host it every year since then.

"At first we were nervous and a little unsure about how it would be received, if people would come," Newell said. "That first year we were just blown away with the success of it."

Newell explained that food insecurity worsened for people in the community during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. AFS currently serves 250-300 people a month, all of whom have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

"When we started the food store in '85, our clients were living short-term, sometimes three to six months," Newell said. "Now with advancements in medication, we're seeing our clients for much longer. Some of them have medical issues where they're just not able to work and coming to AFS they know they can get healthy, delicious food and not need to worry about it."

AFS prides itself in the fact that they provide fresh, healthy food for its clients with a variety of options for dietary restrictions. Each year,

the fashion show raises at least \$5,000 for AFS, which goes toward filling its shelves with fresh meats, vegetables, fruits, dairy products and more.

The bulk of donations will come from raffled-off prizes including a brand new beach cruiser, \$200 and \$500 gift cards to Best Buys, VIP tickets to the Q Film Festival and tickets to the Orange County Fair.

One of the models—made up of members of a Long Beach kickball team and last-minute participants pulled from the crowd—will be crowned the "Top Model" and receive a prize. Barnes said that models often invite their friends and families to the show, and the cheers from the crowd to decide the winner can get hotly contested.

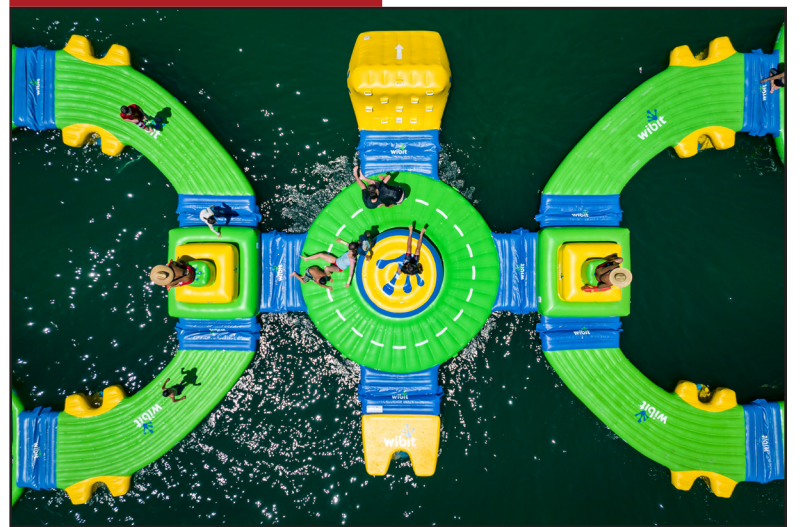
Some models participating have become Silver Fox fashion show alumni, showcasing JP Designs' clothing year after year.

Attendees can also enjoy drag show performances.

"It's just been a real ride at Silver Fox," Barnes said. "I've seen a lot of history over the years of rights gained, acceptance gained, progress over the '80s and '90s, and so it's a new world out there, and I'm glad I'm here to enjoy it."

The Silver Fox fashion show will take place on Sunday, July 23 beginning at 4 p.m. Entry is free, but attendees are highly encouraged to purchase drinks, raffle tickets and other items to benefit the AIDS Food Store in Long Beach.

PICS FROM PEEPS



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An overhead view of the children as they play on and swim around the Wibit floating playground at Alamitos Beach while lifeguards keep watch near the center of the figure-eight-shaped structure on June 25, 2022.

## Pictures from the People: Life's a beach

One of the few respites from the sweltering heat lately is the cool breeze, rushing waves and soft sand right in our backyard: It's beach day.

If you're reading this, chances are you're less than 20 minutes from one of the best places to be this summer. Dragon boat racers use the waters for practice, families flock to the inflatable playground Wibit, community groups take their time to clean our shores and dog owners watch their pups play in the water at Rosie's Dog Beach.

However you choose to spend your time at the beach, try snapping some pictures during your next trip. Maybe you want to share a beautiful seashell you found buried in the sand, or a seagull stealing someone's food or a simply striking sunset reflecting on the ocean. We want to see them all, and publish



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A volleyball court net with signage displaying love for the City of Long Beach is seen on the beach with light illuminating the crest of tiny waves in the ocean just past a lifeguard station on Oct. 25, 2022.

them too.

