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A mother helps her son balance while he looks through one of the telescopes at the top of Hilltop Park in Signal Hill on Jan. 3, 2024.

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# **100TH ANNIVERSARY**

# Signal Hill kicks off centennial celebrations with historical exhibits

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

n 99 days, Signal Hill will celebrate its centennial; 100 years of changes as a city, growth as a community and a hopeful future. Last week, the Signal Tribune spoke to the city's mayor and vice mayor about their decades of experience with Signal Hill, and the centen-



# **PHOTO ESSAY**

Reporter's Notebook: Our day with Signal Hill Petroleum

nial celebration on April 24 was at the top of their minds.

While Signal Hill was created to avoid Long Beach's oil taxes and has a peculiar history as a "sleepy oil town," many residents are unaware to its

#### see SIGNAL HILL CENTENNIAL page 7



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune Blue backlights illuminate the sign for the Signal Hill Public Library on the night of Nov. 30, 2022.

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Signal Hill Petroleum Chief Operating Officer David Slater looks out over the view of Long Beach from atop Signal Hill on Dec. 5, 2023. Just below are homes that have been built on the hill, many of which sit on top of depleted wells or have active wells iust next door.

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## EVENT



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

#### **Staff Report**

Signal Tribune

Beaches west of Belmont Shore in Long Beach are closed to the public following a 15,000-gallon sewage spill in San Gabriel.

Although the sewage spill is more than 25 miles away, it will make its way to Long Beach's shores through the end of the Los Angeles River, the City announced Wednesday evening. California law requires temporary closure at beaches until the water quality meets State standards.

Long Beach City Council ap-

pointed its city attorney in May 2023 to explore ways for Long Beach to receive compensation for the costs incurred related to sewage spills. The previous sewage spillage occurred in April 2023 when 250,000 gallons of sewage came down the Los Angeles River.

The spillage on Wednesday occurred due to a grease blockage in San Gabriel's sewer main line, according to a statement from the City. Long Beach had issued a rain advisory earlier Wednesday before the spillage occurred, however the spillage requires a mandatory closure. The ocean water along Fifth Place, 10th Place, Molino Avenue, Coronado Avenue and the west side of Belmont Pier are all closed to the public until further notice and signage will be posted warning visitors.

Long Beach's Health Department's Recreational Water Quality health inspection team will continue to monitor the beach water's quality until it meets state standards. Residents can call the water hotline at (562) 570-4199 or visit longbeach.gov/beachwaterquality for the latest status on Long Beach recreational beach water quality.

# 36th annual MLK Jr. Parade returns Jan. 13

Staff Report Signal Tribune

Long Beach's Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade will return on Jan. 13 to honor the life, values and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community connections and engagement across generations, namely in Central Long Beach.

The parade festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Anaheim Street then travel northbound up Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and conclude at 19th Street. A park celebration featuring a main stage with live entertainment, a kid zone, food and merchandise vendors and more will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 1950 Lemon Ave.

"For over 30 years, our Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration has brought together friends, family and neighbors to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. King," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "We look forward to spending an inspirational afternoon with our community, as we honor his legacy."

Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue will be closed from Seventh Street to Anaheim Street from 5 a.m. to around 1 p.m. The same road will close from Anaheim Street to 19th Street at 9 a.m. to accommodate



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune A statue of Martin Luther King Jr. is prominently displayed at the Long Beach park bearing his name on Oct. 3, 2022.

the parade route and staging areas.

Cars will be allowed to cross intermittently at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

"We look forward to presenting this annual celebration again for our community," said Sixth District Councilwoman Dr. Suely Saro in a public statement. "Each year this event serves as a reminder of our nation's past and an inspirational hope for our future as we honor and celebrate the impactful life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Residents or organizations who want to volunteer to help support the parade and festival can register online. Volunteers must be 18 years old or older. Responsibilities will include standing at barricades, staffing the information booth, trash collection and general assistance of event setup and break down.

#### WATER

# Signal Hill water rate increases went into effect on January 1

#### Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

New water rates for Signal Hill went into effect on Jan. 1, bringing increases to water meter rates and water usage rates.

