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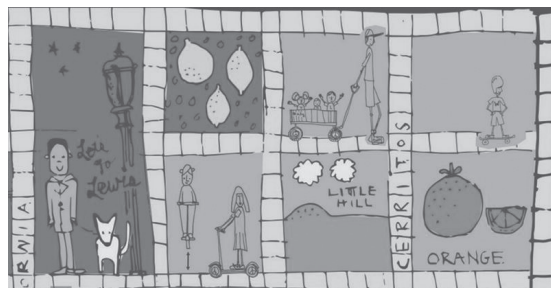
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munity and to that end we support the creation of community spaces. These are places that encourage pedestrian traffic in our neighborhood and provide points of interest that anchor the neighborhood.

We are proud to announce that CHNA is currently working on the creation of a mural located at the intersection of Orange Avenue and Bixby Road. The creation of this mural would complement a previously completed mural sponsored by CHNA at the intersection of Orange and Wardlow, providing a mural at both ends of a key thoroughfare bisecting the neighborhood. The mural is targeted for completion in early 2017.

For this project, we selected Long Beach artist Emily Tanaka, an artist and resident who has a history of contributing to local projects, such as the Wilmore Heritage Park, that re-envision historical spaces in Long Beach for the purpose of restoration and preservation. Due to the mural's proximity to the school, we wanted an artist who has created art for children as well. Emily has created the vision for a Children's Garden at Farmlot 59, created children's coloring books, all with a whimsical quality. She is active in the Long Beach arts scene, an organizer for MOLAA's annual Zinefest, and is inspired by this city's urban landscape from the coast line to its friendly, diverse neighborhoods.

As you can probably imagine, there are many costs involved with the installation of a mural. While CHNA is funding the majority of this project, we will require additional sources of funding to cover the gap. As such, we are asking residents to please consider donating to this project. By donating you would be supporting our efforts to provide community members with a public art space designed for residents and business patrons of all ages. As a thank you for your generosity, we would name all donors in a special thanks plaque that will be painted alongside the mural, and a in our newsletter when the project is complete. Your donation would be tax deductible. As the year end approaches, we know you have many choices of excellent projects to support, but we do hope you consider us. It is a rare opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the unique charm and character of our neighborhood.

Donations are accepted securely online at calheights.org/donate or by checks mailed to CHNA 3553 Atlantic Ave., PMB 350, LB, CA 90807. If you have any questions, please email murals@calheights.org. The entire CHNA Board thanks you for your support. 🐾

New Cal Heights Mural

by Christa Stelzmüller

As the year wraps up, we want to take the opportunity to inform residents about one of the multiple projects CHNA has begun since the completion of the lamppost project. It has long been CHNA's mission to foster a sense of com-

President's Message

A MESSAGE FROM HUGH LITTLE

Well, it's been a long year. I can't really think of any other way to say it. Some of us have gotten more than we could have hoped for, some of us probably feel we've lost more than we could possibly have imagined. It is my sincere hope that we will all be able to put our friendships and friendliness with our neighbors above all else. The holidays are upon us, when just about every practitioner of any religion has something to look forward to, and just about every non-practitioner of any religion has a lot of nice excuses for good meals, parties and celebration.

Please keep your eyes open for fundraising request for the completion of the Cal Heights Market's California Heights Mural. We're hoping to get over the finish line for fundraising around the beginning of the year, and if we're able to, we'll be able to 'book end' two poles on one of our major north/south thoroughfares with really nice local art.

We're still looking for another board member to join and help the CHNA with its ongoing efforts to maintain and improve our neighborhood. If you have the energy and time left over as you come out the other side of this holiday season, please reach out. As always, you can contact me at hughlittle@gmail.com.

It is, of course, not too early to be thinking about next year's home tour, as well. One of the most difficult parts of this major event, is finding homeowners willing to participate. If you are interested or inquisitive, let us know! Our stalwart selection committee can get in touch with you sooner rather than later.

