

AGRICULTURE



Grow2Zero's Future Urban Farmers Academy is cultivating the next generation of farmers

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Steve Schatz (left) and Celeste Mendez (right) crush some pineapple scraps at the Long Beach Community Compost site near Farm Lot 59 in Signal Hill on Oct. 29, 2021.

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A handful of local cultivators, kitchens and chefs are ushering in the next generation of urban farmers through a free, intensive six-month program across Long Beach farms. The Future Urban Farmers Academy is kicking off its second cohort on Dec. 7, where it will teach 30 young agriculture enthusiasts how to gain employment and thrive in the urban agriculture industry.

Nearly every Saturday from December to May, students will learn a wide range of topics within regenerative urban growing methods, as well as units covering floriculture, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, native plants and more.

"We want them to take away a better idea of what path they want to take in urban agriculture," said Erin Harris, farm and garden program director with Grow2Zero, the organization leading the academy. "We're covering so much in these units so they'll be able to come away feeling inspired."

This six-month academy is a culmination of years of workshops and smaller programs from Grow2Zero, the west Long Beach quarter-acre urban farm founded in the midst of COVID. The farm focuses on sustainable methods of making healthy foods accessible and affordable in underserved communities.

Utilizing grants and community buy-in, Grow2Zero has been providing regular workshops on sustainable food preparation where residents can

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IN PHOTOS

Thousands gather at Long Beach Terrace Theater for lighting of LA County's tallest Christmas tree

Kristen Farrah Naeem
Staff Writer

Thousands of people crammed into the courtyard of the Long Beach Terrace Theater on Wednesday to watch live performances, take photos with Santa and witness the lighting of Los Angeles County's largest Christmas tree. People stood jammed shoulder-to-shoulder while they listened to classic holiday songs sung by a cappella group SoCal VoCals and singer Terron Brooks, and watched select dances from "The Nutcracker" performed by the Long Beach Ballet. In between songs, Pastor Gregory Sanders led the crowd in a Christian prayer. "Let the illumination of each individual light on this tree be a symbolic reminder



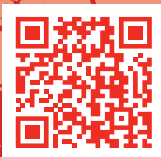
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Mayor Rex Richardson points at a drone carrying an inflated Santa Claus over the Long Beach Terrace Theater Courtyard on Dec. 4, 2024. The festivities included fake snowfall, a performance by the Long Beach Ballet and live music from SoCal VoCals and Terron Brooks.

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EVENT

The Norf Pole brings connection, mutual aid to North Long Beach

Norfside LB Outreach invites residents to a free afternoon of kinship and community support.



Courtesy of Hillary Nguyen

(Left) DJs stand at the turntable and play sets for attendees of The Norf Pole in 2023, hosted by Norfside LB Outreach. (Right) A donation box awaits various items for the houseless community of North Long Beach at Norfside LB Outreach's 2023 The Norf Pole event.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

A winter wonderland highlighting community and connection is coming to North Long Beach, courtesy of one of its most grassroots organizations, Norfside LB Outreach.

In 2020, a small group of north side residents banded together to help their neighbors in need of food. Posted in front of Ricardo's

Nursery, handing out groceries in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, they began asking themselves, "what else can we do to live up to the values we claim?"

Entirely through donations (and occasionally with money from their own pockets), the Norfside LB Outreach volunteers run monthly supply distribution events for North Long Beach's houseless community. The group has learned from

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MISSING PERSON

Long Beach girl missing for almost five months

Staff Report

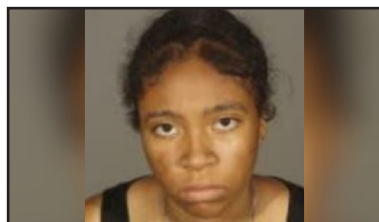
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The Long Beach Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating 15-year-old Anayah F. Williams, who has been missing since July.

Williams went missing from her home on July 14, and was last seen on Nov. 9 near Pacific Coast Highway and Pacific Avenue. Her current whereabouts are unknown.

Williams is described as a Black girl, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a white bodysuit and white tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about



Courtesy of California Department of Justice
Anayah Williams has been missing since July 14, 2024.

Williams' whereabouts is urged to contact the Long Beach Police Department Missing Persons Detail at (562) 570-7246 or Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may submit a tip by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org.

HEALTH

Long Beach considers establishing an opioid treatment office, more behavioral health programs



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The Long Beach City Council will decide on Dec. 10 whether the City will apply for \$16 million in Proposition 1 funding, which if received, would add a separate office at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center to treat people with opioid addiction.

Pending City Council approval, Long Beach will apply for \$16 million in capital funding to provide a medication-assisted treatment center and "enriched residential care."

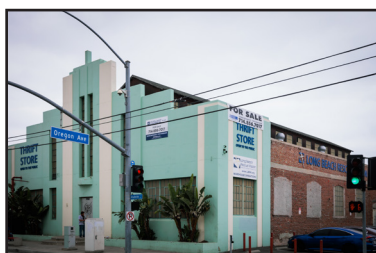
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Long Beach is looking to establish an office for medication-assisted opioid treatment in order to combat the local opioid crisis and assist those experiencing homelessness, the City announced in a meeting Monday.

Pending approval from Long Beach City Council on Dec. 10, the City will apply for \$16 million in California's Proposition 1 funding. California voters approved Proposition 1 in March, authorizing the Department of Health Care Services to make more funding available for entities providing behavioral health services.

Behavioral health services under Proposition 1 are meant to help those experiencing homelessness who suffer from mental illness and/or addiction.



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An exterior view of the 702 Shelter on Anaheim Street, site of the former Long Beach Rescue Mission Thrift Store.

If Long Beach receives the funding, \$4 million will go towards building a separate office at the Multi-Service Center to treat people with opioid addiction with medication. The City will use approximately \$12 million on expanding services at the 702 Shelter on Anaheim Street, so the shelter can provide "enriched residential care." This kind of care is meant for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness who are

homeless, leaving an institution, on a conservatorship or enrolled in a CARE Court program.

According to the 2024 Long Beach Point in Time Count, 34.3% of people experiencing homelessness reported severe mental illness, and 28.3% reported suffering from substance use disorder. According to the Long Beach Health Department, roughly 1,330 overdose-related calls have been made to emergency services since 2019.

