

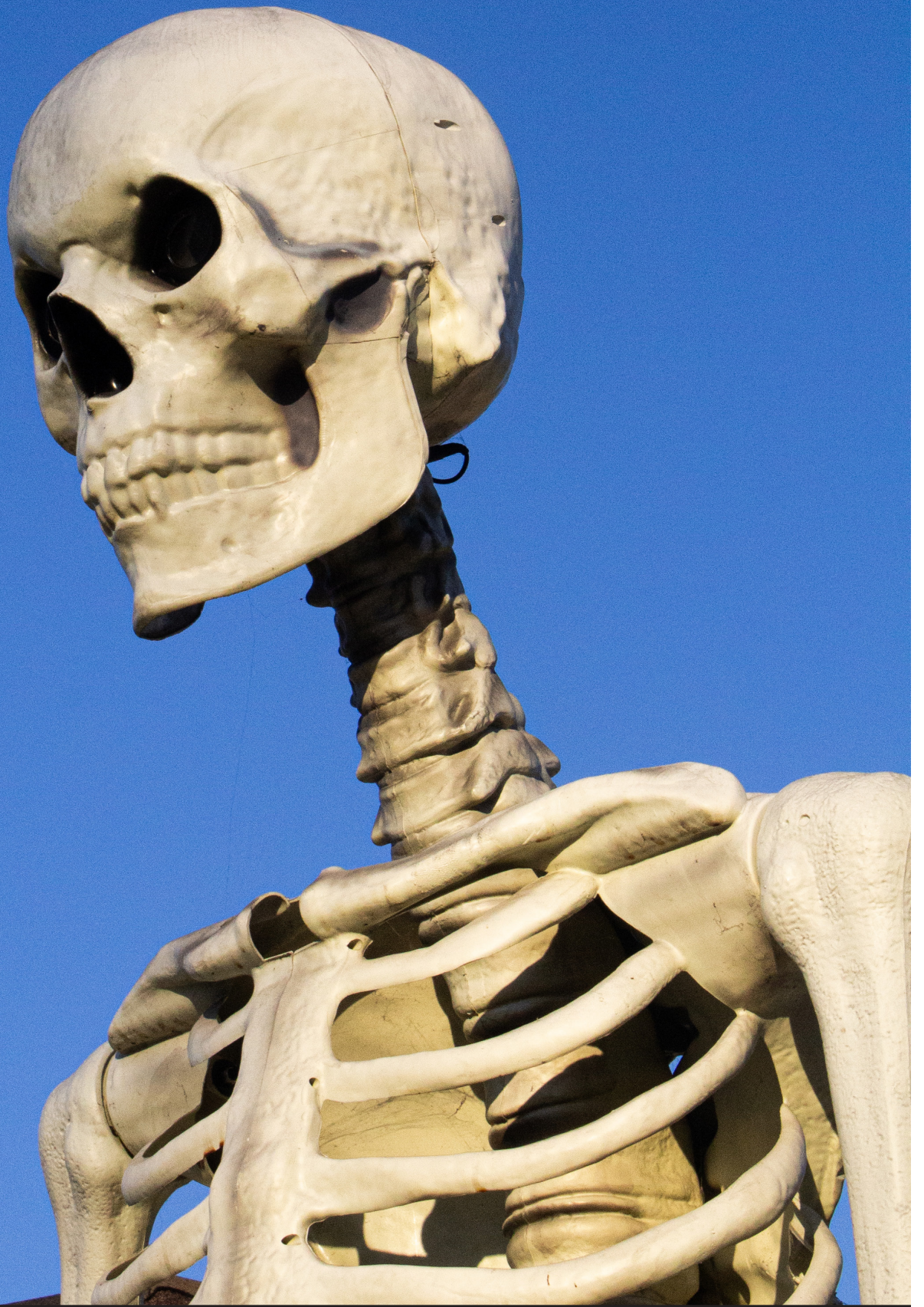
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## DOWNTOWN

# Long Beach Marathon street closures begin this Friday



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A Long Beach Running Club member passes by the setting sun while running up the Skyline Trail in Signal Hill on March 21, 2022. Around 80 runners participated in the Long Beach Running Club Monday run in Signal Hill. As local runners prepare to participate in the Long Beach Marathon, downtown residents are preparing for various street closures this weekend to accommodate the Aquarium of the Pacific 5K on Saturday along with the marathon and The Bike Tour on Sunday.

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Marathon is returning for its 40th year this Sunday, with the majority of street closures beginning on Sunday morning.

The race will take place at Shoreline Drive and Shoreline Village Drive from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and other events will be happening throughout the weekend:

On Friday, Oct. 4 Long Beach Marathon racers and bike tour participants can pick up their bibs at the Race Expo and Packet Pick-Up Expo at 386 E Shoreline Drive from noon to 6 p.m. Racers have another chance to pick up their bibs on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the same location from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 5 the Aquarium of the Pacific 5K begins at 6:15 a.m. The race will take place at 100 Aquarium Way, and participants can pick up their bibs as early as 5:15 a.m. The Bike Tour will take place at the same time as the Long Beach Marathon, on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 6 a.m. at Shoreline Drive and Linden Avenue.

Most road closures and detours will be in place at various times on a rolling basis on Sunday, Oct. 6 between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The closures generally include both sides of the street, unless otherwise noted. Streets affected include the following:

- Eastbound Shoreline Drive – Shoreline Village Drive to Ocean Boulevard (closure begins at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5)
- Westbound Shoreline Drive – Ocean Boulevard to Shoreline Village Drive (closure begins at 12:01 a.m. the night of Saturday, Oct. 5)
- Shoreline Drive, from Shoreline Village to the 710 Freeway
- Pine Avenue, from Shoreline Drive to Seaside Way
- Queensway Bridge, from Shoreline Drive to the 710 Freeway
- Ocean Boulevard, from Livingston Drive to 54th Street
- Livingston Drive, from Termino Avenue to Broadway



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The Long Beach Running Club members start from The Home Depot parking lot for their Monday route through Signal Hill on March 21, 2022.

