



City of Long Beach Community Update

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“The City by the Sea”

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADELSON



Fran Adelson
City Council President

To Our Neighbors,

Long Beach has always been a great destination spot in the summer months. Our beautiful beaches are an attraction for all. As the season arrives, we look forward to a great series of community events. Organized athletics have always been a priority through our recreation department. Volleyball, surfing, beach tennis, various races both on land and in the ocean are features that the City is proud to host. The City will again present Arts and Crafts Festivals on the Boardwalk, a fireworks show on the beach, Arts in the Plaza, and our ever popular beach concert series offering a wide variety of music. The Long Beach Library also presents Blues and Jazz Festivals.

Long Beach is a wonderful community. We invite you to come on out and celebrate the season with your family, friends and neighbors.

All the best for a safe and wonderful summer.

Fran Adelson
City Council President

MOODY'S CONFIRMS CITY'S BOND RATING Long Beach “no longer under review for downgrade”

Moody's Investors Service has confirmed the Baa3 rating on the City of Long Beach's \$48.3 million outstanding general obligation debt. Moody's has stated that the City's rating “is no longer under review for downgrade.”

“I'm extremely happy to hear that we are no longer living under the constant threat of being downgraded to junk bond status,” said City Council President Fran Adelson. “Moody's recognition of our efforts to stabilize our finances is an important step towards restoring confidence in the City going forward.”

“In less than six months, we've stopped the bleeding, cut spending, cut overtime, shrank the workforce, passed a budget that eliminates the City's annual operating deficit — and now Moody's has confirmed that we are on the road to recovery,” commented City Manager Jack Schnirman.



The City's Annual Fireworks Extravaganza will take place on Friday, July 13!



SUMMER LINEUP OF RECREATION PROGRAMS

Summer's rolling into Long Beach, and with the heat comes the fun. In between beach visits, consider this: the Rec will be running various summer programs for people of all ages. For the little ones, there will be an 8-week playground program for children 5-12, including swimming lessons, sports, arts and crafts, and supervised trips to Citi Field, SplishSplash, and more. An 8-week afternoon sports program, for ages 7-12, will meet from 1-5pm on weekdays at the Rec Center.

Baseball leagues for kids 7-12 will be available, with games at Costigan Recreation Fields. The summer Men's Softball League will play games on Monday-Friday at the Costigan fields as well. There is also an eight-on-eight Soccer league for men over 18. Basketball leagues are starting soon for youngsters ages 7 to 15, and there will be volleyball programs for teens (10-17), divided into two age groups, with games on the beach at Riverside Boulevard.

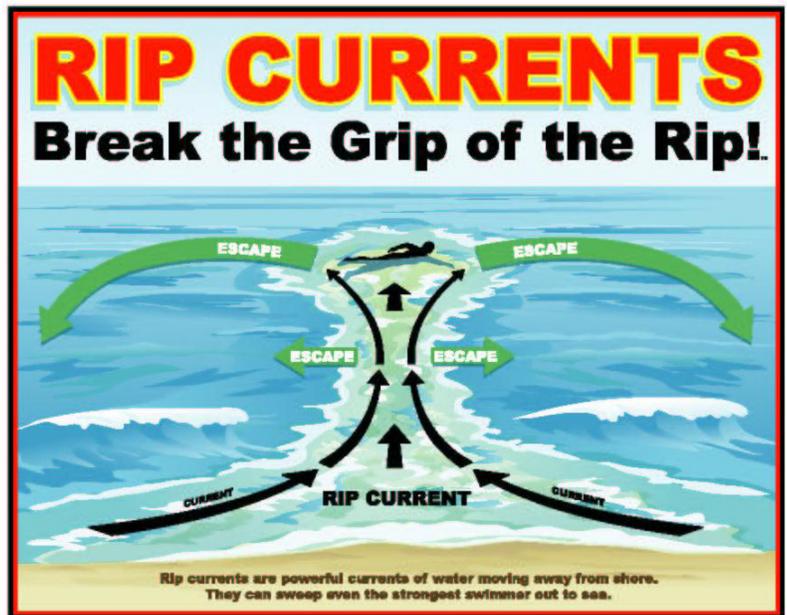
Additionally, yoga classes will be held-at sunrise and sunset-on the beach throughout the summer. And as always, all Rec parks, playgrounds, and pools will be available for fun and leisure, all summer long. For information regarding summer program registration, schedules, and costs, please visit us on the web at www.longbeachny.org/rec.



RULES OF THE BEACH

By obeying these simple rules, everyone can have a safe and enjoyable day at the beach.

