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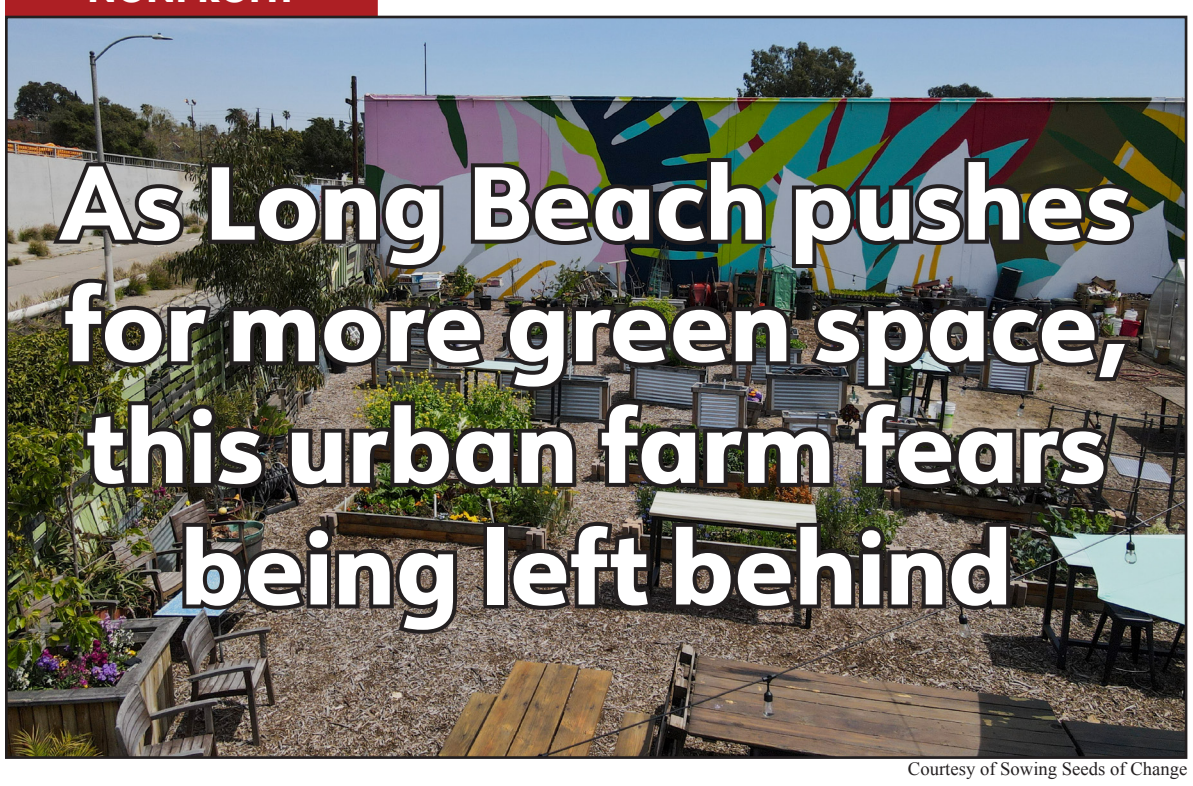
As Long Beach pushes for more green space, this urban farm fears being left behind



Courtesy of Sowing Seeds of Change

Despite being told they would have a future place in the City of Long Beach's plans to connect Cesar Chavez Park and Drake Park, Sowing Seeds of Change say they have been left out of conversations regarding the project.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

As Long Beach plans for a long-awaited project to connect two westside parks, this urban farm that provides education and opportunities to disadvantaged youth fears being left behind.

Despite the thousands of people fed over the past six years, Sowing Seeds of Change is more than a farm or community garden; the difference it makes in the lives of foster youth and those with disabilities outweighs the tons of produce grown over the years.

Now, in the face of impending construction — Long Beach's plan to connect Cesar Chavez Park and Drake Park — the nonprofit fears they may be uprooted and forgotten by the city. The farm-focused education center sits right in the middle of the two parks, and relocation is imminent in order for the City to move forward.

But Executive Director and Co-founder Lindsay Smith said the nonprofit has been suddenly left out of these conversations, leaving them to suspect the worst.

"This has probably been my biggest fear," Smith told the *Signal Tribune* on Oct. 22. "Just picking up and moving, that's not realistic for us, for a small nonprofit, to start over."

Sowing Seeds of Change was founded in 2019, and was never meant to exist in planter boxes sat atop concrete. The City offered them a temporary space in a parking lot while they prepared for an expansion of the two surrounding parks, assuring Smith their nonprofit would have a future place in the new green space.

Following hundreds of thousands of dollars and countless hours invested over the last six years, the nonprofit has worked towards its mission of empowering "transition-age youth with disabilities and foster youth to cultivate a thriving future through vocational training in sustainable agriculture, leadership development, and community engagement."

Last year alone, Sowing Seeds of Change hired 10 transition-age youth with disabilities or foster youth as interns, had 30 students from similar backgrounds in their various programs and taught 12 summer camp attendees. Over 12,000 families were fed fresh produce through their food distribution in 2024, according to the nonprofit's impact report.