- Nieto Avenue, from Appian Way to Broadway
- Appian Way, from Nieto Avenue to East Third Street
- East Third Street, from Appian Way to Paoli Way
- Marine Stadium from Nieto Avenue to Bayshore Avenue
- East Colorado Street from Orlena Avenue to Appian Way
- Orlena Avenue from East Colorado Street to Fourth Street
- Fourth Street from Monrovia Avenue to Orlena Avenue
- Monrovia Avenue from Sixth Street to Fourth Street
- Sixth Street from Park Avenue to Monrovia Avenue
- Park Avenue from Anaheim Street to Appian Way
- Anaheim Street from Pacific Coast Highway to Park Avenue
- Clark Avenue, northbound, from Atherton Street to Anaheim Street
- Atherton Street, westbound, from Clark Avenue to Bellflower Boulevard
- Palo Verde Avenue, southbound, from Atherton Street to Anaheim Street
- Atherton Street, from Bellflower Boulevard to Palo Verde Avenue
- Ocean Boulevard, from Livingston Drive to Alamitos Avenue

All roads are expected to be fully

reopened by 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Streets along the racecourse will be marked with “no parking” signs, and vehicles in violation of the posted signs will be ticketed and towed at the owner’s expense to the tow yard at 3111 E. Willow St.

A map and details about entering and exiting the impacted neighborhoods of Belmont Shore, Peninsula, Naples, Belmont Heights, Bluff Park, Bluff Heights, Alamitos Beach, Park Estates and Los Altos can be found here.

Free parking Saturday night through Sunday will be available for Belmont Shore, Peninsula and Naples residents in the beach lots along Ocean Boulevard. Exiting may be possible at select areas on Sunday during the marathon by police escort. Boat owners who park at Marina Green on Saturday will still have access to that lot via Shoreline Village Drive. On Sunday, boat owners can park at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center via Pine Avenue.

A route map for events related to the Long Beach Marathon can be found here. For more details about the marathon, go to [runlongbeach.com/community-relations/](http://runlongbeach.com/community-relations/).

## ENVIRONMENT



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Though the Jellyfishbot is still looking for a permanent name, the debris-collection device is ready to venture through the waters of Long Beach.

## Long Beach debuts Jellyfishbot to clean its seas from debris

## Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach recently announced the deployment of a remotely controlled debris-collecting device to clean the Long Beach marina waters.

Able to remove up to 100 pounds of debris from surface-level water during each excursion, the Jellyfishbot made its debut mission on Monday.

“The Jellyfishbot is an innovative resource that supports our commitment to environmental stewardship and ensuring our waters remain clean and beautiful all year round,” said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. “I can’t wait to see this bot hard at work in our waters donning the winning design from our youth art contest.”

With the Jellyfishbot as its disposal, the City has an easy-to-manuever tool to clean waste and debris from local waters and address this aspect of marine pollution. Only a single Marine Bureau staff member is needed to operate the device to remove the collected debris, as opposed to using a boat and significantly more staff to manually collect debris.

The electric-powered bot comes with many features, including GPS, which gives staff the chance to create designated operating areas and a map of water depths. The Jellyfishbot also has a live camera feed, collision avoidance systems to avoid obstacles, and a net system on the back that collects debris.

The collecting device will be used in weekly operations and following storms, which typically lead to an increase in debris.

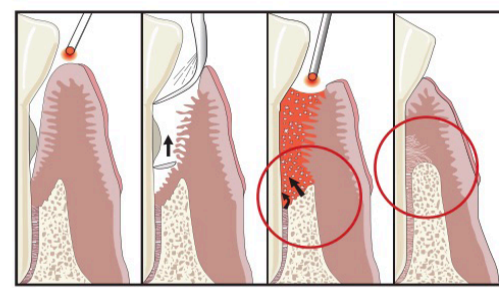


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HAUNTED HOUSE

# Fright and philanthropy: Fairbrook Manor haunted house helps feed Long Beach

Kristen Farrah Naeem  
Staff Writer

For this year's spooky season, the Fairbrook Manor haunted house is once again set to frighten and delight Long Beach residents with family-friendly scares — all while raising donations for a good cause.

Robert Duck and his family have turned their home in the Los Altos South neighborhood into a haunted house attraction each October for the past several years, attracting hundreds of visitors annually and collecting donations for the Long Beach Rescue Mission.



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An exterior view of the Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store on June 12, 2023. The Duck family is accepting monetary donations as well as donated food for the Long Beach Rescue Mission at their Fairbrook Manor haunted house.

Combining their imagination with local history, the Duck family came up with the tale of Victoria Fairbrook — a wealthy oil baroness whose family members died on the property before she went mad in the 1920s.

While the fictional Fairbrook remains at the core of the haunted house's lore, each year brings a fresh theme and creepy new addi-



The Duck family uses their annual Fairbrook Manor haunted house to raise money for the Long Beach Rescue Mission. This year, their goal is to raise at least \$4,000 and collect six barrels of food for the Long Beach Rescue Mission after raising \$6,000 and seven barrels of donated food in 2023.

tions to keep guests on their toes.

This year's theme will be "Fairbrook Farm," based on the idea that there would most likely have been a farm on the property in the early 20th century. This iteration of the haunted house will include handmade scarecrows Duck made over the summer, as well as locally-sourced corn stalks.

Planning for Fairbrook Manor is a year-round affair for the Duck family, and they began decorating for this year's haunted house in August.

They are aiming to raise at least

\$4,000 and collect six barrels of food for the Long Beach Rescue Mission — an effort supported by a team of around 20 volunteers. Last year, the Duck's haunted house raised \$6,000 and filled seven barrels with donated food.

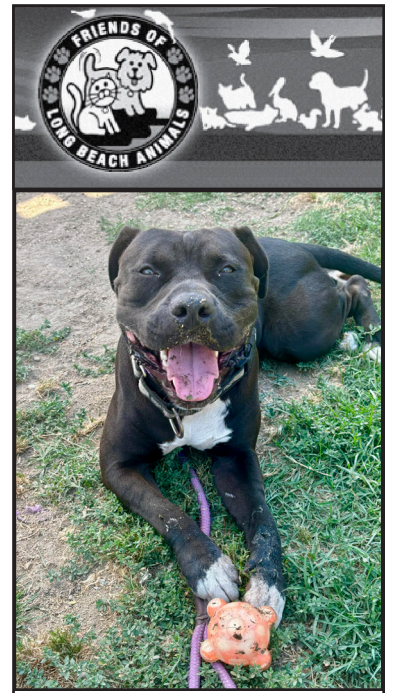
"It's just a family-friendly, volunteer-led event, just a little local neighborhood home haunt, just to rally the community together," Duck said. "Everyone has some Halloween fun."

In addition to the traditional scare-filled haunted house tours, Fairbrook Manor will offer a day-

time walkthrough on Sunday, Oct. 27 for families with young children or those who prefer to experience the haunted house without the jump scares.

Fairbrook Manor is located at 5426 E Fairbrook St., and will be open for evening tours from Oct. 19-20 and Oct. 25-27, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Entry is \$5 per person, with proceeds going toward the Long Beach Rescue Mission. Visitors are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate.



