

**GALLERY**



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### Long Beach's largest Christmas tree lights the sky



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An aerial view of the lights and Christmas tree outside of the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.



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Two women bathed in colorful lights looks up at fireworks at the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.



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Residents look up and/or record on their phones the fireworks at the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.

see the full photo gallery on page 11

**COMMUNITY**



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Sitting on a base of wood is hundreds of pounds of gingerbread, frosting, chocolate and candies that make up the gingerbread mountain city inside Confidential Coffee in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2023.

## Sweet creations and holiday celebrations: Long Beach's Master Gingerbread Maker wows again

**Samantha Diaz**  
 Managing Editor

**R**esidents don't need to travel far to see Christmas lights and Long Beach landmarks within a wintry, wondrous mountain landscape. In fact, no need to hop on the I-15 or even venture past downtown.

The towering gingerbread village, sprinkled with cabins, frosting trees, gumdrops and well, lots of sprinkles, is the culmination of years of practice from Long Beach business owner and self-titled Master Gingerbread Maker Isaac Salgado.

For over a decade, Salgado has been creating these intricately decorated villages, bigger and more impressive each year. He chooses two downtown locations each holiday season to host his frosting-layered formations.

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## EXHIBIT

# Greenly Art Space hosting annual fundraiser with artists near and far



Image Courtesy of Greenly Art Space

Local Native American artist Gail Werner submitted her acrylic and mixed media piece "Salvadora's House" for Greenly Art Space's "Strength/Struggle" show and fundraiser.

## Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

A deeply personal art exhibit will be on display at Signal Hill's Greenly Art Space, kicking off with a fundraiser on Dec. 2.

Over 40 artists have contributed their original work to "Strength/Struggle," the last show of the year at Greenly Art Space, and perhaps the most vulnerable yet. Gallery owner and curator Kimberly Hocking said the show has been in the works for about a year, inspired by her time spent in her artist's residency in Victoria, Canada.

Hocking and her fellow artist and friend Pawel Reczek ventured out in the middle of the evening, blanketed in the moonlight to photograph a pile of fallen trees.

"I felt like that encapsulated my thoughts and feelings about this exhibition, about the strength and struggle in life," Hocking said of the fallen trees. "This used to be a forest and it became this big pile of trees which then I was able to photograph and it became beautiful art. So it's [a place] in between or maybe both destruction and creation."

Reczek has his own work in the show as well, as Hocking was impressed by his ability to mesh beauty and pain in his work. His oil painting on canvas titled "Un-going" explores the nature of giving into the void and acting on instinct, creating a universal language of understanding.

Hocking sent out what she called maybe her "most deep and vulnerable" call for artists, inviting them to "share about their own personal struggles in life and the strength that they've found through creating



Image Courtesy of Greenly Art Space

Luisa Sabrina Stark, a researcher and artist from Switzerland submitted a linoleum print on wood "Mother with two children" for Greenly Art Space's "Strength/Struggle" show and fundraiser.

artwork around these struggles."

She said she's been "honored and humbled" with the types of stories people have been willing to share. People who attend the fundraiser on Dec. 2 can meet some of these artists and hear their experiences, and residents can read about them in-person through Dec. 23.

It's a theme that has been central to Greenly Art Space since its creation. Following the sudden death of her brother 20 years ago while he was training to become a marine fighter pilot, Hocking wanted to honor his courage in doing what he believed in.

She founded Greenly Art Space with the goal of creating a "non-traditional art gallery space where it's more about the deeper things in life and contemplating those deeper

ideas through art."

Hocking also sought to create a space that welcomed international artists, as well as locals. "Strength/Struggle" tells the stories of over 40 artists, some from Signal Hill and Long Beach and others from Poland and Switzerland and beyond.

The international lens is also a conscious effort, as Hocking has traveled to other countries to dig through artist's work in order to curate a better understanding of the artist and their background. She said in each of her travels, she makes sure to connect with other artists and delve into the artistic current going on in different parts of the world.

"I think it helps to expand our reach as far as the type of work that we're doing and the types of communities that we're speaking to," Hocking said.

Greenly Art Space relies solely on patrons, volunteers and donations in order to create the kind of international, contemplative and celebratory work that it provides.

Residents can contribute to the gallery by attending its 13th annual fundraiser on Dec. 2 at Greenly Art Space (2698 Junipero Ave.) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a \$10 cover charge and patrons are welcome to purchase the art they see.

People can also visit the exhibit on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment by calling 562.533.4020 through Dec. 23.

## STREET CLOSURES



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Construction workers with VCI Construction work on the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Cherry Boulevard on May 9, 2023.

## Construction on Alamitos Avenue will begin Monday and continue through year's end

The work will focus on improvements to the bike lane, new crosswalk markings and traffic signage.

### Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Construction along Alamitos Avenue in Downtown Long Beach is set to begin next week and continue into January 2024, the City announced Tuesday.

The street will receive a slurry seal treatment from the company All American Asphalt from East Ocean Boulevard to East Seventh Street. A slurry seal treatment is the application of water, asphalt emulsion, very small crushed rocks and additives over existing pavement.

Construction will take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and intersection closures may occur. No Parking signs will be posted for a minimum of three days prior to street closures if necessary.

Along with the slurry seal, the work will also include the installation of painted buffered bike lanes on both sides of Alamitos Avenue, new traffic striping, continental crosswalk markings and traffic signage.

The work is part of Long Beach's Safe Streets Plan to improve pedestrian access and bike lane connectivity throughout the city.

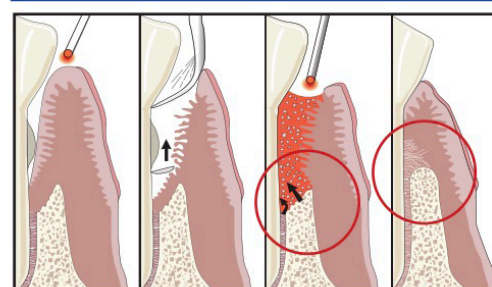
The City encourages residents to find alternate travel routes during the duration of the project and is asking residents to reduce water runoff from driveways and lawns into the streets.

For more information about this project, residents can contact Joy Contreras, Department of Public Works Community Relations Officer, at Joy.Contreras@longbeach.gov.