If you find yourself at the beach any time between now and Aug. 3, take some pictures and send your favorites to Newspaper@SignalTribune.com or to our Instagram @SignalTribune.



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The lifeguard on duty at the tower on 62nd Place in Long Beach looks out towards the ocean while clouds move in from the Southwest on June 22, 2022.

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**TST7016/Order No: 14507  
Auto Lien Sale**

On 08/04/2023 at 2525 VIA CLARITA RD ACTION, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 BIG TEX  
VIN: 16VGX5121K2050229  
STATE: CA LIC: 4SS2899 at 10 AM

**TST7015/Order No: 14550  
Auto Lien Sale**

On 08/04/2023 at 6020 S WESTERN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 ALFA ROMEO  
VIN: ZARFAECN2J7567109  
STATE: CA LIC: 8YCV656 at 10 AM



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No matter the day of the week or even the time of day, Brunch will always be an excellent suggestion! Brunch (IDA#698458) is a 2-year-old brown tabby who came in with her three kittens, named Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner! They've all gone to their own homes, with kitchens and their very own dishes, and Brunch is now left on the table. Volunteer Janet said that she's a good egg and is as sweet as a cinnamon roll—no salsa came with this petite cutie-pie! Take Brunch home and break out the bubbly to celebrate! 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 to speed the process for adopting or fostering Brunch, or call (562) 570-7387.

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**TST7017/Order No: 14481  
Auto Lien Sale**

On 08/08/2023 at 8129 E SAN PEDRO ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 DODGE  
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STATE: CA LIC: 7YRH426 at 10 AM

**TST7018/Order No: 14534  
Auto Lien Sale**

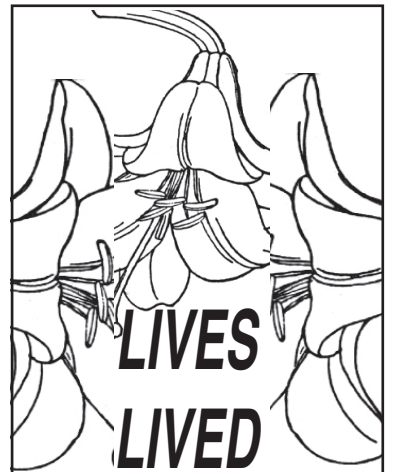
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**TST7019/Order No: 14315  
Auto Lien Sale**

On 08/08/2023 at 991 W 19TH ST COSTA MESA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1986 SKIP  
HULL: SKP02752L586  
STATE: CA CF#: 3381JE at 10 AM

**TST7020/Order No: 14131  
Auto Lien Sale**

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VIN: KNDMC5C13J6400224  
STATE: CA LIC: 8HOE996 at 10 AM



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- Debra Martinez 56
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## BIXBY PARK MURAL

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Liz sits on her pride-themed blanket while waiting for speakers to take the stage at the Queer Liberation Now event at Bixby Park in Long Beach on June 28, 2021.

The LA County Commission on Human Relations published a 2022 California Hate Crime Report that states anti-homosexual biased events rose 32.8% in 2022. Hate crimes based on sexual orientation rose by 29% in the same time period.

Hate crimes involving gender biases, such as a transgender or gender non-conforming person rose by 55.6% from 2021 to 2022, according to the report.

Experienced Long Beach-based artist, muralist and queer immigrant Myisha Arellano was chosen to paint the mural.

She's currently painting her masterpiece—which she created based on requests from community members—onto a mural canvas, set to be transferred onto the Bixby Park Community Center.

Arellano said she wanted to be part of the project because although she personally has not been a victim of hate, she's heard stories and "knows there's a lot of truth to it."

"It's acknowledging that different communities have gone through a lot of hardships since the pandemic and the effects are still rippling," Arellano said. "This is one of the communities I'm a part of and where I live."

This will be Arellano's third mural in Long Beach. She previously painted a mural celebrating Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students at Cal State Long Beach and painted a mural on the outside of a laundry mat in the city.

