

BUSINESS COMPLIANCE

Signal Hill City Council gives storage facility until Feb. 1 to make necessary changes to avoid daily fines

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Signal Hill City Council voted Tuesday to give a self-storage facility that has been the ongoing subject of complaints by local residents until Feb. 1 to show proof that it is making changes to the property.

Residents have alleged that Signal Hill Self-Storage doesn't properly maintain the facility, and that people were living in the storage units. Residents have also complained about vehicles stored in the facility's outdoor parking lot, customers coming and going outside of the hours of operation and a shower located within the storage facility.

City staff said a total of 38 complaints were made to the City concerning Signal Hill Self-Storage, and City staff said Tuesday that two residents have submitted 16 complaints since Sept. 16. The *Signal Tribune* has obtained email complaints to the City of around double that amount in the same time frame.

If the necessary actions aren't taken by Feb. 1, the City will issue Signal Hill Self-Storage citations



An aerial view of the Signal Hill City Hall building on Jan. 13, 2022.

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for each violation, daily, until the problems are fixed. Citations can cost between \$100 and \$500 per day.

In December, the Signal Hill

Planning Commission voted to give the storage facility no more than three months to make the necessary changes. However, on Tuesday, the City Council voted to move

the deadline up to Feb. 1.

City staff said that inspections of the storage facility were conducted on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 2023, and that noncompliance was found

during both visits. The City also observed violations of the business' conditional use permit and sent notices to the facility in 2022, according to staff reports.

"I just want to say I'm disappointed," said Mayor Lori Woods. "I think that we as a council [...] kind of stuck our neck out in favor of this, being business friendly, [...] over the advice of our planning commission and over multiple resident concerns."

Signal Hill Self-Storage now has until Feb. 1 to remove all motor vehicles stored in its outdoor parking lot, obtain a permit to remove the facility's shower, and provide the City with proof that it has obtained a pink slip for the boat in the parking lot.

When asked why it was taking so long to get the boat removed from the property, the district manager for Signal Hill Self-Storage, John Romero, said the boat was abandoned by a former customer, and Signal Hill Self-Storage was unable to do anything with it while the former customer went through the process of declaring bankruptcy.

Romero said Signal Hill Self-Storage obtained the pink slip and became the official owner of

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CITY COUNCIL



Fire Station No. 9 gets historical designation with 'flexible' arrangement for interior aspects

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The exterior of the Fire Station 9 building, which was officially deemed a historical landmark on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

see FIRE STATION NO. 9 page 7

THEATRE



Local artists shine at Long Beach Playhouse's Collaborative Series

Courtesy of The CRayProject

A dancer performs "Carmen's Sutra" as part of "PINS: Le Freak, C'est Chic" in 2020. The fifth anniversary of PINS will be part of Long Beach Playhouse's Collaborative Series in February.

see LB PLAYHOUSE SERIES page 11

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Long Beach announces two-tier plan for cannabis tax relief program

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

Nearly a year after Long Beach announced it will lower cannabis tax rates in an attempt to increase revenue, the first outline of what that plan may look like was released Tuesday night, in a two-tiered approach that incentivizes community benefits.

The plans offer up to 4% relief from cannabis taxes, but about half of the cannabis businesses in Long Beach will be unable to apply for these discounts until they catch up on taxes owed to the city.

City staff estimates that half of the 32 retail businesses and roughly 30 cultivation businesses owe a combined \$6.6 million in taxes, which have been accumulating over the past three years.

Once approved, the base plan will give all adult-use retail cannabis shops, distributors and medical-use retail a 1% tax relief. Adult-use and medical cultivation taxes will go from \$14.96 per square foot to \$13.09 per square foot of land used.

The City will also enact a Pilot Tax Credit Program, similar to programs in Santa Ana and Oakland, which encourages businesses to hire locally, sell products from equity businesses and pay higher wages to its workers for an increased tax relief.

The Pilot Tax Credit Program allows a business to receive another



Cannabis industry supporters hold signs during the May 10, 2022, Long Beach City Council meeting.

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The funds will be offset on a one-time basis with previously set-aside cannabis-related reserves.

Christian Martinez, a researcher with union UFCW Local 342, told Long Beach City Council that the wage requirements for the Pilot Tax Credit Program are too high for businesses to afford. Under the suggested guidelines, part-time employees would earn \$24.80 per hour and full-time employees would earn \$36 per hour.

“It’s imperative we avoid incentivizing a two-tier wage scale, because it can lead to less full-time workers being employed,” Martinez said, suggesting instead that businesses pay their workers 115% for full-time and 110% for part-time.

Local cannabis dispensary operator Adam Hijazi asked the council to write a letter to California representatives urging them to pass identical measures across the state “to make this industry sustainable and provide safe, affordable access.”

Mayor Rex Richardson asked City Manager Tom Modica to draft a letter doing so, but it was not officially made part of the motion.

HURDLES FACING CANNABIS BUSINESSES

Business Services Bureau Manager Tara Mortensen said the department has been notifying businesses with delinquent tax-standing of the requirement to pay. Those who owe taxes to the city cannot qualify for

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er 3% tax relief credit by meeting these standards:

- * At least 50% of employees reside within Long Beach
- * At least two of the following:
 - * 70% of the workforce are full-time employees
 - * Part-time employees receive wages that exceed 55% of the state minimum wage at the time of hire.

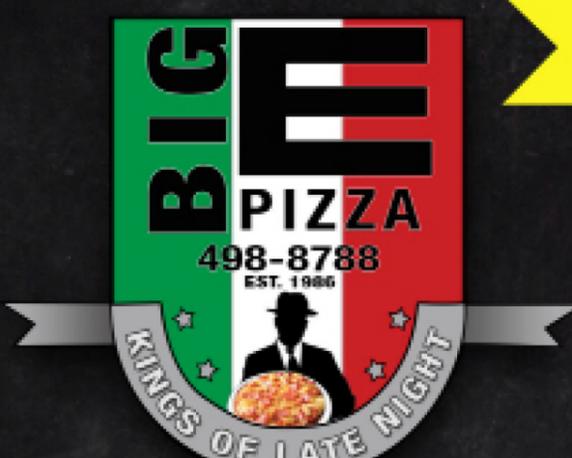
* Full-time employees receive wages that exceed 125% of the state minimum wage at the time of hire.

* Proof of participation in a High Road Training Partnership

- * At least one of the following:
 - * 15% of inventory reserved for cannabis goods cultivated, manufactured, or delivered by an equity business.

* Provide 50 hours of incubation support per year to an equity business.

City staff projected over \$3 million in costs for the tax relief program from the General Fund, with \$1.08 million supporting the universal adult-use cannabis tax reduction and \$1.98 million supporting the Pilot Tax Credit Program.