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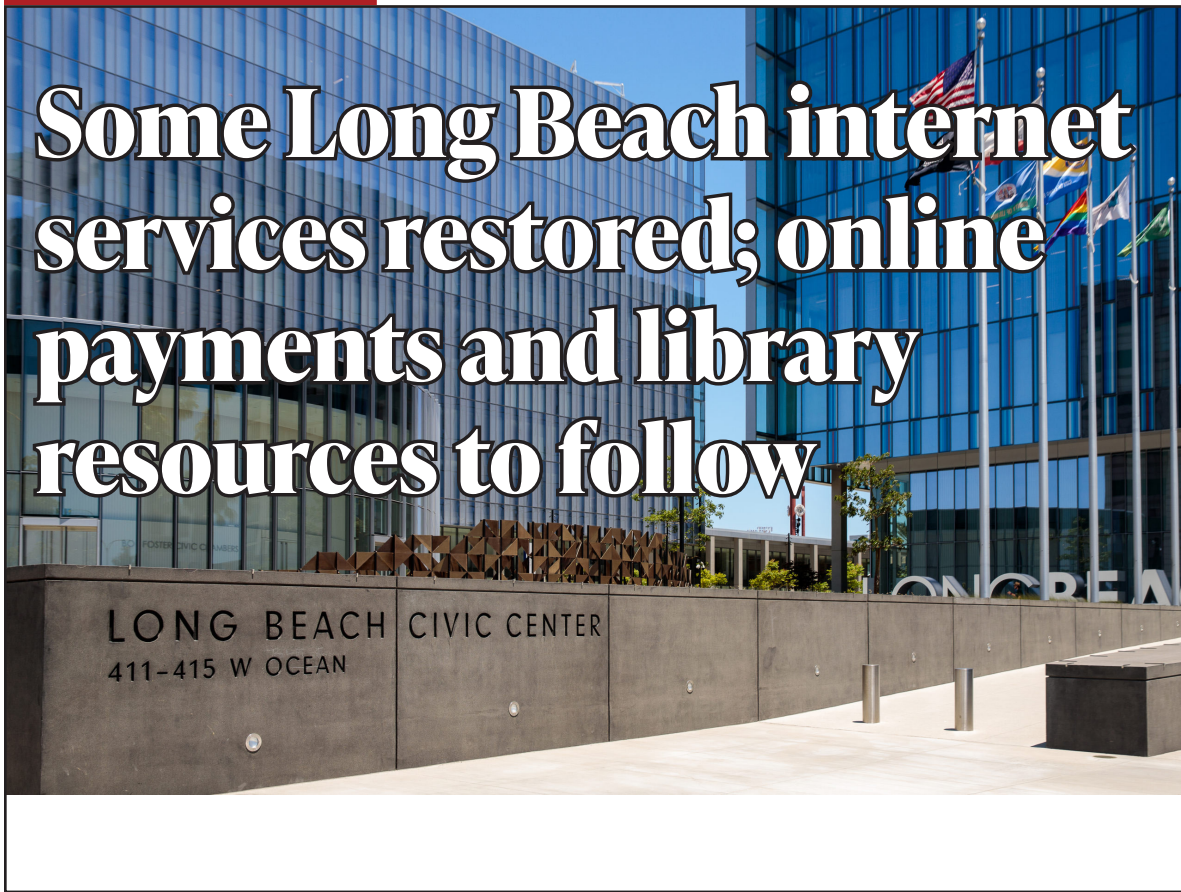
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CYBER SECURITY

# Some Long Beach internet services restored; online payments and library resources to follow



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Exterior picture of the Long Beach Civic Center, where City Hall is located in Downtown Long Beach.

**City News Service**  
Southern California Local News

Most of Long Beach's municipal government internet connections, network and systems, including its main website, have been restored after being taken offline when officials learned of a network security incident targeting the city, Mayor Rex Richardson announced Monday.

The city continues the process of restoring internet connections and systems securely in a planned and sequential method to ensure that systems function properly, according to Richardson.

Since systems were taken offline Nov. 15, a large contingent of city staff from the Department of Technology and Innovation have been working on a multitude of related workstreams and tasks, including those associated with properly bringing systems back online, Richardson said.

While systems were offline, department personnel assessed potential vulnerabilities and implemented additional security measures, beyond the existing measures already in place, to contain the threat, Richardson said.

With the assistance of third-party cyber security professionals, the department facilitated deployment of additional security technology to

enhance detection, response and monitoring.

Most website content, including general information and department web pages, is now accessible on the city's main website, longbeach.gov, with the majority of online services to follow into the coming days, Richardson said.

City services are being brought online slowly, and there are several steps involved including restoring regularly occurring processes between systems and testing the systems to ensure full functionality, Richardson said.

Work to reestablish connectivity with outside partners will continue for several days. Accessibility for several enterprise functions remain offline, including utility bill payment processing and most digital amenities offered by the Long Beach Public Library.

Utility billing late fees and shut-offs for non-payment have been suspended. Customers are still unable to make payments online, over the phone, or at any previously established offsite locations. All previously scheduled customer service operations will continue but could be delayed.

The city said that, once all systems are online, there will likely be some backlogs and some catch-up processes required to return to normal operations. Residents are

encouraged to report any online service disruptions by calling 562-570-INFO.

The investigation of the network security incident remains ongoing and could take several weeks or months to conclude the investigation, the city said.

Due to the nature of the network security incident and active investigation, most of the information relating to the investigation must remain confidential, Richardson said. The city will continue to provide regular updates as appropriate.

"The restoration of our city network has been crafted meticulously and sequentially to ensure that all systems are functioning properly and will be safeguarded against any potential vulnerabilities as we resume normal operations," Richardson said.

"As a full-service city, we recognize the importance of uninterrupted access to online services for our residents, businesses and visitors. We understand the inconvenience caused by the temporary disruption. We thank you for your understanding and patience, and we assure our community that great effort has been made to re-secure our systems."

CULTURE

# Hmong New Year Festival will honor Laos villages with two-day celebration

**Staff Report**  
Signal Tribune

The ending of a year and the possibilities that lie ahead will be celebrated through traditional Hmong music, dances, food and games at Long Beach's Hmong New Year Festival.

This two-day festival hosted by the Hmong Association of Long Beach honors the Hmong mountain villages in Laos, Southeast Asia. The association was created in 1981 by Yang Cha, shortly after thousands of people from Southeast Asian countries immigrated to Southern California in the 1970s.