Medication for Addiction Treatment

The opioid treatment office would be a two-story, 2,400 square foot building constructed in the parking lot of the Multi-Service Center. The building would include a waiting room, exam rooms for assessment, counseling and treatment, and a secure space for dispensing medication and monitoring patients.

Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) is when the use of FDA-approved medication, counseling and behavioral therapies are combined to treat substance abuse. Certain medications to treat opioid addiction, such as Methadone, have been used in the U.S. since 1947, and have shown a decrease in opioid use among patients. There are two other FDA-approved medications to treat opioid addiction, but the City did not specify which medication their facility would administer.

Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan said this site would also be open to residents struggling with opioid addiction who are not currently experiencing homelessness. The City will also explore providing withdrawal management at the same location, he added.

As an extension of the Multi-Service Center, the treatment office would operate during the same hours as the center. An outside

provider would be hired for the medication assistance and counseling needs, through the LA County Substance Abuse and Prevention Control program, City staff said.

If Long Beach receives \$16 million in Proposition 1 funding, \$4 million will go towards opioid addiction treatment, and \$12 million towards "enriched residential care" at the 702 Shelter.

Enriched Residential Care

The City also plans to use funds from Proposition 1 to expand upon the already-existing homeless shelter on Anaheim Street. With roughly \$12 million, the City plans to provide enriched residential care by constructing private bedrooms, common rooms, a kitchen and more for 16 residents.



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COMMUNITY ENTRY



Column: A thriving democracy needs youth journalism

Courtesy of the Freedom Forum

Terina Papatu (center) and Bella Kim (second from right) attended a breakfast with other 2024 alumni from the AI Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference.

Where communities lack access to local political coverage, youth journalists are filling those gaps.

Bella Kim is a youth reporter with South Bay Youth Journalism, a news training program from CalMatters' Youth Journalism Initiative.

On the heels of the 2024 election, I was far from my Long Beach home and instead in the swing state of Pennsylvania for the National High School Journalism Convention, the nation's largest gathering of student journalists.

Attending for the first time reinforced for me that student journalists are key players in a healthy democracy. Youth journalism makes local political coverage accessible to other students and community members, increasing neighborhood participation.



Courtesy of Maleah Fennessey

The National High School Journalism Convention is hosted twice a year by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association.

"Student journalism is some of the most important journalism that exists," said Ayaan Shah, a student reporter from Emmaus High School in Pennsylvania. "Not only do we provide an underrepresented perspective to our communities, but oftentimes we're the only local

watchdog as local papers go under every day."

Almost 55 million Americans live in news deserts with "limited to no access to local news," according to Medill's annual "State of the Local News" October report. That, combined with short-form media culture and low voter turnout, makes it more important than ever that students be informed. Luckily, youth journalism is already helping students become politically aware and active adults who uphold our democracy.

Shah won fourth place in the National Scholastic Press Association's news writing contest for a story on Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro visiting EHS to sign the state's education budget. At the convention's publication swap, red and blue pages announced student newspapers' political coverage. Not only did I see a front page on the presidential election, I also saw an article about the mayoral race in Austin, Texas, and at least two informational sessions focused on covering school boards and local politics.

The convention workshops rooted students in "journalism ethics and how to accurately represent subjects in a story, especially now, when there's a lot of misinformation easily spread," said senior Terina Papatu, an attendee from Mountlake Terrace High School in Edmonds, Washington.

School Newspapers Online (SNO) also publishes the best student journalism from websites across the U.S. that use the SNO network. From county secessions in Illinois to a city e-bike ordinance in California, Best of SNO's news category included eight state and local politics stories in the past month.

Where communities lack access to local political coverage, youth journalists are filling those gaps in many ways.

I'm the editor-in-chief of the Los Alamitos High School Griffin Gazette, and our fourth and fifth most-viewed stories in the last 30 days covered state and local politics: a California executive order on homelessness and our school district's trustee election.

Youth journalists are tackling local political stories, and people are reading them. This matters to our democracy: Various research has found higher civic engagement in communities with access to a daily local newspaper.

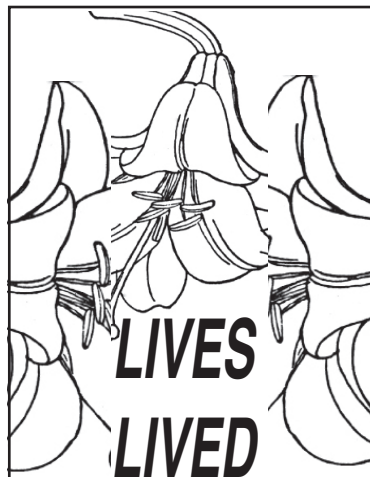
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As high schoolers, we are approaching voting age, and many of us are chronically online. Sure, most high schoolers don't read the paper every morning, or even an article on a news app. But are we more likely to read an article by one of our peers? Yes, especially if it's written in terms we understand and we see it scrolling Instagram.

With more than 5,000 attendees, including student reporters and journalism advisers from across the country, the convention showed that news is, in fact, not dying – it's more needed than ever.

I was there because I believe in journalism, and like other youth reporters, believe in accurate, ethical and diverse news that is accessible to everyone.

We might still be in high school, but youth journalists are journalists. Whether reporters join a school publication or community program like South Bay Youth Journalism, students are best-placed to improve our communities' access to news.



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3:22 a.m., Auto burglary, Stanley Ave. north of E. 20th St.
9:13 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 900 block E. 33rd St.
12:30 p.m., Grand theft, 700 block E. Spring St.
5:27 p.m., Injury hit and run, Skyline Dr/Dawson Ave.
8:07 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1800 block E. Willow St.
8:22 p.m., Assault with a deadly weapon, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
9:31 p.m., Petty theft, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)

Thursday, November 28

3:36 a.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse, 1900 block Junipero Ave. (suspect arrested)

Friday, November 29

12:53 a.m., Criminal threats, 1800 block Orizaba Ave.
1:14 p.m., Battery, 1800 block E. Willow St.
4:15 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block E. PCH
6:22 p.m., DUI, Crescent Heights/Walnut Ave. (citation issued)

Saturday, November 30

1:13 p.m., Intoxicated person, 2700 block Panorama Dr.
3:01 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 1600 block E. Spring St.
5:57 p.m., Petty theft, 700 block E. Spring St. (citation issued)
8:18 p.m., Person with a gun, 2300 block Skyline Dr. (citation issued)

Sunday, December 1

6:01 p.m., DUI, Cherry Ave./Town Center E., (suspect arrested)

Monday, December 2

9:49 a.m., Elder abuse, 2500 block Gaviota Ave.
9:50 a.m., Elder abuse, 1900 block E. 21st St.