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the Pilot Tax Credit Program
Despite the \$6.6 million in taxes owed across over a dozen businesses, the City has been public about its growing reliance on cannabis revenue taxes through its Grow Long Beach initiative, which lays out the City's plans to replace millions in oil revenue.



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People in favor of reducing the tax rate on cannabis hold up signs during the April 18, 2023, Long Beach City Council meeting.

Here are the cannabis tax revenues in Long Beach since the city allowed adult-use cannabis retail sales beginning in 2018:

- * Fiscal Year 2018: \$1.3 million
- * Fiscal Year 2019: \$4.7 million
- * Fiscal Year 2020: \$9.9 million
- * Fiscal Year 2021: \$12.1 million
- * Fiscal Year 2022: \$13.1 million
- * Fiscal Year 2023: \$13.4 million
- * Projected Fiscal Year 2024: \$10.9 million

The projection for 2024 includes the reduction of the Tax Relief Program.

According to staff reports, 66.85% of the city's cannabis tax revenues in 2023 came from adult-use cannabis dispensaries, 12.59% came from medical cannabis cultivation, 8.48% came from adult-use cannabis distribution, 4.12% came from adult-use cannabis cultivation and 2.6% came from medical cannabis distribution.



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Protesters march along Ocean Avenue after a rally calling for changes to the taxation policies on retail cannabis sales in California. Leading the group were business owners like Catalyst Cannabis CEO Elliot Lewis (far right) and Corvain Cooper (with megaphone), Brand Ambassador for 40 Tons apparel.

Mortensen said if a business doesn't catch up on their taxes, enforcement will be taken in the form of suspended or revoked licenses, but did not give a timeline of when that enforcement would begin.

The conversation was reminiscent of the City's plan for the newly passed Sidewalk Vending Ordinance, where enforcement was discussed as an eventual measure with no concrete timeline of when and how it will take place.

Councilmember Joni Ricks-Oddie suggested that the six-month limit for payment plans is too short, and said businesses should be able to enter a plan "on their own discretion" since every business is facing different issues paying.

"We always talk about rolling out the red carpet and not the red tape, so this is all partial to that," Ricks-Oddie said.

Councilmember Al Austin asked that City staff reach out to all cannabis businesses registered in Long Beach and see if they're still in operation or were forced to close. If a business had to close, Austin asked staff to conduct an exit interview on why they were forced to shut down.

COLUMN

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HISTORY
On the Hill



The Early Rancho Era

The territory encompassing Signal Hill was first colonized as Alta California in the late 1700s. Back then, the area was ruled by King Carlos III of Spain, who appointed Pedro Pages its governor. To encourage and manage the settlement of Alta California, the Spanish government instituted a system of land grants.

In 1784 and 1790, Cpl, Manuel Perez Nieto, who served under Pedro Pages in the Spanish colonial army, requested and received two parcels of land. Nieto's land grant of 300,000 acres covered the area between the San Gabriel and Santa Ana Rivers, and extended from the ocean to the hills above Mission San Gabriel. But, after a series of land disputes with neighboring land grantee Juan Jose Domingues and Mission San Gabriel, Nieto's grant was reduced to about 167,000 acres, which he used to raise cattle and horses.

Manuel Nieto died in 1804, leaving his property to his four children. After four years of joint ownership, in 1834 Nieto's land was divided into six parcels: Rancho Santa Gertrudes, Rancho Las Bolsas, Rancho Palo Alto, Rancho Los Coyotes, Rancho Los Cerritos and Rancho Los Alamitos. The dividing line between Rancho Los Cerritos (Ranch of the Little Hills) and Rancho Los Alamitos (Ranch of the Little Cottonwoods), known now as Alamitos Avenue, was placed to

give each Rancho equal access to the vantage point from Signal Hill.

Juan Jose Nieto, son of Manuel Nieto, received the 26,000 acre Rancho Los Alamitos. Shortly thereafter in 1834, he sold this Rancho to Governor Jose Figueroa for \$500 (less than 2 cents per acre.) The 27,000 acre Rancho Los Cerritos went to Manuel Nieto's daughter Manuela. After her death, the property passed to her husband, Guillerrno Cota.

To be continued...

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Written by Julie Bendizick-Sin. Part 3 of 23

Note: Here you will begin to see some familiar names of streets and places as the Ranchos developed. Be sure to visit the two historic local Ranchos to learn more.

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Community Crisis Response teams coming to Downtown LB and East Village

The Community Crisis Response teams handle issues related to mental health and resource needs.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Long Beach will expand its pilot program of the Community Crisis Response (CCR) team to the downtown area and East Village, after it identified the West Long Beach rollout as a success.

The CCR team responds to a subset of calls-for-service for mental health support, health education and resource connections as needed rather than emergency services. The West Long Beach three-person team was introduced in July 2023 through Long Beach Recovery Act funds.

Downtown Long Beach and the East Village are expected to receive CCR teams later this month.

Services the CCR teams provide include:

- De-escalation
- General health education
- Suicide assessment and intervention
- Items for basic needs such as hygiene, clothing, nutrition supplements

Triage to people requiring minimal medical aid such as scrapes, cuts and bruising. (Injuries must not impact one's ability to walk and people must be able to function freely without assistance, remain cognizant and be able to respond to questions accurately.)

Transportation to appropriate resources such as the Multi-Service Center, mental health urgent cares, housing services, among others

Resource navigation and referral support for services

The CCR team works on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to a statement from



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Homeless encampments are set up along the Los Angeles River near Drake Park in Long Beach on Dec. 12, 2023.

the City, the CCR team was able to provide direct supplies or resources to 95% of calls sent out, while 38% of calls required referrals to other services. Housing and homelessness services were required for 47% of calls made and 10% of calls needed assistance from police, fire or medical services.

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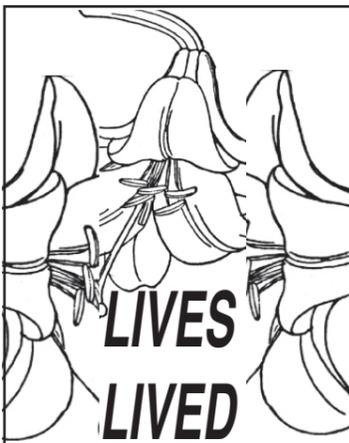
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**Pet of the week:
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Brave Sergei had his leg mangled by a raccoon, and shelter veterinarians had to amputate the leg and quarantine him for six months until he was cleared for rabies. Through Sergei's isolation, volunteers visited him and sent their love through the kennel bars because they couldn't physically interact with him. He's now all through with iso and is a solemn, affectionate, chill, tripod fellow who gets around his kennel just fine.

He needs a loving home where he can get all the love and hugs he's missed during all those months and stretch his three legs! To adopt or foster Sergei, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov to speed the process, or call (562) 570-7387. Better yet, meet her in person at Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, at entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors). Ask for ID#A703457.