LA vs. Hate's marketing group TaskForce held two community workshops throughout the year to hear what community members wanted to see on the mural. Pascale Cardozo, director at TaskForce, helped oversee the meetings and the Summer of Solidarity programming.

She said a recurring theme that residents wanted to see were the memories and moments that make up the LGBTQ culture in Long

Beach.

"There were a lot of conversations about how tight knit the Long Beach community is and all the organizations, bars, services and places where the community feels welcome and seen," Cardozo said.

"There was a lot of talk about solidarity too, not just making it about this community, but showing up for other communities," Arellano added.

The first mural in the Summer of Solidarity program was unveiled in June and celebrated the Jewish community in Los Angeles county.

Arellano attended both meetings for Bixby Park's mural and said the main theme she took away was that Long Beach accepts people "from different walks of life." To honor that message, her mural is one that celebrates people's various cultures and differences.

Some key parts of the mural include a Khmer grocery store, a person in a wheelchair, an elderly person and people of color.

"We wanted to celebrate our differences because through that, if we're able to see those differences as things we can respect and celebrate with each other ... that idea will close and decrease the amount of hate," Cardozo said.

The mural unveiling will feature local drag queen and philanthropist Jewels Long Beach, the director of the Human Relations Commission talking about the services LA vs. Hate offers and a first-hand experience from someone who has experienced hate.

Following the speeches and mural unveiling, residents can enjoy food trucks, a book truck selling children's LGBTQ-themed books, an ice cream truck and the opportunity to speak with members from LA vs. Hate.

The Bixby Park mural unveiling will take place on Aug. 5 at 130 Cherry Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents can RSVP on LA vs. Hate's website.

## SIGNAL HILL POLICE CHIEF

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Having worked for a large entity like the OC Sheriff's Department and a smaller city like Los Alamitos, Byerley said the transition coming into Signal Hill has been easy and enjoyable. Signal Hill and Los Alamitos have nearly identical populations, only a couple hundred residents away from one another.

Byerley plans on bringing some of the same ideas that worked for Los Alamitos to his role in Signal Hill, starting with establishing a sense of pride. He wants the department's motto "We're committed to excellence in service" to be plastered on every cop car, business card and piece of stationary that officers use.

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Everybody just seems to be here for the right reasons, their hearts in the right place. When you look at how they value community engagement, they value people from all walks of life. They do the flag raises ... just to see how they make all the residents feel valued.”

—Wayne Byerley,  
Signal Hill Chief of Police

Though his office only has a couple of decorations—a fake plant he's had for decades that follows him from office to office, an American flag made from wood that an OC resident gifted him and a small door hanger revealing his love for Lake Mohave—Byerley feels right at home in his new position.

More than anything, he's enjoying spending time with his coworkers and fellow City staff. It's a luxury he missed working for a county department all those years. Byerley said certain friends he would see every couple of years because of how large the department was.

"Everybody just seems to be here for the right reasons, their hearts in the right place," Byerley said. "When you look at how they value community engagement, they value people from all walks of life. They do the flag raises ... just to see how they make all the residents feel valued."

As of now, Byerley said his main goal is to get proper levels of staffing in the department. The department is currently hiring for a dispatcher, police officers and a police recruiter. Pay for these positions range from \$58,000 to \$109,000.

"I want to focus on bringing people on board that are connected to the area ... Because a lot of times officers will come here, get their basic training out of the way and then they'll look to another agency," Byerley said. "I really want the department to be a destination career, not a feeder system for another department."

To do this, Byerley said the department needs to connect more closely with the community. He tells his officers to think of every interaction as possible recruitment, and wants police at food distributions, baseball games, college games and community events.

Although he didn't have Signal Hill on his radar for a career opportunity, the city has always been in the peripherals of his life, having grown up in Lakewood. He attended a driver's permit course where he learned how to drive going up and down the hills of the city.

Byerley also attended multiple explorer's meetings with the Signal Hill Police Department, where they spoke about the responsibilities and opportunities of joining local law enforcement. Over four decades later, he's returned to the place that taught him so much.