Courtesy of Sowing Seeds of Change

Sowing Seeds of Change helped provide fresh produce to more than 12,000 families through their food distribution in 2024.

Earlier this month, the City held two public meetings about the Drake-Chavez Park connection. Through a friend attending the meeting, Smith found out that Sowing Seeds of Change was no longer included in the City's plans.

"I'm very fearful about what's going to happen, and even if they don't start the construction now, I just want to ensure that we are considered in this design, that we have a space in the future designs they're presenting to the community," Smith said. "They're not even identifying us on the maps that they're showing everybody."

A representative from Public Works told the *Signal Tribune* in an email on Oct. 23 that they "intentionally did not include any future park designs or plans for specific sites" since they are still in the feedback gathering stage. They went on to say that there is currently no design or plans for where Sowing Seeds of Change is currently located.

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COMMUNITY

Able ARTS' inclusive exhibit connects artists to their core

Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Jesus Quiroz and Greco Cancona pose next to Quiroz's artwork behind him as Cancona congratulates him during the CORE 2025 Opening Reception on Oct. 17, 2025 in Long Beach.

Samuel Chacko

Photojournalist

It is in Long Beach, an art-centric city, teeming with murals and independent galleries, where you can find one of the few places that consistently showcases disability art. This fact was not lost on Kristen Olinger, activist and curator of Able ARTS Work's 20th CORE exhibition.

"I decided to send out emails [after putting myself out in a public sense] because I was like, 'Where do you show disability art?' and I only found five places in the United States," Olinger said at the CORE 2025 Opening Art Reception on Oct. 17. "[Able ARTS Work was] the only one that was even close by and you [Jennifer Morris, the moderator] were the person who responded to me and that meant everything to me because it's giving me that encouragement to keep going."

In its 20th year, CORE is an annual exhibit Able ARTS Work hosts that features artists with disabilities as well as community member's work. Director of Community Advancement Kristy Glass said that it's one of their largest exhibits each year.

"What's so important about CORE is that it's fully inclusive," she said. "We have Braille, we have ASL interpreters, we have audio descriptions that people can use a QR code to reach."

Along with accessibly showcasing the work of disabled artists, Able ARTS Work helps create arts education and therapies for adults with developmental disabilities.

Students who attend their day program take a six-month curriculum, which consists of art, painting, music, podcast and theater classes to name a few. For students who are unable to attend a day program, the Mobile Arts Program (MAP) in Long Beach, Hawthorne and San Diego provides these services in-home.

The day program works similar to college classes where students take a class, build their confidence and apply that knowledge, according to Glass.

Walking into the CORE opening reception on Oct. 17, anyone could see how supportive the community is and the genuine excitement artists felt when they spoke about their work on the walls.

"I feel like our gallery is a space that's welcome to all and people truly feel that when they walk in," Glass said. "Able ARTS Work's motto

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SPORTS

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Former Dirtbags player Dominic Campeau prepares for a pitch during a 2019 Long Beach State baseball game at Blair Field.

Final three names released for Long Beach Baseball Club, voting open through Oct. 29

Staff Report

Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Baseball Club (LBBC) has narrowed down its team name choice to three final options, and residents are welcome to vote on their favorite until Oct. 29.

The final three names for Long Beach's Pioneer League team are:

- Long Beach Coast
- Long Beach Parrots
- Long Beach Regulators

Local residents and national fans cast a total of 4,862 votes in the first round of voting earlier this month. According to a tally from the Long Beach Baseball Club, online voters participated from 34 states, while nearly 1,000 people cast their votes in-person at ballot boxes throughout the city.

Residents can vote in-person at the following locations in Long Beach, Signal Hill and Bellflower:

- d'Arnaud Athletics (2940 E. Gilman St.)
- Long Beach Airport (4100 Donald Douglas Drive)
- Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)
- SteelCraft Long Beach (3768 Long Beach Blvd.)
- SteelCraft Bellflower (16500 Bellflower Blvd.)
- Watch Me! Sports Bar (6527 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Unit B-2)
- Annex Training Center (2341 Orange Ave.)
- Precise Barber Shop (5223 Atlantic Ave.)

"This is exactly what community baseball should feel like, fun, inclusive, and unmistakably Long Beach," said Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson in a public statement. "From Joe Jost's to the Michelle Obama Library, the team met families, students, and lifelong baseball diehards. The communities' votes got us here; the next vote will help make history."

Final-round voting will close on Oct. 29 at 11:59 p.m. PT. Fans can vote online at www.longbeachbaseballclub.com

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EVENTS

STILL NEED HALLOWEEN PLANS IN LONG BEACH? WE GOT YOU.

Samantha Diaz

Managing Editor

At this point in the Halloween season, people are scrambling to put the finishing touches on their costumes, and many may be realizing they forgot to make plans altogether.