Best wishes for the past and coming year,

Kindly,



Hugh Little, CHNA President



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Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner



On November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day. Did you have someone you thought of - a family member, a friend, maybe someone who gave their life to protect our freedom? These days we are all searching for a hero, someone to look up to, someone to make us proud. Here in Cal Heights we had such a hero, a man who acted with honor and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country,

Captain Billy E. Phelps.

Captain Phelps lived with his family on Gaviota Avenue. He was an aviator and served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. During that time he flew 24 missions over Germany, was captured and imprisoned in Stalag Luft III, the camp made famous in the movie *The Great Escape*. Captain Phelps escaped the Nazis not once but twice during the forced march of hundreds of U.S. service men during the winter of 1945. After his final capture, his camp was liberated by the U.S. Third Army on April 19, 1945 at 11:58 am under the command of General Patton. He remembered the exact time. It took Captain Phelps a full year to recover from the devastating effects of imprisonment and malnutrition.

Captain Phelps along with 16 million Americans were heroes during that terrible conflict, but what sets him apart is that even after his horrific treatment in the camps he volunteered to fly needed supplies back into Germany during the Berlin Airlift. He piloted over 160 missions assisting the recovery of people who were once his enemy. On December 5, 1948 he was tragically killed when the C-54 he was piloting crashed. He was just 26 years old.

Although Captain Phelps died a long time ago we still have heroes among us. Look around at the teachers, firefighters, nurses and volunteers who work every day to make sure our American way of life continues. Tom Brokaw said that Captain Phelps belonged to the "Greatest Generation", but maybe we need to instill to our young people the attributes of heroes: dedication, sacrifice and compassion and so they, too, can become the greatest generation. 🇺🇸

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Bike Friendly Long Beach

by Stacey Morrison

On November 12th Long Beach had it's 3rd Beach Streets event, this time it was in midtown. Beach Streets is an open streets event designed to showcase businesses and neighborhoods. For a single day, the city closes a major traffic corridor to cars and opens the street to people walking, bicycling, roller-skating or skateboarding. The event attracts local residents and visitors from the entire city to explore and discover the area at a slower "foot-traffic" pace. Previous Beach Streets events have attracted more than 40,000 people.

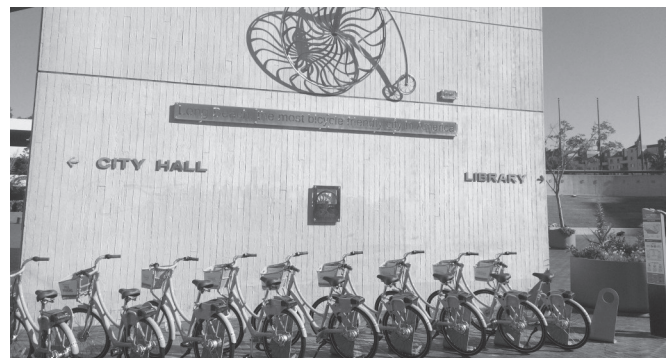
If you missed Beach Streets and feel the urge to bike around the city, you can hop on a blue bike. In March of this year the city unveiled a new bike share program, which you may have noticed several blue bikes at various parts of the city.

When fully implemented, the bike share program will include 500 powder blue bicycles at 50 stations throughout Long Beach. You can easily check out bikes and find maps at longbeachbikeshare.com.

The 9th Annual Long Beach Bike Count took place on October 20th and 23rd. Volunteers counted cyclists and pedestrians at 36 locations across the city. This program is one of the longest-running bike counts in the country and has relied on volunteers for its success.

This is an important event because it gives city planners and engineers data to make informed decisions about the city's transportation network. Counts are conducted before and after new infrastructure projects are constructed to determine the effectiveness and popularity of specific types of bikeways. Bike count data are also used to supplement safety statistics and have enabled the city to engaged in targeted public safety campaigns.

