



COMMUNITY

Rent for \$1 a year? These Long Beach nonprofits pay the cheapest rent in the city

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

A report from the City Auditor's Office released in March shows that \$650 million worth of Long Beach-owned property is leased to nonprofits and community organizations with no documented guidelines.

Currently, the City has 14 historical leases to nonprofits for either \$0 or \$1 annually in exchange for the organization providing community-oriented services, yet no reporting process exists for most of the leases.

The 50-page City Property Management and Oversight Performance was conducted by Harvey M. Rose & Associates on behalf of the City Auditor's Office. Long Beach's Property Services Bureau within the Economic Development Department is responsible for acquiring, leasing and selling city-owned land, buildings and facilities.

Property owned and operated by the Port of Long Beach, Long Beach Airport and Utilities Department were not included in the report, as they manage their own land and facilities. Signal Hill does not lease land to nonprofits, City Manager Carlo Tomaino told the *Signal Tribune* via email.

Below is a full list of the properties Long Beach is leasing to nonprofits, and their rent fees:

- Long Beach Organic: \$0
- Mental Health America of Los Angeles: \$0
- Aquarium of the Pacific: \$1 annually
- Historical Society of Long Beach: \$1 annually
- Killing Fields of Memorial Center, Inc.: \$1 annually
- Long Beach Fireman's Historical Society: \$1 annually
- LBUSD's Carmelitos Head Start Center: \$1 annually
- Downtown Long Beach Alliance: \$1 monthly

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Karissa Perez waters some recently planted lisianthus flowers at Farm Lot 59 in Long Beach on Jan. 27, 2022. Farm Lot 59 is leased for \$1 annually along with 1% of gross revenue generated on and off-site, as part of the \$650 million worth of Long Beach-owned property that is leased to nonprofits and community organizations.

COMMUNITY

Nonprofit looking for volunteers on new Advocacy Council to fight food insecurity

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A Long Beach-based nonprofit that has been working to reduce food insecurity since 1989 is inviting the community to join its community efforts through its newly organized Advocacy Council.

Food Finders' work is spread throughout Long Beach, including regular grocery deliveries to seniors and families, food pantries located in multiple locations throughout the community, and its popular Food Rescue Program. The nonprofit worked with volunteers to save 16,151,873 pounds of food in 2023 by picking up meals and groceries from restaurants, grocers and local schools then using those supplies to stock pantries and deliver food to people in need.

Residents are now invited to volunteer with Food Finders to find the "root cause of food insecurity" and advocate for change that eliminates hunger and food waste.

The Food Finders Advocacy Council will be made up of five sub-committees:

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A worker in the Long Beach Senior Center's cafeteria prepares some fruits and veggies dropped off by Michael Remley as part of the Food Finders charity food donation program on Sept. 23, 2022. Food Finders is looking for volunteers to join their newly formed Advocacy Council.

POLITICS

Final election results mean run-off for District 4 in November



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Raindrops collect onto a sign pointing towards the voting center located inside Walter Pyramid at Cal State, Long Beach, on the eve of the Nov. 8, 2022, election.

Samantha Diaz
Managing Editor

The final election results for the March 5 primary election were released by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder last Friday. Long Beach voters passed a local

labor law and chose returning and new councilmembers across the city.

The final counts show 28.9% of registered voters participated in the election, a 4% increase from the June 7, 2022 primary

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HOUSING

Signal Hill's Neighborhood Enhancement Team pivotal in recent rehousing efforts, City says



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Deputy City Manager Grissel Chavez opens the 2023 Signal Hill State of the City address on Oct. 4, 2023, at the Signal Hill Public Library. Chavez recently cited Signal Hill's Neighborhood Enhancement Team as a vital component of the City's rehousing of 45 Signal Hill and Long Beach residents.

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Last year, Signal Hill City Manager Carlo Tomaino and Deputy City Manager Grissel Chavez created the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) made up of 10 staff members who meet monthly to address quality of life issues in a proactive approach.

Signal Hill officials said the NET was one of the most effective measures taken that led to the successful rehousing of 45 Signal Hill and Long Beach residents on March 14.

The NET is made up of representatives from various City departments such as the City Attorney's Office, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, the Police Department and Public Works.

Homelessness in Signal Hill was one of the main issues discussed monthly, Tomaino told the *Signal Tribune*. Members of the NET

would then coordinate daily across departments attempting to carry out the solutions suggested at the monthly meetings.

"The key to the Neighborhood Enhancement Teams is to be proactive and problem-solving issues before they get bigger, before they become complaints from the community," Chavez said at a March 26 city council meeting.

The NET model for tackling homelessness focused on these efforts:

- Discussing individual cases of homeless residents and solutions
- Coordinating efforts with all service providers
- Identifying alternative solutions depending on each case and person
- Dividing complex problems into actionable solutions
- Sharing information across all City departments

Tomaino added that the Neighborhood Enhancement Team pro-

vides "consistent maintenance" of issues in the city and acknowledged Signal Hill officials for employing a hands-on approach for outreach and building trust with residents.

CORRECTION

A previous version of this story ran in the *Signal Tribune* on March 29 and mistakenly identified Mayor Lori Woods as Tina Hansen. Hansen is a councilmember for Signal Hill and was not present at the March 26 meeting. Woods has been serving as the Mayor of Signal Hill since December 2023 and was pivotal in the efforts mentioned in the article. The *Signal Tribune* sincerely apologizes for this error and any confusion this may have caused.

LEISURE

Summer day camps in Long Beach: Where and how to register your kids



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Willow Gaskins runs towards her mother Madeleine after sliding down one of the new slides in the renovated playground at Colorado Lagoon Park on March 29, 2022. Kids will have the chance to play outside throughout the summer by being a part of the various camps happening in Long Beach.

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Kids ages 5 through 12 can spend their summer days playing games, exploring nature and doing crafts in Long Beach Park or Aquatic Day Camps.

Parents can begin registering their kids for these camps organized by the City's Parks, Recreation and Marine department on April 13 on the Long Beach Parks website. Costs for the day camps vary from \$100 to \$221 a week, depending on the times and activities.

These camps will run from June 17 to Aug. 23, and families can apply for financial assistance for these programs on a first-come, first-served basis by calling (562) 570-3150.

Summer Park Camps

Times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. regular hours, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. extended hours

Weekly Cost: \$100 for regular hours, \$125 for extended hours

The Summer Park Camps will take place at various parks throughout the city Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for regular hours, and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children in extended care.

This program offers games, crafts, physical fitness and enrichment activities for kids ages 5 to 12.

The Summer Day Camps will take place at the following sites:

- Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.)
- El Dorado Park West (2800 N. Studebaker Road)
- Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.)

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OPINION

Op-Ed: Parking mandates kill affordable housing

By Michael Clemson

Clemson has more than 15 years of experience in the energy, sustainability and transportation fields. He currently works at the CSU Chancellor's Office, managing the statewide Energy Efficiency and Transportation Programs. He serves as a member of the Long Beach Planning Commission and formerly sat as the Chair of the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors. Clemson is a resident of Long Beach District 3.