Luckily, Long Beach and Signal Hill have many haunted traditions to appease people of all ages and desires, from trunk or treats and pet-friendly costume parties to a 21-and-older celebration and a classic horror film. The many events run from this week all the way up to Halloween night, so buy that last part of your costume and get to planning!

All events on this list are free to attend unless stated otherwise.

Lindbergh Circle

Harvest Festival: Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Homes in the Lindbergh Circle neighborhood in North Long Beach are coming together to host their first harvest festival, with a costume contest, games, prizes, music and more.

YMCA Trunk or Treat: *Oct. 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.* The Fairfield Family YMCA (4949 Atlantic Ave.) is hosting a boo-tiful evening of creatively decorated car trunks, candy, games, arts and crafts, music, prize drawings, resources, face painting and pizza and drinks for sale.

Los Cerritos Harvest Festival: *Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.* The Los Cerritos Neighborhood Association is hosting the second annual Harvest Festival at Los Cerritos Park, featuring line dancing, games, a farmers market, trunk or treat, folklorico dancers, ghoulish Shakespeare, pumpkin decorating, a mac and cheese contest and more.

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Local residents can check out a range of Halloween festivals, carnivals and paloozas throughout the next week.

Downtown Halloween Street Party: *Oct. 25 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.* This all-day Halloween open-street party will take over Pine Avenue and The Promenade, between Broadway and Third Street. Families and friends can enjoy live entertainment, food, drinks, local vendors, scare actors and a street full of costume-wearing party-goers. After 6 p.m., those 21 and older who have purchased an event wristband can enjoy exclusive experiences and themed specials inside the surrounding restaurants and bars.

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A young Batman peeks out from his cowl to quickly grab a bag of goodies during the Miller Children's and Women's Hospital trick-or-treating event for hospital patients on Halloween 2023.

Spootacular Howl-O-Ween: *Oct. 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.* This afternoon will be full of fun for the furry family members, with a costume contest for pups and yappy hour specials for their humans at Roxanne's Bar & Grill (1115 E. Wardlow Road).

Signal Hill Halloween Carnival: *Oct. 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.* Signal Hill's annual carnival invites monsters of all ages for trunk or treating, carnival games, bouncers and much more at Signal Hill Park (2175 Cherry Ave.). A $5 wristband is required for anyone over the age of 1. Call 562-989-7330 for information on how to purchase a wristband.

Wrigley Pumpkin Palooza: *Oct. 25 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.* The YMCA Wrigley Youth Center (2299 Pacific Ave.) is hosting its second annual pumpkin palooza for local youth, with a costume contest for kids, adults and pets, face painting, pumpkin painting, arts and crafts and carnival games.

Cal Heights Howl-O-Ween Festival: *Oct. 25 from 3 p.m. to* 4:30 p.m. This neighborhood Halloween festival at 1240 E. Wardlow Road will feature live performances by a kids' indie band and Halloween choirs, face painting, a photo booth and more spooky surprises.

District 8 Trunk or Treat: *Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.* Join the North Village Neighborhood Association for free candy, dancing, games, music and more festive fun at 5730 Linden Ave. Those who want to host a trunk (or table) can sign up online.

Goblin on the Greenbelt: *Oct. 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.* This monster-friendly event invites creepers of all ages to the Red Car Greenbelt (between Park and Ximeno) for trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, and a free pumpkin for the first 125 children.

Kids' Halloween: *Oct. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.* A slew of neighborhood orgs are teaming up for the ultimate kids' Halloween party at Bixby Park (130 Cherry Ave.), featuring tons of treats, a costume contest, games and crafts.

Trick-or-Treat For Resources: *Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.* Vice Mayor Roberto Uranga and Assemblymember Josh Lowenthal are hosting this festive resource fair at Silverado Park's Social Hall (1545 W. 31st St.) with trick-or-treat stations for kids, community resource booths, costume contests and raffled off prizes.

Halloween Parade: *Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.* Kids up to 12 years old can walk through various festive stations at the Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway) to trick-or-treat, then create a spooky craft and enjoy a movie with their families. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Halloween Carnival Monster Mash Bash: *Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.* Long Beach's Neighbor-to-Neighbor program is hosting its second annual Halloween carnival at Silverado Park (1545 W. 31st St.). This all-ages event will feature game stations and play stations including guessing games with Halloween candy prizes, alien pinball, zombie eyeball toss and knock down, tic-tac-toe and slam dunk games. Attendees will also have opportunities to trick-or-treat, win prizes at the ring toss, get crafty creating Halloween masks, balloon animals and slime, try their hand at cookie decorating and participate in a cake walk. Plus, residents are invited to dress in their best Halloween attire to show off their scary, unique, cute, glam, classic and superhero costumes at the Carnival Costume Contest.

Ghouls Night Out: *Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.* Ghouls Night Out is a frightfully fun celebration at 2ND & PCH (6480 Pacific Coast Highway), featuring a treats trail with several retailers and restaurants, a trunk or treat feature sponsored by Fletcher Jones Toyota Carson and Audi Long Beach, a costume contest hosted by Christopher T. Magician, live music, and festive photo ops. Guests must RSVP in advance to participate in the costume contest.