Signal Hill City Council sets rates for water delivered through the city's distribution system, according to the city's municipal code. The water rates and water meter rates have been steadily increasing since 2019, and 2024 is the final year with pre-approved rate increases on the books. The charges differ for residential single-family, residential multifamily, commercial, industrial, institutional, and irrigation uses. Water usage rates have increased by roughly 71% since 2019. Water usage charges are estimated by a "billing unit," of 100 cubic feet. Water usage rate increases for residential single and multi-familv homes as well as commercial, industrial and institutional are as follows:



A fence surrounds the reservoir, the namesake of Reservoir Park in Signal Hill. \$6.20 to \$6.66

- Fixed meter monthly charges will see increases based on meter size as followed:
- •5% inches increased from \$23.96 to \$25.76

• <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches increased from \$23.96 to \$25.76

•1-inch meter increased from \$61.68 to \$66.30

1 and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch meter increased
from \$135.96 to \$146.15
2-inch meter increased from

# CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

#### Wednesday, December 27

2:02 a.m., Felony warrant, Skyline Dr./E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)
11:28 a.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. 29th St.
1:14 p.m., Fight, 700 block E. Spring St.
6:06 p.m., Possessing paraphernalia/controlled substance; felony
warrant, 2900 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)
8:53 p.m., DUI causing bodily injury; hit & run resulting in injury or death, E. Spring St./405 Fwy (suspect arrested)

#### Thursday, December 28

10:40 a.m., Forgery, 2700 block Walnut Ave. 5:50 p.m., DUI, E. Willow St./Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

#### Friday, December 29

10:18 a.m., Identity theft, 2800 block Temple Ave.
1:06 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.
3:18 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2200 block E. Willow St.
4:25 p.m., DUI, 2300 block California Ave. (suspect arrested)
9:14 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, E. 21st St./Gundry Ave. (suspect arrested)

HEALTH

0 to 15 units cost increased from \$4.07 to \$4.38

16 units or more increased in cost from \$6.50 to \$6.99

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American family uses about 320 gallons of water a day, amounting to 42 cubic feet daily.

Commercial, industrial and in-

stitutional water usage rates for entities using 150 units or more will see costs increase from \$9.58 to \$10.29.

Irrigation water rates, such as from sprinklers to water one's lawn, will see increases as followed: •O-15 units cost increased from \$4.07 to \$4.38

•16 units or more increased from

#### \$235.58 to \$253.25

• 3 inches to 9 inch meters increased from \$527.82 to \$567.40 • 10-inch meters and larger increased from \$425.13 to \$457.02 Most residential homes' water meter sizes are under 1 inch. Signal Hill residents can check if they qualify for the Low Income Water Discount on cityofsignalhill.

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#### Saturday, December 30

9:53 a.m., Battery, 2500 block Cherry Ave. 1:05 p.m., Battery, Molino Ave./Wall St.

#### Sunday, December 31

3:52 a.m., DUI, Orange Ave./E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested) 7:34 p.m., Petty theft, 1600 block E. Willow St. (2 suspects arrested)

### Monday, January 1

12:23 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1900 block Junipero Ave. 2:02 a.m., Battery – spouse, 3200 block E. PCH (suspect arrested) 4:38 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 1800 block Temple Ave. 7:29 p.m., DUI, 2700 block E. PCH (suspect arrested)

### **Tuesday, January 2**

4:23 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave.7:33 p.m., Battery, 1600 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)11:36 p.m., Intoxicated person on drugs, 2600 block Panorama Dr.

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



# **05**<sup>FRIDAY</sup>

## FOOD TRUCK POP-UP

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cousins Maine Lobster will be selling their signature seafood dishes from their food truck parked at 5531 E 23rd St. Menu prices vary.

### ARTFUL EVENINGS

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ceramicist Thomas Martinez Pilnik will be teaching a workshop at the Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E Ocean Blvd.), where participants will learn some basics of working with clay and create a sculpture of their own hands. Free.

### BIXBY KNOLLS FIRST FRIDAYS

The Atlantic corridor will become a lively jazz scene for Bixby Knolls' first First Fridays celebration of the year. Over 10 businesses will host live music, while the Expo Arts Center and Able Arts Work gallery will show their current exhibits and eateries will offer specials all night. Entry is free.

# **O6**<sup>SATURDAY</sup>

RECYCLE YOUR MATTRESS 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents are invited to drop off their unwanted mattresses and box springs at 970 W. Chester Pl. to be recycled. Free.

