

City of Long Beach

Fireworks Display by
Bay Fireworks

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA rescheduled

Friday, September 2, 2016

(rain date: Saturday, September 3)

Between Long Beach & Riverside Boulevards

can be seen from anywhere along the beach and the boardwalk

Musical Entertainment by

Robbie Rosen & Marissa Ann

Food Vendors on the boardwalk 3pm

Free Shuttle Buses begin at 7pm

Concert begins at 8pm

Fireworks at dark

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by EmPower Solar

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For more information including shuttle bus routes
visit www.longbeachny.gov/fireworks



End The Summer With A Bang!

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LEN TORRES, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEAR LONG BEACH RESIDENT,



The summer of 2016 has been absolutely sensational, allowing all of us to enjoy the beauty that is Long Beach.

The season kicked off with USA Today declaring Long Beach one of the top 10 beaches in the country. Since then, various other media outlets have helped shine the spotlight on our great City. Some of the new offerings we have showcased this year include five new concession buildings, single-stream recycling on the beach and boardwalk, smoke-free parks and beaches, extended ADA beach mats, more beach showers, extended hours for bathrooms, ATMs and additional social bicycles at more convenient locations. Popular favorites like our free summer concert series, arts and crafts festivals, and the Long Beach International Film Festival were all tremendously successful as well.

The City is proud to present residents and visitors an unparalleled offering of entertainment in the summer. However, Long Beach is far more than 'just the beach' – with endless options at our shops and restaurants, our vibrant community has so much to offer throughout the entire year. To this end, as we enter the fall, we are prepared to again deliver a wide array of fun and exciting events. You will soon be receiving a Fall & Winter Events Guide that details all of the happenings in the coming months, ranging from the Fall Festival in October to the Christmas Tree and Chanukah Menorah lightings in December. As always, we encourage you to download the Long Beach Response mobile app to stay up-to-date on everything going on here in the City by the Sea.

We hope to see you at the Fireworks Extravaganza on Labor Day weekend!

Very Truly Yours,

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Long Beach In The News

Newsday

(August 9, 2016)

Long Beach Sharply Reduces The Amount Of Wastewater It Treats

"City workers reduced the amount of wastewater by upgrading the sewage system while rebuilding city streets and replacing manholes among other repairs following Sandy... Today, the sewage being treated is at the lowest level since 1991"



(May 26, 2016)

Memorial Day: 10 Beaches To Start Summer Off Right

"Long Beach is a beautifully situated seaside community that boasts a 3.5 mile long beach considered one of the cleanest in the USA."

Long Island Press

(February 24, 2016)

Long Island Municipalities That Get It Right

"Long Beach just got its eighth consecutive positive credit action from Moody's. Not only did they upgrade the city's bond rating, they gave the city a positive outlook going forward."

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Long Beach Response App

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PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Enhancing Our Infrastructure & Quality of Life

The Department of Public Works has been hard at work, completing important projects such as the reconstruction of **Neptune Boulevard**, building a new **Dog Run** at the Recreation Complex, and rehabilitating numerous **streets in the West End** (with funding from PSEG & National Grid). This administration will continue the trend of resilient and sustainable infrastructure projects this fall, with the following programs planned for implementation:

- A complete reconstruction of Harding Avenue between Broadway and Walnut Street will take place. There will be new curbs, sidewalks, roads, lighting and landscaping, as well as an installation of a new sewer system and storm drainage system. Forester Street between Chester Street and Pine Street will have a similar reconstruction without new landscaping.
- A rehabilitation of the Clark Street playground will start after Labor Day, including the replacement of the safety surface and the installation of a new walking trail and gazebo. The park was damaged heavily by Sandy, and this project will be funded by FEMA Public Assistance.
- The Veteran's Memorial playground is set to be replaced and made 100% ADA compliant. This project will also be funded by FEMA. All 50 doors and lockers at the ice arena will be replaced as well.
- Construction of a new toddler playground at the daycare center is anticipated to start shortly after Labor Day.
- The 150 West Pine Street sanitation garage will undergo a large rehabilitation. This project will partially be funded by FEMA. The rear wall, rear offices, and roof, which were all damaged during Sandy, will be replaced.
- Solar panels with battery backup will be installed at the MLK Center, creating a resilient community center in the event of storms.
- Electrical plumbing and ductwork will take place under the recreation center swimming pool as part of the Hurricane Sandy assistance program.