Trunk or Treat: *Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.* Grace Long Beach Church is hosting this trunk or treat in its parking lot at 3601 Linden Ave., with music, games and plenty of candy for the whole community.

"Nosferatu": *Oct. 31 at 10 p.m.* The Art Theatre of Long Beach (2025 E. Fourth St.) is screening the 1922 silent horror classic "Nosferatu" accompanied with a live orchestra, the Jack Curtis Dubowsky Ensemble. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased online.

Are we missing your event? Please email Newspaper@signaltribune.com with all the event details and we'll add it to the list.

AROUND TOWN

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

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The Museum of Latin American Art will host its annual Día De Los Muertos Festival this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free community celebration will feature live performances, folklórico dancing, local vendors and much more.

It's a week of new beginnings across Long Beach — starting with the groundbreaking of a restoration project at the Los Cerritos Wetlands on Friday followed by the ribbon cutting of Ramona Park's newly redesigned playground on Saturday. Residents can also take part in the virtual kickoff for Long Beach's new Urban Forest Plan, and an open house held by The Department of Economic Development & Opportunity to celebrate its new name. A new piece of public art will join the city landscape later in the week, when a mural, designed by local youth to promote sustainability, is unveiled on Thursday.

Two annual celebrations will take place in Long Beach this coming week — both free to the public. The Long Beach Airport's Festival of Flight will open to both aviation enthusiasts and local families alike on Saturday, with aircraft displays, live entertainment and food trucks. The following day, the Museum of Latin American Art will host its Día de los Muertos Festival, featuring music, dance, art workshops and cultural traditions that honor loved ones.

24 FRIDAY

LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS GROUNDBREAKING

10 a.m. to noon. Join Los Cerritos Wetlands as they celebrate the groundbreaking of the Southern Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Project at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and First Street in Seal Beach. Free.

ART CHAT

Noon to 2 p.m. Visit the Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E. Ocean Blvd.) to join this weekly discussion of the current exhibits on display. No registration required. Included with the $15 price of general admission.

DANCING & MUSIC

9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Those 21 and over are invited to dance along to a live performance of "No Guestlist" at The Good Bar (3316 E. Seventh St.). Enjoy a mix of house, techno, disco, '80s, indie, pop, and more, with sets by AG B2B smoketothis, JOO//Z, Boogie J, Delirious and EXi. Costumes are encouraged. Free.

25 SATURDAY

LINDBERGH CIRCLE CLEAN-UP

8 a.m. to noon. Residents are invited to help beautify and clean the Lindbergh Circle neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at 1126 Plymouth Ave.

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents of all ages can view and touch static aircraft, enjoy live entertainment, food trucks and beer at the Long Beach Airport (3590 E. Wardlow Road) in Taxiway E for the annual Festival of Flight. Free.

RAMONA PARK PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited to celebrate the opening of Ramona Park's (3301 E. 65th St.) new playground, featuring an "Under the Sea" theme, at this ribbon cutting ceremony. The redesigned space includes a tot lot, a play area and inclusive play equipment meant to promote accessibility. The project features upgraded ADA-compliant paths, signage, curb ramps and parking. Free.

NATIONAL RX TAKE BACK DAY

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Long Beach Police Department will host a medication take-back event at Long Beach Memorial Hospital (2801 Atlantic Ave.). Residents can safely dispose of unneeded or expired prescription medications to prevent misuse and ensure proper disposal. Free.

26 SUNDAY

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

9 a.m. to noon. This annual charity event will take place at Shoreline Aquatic Park (200 Aquarium Way). Registration opens at 9 a.m., followed by a ceremony at 10 a.m., with the walk starting at 10:30 a.m. To register, donate, or volunteer, visit the Alzheimer's Association website or contact Sasha Spalding at (323) 703-5916. No registration fee.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to the Museum of Latin American Art's (628 Alamitos Ave.) Día de los Muertos celebration, featuring live performances, mariachi music, folklórico dancing, face-painting, children's art workshops, local vendors and more. Reservations are required and can be made through the museum's website. Parking will cost $15 per car.

27 MONDAY

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

7 p.m. Guests are invited aboard the Queen Mary (1126 Queens Hwy.) for an interactive musical comedy dinner set in the 1930s. Guests will help solve a comedic mystery while enjoying a three-course meal. Tickets include ship access, dinner and the performance. Wine and cocktails will be available for purchase. Admission is $116.60 per person. This event is appropriate for ages 13 and up.

28 TUESDAY

COMMUNITY FLU VACCINATION CLINIC

3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Long Beach Health Department will offer flu vaccinations at Admiral Kidd Park (2125 Santa Fe Ave.). No appointment is required. Vaccines will be available while supplies last. Free.

LONG BEACH URBAN FOREST PLAN

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents are invited to join the City of Long Beach's Office of Climate Action and Sustainability for a virtual kickoff meeting for the City's new Urban Forest Plan. This 1.5-hour online session will introduce the plan, which will guide how the City grows, cares for and plants its trees. Attendees will be able share their ideas and priorities with City staff. Registration is required. To register for this event, visit the City's online event calendar. Free.