### LOS CERRITOS HABITAT RESTORATION

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Aquarium of the Pacific and Los Cerritos Wetland are partnering to host this habitat restoration event on the first Saturday of each month. The restoration will focus on non-native weed removal and rare native plant conservation. The event will be led by trained naturalists and local educators. Closedtoed shoes, a hat, sunscreen and a reusable water bottle are all highly recommended. Children under 14 must have an adult with them. Participants will meet at the corner of PCH Highway and First Street in Seal Beach at 10:15 a.m. Free to attend.

## YOUTH CRAFTS

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) to make their own confetti poppers out of recycled materials. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Free.

## **ZINE WORKSHOP**

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Intentions will be set through zines at Dainty Disco's (5659 Atlantic Ave.) first event of the year, an "In My 2024 Era" zine workshop led by Bruxita Linda. Tickets come with supplies to decorate and two templates to choose from and can be purchased for \$30 through Venmo @DaintyDisco. Message the shop on Instagram if

# **07**<sup>SUNDAY</sup>

## KIDS' WINTER ART WORKSHOP

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) to each create their own winter-inspired watercolor painting. All materials will be provided. Limited space. First-come, first-served. Free.

## **OPEN MIC**

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wrigley Coffee (437 W Willow St.) is hosting an open mic night where local creatives can share their work. Entrance costs \$5 at the door, or \$4 on Eventbrite.

# **O8**<sup>MONDAY</sup>

## **COWORKING DAY**

Home Office LLC (1850 E Willow St.), a workspace for remote workers who can't or don't want to work from their homes, is inviting remote workers to try a complimentary day in their space. Free.

### LONG BEACH WHALE WATCH AND DOLPHIN TOUR

Noon to 2:30 p.m. During this boat tour hosted by Harbor Breeze Cruises (100 Aquarium Way) attendees will search Long Beach's waters for whales, dolphins and other marine life. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$45 for seniors and \$35 for children between the ages of 3 and 11. Children under the age of 3 can board for free, but need a boarding pass.



Beach on Oct. 3, 2023.

# DIVE INTO SHAPES

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Parents of small children between the ages of 3 and 5 are invited to bring their little ones to the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) for an interactive event that will teach them about different shapes. Free.

# STATE OF THE CITY

5:30 p.m. Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson and various City officials will host the annual State of the City, providing an overview of 2023 and plans for 2024, including many youth-centric updates at the Long Beach Terrace Theater (300 E Ocean Blvd). Free, but an online RSVP is required to attend.

# **10** wednesday

# SILENT MOVIE SCREENING

Noon to 2 p.m. Residents can gather to watch the 1923 silent film "The Scare of Shame" at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). To register, call (562) 989-7323. Free.

# FREE MEALS

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Everytable will be distributing 50 ready-made meals to community members in need at the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E Fourth St.). Firstcome, first-served. One meal per person. Free.

## BOOK LAUNCH

6 p.m. Authors Soo Jin Lee, Linda Yoon and Helen Garcia will release their book "Where I Belong" at Bel Canto Books (3967 Atlantic Ave.). Reserve a spot at belcantobooks.net/events. Entry is free, and the book is \$32.78 to purchase online.

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## BRAIN PARTY TRIVIA

An aerial view of part of the Cerritos Wetland Area on the eastern side of Long

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to compete in a game of trivia at Alex's Bar (2913 E Anaheim St.). Teams of up to 6 players are allowed. Participation costs \$5 per player.

# **11**THURSDAY

# **GRAND OPENING**

3 p.m. A new See's Candy location is opening at the Bixby Knolls Shopping Center (4270 Long Beach Blvd.). The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony, with free samples and special offers. Free to attend.

# WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) invites individuals to experiment with different watercolor techniques. To sign up, visit the museum's website. This workshop costs \$5.

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## SIGNAL HILL PETROLEUM TOUR continued from page 1

#### Samantha Diaz Managing Editor

n Signal Hill, residents often pass by operating oil pumps and abandoned wells on their way to the store, school and work without giving it a second thought. The city has come a long way from its "sleepy oil town" roots over the past 100 years, and Signal Hill Petroleum has become increasingly intertwined with its history, and future, over its 40 years in operation.

Over the last year, we've covered the company's proposed 50-year permit renewal for new and re-drilled oil sites along with local activists trying to stop them from doing just that. Each time, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President David Slater answered all my questions and was eager to invite our staff to see how the sausage gets made.

On Dec. 5, we embarked on that journey, equipped with Signal Hill Petroleum "100% organic crude" stamped hard hats, a notebook, a camera and a voice recorder among the three of us

"The public lives in the oil field," Slater said as we traveled through Signal Hill, passing by the scattered oil pumps, wells and facilities.