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LAWSUIT

Carpenter settles lawsuit against Signal Hill company alleging firing tied to stabbing

City News Service
Southern California Local News

A carpenter has settled a lawsuit he filed against a Signal Hill general contractor in which the plaintiff alleged he was wrongfully fired in 2023 for taking time off and requesting accommodations after being stabbed by a stranger.

An attorney for plaintiff Jonathan Castillo filed court papers Tuesday with Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Cherol Nellon informing her of the accord with Zieba Builders Inc., but no terms were divulged.

In their court papers, Zieba Builders attorneys denied any liability on the part of the company and cited multiple defenses, including that Castillo was offered reasonable accommodations and that any actions taken against the plaintiff were for legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons.

Castillo was hired as a carpenter last March and five months later, he was stabbed in the back by a complete stranger in Long Beach, according to the suit. He was rushed to a hospital, treated there and placed on medical leave until September, the suit states.

Castillo informed Zieba's human resources department that he was stabbed and provided a doctor's note supporting his need for a



medical leave, the suit states. When Castillo asked to return with light duty in September, Zieba asked for more information from his doctor, the disability discrimination and retaliation suit filed Oct. 9 states.

When Castillo sent a second email asking the same question later that day, he allegedly was told to check his email account and the Zieba communication stated that he was fired as of Aug. 24 without giving any explanation.

The company's owner later sent Castillo a text stating, "I am glad you are recovering from your injury; I never had a guy stabbed before. Business decisions are hard

and I hope the best for you as you move forward," the suit states.

Castillo sent a return text stating, "You do realize I was hospitalized and I was stabbed by someone on the street? You do realize the severity of my injuries right? This isn't something I even wanted to have happen, but I do feel I was wrongfully terminated," according to the suit.

Castillo believes he was fired because of his stabbing injury and his need for both a leave of absence and light-duty accommodations when he resumed working, the suit states.

CRIME

Robbers strike three Long Beach pharmacies in about 8 hours

City News Service
Southern California Local News

Long Beach police are seeking to determine if three robberies at pharmacies in about 8 1/2 hours were related.

Around 10:50 a.m. Monday, four male suspects approached a delivery truck driver preparing to unload a shipment of prescription drugs at a pharmacy in the 3500 block of Atlantic Avenue, between 36th Street and Wardlow Road, and told the driver not to move, according to the Long Beach Police Department.

The victim complied out of fear

for their safety, and the suspects proceeded to enter the truck to steal prescription drugs before fleeing in a white sedan. Police said no weapons were used during the robbery.

Shortly before 3 p.m. Monday, two male suspects jumped over a counter of a pharmacy in the 2300 block of East Pacific Coast Highway, between Cherry and Junipero avenues, and stole prescription drugs before leaving in a dark-colored sedan, police said.

Two male suspects jumped over a counter of a pharmacy in the 6000 block of Atlantic Avenue, near 60th Street, stole prescription drugs, then ran away from the store,



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police said.

No weapon was used or seen during the robbery.

Anyone with information regarding the robberies was urged to call 562-435-6711 or 911.

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EVENT

Artistic Appetite: Psychedelic Symphony brings dinner and a show to Heritage Farm

The creators of Happy Sundays Music Fest have organized Psychedelic Symphony, a one-night-only musical culinary event with a string quartet, immersive light show and Michelin Star dining.

Ryan Hardison
Design Editor

The organizers of Happy Sundays, the Zaferia neighborhood's free annual music and arts festival, are introducing Psychedelic Symphony, an immersive visual, auditory and culinary event, to Heritage Farm on Feb. 10.

Chosen to fall on the cusp of Valentine's Day, Psychedelic Symphony is a date night experience that has been in the works since August 2023, with the goal of creating a premium concert in Long Beach unlike anything else.



Courtesy of Lauryn Alvarez
A portrait of Julia Kugel and Scott Montoya, the married team behind Happy Sundays.

"We've never done anything like this before and we've never heard of anything like this before and that's what is so cool about it," said Scott Montoya, who is one-half of the Happy Sundays team along with his wife, Julia Kugel Montoya.

Attendees will enjoy a three-course tasting menu and an open beer & wine bar courtesy of Heritage, colorful kaleidoscopic visuals from Mad Alchemy Liquid Light Show, and a musical performance from a string quartet composed of members from the Long Beach Symphony.

Jonah Sirota, Ellen Jung, Allen Hon and Reina Inui from the symphony will be joined on select tracks by Montoya, Kugel-Montoya, Alice Sandahl, and Cole Berliner, who will add an acoustic element to the show. The concert will also feature arrangements from Eyvind Kang, conductor, composer and professor at the California Institute of the Arts.

The night's romance-laden soundtrack will include the music of suave French pop icon Serge Gainsbourg, the scores of legendary Italian composer Ennio Morricone, and plenty of timeless love ballads.

"We are trying to bring a more European kind of attitude towards this whole thing where [music] is treated with the care and respect it deserves," Montoya said.

Heritage Farm, the catering/event space with the first and only Michelin Star restaurant in Long Beach, was intentionally selected

as the venue due to its intimate 65-person seating capacity.

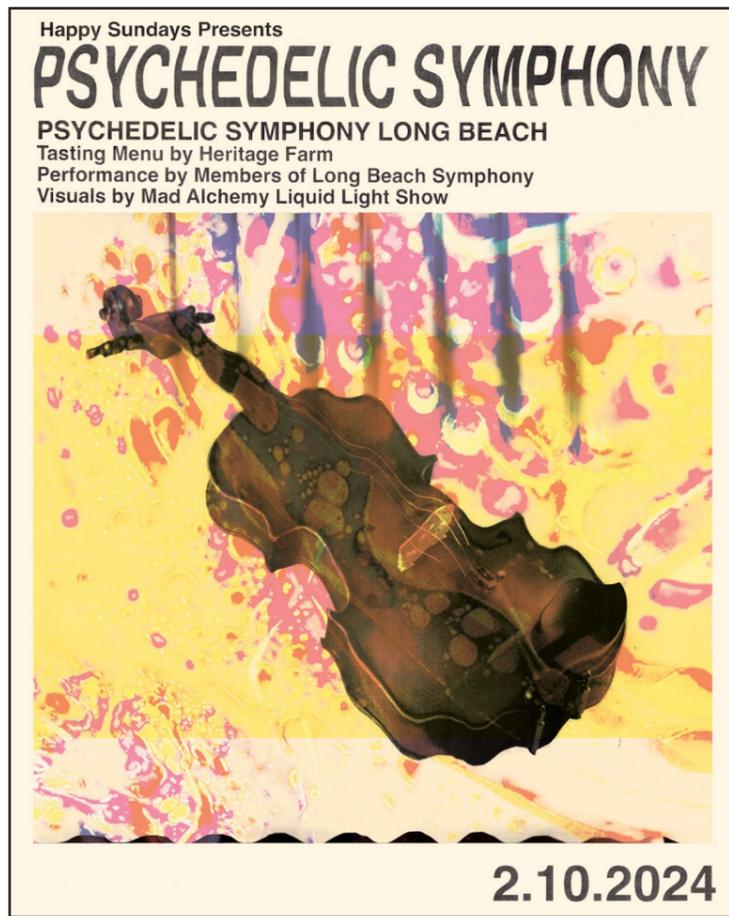
Montoya says it ensures that "every aspect" of Psychedelic Symphony was Michelin Star quality. Plus, with music receiving more of a disposable treatment in the age of streaming, Montoya wants to provide a memorable musical experience for attendees.