29 WEDNESDAY

HBCU CARAVAN

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Long Beach City College is hosting this gathering for Black college students interested in attending a Historically Black College and University, with free swag, hands-on college application assistance, opportunities to meet with representatives and free food at 4901 E. Carson St. RSVP online. Parking and admission are free.

ONLINE ARTIST TALK

11 a.m. to noon. The Museum of Latin American Art will premiere a conversation between Guatemalan sculptor Diana de Solares and MOLAA Chief Curator Gabriela Urtiaga on its YouTube channel. The discussion explores de Solares' work and creative process. Free.

30 THURSDAY

3D PRINTED EARRINGS WORKSHOP

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tweens ages 10 to 12 can visit the Harte Neighborhood Library (1595 W. Willow St.) to learn the basics of 3D printing and design using the program Tinkercad. Participants will create and print their own earrings to take home. Registration through the city's online event calendar is required. Free.

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION MURAL UNVEILING

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to the unveiling of a new climate action mural at 1350 Pine Ave. The mural reflects young artists' visions for a sustainable future. The event will feature music, food, drinks and more. Free to attend.

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IN PHOTOS

Long Beach sees thousands protest for No Kings 2.0

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Bixby Park was filled with protestors across both sidewalks on Oct. 18, 2025 as a few of them lined up near the edge of the sidewalk to show their signs and dance.

Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Multiple protestors rode bikes during the No Kings 2.0 protest at Bixby Park with signs and inflatable costumes on Oct. 18, 2025.

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Multiple cars honked to show their support and held up signs alongside the protestors during the No Kings 2.0 protest at the Bluffs in Long Beach on Oct. 18, 2025.

Samuel Chacko
Photojournalist

Wearing costumes, yelling chants and playing instruments, thousands of people filled up the sidewalks of East Ocean Boulevard to voice their disdain for President Donald Trump's policies alongside support for California's Proposition 50 Saturday morning.

Long Beach Indivisible organized No Kings 2.0 in the Bluffs, which is one of many locations across the United States protesting. People of all ages, backgrounds and varying reasons gathered to denounce the current administration united on one goal: to show their voice in opposition.

Attendees walked the streets of East Ocean Boulevard on the sidewalks and crosswalks while cars honked to show their support. Participants screamed, used tambourines and even a Shofar, a ram-horn trumpet.

Jonathan Bay, one of the leaders of Long Beach Indivisible, said these demonstrations are a way to fight for every community under attack by the administration's actions and policies.

"We are showing a stand against Trump; that he doesn't get to just unilaterally do things and ignore the constitution," Bay said. "Our immigrant neighbors, our LGBTQ folks, institutions, government workers — we're in a shutdown right now and he [Donald Trump] is getting paid, but many of our local people are not getting paid."

Read the full story at SigTrib.com.

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Demonstrators at the No Kings 2.0 at the Bluffs wave their signs in the air as they protest President Trump and his policies on Oct. 18, 2025.

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The No Kings 2.0 protest in Long Beach continued at Bixby Park around noon, with multiple guest speakers, including Mayor Rex Richardson.

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Protestors at the No Kings 2.0 at the Bluffs came with signs showing their disapproval of President Trump on Oct. 18, 2025.

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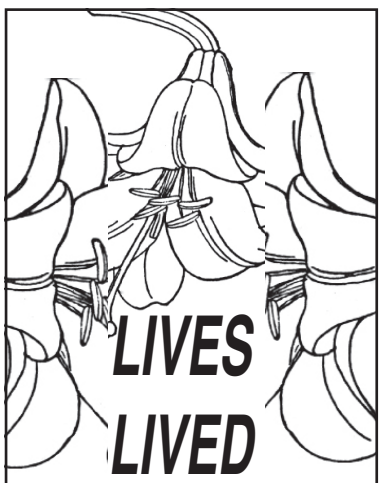

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Eteuati Lefeiloai 76
Charles Wright Jr 64
Amy Gay 68
Raul Galloppa 35
Anthony Gambucci 70

The families were assisted by McKenzie Mortuary. For more details on service dates and times, contact (562) 961-9301

EYE ON CRIME

CRIMES REPORTED BY THE SIGNAL HILL POLICE

Wednesday, October 15
10:01 a.m., Grand theft – motor vehicle, 2700 block Cherry Ave.
4:37 p.m., Critical missing, 2500 block E. Willow St.

Thursday, October 16
7:33 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Temple Ave.
8:45 p.m., Injury traffic collision, Cherry Ave./E. 28th St.
8:49 p.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Dawson Ave.