Tuesday, December 3

12:50 p.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
1:47 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Spring St. east of Cherry Ave.
4:26 p.m., Identity theft, 2400 block Cherry Ave.
9:33 p.m., Auto burglary, 700 block E. Spring St.

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.

You can use filters to select dates and types of crime.

DONATIONS



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

A pile of clothing donations are accepted during a Long Beach donation drive-thru event in Spring 2023. The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services will accept essential items for residents experiencing homelessness during the City's next donation drive-thru event on December 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Long Beach's Season of Giving encourages essential donations for unhoused community

Staff Report

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Long Beach residents can embrace the spirit of the season by participating in the City's annual Season of Giving donation drive.

Community members are invited to do an act of good by donating essential items for people experiencing homelessness.

"These donations are a lifeline, supporting our community members in need and the organizations that serve them," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "This holiday season, a simple act of generosity can spark a ripple of kindness and leave a lasting impact."

Physical donations can be dropped off at the City's donation drive-thru this Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Department of Health and Human Services' Main Facilities Center (2525 Grand Ave.). At this event, people can bring a range of essential items to be distributed throughout the holiday season to the city's unhoused community.

According to the City, cold weather clothing, umbrellas, shoes and holiday themed gifts are encouraged, along with the following

items:

- Hygiene kits or house-warming gift kits from the Multi-Service Center's Amazon Wish List.

- Backpacks filled with needed items such as hand warmers, flashlights, battery packs, batteries (usually D batteries), emergency blankets and charging cables.

- Pet care kits with items such as food, treats, collars, leashes, toys or collapsible bowls.

- Sizes Small through XXL sweatpants, shirts, socks, underwear, beanies, scarves, caps, hoodies, towels or blankets. Gently used versions of these items are also welcome.

- Welcome home kits containing suggested items and a special hand-written motivating message to go in the kit.

- Canned food (and small, manual can openers), bottled drinks (juices or water), and snacks such as granola/power bars, instant oatmeal and instant soup.

The received donations will be distributed at the Multi-Service Center (MSC) as well as by local partner organizations through their typical outreach services. Though they won't be accepted at the drive-thru events, people who are interested in donating gift cards

can schedule a drop-off time at the MSC by calling 562-570-4500.

Items such as hygiene kits, canned food and cold weather are encouraged for the City of Long Beach's Season of Giving donation drive-thru on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Physical items may also be dropped off at any open Long Beach Public Library location during business hours, as well as at the following locations:

Boys and Girls Club of Long Beach (3635 Long Beach Blvd.), open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scherer Park Community Center (4654 Pasadena Ave.), open Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Those who are interested in making a tax-deductible monetary donation can contribute to the Mayor's Fund for Homeless Action by credit card or check. The Mayor's Fund is run by the Long Beach Community Foundation with oversight from the Homeless Services Advisory Committee. To learn more about donations to the Mayor's Fund, visit its webpage.

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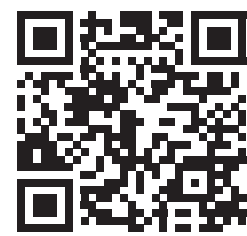


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exchange recipes and try new foods with the goal of low-to-no-waste. The organization has also been hosting a weekly grocery giveaway since 2020, and has run several similar programs to help young prospective urban farmers find their way.

Grow2Zero is one of many organizations that have sprouted during the urban farm boom in recent years. As communities in largely populated cities strive for healthy and sustainable food sources, the number of neighborhood gardens, crop swaps and hydroponic farms have substantially grown.



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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. Farm Lot 59 will lead a lesson on land acquisition at the Urban Farmers Academy.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that urban agriculture contributes 15 to 20% of the global food supply. Long Beach has nearly 20 community gardens in parks and neighborhoods, according to Long Beach Fresh's online map, not including larger urban farms such as The Maye Center and Farm Lot 59.

With a quarter-acre of land and help from friends, Grow2Zero has been hosting hybrid online and in-person workshops and garden workdays for the past four years using grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Future Urban Farmers Academy was launched using grants from LA County, with "a lot more" funding, Harris said, to craft a program with "more expertise and more locations."



Thirty prospective urban farmers are set to kick off their six-month intensive program, with another set to begin this summer.

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An aerial view of the tropical fruit tree orchard at The Growing Experience Urban Farm in the Carmelitos neighborhood of Long Beach on May 6, 2022.

While Grow2Zero has invited local farmers to speak through their online program and partnered with other farms for in-person workshops, the Future Urban Farmers Academy is their most expansive and collaborative project. Farm Lot 59, Sowing Seeds of Change, Feel Good Kitchen, The Farmer Ken, Long Beach Mushrooms, Mireya Arizmendi and Michael Sherman Landscaping will all delve into different specifics for potential future farmers.

Farm Lot 59's unit will kick off with a lesson on land acquisition, teaching future farmers how to acquire land they can garden on within an urban environment. Farm

Lot 59 has over a decade of experience in using its .6-acre farm to teach residents about the power they have over their food choices. The nonprofit acquired an abandoned lot, remnants of an illegal dump, and advocated with the City to get clean soil placed. Since then, they've been using the grounds to teach best practices on sustainable farming while also growing and selling seasonal flowers.

"I think a lot of times you have this farm dream or vision in mind, but because we're in this urban environment, you have to get more creative or scale it, thinking beyond the five acres of land," said Sasha Kanno, founder of Farm Lot 59.

Right before spring begins, Kanno will teach a whole month on floriculture. Her lessons include seed starting and soil needs, flower bed setup and maintenance, and bouquet and centerpiece arrangements.