Pet of the week:  
**Costello**

Costello is just like a little kid in a big kid's body! He loves to rub his face on his stuffies and then toss them up and down. He loves playing in the play yard with his doggie buddies. He loves jumping up on a bench next to a volunteer, stuffie in mouth, and luring the human into repeatedly tossing it. He loves walks, which he needs to wear off some of that energy, and of course, he loves treats. He's been in the shelter since March—as one volunteer said, he's a good boy, so he deserves forever people! Speed the process to adopt or foster Costello or any of our other pets by emailing PetAdopt@longbeach.gov or petfoster@longbeach.gov. You can also call (562) 570-4925. Our shelter hours are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7700 E. Spring St. at the entrance to El Dorado Park (no parking fee for shelter visitors. Ask for ID#A717466.

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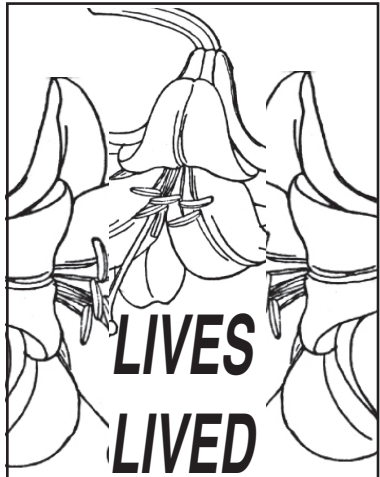
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**EYE ON CRIME**

**CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE**

**Wednesday, September 25**  
 10:52 a.m., Identity theft, 2700 block Cherry Ave.  
 11:57 a.m., Grand theft, 2700 block Raymond Ave.

**Thursday, September 26**  
 12:43 a.m., Burglary, 2400 block California Ave.  
 1:57 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Molino Ave.  
 2:11 p.m., Person with a knife, 1900 block Cherry Ave.  
 2:29 p.m., Stolen vehicle – recovered, 1000 block E. 33rd St.  
 3:15 p.m., Elder abuse, 1900 block Dawson Ave.

**Friday, September 27**  
 1:06 p.m., Forgery, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
 3:40 p.m., Identity theft, 2500 block Cherry Ave.  
 3:50 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block Freeman Ave.  
 4:36 p.m., Shoplifting; resist Peace Officer; misdemeanor warrants, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)  
 6:42 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1900 block Orizaba Ave.

**Saturday, September 28**  
 10:47 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, Walnut Ave./E. 28th St.  
 11:30 a.m., Injury traffic collision, 2800 block Hathaway Ct.

**Sunday, September 29**  
 3:13 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

**Monday, September 30**  
 11:04 a.m., Auto burglary, 2400 block Gaviota Ave.  
 1:51 p.m., Battery, 1600 block E. Willow St.  
 2:13 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Walnut Ave.

**Tuesday, October 1**  
 6:34 a.m., Elder abuse, 1900 block Molino Ave.  
 7:45 a.m., Burglary, 2600 block Cherry Ave.  
 9:45 a.m., Identity theft, 2100 block Gundry Ave.  
 12:17 p.m., Person with a knife, 3300 block Gundry Ave.  
 12:24 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2400 block Lewis Ave.  
 3:45 p.m., Grand theft, 2200 block E. Willow St.

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**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Five Halloween-esque plays and live theater performances in October**

Samantha Diaz  
 Managing Editor

Halloween is a time for candy and scares, and in Long Beach's theater scene, also a time for Shakespeare, monsters, musicals and murders. From the light and family-friendly, to the macabre and murder mystery, live performance lovers have a bit of everything in Long Beach this season.



Courtesy of the Long Beach Playhouse  
 The Long Beach Playhouse's "The Passion of Dracula," which originated from playwrights Bob Hall and David Richmond in 1911, will be showing on select dates through Oct. 19, 2024.

**Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. - Shakespeare on the Darkside**  
 The Long Beach Shakespeare Company is wrapping up its second annual Poetry Festival by exploring the Bard's dark side.

This show is an honor to Shakespeare by taking a journey down the darker themes of his work. It will explore haunting scenes from "Macbeth," "Titus Andronicus," "Hamlet," and "Cymbeline." This collection of massacres and famous bouts of insanity will show the wreckage that power and vengeance can cause.

While this show will present a mixture of Shakespeare's various plays, it will feature fully-staged monologues and scenes.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online or at the door.

**Oct. 16 - Nov. 3 - "Murder on the Links"**

Something's afoot on the private golf course at Merlinville-Sur-Mer, namely the body of Hercule Poirot's newest client.

Acclaimed playwright Steven Dietz brings the famed Belgian detective to life to solve one of Agatha Christie's most intricate whodunits at International City Theatre. A cast of six versatile actors embody myriad characters as they navigate the twists and turns of this lively and fun new adaptation, directed by Todd Nielsen.

Tickets range from \$37-55, with dinner packages available for \$89.

**Oct. 17 - 19 at 8 p.m. - Classic Spooktacular**

From the music of John Williams, Pacific Symphony's show asks the question, "If you were the devil, would you come to Eastwick?" Experience the shadowy allure of Halloween and surrender to the cinematic frights and delights of "Devil's Dance," written by John Williams, one of the greatest film composers of our time.



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# CHILDREN'S SPOOKY STORIES

## "The Giggle in the Dark"

By Story Baughfman; 9 years old  
3rd Grade/Los Cerritos Elementary School

One night Regina was in bed reading a story to her little friend Molly the Dolly. The story was titled "The Killer Doll." When the story was over Regina said to Molly, "You would never hurt anybody, would you?"

Of course, the doll didn't answer. She just stared at Regina with brown eyes. Then Regina braided Molly's blonde hair before she went to sleep. "I love your vintage dress," said Regina.

Next Regina's little brother Mark came in without asking. Mark asked, "Why is that doll so ugly?"

Regina said, "No she's not!"

Mark had scissors and he said, "I can make her look prettier."

Before Regina could scream, their mom came in and said, "It's time for bed. Mark, go to your room. Say good night to your sister."

"Good night Regina, and good night Molly. I'll make you pretty tomorrow."

Mark left and Mom said, "Good night Regina, good night Molly." Mom turned off the lights.

Regina put Molly in her dollhouse and told her friend good night, then returned to her bed.

Regina closed her eyes and was about to fall asleep. But she heard a noise. It was giggling.

Regina looked around the room, but it was pitch black. All she could see were a couple of stuffed animals. And her doll in her little house.

Regina closed her eyes again and two seconds later she heard the giggle again.