The festival celebrates "all the good things of the past year as well as hopes for all good things in the year to come," said Hmong Association President Wang Xiong in a public statement.

The Hmong New Year takes place on Nov. 25 and 26, but the festival will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and free to residents of all ages.

Residents will gather and celebrate at the Golden Grove Section of El Dorado Park with traditional flute performances, various dance groups, multiple Hmong games, crafts and cultural food. Each year, the association chooses an elder to honor for their contributions to the Hmong community by inviting them to "cut the ribbon to open the gate into the new year."

This year's honoree is Bonnie Lowenthal, whom the association recognizes for her longtime advocacy for immigrants, refugees, homeless residents, those who need mental health services and other social issues.

Lowenthal has been a supporter of Hmong arts and culture for over 20 years, has served on the Long Beach Unified School District board, the Long Beach City Council and the California Assembly. She is now the vice president of the Harbor Commissioners of the Port of Long Beach.

Following the opening ceremonies, residents can enjoy a variety of performances. The students from "Qeej Not Gangs" will be playing the qeej, a six-reed flute that is an "essential" instrument in the Hmong culture.

Students can learn to play the qeej through the Cultural Preser-



Image Courtesy of the Hmong Association of LB Children dress in cultural garb for the annual Hmong New Year celebration in Long Beach.

vation Program at Homeland at McArthur Park, which has been teaching students traditional arts since 1998.

The notes [of the qeej] abstractly represent words that tell stories, most importantly at funerals to tell the story of a deceased person so she or he has a path back to the ancestors," Xiong said in a statement.

Children will put on a fashion show of Hmong traditional clothes from various regions of Laos, with intricate embroidery and tinkling silver coins. Three levels of dance groups made up of young women and children who have performed throughout the state will take the stage, as well as a drumming group led by Master Cha Kay.

The festival will feature traditional food such as green papaya salad, Hmong barbecue meats, purple rice and coconut drinks. Residents can also enjoy works from the Lee sisters, master embroidery artists who will showcase clothing, pillowcases, wall art, animals and more.

Traditional games will be played such as Hmong top spinning, where competitors toss and spin 5-inch carved tops and aim to knock out their opponents. Another New Year ritual is the courting ball toss, where couples stand in rows and throw balls to each other while traditional music plays.

Attendees who wear Hmong traditional clothing will be entered to win a prize: a newly published book on Hmong history by Gayle Morrison titled "Deep Tears: Post War Resistance in Laos (1975-1880)."

The Hmong New Year Festival will take place on Dec. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Grove Section of El Dorado Park (7550 E Spring St.). Entry to the festival is free, and parking costs \$8.

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## CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

### Wednesday, November 22

12:16 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1900 block E. Willow St.  
9:15 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 33rd St. west of Cerritos Ave.

### Thursday, November 23

### Friday, November 24

11:51 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Hill St. west of Redondo Ave.

### Saturday, November 25

11:20 a.m., Battery on spouse, Walnut Ave./E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
7:39 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 900 block E. Spring St.

### Sunday, November 26

12:14 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block Ohio Ave.  
1:11 a.m., DUI; injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Redondo Ave. (suspect arrested)  
8:43 a.m., Brandishing firearm replica, California Ave/E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)  
10:49 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Temple Ave.  
4:45 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block E. 21st St.  
5:42 p.m., Take vehicle without owners consent; possessing controlled substance; felony warrant, Ellis Ave./Gladys Ave. (suspect arrested)

### Monday, November 27

1:35 a.m., Burglary, 2200 block Walnut Ave.  
12:22 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Rose Ave.  
1:28 p.m., Burglary, 2600 block E. 20th St.  
4:25 p.m., Auto burglary, 1600 block E. 28th St.

### Tuesday, November 28

4:54 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block E. 28th St.  
3:27 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. PCH/Coronado Ave.  
7:12 p.m., Robbery, 900 block E. 33rd St.

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## FEATURE

# Shifting narratives and exceeding expectations: LBUSD's student board member determined to create change

*Axel Aguilar hopes to use his new role to bolster school spirit and pride at Jordan High School.*

**Briana Mendez-Padilla**

Education Reporter

Long before becoming Long Beach Unified School District's second-ever student board member, Axel Aguilar had a lot on his mind: namely, earthquakes.

The Jordan High School senior has been intrigued by emergencies and how to best prepare for them since he was in eighth grade. It's what drew him to completing the GoodWill Certified Nurse Assistant Training Program and why he hopes to become a trauma surgeon. "What can I do to help?" That's what I want to focus on and really just know how to help others in a way that's going to save their lives," Aguilar said.

Aguilar's passion for helping others manifests in many ways. In the medical field, he wants to help his current and future patients. As the eldest son in a Mexican household, he wants to help his family. And as a student board member, he wants to help students across the district.

Chosen out of a pool of 34 students, according to Superintendent Jill Baker, Aguilar was sworn in as student board member for the 2023-2024 school year in September.

He sits beside the board during meetings and can cast a "preferential vote" that while not counting toward the official vote on an item, allows him to provide a student perspective.

Baker said that while he is an accomplished student, the way he encourages others is what made him stand out during the selection process.

"One of the things that he put in his application, I underlined it three times, [was] that he encourages others to be the best that they can be," Baker told the Signal Tribune. "While that might sound simple, at his age to really be thinking about not just leading others or being in service, but to really think

about recognizing who others are trying to be, and helping them become that, I think just speaks a lot about his humanity."

Aguilar has been in the LBUSD system throughout his academic career, starting at Colin Powell Academy before attending Jordan High School.

One of the main reasons he applied to the position—and why he has been involved in leadership roles including pathway ambassador, Associated Student Body vice president and editor-in-chief of the yearbook—is to shift the perspective on Jordan's reputation.

"I'm a proud Jordan High School student. I'm proud to be here," Aguilar said. "I just really like the school and I can see the efforts that the school is making. I wanted to multiply that with my student board member position."

Aguilar was also inspired by his predecessor and Jordan alumna, Frania Lopez. He said he wanted to build upon what she started as the first elected student board member.

"Her being Latina really just inspired me like, 'Oh, we're up there. We can actually [do things like this]," Aguilar said. "And now that I'm here, I want to show the students not only at Jordan, but at other schools too, [that] we can be here doing great things for the community and for the world."

For Aguilar, representation is important. As a first-generation student and a Mexican-American, he's proud of his family's heritage. His parents immigrated from Mexico and dropped out of high school at a young age.