Other units are equally specific, such as Grow2Zero's lessons on crop planning or building healthy soil, Feel Good Kitchen's workshops about how to prepare food zero waste-style, or Sowing Seeds of Change's deep dive on harvest handling, packing and storage. The goal, Harris said, is for participants to find their niche within the urban farming world and ideally, leave with job prospects in hand.

"As employers we have a very limited labor pool," Kanno said. "I think the realistic expectations and what people think urban farming is is very different. It's a job and you should come ready to work."

The Future Urban Farmers Academy will conclude with a graduation and job fair, and participants will have the chance to attend job counseling sessions in order to narrow down what they want to pursue in the field.

The next round of the Future Urban Farmers Academy will begin in summer 2025. For questions about the academy or the online program, visit grow2zero.org/programs/the-academy/.

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(Top) Fake snow falls over the courtyard of the Long Beach Terrace Theater after the 67-foot tall Christmas tree is lit. (Bottom Left) The daughters and niece of Mayor Rex Richardson and the granddaughter of Councilman Daryl Supernaw help light the Christmas tree in front of the Long Beach Terrace Theater. (Bottom Right) Ballerinas from the Long Beach Ballet perform part of "The Nutcracker."

of the beauty in each person present tonight," Sanders said. "Let it be a blessing to all who view it during this season."

After the live performances and prayer, numerous public officials came on stage to address the crowd.

"This time of year reminds us of the light we carry within us and the strength of our community, and by seeing all of you here tonight, that just proves me right," Zendejas said. "Yes, this tree behind us, standing tall and radiant, is more than just a symbol of the holiday season. It represents shared hope and the spirit of the unity that makes Long Beach so special to call home."

Fire Captain Jack Crabtree took the stage to encourage attendees to donate to the Spark of Love Toy

Drive. Leading up to Christmas, donations of new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at any Long Beach fire station. Last year, the toy drive collected and distributed toys to over 300 local families.

"It's because of your donations and the generosity of organizations and communities in our city that we're able to accomplish this," Crabtree told the crowd.

Mayor Rex Richardson's niece and daughters, as well as Councilman Daryl Supernaw's granddaughter, helped pull the large illuminated switch that lit the 67-foot Christmas tree to thunderous applause and a shower of fake snow, quickly followed by a barrage of fireworks rising above the Long Beach Terrace Theater.



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Councilman Daryl Supernaw and his granddaughter walk off the stage after the lighting of the giant Christmas tree in downtown Long Beach on Dec. 4, 2024.

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one another and taught themselves how to budget efficiently, where to get the most bang for their buck and create meaningful connections with the people they serve.

"I wanted to give back to my community where I grew up, and I think the work that Norfside Long Beach is doing and what they're focusing on is very important and very special to the community," Kimberly Patron, one of the newest members of the organization, said.

This Sunday, Norfside LB Outreach is returning with their largest event of the year: The Norf Pole. With a Y2K photo booth, live music and DJ sets, arts and crafts, authentic Mexican food for purchase and over a dozen vendors and resource booths, the event is aimed at connecting neighbors with one another while raising funds for the local houseless community.



Courtesy of Hillary Nguyen

People dance in the parking lot of Black Ring Coffee Roasters at The Norf Pole 2023 event, hosted by Norfside LB Outreach.

Norfside LB Outreach hopes the event will act as a soundboard for North Long Beach residents, so as the organization grows, they can meet people where their needs are. The grassroots organization is also looking to grow in membership and hold more free events that invite genuine connection.

"We're very much looking to

grow and wanting to see what there is a desire for," said Carlos Villacaña, a founding member of Norfside LB Outreach. "We're from this area but we don't know everything and everyone's experiences, so we want to see what needs other people have and to create symbiotic relationships, almost like a mutual aid network."

Funds raised at The Norf Pole will go toward purchasing supplies and food for their monthly distributions, and the group will also be accepting monetary donations or items such as new or gently used clothing, hygiene kits, pet food and supplies and more. Those unable to donate or purchase anything are still highly encouraged to attend this free community event, Villacaña said, bringing only "a good energy and a willingness to engage."

"We're wanting to provide that 'third place' setting outside of work and home where you can connect with others," he continued. "That connection is a really powerful tool for helping people feel empowered and connected to each other."

Free activities at the event will include a photobooth and Christmas polaroid craft provided by The Saturation Room, in collaboration with Cali Car Plug who is bringing a 1977 Volkswagen Bus to accompany the photo ops. Attendees can enjoy DJ sets all day, and a special live performance from Long Beach hip-hop artist Donnie Waters at 12:30 p.m., offering a blend of rap, hip-hop and cultural influences.

Local organizations Long Beach Residents Empowered (LiBRE), which focuses on housing justice and ÓRALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation and Empowerment), which fights for immigrant rights, will both have booths at the event. Norfside LB Outreach will also have their own table so residents can learn about volunteer opportunities.

Vendors for purchase will include Mama Patron, a mother and daughters-run business selling homemade Mexican food; Wittle Weslie, an artist selling prints, stickers and clay trinkets; LBC

Flans, a local mother who will be selling the Mexican dessert dish; Patron Feels, a small business selling secondhand clothing, jewelry and handbags; Pinhead Puppet who will be selling pottery pieces and jewelry; Ianna Handbags selling handcrafted cloth bags; Yyara Creations, selling handmade jewelry with a Mexican influence; and art from local artist Stephanie Gonzalez.



Courtesy of Hillary Nguyen

Attendees of The Norf Pole 2023 event, hosted by Norfside LB Outreach, mingle inside of Black Ring Coffee Roasters.

Kimberly Patron, who runs the Patron Feels business, had her first-ever booth at last year's Norf Pole event, and will be returning this year while celebrating her one-year anniversary.

"I'm very grateful for the experience I had vending last year," Patron said. "It encouraged me to keep going and trying out different markets so I'm excited to come back this year. I only hope we can do the same for all of our vendors this year."

The Norf Pole will take place at Black Ring Coffee Roasters (5373 Long Beach Blvd.) on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free, and donations for the houseless are highly encouraged. Contact @norfsidelb_outreach on Instagram for more details.