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- Scott Montoya
Co-founder of Happy Sundays

Similar to Happy Sundays, Montoya sees Psychedelic Symphony as a way for attendees to become more acquainted with local talent and explore new artistic opportunities in the city. He hopes that the event embodies an inviting community feeling and that anyone with an artistic appetite feels compelled to attend.

"[Community] tends to bring people that have different interests and tastes together, and I think that it's extremely important to be ex-



Courtesy of Scott Montoya
Flyer for Psychedelic Symphony, taking place at Heritage Farm on Feb. 10, 2024.

posed to other art forms and other elevations of food," Montoya said.

Psychedelic Symphony will take place Saturday, Feb. 10 at Heritage Farm, located at 1336 Gladys Avenue, from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets to Psychedelic Symphony are \$295 per person and can be purchased on the Heritage website.

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MacArthur Park's \$10.5 million upgrades include Cambodian-inspired features

Samantha Diaz

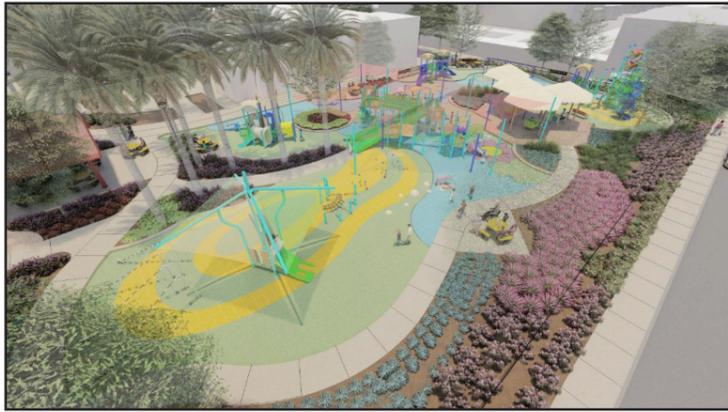
Managing Editor

Plans for MacArthur Park upgrades with a Cambodian-inspired playground expansion, picnic areas and fitness equipment were released at a Jan. 16 Long Beach City Council meeting.

The City rewarded the Buena Park company Bitech Construction with up to \$7.2 million to make the improvements. The total estimated cost of the project is \$10.5 million.

According to staff reports, the community surrounding MacArthur Park in central Long Beach is one of the most densely populated areas in the city and was identified as having a "high need" for green space by the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment.

The *Signal Tribune* reached out to Councilmember Suely Saro's office multiple times asking when construction on the park would be-



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Digital renderings of the proposed MacArthur Park upgrades presented at Long Beach City Council.

gin and did not receive an answer by the time of publication.

MacArthur Park will receive an expanded playground inspired by Southeast Asian/Cambodian riverine landscaping, a rubber surface resembling a pond with lily pads and flowers, thatch hut roofs providing shade, and animals native to

the area such as the Irrawaddy dolphin and the Baby Asian elephant.

The playground will also include musical instruments bolted into the ground, netted climbing structures, a wheelchair accessible ramp, rubber mounds for climbing, therapeutic rings, play boulders and a dragonfly seesaw.

Community gathering areas will be provided with a large group shelter resembling a pagoda, an architectural style common to Cambodia, China, Thailand and Southeast Asian countries with an ornate roof. Picnic tables will be spread out along the walking trail loop surrounding the park.

The existing lawn will be repurposed to include a fitness walking loop complete with workout equipment along the trail and improved lighting and security cameras. The park's existing half-sized basketball court will be replaced with a full-sized court along with new fencing along the court and playground.

Funding for the MacArthur Park Rehabilitation Project includes:

- \$8.5 from California Department of Parks and Recreation grant
- \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2024 Measure Elevate 28 funds
- \$1 million in County Measure A funds

MacArthur Park was established as General Douglas MacArthur Park on Nov. 4, 1942. The park received basketball and tennis courts, a playground, picnic areas and restrooms throughout the 1980s and '90s.

In 2009, the city added an outdoor theater and gallery building through the State Parks Bond Act, and no further improvements have been made to the park since then.



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An aerial view of MacArthur Park in the Cambodia Town neighborhood of Long Beach on March 24, 2022.

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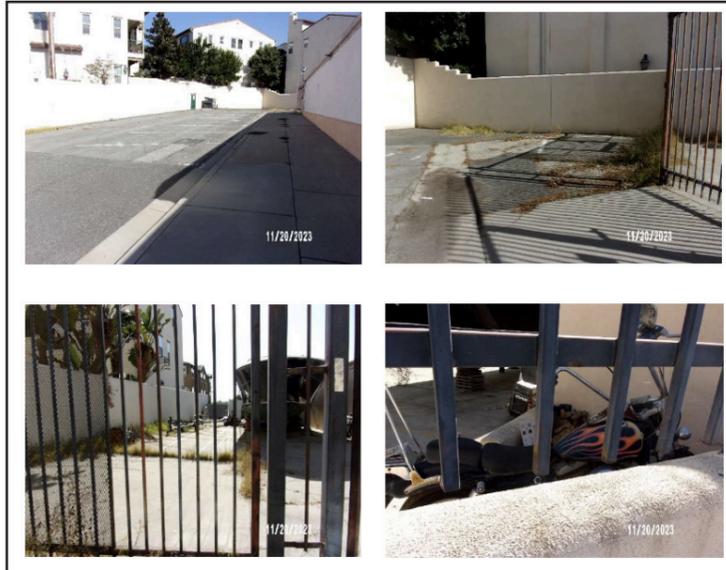
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Photos taken by Signal Hill city staff during a November 20, 2023 inspection of Signal Hill Self-Storage document some of the changes needed for the facility to comply with its Conditional Use Permit.

the boat last week. Romero told the City Council that it will cost between \$7,000 and \$12,000 to have the boat removed from the storage facility's parking lot.

City staff told the City Council that Signal Hill Self-Storage was instructed to provide proof that it now had the boat's pink slip, but had not yet done so.

Councilmember Keir Jones asked why the storage facility had a shower to begin with. City staff explained that the building used to be used as a convalescent home, and the shower used by that business wasn't removed from the property once it became a storage facility.