"...the City is thrilled to see this critically important, long overdue project finally moving forward as we continue rebuilding a stronger, smarter and safer Long Beach."
- City Manager Jack Schnirman



The City Council meets for dinner at the Shoregasboard... Visit LongBeachLife.com for a complete concession map and restaurant menus!

LONG BEACH BEAUTIFICATION

A Mini-Makeover For The Downtown

Over the past year, Long Beach has been making significant strides to improve its downtown. The Department of Public Works continues to follow the Capital Improvement Plan, adding planters, additional bicycle racks, and user friendly garbage and recycle receptacles. The initial and critical first phase of the streetscaping initiative is being implemented on Park Avenue between National and Riverside boulevards as it was identified as the area of greatest need and posted greatest complexities in regard to space.

Business District Enhancement

Goals include:

- Creating a more attractive downtown.
- Enhancing the residents' quality of life.
- Increasing safety and walkability.
- Supporting local businesses.
- Increasing the likelihood of outside funding for additional elements.
- Improving debris removal in the downtown by launching the Clean Team initiative



As the project progresses, critical areas in all three Long Beach downtowns will be evaluated and assessed for implementation. The City's Department of Economic Development and Planning continually seeks state and federal funding for larger streetscaping items such as drainage infrastructure, bicycle lanes, and green infrastructure elements.

Tree Replanting Program A Huge Success

Four years ago, Superstorm Sandy destroyed around 2,400 trees, tasking the City to replace them. With help from the state and federal governments, the City removed the dead and dying trees, replacing them with more than 3,000 new trees during the spring and fall of 2015. Thanks to the City's comprehensive Tree Replanting Master Plan, paired with continuous care from the Department of Public Works, approximately 92% of the 3,060 trees replanted survived to bloom for the Spring of 2016. Going forward, the City has allocated funds in the 2016-2017 Capital Plan to continue the replanting efforts, looking at areas where trees can be planted in the fall.



Visit the Farmers' Market Every Wednesday & Saturday In Kennedy Plaza From 9AM-2PM Through November 23rd!

PARKS & RECREATION

Outstanding Enrollment For Rec Summer Programs

The three morning camps at East School, Lindell School and West School, and the afternoon sports camp at the Recreation Center have seen record enrollment, with approximately 600 campers taking part in the City's program.

In addition to the summer camps, the Department of Recreation also has numerous sports camps and programs. "Our brand new Sports Academy has been a huge hit," said Assistant Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Paul Ferrante. "We anticipate by the end of the year that over 250 participants will have joined this program."

- The Youth Volleyball Program on the beach, in cooperation with Sportime Volleyball, has more than 150 participants.
- The Youth Basketball Program runs weeknights with clinics for pre-K through 1st grade and 2nd grade through 7th grade where teams play games weekly.



Along with the camps and sports academies, the Department of Parks & Recreation also runs The Family Fun in the Park program, featuring different activities daily at each of the local parks for children throughout the summer. Visit longbeachny.gov/rec for more information, including an events calendar.

Record Breaking Sales At Beach Park



The 2016 summer season has surpassed all expectations, and is currently on track to exceed last year's record breaking beach pass sales. Sales of the LIRR getaway package have also been extremely popular, with the number of ticket exchanges nearly doubling since last year. Increased beach revenue enables the City to lessen the burden on local tax payers.

"This is the most exciting summer, with more options for entertainment, dining, and family-friendly activities than ever before," said Philip J. Ragona, Director of Ocean Beach Park, who has worked for the City of Long Beach over the past 31 summers.