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A for rent sign hangs on a balcony of an apartment building on Ocean Boulevard on Jan. 18, 2022.

When a new apartment building starts going up, often the first thing a builder does is dig down. Depending on how big the building is, it could be 30 or 40 feet down, which requires tens of thousands of tons of dirt to be moved. But this isn't to make homes for people to live in, it's to make room for people to store their cars.

For most new homes in Long Beach, the city's parking mandates force home builders to include at least one and a half parking spaces for a one-bedroom apartment, and two spaces if it's a two-bedroom. It doesn't matter if the person who lives there owns a car or will drive or not.

These mandates might seem reasonable, but they are not only a barrier to building affordable housing, but also add more drivers to the road and force new buildings to be huge and out of scale of the neighborhood character.

Adding parking comes with a cost: it adds as much as \$56,000

and increases the cost of building a home by 27 percent. Affordable housing projects already have razor-thin margins and any added costs can delay the project or kill it outright, leaving Long Beach with fewer affordable homes. If they were to get built, the added cost of parking would increase the mortgage payment by more than \$400 per month, keeping homeownership from thousands of Long Beach families.

Parking also takes up a huge amount of space; space that could be a home for another family instead of being used to store cars. Two parking spaces take up about 510 square feet, which is nearly the size of a small two-bedroom apartment. Mandating parking basically doubles the size of smaller apartments, the kind that are going to be naturally affordable and can be built without government support.

Taking up that much space results in another thing that you

probably don't like about new buildings: their size. Those massive block-sized apartment buildings are that big because it's the only way that home builders can fit in the mandated parking spaces.



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PUBLIC MEETING

Long Beach seeks public input on proposed zoning changes to central neighborhoods

Staff Report

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The City of Long Beach's Community Development Department invites the public to provide feedback on the proposed rezoning of the city's central neighborhoods during a virtual community meeting on Thursday, April 11.



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Vehicles move through or wait at Walnut Avenue and Anaheim Street intersection on June 28, 2022.

The rezoning efforts, which the City named "The Zone In: City Core," encompasses the area bordered by the Pacific Coast Highway, 10th Street, Magnolia and Ximeno Avenues.

After over two years of working with Central Long Beach communities, the City has published draft zoning regulations and a rezoning map online for public review. The Community Development Department has also developed an interactive draft rezoning map for users to explore the proposed zones, along with descriptions for each zoning district and the ability to search specific addresses.

The Zone In: City Core initiative aims to update the zoning regulations of the area to support the development of new housing and a wider range of building uses, particularly along commercial corridors such as Anaheim Street and Pacific Coast Highway. The plan aims to foster a pedestrian-friendly environment where residents, businesses, jobs, and shopping are in close proximity, according to a public statement by the City.

The online public meeting on Thursday, April 11 will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Participants can join online through Zoom or via phone at 213-338-8466, with

Meeting ID: 994 5666 5878. Interpretation services will be offered in Spanish and Khmer, with other languages available upon request through the online registration form. Registration is encouraged but not required.



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Vehicles pass through the intersection at Walnut Avenue and Anaheim Street during a green light on June 28, 2022.

Residents can submit comments on the published draft zoning regulations to the City until April 22, by emailing Felice.Anaya@longbeach.gov, using the subject line "City Core Public Input."

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, March 27

- 1:43 a.m., DUI, Walnut Ave./E. 28th St. (suspect arrested)
- 12:15 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, E. 25th St./Orange Ave.
- 12:25 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2500 block California Ave.
- 1:30 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Orange Ave.
- 2:10 p.m., Battery, 2300 block E. 27th St.
- 4:37 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St./Walnut Ave.
- 5:52 p.m., Intoxicated person, 3300 block Gundry Ave. (citation issued)
- 6:20 p.m., Robbery, 700 block E. Spring St.

Thursday, March 28

- 11:23 a.m., Auto burglary, 2900 block Cherry Ave.
- 6:41 p.m., Petty theft, shoplifting, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Friday, March 29

- 9:25 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block California Ave.
- 12:07 p.m., Fire, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
- 1:55 p.m., Injury traffic collision, 2200 block E. Willow St.
- 9:13 p.m., Grand theft, 2500 block Temple Ave.

Saturday, March 30

- 9:16 a.m., Burglary, 900 block E. Willow St.
- 5:59 p.m., 2 felony warrants, misdemeanor warrant; false ID to Police Officer, 2200 block E. Willow St. (suspect arrested)
- 7:21 p.m., Grand theft; felony warrant, 2000 block Raymond Ave. (suspect arrested)

Sunday, March 31

- 6:04 a.m., Residential burglary, 3200 block Lewis Ave.
- 11:01 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2500 block Gundry Ave.

Monday, April 1

- 7:18 a.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 2300 block Lewis Ave.
- 11:30 a.m., Grand theft, 2800 block Junipero Ave.
- 12:16 p.m., Felony spousal abuse, 1900 block Molino Ave.
- 3:13 p.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Walnut Ave.
- 3:59 p.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block E. Willow St.

Tuesday, April 2

- 3:00 a.m., Auto burglary, Obispo Ave. north of E. PCH
- 10:36 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Freeman Ave.
- 10:41 a.m., Felony spousal abuse, 2700 block St. Louis Ave.
- 3:16 p.m., Auto burglary, 2500 block Temple Ave.
- 8:57 p.m., Drinking in public; 2 misdemeanor warrants, 2400 block Cherry Ave. (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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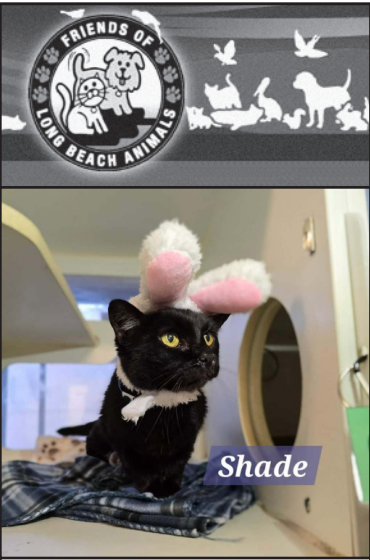
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Pet of the week: Shade

Sure, Easter was last Sunday, but we thought you'd like to see how tolerant a cat, of all people, can be of being dressed up. Shade, a handsome 10-year-old boy, came in as a stray in July and immediately captured the hearts of the staff and volunteers with his friendly demeanor and laid-back "cat-itude." He scored a foster home for a few weeks and made himself comfortable in a home with young children! He wasn't much into toys—he preferred lounging on the couch and supervising his foster mom's work by lying on it. He also had perfect litterbox manners. You know, you never appreciate the sunshine as much as when you have a little Shade for contrast. Bring some warmth into both your lives by meeting Shade and taking him home. To adopt or foster Shade, email PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or call (562) 570-7387. Ask for ID#A702540. Better yet, come meet her and all the other cats in person at Long Beach Animal Care Services, 7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach. Visitors are welcome Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(This rescue encouraged by the usual suspects.)