"I really appreciate their sacrifices, all of the things they've done for me, they don't go unnoticed and I really try to make the most out of their sacrifices, just because it's able to make them proud ... I feel like that's what we as first-generation students [tend to] want to do," Aguilar said.

Between his job as a nursing as-



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Jordan High School senior Axel Aguilar poses for a portrait in front of a commemorative friendship seal.

sistant, his role as student board member, his responsibilities on campus and his classes, it seems there is very little time left for him to do much else.

"I don't really see my parents that often because I'm always in school, but the time I do get to see them and spend time with them, I like to cherish that and really make the most of that," Aguilar said.

Aguilar joked that his friends might describe him as boring due to his endless responsibilities, but community involvement is paramount to Aguilar's goal of changing his community, as well as other people's perspective. He enjoys the school environment, academics and extracurriculars, which he said stems from craving the "full high school experience."

"I'm the type of person who if I don't like it, I'm not going to do it," Aguilar said. "Everything that I'm in, I like. I like the people, I like the connections I've made, I like the memories I've made with them, and that's what keeps me excited to keep doing it."

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**EVENT**

# Bixby Knolls' Santa Con presents a party of beer, food, holiday shopping and more

**Staff Report**

Signal Tribune

The Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBIA) is hosting its inaugural Santa Con, where people can gather for local brews, shopping deals and an array of food options while donning their best Santa, elf or other festive costume.

Dressing up as Mr. or Mrs. Claus is "mandatory," but participants will not be kicked out for not dressing up to the theme.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune  
Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to families along the parade route during the Daisy Lane Christmas Parade on Dec. 11, 2021.

"Well, you're not forced to dress up, but we are begging and asking that you do as it's part of the fun," the BKBIA wrote in its release for the event, adding that participants are welcome to dress as anything Christmas-themed.

Residents can traverse up and

down Atlantic Avenue and taste the various locally brewed beers, wines and special menu items from eateries, as well as deals from small businesses. The Big Red Bus will be available to take residents around the corridor.

There is no set route, and residents can visit whatever shops they choose, with deals and items offered at most locations. Between sipping and eating, residents can enjoy live music performances, a 360-degree photo booth, a chance to meet Mr and Mrs. Claus, carolers and other performances.

Santa Con tickets cost \$30 for those who want beer and wine tasters, and \$20 for a Santa's Helper ticket, which includes food and treats for children or those who don't want alcohol. All proceeds will go to the BKBIA to help it host community events.

**Santa Tickets include:**

- 1 Harp pint at EJs Pub
- 1 Beer pint at Rasselbock
- 1 Margarita at Lola's Mexican Cuisine
- 1 Small wine pour at The Vintage LBC
- 1 Taster at Ambitious Ales
- 1 Taster at Beachwood Brewing
- 1 Taster at Smog City Brewing
- 1 Square Slice of Sicilian Pizza at Thunderbolt Pizza
- Festive accessories & swag (first come, first served; limited quantities)



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune  
A young girl looks around hesitantly after telling Santa what she wants for Christmas during the Signal Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 30, 2022.

• Event bracelet for specials at participating restaurants

**Santa's Helper tickets include:**

- 1 Mango Green Tea with one-topping OR Thai Tea with one-topping at Ding Tea
- 1 Tamal at Tony's Kitchen
- 1 Hot Chocolate at Bixby Joe
- 1 Popcorn bag from Pop'n Flavours
- 1 Hummus & Pita appetizer from Taboon Mediterranean
- Festive accessories & swag (first come, first served; limited quantities)

• Event bracelet for specials at participating restaurants

**Secret menu items and special deals will be offered to residents who have an event bracelet on, including:**

- Dutch's Brewhouse: One half-off beer (one per ticket holder)
- Thunderbolt Pizza: \$5 pint draft beers
- Smog City Brewing Co.: \$3 pints (select beers only)
- Wood & Salt Tavern: \$5 Holiday Mule and 20% off appetizers and drinks
- The Better Half Boutique: 20%

off your purchase

- Pixie Toys: 20% off your purchase
- Long Beach Clothing Co.: 20% off your purchase

Attendees are encouraged to save a mobile ticket on their phone or print their ticket out in order to speed up the process of checking in and receiving bracelets.

Santa Con will take place on Dec. 10 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessories and tickets can be picked up from noon to 2 p.m. at the Expo Arts Center at 4321 Atlantic Ave. Event swag will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus will be running from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and stopping at Beachwood Brewing, Willmore Wine Bar, Rasselbock, Lola's Mexican Cuisine, Dutch's Brewhouse, EJ's Pub, Expo Arts Center, Ambitious Ales and Smog City Brewing.



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

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## GINGERBREAD VILLAGES

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This year, residents can bask in the baked glory at Confidential Coffee (137 W Sixth St.) and the Historic Bembridge House (953 N Park Circle). The villages will be on display during regular business hours through the end of the year.

Salgado's villages have come a long way from the 3-foot tall, 4-foot wide structure that was propped up in a park in the Willmore neighborhood, when his neighbor suggested the idea of displaying it at various businesses.

"I went from three houses to 10 and people just kept being blown away by it and I kept making it bigger," Salgado said.

He got his gingerbread village-making chops during his time working at a country club, where he worked as the executive chef for seven years. The country club would build huge displays each year, and the habit stuck with Salgado after he left to start his own business.

While the villages at the country club were made with seemingly unlimited resources, Salgado's villages are made with the help of community donations, and the displays reflect this spirit of giving.

Sprinkled throughout the enormous village are the names of people, businesses and organizations that donated at least \$100 to make this year's creation possible, written on signs and buildings along

the cookie crumble roads, along the railroad tracks and in front of frosting-filled log cabins.

Salgado adds an element of surprise each year by recreating a gingerbread Long Beach landmark. In past years, he's made the Villa Riviera, the International Tower and the ferris wheel at The Pike. This year, residents can recognize many of their favorite murals painted during the annual Long Beach Walls festival in miniature fashion.

In total, each village takes about three days, Salgado said, including the time it takes to bake each piece of building, letting it rest to harden and carefully assembling the sugary structure.

Thankfully, he has two little helper elves (his daughters) who look forward to their family's annual tradition and the decorating process. Salgado said they eagerly jumped into the practice, just as he did years ago at the country club.