"Who is that?" Regina asked. Nobody answered.

Regina was getting scared. She left her bed and went into the hallway. She entered Mom's room and saw Mom was already snoring. She tried to wake up her mom, but Mom kept sleeping because she must have been extra extra tired after so much work that day.

The giggling started again from Regina's bedroom. But the giggles turned into screams.

Regina ran into her room and saw something awful after she turned on the lights.

Mark was dead on the floor with the scissors in his back. Next to him was the doll and she had a smile on her face.

Molly said to Regina, "Your brother sneaked in here giggling, trying to cut off my hair. But I made him pretty instead."

**THE END**

## 'CREEPY SPECIES OF THE JUNGLE'

By Mason Baughfman; 10 years old  
5th Grade/Los Cerritos Elementary School

The jungle was filled with humongous trees. The sunlight felt like it was burning Ronnie's skin. All around the boy it sounded like a zoo. Birds were chirping, monkeys were screaming, and bugs were buzzing. "Dad, I'm sweaty!" said Ronnie. "Can we leave yet?"

Dad was hiking next to Ronnie. He said to his son, "Stop begging to leave. I need to research these animals."

Ronnie whined, "Please! I thought Bring Your Kid to Work Day would be fun! But your work is boring!"

Ronnie wanted Bring Your Kid to Work Day to be exciting. He imagined Dad would be setting up nets and cages to catch creatures. But all Dad did was write in a notebook and take photos. And there was so much walking!

"The only thing we saw was a gray bird!" Ronnie said.

"I can't make the animals more interesting. If they want to stay hidden behind leaves they can."

"But Dad! I want to see other animals!"

Just then they saw something fly from one tree to another. It looked like a moving shadow.

"I've never seen this kind of species before," Dad whispered. "Follow me quietly."

They tiptoed toward the mysterious shadow. Then they gasped. The tree was covered in hundreds of... "SPIDERS!" yelled Dad. "No, it's tarantulas!" shrieked Ronnie.

Their loud voices caused the spiders to jump off! And they... FLEW! The spiders had wings! Dad took a picture \*click\* The spiders covered Dad like a bunch of flies. Ronnie couldn't see Dad under all the spiders. He could only hear him. "AHHHHH!" Dad screamed. Ronnie screamed too.

The spiders flew at him. All that was left of Dad was his shoes and his camera. The spiders carried Ronnie up into the air. Back to their tree nest.

Up in the tree Ronnie realized something shocking! Dad was also alive in the branches! The spiders had lifted him out of his shoes. Also the tarantulas weren't tarantulas! They were mutant birds with many many legs!

Dad said, "Maybe radioactive spiders bit these birds to change their appearance."

Just then a glowing green spider climbed out of the leaves. The spider was the size of a bulldog. It said, "Welcome. Be one of us."

The Spider King bit both Ronnie and Dad. When the venom went into their bellies it felt like getting hit with a wrecking ball. Soon the son and Dad fell asleep from the pain.

When they woke up they had extra arms and extra legs. As many as a spider! They also had multiple black eyes and red fangs. Ronnie and Dad were now a new creepy species of the jungle.

# “A Single Eye”

By Evan Baughfman

My ten-year-old daughter beamed: she had a valentine. Some boy at school gave her a teddy bear. A mangy, moth-eaten thing that stared with a single eye.

I mentioned the toy's unsightliness. The bear was the boy's, Grace said, once his entire world. She loved holding his past, this present. She wouldn't let me launder it, said it would lose the boy's scent. I rolled my eyes. Had hoped the washing machine might tear the vile animal apart.

That night, I stood silent at Grace's door. My girl slept, the grisly Cyclops in moonlight beside her. The ugly “bruin” reminded me of the stupid college mascot her useless father had worshipped until he died.

I couldn't allow some boy to infiltrate my home. Undo everything I'd built with tears and grit, alone. Do you understand what I did and why?

I rushed forward, fast. I snatched—strangled—the awful toy. I choked down a laugh, carried the bear outdoors.

The neighbors' dog snarled from behind their fence. The drooling monster bared its teeth any time it could. Man's best friend? Yeah, right! Though, the beast would soon help me eliminate the eye...

I raised my arm, threw the bear—an admirable arc. After catching the toy, the noisy dog went mostly silent. Gaps in the fence showed



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canine jaws snapping through the bear's throat, removing the ursine head. I turned from the dismemberment, smiling.

I returned to bed, where I slept very soundly.

In the morning, I cooked breakfast, awaiting Grace's wail. My prediction: she'd sob when she found the bear had vanished. My solution: she'd feel sunnier once she had my waffles, her favorite.

Right on cue, Grace saw the bear was gone, panicked, and gave a shout. It would turn up somewhere in her messy room, I explained, lying to my girl even as tears gushed down her cheeks.

At the dining table, she craved no Belgian. Insisted on another treat. From her pink backpack, she withdrew a box of candy hearts, also

gifted by the boy. Each piece was more disgusting and vibrant than a cast-off eye.

She scattered colorful candies onto an empty plate. Giggled at imprinted phrases as she chomped them between grinning teeth.

She showed me one heart's message. In letters clear and bold, the confection read, “CONFESS.” Another sweet declared, “BAD MOM.” Others said, “U LIE.” Every word besieged me. I could not believe my eyes.

I blinked. Fumed. Further inspected the insulting sweets. Multiple hearts boomed,

“EYE C U.” More called me “SELFISH.”

I swatted the tarts—plate—aside. My child asked me why. I didn't answer and, instead, brought the waf-

fles over. A fork. Some syrup, too.

Grace refused the meal. I tried forcing the fork upon her. She seemed afraid of the tines. I screamed at her to eat! She recoiled, insisting that I was insane.

Our argument was interrupted by many sudden knocks. The front door...

Someone continued their rap, rap, rapping. The noise squeezed me. A headache bloomed behind my eyes.

On the porch: our neighbors. Owners of the violent mutt.

They spoke to me in anger. My brain was in a fog.

Their pet just had surgery. Their beast had nearly died.

The news froze me, headache squeezing my widening eyes.

They had awakened to their beloved giving yelps. A trip to the emergency vet had resulted in the doctor removing a teddy bear's head from the dog's belly.

Absurd! The squishy skull had been swallowed whole?

The neighbors found the rest of the toy, disemboweled in the grass. They accused my girl of evil, of attempting to hurt their pet.

No! The bear still teased me! Had returned with its single eye!

I assured the neighbors that Grace was not involved. But yard security camera footage proved the nasty plaything had flown over their fence.