HISTORY

Part XI a continuing series about HISTORY On the Hill



Tales of the Hill from the 1920's

In 1924, Mrs. Viva Bill Boyd arrived in Long Beach as a young woman, with her parents. She describes in Long Beach As! Remember It how a sightseeing visit to Signal Hill in the mid-1920s was like a trip to Disneyland: "Oh, I almost forgot all about beautiful Signal Hill. That was something for me to see, because I had never seen an oil well before coming to California. I was scared to death to drive or ride up that old hill on Cherry Street. To me, it was the longest and highest hill I had ever seen." Mrs. Boyd's reaction to Signal Hill's oil field was typical for area residents of the 20s. Instead of seeing the Hill's oil derricks as dirty, noisy, industrial eyesores, they were viewed, more or less, as exciting curiosities and enviable sources of industry, progress and of course, wealth.

When Alamitos No. 1, the first well to produce oil on Signal Hill, blew out at 4:00 a.m., June 25, 1921, there were 500 spectators present who had been waiting at the drilling site throughout the night. Ray M Riddle, who worked as a fireman on Alamitos NO. 1 had vivid recollections of large crowds surrounding the drilling site. "They made us all nervous. I saw Billie Parker (a drilling crew member) slip from the top of the derrick and fall twice in one morning, but each time his safety belt caught him.

Everyone was excited. Wild promises were made. A shoe store owner who had property on the Hill vowed he would give me the deed to his store the instant Shell's discovery well came in. Later, of course, these enthusiastic statements were ignored by everyone."

CH. Cupernell, who also worked with the Alamitos No. 1 crew, also remembered the throngs of thrill-seekers who witnessed the drilling, day and night. Cupernell recalled that on Sundays, men and women in their Sunday suits and best dresses would often gather around the site. One Sunday, a rotary hose broke loose, throwing mud in all directions. Everyone nearby was spattered with grime, yet the muddied crowd seemed to accept the accident without getting upset. Except for one woman in a large white hat, that is.

*Above article originally published Dec. 14, 1990 in the Star Tribune
Written by Julie Bendizick-Sin. Part 11 of 23*

When the mud from the rotary hose had ruined her hat, she insisted that Shell Oil Company or the drilling crew replace it.

Cupernell recalled that, "Soon after this incident, we built a wire fence around the well, but crowds broke it down every day or two. Finally, the boys hooked up the electric light cord from inside the derrick to the wire fence. From the spectators vantage point it looked like a sure shock to touch the fence. Actually, the cord inside the derrick was never plugged in, but it was a good bluff and lasted for a week until people discovered the ruse."

Matt Schumacher, a cable-tool driller on Alamitos No. 1, recalls what happened one day when a boy bicycled to the well to collect a sample bucket of crud oil. The lad leaned over the slush pit to scoop up the crude, and he slipped and fell in. When the boy sank out of sight, Schumacher fished him out. Dripping wet, the youngster got back on his bike, muttered "Thanks," and rode off with the bucket of oil still gripped in his hand.

To be continued

Save the date: Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

Jessie Nelson Memorial and Old Towne Orange Visit.

We will honor Jessie Nelson, "Mother of Signal Hill" who is with both husbands at the Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.

9:30 buses depart from Signal Hill Library
10:15 a special tribute to Jessie Nelson at Fairhaven Memorial Park
11:30 visit Old Towne Orange - shopping and lunch at your leisure.
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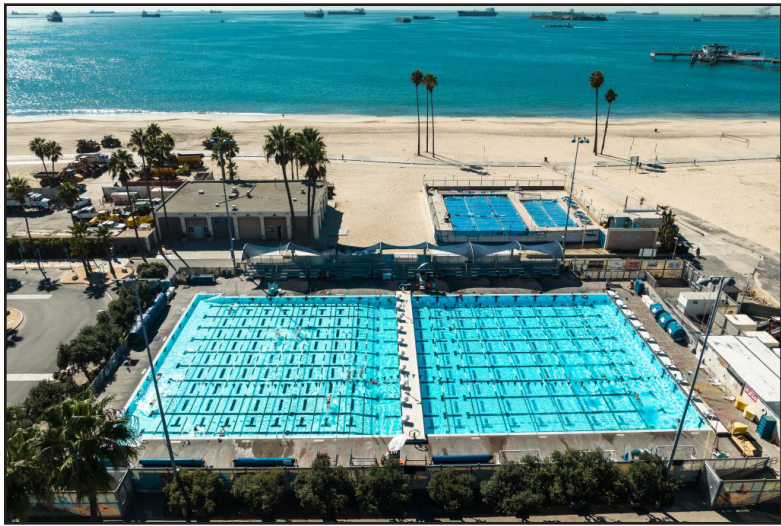
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SUMMER DAY CAMPS
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Residents swim laps inside the Belmont Plaza Pool in Long Beach on Oct. 25, 2022. Kids ages 5 to 7 can attend the Belmont Junior Beach Camp at the Belmont Plaza Pool this summer and enjoy games, kayaking, canoeing, swimming lessons from the American Red Cross and more.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1950 Lemon Ave.)
- Pan American Park (5157 Centralia St.)
- Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.)
- Stearns Champions Park (4520 E 23rd St.)
- Veterans Park (101 E. 28th St.)
- Wardlow Park (3457 Stanbridge Ave.)
- Whaley Park (5620 E. Atherton St.)

Aquatics Day Camps

Times: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. regular hours, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. extended hours

Weekly Cost: \$165 for regular hours, up to \$221 for extended hours

Kids ages 5 to 7 can attend the Belmont Junior Beach Camp at the Belmont Plaza Pool (4320 E Olym-

pic Plaza) to enjoy games, crafts, beach play, songs, kayaking, canoeing and swimming lessons from the American Red Cross.

Kids ages 8 to 12 can attend a similar camp at Bayshore Park (5415 E Ocean Blvd.) with all the same activities as well as marine biology lessons.

The Aquatic Day Camps cost \$165 per week for children attending from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It costs \$193 weekly for those who wish to extend their hours either two hours earlier in the morning (7 a.m.) or two hours later in the evening (6 p.m.). Parents can keep their child at either of the Aquatic Day Camps for the full extended day 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$221 a week.

How to Register

The portal to register children in the Summer Park Camps or Aquat-

ic Day Camps will open on the LB Parks site on April 13 at 9 a.m.

Residents can ask questions and receive help enrolling from PRM staff at several locations from 8 a.m. to noon on April 13:

Temporary self-serve enrollment locations include:

- Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.)
- Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.)
- Pan American Park (5157 Centralia St.)
- Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.)
- Veterans Park (101 E. 28th St.)
- Whaley Park (5620 E. Atherton St.)

Families can also visit any open Long Beach Public Library location to register at one of the available public computer labs.

ART

Khmer master ceramicist to hold exhibit during Cambodia Town Parade & Festival



Courtesy of Yary Livan

Yary Livan is one of only three master ceramicists to survive the Khmer Rouge. Livan's ceramics will be on display during the Cambodia Town Parade & Festival Sunday, April 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Manzanar Gamboa Theater, located at 1323 Gundry Ave.

Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

A master ceramicist who survived the pogrom on artists during the Cambodian Genocide will be traveling to Long Beach Sunday to help pass on his art form to a new generation.

During the annual Cambodia Town Parade & Festival, Yary Livan will be exhibiting and selling his works at the Manzanar Gamboa Theater. Livan will also be leading a demonstration on creating with clay during the exhibit, followed the next day by an intimate workshop on carving ceramic tiles at a private location in Long Beach.

Livan is one of only three master ceramicists known to have survived Pol Pot's genocidal regime. Livan began studying art and ceramics at the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh in 1971, where he focused on traditional Khmer ornamentation, according to a biography available through the National Endowment for the Arts.

When the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975, Livan was able to escape the fate of his fellow artists

and intellectuals, who were wiped out en masses, by leveraging his knowledge. Livan knew how to create wood kilns, which were necessary even during the regime. Under Khmer Rouge oppression, Livan's kilns contained roof tiles instead of the pieces of art he would later become renowned for.

After spending the '80s and '90s in different refugee camps, Livan was able to gain political asylum in the United States in 2001, where he eventually settled down as a professor in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Local ceramicist Vanndearlynn Vong reached out to Livan on Facebook while researching Khmer ceramics, and the two spoke on the phone for the first time in late 2021. The two ceramic artists stayed in contact, and in the summer of 2022 Vong traveled to Lowell, Massachusetts to study under Livan for two weeks.

"It was very valuable for me to learn those traditional techniques and nowadays I'm able to recognize the patterns and motifs when I see it on Khmer art, whether it's a textile or a metal piece," Vong said. "I can understand them [...] and how

they made those."

Vong spearheaded the efforts to bring Livan to Long Beach to share his crafts during the Cambodia Town Parade & Festival, which is organized by Cambodia Town Inc. and Long Beach Phnom Penh Sister Cities, and sponsored by the Port of Long Beach.

A GoFundMe campaign has been set up by Vong and other organizers to help cover the costs of Livan's travel to and work in Long Beach. As of April 4, the fundraiser has raised \$1,650 of its \$3,000 goal. Any extra funds raised will go towards bringing Livan back to Long Beach for more teaching opportunities in the future.

"It was really special to learn from him," Vong said. "Especially because of it being so specific to our culture, and that kind of [...] ceramics education and information is not available in California."

Livan's exhibit will be on display on April 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Manzanar Gamboa Theater, located at 1323 Gundry Ave. Spaces for the private tile carving workshop the following day are already full.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Four grants small business owners can apply to

Staff Report

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Small business owners can take advantage of financial support from these four grants this spring.

Fast Break for Small Businesses

Fast Break for Small Businesses provides grants and LegalZoom services to entrepreneurs aiming to kickstart or expand their ventures. Applications for this program are open from February 15 to September 13, 2024.

Through the program, 150 small businesses will each receive a \$10,000 grant and their choice of a LegalZoom product, valued at up to \$500.

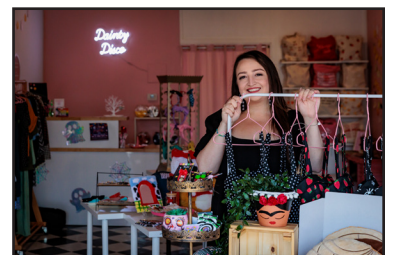
This grant opportunity is made possible through a collaboration between Accion Opportunity Fund, LegalZoom, the National Basketball Association and other sports leagues.

Player 22 Small Business Grant Program

Entrepreneurs seeking financial assistance can look into the Player 22 Small Business Grant Program. Organized by Angel City FC, in partnership with IFundWomen, this initiative offers a \$10,000 grant along with a year of business coaching. Applications are due at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 8. Interested individuals can find more details on the grant program's website.

Verizon Small Business Digital Ready Grant

Verizon Small Business Digital Ready Grant, a collaboration between National ACE and Verizon, aims to equip small businesses



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Dainty Disco owner Marissa Lujan peeks out from behind a clothing rack with classic Pin-Up style dresses inside her North Long Beach shop on Oct. 27, 2022.

with digital tools for success. This program offers learning modules, expert coaching and peer networking opportunities.

To access the grant application, participants need to have an account on Verizon Small Business Digital Ready and complete two courses, coaching events or virtual community events between January 1st and April 8th, 2024.

Main Street America's Backing Small Business Grant

Main Street America, in collaboration with American Express, is offering grant funding through the Backing Small Business Grant program. This initiative supports economically vulnerable small businesses with \$10,000 grants for projects aimed at enhancing community engagement, economic viability or fostering meaningful change. Applications for this grant will be accepted through 9:59 pm on April 7, or until 5,000 applications have been received.

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LB NONPROFITS' RENT
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- Long Beach Fireman's Credit Union: \$1 annually
- Farm Lot 59: \$1 annually along with 1% of gross revenue generated on and off-site
- YMCA of Greater Long Beach: \$1 annually
- Boys' and Girls' Club of Long Beach (MLK Park location): \$1 annually
- Boys' and Girls' Club of Long Beach (Fairfield location): \$1 annually
- Boys' and Girls' Club of Long Beach (Admiral Kidd Park location): \$1 annually
- Long Beach Museum of Art Foundation: \$100 monthly
- Bay Shore Congregational Church: \$300 monthly
- AbilityFirst: \$2,600 monthly
- The Children's Clinic: \$1,500 monthly



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Yellow and blue lights are lit up around the Aquarium of the Pacific on the night of Feb. 28, 2022, to mimic the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The Aquarium of the Pacific pays \$1 annually in rent to the City of Long Beach.

• Centro CHA: \$53,932 annually
According to the City Auditor's report, Long Beach often offsets the cost of rent for these organizations through rent credits or direct subsidies.
The City sometimes will pay for the cost of renovating a property to later lease it to a nonprofit such as the \$1.5 million it spent on the

Aquarium of the Pacific and the \$3.45 million spent on a health clinic for Mental Health America of Los Angeles.

Of the list above, only two organizations are required to file reports with the City on its work with the community. Long Beach Organic must provide bi-annual reports to the Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department about its accomplishments. YMCA of Greater Long Beach is required to file an annual valuation report, but has not done so since 2018.

The City's Auditor's Office identified four key findings:

- Long Beach does not have a comprehensive inventory of its City-owned property.
- The City's Property Services Bureau needs to develop guidelines and policies on leases, tenant investments, improvement allowances and lease structures.

• At least four incidents were found where Long Beach sold City-owned property to a private entity without a formal competitive bidding process.

• Some leases with nonprofits give the tenant an option to purchase the property at the end of the term, but there is no guarantee the land will then be used for public purposes.

• The City does not have a formal process to evaluate and plan long term space needs.