This year Salgado has decided to spread the joy of his tradition by hosting his first-ever series of gingerbread decorating classes for children. For the next three weeks, a class will be hosted by Salgado (a.k.a. Santa Claus) where a child and adult can receive a decorating kit and take photos with Santa.

Gingerbread decorating classes will be scheduled as follows:

- Dec. 2 at The Pie Bar (450 Pine Ave.) from 11 a.m. to noon. Tickets



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A model train driven by Santa steams along a track at the base of the nearly 10-foot-tall gingerbread mountain town that was constructed inside of Confidential Coffee by the Willmore City Heritage Association on Nov. 18, 2023.

cost \$30.

- Dec. 10 at Confidential Coffee (137 W Sixth St.) from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$45.

- Dec. 17 at The Pie Bar from 11 a.m. to noon. Tickets cost \$30.

All tickets can be purchased on

Eventbrite.

Residents can view the gingerbread village at Confidential Coffee Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To view the village at the Bem-

bridge House, residents must purchase a ticket for tours, which are hosted for \$15 on Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Both villages will remain on display through the end of the year.



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Chef Issac Salgado poses with just a small part of his massive creation of a gingerbread mountain town that was constructed inside of Confidential Coffee in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2023.



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Willmore City Heritage Association President Sheila Gibbons, and Treasurer Hulean Tyler work together to staple the multi-colored string lights to the hundreds of pounds of gingerbread, frosting, chocolate and candies that make up the gingerbread mountain city inside Confidential Coffee in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2023.



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Hulean Tyler, treasurer for the Willmore City Heritage Association, connects string lights underneath the massive gingerbread mountain that was constructed inside Confidential Coffee in Long Beach on Nov. 18, 2023.

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**GALLERY**

# In Photos: Lighting up the hill for the holiday season

**Richard H. Grant**  
Photo Editor

Residents bundled up for the cold night gathered at Signal Hill City Hall as it became illuminated with the lights from a Christmas tree adorning the front lawn Wednesday night.

Before the lights sprang to life, community members were greeted with music from local caroling group, The Holiday Carolers, as they sang before the arrival of Santa from a Signal Hill Fire Department engine.

After Mayor Lina Hansen spoke to the gathered crowd of over 100 the switch was flipped and the tree was lit along with the radio tower atop of peak of the city on the hill making it Los Angeles county's tallest tree by elevation.



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Signal Hill Mayor Tina Hansen speaks to attendees of the Signal Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 29, 2023.



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An aerial view of the Christmas tree outside of Signal Hill City Hall on Nov. 29, 2023.



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A father and son take a picture together with the lights of the Christmas tree on the lawn of Signal Hill City Hall during the Signal Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 29, 2023.



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Members of The Holiday Carolers pose together for a picture after performing during the Signal Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 29, 2023.



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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to families along the parade route during the Daisy Lane Christmas Parade on Dec. 11, 2021.

Whether you've been naughty or nice this year, there's lots of fun, festive and mostly free things to do in Long Beach and Signal Hill.

For those looking for a spooky twist on the holiday season, the Long Beach Art Theatre will be showing the 1974 horror classic "Black Christmas" Friday night, and the Bamboo Club will host a screening of the 2015 horror "Krampus" based on the legend Sunday night.

Residents can get their classic Christmas fixings with a neighborhood Christmas tree decorating party Saturday morning, the Belmont Shore Christmas parade Saturday night, or the 53rd annual CSULB Holiday Art Sale Sunday.

If the cool weather is inviting you outdoors, Los Cerritos Wetlands is hosting their monthly nature hike Saturday morning, while Tuttle Cameras is hosting a photo walk at the El Dorado Nature Center Saturday.

## 01 FRIDAY

### WORLD AIDS DAY

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The City of Long Beach will be commemorating World AIDS Day with a panel of speakers at the Houghton Park Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center (6301 Myrtle Ave.). The event will conclude with a candlelight vigil. Free.

### FAT FRIDAY

9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Those 21 and older are invited to Harvelle's Long Beach (201 E Broadway) to enjoy performances by artists Jairus Mozee, Anthony Cruz and Charlie Bereal. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at longbeach.harvelles.com.

### BLACK CHRISTMAS

10 p.m. The Long Beach Art Theatre (2025 E Fourth St.) will have a one-night screening of the 1974 horror "Black Christmas." General admission is \$13.50.

### FEVER FRIDAYS

10 p.m. Those 18 and older are invited to dance the night away

at Hamburger Mary's (330 Pine Ave.). DJ Paulo Ramirez will be playing music. Gogo dancers will be performing. Free admission.

## 02 SATURDAY

### RAPTOR RUMBLE

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Los Cerritos Wetlands invites residents ages 7 and older to this nature hike to explore the often unseen areas of the wetlands. The hike will be led by Tidal Influence and will guide residents through the salt flats and up to the Heroine Points Cultural Trail, hoping to spot tiger beetles and coyote tracks. Residents can meet at the parking lot at the corner of First Street and PCH between 7:45 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. No latecomers will be allowed entry. Free.

### WINTER WONDERLAND

8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. This seasonal celebration organized by the AOC7 Neighborhood Association will bring neighbors together to decorate a community Christmas tree at 851 Orange Ave. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own ornaments to add to the tree. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided. Free.

### PHOTO WALK

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Residents can take a walk through the El Dorado Nature Center (7550 East Spring St.) to take a photo walk with Canon Product Educator Cassandra Caldwell. Signups are \$5 and parking is \$8.

### ROLLER DISCO

4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Downtown Long Beach's roller disco at The Promenade N between Third Street and Fourth Street will host a holiday edition of the retro dance party with tunes by MALCOLM. Residents can rent skates if they do not own a pair. Free to attend.

### CHAT WITH AN AUTHOR

4:30 p.m. Residents can hear from Oum Ry and daughter Sochada, authors of "I am Oum Ry: A Champion Kickboxer's Story of Surviving the Cambodian Genocide and Finding Peace." This chat will be held at the Mark Twain Library (1401 E Anaheim St.) and is free.

### BELMONT SHORE CHRISTMAS PARADE

6 p.m. This annual holiday parade takes place along Second Street from Livingston Avenue to Bayshore Avenue. The parade will feature floats, elves, Santa Claus, over a dozen marching bands and more. Free.

### PAINT & POT

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Local plant store Got A Leaf (5265 Atlantic Ave.) invites residents to paint a pot with a custom design. Prices TBA.