You can download bike maps and view bike tours at www.bikelongbeach.org. ↗



Victorian Christmas at the Bembridge House

By Karen Highberger

Many of you may not be aware of the Bembridge House, the first City Landmark, located at 953 Park Circle, adjacent to Drake Park in the Willmore Historic District. This beautiful Queen Anne Victorian was built in 1906 and boasts 18 rooms and a carriage house. Originally built for Josephine and Stephen Green, the home has had few alterations. Stephen Green, a founder of City National Bank, spared no expense in the construction and furnishing of the home. It is filled with original features including beautiful leaded glass windows, intricate wood moldings and paneling and original light fixtures. The Greens lived in the home until 1919 when it was purchased by the Rankin family. Dorothy Rankin Bembridge lived in the home her entire life. She passed away in 1999 and Long Beach Heritage purchased the home in 2000. Dorothy Bembridge was passionate about preservation in Long Beach and served as the first Chairperson of the Cultural Heritage Commission when it was formed. Long Beach Heritage has been restoring the home ever since.

Every year at this time, a bit of magic happens at the Bembridge House. Volunteers from for the City's various Historic Districts get together and decorate the house for the Victorian Christmas Celebration. Each room is decorated by a different group in the traditional Victorian Style. The home is opened for holiday tours beginning with the Victorian Christmas Celebration on December 4th. This is a special day with refreshments, crafts for the children in the carriage house, a visit from Santa and music provided by the South Coast Chorale Singers. The beautifully maintained gardens host the ever popular Garden Boutique. The time for this event is 11:00-3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each and children under 10 are free with a reservation. A new addition to the festivities this year is the Evening Victorian Christmas for adults only. It will be held December 9th from 6:00-8:00 pm. You can see the Bembridge House at night with all of the lovely decorations illuminated and enjoy the South Coast Chorale Singers and enjoy a cup of Holiday Wassail. Tickets for this event are also \$10.00 each. Tickets for either event or holiday season tours can be purchased online at www.LBHeritage.org.

The CHNA has participated in this event since its inception many years ago. Special thanks go out to John Royce and Kerrie Weaver for their dedication to this project over the years. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this project next year, please let us know. Also, contributions of Victorian or other vintage era decorations are always welcome. The Bembridge House is a hidden jewel in Long Beach and the holiday season is a wonderful time to experience it. 🏠

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The Well-Lived Interior

By Bungalow Kev Doherty

Ours was the well-lived interior always open to gatherings with family and friends of all ages. There was no fastidious kitchen, no showcase living room or childproof coverings of any sort over the richly floral Jacobian era tapestry upholstery fabrics that Mom chose for our couch or easy chairs. My mother and father way back in 1952 brought with them from Boston to our Spanish bungalow in Hollywood, a variety of turn of the century colonial style furnishings and Persian rugs. The eclectic mix, popular within traditional interiors of historic homes along the eastern seaboard, fit perfectly in our old Hollywood castle.

Interiors designed with hand made furnishings retaining the rich patina of age and human use are the ones that endear me most! They convey the personality and tastes of the family as well as the unique life style and vital pulse animating the household. So, how are personalized interiors created and how do they remain attractive and functional over time in a variety of settings and functions?

Arts and crafts era author, artist, poet and social historian William Morris said; "Have nothing in your home that you do not deem to be useful or beautiful." It is a noble idea but one that bears expansion in the name of function and practicality for 21st century families and life styles. First, choose well-made wooden furniture showing craftsmanship. Trust your own inclinations as you blend new and antique items but take care to choose items that compliment one another and whose sizes fit well in the pervasively smaller rooms within most of our modest historic bungalows. Purchase from reputable outlets and ascertain any stores return policy. Lighting establishes ambience for furnishings and activities so choose lamps that provide adequate wattage but ones that also extend a soft warm glow to the room.