Signal Hill Self-Storage was ordered to remove the shower. However, City staff said that the business had tried to remove the shower, but was ordered to stop after the City learned Signal Hill Self-Storage did not have a permit to remove the showers. Signal Hill Self-Storage is now required to obtain a permit and show proof to the City by Feb. 1.

During the summer, the Signal Hill Planning Commission originally recommended that the City Council order Signal Hill Self-Storage to permanently close its en-

trance on Ellis Avenue, which faces a residential area.

The City Council instead decided to allow the entrance to remain as long as the facility required a PIN code to enter, kept comprehensive logs about when customers enter and leave the facility, was able to provide photos from security cameras to verify the logs, and always had a staff member on-site to monitor the property.

During inspections, the property was found to not have any employees on site, and that its entrance and exit logs were inadequate. Both actions are requirements laid out in the company's current Conditional Use Permit. The City has not revoked a Conditional Use Permit in over a decade.

In light of Signal Hill Self-Storage's noncompliance, City Council members discussed following the Planning Commission's original recommendation to close the Ellis Avenue entrance to the storage facility. Councilmembers voted to send the issue back to the Planning Commission for discussion, after which the commission will present its findings and recommendations to the City Council again.

FIRE STATION NO. 9
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Kristen Farrah Naeem | Signal Tribune

The rumpus room of the former Fire Station 9 building, including a chalk board, faux fireplace mantel, carpeted floors, cabinets and more.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

With a prospective buyer in mind and in accordance with the Long Beach Cultural Heritage Commission's recommendation, Long Beach City Council officially designated Fire Station No. 9 as a historical landmark Tuesday night.

The Los Cerritos Neighborhood former fire station will uphold its exterior properties, while the City Council voted to allow some "flexibility" on some of the interior properties, which have remained unchanged since the building's construction in 1938.

Director of Community Development Christopher Koontz stated some of the reasons that prompted the flexibility include reports of mold over the last two decades.

"We may not be able to find a new owner and operator of the building if we're overly restrictive," Koontz said.

The building has sat empty since 2019, after multiple firefighters began reporting feelings of sickness. The mold was remediated in 2022, according to City documents.

Long Beach held public tours for

interested buyers in August 2023, which prompted almost 20 bids for the property.

Within the same time period, the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association (LCNA) paid the \$1,000 application fee to get the building designated as historical, with the hope of having it transformed into a Community Center.

The Cultural Heritage Commission unanimously voted in September to designate Fire Station No. 9 as a historical building, and unanimously voted again in November to have both the exterior and interior preserved.

The main interior aspects the Cultural Heritage Commission requested to be preserved include:

- The reception room fireplace, built-in shelves and blackboard
- The apparatus/engine room's wood truss ceiling
- Fire hose tower
- Original doors
- Original lockers
- Stairway
- Vault

Immanuel Valencia with the Cultural Heritage Commission said that the fireplace, wood truss ceiling and fire hose tower are the main priorities to preserve. City staff recommended "conditional



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The exposed wooden beams in the truck bay of the former Fire Station 9 building.

preservation," which allows the buyer to replace interior aspects of the building that are determined infeasible.

To remove or replace an interior aspect, the buyer has to complete a HABS-like photo shoot so whatever replaces the features can be replaced by something very similar. The removed feature must also be submitted for architectural/historical salvage.

"The goal of historic preservation is to preserve key contribution features in a building, and to rehabilitate the building toward its original glory, but it is not to prevent all change or restrain future uses," Koontz said.

Jeanne Williams of the LCNA was one of the main proponents of the City maintaining ownership of the building so it can serve the community, asked City Council to "please be sure it's not the buyer telling the city what to do with the property, but the city telling the buyer."

The City is currently in talks with Gemmae Bakery, the Filipino-owned bakery and historically designated legacy business in West Long Beach. The bakery has been operating in Long Beach since 1993, and originally opened in the Philippines in 1979.

"We do understand the importance of preserving rich history and we're open to working with the Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association and the Heritage Commission to find a solution, but in order to create a safe environment for our business to operate in, we need the flexibility to address the issues present in the firehouse," Catherine Tolentino, co-owner of Gemmae Bakery said at the City Council meeting.

Historically designated buildings can be exempt to certain aesthetic or energy-preserving rules, but they still have to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and health and safety codes.

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AROUND TOWN

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



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune

A view of the front entrance of the Billie Jean King Main Library in Long Beach on May 13, 2022.

While you're checking in on your New Year's resolutions, don't miss out on the community-centric fun and free things to do in Long Beach and Signal Hill throughout the week.

Civic engagement takes the forefront this week, with an opportunity to meet Congressman Nanette Barragan Saturday morning, two chances to weigh in on Long Beach's fiscal year budget priorities on Tuesday and Wednesday night, and a renter's rights workshop Tuesday morning.

If you'd rather sit for a movie than a meeting, the Billie Jean King Main Library will screen the Kenyan documentary "Mully" Friday evening, while the Michelle Obama Library invites teens for a screening of the Studio Ghibli film "Howl's Moving Castle" Wednesday evening.

For a participatory artful evening, Open Mic LB will be at WE Labs Friday night into early morning, and Bel Canto Books invites COVID-tested and mask-wearing residents to make zines in support of Palestine Sunday evening.

26 FRIDAY

SPORTS COURTS GROUNDBREAKING

Noon to 1 p.m. The City of Long Beach will commemorate the groundbreaking of soon-to-be constructed recreation courts at 2630 E. Ocean Blvd. Free.

WORLD CINEMA FILM SERIES

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to a screening of the Kenyan documentary "Mully" at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Free.

BLACK BUT QUEER

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This support group at the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E. Fourth Street) is a safe place for Black queer and gay men to share their experiences with each other. Free.

27 SATURDAY

HHW & E-WASTE COLLECTION

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to dispose of their electronic waste and household hazardous waste materials at EDCO (2755 California Ave.). For a full list of items that are being accepted go to longbeach.gov/lbrecycles. Free.

MEET YOUR CONGRESSMEMBER

11 a.m. to noon. Constituents are invited to meet their congressman, Nanette Barragan, at 3733 Rose Ave. Free.

GENDER AFFIRMING CLOSET

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E. Fourth Street) invites people to take advantage of its gender-affirming clothing supply closet. Individuals can grab free gently-used clothing that aligns with their gender identity. Clothing will be available for ages 13 and up. Free.

OPEN MIC

6 p.m. to midnight. Open Mic LB invites local creatives to share their work at WE Labs (235 E Broadway Suite 800). Set time will last between 5 to 10 minutes. Participation costs \$5 per person.

28 SUNDAY

LIVE MUSIC

2 p.m. Los So-Lows, The Intuitions and Mike Alvarez will be playing at Alex's Bar (2913 E Anaheim St.). This show is for those 21 and older. Tickets can be purchased for \$19.32 on dice.fm.