# **PHOTOS:** RICHARD H. GRANT

Our first stop took us to a well and central drill site within the Signal Hill Gateway Center, a 24-acre shopping center that Signal Hill Petroleum built. Residents can visit the Ross, Home Depot, Petco and more and never know that it once was an oil field, or that the drills still sitting on the site are extracting oil from 5,000 feet underground.

We are then taken to the West Unit Facility on 29th Street, where the gas is separated from water and other elements to make oil, then kept in storage tanks. Slater is pleased to show us the technology they use at this site and the six other sites to monitor micro leaks and air quality.

The company has three FLIR thermal imaging cameras at \$100,000 a pop (more than their regulators have, Slater says), which are manned by three full-time employees. Their one and only job, he says, is to visit the sites each week and scan for micro leaks from every screw, valve and over 75,000 other components.

John, who supervises all the sites, is there to show us their air monitoring technology. John says their solar-powered monitors can detect if a truck is sitting idle on the neighboring street through emissions. Slater says although the company is regulated by over 20 state and federal boards, they often look to Signal Hill Petroleum's practices to set the standard. When we climb out of the vans and onto the last stop, it's clear why they saved the Central Unit facility for last. Workers climbed like ants along a towering oil drill, and the loud machinery noises created a stark contrast from the surrounding wall of trees. The site includes a fluid dehydration plant, a water injection plant, one active well and an electrical substation. Drilling Coordinator Pat Hurley takes us inside the small substation to see the screens that are set to communicate with the ant-like workers, sending messages from worker to machine to substation and back around. Hurley reminds us multiple times to not touch anything, and Slater later tells us we're the first tour group to see inside of the substation in a long time. Just outside the Central Unit are million-dollar homes scattered upon the hill. The company deploys people to conduct daily "walkabouts" to make sure the operations at the site remain in the distant background, unlikely to be noticed.



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Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Signal Hill Petroleum, David Slater, explains how the oil pumps located within the parking lot of the Signal Hill Gateway Center work on Dec. 5, 2023.



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Signal Hill Petroleum Chief Operating Officer David Slater stands alongside a statue dedicated to the Long Beach and Signal Hill oil workers that is near Hilltop Park in Signal Hill on Dec. 5, 2023.



A view of some of the machinery that is used to pump and separate water, oil and natural gas harvested in the Long Beach Oil Field by Signal Hill Petroleum on Dec. 5, 2023.



"People don't like truck traffic, odor and noise. That's our bible we live by," Slater said.

*See the full photo gallery and story* at SigTrib.com

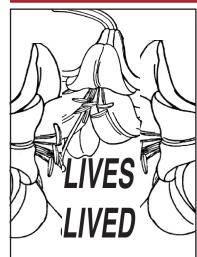
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Workers with Signal Hill Petroleum lower a drill into a well at their Central Unit facility along the east side of Signal Hill on Dec. 5, 2023.

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On 1/17/2024 at 6020 S WESTERN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 HONDA VIN: 2HGFC2F62KH506535 STATE: CA LIC: 8GZW097 at 8AM

#### TST7177 Case No. 23STPB13617 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Monica Rae Herman, aka Monica Herman, or Monica R. Herman

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MONICA RAE HERMAN, aka Monica Merman or Monica R. Herman. 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Charlene Garces in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that Charlene Garces be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and

any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. January 11, 2024 @ 8:30am, Dept: 11 b. Stanley Most Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90802. 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court with the later of either (1) four months from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER: J.

> TST7182 / 2023 260433 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

BRETT MILLER 3070 BRISTOL ST., STE.

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ary 5, 2024

The following person is doing business as: STAGERIGHTSOCAL, 2826 CEDAR AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: 1. LISA PEARSON, 2826 CEDAR AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90806 2. BILLY OBRIEN, 610 N LEMON ST, ANAHEIM, CA. 92805. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: Copartners. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: LISA PEARSON, GENERAL PARTNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in December, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on December 5, 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: December 29 & January 5, 12, 19, 2023

#### TST7185 / 2024 001332 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: READY, SET, & GROW!, 4140 DEEBO-YAR AVE APT 3, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. County: LOS ANGELES, Registrant: ALE-CIA COUTEE 4140 DEEBOYAR AVE APT 3, LAKEWOOD, CA. 90712. 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: ALECIA COU-TEE, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 3, 2024. 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: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024.