To augment your learning and preparation, visit Hennessy and Engles Bookstore in Santa Monica, the best place to purchase interior design books. Take time with your choices and the process will be just as rewarding as that finished room destined to become the favorite gathering place in your beautiful historic home. 🐾



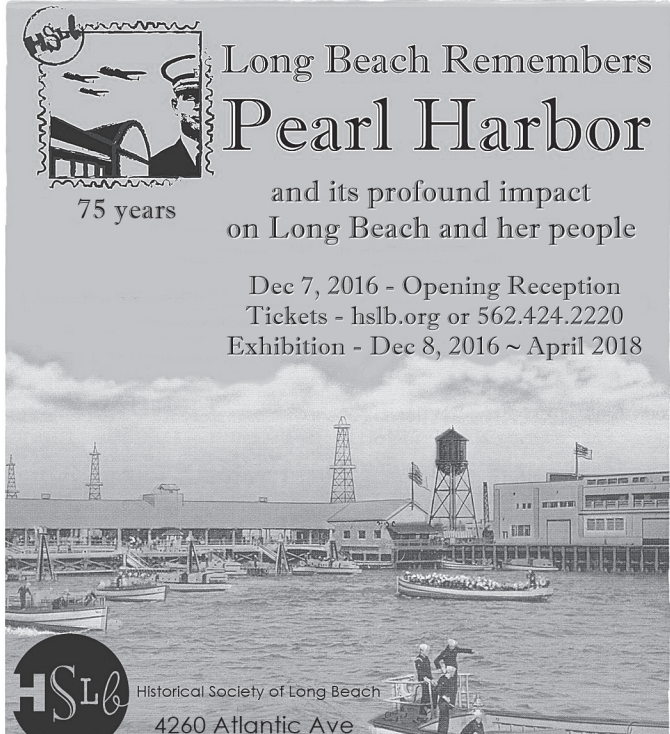
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By Nicole Weaver, Girl Scout Troop 2003

Currently more than 400,000 children are in foster care in the United States. These children, infants and children up to 18 years old, enter foster care because they have been abused, neglected, or abandoned and are unable to continue living safely with their families.

Love Gives Foster Closet is a local organization with the mission to make the transition for foster children easier and offers support for caregivers and foster parents. Because foster children often arrive to their new home with only the clothes on their backs, Love Gives Foster Closet helps provide their new families with essential clothes and items needed for the children placed in their care. Their resources are available for foster parents and caregivers, as well as supporting agencies in the Long Beach Community.

Girl Scout Troop 2003 is working with Love Gives Foster Closet this holiday season by hosting a pajama drive for the foster children of Long Beach. We would love for our family, neighbors, and friends to join us in giving the foster children NEW winter pajamas. We will be collecting unwrapped, new boys and girls pajamas sizes infant to youth large and will personally wrap and label them for the children in foster care programs. Pajamas can be dropped off at The Vintage Emporium located at 3423 Orange Avenue until December 5th.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping Troop 2003 give back to our community!.

Thanksgiving Donation

Since 1972, the Long Beach Rescue Mission has opened its doors to thousands of men, women and children. The mission provides food, clothing, shelter and spiritual guidance to the homeless and less fortunate people of the community.

The Long Beach Rescue Mission is currently collecting food in preparation for Thanksgiving. You can drop off items by Monday, November 21st. Requested items include canned fruits and vegetables, pumpkin pies, mashed potato mix, ground coffee, pancake mix and grocery gift cards. Food, clothing and monetary donations are accepted Monday-Sunday, 7 am – 8 pm at the Samaritan House: 1335 Pacific Ave. LB, CA 90813.



From the 7th

As Thanksgiving approaches, there is much to be grateful for in California Heights and the Seventh District. From my first day in office, engaged residents have contacted us to report everything from trees that need trimming and sidewalks that need mending to broader issues like the proposed FIS Customs facility. I am grateful to hear from all our residents as they have allowed us to better address the issues important to our community.

Thanks to our conversations with residents, we have been better able to target issues that need immediate attention. We continue to work closely with the Department of Public Works to ensure that we are addressing the upkeep of our streets, sidewalks, and public rights of way so that residents can safely move through our communities. The City of Long Beach has also funded a study that will assess the condition of every alley in the City. This study will identify the alleys most in need of repair and we can finally address those that have long been neglected.