## 03 SUNDAY

### CAROLE KING COVER

2 p.m. Suzanne O Davis and the Tapestry band will be covering songs from Carole King's 1971 Platinum album "Tapestry" at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center (6200 E Atherton St.). Tickets can be purchased for \$45 on Tix.com.

### JAZZ CONCERT

3 p.m. Jazz legends, vocalist Dewey Erney and pianist Tom Rainier, will perform a rare show at the Grace First Presbyterian Church (3955 N Studebaker Road). This concert is free, but donations are encouraged.

### HOLIDAY ART SALE

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Cal State Long Beach School of Art will host its 53rd annual Holiday Art Sale, displaying works from students ranging from ceramics, drawing, painting, fiber, graphic design, illustration, metals and jewelry as well as printmaking. All works will be on sale and on display in the Faculty Arts buildings 2 and 3 (1250 Bellflower Blvd.). The show will remain on display through Dec. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. Free to attend.

### COMMUNITY CONCERT

5 p.m. Bethany School invites residents to this Christmas concert at 2250 Clark Ave. with performances by the Long Beach Community Band. Free.

### SEASONAL SLASHER SCREENING

7 p.m. There will be a screening of the scary holiday movie "Kram-

pus" at the Bamboo Club (3522 E Anaheim St.). Reservations are not required, but are strongly recommended. To register, visit bamboo-clublb.com/. Free to enter.

## 04 MONDAY

### READ TO DOGS

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Young children can practice reading to certified therapy dogs at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Reading to dogs is meant to build a child's self confidence as they learn to read. Free.

### MAI-TAI MONDAY

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. DJs Lili Bird and Lono Calls will be playing a mix of Exotica, Latin, Surf, Lounge, Jet Set, World Music and more at The Bamboo Club (3522 E Anaheim St.). This event is for those 21 and older. Free to attend.

## 05 TUESDAY

### KIDS CLUB TIME WITH MRS. CLAUS

10 a.m. to noon. Kids can meet Mrs. Claus at 2nd & PCH (6400 Pacific Coast Hwy.). Free.

### EVENING FOR EDUCATORS

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. This event at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) is geared towards educators, and will explore the work of artist Alexandre Arrechea. Light refreshments will be provided. Free.

## 06 WEDNESDAY

### BLIPPI LIVE

6 p.m. Kids are invited to sing, dance and learn alongside Blippi at this live event at the Terrace Theater (300 E Ocean Blvd.). Babies under the age of 2 can sit on a parent's lap, children over the age of 2 require a full price ticket. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$27.50 on Ticketmaster.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL GAME

7 p.m. The LBSU men's basket-

ball team will be facing off against Life Pacific University at the Walter Pyramid (1250 N Bellflower Blvd.). Tickets can be purchased on ticket-center.com for \$39 to \$49.

## 07 THURSDAY

### HANDS-ON COOKING FOR KIDS

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Chef Tech Cooking School (3842 Atlantic Ave.) will be holding a series of workshops to teach kids between 6 and 14 years old the basics of cooking. During this workshop, students will learn how to make provoleta cheese fondue and alfajores with dulce de leche. Tickets cost \$180 and can be purchased on the school's website.

### BOOK SIGNING AND CONVERSATION

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Los Cerritos Wetlands Trust is inviting residents to meet and learn from Rosanna Xia, author of "California Against the Sea: Visions for our Vanishing Coastline." Xia is an environmental journalist who will have a moderated conversation with CSULB geography lecturer Dr. David A. Pepper at the Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way). Free, but reservations are required on Eventbrite.

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**POLITICS**

# What did your state and federal representatives do in November?

*A round-up of November actions and activities by Signal Hill and Long Beach's state and federal reps*

**Kristen Farrah Naeem**  
*Staff Writer*

Many times residents are only reminded to check on what their elected officials have been up to during election season. But keeping our elected officials accountable is only possible by staying informed on a regular basis.

The *Signal Tribune* plans to provide this roundup at the end of each month so Long Beach and Signal Hill residents can stay abreast of their representatives' activities on an ongoing basis. This first installment covers the actions taken by Signal Hill and Long Beach's state and federal officials throughout November.



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U.S. Representative for California's 42nd Congressional District.

**Robert Garcia -**  
*U.S. Representative for California's 42nd Congressional District*

**AMMO Act:** On Nov. 7, Congressman Robert Garcia, along with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Senator Elizabeth Warren, introduced the proposed Ammunition Modernization and Monitoring Oversight (AMMO) Act.

This bill is aimed at restricting bulk sales of ammunition, as well as the illegal resale of ammunition. If passed by Congress, the AMMO Act would require businesses that sell ammunition to obtain the same federal license required of gun dealers. Further, it would limit the sale of .50 caliber ammo to 100 rounds within a five-day period, and 1,000 rounds of all other munitions in the same time period. It would also require ammo sellers to track and share data on ammunition sales.

"The bottom line is no individual should be buying bulk amounts of ammunition without a federal background check from places like gas stations, pharmacies, and convenience stores—especially without any sort of regulation and no record of the sale," Garcia said in a public statement. "If we're ever going to really take on the gun violence epidemic in this country, we need to regulate ammo accessibility. This bill aims to protect the American public from the devastating violence that occurs when individuals have access to unlimited amounts of weaponry."

**Israel-Palestine War Statement:** On Nov. 17, Garcia released the following statement: "I support negotiations to release

all the hostages to secure a lasting ceasefire in Israel and Gaza. Any deal must ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches the Palestinian people directly, and achieves both an end to the attacks on Israel by Hamas, and the protection of civilian life in Gaza."

"Palestinian lives and Israeli lives have the same value. The Palestinian people deserve self-determination and security. Israel has a right to defend itself and the Israeli people deserve to live without terrorism or harm."

"The United States must be committed to peace and stability in the region, to fighting antisemitism and Islamophobia, and to rebuilding Gaza in partnership with the international community."

Garcia has previously voiced his support for additional military aid to Israel. Local news outlet Forthe reported that the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and the Democratic Majority for Israel PAC are two of Garcia's top campaign contributors.



Image Courtesy of Senate website  
California State Senator for the 33rd District.

**Lena Gonzalez -**  
*California State Senator for the 33rd District*

**CalPERS Green Investments:** On Nov. 13, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) had its 2023 Investment Committee meeting, where it was decided that CalPERS would increase its climate-friendly investments by \$50 billion by 2030. CalPERS will also continue to try to encourage fossil fuel companies to adopt green policies, but will also consider potentially selling-off its investments with companies that refuse to address emission levels.