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AROUND TOWN

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



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Marina Carranza (left) and Yvonne Márquez (right) share a laugh together while adjusting product displays in their store, Adelitas Revenge, in Long Beach, on Aug. 10, 2022. Adelitas Revenge will host a free screening of the lesbian holiday rom-com 'A New York Christmas Wedding' on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

During the coming week, Long Beach will be brimming with events to celebrate the holiday season. Whether you're looking to create festive memories with family, expand your skills with workshops, or enjoy some local entertainment, there's something for everyone this week.

Families can dive into holiday cheer with a Nutcracker-themed storytime, decorate cookies at Trademark Brewing, watch a classic movie at the Harte Neighborhood Library, or check out the annual Belmont Shore Christmas Parade with marching bands and dazzling floats.

Adults and older teens can enjoy a festive evening of local history and architecture at the Kimpson-Nixon House. Seniors can connect at a holiday luncheon at the Signal Hill Public Library.

06 FRIDAY

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET STORYTIME

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Kids are invited to a special holiday reading of "The Nutcracker" led by Tutu Studio at the Dana Neighborhood Library (3680 Atlantic Ave.). Attendees will also learn dance moves and listen to the music from "The Nutcracker." Free.

CHESS CLUB

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens over 16 are invited to play chess together at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.). Chess sets will be provided. Free.

07 SATURDAY

MERRY & BRIGHT COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Noon to 2:00 p.m. Celebrate the season with Batter Up Sweetery's hands-on cookie decorating workshop at Trademark Brewing (233 E Anaheim St.). Led by Alenni Chitwood, this class teaches professional piping techniques to create four festive cookies to take home. Perfect for all skill levels, the event wel-

comes children between the ages of 6 and 14 with an accompanying adult (both require tickets). Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$33.85.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE SERIES

Noon to 1 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of music in the Miller Room at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) as Grammy Award-nominated baroque guitarist Richard Savino and soprano Jennifer Ellis Kampani of Musica Angelica present a program highlighting the evolution of baroque guitar to modern guitar, featuring works from Latin America and Italy. This special event is presented by Musica Angelica, with support from the Port of Long Beach. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Free.

ELF MOVIE SCREENING + MEET & GREET

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Pike Outlets (95 S. Pine Ave.) will be hosting an elf-themed holiday event. The evening will include a live performance, a meet & greet with an elf and a screening of the movie "Elf." Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is appropriate for all ages. Free.

WINTER IN WILLMORE

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season during this festive event at the historical Bembridge House (953 Park Circle), featuring family-friendly activities, live music and a market with local vendors offering handmade goods and holiday treats. The first 50 children to arrive will receive a \$10 gift card to purchase a book from Love Literacy. Free.

BELMONT SHORE CHRISTMAS PARADE

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This annual Christmas parade travels along East Second Street, from Livingston Avenue to Bayshore Avenue. This Long Beach tradition features over a dozen marching bands and floats. The streets will close to traffic at 5 p.m. Attendees should bring chairs and blankets early to find a good spot. Free.

LIVE THEATER

8 p.m. The opening night of the Long Beach Playhouse's (5021 E.

Anaheim St.) production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Tickets can be purchased on lplayhouse.org for \$39.

08 SUNDAY

ADOPTION & VACCINATION CLINIC

8 a.m. to noon. Animal lovers are invited to adopt a new pet or bring the pets they already have to receive low-cost health services during this event at Rosie the Riveter Park (3599 Clark Ave.). Services range from \$10 to \$30.

ART WORKSHOP

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Artist Maria Guadalupe will teach participants to use oil pastels on toned paper during this workshop at the Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamos Ave.). All materials will be provided. Registration through the museum's website is required. Participation costs \$5.

MOD & MERRY - AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY CHEER

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season at the historical Kimpson-Nixon House (380 Orleans Ave.), a work of early modernism by architect Raphael Soriano. Enjoy Greek-inspired appetizers, rooftop views and insights from owner/architect Alan Pullman on the home's restoration and its role in Long Beach's architectural history. Attendees are asked to dress in festive attire with a modern twist. This event is appropriate for those over the age of 16. Tickets can be purchased for \$28.52 on Eventbrite.

09 MONDAY

SPANISH STORYTIME

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

COMMUNITY MEETING

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The City of Long Beach invites the public to a community meeting to hear updates about the development of the

new Long Beach Senior Center. The meeting will be held at the current Long Beach Senior Center (1150 E. Fourth St.). Attendees will learn about the project's progress and will be able to ask questions. Free.

10 TUESDAY

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Learn how to be better informed when navigating the digital world during this workshop at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway). Participants can learn about misinformation and disinformation online, while gaining insights into their impact on how the public consumes information. The workshop will also provide practical tips on identifying credible sources. Free.

RECREATION JOB FAIR

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Job seekers are invited to learn about employment opportunities with the Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department during this event at Whaley Park (5620 E. Atherton St.) City staff will share details about current and upcoming positions and assist with the application process. Applications can be found at longbeach.gov/park/about-us/job-opportunities. Free.

11 WEDNESDAY

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BINGO

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Senior citizens are invited to the Signal Hill Public Library (1800 E Hill St.) to eat lunch and play bingo together. Holiday attire is encouraged. Registration is required. To register, visit the City's website or call (562) 989-7330. Free.

LONG BEACH NIGHT WALKS

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Capture the festive holiday lights of the Naples Canals during this group photography walk. Photographers of all skill levels are welcome. This event is hosted in partnership with Happily Bearded After and Tuttle Cameras, and attendees will meet at La Bella Fontana Park (90 Corinthian

Walk). Participants will practice their low-light photography skills while exploring a scenic Long Beach neighborhood. After the walk, participants are invited to join fellow creatives at K.C. Branaghan's Irish Pub for a casual meetup to share tips and connect. Free.

12 THURSDAY

FAMILY MOVIE

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Families are invited to the Harte Neighborhood Library for a screening of the classic holiday film "Home Alone." Closed captions will be played. Free.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The first of a 12-day holiday celebration onboard the Queen Mary (1126 Queensway Highway). There will be a holiday market, family-friendly activities and a ceremonial lighting of the ship's stacks. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$26.50 on the ship's website.

LEZFLIX & CHILL

6 p.m. A monthly evening of movies and mingling at Adelitas Revenge (4007 East Fourth St.) in Long Beach. This month's film is "A New York Christmas Wedding," a lesbian holiday rom-com. Popcorn and candy will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring their own drinks. This event is free, but optional \$5 raffle tickets will be sold at the door.