PICTURING PALESTINE

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. During this family-friendly event at Bel Canto Books (3976 Atlantic Ave.), participants will make zines in support of Gaza and Palestine. Masks and COVID-19 rapid-tests are required the day of the event. Space is limited. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/picpalpp>. Free.

29 MONDAY

MOBILE RECESS PROGRAM

3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Kids between the ages of 5 and 14 are invited to participate in sports and arts and crafts activities in a safe environment during this City-run after-school program at Rose Park (Eighth Street & Orizaba Avenue). Free.

ALAMITOS BAY WATER QUALITY VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach is hosting this online meeting to update the public on recent efforts to improve the water quality of Alamitos Bay. To register for this online event, visit the City's website. Free.

30 TUESDAY

CUENTOS Y CANTOS BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Noon to 1 p.m. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring young children to read, talk, sing and play in English and Spanish at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library (4036 E Anaheim St.) This event is appropriate for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Free.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this workshop at the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach (2017 E. Fourth Street), participants will learn about renters rights and what to do if served with an eviction notice. Free.

BREWERY FUNDRAISER

6 p.m. Ten Mile Brewing (1136 E Willow St.) will be donating half of its proceeds to the Lydia House, a local homeless shelter. Free to attend.

COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach invites residents to the Recreation Park Community Center (4900 E Seventh St.) to give their input on the City's upcoming fiscal year budget. Free.

31 WEDNESDAY

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The City of Long Beach invites residents to join a Zoom meeting to give their input on the City's upcoming fiscal year budget. Register for this online event through the City's website. Free.

TEEN MOVIE SCREENING

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to the Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.) for a screening of the Studio Ghibli film "Howl's Moving Castle." Free.

01 THURSDAY

PRESCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The nonprofit Preschool Without Walls holds educational events that prepare parents and their children to begin school. During this event at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.), children will play and learn together while parents

receive helpful information to prepare them to enroll their child and support them in school. This event is geared towards families with children ages 5 and younger. Free.

LEGO CLUB

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. School-aged children 6 years old and up are invited to build with Legos at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Legos will be provided. Free.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. School-aged children 6 years old and up are invited to build with Legos at the Los Altos Neighborhood Library (5614 Britton Dr.). Legos will be provided. Free.

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EVENT

Calling all canines for the Bob Long Memorial Mutt Run

Ryan Hardison
Design Editor

Dog owners, fitness enthusiasts and local pet lovers are invited to Belmont Shore for the 2nd Annual Bob Long Memorial Mutt Run on Feb. 17 to raise money for Long Beach Animal Care Services.

The Rotary Club of Signal Hill hopes to build on the success of last year's inaugural event, which had roughly 100 participants on race day and raised nearly \$1,000 for LB Animal Care Services.

Les Young, president of Signal Hill's Rotary Club chapter, came up with the idea for a dog-friendly fitness event after coming across a Canicross event in the Midwest. Canicross is a form of cross country racing where humans and one or multiple leashed dogs team up for a run.

The Mutt Run was named in honor of Bob Long, a Long Beach civil servant and Rotary Club member deeply committed to protecting the welfare of animals, who passed away in 2022.

In the spirit of Long's human-



Courtesy of Rotary Club of Signal Hill
The Inaugural Bob Long Memorial Mutt Run on February 18, 2023.

itarian efforts, the Mutt Run is a beacon of animal appreciation, as Young says his favorite part of the event is "seeing the community getting together, rallying around their love of animals."

This year's event will feature three race options: a humans-only 5K beginning at 8 a.m., a dog-friendly 5K at 9 a.m. and a dog-friendly 1 kilometer race slated for a 9:45 a.m. start.

Racers who won't be running with a dog are still welcome to join the dog-friendly races, but the classic 5K option allows runners to race unencumbered by leashes or paws on the beach path.

Though this event is aimed at dog owners, especially those who enjoy exercising with their pets, the Mutt Run is also welcome to dog enthusiasts who may not have canines of their own. Young says they hope to double last year's fundraising total and get 250 race participants.

This year the Mutt Run will have student rotary club volunteers from Long Beach's Sato Academy as well as students in a dog-centric Paws Club from a La Palma high school.

Young is hopeful that greater community involvement in this year's event will help spread the word.

In addition to the racing, attendees will be able to enjoy several local dog-themed vendors selling treats and accessories, free coffee from Dunkin' Donuts and a pet adoption event organized by Long Beach Animal Care Services.

The 2nd Annual Bob Long Memorial Mutt Run will take place Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Claremont Launch Ramp, located at 5350 E. Ocean Blvd. To register for the Mutt Run, visit the Signal Hill Rotary Club's website.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

Sunny Central Neighborhood Association to hold first public meeting on Saturday

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Since it was founded in 2019, the Sunny Central Neighborhood Association has been run solely by the local Ochoa family and a few of their friends. Now, all residents of the neighborhood are being invited to participate.

The Sunny Central neighborhood is bordered by Atlantic Avenue, Pacific Coast Highway, Willow Street and Orange Avenue.

Residents living within that area are encouraged by the Ochoa family to join them monthly at the Burnett Library, where they can meet their neighbors, share their concerns about the local area and brainstorm ways to improve their neighborhood.

The Ochoa family started the

Sunny Central Neighborhood Association in 2019 with organized litter clean ups, and then pivoted to grocery giveaways once the pandemic spread to Long Beach. There are currently around 10 members of the neighborhood association, all of whom are either related to or friends with the Ochoa family.

While one of their original goals was to hold monthly neighborhood meetings, Reyna said the pandemic and other issues kept delaying their plans. However, during the National Night Out event last August, members of the Sunny Central Neighborhood Association were able to connect with their neighbors and determined that Saturday mornings would be the best time for their monthly meetings.

Reyna said that City Councilmember Suely Saro has been



Courtesy of Reyna Ochoa
Members of the Sunny Central Neighborhood Association

supportive of the neighborhood association since she came into office, and will cover the cost of renting space at the Burnett Library for the monthly meetings.

The Sunny Central Neighborhood Association's first meeting will take place Saturday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Burnett Library (560 E Hill St.).

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, January 17

7:51 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 2700 block Junipero Ave.
9:19 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. 21st St.
1:29 p.m., Petty theft; felony warrant; false ID to Police Officer, 1800 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
4:12 p.m., Person with a gun, 2200 block E. Willow St.
7:41 p.m., Person with a knife, Stanley Ave./E. 19th St.

Thursday, January 18

7:09 a.m., Burglary, 1200 block E. 32nd St.
7:33 a.m., Burglary, 2000 block E. 28th St.
2:28 p.m., Auto burglary, 1300 block E. 29th St.
2:42 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 1800 block Gladys Ave.
5:52 p.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Friday, January 19

9:57 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.
1:50 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
1:59 p.m., Elder abuse, 1800 block Stanley Ave.
2:10 p.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
6:23 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 1900 block Freeman Ave.
7:33 p.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.