Byerley knew he wanted to be in law enforcement ever since he was attending Lakewood High School. Pushed by a desire to make a difference and serve, his ultimate goal when he joined law enforcement was to "take bad guys to jail."

Years later, he had what he calls "a major paradigm shift" which changed how he viewed his career.

While working for the OC Sheriff's Department, his mom was diagnosed with cancer. His schedule became hectic as he helped his mom go to and from appointments and deal with the side effects of chemotherapy.

Byerley said when he would call his job to let them know he wouldn't be able to come into work, he was faced with two different supervisors who had drastically different responses. Sometimes, he would be answered by a supervisor who had no patience or understanding of his situation, often telling him that he needed to give a more advanced notice.

Other times, Byerley would call and speak to a different supervisor who had the same response each time: "We're here for you, do whatever you need. We're going to make



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Police Chief Wayne Byerley being sworn into his role with his wife and son standing close by at a Signal Hill City Council meeting on May 16, 2023

it work."

Three months later, Byerley's mother passed away and he was faced with a choice.

"I thought to myself, I can still do police work, do all that hard-charging stuff. But if I don't pursue leadership and try to promote within the department, then that first guy that I called into, that's going to spawn in the organization," Byerley said.

"And I wanted to promote, I wanted to make a difference. That way when somebody else is going through a crisis, when they call in and they need support for work, they get it."

Byerley has carried that mindset with him in every leadership role he's had. He considers himself a "servant leader," whose job it is to support and help everybody else.

Byerley said that community trust is also very important to him. In 2018, a former sergeant he briefly worked with at the OC Sheriff's Department testified that Byerley told him to delete copies of citizen and inmate complaints against the department.

Byerley explained that he followed protocol of removing "duplicate records" that somehow were in the wrong database. Once correcting the database, he felt it was appropriate to delete the files that were in the wrong place, but had since been moved into its correct spot.

He said a "former disgruntled employee" alleged that Byerley was acting out of the bounds of protocols. The OC Sheriff's Office did not comment when the *Signal Tribune* called regarding the incident.

Byerley said he doesn't have plans of leaving Signal Hill anytime soon, and though he didn't want to give an exact answer, he said he expects to spend "at least a few years" with the department in order to really change.

Kristen Farrah Naeem contributed to this article.

## CRIME

### Bicyclist killed in crash in Long Beach; motorist sought

City News Service  
Southern California Local News

A woman riding a tandem bicycle with her husband was fatally injured in a crash in Long Beach over the weekend, and authorities are seeking the public's help to find a motorist who police say might not know their vehicle was involved.

Gaylin Reese, 76, of Long Beach, was injured about 12:25 p.m. Sunday, July 16 near Second Street and Marina Drive, and she died at a hospital, the Long Beach Police Department reported.

"The preliminary investigation revealed that a tandem bicycle, ridden by a husband and wife, was

traveling eastbound on 2nd Street in the bicycle lane," an LBPD statement said.

"There was heavy vehicle traffic at the time and all cars were at a stop," police said. "The cyclists sideswiped a vehicle, lost control, and fell to the ground. After the collision, the involved vehicle drove away from the scene. It is unclear if the driver of that vehicle was aware of the collision."

Paramedics took Reese and her husband to a hospital, where the man was treated for non life-threatening injuries, police said. Both were wearing helmets when the crash occurred, according to police, who said detectives were notified of



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the woman's death on Tuesday.

No description was available of the vehicle that kept going after the crash. Anyone with information on the case was urged to call Detective Joseph Johnson at 562-570-7355 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS. Tipsters may also use the website [www.LACrimeStoppers.org](http://www.LACrimeStoppers.org).

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# MUSIC NIGHTS AT JIMMY E'S



JULY 21ST | COUNTRY VISION | 7-11 P.M.



JULY 22ND | THE KNOCKOUTS | 8 P.M. - 12 A.M.



JULY 27TH | BELLA & RUDY | 6-8 P.M.



JULY 28TH | THE RAYFORD BROS | 8 P.M. - 12 A.M.



JULY 29TH | B-SIDE | 8 P.M. - 12 A.M.

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