#### TST7178 / 2023 255240 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as: 1. BAMBUSI ENTERPRISES LLC, 2. CH CONSULTING LLC, 300 LONG BEACH BLVD 714, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CONSTRUCTIONJANE LLC, 300 LONG BEACH BLVD 714, LONG BEACH, CA 90802. State of Incorporation/Organization: CA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GOODNESS OLAYIWO-LA. MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has not 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 28, 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

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#### TST7180 Case No. 23CMCP00222 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 Emma Gutierrez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioners: Emma Gutierrez, by and through her parents. Mother, Vanessa M. Chavez & Father, Osvaldo Gutierrez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their daughter's name as follows: Present Name: Emma Gutierrez Proposed Name: Emma Violet Gutierrez 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: February 20, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. B, Room 906. 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 December 22, 29, 2023 & January 5, 12, 2024. \_//ss//\_\_\_ Fumiko H. Wasserman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 15, 2023

#### TST7184 Case No. 23LBCP00481 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 PETI-TION OF: Soul Jolie Gonzalez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS: 1. Petitioners: Soul Jolie Gonzelez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Soul Jolie Gonzalez Proposed Name: Soul Wild Gonzalez 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: February 9, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27,

## **CITY OF SIGNAL HILL**

#### TST7181 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California to consider the following:

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) BUDGET FOR 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

The City has been informed that its preliminary CDBG funding estimate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year allocation is approximately \$83,560. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including property acquisition, public services, and housing rehabilitation. However, in order to use CDBG funds for any of these eligible activities, it must be shown that the activity will: 1) directly benefit low and/or moderate income persons; 2) help to eliminate slum and blight conditions; or 3) address an urgent need. The following projects are proposed to be funded with CDBG funds for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Not more than 15 percent of the 2024-2025 allocation, or approximately \$12,534, can be used for public services. The following projects are proposed to be funded with CDBG funds for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

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 January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 \_\_\_//ss//\_\_\_ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 29. 2023



# Pet of the week: Sequoia

Sequoias are among the oldest trees in the world.

Sequoia is among the longest-standing shelter residents. She's been at our shelter for over half a year. Sequoia's a good girl, full of love and energy for play

and walks. She's also as beautiful as her namesake. If you have an active lifestyle

and can give this young shepherd a life with lots of walks, exercises and engaging activities and are familiar with the breed, please come to meet her! (It would help if you're smarter than she is, too!) You can speed the process to adopt or foster Sequoia or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@

longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Long Beach Animal Care Services hours are Wednes-

day through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from

Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 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 Sequoia. Ask for ID#A700382.

# The Mysterious Affair at Styles



	Projects	Term	Budget
	Food Distribution Program	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$ 12,534
	ADA Street and Sidewalk Improvements	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	\$71,026

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Testimony may be presented in person or in written form prior to the hearing and made part of the record. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing to the City Clerk at the above address or <u>cityclerk@cityofsig-</u> nalhill.org.

**IF YOU WISH TO LEGALLY** challenge any action taken by the City on the above matter, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City prior to or at the public hearing.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** and associated documents on this item may be obtained from the Parks, Recreation, and Library Services Department Director by calling Yvette E. Aguilar, at (562) 989-7320, or by emailing <u>yaguilar@cityofsignalhill.org</u>.

/ss/ Daritza Gonzalez City Clerk

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# SIGNAL HILL CENTENNIAL continued from page 1

many colorful historical characters such as Kid Mexico, the famous boxing promoter who ran for mayor in the '50s or Jessie Nelson who started the Signal Hill Civic League in the '20s.

Mayor Lori Woods told the *Sig-nal Tribune* that the city has set aside funds over the last few years to prepare for this year's centennial celebrations, which officially began Jan. 2 with the Signal Hill Public Library's History Room of Riches.

Each month in 2024 will feature a different exhibit in the library's History Room, diving into what the city was like decade-to-decade. The exhibits will be accompanied by a History Talk led by Signal Hill historian David Ferrari on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

The library is currently accepting donated or loaned historical items that can be added to each month's displays and enrich the experiences. More information can be found on the city's website.

This month's history exhibit focuses on the pre-1920s era, before Signal Hill was Signal Hill. Residents can visit the exhibit to learn about the Native American tribes who lived on the land and used the hilltop as a beacon to send smoke signals, the Japanese farmers who grew cucumbers, flowers and more among the fields and the mansions that scattered the hill before oil rigs replaced them.