Saturday, January 20

5:41 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block E. Hill St.
9:46 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2800 block Cherry Ave.
10:17 a.m., Auto burglary, 2100 block Ohio Ave.
2:05 p.m., Robbery, Grant Ave./E. Willow St.
8:33 p.m., Burglary, 2200 block Sea Ridge Dr.
8:40 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2400 block Combella Dr.
8:54 p.m., Warrants, E. Willow St./Orange Ave. (suspect arrested)
11:45 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2400 block Cherry Ave.

Sunday, January 21

11:15 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. 33rd St. west of California Ave.
10:28 p.m., Possessing controlled substance; felony warrant; misdemeanor warrant, 1700 block E. Hill St. (suspect arrested)

Monday, January 22

1:55 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 700 block E. Spring St.
4:21 p.m., Criminal threats, 2200 block Walnut Ave.
4:38 p.m., Person with a gun, 700 block E. Spring St.
8:45 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block St. Louis Ave.
9:16 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Tuesday, January 23

9:23 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 900 block E. 27th St.
2:03 p.m., Burglary, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
3:10 p.m., Auto burglary, 900 block E. Willow St.
5:34 p.m., Burglary, 2700 block St. Louis Ave.
7:12 p.m., DUI, 2300 block Walnut Ave. (suspect arrested)
8:04 p.m., Display Imit firearm; violating parole; 700 block E. Spring St. (suspect arrested)

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

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STATEMENT**

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**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 PETITION OF: Soul Jolie Gonzalez for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Soul Jolie Gonzalez 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, 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 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024 ___//ss//___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: December 29, 2023

**TST7186 / 2023 274460
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. RM MOBILE, 2. RM MOBILE DETAILING, 11827 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: RONY E MOLINA ESQUIVEL, 11827 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: RONY E MOLINA ESQUIVEL, OWNER. 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 22, 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: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 2024.

**TST7187 / 2023 274462
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: URBAN RENOVATIONS INC, 14036 ORIZABA AVE UNIT A, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: URBAN RENOVATIONS INC, 14036 ORIZABA AVE UNIT A, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Corporation. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: PEDRO R URBAN HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in October, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on December 22, 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: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 2024

**TST7191 Case No. 24NWCP00015
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: Natalie Ortiz for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Natalie Ortiz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: NATALIE ORTIZ Proposed Name: NATALIE FLAMENCO 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: March 8, 2024; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. C, Room 312. 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 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024 ___//ss//___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: January 12, 2024

**TST7192 Case No. 23CMCP00198
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 200 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 PETITION OF: Anthony Kahlil Black for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Anthony Kahlil Black has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Anthony Kahlil Black Proposed Name: Anthony Khalil Ross 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 23, 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. January 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024 ___//ss//___ Fumiko H. Wasserman, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 31, 2023

**TST7193 / 2024 006622
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: NLV SERVICES, 14352 ALBURTIS AVE UNIT 3, NORWALK, CA 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JESUS SALVADOR VEGA, 14352 ALBURTIS AVE UNIT 3, NORWALK, CA 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JESUS SALVADOR VEGA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in January, 2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 10, 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 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024

**TST7194 / 2024 006619
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: C & A JANITORIAL SERVICES LLC, 7232 EXETER ST UNIT 6, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: C & A JANITORIAL SERVICES LLC, 7232 EXETER ST UNIT 6, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: DEYRA JUDITH FLORES, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in Jan-

uary, 2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 10, 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 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024

**TST7195 / 2024 010939
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. PRIMARY INSURANCE GROUP, 2. GRUPO DE ASEGURANZAS PRIMARIAS 146 E 48 TH ST, LOS ANGELES, 90011. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: THE SANCHEZ INSURANCE GROUP LLC, 146 E. 48 TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: EDWARD ELOY SANCHEZ, PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 17, 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 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024

**TST7196 Case No. 23LBCP00447
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: GUADALUPE MARILU GONZALEZ for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: GUADALUPE MARILU GONZALEZ has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: GUADALUPE MARILU GONZALEZ Proposed Name: GUADALUPE 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 28, 2024; 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. January 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 2024 ___//ss//___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 29, 2023

**TST7197 / 2024 013209
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: JOHN OSBORN PHOTOGRAPHY, 506 S SPRING ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90013. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JOHN OSBORN, 506 S SPRING ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90013. 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: JOHN OSBORN, 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 19, 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 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 2024

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

The following person is doing business as: 1. BAMBUSI ENTERPRISES LLC, 2. CJ 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 OLAYIWOLA, MANAGING MEMBER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2023. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date). 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 22, 29, 2023 & January 5, 12, 2024

**TST7202 / 2024 013777
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. PRIDEFUL PAWS, 2. PRIDEFUL PAWS PET-SITTING, 3621 OLIVE AVE PRIDEFUL PAWS, LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CHARLIE J NGUYEN, 3621 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 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: CHARLIE J NGUYEN, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 01/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on 1/22/2024. 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 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 2024

**TST7203 / 2024 0014769
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: HUMBLE HANDS HAIR CARE, 2041 ROSECRANS AVENUE SUITE 170, EL SEGUNDO, CA. 90245. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: HUMBLE HANDS HAIR CARE STUDIOS LLC, 4856 WEST 117 TH STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA. 90250. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SHONDA JACKSON, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business

name in 04/2022. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on January 22, 22024. 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 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 2024

**TST7204 / 2024 014766
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. AMORA J SKIN AND WELLNESS, 2. AMORA J STUDIOS, 11912 FIRESTONE BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GG'S WONDERLAND LLC, 11912 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GENICE T ZACATENGO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has not begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in N/A. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date). 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 26 & February 2, 9, 16, 2024

TST7198/Order No: 16315
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CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

**TST7205
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the City Council of the City of Signal Hill will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider adopting a resolution amending the City's Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at Signal Hill City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby invited to attend the public hearing to present written information, express their opinions, or otherwise present evidence on the above matter.

• You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of City Clerk, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before February 7, 2024), staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. If received after the publication date and before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 the written comments will be attached to the original meeting minutes, available in the City Clerk's office.

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 regarding the amendment(s) to the Uniform Schedule of Service Fees and Charges will be available online as well as available for examination and comment in the Office of the City Clerk. Additionally, these materials may be obtained from the City Clerk's office by calling the City Clerk at 562-989-7305 or by emailing cityclerk@cityofsignalhill.org.

_____/ss/
Daritza Gonzalez
City Clerk

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LB PLAYHOUSE SERIES

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Local creatives from all over Long Beach ranging from actors, filmmakers, dancers, or simply those passionate about performing arts will have their moment in the spotlight through the Long Beach Playhouse's returning Collaborative Series.