Grace stood behind me, audi-

ence to every detail. She told them I must've tossed the bear. That I was disturbed.

I sighed. Admitted the deed.

The neighbors wouldn't reprieve me. Judged with four glaring eyes. Said I was deranged.

Voice shrill, I begged for them to listen. They said they had to involve the police.

Faces red, they walked toward their property.

I followed after, pleading, still clutching Grace's fork.

They thought I meant to stab them.

I told them to, please, PLEASE, look into my eyes!

Instead, they ran. They cursed my name.

The chase was on.

I pursued in my slippers, trying to convince them not to dial 9-1-1.

I tripped on cracked cement.

Faceplant! Ow!

The fork tweezed me! Tines pierced my open eye!

That was weeks ago...

Grace no longer speaks to me. Neighbors are suing. I know which hurts more.

My daughter's silent treatment. Her disappointment. Lack of understanding.

Tears dribble now, from my single eye...

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Kristen Farrah Naeem

Staff Writer

Long Beach is well known as a Hollywood filming location, so it should come as no surprise to learn that its streets, homes and landmarks have played a role in some notably strange and spooky films.

From cult classics to complete flops, the city's unique backdrops have helped set the scene for both iconic and obscure horror and thriller flicks. The films included on this list offer a glimpse into Long Beach's cinematic history.

**"The Incredibly Strange Creatures Who Stopped Living and Became Mixed-Up Zombies" (1963)** - Look, this is a bad movie; I know it, you know it, critics at the time knew it. But it has a certain historical value, as many scenes were shot at the former amusement park located at the Pike. I'd heard stories of the old roller coaster at the Pike, but had never seen it in action until the opening scene of this film. There's even one scene where the cameraman is riding in one of the roller coaster carts, and the audience gets a glimpse at what it was like aboard the long defunct Cyclone Racer. It was also the first film to ever be considered a "monster-musical."



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Larry Osterhoudt spent two years building a model replica, as pictured in this photo, of the original Cyclone Racer roller coaster.

The film centers on a seaside carnival, shot at the Pike, where an evil fortune-teller is disfiguring and hypnotizing patrons in order to

turn them into so-called "zombies."

*Warnings: Death, sex work, anti-Romani racism*

*Not Rated (movies began being rated in 1968, five years after this film was released)*

*Where to stream: Free on YouTube*

**"Child's Play 2" (1990)** - We barely see any Long Beach in this film, but for a few short seconds we get a shot of the exterior of a Long Beach factory at 118 Pier S Ave., which serves as the Play Pals Toy Factory. This movie centers around the return of the infamous doll Chucky, as he attempts to possess the body of a young foster child. This film has the most graphic kills of any included on this list.

*Warning: Death, violence, gore*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: Available on Netflix until Oct. 31. Can be rented for \$3.59 on Google Play.*

**"Blood Ties" (1991)** - I feel this is the most Long Beach movie on this list. Unlike other films included here, where Long Beach stood in for various other areas of the country, the setting of this film is Long Beach itself. The B-roll during the opening and end credits of the film are sweeping shots of the Port of Long Beach, the Spruce Goose Dome, the Queen Mary and downtown.

This movie reimagines old vampire tropes. In *Blood Ties*, "vampire" is a slur for a group of people called Carpathians, from a fictional Eastern European country neighboring Transylvania. A large population of them have settled in Long Beach, and although their ancestors drank blood several generations ago, modern Carpathians have assimilated and are basically indistinguishable from everyone else. However, they still face discrimination because of their ancestry, and a hate group is going around the country murdering them.

The film follows two main Car-

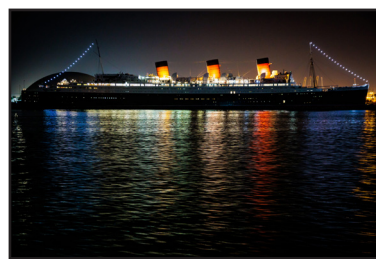
pathian characters: a teen boy from Texas who comes to Long Beach to meet the rest of his family after his parents are murdered, and a middle-aged man from Long Beach who works as a local reporter for the *Long Beach Post-Gazette*.

When I first realized the main character was an ethnic minority from Long Beach who worked as a local reporter, for a brief and naive moment I thought, "Oh, maybe he'll be a relatable character." And then in the first few scenes the audience learns that for some inexplicable reason he's covering a court case in which one of his relatives is the defendant, and he's also sleeping with the assistant district attorney trying to convict said relative. I hope this goes without saying, but that is not remotely what our jobs are like, and in real life we are neither related to or sleeping with anyone we write about.

*Warning: Death, violence, sexual content, implied incest*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: Free on YouTube*



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*The Queen Mary is just one of several local landmarks featured in the 1991 vampire trope film "Blood Ties," along with the Port of Long Beach, Spruce Goose Dome and Downtown Long Beach.*

**"The Craft" (1996)** - This film centers on four teenage witches as they vie for power. After using her powers to move up in the world, one of the main characters moves into a new apartment at Harbor Place Tower, located in Long Beach

at 542 E Seaside Way.

*Warnings: Death, sexual violence, anti-Black racism, bullying*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: MGM+. Can be rented for \$4.49 through Amazon Prime or \$3.99 through Google Play.*

**"Donnie Darko" (2001)** - This cult classic film uses the Los Cerritos and Virginia Country Club neighborhoods as the suburban backdrop for Middlesex, Virginia, where the film is set. A little over three minutes into the film, we see the titular character Donnie Darko bike past Los Cerritos Park and several houses along Country Club Drive. Two houses in the Virginia Country Club neighborhood are central to the plot, 4225 Country Club Drive, the abode of the Darko family, and 4252 Country Club Drive, the home of a smarmy self-help author hiding a dark secret.

The idea of time is central to the film, and it grapples with ideas of alternate timelines, time travel and time paradoxes.

*Warnings: Death, violence, plane and car accidents, profanity, mentions of child sexual abuse, anti-Asian racism*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: Free on YouTube (Both the theatrical version and the director's cut)*

**"Zodiac" (2007)** - Bixby Knolls serves as a Vallejo, California suburb in 1969 at the start of this movie. One of the victim's homes in the film is located at 3964 Gundry Ave., and the nearby George's 50s Diner serves as the set for Mr. Ed's Diner, where the unfortunate teenage couple have a last meal before their untimely demise.

Now normally, I wouldn't spoil the movie by mentioning who is and isn't a victim. But in the first two minutes of the film you see a teenage couple hanging out alone together in a car, and in a film called "Zodiac" set in 1969, it doesn't take

a genius to figure out what happens to them, and the various other unfortunate teenage sweethearts that appear throughout the film.