David Ferrari will dig deeper into the pre-1920s era at the History Talk on Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. The rest of the exhibits throughout the year and their topics are listed below:

Feb. 1 through 23 - 1920s

Learn about the history of oil in Signal Hill in the 1920s. The exhibit will feature information and items about the City's beginnings, including the library's creation and the era's librarians, and the variations of City Hall such as Charles Hinshaw's Building. The exhibit will briefly discuss the newspaper and the city workers.

February History Talk: Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

March 1 to 27 - 1930s

The exhibit will continue the history of oil in Signal Hill, especially production in the 1930s. Learn about the 1933 earthquake which affected much of the surrounding area and some parts of Signal Hill. The exhibit will also discuss the new City Hall which was built in 1933-1934, the City Council at the time and the city workers.

March History Talk: Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.

#### April 1 to 26 - 1940s

The exhibit will touch on life in Signal Hill during World War II. This includes how the *Signal Tribune* contributed to the war by soliciting women to join the war effort, publishing different political cartoons, articles about the war, and advertisements persuading readers to buy war bonds. The exhibit will also discuss the Southern California Military School, the City Council of the era and the city workers.

April History Talk: Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

#### May 1 to 24 - 1950s

The exhibit will have information on the most famous fire in Signal Hill, the Hancock Oil Refinery



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune A family stands under the banner for the Signal Hill centennial placed on the

Fire, in 1958. The exhibit will also discuss Kid Mexico, a boxing promoter who lived in Signal Hill and had a wide array of famous friends such as Bing Crosby. He was also known for attempting to run for city mayor. This exhibit will also touch on the City Council at the time and one of Signal Hill's more famous mayors, Nellie Combellack, who was so influential that she had a street named after her.

Panorama Promenade near Hilltop Park on Jan. 3, 2024.

May History Talk: Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m.

#### June 1 to 27 - 1960s

With a focus on the 1960s, the exhibit will show the Model-T races and the changes from steel derricks to pump jacks. Various watercolor paintings of Signal Hill will also be on display, along with information on the City Council and the library. *June History Talk: Thursday,* 

#### June 13 at 6:00 p.m. July 1 to 26 - 1970s

Learn about the skateboard races in Signal Hill from the 1970s in this month's display. The exhibit will also show the changes made throughout the city towards a more progressive lifestyle, including new freeways, an updated airport and the growth of businesses establishing themselves within the city. Memorabilia from the 50th Anniversary of the city will be displayed along with photos and information about the city council from the '70s. *July History Talk: Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m.* 

#### Aug. 1 to 28 - 1980s

This exhibit will feature elements of progress of businesses including the establishment of the Price Club and the decrease in oil production in the 1980s. The growth of the city's population will also be featured, along with the City Council of that time.

August History Talk: Thursday, Aug. 8 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Sept. 3 to 27 - 1990s

This exhibit will showcase the 1990s in Signal Hill, including the City Council of the era and the time capsule encased in City Hall.

September History Talk: Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m.

### Oct. 1 to 25 - 2000s

Learn about the 2000s era in Signal Hill, with an exhibit that will discuss the different monuments that were placed on top of the hill such as the 9/11 monument and review the sponsors. The City Council will also be addressed.

October History Talk: Thursday, Oct. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 1 to 22 - 2010s

This exhibit will showcase life in Signal Hill in the 2010s. It will show some of the changes to the police department and the different library locations (there were three different libraries at the time). The City Council will be discussed along with the 90th anniversary of the city.

November History Talk: Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 2 to 27 - Present Day

The final Centennial exhibit will showcase not only present-day Signal Hill life, but also the future of Signal Hill. City Council will be discussed and there will be a commemoration of Signal Hill's 100th anniversary as well as a look at the city's future projects.

December History Talk: Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m.

#### CRIME



A C0-2 powered paintball gun confiscated by LBPD officers on Oct. 31, 2023.

#### Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Gun violence continues to plague Long Beach. In 2023, there were at least 189 shootings, according to the Long Beach Police Department's online police blotter.

In 108 of these shootings, someone was shot. At least 17 victims died from their gunshot wounds.

Across the nation, 18,854 people were shot to death in 2023, and another 36,338 were injured in shootings. These numbers include victims of malicious, willful and accidental shootings.