The Auditor's Office made 14 recommendations to the Property Services Bureau, with target dates for the changes ranging from three months to the end of the year. View the report for the City Auditor's Office: <https://www.cityauditorlauradoud.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/City-Property-Management-and-Over-sight-Performance-Audit.pdf>.

MARCH 5 ELECTION
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Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
A voter holds up his "I Voted" sticker after turning in his ballot at the Signal Hill Community Center voting center on Nov. 7, 2022. The final counts show 28.9% of registered voters participated in the March 5, 2024 election, a 4% increase from the June 7, 2022 primary.

election. Long Beach's most voted on item was Measure RW, which over 75,000 residents voted on.

Measure RW, which will increase the minimum wage for hotel workers at establishments with 100 or more employees, passed with 53.14% of yes votes and 46.86% of no votes. Vice Mayor Cindy Allen will reclaim her District 2 council seat after receiving 54.08% of resident votes, while challenger Ketty Citterio received 40.96% of votes.

District 4 candidates will have to participate in a run-off election in November since no candidate received enough votes to satisfy the 50% threshold. Incumbent

Daryl Supernaw received 48.45% of the votes while Herlinda Chico received 25.51%, Gerrie Schipske received 21.77% and Amrit Singh received 4.28% of the votes.

Supernaw and Chico will show up on the November ballots during the 2024 General Election. District 6 Suely Saro retained her city council seat after receiving 76.55% of the votes, while Cristino Pinto received 23.45% of the votes.

District 6 voters elected Tunua Thrash-Ntuk as their city council representative with 55.85% of the votes, while Sharifa Batts received 44.15% of the votes.

Long Beach Unified School Dis-

trict board member Erik Miller will return to his role representing District 2 after receiving 72.98% of the votes, while Jerlene L. Tatum received 27.07% of the votes.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to declare the election officially concluded on Tuesday, April 9.

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FOOD FINDERS
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- Research
- Social media and marketing
- Community outreach and events
- Lobbying legislators and government leaders
- Environmental

Volunteers will focus on legislation that involves food waste and hunger, educate the community on legislation as well as actionable solutions, advocate for change with legislators and spotlight neighboring organizations with similar goals.

The council was created by two Cal State Long Beach students and Food Finders Community Outreach and Advocacy Interns, Anna Mahoney and Teresa Falcon. The two have worked with Food Finders since August and formed the council in hopes of turning the “abstract” advocacy work of non-profits into something tangible that residents can participate in, Falcon said.

“A main goal is to make systemic changes through government advocacy,” Mahoney said. “Another goal is to make sure what we’re doing is community-informed by working with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences.”

The nonprofit hopes to recruit at least 25 local residents to join the Advocacy Council. People with first-hand experience with food insecurity will be given first priority in joining. Volunteers are expected to spend at least 10 hours per month with the council.

During monthly meetings, all Advocacy Council members will vote on initiatives and projects, review progress reports, participate in workshops and learn more about food insecurity, nutrition and food waste. Most of the work will take place in the sub-committees.

Falcon said the pair drew many lessons and inspiration from the Oregon Food Bank, which prioritizes lived experiences for their advocacy council.

“They’re the ones that have experience not having access to food or having access to housing,” Falcon



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Doc McBride (left) and his volunteering partner Kim Nguyen pose together with a load of flowers that will be donated to nursing homes in Long Beach on Sept. 23, 2022. The two use a local service, Food Finders, to pick up donated food and other supplies and take them to places in need.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
(Left) Michael Remley, who has been volunteering with Food Finders for ten years, taps a produce box filled with donated veggies into place in the back of his truck on the morning of Sept. 23, 2022. (Right) Remley poses for a portrait while sitting on the tailgate of his truck on Sept. 23, 2022.

said. “In advocating to legislators, or for specific policies we want individuals who have experienced these issues.”

People interested in joining the Advocacy Council can either apply for an ambassador position or a volunteer position. Ambassadors will help lead monthly meetings, create the legislative agenda and determine projects, events and initiatives.

Requirements for Advocacy Council ambassadors include:

- Have a lived experience with food insecurity
- Be at least 16 years old
- Be able to commit at least 10 hours a month

- Attend monthly meetings
- Attend monthly ambassador meetings

Volunteers will be focused on their respective task force, asked to attend general monthly meetings and donate at least eight hours a month.

Residents interested in applying to the council can do so through an online form.

The next Food Finders Advocacy Council meeting is open to the public and will take place on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Residents can attend on Zoom or in-person, and can learn more by contacting Mahoney (amahoney@foodfinders.org) or Falcon (tfalcon@foodfinders.org).

EVENT

Fresh food and farm fun at Bixby Knolls’ LB County Fair



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A man dressed as a potted plant walking around on stilts passes by Ambitious Ales during the Bixby Knolls county fair-themed First Friday’s event on April 1, 2022. First Fridays: Long Beach County Fair returns this Friday, April 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., with a lineup of fair-themed food, activities and performances.

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Every first Friday of the month, Bixby Knolls residents stay out late and support local eateries, businesses and artists with a bustling block party. For April’s celebration, Bixby Knolls’ signature event is kicking off the month with the Long Beach County Fair this Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Taking place all along Atlantic Avenue, many businesses will be staying open later, offering exclusive items and hosting interactive events, with a handful of discounts and activities for residents to explore.

Fun festivities occurring this Friday include an arcade zone at Beachwood Brewing, a Fear Factor audition area at Long Beach Clothing Co., a tarot card reader at Eclipsed Emporium and free face painting at Pixie Toys. Over ten First Fridays locations will be playing live music, so no matter where you are on Atlantic, you’ll likely hear some tunes.

American Cultural Center, plus live music at Ground Control as well as urban agriculture and small batch food contests put on by Long Beach Fresh at Katie Phillips Gallery.

Attendees will be able to peruse art pop-ups from over 10 featured artists plus live music from Amerigumbo at the Bixby Allery, located at the corner of Atlantic Ave. and Burlinghall Dr., with pottery, paintings, photography and more on display.



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Johnny Chhom, the founder of Sweet Grass Sugarcane Juice, sits with a replica of his truck at his new brick-and-mortar store in Bixby Knolls on Dec. 2, 2021. Sweet Grass will be a part of First Fridays’ Khmer New Year celebration on Friday, April 5.

Another special feature of this Friday’s event is a Khmer New Year (Choul Chnam Thmey) — which runs from April 13 through April 16 — celebration at the Culture Pavilion (4326 Atlantic Ave.) that will feature a handful of Long Beach-based Khmer-owned businesses.

The celebration includes food and drinks from local vendors such as Sweet Grass Sugarcane Juice, plus fashion vendors and live entertainment, featuring dancing, drumming and short film screenings from Cambodia Town Film Festival.

For those looking to traverse their way through First Fridays without walking, the Big Red Bus will be transporting residents for free beginning at 6:30 p.m. from Beachwood Brewing and making regular stops at eight other Atlantic Ave. locations. There will also be the Driver: Electric shuttle which will also be taking people around the festivities free of charge.

First Fridays: Long Beach County Fair will take place this Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information about the event, visit @bixbyknolls on Instagram.