Business is booming at the brand new concession stands on Edwards Boulevard, Grand Boulevard, and National Boulevard. In addition, the Shoregasboard has remained very busy, offering beach goers a variety of unique culinary options. Additionally, Beach Ambassadors are stationed at Edwards Blvd and Boardwalk, Riverside and Boardwalk, and at the Long Beach LIRR station, to give information about the many activities throughout our City By The Sea to both residents and visitors, alike.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

City Finances Continuing To Improve & Impress

Moody's Investors Service, for the second year in a row, has again upgraded the City of Long Beach's general obligation bonds rating, signaling a strong & steady recovery. This is the 8th consecutive positive credit action for this administration. Long Beach is one of the few governing bodies on Long Island to receive a positive outlook for the 2016 rating.

According To Moody's:

"The positive outlook also reflects our expectation that management will continue to build reserves over the near term. The outlook further reflects improved fiscal controls and policies implemented by the current management team." "Future rating reviews will focus on the city's ability to adhere to its plan to achieve and maintain structural balance, restore reserves and to continue to demonstrate commitment to conservative budgeting practices."

CITY'S RECENT RATING HISTORY

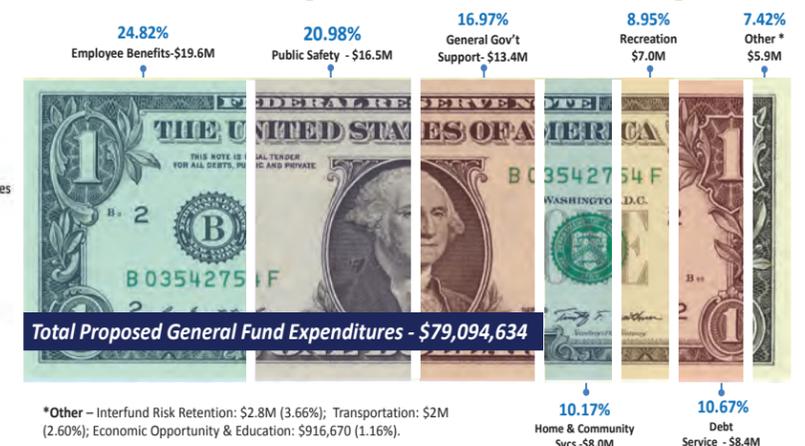


Residential Tax Burden Breakdown

For every tax dollar collected...



How Your City Tax Dollars Are Spent



For A Complete Directory Of Long Beach Shops & Restuarants, Visit LongBeachLife.com!

Find More Budget Data at LongBeachNY.gov!

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Enhanced By Reduced Response Time, Intelligence-Led Policing

The City of Long Beach's initiative to enhance public safety through the STAT management program has kept the City's performance goals progressing forward.

- The Long Beach Fire Department has improved EMS calls average response time from 5.35 mins. to 4.84 mins. and is approaching their goal of 4.53 mins. (1 min. reduction). They've also exceeded their goal of responding to 95% of all Fire and EMS calls within NFPA standards (8 mins. for EMS, 9 mins. for Fire) by 1%, coming in at 96%.
- The Long Beach Police Department exceeded the goal of reducing auto crashes by 2% by having a 3.79% overall reduction this past year. The LBPD has also been collecting and analyzing data to meet the goal of implementing intelligence-led policing.



Members of the Long Beach City Council (standing at left and right ends: Councilman Scott J. Mandel, Councilwoman Anissa D. Moore and City Council Vice President Anthony Eramo, City Council President, Len Torres) meet with Fire & Building Commissioner Scott Kemins and LBFD paramedics

Department: Police Department
Goal (Calendar Year): Reduce Auto Crashes by 2%
Current: Reduced 3.79%
STATUS: Meets Goal

Auto Crashes/Accidents (2014 vs 2015)