Friday, October 17
10:13 a.m., Petty theft, 700 block E. Spring St. (citation issued)
2:57 p.m., Solicit lewd act in public; arrange to meet minor, 2100 block Cherry Ave. (suspect arrested)

Saturday, October 18
3:25 a.m., Auto burglary, 1800 block Raymond Ave.
1:06 p.m., Battery, 2200 block E. Willow St.
7:54 p.m., Burglary, 2500 block Green House Place

Sunday, October 19
5:19 a.m., Injury hit and run, California Ave./E. 33rd St.
10:31 a.m., Injury traffic collision, Redondo Ave./E. Willow St.
7:50 p.m., Possessing controlled substance; felony warrant, 900 block E. 33rd St. (suspect arrested)
8:24 p.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse; child abuse, 3200 block Lewis Ave.
9:09 p.m., Inflict corporal injury on spouse, 2300 block Cerritos Ave. (suspect arrested)

Monday, October 20
8:18 a.m., Elder abuse, 2400 block Eastwind Way
8:18 a.m., Elder abuse, 1900 block Temple Ave.
9:50 a.m., Injury traffic collision, E. Willow St./Junipero Ave.
2:47 p.m., Injury hit and run, 2200 block E. Willow St.
7:21 p.m., Robbery, 1900 block Cherry Ave.
9:08 p.m., Burglary, 2400 block Lewis Ave.

Tuesday, October 21
7:17 p.m., Identity theft, 2300 block Amelia Ct.

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.

TST7881/Order No: 4002
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/5/2025 at 11100 WRIGHT RD LYNWOOD, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2021 VOLKSWAGEN
VIN: 1VWSA7A31MC010657
STATE: CA LIC: 9POS938 at 9AM

TST7882/Order No: 4087
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/5/2025 at 2130 S VERMONT AVE LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2025 NISSA
VIN: 3N1AB8CV5SY254433
STATE: CA LIC: 9SGJ793 at 9AM

TST7883/Order No: 4098
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/5/2025 at 6832 CRENSHAW BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2022 CHEVROLET
VIN: 1G1ZB5ST6NF214218
STATE: CA LIC: 9UFJ009 at 9AM

TST7884/Order No: 4124
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/5/2025 at 17220 JERSEY AVE ARTESIA, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2018 TOYOTA
VIN: JTDBVRBD4JA003977
STATE: CA LIC: 8FDP272 at 9AM

TST7885/Order No: 4136
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/5/2025 at 9901 S MAIN STREET LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2019 MAZDA
VIN: JM3KFACM8K1595387
STATE: CA LIC: 8NGV645 at 9AM

TST7886/Order No: 4103
Auto Lien Sale

On 11/09/2025 at 9635 LAUREL ST LOS ANGELES, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2020 TOYOT
VIN: JTDS4RCEXLJ037676
STATE: CA LIC: 8MRM111 at 9AM

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MISSING PERSON

LBPD searching for missing woman Audrey Rose McCleary

Courtesy of the California Justice Department

Missing 31-year-old Audrey Rose McCleary was last heard from on Sept. 25.

Staff Report
Signal Tribune

The Long Beach Police Department has reported a 31-year-old woman missing.

Audrey Rose McCleary was last heard from on Sept. 25. Her current whereabouts are unknown.

She is described as a white female, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, with brown hair and green eyes. She was last seen wearing a black tank top, gray sweatpants, and white slippers. McCleary also has a scar on her left elbow.

Anyone who may have information about McCleary's 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 through "LA Crime Stoppers" by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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TST7879 Case No. 25VECP00565
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 6230 SYLMAR AVE., VAN NUYS, CA. 91401 PETITION OF: Nicholas Alexander for Change of Name. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioners: Nicolas Alexander has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Nicolas Alexander Proposed Name: Nick Alexander 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 05, 2025; Time: 8:30a.m., Dept. U, Room: 620. 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. October 17, 24, 31 & November 7, 2025 ___//ss//___ Shirley K. Watkins, Judge of the Superior Court Dated: October 14, 2025

TST7880
Case No. STPB11089
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: STEVEN ELSEA

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of STEVEN ELSEA 2, A Petition for Probate has been filed by HENRY FREDERICK RAMEY, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. 3. The Petition for Probate requests that HENRY FREDERICK RAMEY, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. 5. The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain and very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. **A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** a. NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AT 8:30a.m. in DEPARTMENT 44 b. Stanley Mosk Courthouse 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. 7. **If you object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objection or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. **If you are a creditor or contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appoint ed by the court with the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court**. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A request for Special Notice form is available from the Court clerk. **HENRY FREDERICK RAMEY, JR. 7101 ROSECRANS AV., #98, PARAMOUNT, CA. 90723 Phone: (909) 678-9348** Signal Tribune Newspaper – October 17, 24, & November 7, 2025