*Warnings: Death, violence, profanity, sexual images, substance use*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: MGM+. Can be rented through Amazon Prime, Apple TV and Google Play Movies for \$3.99.*

**"The Haunting of Whaley House" (2012)** - This is the most recent horror movie I could find that was shot in Long Beach. The historic Bembridge House, located at 953 N Pk Cir, stands in for the infamous Whaley House in San Diego, which has long been rumored to be haunted. Due to the jump scares and gore, this is probably the scariest movie on this list — definitely not the best, just the scariest. That's also probably because the dated special effects in the older movies make any scares seem a bit quaint and unconvincing.



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*The Bembridge House is considered by many to be the most significant residential historic landmark structure in Long Beach, and it contains many of the original furnishings dating from the early 1900s.*

In this film a tour guide for the Whaley House breaks in with friends afterhours, to disastrous and paranormal consequences.

*Warning: Death, gore, profanity*

*Rated R*

*Where to stream: Free on YouTube*

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# AROUND TOWN

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



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Signs on both ends of the Bixby Knolls Atlantic business corridor have signs welcoming drivers to the area on Nov. 8, 2021. Bixby Knolls will host its monthly First Fridays celebration this Friday beginning at 6 p.m. with art, music, food trucks and dining deals along Atlantic Avenue.

**A**rts and health are in the spotlight this week, with museum trips and exhibit openings as well as ways for residents to connect to much-needed resources.

The Long Beach Museum of Art is opening two exhibits Friday night, and Long Beach Transit is offering roundtrip rides to two museums outside of the city Saturday and Sunday. Residents can unleash their own creativity at a paint night Tuesday night and a photography night walk around downtown Wednesday night.

Families can be connected to health resources Saturday afternoon, while pets can receive low-cost vaccines that morning in Signal Hill. Those who need food and fresh groceries have two chances on Friday morning at McBride Park or Wednesday morning at Lincoln Elementary School.

Bixby Knolls is throwing a spooky version of their monthly First Fridays celebration, and residents can learn cooler season gardening tips Saturday at Farm Lot 59.

## 04 FRIDAY

### FOOD GIVEAWAY

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Residents can receive free groceries at McBride Park (1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). Free.

### FIRST FRIDAYS

6:30 p.m. The Bixby Knolls area will host its popular monthly event where local businesses and creatives come together for an evening of art, music and community. Stroll along Atlantic Avenue, enjoy live music, food trucks, and unique pop-up shops. Free to attend.

### EXHIBITS OPENING

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 East Ocean Blvd.) is launching two new exhibitions, "LBMA VIDEO: Shared Realities; A Cable Access Series," and "Motion Pictures." One exhibit celebrates the museum's pioneering work in video art, showcasing a series of programs that originally aired on Long Beach Cablevision in the 1980s. The other is a solo exhibit of the works of LA-based painter Greg Ito. Admission is free for those who register ahead of

time through Eventbrite.

### BACHATA CLASS

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join this free five-week Bachata Class at the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E. Hill St.) and learn some beginner steps of this popular Latin dance originating in the Dominican Republic. No partner is needed, but attendees must be 18 years and older. Registration required by calling the library. Free.

## 05 SATURDAY

### GETTY CENTER TRIP

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Long Beach Transit's Museum Express program is kicking off with this roundtrip to the Getty Center in Brentwood. Tickets are \$14, and attendees must RSVP their spot at the Getty Center themselves online. Attendees can meet at 8:30 a.m. at two pickup locations at 8:30 a.m.: 130 E First St. or 2750 W American Station.

### GARDENING WORKSHOP

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ground Education will lead this workshop and tour at Farm Lot 59 (2714 California Ave.). Attendees can get a tour of the grounds, learn from a cool season garden talk and attend a pickling class.

### FIXIT CLINIC

Noon to 3 p.m. Instead of throwing away items that you've deemed broken and adding it to the landfill, try bringing it to this clinic at the Burnett Neighborhood Library (560 E Hill St.). Attendees will be provided with a workshop space, specialty tools and guidance. Items accepted include electronics, appliances, computers, toys, clothes or other items. People will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Free.

### FAMILY HEALTH FESTIVAL

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This festival is meant to connect families with resources to help them make informed choices and meet others who may share similar lifestyles. This fair at the Expo Arts Center (4321 Atlantic Ave.) will have 30+ informational booths and fun, healthy activities. Free.

## 06 SUNDAY

### MOCA & THE BROAD TRIP

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Long Beach Transit will take residents to these museums and back on the Museum Express. Tickets are \$14, and attendees must RSVP their spot at MOCA and The Broad museums themselves online. Attendees can meet at two pickup locations at 9:30 a.m.: 130 E First St. or 2750 W American Station.

### HISTORY IN THE PARK

10 a.m. to noon. Residents can learn about the rich history of Willow Springs Park in terms of its geology, natural systems, human and animal habitation, economic development and its restoration. Attendees should meet in the parking lot at 2745 Orange Ave. Free.

## 07 MONDAY

### MILITARY MONDAYS

11 a.m. Military personnel and veterans can enjoy a fun day at Dave & Buster's (7515 Carson Blvd.) with a special offer of a free \$10 Power Card for games, plus 15% off food and non-alcoholic drinks with valid military ID. Menu prices vary.

### COSMIC COMEDY LBC

7:30 p.m. Local restaurant Jade on the Water (6380 East Pacific Coast Highway) is hosting a comedy night, featuring a lineup of SoCal comics, including Zach Miller, Diaz Mackie, Natasha Collier, Michael Quu and more. Patrons can enjoy drink specials and the venue's Asian fusion menu, with discounts for service industry professionals. There is no cover charge, but there is a two-item order minimum.

## 08 TUESDAY

### 49ER INDUSTRY CHAT

10 a.m. This virtual event, hosted by Cal State Long Beach, features a discussion led by Kelby Sapient, a Senior Software Engineer for Target and an alumnus of the university. Kelby will discuss his professional journey from CSULB to the retail tech industry and offer advice for

breaking into software engineering. This opportunity is for students and professionals interested in tech careers. Registration is required, and can be made at [bit.ly/KelbySChat](https://bit.ly/KelbySChat). Free.

### TENANT DAY OF ACTION

3 p.m. Join Councilmember Mary Zendejas and plenty of local renters rights groups at this Solidarity Day of Action at Long Beach City Hall (411 W. Ocean Blvd.). Residents can connect with local organizations and learn about housing and homelessness initiatives. Free.