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HOLIDAYS



2ND & PCH offers full slate of free family-friendly events throughout December

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A display for pictures with Santa inside the 2ND & PCH complex in Long Beach on Dec. 22, 2021. The holiday events at 2ND & PCH include Breakfast with Santa, holiday markets, storytimes and fake snowfall.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Long Beach residents can dance under snowfall, shop from local artisan vendors, meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus and much more during the ongoing Christmas festivities at 2ND & PCH.

The local shopping center will host the following free holiday events and performances now through Dec. 29:

Holiday Around the World Celebration – Dec. 8 from noon to 6 p.m. This free community celebration with Sister Cities of Long Beach will feature a pop-up holiday market highlighting the holiday heritage of Mele Kalikimaka, Pasko and Kwanzaa with artisan goods, live music and cultural exhibitions.

Holiday Markets:
Dreamers Market: Jingle and Mingle Pop-Up – Saturday, December 14 from noon to 5 p.m. & Sunday, December 15 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This market will offer the chance to shop unique seasonal

gifts from a variety of local vendors, plus enjoy kids entertainment and meet and greets with Santa.

Unidos Market: Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) Edition – Sunday, December 22 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event from Unidos Market will focus on Latinx holiday traditions, with crafts, cultural performances and photo opportunities.

DJ Sets and Performances on the Grand Staircase – Nov. 29 & Dec. 26-28 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local artists and DJs will set a seasonal ambience by performing holiday hits at the shopping center's grand staircase.

Coastal Snowfall – Saturdays & Mondays through Dec. 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees will get to experience the feeling of standing under falling snow during select dates through Dec. 23.

Story Time with Mrs. Claus – Tuesday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Young children are invited to hear a story time with Mrs. Claus and enjoy arts, crafts

and singing time.
Breakfast with Santa – Dec. 7 & 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dine at the Noble Rotisserie during Breakfast with Santa. Reservations are required and can be secured by emailing info@noblerotisserie.com.



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PUB CRAWL

Bixby Knolls' annual SantaCon brings wine, beer and a helping of Christmas cheer



Samantha Diaz | Signal Tribune

Santa Claus pulls up to Signal Hill's Christmas Tree Lighting event, to the delight of tens of screaming children on Nov. 20, 2024.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

A partying pack of Kris Kringle imitators will roam the streets of Bixby Knolls during the annual SantaCon pub crawl.

Attendees can enjoy food and drink samples at several neighborhood breweries, restaurants, shops and wine bars, plus a range of activities, holiday music and live entertainment on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The proceeds raised from this year's SantaCon will go towards the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association (BKBA) and Bixby Knolls Community Foundation to fund their monthly programs.

SantaCon originated in the U.S. during the 1990s with a prank parade thrown by the San Francisco Cacophony Society, and the group's rowdy antics laid the foundation for the creation of the yuletide pub crawl. The Santa Claus-themed stupor has since become a worldwide phenomenon, with participants in major cities donning the red and white jumpsuit for an afternoon of debauchery.

While the Santas stroll for brews and booze, there will be a variety of live entertainment options in the neighborhood. Attendees can expect appearances from Krampus, the Grinch and Mr. and Mrs. Claus, as well as DJs, carolers, and a strolling holiday band along the crawl route.

The Allery at Atlantic Avenue and Burlinghall Drive will be the site of wintery "Knollsville" photo ops, with a 360 degree video booth from Magic Lens Photobooths and a snow blizzard.

All SantaCon attendees will also receive an event bracelet that comes with access to specials and secret menu items at participating locations. This includes 20% off purchases at Pixie Toys, Long Beach Clothing Co. and The Better Half Boutique, \$5 Holiday Mules at Wood & Salt Tavern and free chair massages at Bixby Knolls Wellness Center.

Those who don't want to explore the crawl on foot can opt for free rides on the Beer Bus, which will be stopping at nine of the event locations, including Lola's Mexican Cuisine, Thunderbolt Pizza and

Beachwood Brewing. There are two SantaCon ticket options available, with separate goodies included in each:

Santa ticket (\$30) - For 21+ attendees only

- One margarita at Lola's Mexican Cuisine
- One small wine pour at The Vintage LBC
- One beer taster each at Raselbock, Smog City Brewing Co., Beachwood Brewing and Ambitious Ales
- A single square slice of Sicilian Pizza at Thunderbolt Pizza
- One fried zucchini appetizer at Tony's Kitchen
- Festive accessories & swag (first-come, first-served; limited quantities)
- Event bracelet for specials at participating businesses

Santa's Helper ticket (\$25) - For Designated Drivers and Kids

- Mango Green Tea with one topping OR Thai Tea with one topping at Ding Tea
- A tea sandwich at Dream Come True Tea & Party Room
- One meatballs in Pomodoro tomato sauce appetizer at Wood & Salt Tavern
- One slice of pizza at Porky's Pizzeria
- One hot chocolate at Bixby Joe
- Popcorn taster bag from Pop'n Flavors
- One hummus & pita appetizer from Taboon Mediterranean
- Festive accessories & swag (first-come, first-served; limited quantities)
- Event bracelet for specials at participating restaurants

Ticket holders must pick up their wristband and event card at EXPO Arts Center, located at 4321 Atlantic Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 15 between noon and 2 p.m. Limited ticket quantities will be on sale in-person during this time. If you cannot pick up your wristband and event card between noon and 2 p.m., ticket holders are advised to send a friend with a copy of their ticket to pick up the necessary supplies.

The annual SantaCon in Bixby Knolls will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more about the event or to purchase tickets, visit bixbyknollsinfo.com/santacon.

FOODIE EVENT

Latin American culture and cuisine combine at upcoming Sazón Latin Food Market

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

Explore a wide variety of Latin American cuisine at the free Sazón Latin Food Market, returning to Long Beach this month for an afternoon of foodie fun.

This cultural market, organized by Latin City, has been around since 2022, and is held at several different locations in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston on a monthly basis. This month's LA market will be held in Long Beach, and feature live entertainment along with authentic dishes originating from the Caribbean, Central America and South America.