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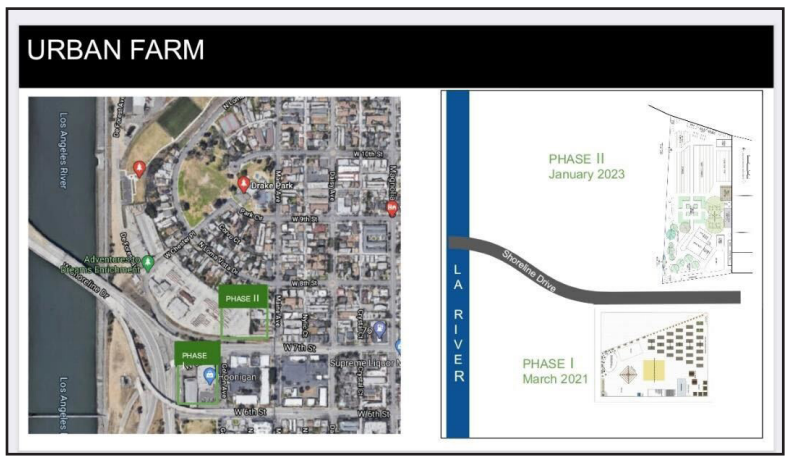

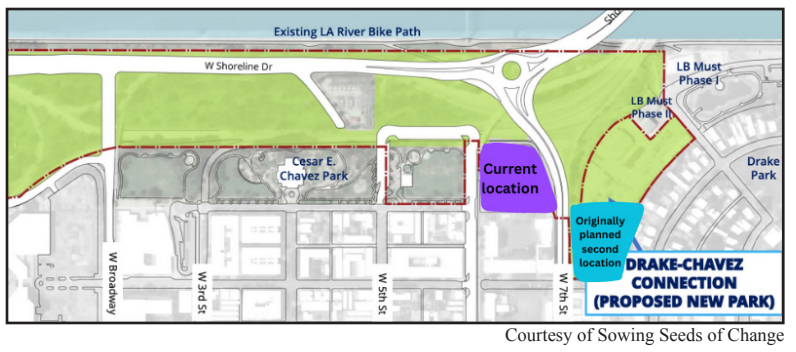

Courtesy of Sowing Seeds of Change

(Top) Phase 1 and Phase II of the City's 2020 plans for the Chavez-Drake Park connection outline the original plan for Sowing Seeds of Change. (Bottom) The City's updated map, which has been presented at recent planning meetings, no longer indicates the future location for Sowing Seeds of Change.

In 2020, when Long Beach began planning the connection of Cesar Chavez and Drake Park, Sowing Seeds of Change was an integral part. Its current headquarters, with dozens of raised beds atop mulch-covered concrete, tomato vines growing along chain link fences and makeshift containers bursting with greenery, was only supposed to be phase one of the nonprofit.

Once the parks were connected, documents shared from Parks, Recreation and Marine employees in 2020 show that Sowing Seeds of Change was meant to own a parcel of land within the new park. The next phase was put on hold once the COVID-19 pandemic started, claiming much of Long Beach's funds.

Now all the City employees they worked with years ago have moved onto other cities or roles, making it difficult to follow up with those plans, Smith said. For the last six years, they've been waiting to move into an in-ground garden. "We're at our limit" in the current parking lot, Smith said.

The goal of the Chavez-Drake Park connection is to increase much-needed green space in the west by uprooting and replacing yards of concrete and industrial buildings. Some of these buildings will remain and may become city offices, since removing all of the concrete would be expensive, according to planning documents from the City.

However, one of those concrete lots is where Sowing Seeds of Change has made an impact in thousands of people's lives, through free produce, internships, cooking workshops, summer gardening classes and more.

When asked on Oct. 23 if the City is keeping the original plan to move Sowing Seeds of Change to an in-ground phase two location as planned in 2020, Public Works responded, "the City is conducting extensive outreach with local organizations and the broader community to ensure the design reflects community priorities." The City said they have been actively engaged with groups "such as Sowing Seeds of Change and looks forward to continued, collaborative dialogue as the project moves forward." However, Smith says it's been difficult to get a response from the City.

Smith shared that two months ago, more than 20 Public Works employees unexpectedly showed up to the nonprofit in the middle of a workshop and requested a tour of the facility. She shared her fears of being left out of conversations of the expansion, gave her contact information to multiple employees and asked to be included in future meetings.

"They took my contact and still did not reach out to me," Smith said.

Part of the Drake-Chavez connection plan includes the realignment of Shoreline Drive and the relocation of Shoemaker Bridge, so even before the parks are connected, Sowing Seeds of Change would have to move as they would be blocked by ongoing construction. Smith is hoping that move will be from phase one to phase two of the original plan promised to them by the City.

Read the full story online at SigTrib.com.

ABLE ARTS WORK

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is 'Love before learning, learn before life.' I think you can really feel that in our spaces or with any of our staff."

Jennifer Kumiyama, who is a disabilities activist and who was a panelist during the CORE reception, talked about her first time experiencing the exhibit.

"It's so refreshing to see that [people with] disabilities are equally as creative in a visual sense as we are in everyday life," Kumiyama said. "We can also create rad, beautiful art but it's nice to see people's passion, heart [and] soul."

Olinger was one of 15 artists who had her artwork on the walls and shared how art has helped her get through tough times.

The "invisible illness" she contends with on a daily basis had already heavily impacted her family prior to her own diagnosis, with one of her nieces requiring a feeding tube since she was two months old.