Richard H. Grant | Signal Tribune
An exterior view of the sign at Rasselbock in Bixby Knolls on Dec. 6, 2023. Rasselbock will be serving German pretzel churros during First Fridays: Long Beach County Fair.

Attendees can choose from a variety of special food and drink items being offered, ranging from dinner specials to county fair-themed treats. Friday night’s menu includes a cotton candy margarita at EJ’s Pub, German pretzel churros at Rasselbock and a bacon jam brie burger at Ambitious Ales for their pop-up event with Terrible Burger.

The Expo Arts Center will be hosting a variety of activities, with its many tenants getting in on the fun. There will be art exhibits in the center’s main room, ABLE Arts Work Galley and the African

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Siithy Yi holds two flags with the theme for the 15th annual Cambodia Town Parade, "Stop the Hate," as the parade ends and attendees are showered with colorful confetti on April 2, 2023. The Cambodia Town Parade returns Sunday, April 7.

Beloved Long Beach traditions abound this week, inviting friends and families to create memories in the community through events, workshops and free gatherings.

The Long Beach County Fair is returning to Bixby Knolls with an agricultural contest, fair food options, live music and more festivities Friday night. Residents can attend Long Beach's second annual Saṅkrānta new year celebration Saturday, and streets along Cambodia Town will become a cultural, festive gathering for the annual parade Sunday.

If you're looking to lean into new things this week, a free healthy cooking demonstration will be held Sunday afternoon, a weaving workshop will be held at the Billie Jean King Main Library Tuesday evening and a bike maintenance workshop will teach valuable lessons Thursday night.

Artistic exploration also gets a chance in the spotlight this week, with a poetry reading/book launch at Kubo LB Saturday or a clay jewelry workshop at the Museum of Latin American Art Thursday night.

05 FRIDAY

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. School-aged children are invited to find new books to read and make friends at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.). Free.

LB COUNTY FAIR

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Taking place all along Atlantic Avenue in Bixby Knolls, many businesses will be staying open later, offering exclusive items and hosting interactive events, with a handful of discounts and activities for residents to explore. Festivities will include an arcade zone at Beachwood Brewing, a Fear Factor audition area at Long Beach Clothing Co., a tarot card reader at Eclipsed Emporium and free face painting at Pixie Toys. Over ten locations will be playing live music. Free to attend.

06 SATURDAY

LONG BEACH SAṅKRĀNTA

8 a.m. to 10 p.m. This Southeast

Asian new year holiday will be commemorated during this local celebration, featuring music, dance, food vendors and more at Long Beach City College (1305 E Pacific Coast Highway). Free to attend.

FOOD MURAL KICK-OFF

3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Artists Amy Tanaka and Jamunā Priti Devī Dāsī will be collaborating on a new mural on the outer wall of A&F Market (2569 Santa Fe Ave.). The public is invited to celebrate the start of the project. Free.

POETRY READING & BOOK LAUNCH

4 p.m. San Diego Poet Laureate Jason Magabo Perez will be sharing his poetry alongside four local highschoolers at Kubo LB (3976 Atlantic Ave.). The event will also serve to launch Magabo's new book "I Ask About What Falls Away." To register for this event, visit Eventbrite. Free to attend.

07 SUNDAY

PLANTS-R-US PLANT EXTRAVAGANZA

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Various flower, herb and heirloom plants will be available for purchase at Zafria Junction Community Garden (3709 E 10th St.). Free to attend; plant prices vary.

CAMBODIA TOWN PARADE & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate Cambodian culture at this annual parade and festival. The celebration will be held between Cherry Avenue and Anaheim Street in Cambodia Town. The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and travel west on Anaheim until it reaches MacArthur Park. The event will include food and merchandise vendors, dancers, live entertainment, music and more. Free to attend.

GARDEN OPEN HOUSE

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Prisk Native Garden (2375 Fanwood Ave.) will be opening its doors for the public to view its native flowers and plants. The garden also features a new creek and pond. Free.

VEGGIE COOKING DEMO

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The San-

ta Fe Community Learning and Teaching Garden (2380 Santa Fe Ave.) will be hosting a cooking demonstration where the public can learn to turn various vegetables into different dishes. Free.

08 MONDAY

LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long Beach Animal Care Services (7700 E Spring St.) will be offering discounted vaccines and microchips for pets. Cats must be brought in carriers and dogs must be leashed. Services are available on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 60 pets. Treatment prices vary.

SPANISH STORYTIME

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages will be able to enjoy Spanish stories read by staff at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.). Free.

09 TUESDAY

WEAVING WORKSHOP

4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Those 12 and older are invited to the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W Broadway) to learn how to weave yarn using a pocket-sized loom. This workshop is designed for those who have no experience in weaving. Free.

EVENING FOR EDUCATORS

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Artist, activist and Cambodian refugee Sayon Syprasoeuth will be teaching local educators about the synthesis of Asian, Pacific Islander and Latinx Communities in the U.S. and throughout Latin America during this workshop at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.). Educators will learn about educational activities they can do with their students. Light refreshments will be provided. Register on the museum's website. Free.

10 WEDNESDAY

P.R.E.P. WORKOUT

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Long Beach Fire Department invites anyone interested in becoming a firefighter to this workout that will prepare them for the Physical

Abilities Test. The workout will be held at the Long Beach Fire Dept. Station 17 (2247 Argonne Ave.). Participants are asked to wear workout clothes and bring water. To reserve a spot, visit the City's event calendar. Free.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will be leading a variety of mental health workshops at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

MOVIE FOR TEENS

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Teens and tweens are invited to watch a screening of the film "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind" at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Free.

11 THURSDAY

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR SENIORS

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Licensed Financial Educator Nema Escartin of World System Builder will be teaching seniors ways to preserve their wealth at the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.). Registration is required. To reg-

ister, email erin.castillo-swaika@longbeach.gov or call (562) 570-1044. Free.

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Long Beach Office of Sustainability will be teaching people how to care for and maintain their bicycles during this workshop at Orizaba Park (1435 Orizaba Ave.). Among the skills participants will learn include: how to clean and lubricate a bike chain, how to adjust brakes and gears and more. Free.

COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During this workshop at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.) participants will learn how to make their own jewelry out of clay. To register, visit the museum's website. Participation costs \$5.

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A WEEKLY LIST OF EVENTS IN LONG BEACH AND SIGNAL HILL



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MISSING PERSON

Sheriffs say missing teen may have been heading to Long Beach

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in finding a missing teen from Cerritos who was possibly heading to Long Beach at the time of her disappearance.

Tessa Linh Mam is a 16-year-old Asian girl with long black hair, brown eyes and braces. She is 5 feet and 7 inches tall.

Mam was last seen wearing a white bodysuit, blue jeans, white Versace slippers, two necklaces and earrings.

Her last known location was the 11100 block of Artesia Blvd. in Cerritos, at 8 a.m. on March 1.