In addition to sampling from more than a dozen food vendors, attendees can enjoy family-friendly activities such as face painting, henna tattoos, live Latin music and



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Pork and beef tamales sit ready to be unwrapped. Attendees at the Sazón Latin Food Market will get to explore a wide range of Latin American cuisine.

merchandise vendors.

The free Sazón Latin Food Market will take place on Sunday, Dec.

15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 350 The Promenade North. To register for the festival, visit Eventbrite.

**TST7496 / 2024 229722
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: 4JS LEGAL SERVICES, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: MOLINADA LLC, 14515 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA. 90650. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: GINA GAMINO, PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 09/2013. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 06, 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: November 15, 22, 29, & December 6, 2024

**TST7497 / 2024 229725
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: VELAZQUEZ FURNITURE, 14924 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: CAMPION LLC, 14924 PARAMOUNT BLVD., PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723. State of Incorporation/Organization: CALIFORNIA. This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. Signed: SIXTO J VELAZQUEZ, VICE PRESIDENT. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 06, 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: November 15, 22, 29, & December 6, 2024

**TST7504 Case No. 24LBCP00375
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Clementina Salazar Cervantes for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Clementina Salazar Cervantes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Clementina Salazar Cervantes Proposed Name: Clementina Banuelos 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: December 20, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. S-27, Room: 5400. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 15, 22, 29 & December 6, 2024 ___/ss/___ David W. Slayton, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 8, 2024

**TST7506 Case No. 24LBCP00378
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Alieta Vuki & Siada Vuki, Kyree Kinikini, Jerayah Kirikiri, Malakai Kinikini, Penisimani Kinikini, Jay Kinikini and Alieta Kinikini Vuki for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Alieta Vuki & Siada Vuki have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: 1. Kyree Elenor Kinikini Proposed Name: 1. Kyree Telesia Vuki 2. Jerayah Nyelah Kinikini 2. Jerayah Ana Vuki 3. Malakai Penisimani Kinikini 3. Malakai Joe Vuki 4. Panisimani To'a Melre Kinikini 4. Penisimani Vuki 5. Jay Heumata Kinikini 5. Jay Ma'ata Vuki 6. Alieta Vuki 6. Alie-

ta Kinikini 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: December 31, 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. November 22, 29 & December 6, 13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 12, 2024

**TST7498 Case No. 24LBCP00376
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Jeffrey Dean Pfohlman Jr. Proposed Name: Jeffrey Dean Alcalde 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 8, 2025; 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. November 22, 29 & December 6,

13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 8, 2024

**TST7507 Case No. 24LBCP00348
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN COURTHOUSE, 275 MAGNOLIA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA. 90802 PETITION OF: Irene Hernandez & Elvin Santos on behalf of a minor Eric Santos for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Irene Hernandez & Elvin Santos on behalf of minor Eric Santos have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Eric Victoriano Santos Proposed Name: Xavi Victoriano Santos 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: January 2, 2025; 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. November 22, 29 & December 6, 13, 2024 ___/ss/___ Michael P. Vicencia, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 18, 2024

**TST7510 / 2024 237363
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: SLAY E ROOFING, 818 ELM AVE 201, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: EDWIN EDGARDO MEJIA, 818 ELM AVE 201, LONG BEACH, CA. 90813. State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A. This business is conducted by: an Individual. I declare that all informa-

tion in this statement is true and correct. Signed: EDWIN EDGARDO MEJIA, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 11/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Nov 18, 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: November 29, & December 6, 13, 20, 2024

**TST7511 Case No. 24STCP03825
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012 PETITION OF: Rosalind Yvette Bowden for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Rosalind Yvette Bowden has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Rosalind Yvette Bowden Proposed Name: Rosalind Yvette Jones 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: February 24, 2025; Time: 9:30a.m., Dept. 9, Room: 9. The address of the court is the same as above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE SIGNAL TRIBUNE, 1860 Obispo Ave., Ste. F, Signal Hill, CA 90755. November 29 & December 6, 13, 20, 2024 ___/ss/___ Elaine Lu, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: November 25, 2024

**TST7490 / 2024 224591
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as: TONY'S SMOG TEST ONLY, 3061 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. County: LOS ANGELES. Registrant: TONY PHOU, 3061 LONG BEACH BLVD., LONG BEACH, CA. 90807. 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: TONY PHOU, OWNER. The registrant has begun to use this fictitious business name. The registrant began using this fictitious business name in 10/2024. This statement was filed with the county clerk of Los Angeles County on Oct 30, 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: November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

RFB 13-2425 – Musical Instruments

The Long Beach Unified School District is seeking bids from qualified vendors (Bidders), to provide Musical Instruments. The intent of this RFB is to select the most responsive and responsible Bidder and establish a one (1) year contract with an option to extend for up to two (2) additional one-year periods based on satisfactory service and performance. More information at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/23758/portal-home>. The deadline for submitting a bid is 12/27/2024 at 11:00 AM

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
by
COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 29
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
of
PUBLIC HEARING ON DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ORDINANCE**

The Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in the Districts' Board Room, 1955 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, CA 90601. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a proposed Ordinance Providing Compensation for Members of the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 29 of Los Angeles County and to provide the public with an opportunity to make comments on the provisions of the Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance provides for the compensation of members of the Board of Directors and increases compensation to \$175 per meeting or service event, a 1.7 percent annual increase since the last compensation increase. For Directors attending multiple meetings on the same day, they would be compensated at \$125 per meeting, which is unchanged from the existing stipend. Additionally, the proposed ordinance institutes an annual increase in the stipend based on inflation as measured utilizing the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Los Angeles-Long Beach, not to exceed 5 percent.