The City experienced two cases of murder-suicides using firearms late in the year; In October, an elderly man shot his wife before turning the gun on himself; In late December, a man fatally shot his 5-year-old child and then himself.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, there were 674 murder-suicides across the nation in 2023 in which the perpetrator used a firearm.

Multiple children were the victims of gun violence in Long Beach in 2023. In May, a gunman injured a 14-year-old girl and killed a 12-year-old boy. In July, a stray bullet entered a 14-year-old boy's home and wounded him. During an argument on a public bus in September, a teenager allegedly fired a gun at another group of teens, striking a 14-year-old boy.

According to the *Gun Violence Archive*, 297 children were killed by gun violence in the United States last year, and another 641 were injured.

Since the start of the year four

days ago, LBPD has responded to three separate shootings. Two resulted in no injuries, while in the other, a suspect or suspects shot a man multiple times, in the upper and lower body. The victim survived, but there is currently no identifying information available to the public about the suspect or suspects.

The Long Beach Police Department started its daily online police blotter in March 2022, so the *Signal Tribune* was unable to use it to find the number of shootings that occurred in previous years. The *Signal Tribune* submitted a public records request on Jan. 4 in order to learn the total number of shootings LBPD has responded to annually over the last 10 years, and is waiting to receive the relevant documents.

# Long Beach Airport to begin roadway improvements on Monday

#### **City News Service**

Southern California Local News

Street improvements along Terminal Roadway at Long Beach Airport will begin Monday, with the goal of alleviating traffic congestion and addressing mobility challenges, officials announced Wednesday.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction for the Terminal Roadway Improvements Project is set to begin in the evening on Jan. 8, and will take place primarily overnight from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Officials say the project will supplement existing Americans with Disability Act features such as curb access ramps, signage and handrails at drop-off and pick-up areas.

Additionally, the project will establish a clear ADA path of travel to public transportation and public parking facilities. The project will also add an audible warning detection systems at pedestrian crossings.

"This integral component of our pre-security improvement program at Long Beach Airport will offer travelers an even more seamless and convenient experience," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a statement. "Throughout our century of service at the airport, we've consistently facilitated smooth journeys through our unwavering dedication to modern improvements."

The project is one of nine projects that the airport will undertake as part of ongoing strategic pre-security enhancements. The total cost of the project is \$16.6 million, with approximately \$10.6 million funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure

Law and the remainder funded by airport revenue.

"This project is a testament to Long Beach's dedication to investing in modern, innovative operations at LGB," Councilwoman Megan Kerr, who represents the Fifth District, said in a statement. "Temporary disruptions caused by construction will pay off in the long road, improving the overall flow of vehicle and passenger traffic."

Daryl Supernaw, who represents the Fourth District, added, "Our City Council proudly supports the takeoff of this development, which will propel our award-winning 100-year-old Long Beach Airport to convenient new heights."

The project is expected to be complete in fall 2024.

"We commit to upholding our



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune A small aircraft lands on the runway of the Long Beach airport with the Air Traffic Control tower and Signal Hill in the background on March 22, 2022.

reputation as an airport where `the going is easy' even during construction by ensuring that our guests are informed and know what to expect," Long Beach Airport Director Cynthia Guidry said in a statement. "The temporary short-term inconvenience will result in long-term benefits, building on our reputation as an easygoing airport from curb to gate."

City officials encouraged travelers to plan ahead using the city's various tools, including a construction-specific website with the latest alerts and tips, available at LGBRoadImprovements.com, or sign up for notifications about the project at LinkLB.

Long Beach Airport also established a construction hotline at 562-445- 6439, and residents can email info@lgbroadimprovements. com with questions.

Additional signage will be designed to help travelers navigate around construction.



# We Welcome Your Input!

Join us for a public open house and scoping meeting for Pier Wind, a proposed 400-acre terminal designed to facilitate the assembly of offshore wind turbines, which would be towed to wind farms in Central and Northern California. The proposed facility at the Port of Long Beach would be the largest of its kind in the nation and would help California meet its goals for renewable energy sources.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

5-6 p.m. Open HousePort Administration Building Lobby,415 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90802

6-7 p.m. Scoping Meeting Bob Foster Civic Chambers (adjacent to Port Admin Building) 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90802

Free parking at Civic Center Garage, 332 W. Broadway, Long Beach

More information at polb.com/pierwind



Pier Wind Project Rendering