The *Signal Tribune* called the LA County Sheriff's Headquarters once, and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station twice and left a message asking for more information with Detec-



Courtesy of Cerritos Sheriff's Station via Facebook
Tessa Linh Mam may have been heading to Long Beach when she went missing.

tive Ryan Clinkingbeard, who is in charge of Mam's case, on Wednesday, March 20 and has not heard back as of March 30.

Anyone who may have informa-

tion about Mam's whereabouts are urged to call the LA County Sheriff's Department's station in Cerritos at (562) 860-0044.

COMMUNITY

How to safely view the eclipse in Long Beach

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Southern California residents will be able to witness a solar eclipse as the moon partially blocks out the sun's light on Monday, April 8.



Courtesy of Bill Dunford | NASA
A photograph of an annular solar eclipse that was taken on May 20, 2012.

The partial eclipse will be visible in Long Beach and Signal Hill starting around 10:06 a.m. Although some regions of the nation will experience a total eclipse,

only around 59% of the sun will be eclipsed in the local area, according to eclipse2024.org.

The last eclipse visible in Signal Hill and Long Beach occurred in October 2023.

Looking directly at the sun, including during an eclipse, is dangerous and can cause serious eye damage. Specially made eclipse glasses can be used to safely look at the sun and are widely available for purchase online.

Local camera store Tuttle Cameras will be holding an eclipse viewing party from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at its location at 5467 E Carson St. Cameras equipped with special filters will be available for patrons to take photos of the eclipse as long as they bring their own SD card to save their photos on.

Residents can learn more about safely viewing the eclipse and get free eclipse viewing glasses, while supplies last, during an informa-

tional eclipse-themed event at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Courtesy of Aubrey Gemignani | NASA
Sarah Baker views the partial solar eclipse as the sun rises, Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Lewes Beach in Delaware.

NASA has created an online interactive map where people can track the path of the eclipse as it travels across North America and see how the sunlight in their local area will be impacted during the eclipse.

CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CEQA MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Signal Hill, California, will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following:

SITE PLAN DESIGN REVIEW 24-02

A NEW 2,343 SQUARE-FOOT ONE-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED TWO-CAR GARAGE AND A DETACHED TWO-CAR GARAGE ON A 0.18-ACRE SITE AT 1900 TEMPLE AVENUE IN THE RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (RL) ZONING DISTRICT. THE PROJECT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION IN 2022; HOWEVER, THE APPROVAL WILL SOON EXPIRE UNLESS RE-APPROVED.

Agent: Bozena Jaworski (DCS - Design Construction Services Inc.)

Property Owners: Roger Vittow Family Trust

Recommendation: Staff is recommending approval, subject to conditions

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

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE and provide comments during the Public Hearing in one of the following ways:

To view or listen to the meeting live at 7:00 p.m.

- You may participate in-person: Council Chambers of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, California;
- You may submit comments prior to the meeting date by email to cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org, or by mail to the attention of Colleen T. Doan, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA 90755. If received prior to the publication of the agenda (on or before Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.), City staff will incorporate the comments into the staff report. Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2024, will be provided electronically to the Planning Commission and attached to the meeting minutes. Written comments will not be read into the record;

You are encouraged to provide written comments in advance of the publication of the agenda as well as participating during the meeting, to ensure that the Planning Commission has ample time to consider your comments and that the applicant has the opportunity to respond to comments.

A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION 032522(1) was prepared in 2022 in conjunction with the subject project, based on initial study findings. The Planning Commission approved and adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration along with the project under Resolution No. 855-04-19 in 2022. In accordance with California Code of Regulations Section 15162 no subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration is required for SPDR 24-02 in that no changes to the previously approved project are proposed. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, as well as relevant material, may be inspected by the public between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Development Department located on the lower floor of City Hall.

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.

THE FILE and associated documents for the proposed project may be reviewed publicly on the City's website at www.cityofsignalhill.org. If you have difficulty in accessing the documents, please contact Community Development Director Colleen T. Doan, at (562) 989-7344 or via email at cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org.

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**TST7232 Case No. 24LBPC00055
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: Celeste Mishael Saxton for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Celeste Mishael Saxton has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Celeste Mishael Saxton Proposed Name: Celeste Mishael Saxton-Moncure 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: April 9, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-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. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 23, 2024

**TST7233 Case No. 24CMCP00015
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: Ramon Santos for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Ramon Santos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: Ramon Santos Proposed Name: Ramon Flores 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: April 23, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. A, Room 904. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755 March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael Schultz, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: February 14, 2024

**TST7234 Case No. 24NWCP00082
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk, Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: 1. FNU Rajni, 2. FNU Reeva for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners 1. FNU Rajni, 2. FNU Reeva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing their name as follows: Present Name: 1. FNU RAJNI 2. FNU REEVA Proposed Name: 1. RAJNI SINGH 2. REEVA SINGH 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: May 6, 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. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 6, 2024

**TST7247 Case No. 24LBPC00081
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802 PETITION OF: Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows: Present Name: Crystal Hazel Saguin Flores Proposed Name: Crystal Hazel Soegono 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: April 23, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S26, Room 5500. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Or-

der 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. March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 12, 2024

TST7253

**Case No. 23STPB08115 NOTICE OF
PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF: FRANCIS EDWARD ARNOLD**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of FRANCIS EDWARD ARNOLD. 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD 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. April 25, 2024 @ 8:30am, Dept: 62 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.ROBERT EDWARD ARNOLD 506 SOUTH LEBANON STREET MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS 62258 Phone: 618-334-13069 Pub. Signal Tribune, March 22, 29 & April 5, 2024

**TST7256 Case No. 24NWCP00110
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, Norwalk Courthouse, 12720 Norwalk, Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 PETITION OF: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing his name as follows: Present Name: LUIS ANGEL LOPEZ LIZAOLA Proposed Name: LUIS ANGEL EXIGA 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: May 13, 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. March 29 & April 5, 12, 19, 2024 ___/ss/___ Olivia Rosales, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 26, 2024

**TST7213 / 2024 032704
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: AUNTIE JOES, 1759 N PALMER CT, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. County:

LOS ANGELES. Registrant: JOEANNE GAINES, 1759 N PALMER CT, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: (State). This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: JOEANNE GAINES, 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 February 13, 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: February 23 & March 1, 8, 15, 2024

**TST7266 / 2024 064048
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. SGR GROUP, 2. BLUE DIAMOND EVENTS, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, 13746 HANWELL AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA. 90706. 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: ANDRES ALBERTO GONZALEZ BARRERA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 03/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7267 / 2024 064044
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 1. KARTUNES, 2. KARTUNES WINDOW TINT, 7321 S ALARM ST, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90001. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: GABRIELA MENDOZA, 13558 DITTMAR DR, WHITTIER, CA. 90605. 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: GABRIELA MENDOZA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2012. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on March 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 SignalTribune: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7268 / 2024 064046
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: ABN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: SONIA RIVERA, 2512 MUSCATEL AVE, ROSEMEAD, CA. 91770. 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: SONIA RIVERA, 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 March 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