Every weekend from now through the end of March, the Long Beach Playhouse invites community artists to its stage to perform works reiterated, returning with a twist or premiering to the world.

This year's Collaborative Series tackles difficult conversations, beloved traditions, current political topics and zany performances, offering something utterly unique every week.

January has already touted shows featuring famous puppets and dramatic Craigslist post readings. February's performances will soon take the stage with the fifth anniversary of The CRayProject's widely celebrated urban burlesque show, "PINS: The Royal Renaissance," and an intimate portrayal of hope persevering for a Black family living through grief and fear in "Nina and Troyboy."

March's shows will speak to audiences through conversations about the meaning of womanhood throughout the decades in "Generation XYZ," as well as singing performances and an unscripted murder mystery.

"The Collaborative Series gives us the chance for outside artists and smaller organizations who maybe don't have their own space to come in and use ours," said Madison Mooney, executive director of the Long Beach Playhouse, adding that participants don't pay any upfront costs to put on their shows at the Playhouse.

Actors, volunteers and long-time patrons of Long Beach Playhouse will also host shows throughout the next couple of months in the annual "LBP Staff and Friends Cabaret

Fundraiser" and the Playhouse's often eccentric, always entertaining "Plays in a Day."

The Collaborative Series culminates on March 29 and 30 with all new productions based on scripts from emerging playwrights in the



Courtesy of The CRayProject
A production photo of "PINS: Cirque Du Freaks," the 2021 theme for the PINS show.

2024 "New Works Festival."

Sexual Empowerment, Personal Liberation

On Feb. 9 and 10, the diverse, empowering fifth annual PINS burlesque show will come back to where it first premiered to the world in 2019. This year's iteration will act as a celebration of PINS itself, with an intimate cast of 10 dancers, many of whom performed in past years, putting on a royal and regal sexually empowering show.

As with previous PINS (Pretty in Nubian Skin) shows, the cast will be mostly made up of Black and brown dancers with all body types displaying their unique beauties. Dancers trained in ballet, jazz, west African and modern dancing will perform an interactive urban burlesque show.

"I wanted to create a burlesque Black show that was more so telling the history of adoration for Black bodies and what that looks like in the times of social injustice, and how we can now feel liberated with our bodies," said Chateria Ray, co-founder of The CRayProject.

Every year, PINS has focused on a certain time in history, whether it's portraying figures in Black history or experiences that exploited Black people and their bodies. This year, the show is centered on "con-

necting the European and African diaspora of the evolution of sexual revolution."

Ray said she wants the audience to leave the show feeling "liberated in owning who they are" and confident to share it with others. The CRayProject will be hosting pop-up events leading up to "PINS: The Royal Renaissance" and will be giving away tickets to the show every week on its social media channels.

"PINS: The Royal Renaissance" will show at the Long Beach Playhouse from Feb. 9 through 11. Tickets can be purchased online at lbplayhouse.org/event/pins-the-royal-renaissance/.

Hope Outlasting Tragedy

Maisha Azadi, co-founder and artistic director for the production company Sparrow and Finch Film, was months away from premiering her play "Nina and Troyboy" to the world when the pandemic hit.

Production halted, and she sat on her deeply personal story following a mother and son through the fears and grief of raising a Black man in America within the constant midst of police violence. Azadi pivoted and turned the story into a film adaptation, and her written and directed feature "Home Soon" has garnered awards and from festivals for Best Actress and Best Emancipatory Film.

The film also received nominations for Best Short, Best Female Director and Outstanding Performance. "Home Soon" was picked up and distributed by the streaming platform Aspire TV.

Azadi said the film has "already been a dream of mine coming true," and is now releasing the production the way it was originally intended, on a stage in front of a live audience at the Long Beach Playhouse from Feb. 23 through 25.

The story is based on Azadi's experiences raising her son, as well as the many mothers who lost their children to police violence and used the circumstances to relay messages of hope, faith and perseverance.

Azadi, while raising her son in New York through the shooting



Courtesy of The CRayProject
A dancer performs "An Ode to Love" as part of the "PINS: Freaknik" show in 2022.

deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice from 2012 to 2014, said she felt there was a "depth and weight" to their mother's pain that couldn't be fully acknowledged through news segments.

"The story, thinking about the mother, I wrote it in protest of what I felt is this growing public desensitization of witnessing these repeated events without the integrity of justice being served," Azadi said. "And knowing that a lot of times mothers and caretakers can capture that, almost with a dissonance because you have to be able to be focused on what's good and you can't really take in all of the negative, but you're also holding tension at the same time and fear and all of those emotions can be an unspoken experience for many in the community."

Azadi said she realized after moving to Long Beach that she was holding in feelings of unprocessed grief, and wanted to give her son "a sense of understanding of the world he's going out to" without the fear of that world.

"Nina and Troyboy," while dealing with heavy subject matter, has a message of hope persisting even in the midst of the worst circumstances. In an unintended coincidence, the shows fall on Elijah McClain's birthday on Feb. 25 and just before the anniversary of Trayvon Martin's death on Feb. 26.

"Nina and Troyboy" will show at the Long Beach Playhouse from Feb. 23 through 25. Audiences can attend a discussion and talk-back event following the Feb. 25 show. Tickets can be purchased online at lbplayhouse.org/event/nina-and-troyboy/.

A Never-Ending Discussion

Three former Cal State Long Beach theater students approached their fellow classmates in 2017, desperate to process their feelings about the emerging MeToo move-

ment, which encouraged women to come forward about their experiences with sexual assault.

They asked questions such as "Where did you learn about womanhood?" and "What does womanhood mean to you?" The answers to those questions formed their play "Generation XYZ."

Carolina Xique, Vic Melkonyan and Jesse Bosworth are bringing their production back to open up that conversation once again, through their production company (Un)defined Arts Collective.

Xique said about half the play now includes updated material, as they went through a similar exercise with the show's cast and invited them to insert their own thoughts, beliefs and experiences around womanhood.

"We saw a need to reproduce it with the recent changes to legislation and access to healthcare for women and LGBTQ folks," Xique said.

"That's the beauty of the piece, it changes with the times and it's at the forefront of national politics," Melkonyan added.

"Generation XYZ" will follow the same multigenerational timeline to tell its story, beginning in the 1980s, jumping to the early 2000s and concluding in the 2020s. The audience will follow the point of view of a mother and daughter, giving two sides of each complex emotion.

"Something that keeps coming up in convos as we form the piece, the lesson I'm getting from it is empathizing with the journey of your mother and your mother's mother and so on," Xique said. "There's a balance of understanding where we all come from and expecting that from our future generations."

"Generation XYZ" will have shows at the Playhouse from March 15 through 17. Tickets can be purchased online at lbplayhouse.org/event/generation-xyz/.

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