### ZUMBA

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Get a good workout with Latin and international-inspired music every Tuesday in October on the Signal Hill Library Terrace (1800 E. Hill St.). For ages 16 and older, all skill levels are welcome.

### BRUSHSTROKES + BEVERAGES

7 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to a creative evening at The Attic (3441 E Broadway), where participants will be guided step-by-step to paint "Starry Sunflowers." This fun and relaxed art class is perfect for all skill levels, and all materials are provided. Tickets are \$40 per person on the website Acuity Scheduling. A minimum purchase of \$20 on food or drinks is required, and there's a 20% gratuity automatically added. Guests can bring their own bottle, with a \$20 corkage fee.

## 09 WEDNESDAY

### GROCERY GIVEAWAY

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Residents can receive free groceries at Lincoln Elementary School (1175 E. 11th St.). Free.

### PHOTOGRAPHY NIGHT WALK

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This guided night walk is perfect for photography enthusiasts of all skill levels looking to capture the vibrant nightlife of Long Beach. Participants will explore the downtown area, learning techniques to photograph urban landscapes in low light. Photographers will meet at Lincoln Park (101 Pacific Ave.) before walking through downtown. Free.

### WELLNESS SESSIONS

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Wellness Collective will be hosting a series of gatherings focusing on mindfulness and breathing practices at Compound (1395 Coronado Ave.). This session invites participants to explore their connection with their own body. All experience levels are welcome. Tickets are available on a sliding scale starting at \$17.95 on Eventbrite.

## 10 THURSDAY

### SENIOR WALKING CLUB

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Seniors can enjoy fresh air and the great outdoors by joining this Walking Club every Thursday at Reservoir Park (3315 Gundry Ave.). Water will be provided. Contact Community Services at (562) 989-7330 for questions or concerns. Free.

### LEGAL SYSTEM WORKSHOP

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Women's Shelter Long Beach will teach this online workshop on how the legal system in California works, with a focus on information useful to survivors of domestic abuse. Register on Zoom in advance. Free.

### THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET

5 p.m. Discover local vendors, live music, and delicious food at the weekly Thursday Night Market at the Promenade in Downtown Long Beach (210 E. Third St.). This pop-up market is a great way to explore unique artisan goods while enjoying the lively atmosphere of Ddowntown Long Beach. It's the perfect spot for an evening of browsing, eating and supporting small businesses in the area. Free.

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**PUMPKIN PATCHES**

# 10 pumpkin patches to explore near Long Beach

**Ryan Hardison**  
Design Editor

As the hallmarks of fall pop up all over SoCal — apple cider delights, seasonal decorations, Spirit Halloween stores — October is the perfect time to check out the bountiful harvest of pumpkin patches.

Luckily for Long Beach and Signal Hill residents, they don't have to stray too far to satisfy their pumpkin patch desires, with lots of options within an hour of the cities.

If you're having trouble deciding which ones are worth checking out, we've got you covered. (All pumpkin patches are already open unless otherwise noted.)

**Pa's Pumpkin Patch**

Pa's Pumpkin Patch is more than just piles of jack-o-lanterns, a couple bails of hay and sparse strings of lights. This annual pumpkin pop-up offers a variety of family-friendly activities, like inflatable bounce houses, slides and mechanical rides. Plus, the seasonal ambience is set with gourds, corn stalks and tasty treats at the snack bar.

Reservations are not required but they do enforce a wait if they reach full occupancy. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for kids 13 years old and under. Children ages 3 and under receive free admission.

Pa's Pumpkin Patch is located at 500 Lakewood Center Mall and is open Mondays through Fridays from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Courtesy of Mathias Reding on Pexels.com  
A box is filled to the brim with ready-to-pick pumpkins.

**El Dorado Frontier**

Explore the vast El Dorado Frontier all month long at El Dorado East Regional Park. With the unlimited ride wristband (\$29), attendees can explore all 8 attractions, including the train ride, carousel and bounce houses within the park celebrating a Halloween theme. All-day admission is \$5 and kids ages 13 and under receive free entry.

El Dorado Frontier is located in Long Beach at 7550 E Spring St., and is open Saturdays and Sundays



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A Jack-o-lantern is displayed near people's front doors in a Long Beach neighborhood on Oct. 28, 2021. Pumpkins can be decorated, carved, smashed and purchased at the variety of local pumpkin patches happening all month long.

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Opens Oct. 11).

**Tanaka Farms**

Known for its Christmas light spectacles, produce markets and strawberry picking tours, Tanaka Farms also has special plans for spooky season. The 30-acre farm will be filled with wagon rides, a U-Pick veggie patch and pumpkin fields, a corn maze and a barnyard educational exhibit. On the weekend, attendees can also enjoy arts and crafts, festival games, farmer golf and the pumpkin cannon. Admission is \$20 and reservations can be made in 30-minute intervals.

Tanaka Farms is located in Irvine at 5380 3/4 University Dr. and is open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

**Irvine Park Railroad**

Head behind the Railroad and find an Orange County pumpkin patch with train rides, hay rides, panning for gold, pumpkin ring toss, cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, a haunted house, hay maze, photo ops and face painting. Admission is free and activity tickets are \$8 each. Visitors to this pumpkin patch will have to pay an entrance fee for Irvine Regional Park (\$3 on weekdays and \$5 on weekends per vehicle).

Irvine Park Railroad is located

at 1 Irvine Park Road and is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Parents watch as their children play in a bounce house during the National Night Out event at Signal Hill Park on Aug. 1, 2023.

**Fallstivities Pumpkin Patch**

This patch at The Outlets at Orange has a boatload of activities suitable for younger children, with nearly a dozen bounce houses, an inflatable obstacle course, and character visits from the likes of Mickey, Minnie, Bluey and more. There will also be live music, themed photo setups, DIY coloring and pumpkin decorating kits available for purchase. Admission is free, however most activities are not.

Fallstivities Pumpkin Patch is located in Orange at 20 City Blvd. West. Its hours are 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11

a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**Mr. Jack O'Lanterns Pumpkin Patch**  
Opens October 4

This pumpkin patch chain shows up all over Southern California, with its closest location from Long Beach being in Torrance. It's both a great place to enjoy festive activities such as pumpkin bowling, candy corn hole and pumpkin smashing, as well as to purchase Halloween decorations for your home. Admission is free.

Mr. Jack O'Lanterns is located in Torrance at 17520 Prairie Ave. and is open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Shawn's Pumpkin Patch**  
Opens October 5

Kids can run wild at Shawn's Pumpkin Patch, with priced attractions like the bungee trampoline, pony rides and a petting zoo. This pumpkin patch also provides ample space for a variety of photo ops, a mini straw maze and face painting.