Recently, we have partnered with members of the California Heights Neighborhood Association and are working to start a Business Improvement District (BID). In addition to this partnership, great businesses have opened in California Heights, such as Keystone Uniforms, and new ownership at Babe's Kitchen—do try and stop by sometime for their incredible homemade jam.

Lastly, I recently honored the members of the California Heights Clean Team at City Council for the wonderful work they do each and every week to clean up our neighborhood. For these great developments, and the prospect of those in the future, I am grateful this Thanksgiving.

Let's keep working together on improving California Heights and the Seventh District!

Respectfully yours,
Roberto Uranga

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Carl has been busy planning programs. Maybe your tween/teen attended one of our Halloween Movie showings in October (remember "Beetlejuice"?), or the Wii/games afternoon.

Carl offers one-on-one computer classes on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. These are one hour sessions and are by appointment only.

Interested in downloading and reading an e-book but don't know where to start? Check our online calendar for an Overdrive presentation. The first one will be November 18th from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm in the Dana community room.

Tweens/teens can make Dream Catchers, November 23rd @ 3:30 pm.

Wow, so many new things going on around here!

Our preschool storytime meets Fridays at 10:30 am. This is a literature based program that includes stories, finger-plays, flannel-board stories/activities, and a craft. It's designed for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. While we offer this program year-round, we will take a short break during the holiday season. Our last meeting will be December 9th.

And last but not least, our Imagineer Club still meets Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

So come on in and meet the new crew here, and see what else may be going on.

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Babe's Kitchen Everything Old is New Again

By Tom Underhill

A Long Beach institution for a hearty breakfast to power a workday in the oil fields of Signal Hill is about to celebrate forty years of continual business on Wardlow Road here in California Heights. Babe's Kitchen, started by George Whitlock on November 8, 1976, serves home made pies, jams and bread along with classic farm table breakfast. It has been a regular spot to eat for those up and ready to go at 5:30 am.

On October of this year; new owners, (and Bixby Knolls residents) Beckie Cousens and husband Gabriel Flores took over the eatery and look forward to another forty years of local success. The staff has increased from George and his two longtime waitresses Jacki and Kris, to seven, and includes Ivan helping the cooking deck full time, with help behind the scenes from Beckie and Gabriel.

Long time favorites, like pork chops and eggs, biscuits and gravy and corn beef hash, are still on the menu along with new inspired daily specials, including bread pudding and a kale/spinach omelette which are announced on a giant chalkboard on the back wall. The homemade jams, thick cut grilled toast along with pies and cobbler are favorites with longtime patrons, as well as with newbies investigating this family run café for the first time. A fortieth celebration and retirement party for George will be happening sometime in mid-November. 🍷

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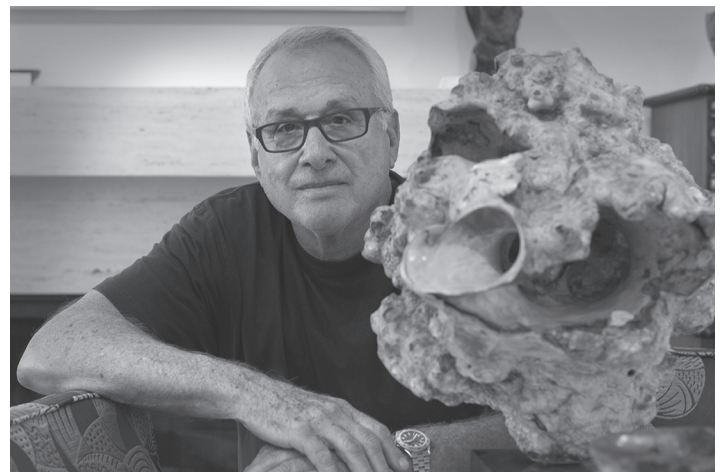
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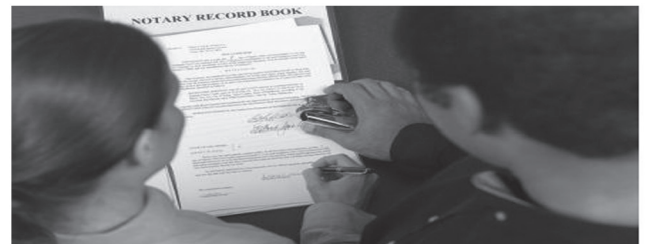
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What's New? What's Happening?

