



City of Long Beach

Beach Summer Update

May 21, 2013



As the first summer since Superstorm Sandy approaches, we are excited to show both residents and visitors how far Long Beach has come in the seven months since the storm. We have prepared this update to answer any questions you may have about how this summer will be different from those in the past.

The Beach

Ocean Beach Park will be open for business, as it is every year.

- The entrances to the beach have not changed.
- There will again be gate attendant during business hours (9am-6pm) verifying that patrons have purchased a valid beach pass at each entrance. Patrons will need a beach pass in order to enter or stay on the beach between the hours of 9am-6pm on the weekends only starting May 25th - June 23rd, with passes needed daily, 7 days a week from June 24th - September 2nd.
- Daily admission tickets remain \$12.00 and will be sold to all persons aged 13 and over. They are available for purchase at designated beach entrances including: Pacific Blvd., Neptune Blvd., Franklin Blvd., Lincoln Blvd., Monroe Blvd., Long Beach Blvd., Riverside Blvd., Edwards Blvd., National Blvd., Magnolia Blvd., Laurelton Blvd., Lafayette Blvd., Lindell Blvd., New York Ave., Arizona, Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut.
- Surfing will be permitted on specific beaches similar to 2013. Please go to www.longbeachny.gov for more information.
- **Everyone will be required to present a valid beach pass upon entry to Ocean Beach Park!** The Special Police and will be performing spot checks and those who do not present a valid beach pass when challenged will receive a \$50 summons. **Please do your part to make this the best summer ever, and make sure to have your beach pass handy!**

Health and Safety

Due to the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy to Nassau County's Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant, we want to reassure our residents that every proper precaution has been taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer season.

- The sand has been sifted and was tested by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation & the water was tested by the Nassau County Department of Health. Both were determined to be clean.
- The City, with the help of the Nassau County Police and hired contractors, used side scan sonar and divers to scour the coastline for any pockets of debris, of which nothing was found.
- The Lifeguards will be out in full force, as usual. They will be on duty, weather permitting, from 9am-6pm weekends only from May 25, 2013 - June 23, 2013 and daily from June 24, 2013 - September 2, 2013. Beach passes are required when lifeguards are on duty.
- There will be an emergency access lane extending 30 feet from the entrance onto the beach. Please keep this area clear for emergency vehicles and staff!
- There will be bathrooms on Pacific Blvd., Neptune Blvd., Lincoln Blvd., Long Beach Blvd., Edwards Blvd., National Blvd., New York Ave., and Virginia Ave.
- In addition to the regular bathrooms, ADA accessible bathroom trailers will be available on Neptune Blvd., Edwards Blvd., and New York Ave.

Construction

Reconstruction and repairs will be ongoing throughout the summer. Inconveniences will be kept to a minimum.

- Anyplace where there was a walk-through previously, it will still be there. In the event it was damaged and needs to be rebuilt, a cut-through will be made in the dunes to allow easy access to the beach.
- Boardwalk construction will be ongoing all summer and as sections are built, the affected street entrances will be closed for construction.
- A simple rule to remember will be that just because something (e.g., beach entrances along boardwalk) is closed for construction one day, doesn't mean it won't be open the next or very soon after. As construction is finished, the affected section will be reopened.

Entertainment & Activities

Despite not having the Boardwalk, this summer will be jam packed with fun activities and attractions that will continue to make our great City by the Sea the premiere summer destination of the South Shore.

- The City of Long Beach is proud to announce "The Shoregasboard"! For the first time ever, the City will have a food truck market by the beach, featuring delicious local food. Beginning May 23rd and running till September 2nd, "The Shoregasboard" will be located at Riverside Ave. and the beach, 7 days a week. It will be open on weekdays from 11:30am-8pm and weekends from 10am-8pm.
- Every Monday night, the market will play host to Magic Mondays at 5pm, which will feature a magician who will be performing.

Please go to www.longbeachny.gov/rec for more information about summer events and activities. We hope to see you there!