Shawn's Pumpkin Patch is located in Los Angeles at 3443 South Sepulveda Blvd. with hours that differ depending on the week.

**Pumpkin City**

Residing in Laguna Hills, Pump-

kin City is a fun-filled carnival with all-day entertainment like puppet shows, live music, amusement rides and game booths. While enjoying their Orange County outing, 21+ attendees are invited to also check out Pumpkin City's beer garden. Admission and activity tickets are sold only at the festival.

Pumpkin City is located in Laguna Hills at 24203 Avenida de la Carlota and is open Mondays through Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Placentia Pumpkin Patch**  
Opens October 9

Claiming to be SoCal's oldest pumpkin patch, originally opened in 1976, Placentia Pumpkin Patch hosts a range of old-fashioned farm fun with tractor rides, baby animals, gold mining and other fun activities such as human hamster balls and carnival games. Entry is \$2 for adults and free for children; parking is also free.

Placentia Pumpkin Patch is located in Placentia at 300 Yorba Linda Blvd. and is open Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Mr. Bones Pumpkin Patch**

Established in 1987, Mr. Bones in Culver City contains a straw bale maze, petting zoo, food trucks and live entertainment. Purchase activity tickets to try out all of the activities or accrue Pumpkin Bucks to ensure you go home with your desired pumpkin. Tickets vary from \$10-\$25 depending on the day.

Mr. Bones Pumpkin Patch is located in Culver City at 10100 Jefferson Blvd. Hours vary by the specific day and can be perused on their website.



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A decorated pumpkin from the second annual Los Cerritos Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

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FALL GUIDE

# Create your perfect spooky day in Long Beach



Courtesy of The Bamboo Club's Instagram

The Bamboo Club, which has rebranded as the Tremble Club for October, is offering a special six-cocktail menu for Halloween plus occasional live music nights and vinyl listening sessions.

**Samantha Diaz**  
Managing Editor

If you already feel behind in your spooky season celebrations, we have the solution: here is a curated list of some of the best ways to spend October in Long Beach. The best part — these can all be done on your own time, in your own way. Some have age limits, but most are open to the whole family.

A few of these places are hosting their own curated celebrations throughout the month, so bust out the calendar and plan your perfect spooky day in Long Beach.

Mix and match some of the fall treats we found throughout the city, then head to a few unique shops, and end the night exploring a haunted ship, watching a Halloween classic in a 100-year-old theater or at a horror-themed bar.

**MORNING**

**Verdes Kitchen + Drinks - Spooky Smoothies**

Enjoy a wide range of cold pressed juices and smoothies from this small business in the quaint Wrigley neighborhood, with three Halloween concoctions that are more treats than tricks. These drinks are not only seasonal, but good for you, with organic healthy offerings to start off your spooky day in Long Beach.

The ghost smoothie comes with

cutesy ghouls adorning the sides of the cup. Inside is coconut water, banana, blueberries, spinach, coconut, probiotic yogurt and activated charcoal.

Their Halloween swirl looks Insta-worthy with its purple and orange haze. It's made up of orange juice, carrot juice, pineapple, banana, mango, activated charcoal, and coconut probiotic yogurt.

The Frankenstein smoothie not only looks adorable, but is packed with nutrients. This drink comes with coconut water, apple, pineapple, banana, kale, spinach, activated charcoal, and coconut probiotic yogurt.

Verdes Kitchen is located at 1106 E Wardlow Road and is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**AFTERNOON**

**Dainty Disco - Spooky, Cutesy Craft Time**

This North Long Beach Latina-owned small business has become a staple for creatives and local crafters. Dainty Disco continues to expand on its founding purpose of spotlighting and selling locally-sourced crafts, and has added a slew of Halloween-themed stickers, charms, jewelry and clothing.

You can also reserve a spot for one of their creative workshops with the option to pick out and decorate your own jewelry boxes,

purses, mirrors, frames, claw clips and more — with a spooky twist for October. They offer multiple time slots a day, so check their online calendar to reserve a date and add a creative experience to your eerie Long Beach outing.

Dainty Disco's themes throughout the month include kawaii and Beetlejuice, Discoween, horror and spooky Halloween. More details will be shared on their Instagram.

All of this will be at the forefront of Dainty Disco's Discoween pop-up from Oct. 10-13.

Attendees can come enjoy a creative-filled weekend of 15+ local vendors, bringing their best spooky crafts. You can also come and create your own spooky craft, take part in the free coloring station, or enjoy the live DJ and sip on Halloween-themed coffee and drinks.

Costumes are highly encouraged at this girl-powered Halloween get-together.

Dainty Disco is located at 5659 Atlantic Ave. and is open Wednesdays through Fridays from noon to 6 p.m., Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

**EVENING**

**The Bamboo Club - Creepy Cocktails**

While The Bamboo Club is usually a cozy, warm place to grab a fruity drink, they're transforming

into a Halloween must-visit during October.

Their six-cocktail menu features colorful and creatively adorned drinks with tropical, spicy and minty offerings — with the occasional skeleton arm rising from the ice cubes. Drinks included in this pop-up are Frankie Freako, Witches of Eastwick, Day Walker, Basic Witch, Welcome to The Dark Tai'd, and the Fall of Romulus, each more tasty and decorated than the last.

The Bamboo Club has rebranded itself as the Tremble Club for the month of October, with skeletons, black lights, spiders and webs and much more, making it the perfect way to end your spooky night in Long Beach. They will also continue their weekly live music nights and occasional vinyl listening parties, so check their Instagram to keep up with events.

The Bamboo Club is located at 3522 E Anaheim St. and open Mondays through Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**4th Horseman - Halloween Drag Nights - every Tuesday in October at 8 p.m.**

This Downtown Long Beach bar offers spooky vibes year-round, but it's the perfect way to round out a Halloween night on the town. Keep

in mind this bar is for those 21 years and older.

4th Horseman offers their hand-crafted specialty pizzas every night, as well as their "flavors of the month," like the current pepper-jack, coppocola, green bell pepper and shallot pizza, complete with a jalapeño garlic hot sauce pentagon.

If you want to enjoy pool, beer on draft, cocktails and food — not to mention live music on most weekends — while being watched over by photos of Hannibal Lector and looming skeletons hanging from the ceiling, this is your place.



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Courtesy of Verdes Kitchen's Instagram

Verdes Kitchen is celebrating spooky season with a trio of organic smoothies that fit with the holiday theme, with a black and white ghost smoothie, an orange Halloween swirl and a green Frankenstein mix.



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