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

We need your help and participation. We need your dedication and even a few dollars, too. Small Business Saturday is coming up on November 26th and it's your chance to make a big impact to your local business district. Small Business Saturday is just so important that I "lifted" a lot of this information right from American Express, Forbes Magazine, and the Institute for Local Self-Reliance. I can argue that every day is a Small Business Saturday but this national program helps remind locals of its importance.

We know most folks will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and then hit the streets on Black Friday shopping for the best deals, maybe even doing some online shopping. But we want you to save the date and keep your calendar clear for Saturday, November 26th. We ask that you explore Bixby Knolls and take advantage of the goods and services around. You can get your car washed, fill up your gas tank, go out to eat once (or twice), enjoy a dessert, get your hair cut or nails done, enjoy a massage, buy gifts!, buy gift certificates, buy some nice wine or craft beers, get your pet groomed or treat them to a play date, and other adventures in your own neighborhood. We even will have a fun scavenger hunt planned for you to take part in and win some prizes!

Want some background info? "Shop Small is a nationwide movement to celebrate small businesses every day and to help communities thrive. Created by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday® is the cornerstone of American Express Shop Small efforts. Small businesses thrive. By shopping or dining at small businesses throughout the year, you're showing your support for local businesses.

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1. Local Character and Prosperity In an increasingly homogenized world, communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character have an economic advantage.

2. Community Well-Being Locally owned businesses build strong communities by sustaining vibrant town centers, linking neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships, and contributing to local causes.

3. Local Decision-Making Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made locally by people who live in the community and who will feel the impacts of those decisions.

4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy Compared to chain stores, locally owned businesses recycle a much larger share of their revenue back into the local economy, enriching the whole community.

5. Job and Wages Locally owned businesses create more jobs locally and, in some sectors, provide better wages and benefits than chains do.

6. Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurship fuels America's economic innovation and prosperity, and serves as a key means for families to move out of low-wage jobs and into the middle class.

7. Public Benefits and Costs Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

8. Environmental Sustainability Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

9. Competition A marketplace of tens of thousands of small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

10. Product Diversity A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices. © Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

Bixby Knolls is such an amazing place and in full renaissance mode. Your consistent support is what will keep it so. We thank you and our businesses thank you for your participation. We look forward to bumping into you somewhere around the district. 🐾

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✂ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ✂

Wednesdays: Cal Heights Pavement Pounders Walking Group
6:30 to 7:30 pm Wardlow & Lemon

Thursdays: Clean Streets Litter pickup - 8 am at Wardlow & Lime

Fridays: Preschool Story Time (3 to 5 yrs of age) at the Dana Branch Library 10:30 am

Saturdays: Strollers Walking Group - 7:30 am at our local Atlantic Avenue Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf

First Friday of each Month: firstfridayslongbeach.com

Every third Sunday: Kidical Mass Bike Ride, bixbyknollsinfo.com

Every Second Saturday: Hazardous Waste Collection at EDCO,
9 am to 1 pm longbeachrecycles.org

Saturday, November 26 - Small Business Saturday. Get out and shop local.

Saturday, November 26 - Turkey Trot, 5 or 10K race. Details at justinrudd.com/trot.html

Friday, December 2 - First Fridays!

Tuesday, December 6 - Tea at the Rancho, From 1 pm to 4 pm: Scones, sandwiches and sweets served on the festively-decorated sun porch. Reservations required. rancholoscerritos.org

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www.lbcode.org

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570-2500

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