**TST7269 Case No. 24LBPC00041
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTH DISTRICT, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Adriana Chaidez on behalf of Aliyah Raylene Calfy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing her name as follows:Present Name: Aliyah Raylene Calfy Proposed Name: Aliyah Raylene Chaidez 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: June 7, 2024; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept.S27, Room S400. 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. April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 ___/ss/___ Mark C. Kim, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: March 29, 2024

TST7274/Order No: 17603
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/23/2024 at 644 E MANCHESTER AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 NISSA
VIN: 1N4BL4BV9LC233772
STATE: CA LIC: 9COB411 at 10 AM

TST7273/Order No: 17531
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/23/2024 at 15321 ATLANTIC AVE COMPTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 JEEP
VIN: 1C4PJLDN6KD171480
STATE: CA LIC: 9EPN017 at 10 AM

TST7272/Order No: 15698
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/23/2024 at 821 SOUTH MAPLE AVE MONTEBELLO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2016 NISSA
VIN: 3N1CN7AP6GL859984
STATE: CA LIC: 8XUP754 at 10 AM

TST7264/Order No: 17630
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/21/2024 at 644 E MANCHESTER AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2024 HYUNDAI
VIN: KM8R54G8RU647362
STATE: LIC: at 10 AM

TST7262/Order No: 16905
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/21/2024 at 7523 S WESTERN AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 FORD
VIN: 1FA6P8TH4L5124694
STATE: CA LIC: 8PTF421 at 8AM

TST7260/Order No: 16609
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/21/2024 at 4101 E WILLOW ST LONG BEACH, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1991 YAMAHA
HULL: YAM16694K091
STATE: CA CF#: 8542JZ at 10 AM

TST7258/Order No: 17503
Auto Lien Sale

On 4/16/2024 at 17220 JERSEY AVE ARTESIA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 AUDI
VIN: WAUANC53LA006428
STATE: CA LIC: 9HGL996 at 10 AM

TST7265/Order No: 17668
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/21/2024 at 644 E MANCHESTER AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 KIA
VIN: 5XXGT4L33KG324063
STATE: CA LIC: 9BNH041 at 10 AM

TST7263/Order No: 17542
Auto Lien Sale

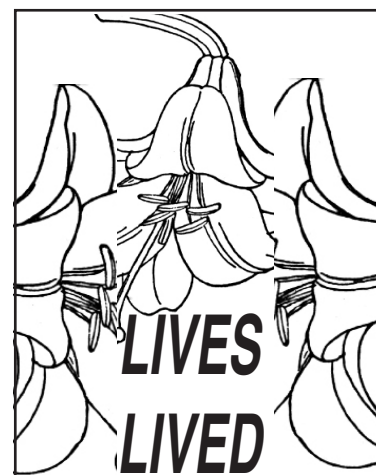
On 04/21/2024 at 16971 SIERRA HIGHWAY CANYON COUNTRY, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2017 HONDA
VIN: 2HGFC3B31HH352894
STATE: CA LIC: 8XLMV822 at 10 AM

TST7261/Order No: 16619
Auto Lien Sale

On 04/21/2024 at 127 TURNBULL CANYON RD LA PUENTE, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2012 FORD
VIN: 1FTNE2EW4CD801913
STATE: CA LIC: 89017W2 at 10 AM

TST7257/Order No: 16713
Auto Lien Sale

On 4/16/2024 at 17220 JERSEY AVE ARTESIA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 NISSA
VIN: 3N1CPC5U5KL562604
STATE: CA LIC: 8MKM106 at 10 AM



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ENVIRONMENT

Clean-up time: Residents encouraged to participate in free Earth Month events

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

Long Beach is celebrating Earth Month with several free events centering on sustainability — from championing local wildlife to waste-reduction techniques — following the theme of Planet vs. Plastics.

“Celebrating Earth Month creates opportunities for our residents to learn about existing City programs and policies that support our climate action goals,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a statement from the City. “I encourage residents to join the festivities to learn how they can help make Long Beach a more sustainable place to live.”

Earth Month festivities include volunteer opportunities and workshops for residents to take part in throughout April. The City has put together an Earth Month events calendar on the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability webpage, with the following events:

•Recycle Right

Long Beach – Saturday, April 6, 10 to 11 a.m.:

Attendees will go through the “dos and don’ts” of recycling correctly in Long Beach in a workshop that will be held in English and Spanish at the Environmental Services Bureau (2929 E. Willow St.). Those interested in attending can sign up here.

•**Earth Day Community Clean-up and Week of Action Kick-off – Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to noon:**

The Long Beach Health Department, along with a handful of local community groups and City departments, will kick off the City’s Earth Day week of action with a



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A Long Beach Community Compost volunteer uses a shovel to break up frozen fruits to be added to the compost pile near Farm Lot 59 in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021. The City of Long Beach will host a Learn to Compost Workshop on Saturday April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Environmental Services Bureau.

cigarette butt clean-up event at DeForest Park (6175 DeForest Ave.) The Earth Day Community Clean-up will include music, giveaways, photos and more. Supplies will be provided. No registration is required.

•**Earth Day Tree Planting – Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. to noon:**

The community is invited to spend their Earth Day helping to plant 38 trees in Long Beach’s Washington neighborhood alongside the California Climate Action Corps. Attendees will meet at 14th St. and Locust Ave. Prior registration is required, as the event has limited capacity.

•**Learn to Compost Workshop – Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to noon:**

Attendees can learn the process of composting as they are guided

through how to turn food scraps and yard debris into a valuable aspect of a garden or landscape at the Environmental Services Bureau (2929 E. Willow St.) Residents will receive advice on setting up backyard compost and vermicompost bins as well as tips on what materials can and cannot be composted. Those interested in attending can register here.

•**Annual City Nature Challenge – Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:**

Long Beach residents can identify the local flora and fauna of the trails at Willow Springs Park (2745 Orange Ave.) and track their observations on the iNaturalist app where cities all over the world will be sharing insights into their natural habitats. No registration is required.

Throughout Earth Month, the



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A sign informs park-goers about the greening project at Willow Springs Park on Sept. 28, 2021. The City of Long Beach will host their flora and fauna-themed Annual City Nature Challenge event at Willow Springs Park on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

following City departments will be launching educational, environmental resource campaigns on social media to encourage residents to reduce waste and live more eco-friendly:

•The Public Works Department – @lbrecycles on Instagram, Facebook and X – will post tips on extending the life of produce throughout the remainder of Food Waste Prevention Week, which ends April 7.

•The Health Department – @lbhealthdept on Instagram, Facebook and X – will post information about community clean-up toolkits for residents to host their own clean-ups during the week of action

from April 15-22.

•The Office of Climate Action and Sustainability – @lbsustainability on Instagram, Facebook and X – will be posting resources and statistics about plastic pollution throughout Earth Month.

To learn more about the upcoming Earth Month events in Long Beach, visit the City’s Earth Month calendar. Questions about how to participate in Earth Month events should be directed to the Office of Climate Action and Sustainability at sustainability@longbeach.gov.

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