Samuel Chacko | Signal Tribune

Kristen Olinger and Harmony Abarams (community participating artist) pose together next to Abarams' art during the CORE 2025 Opening Reception on Oct. 17, 2025 in Long Beach.

She created art as a coping mechanism, never expecting to show anyone. But after showing her second piece to one of her sisters, that all changed.

"I sent it to my sister and she showed it to my niece and my niece saw it and said that was me and something clicked with me," Olinger said as she started to tear up. "I wanted to normalize her existence, not just for her but for everyone else to say, 'Yes, there's nothing wrong with that.'"

Her sister helped her get out of her comfort zone and decided to advocate for change publicly.

"What I got instead [of doing it by myself] was so much support that I didn't know I needed so badly from other people that I could lean on," Olinger said, "It's such a beautiful community."

Able ARTS Work also allows artists an opportunity to spark their own self-discovery, broadening their thoughts of themselves and their potential.

When Glass was doing a senior workshop for the Able ARTS program, she had a participant named Sheila, who worked in the fashion industry, come up and mention that she created art. Since then, Sheila has submitted work to the gallery and even sold some of her pieces.

"She's like, 'I never thought of myself as an artist.' Here's this incredible woman as a senior, just discovering how people connected with her work so much that they wanted to buy it, it's really empowering and really validating her skill and creativity," Glass said.

"Come to our events, come meet our students, listen to our podcast, I guarantee you [that] you're going to enjoy it," Glass said. "It's a very enjoyable experience and a benefit for them, their family members.[...] It's fun to do together. Come visit, get involved, get to know us."

The CORE exhibition will be open until Dec. 10. Able ARTS Work will be holding its CORE Closing Reception as well as a Winter Market on Dec. 5 at 4321 Atlantic Ave.

For more information about future events, ways to give and to register for courses, check out their website.

BITS & BOBS

Staff Reports
Signal Tribune

Venture under the sea at Ramona Park's playground opening this Saturday

The City of Long Beach invites all to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the nautically-themed Ramona Park Signature Playground Saturday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.

This community ceremony at Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.) will include comments from Mayor Rex Richardson, Ninth District Councilmember Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie and representatives from the Departments of Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Marine. Attendees will then be encouraged to explore the new facilities.

Construction for the Ramona Park Signature Playground began in February and finished this month. Prior to this, the park's playground was last renovated in 1997.

The new playground includes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant amenities such as accessible play equipment, pathways, parking stall striping, ADA signage and a curb ramp. There are also a handful of safety upgrades, as well as enhancements to stimulate children's social-emotional, sensory, cognitive and communication needs.

Additional improvements, such as an Under the Sea theme design, new shade structures and mister cooling tools, were included to ensure the Ramona Park Signature Playground was fit for children of all ages and abilities.

Courtesy of the City of Long Beach

The Ramona Park Signature Playground features a new design with an Under the Sea theme, as well as an inclusive, state-of-the-art play area, shade structure, mister, safety surfacing and inclusive and sensory play equipment

St. Mary Medical Center releases Breast Cancer Awareness Month PSA

Following the release of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) 2024-2025 Breast Cancer Facts & Figures, Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center (SMMC) has released a public service announcement encouraging people to be mindful of their breast health.

Though several notable early detection and treatment advancements have aided the fight against breast cancer, it remains a persistently deadly disease worldwide, and is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in the U.S., according to the ACS. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is recognized annually in October.

The ACS data includes the following breast cancer statistics from 2024:

- 375,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed and an estimated 42,250 of those diagnosed are expected to die from the disease.
- Almost 2,800 men were diagnosed and roughly 530 of those diagnosed are projected to die from the disease.

To learn more about breast cancer and screening guidelines, visit dignityhealth.org/socal/cancer or speak with your primary care physician.

LB's Co-Lab Demo Day presents solutions to citywide issues

Long Beach's Technology and Innovation Department is hosting the city's Co-Lab Community Demo Day on Nov. 15 at Cal State Long Beach.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate and learn about neighborhood challenges, as well as possible technological solutions to those challenges, as part of the second cohort of the City's Co-Lab program.

Residents can attend presentations, demos and Q&A sessions from companies that have worked with the city to address three pressing civic challenges:

- Improving access to city services
- Advancing safety in commercial corridors
- Maintaining and activating vacant lots

For the full version of these stories, check out SigTrib.com

Port Community Grants Program:

Funding Available to Support Facility Improvements

The Port's Community Grants Program is accepting proposals from public and private agencies for upgrades at facilities to improve public health outcomes and reduce port-related impacts on the community associated with air quality, noise and traffic. Up to $2.5 million in funding is available for this solicitation.

The award-winning Community Grants Program is a more than $65 million effort to support projects that help those who are most vulnerable to port-related environmental impacts.

Solicitation opens Oct. 28 | Deadline Feb. 3, 2026
Webinar on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

For more infaormation and eligibility criteria visit ***polb.com/grantopportunities*** or email ***grants@polb.com***.

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