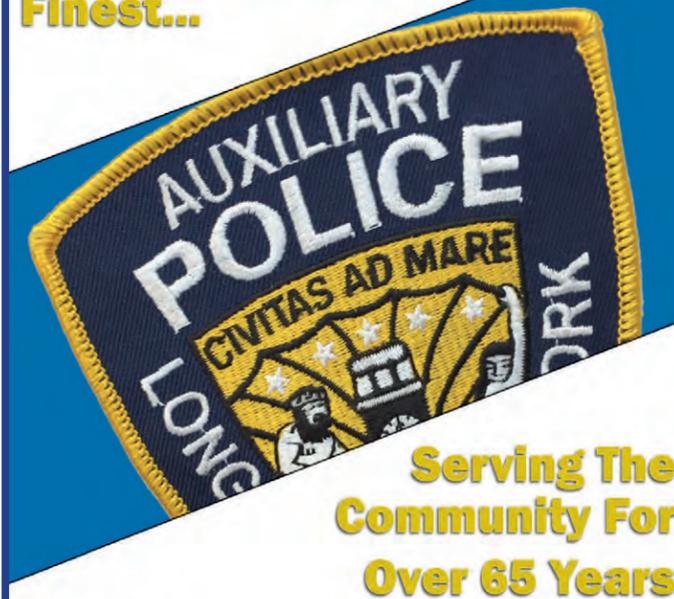


Department: Fire Department
Goal (Fiscal Year): Improve EMS Calls average response time by 1 min, from 5.53 min to 4.53 min.
Current: 4.84 mins
STATUS: Approaching Goal (4.53mins)

EMS Calls Avg Response Time FY 2015 vs FY 2014



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 Finest...



For more information about volunteering with the Long Beach Auxiliary Police, please visit the official LBAPD website and Facebook page at <http://www.lbapd.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/LBAPD>



CITY PLANNING & HOUSING

City Hosts Comprehensive Plan Community Open House Meetings

The Department of Economic Development & Planning continues to host a series of public meetings regarding the City's comprehensive plan and vision for the future of Long Beach. This is a community-driven project, as residents provide the feedback and information used to develop the proposed plans.



These meetings are held to motivate and encourage the community to participate in the positive changes that could potentially take place within the next several years. Through these proposed plans, there are opportunities for more jobs and parking, and other creative solutions to help lessen the local tax burden. Please visit longbeachlistens.com to participate.

Record Number of Permits Issued For New & Raised Homes

Since Superstorm Sandy, the City of Long Beach Building Department has been working tirelessly to assist residents who are repairing and rebuilding their homes.



Many residents have applied to have their homes elevated to avoid future damage from flooding. There have been 334 permits issued for house lifts, with 249 pending house lifts to date. There have also been 288 new residences built, and 55 are still pending.

The housing stock in Long Beach has been upgraded due to these changes and advancements. Many houses are now built to withstand extreme weather, and they are equipped to handle rough conditions than many homes constructed prior to Sandy.

Zero Tolerance Policy For Illegal Housing

The City of Long Beach continues to vigorously enforce ordinances regarding illegal rentals. As a result of coordinated efforts between the Long Beach Police Department and the City's Zoning Inspector, a building owner was recently sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 pursuant to a plea agreement for multiple building code violations, including illegal room rentals and the existence of a commercial business in a residentially zoned area. Additionally, as per the agreement, the owner corrected all code violations and passed a re-inspection by the Building Department prior to paying the fine.

"Illegal housing endangers quality of life, overburdens our infrastructure, and creates parking problems," said City Councilman Scott J. Mandel. "We hope that the record fine and tough enforcement actions taken are a clear demonstration of the administration's resolve when dealing with this important issue, and a deterrent to anyone considering illegally renting their property in the future."

As part of the City's continued efforts to crackdown on illegal rentals, residents are urged to contact the City's Housing Task Force at 516-431-1000 ext. 239 or via e-mail at illegalrentals@longbeachny.gov if they are aware of illegal apartments in Long Beach.

Help Protect The Community By Becoming a Volunteer Firefighter - Visit LongBeachFD.com for more info!

Please Visit LongBeachListens.com for Information Regarding Upcoming Community Open House Meetings!