Written comments on the proposed Ordinance may also be mailed to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, P.O. Box 4998, Whittier, CA 90607-4998, and must be received by 1:30 p.m. on December 11, 2024, to be considered at the hearing. Further information on the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from Districts' staff at (800) 426-7414 (toll free), extension 2727, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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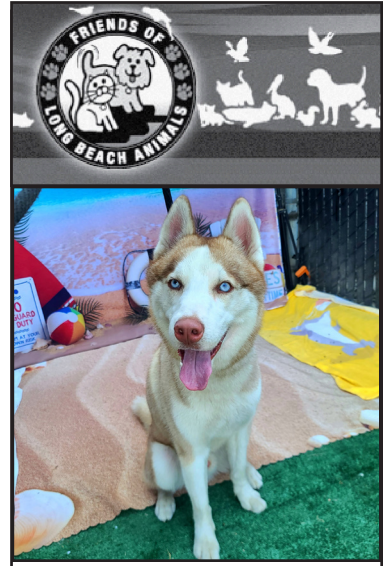
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**Pet of the week:
Hardy**

Hardy is one of the many pets who fled in terror from holiday fireworks and was lucky enough to find shelter at Long Beach Animal Care Services. He came in on July 5 and has been there ever since, because unlike other lost pets, his owners never came in to claim him. He's just a year old! Hardy has begun to run in circles in his kennel—it's called spinning—because huskies need to be out and about. When he goes for walks or plays in the yard, he's delighted and ready to make friends with humans and other dogs. He's even passed his "driving test," meaning that he's shown himself to be comfortable riding as a passenger in a vehicle. Now, a lucky adopter will have no problem getting Hardy home! Long Beach Animal Care Services is over capacity with dogs, so speed the process to adopt or foster Hardy 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#A723920.

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TECH PROGRAM



Long Beach invites residents to develop tech solutions for their neighborhoods

Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Residents from the Hamilton neighborhood in Long Beach discuss ways to improve their community at one of nine monthly Co-Lab meetings.

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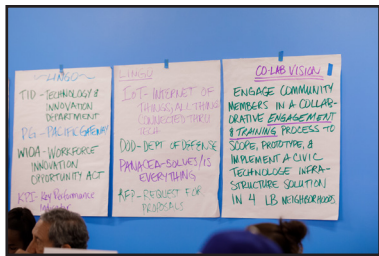
The City of Long Beach has announced the next chapter of an initiative designed to empower residents to create and use technological solutions to solve challenges in their communities. Led by the Technology and Innovation Department (TID), the Long Beach Collaboratory (LB Co-Lab) program fosters collaboration between community members and City staff to develop technology tailored to the needs of Long Beach neighborhoods.

The upcoming cohort will focus on initiatives that support the City's preparation for the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games. These efforts aim to enhance civic pride and community engagement while addressing the long-term needs of residents. Program participants will co-design and implement pilot solutions over a 12-month period starting in March 2025.

Residents selected as "Innovators in Residence" will collaborate with City staff to develop and implement pilot programs addressing these challenges. These participants will receive \$4,000 in compensation over a 24-month period. Applications for the program are open through February 28, 2025. There are no educational or language requirements to apply. Language assistance will be provided for participants as needed.

"Our City team is committed to investing in positive improvements for Long Beach residents by exploring technology solutions that im-

prove City operations and the lives of community members," Mayor Rex Richardson said in a public statement. "By harnessing technology and collaborative processes, we can work together to develop improved tools and methods that will shape the future of neighborhoods in Long Beach."



Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

Goals for the Long Beach Collaboratory are written on the walls of the Future LB Youth Employment Center.

Building on the progress of its first cohort launched in 2023, the second iteration of LB Co-Lab will have City staff working closely with residents to pinpoint and prioritize which issues they want to address.

The first cohort of LB Co-Lab engaged 27 residents from the Willmore, West Long Beach, Ramona Park, and Hamilton neighborhoods, resulting in several technology pilot projects aimed at improving public spaces.

LB Co-Lab is part of the City's broader Smart City Initiative, established in 2021 to utilize data and technology for the benefit of Long Beach residents.

LB Co-Lab is funded by \$70,000 in Long Beach Recovery Act funds and a \$150,000 grant from the Knight Foundation.

SAFETY

LB Health Dept. receives grant, helping pave way for safer streets

Staff Report

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A \$346,500 grant has been given to Long Beach Health and Human Services to help improve pedestrian safety, create safer streets and lower preventable injuries and deaths caused by collisions with pedestrians and cyclists.

The grant was awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Enhancing the safety of our streets continues to be a top priority," said Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "Through this grant, we're empowering the community to embrace safer practices and working towards a more walkable, bike-friendly Long Beach."

The grant will fund the Long Beach Health Department's Walk and Roll Long Beach Program efforts to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety through Sept. 20, 2025

These objectives include:

- Safety pop-up events at busy intersections, where staff will distribute information and reflective gear to pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Interactive community activities for all ages focused on safely using bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

- Workshops for older adults offering practical tips and strategies for walking safely in their neighborhoods.

- Participation in the City's Beach Streets events to encourage active transportation, such as biking and walking.

- A Youth Safe Streets Ambassador Program to empower young people to advocate for traffic safety.

- Bike and Pedestrian Safety Rodeos to teach safe biking and walking skills through hands-on learn-



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While Broadway is closed bikes take over the streets and the bike lanes on the road go generally unused during the Beach Streets event on May 20, 2023. The \$346,500 grant received by Long Beach Health and Human Services will go towards efforts to create safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ing experiences.

"With support from OTS, we're committed to implementing programs that protect cyclists, pedestrians and anyone who shares the road to make Long Beach a safer and healthier place for everyone," said Health Department Director Alison King in a public statement.

According to Long Beach Health and Human Services, the program reached 2,300 community members over the last year through the following outreach methods:

- 11 community events and traffic safety pop-ups.
- Four walking field trips that engaged community members and older adults.
- 11 pedestrian safety presentations and seven courses on bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- The Safe Streets Superheroes program and Long Beach Walk to School Week.
- Distribution and fitting of 250 bicycle helmets, along with provid-

ing 11 crossing guard safety kits and 12 walk to school kits.

"Everyone deserves a safe environment to travel, regardless of how people get to places," said OTS Director Barbara Rooney in a public statement. "The safety of people walking and biking on our roads is a high priority. Education plays a pivotal role in creating a strong road safety culture that prioritizes traffic safety, especially for our most vulnerable road users."

This grant marks the eighth year that the City's Health Department has been awarded an OTS grant for this purpose.

The activities financed by the grant abide by the Health Department's Strategic Plan targets to lower preventable deaths among local youth and grow the presence of Safe Streets Awareness Week. These goals also follow the goals of the City's Safe Streets Actions Plan to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by 2026.

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