1. Only swim when lifeguards are on duty.
2. Never swim alone.
3. Stay off the rocks.
4. Pay attention to lifeguards' whistles and always obey their directions.
5. Alcohol is NOT permitted on the beach.
6. No glass containers/bottles allowed on the beach.
7. All surfboards & bodyboards require leashes.
8. No ball playing permitted on the shoreline.
9. Do not dive into shallow water.
10. Avoid digging holes in the sand – children are easily suffocated by sand cave-ins.



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usia.org



“ON TIME & ON BUDGET — GETTING THINGS DONE”



As part of the City’s park rehabilitation program, the Magnolia Boulevard playground reopened in time for Memorial Day Weekend. Along with resurfacing the play area, the City repaired the wall and boardwalk ramp adjacent to the park. Nearly 90% of the playground’s repairs are being reimbursed by FEMA due to Tropical Storm Irene. 🌩️

(l to r: Community Development Director Michael Robinson, City Council Member Scott J. Mandel, City Council President Fran Adelson, City Manager Jack Schnirman, City Council Vice President Len Torres, DPW Commissioner Jim LaCarrubba)

Fabco Equipment Inc. recently installed 60 catch basin inserts in various catch basins on Beech Street and Park Avenue, as well as three on National Boulevard by City Hall. The total cost for this project was \$75,000, which is completely covered by Nassau County through an environmental grant program. All of the basins selected are part of a positive drainage system that runs out into Reynolds Channel. 🌊

(l-to-r: Jeff Fullmer of Fabco, City Council President Fran Adelson, John Markee of Fabco, City Manager Jack Schnirman, Public Works Commissioner Jim LaCarrubba, City Council Vice President Len Torres, and Environmental Coordinator Mike Cruz)



Operation Splash & Sludge Stoppers hosted a Reynolds Channel Clean Up on Saturday, May 20. This was the first time a group of environmentalists traveling to our waterways to clean up the marshlands across from the channel and bringing back debris to our shores for cleanup. One of The Green Project of Long Island’s missions is to educate people on the ongoing cleanup and conservation of our waterways and to prevent further dumping of chemicals and untreated waste into our channel. 🌊

(l-to-r: City Council Member Scott J. Mandel, City Council Vice President Len Torres, Community Development Director Michael Robinson, Beth Torres, City Council President Fran Adelson, and Scott Bochner of Operation Splash)

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FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA AND ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

The City's Fireworks Extravaganza kicks off Arts & Crafts Festival weekend on Friday, July 13 after the 8PM Killer Joe concert on Long Beach Boulevard beach. On Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15, hundreds of vendors will be lined up along the boardwalk for the City's annual Arts & Crafts Festival.



2012 FREE LONG BEACH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE

JULY	AUGUST
Monday, July 2 - Long Beach - Simply Tzfat	Wednesday, August 1 - New York - Risky Business
Tuesday, July 3 - New York - Alive & Kicking	Thursday, August 2 - Neptune - Mary Lamont
Thursday, July 5 - Neptune - Vintage Bliss	Monday, August 6 - National - Rockinghams 60s Band
Monday, July 9 - National - High Tide	Wednesday, August 8 - New York - New Yorkers
Wednesday, July 11 - New York - All Together Now	Thursday, August 9 - Neptune - Joe Kane's Big Band
Thursday, July 12 - Neptune - Jerry Costenzo	Monday, August 13 - National - Chiclettes
Friday, July 13 - Long Beach - Killer Joe	Wednesday, August 15 - New York - Andy Cooney
Monday, July 16 - National - Stevie Shaiman's Big Band	Thursday, August 16 - Neptune - Turnpike Joe & The Traffic Jam
Wednesday, July 18 - New York - Real Hot Lanta	Monday, August 20 - National - 6 Gun Country
Thursday, July 19 - Neptune - Steel Horse: Pete & Kim	Wednesday, August 22 - New York - Con Astone
Monday, July 23 - National - T'bazco Road	Thursday, August 23 - Neptune - Shlomie Dachs
Wednesday, July 25 - New York - Ric Mango Orchestra	Monday, August 27 - National - Linda Ipanema & The Dixie Chicks
Thursday, July 26 - Neptune - F O G	Wednesday, August 29 - New York - TBA
Monday, July 30 - National - Los Playeros	Thursday, August 30 - Neptune - TBA

**All beach concerts run from 8PM-10PM*

Long Beach Listens community meetings are scheduled for **June 27 at Lido Beach Towers** and **July 25 at Lindell School**, both beginning at 7:30pm. Please visit us online at longbeachny.org for more information.



(l-to-r: City Council Member John McLaughlin, City Manager Jack Schnirman, City Council President Fran Adelson, City Council Vice President Len Torres, & City Council Member Scott J. Mandel field residents' concerns at the March Long Beach Listens in St. Mary of the Isle)