Lena Gonzalez said in a public statement that CalPERS' plans don't go far enough.

"It's encouraging to see CalPERS' take steps to shift away from dangerous fossil fuel investments that jeopardize the financial future of millions of California workers and contribute to the destruction of our planet," Gonzalez said in a public statement. "However, this proposal represents a fragmented approach that is insufficient. Dis-

advantaged communities across our state that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel pollution, battling every day with high rates of asthma, cancer, birth defects, and chronic illnesses, cannot afford to wait. We have the opportunity, responsibility, and capability to accelerate the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable economy in California now. We simply need to heed the call of the CalPERS members who have already called for divestment, as it's the pivotal solution we need, and the right thing to do."



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U.S. representative for California's 44th Congressional District.

**Nanette Diaz Barragan -**  
*U.S. representative for California's 44th Congressional District*

**Expand In-Home Care Program:** On Nov. 13, Barragan led 22 of her colleagues from the California Congressional Delegation in sending a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, recommending that the Home-and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver program be expanded.

Barragan and fellow congress members sent a similar letter in 2021, and while the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) did increase the number of slots, the newest letter states it wasn't enough.

This program functions as an alternative to nursing homes and other institutional care facilities, using public funding to provide the care disabled individuals need to continue living at home.

According to the letter, the 8,974 slots in the HCBA program have been full since October, and there are currently another 3,000 people on the waiting list.

The DCHS plans to submit an amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to increase the number of program slots to 10,081 by Jan. 2024. But Barragan and her colleagues said that this will not be enough to meet the current demand.

"We do not believe this modest increase will provide immediate access to Medi-Cal for medically fragile children, clear the waiting list, or accommodate the obvious increase in consumer need for the program," the Nov. 13 letter said. "If the state does not request a meaningful increase in slots, we are concerned that thousands of Californians will languish on an ever-growing waitlist and suffer unnecessary institutionalization."



Image Courtesy of District 69 Asm. website  
U.S. Representative for California's 69th Assembly district.

**Josh Lowenthal -**  
*U.S. Representative for California's 69th Assembly District*

**Toured Farm Lot 59:** The Community Alliance with Family Farmers invited Lowenthal to tour Farm Lot 59 in Long Beach, one of the city's local urban farms.

"Thank YOU for organizing this tour. I loved seeing and learning about how Farm Lot 59 provides fresh produce to local food banks and local organizations here in the 69th Assembly District!" Lowenthal posted on X (formerly Twitter).

**Letter to UC/CSU, Attended Protest:** On Nov. 7, Lowenthal and fellow members of the California Legislative Jewish Caucus addressed a letter to the heads of the Cal State University (CSU) and University of California (UC)

systems, stating that antisemitism had increased on campuses and demanding action.

The letter alleged, in part, that "anti-Israel student groups immediately celebrated the Hamas terrorist attack on Oct. 7," and also accused professors of "requiring students to view extreme anti-Israel propaganda."

Lowenthal was present at a Pro-Palestine rally in Long Beach on Nov. 14, where he was decried by attendees.

"Is that academic freedom? This is censorship. It's a McCarthy-era tactic, and we are way beyond that," said a woman at the rally who identified herself as a professor. "I cannot believe I live in a world where calling for peace and the end of killing of children, thousands of children, is now met with being told that you're anti-Semitic, that cannot be taught. Why are we hiding this? Why don't they want us to teach this?"



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**TST7144 Case No. 23LBCP00427  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Damian Manuel Diaz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Damian Manuel Diaz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Damian Manuel Diaz Proposed Name: Demian Daniel Ocampo 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: December 22, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 27, Room 5400. 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, November 10, 17, 24 & December 1, 2023 //ss// Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 7, 2023

**TST7145 Case No. 23LBCP00416  
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: Rene Alexander Martinez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Rene Alexander Martinez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Rene Alexander Martinez Proposed Name: Alexander Marti 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: December 12, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26, Room 5500. 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, November 10, 17, 24 & December 1, 2023 //ss// Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 27, 2023

**TST7146 Case No. 23LBCP00423  
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: Karla Lorena Rodriguez Cruz on behalf of Dayana Gabriela Rodriguez Cruz, a minor, for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Karla Lorena Rodriguez Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Present Name: Dayana Gabriela RODRIGUEZ CRUZ Proposed Name: Dayana Gabriela DE LA VEGA RODRIGUEZ 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: December 14, 2023; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. 26. 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, November 10, 17, 24 & December 1, 2023 //ss// Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 2, 2023

**TST7154 Case No. 23CMCP00207  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Compton Courthouse, 200 West Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: THO TIEN NGUYEN for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: THO TIEN NGUYEN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing (his/her) name as follows: Present Name: THO TIEN NGUYEN Proposed Name: TODD THO NGUYEN-TRAN 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: January 22, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. 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, November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023 //ss// Michael Shultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 13, 2023

**TST7157 / 2023 246270  
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**TST7159 / 2023 246275  
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STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: PUPUSERIA LA LOCA, 2940 W 8TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90023.

Mailing address: 1151 ORME AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90023 County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MARTA SUYAPA MEJIA ROMERO, 1151 ORME AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90023. 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: MARTA SUYAPA MEJIA ROMERO, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in November, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on November 14, 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: November 17, 24 & December 1, 8, 2023

**TST7166 Case No. 23STCP04225  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT, 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012 PETITION OF: Amara Danielle Gomez Penaloza by & through her mother, Cristian M. Penaloza for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Amara Danielle Gomez Penaloza by & through her mother, Cristian M. Penaloza, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: AMARA DANIELLE GOMEZ PENALOZA Proposed Name: AMARA DANIELLE PENALOZA 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: January 26, 2023; Time: 10:00a.m., Dept. 82, Room 833. 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, November 24 & December 1, 8, 15, 2023 //ss// Curtis A. Kin, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 17, 2023

**TST7167/Order No: 16157  
Auto Lien Sale**

On 12/12/2023 at 3229 E IMPERIAL HWY INGLEWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 NISSA VIN: 1N4BL4BV3NN384534 STATE: CA LIC: 9BZJ052 at 8AM



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County of Los Angeles  
Department of the  
Treasurer and Tax  
Collector

**NOTICE OF DIVIDED  
PUBLICATION**

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

**Notice of Online Sealed Bid Auction  
of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to  
the Tax Collector's Power to Sell  
(Sale No. 2023C)**

Whereas, on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell certain tax-defaulted properties at the online sealed bid auction.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the last business day prior to the first day of the online sealed bid auction, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, through Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum bid, at online sealed bid auction at [www.bid4assets.com/LASealedBid](http://www.bid4assets.com/LASealedBid).

The only persons that are eligible to submit bids are owners of contiguous parcels or a holder of record of either a predominant easement or right-of-way easement.

Bidders are required to pre-register at [www.bid4assets.com/LASealedBid](http://www.bid4assets.com/LASealedBid) and submit refundable \$500 deposits in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration. Registration will begin on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time and end on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all properties "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the properties, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector, at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at [tc.lacounty.gov](http://tc.lacounty.gov) or email us at [auction@tc.lacounty.gov](mailto:auction@tc.lacounty.gov).

The Assessor's Identification Numbers (AIN) in this publication refer to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the referenced maps are available at the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012, or at [assessor.lacounty.gov](mailto:assessor.lacounty.gov).

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on October 24, 2023.

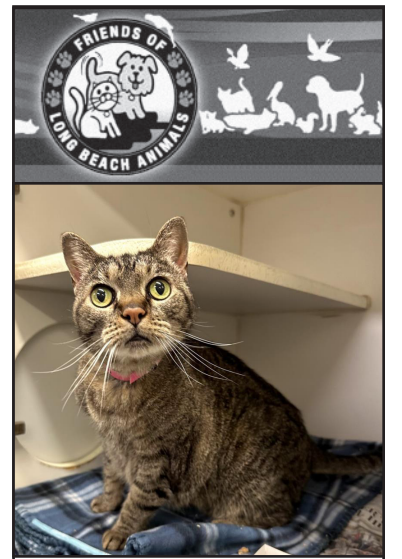


Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg  
Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector  
County of Los Angeles  
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2023C)

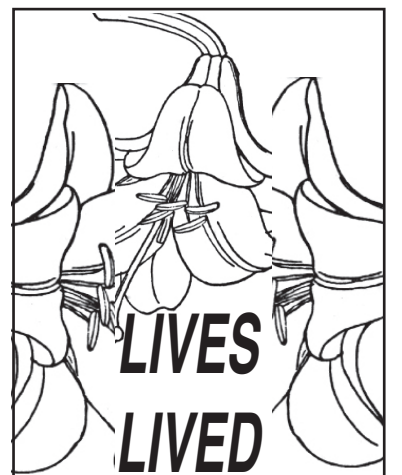
1868 AIN 7210-023-001 ALLEN, MARTEEN LOCATION CITY-LONG BEACH \$250.00  
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**Pet of the week:  
Frances**

What, me elderly? A pet doesn't have to be in their final years to be classified as seniors. Frances, in fact, is just 7 years old, but she'd be officially eligible for an AARP membership if they were extended to pets. Adopt a Senior Pet Month finished its run on Nov. 30, so we'll feature this beautiful brown tabby who's really in her middle years—the prime of life! Frances is curious about everything and will be very eager to explore your dwelling. She'll also be an effective lap warmer during chilly evenings. To adopt or foster Frances, email [PetAdopt@longbeach.gov](mailto:PetAdopt@longbeach.gov) to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Ask for ID#A706592.

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)



- Laurie Autrey 62
- Ryan Temple 46
- Thomas Kay 59
- Charles Schumacher 92
- Clara Whittaker 98
- Ronald Dean 94
- Christopher Arbuso 45
- Felix Canout 78
- Melvin Newcomb Jr 68
- Paul Oshiya 101
- Preston Dane Gilboay 43
- Christina Dimitriadis 32
- Ismael Hernandez Jr 73
- Daniel Mireles 35

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301



**LB TREE LIGHTING**  
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Richard H. Grant  
Photo Editor

*On Tuesday, the City of Long Beach kicked off the holiday season with its ninth annual Christmas tree lighting event at the Terrace Theater Plaza.*

*This year's celebration was the first year Mayor Rex Richardson pulled the lever to set off the 67-foot-tall tree, taking the reins from former mayor and current Congressman Robert Garcia, who started the event.*

*Before the lighting of the tree attendees to the free event were treated to music from the Southern California Brass Consortium, acapella group So-Cal Vocal and a performance of some of the dances from The Nutcracker by the Long Beach Ballet.*

*Additionally, Long Beach local singer and actor Terron Brooks took to the stage to sing a melody of Christmas songs before city leaders came to the stage to light the tree.*

*Once the lever was pulled over 500,000 lights sprang to life along with fireworks as fake snow fluttered down to attendees.*



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*A bird's eye view of the 67-foot tree at the Long Beach Terrace Theater during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*Actor, singer and Long Beach local Terron Brooks performs a medley of Christmas songs during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*Dancers with the Long Beach Ballet perform a dance from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*For the first time since former Mayor Robert Garcia started the tree lighting tradition, current Mayor Rex Richardson pulls up the lever with his family to light the 67-foot Christmas tree on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*A Christmas train takes families through a LED lit walkway outside RISU as the sun sets before the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*A member of the Long Beach Ballet dances performs the Chinese Dance segment of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



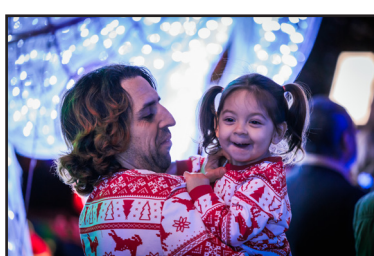
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*Attendees of the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration look up at the drone-mounted Santa sleigh before the tree is lit on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*Dancers with the Long Beach Ballet perform the final move of the Chinese Dance segment of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*



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*A young girl smiles and marvels at the lights while her father holds her during the Long Beach Tree Lighting Celebration on Nov. 28, 2023.*

**Christmas Tree Lighting, By the Numbers**



**15,000 ornaments adorn the 67-foot Christmas tree**



**500,000 lights are twinkling on the Christmas tree and plaza decorations**





# Happy Holidays!

The Port of Long Beach wishes you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season! We hope to see you soon at our local holiday parades – Belmont Shore on Dec. 2 and Daisy Lane on Dec. 9.



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