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Roundabouts Coming Closer to Cal Heights

By John Moreland

As you are probably aware, a sizable roundabout, or traffic circle, was recently installed at Bixby and Linden. According to the City of Long Beach, this round-about was just one in a series of traffic calming measures for the 9.5-mile bicycle boulevard that will connect North Long Beach to Downtown. Improvements are already underway at Linden and Carson to provide median islands. Future improvements are planned at San Antonio Drive and Linden, Elm near Carson, and other intersections in North Long Beach.

Roundabouts are not new to Long Beach. The most famous roundabout (and likely the busiest in Southern California) is at Pacific Coast Highway, Lakewood Boulevard, and Los Coyotes Diagonal, known as the Los Alamitos Traffic Circle. This roundabout handles over 60,000 vehicles daily and was built in 1930 to accommodate the large volume of traffic expected for the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. In recent years, the City has made a push to build roundabouts along bicycle corridors – Pacific Avenue, 6th Street, and Vista Street to name a few.

There is a misconception that roundabouts are not as safe or efficient as typical stop or signalized intersections. Although the total number of accidents are sometimes higher with roundabouts, one thing is well documented, accidents that happen in roundabouts are predominately without injury or with minor injuries. When looking at fatalities, major injuries, pedestrian or bicycle-involved accidents, roundabouts have a much safer track record than typical stop signs or even stop lights. The U.S. Department of Transportation, Caltrans, and others agree that roundabouts are generally safer and more efficient than traditional stop or signalized intersections.

On another note, we are looking at ways to improve our streets within Cal Heights, particularly on 37th Street between Walnut and Cherry. We are considering treatments such as a linear park, a median, or roundabouts there. We would like to hear your thoughts about improving 37th Street. Please let us know by emailing info@calheights.org or by attending one of our monthly board meetings which are announced at facebook.com/calheights.

President's Message

Hello again,

Our inaugural California Heights Movie Night, held on August 22nd, was a success. The 'Got Paella' Truck sold out completely, I figured out how to use the official Cal Heights popcorn machine before it was too late, and Ferris Bueller's Day Off was its timeless self. The most memorable element of the evening, however, may have been the astonishingly-sized (and proportionately delicious) peach cobbler that quickly became the basis for its own economy. We are going to try to make this a regular occurrence, and we're tentatively planning to have them on a more-or-less quarterly basis.

Our renewed emphasis on making our monthly meetings more easily accessible to the public is also progressing nicely. The major issue we have encountered so far tracks back to the fact that we frequently have to reschedule our meetings, and I have not yet mastered updating the corresponding Facebook Events. Remaining 2018 meetings are currently scheduled for Tuesdays, October 2 and November 6, and will be held at Liberation Brewing Co. on Atlantic Avenue. If there are any changes, I'll be updating the Facebook Event notices on the California Heights Neighborhood Association page.

As we approach holiday shopping, don't forget to think and shop local! We're blessed with a rich variety of shopping options in Cal Heights and Bixby Knolls, and we can only maintain that diversity for as long as we support them.

Kindly,
Hugh Little, CHNA President

NOVEMBER 3 - ALLEY CLEANUP

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 3 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am for our second annual alley cleanup. We'll meet at the corner of Gundry and 36^{th} .

Bags, gloves, and refreshments provided, tools are appreciated. This is a great opportunity to dump any large objects: mattresses, furniture, carpet etc. bring unwanted items to Gundry and 36th until 11:15.

Then join us afterward at Liberation Brewing Co. for a special Cal Heights post cleanup brew! For more information, visit facebook.com/calheights.









Cal Heights Looking Back @Jennifer Boscoe

By Frances Stoner

This year the California fires have taken a devastating toll, over 1.4 million acres burned, thousands of homes destroyed, and tragically many people lost their lives (including several firefighters). We stand in awe of the bravery, stamina, and determination these men and women show every time the fire bell rings.

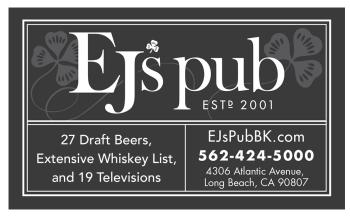
But how does one decide they have the "right stuff" to succeed in such a dangerous and grueling career? Lucky for me, I can just walk across the street and ask my Cal Heights neighbor, Jennifer Boscoe.

Jennifer was first intrigued by the lifestyle that firemen seemed to have. They were athletic, had plenty of excitement, and a secure job. But she just wasn't certain a woman "could be" a fireman. After seeing a program on TV in 1982 about the first two female firefighters in L.A., she decided to send in an interest card. Five long years later she was contacted by L.A. Fire. It took another year of physical and mental tests before she was accepted to fire academy. She began in a class of 60, 2 of which were women.

To say that academy was a trial by fire would be an understatement. Many men did not agree that a woman "could be" a firefighter and were determined to see her fail. Jennifer trained relentlessly to meet the physical demands of the job, including handling 300 pound ladders and running drills in full 100-pound turnout gear. But she did not realize how mentally tough she would have to be to succeed. The tougher they got on her, the more determined she became. "There were days I thought I simply cannot go on, and then I thought you are not going to make me quit." She graduated in 1986 and for the first time told her parents what she had been up to. She was assigned to Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood. Jennifer's 32-year firefighting career has included becoming a paramedic, recruiter, fitness instructor, fire inspector, and Department Representative interfacing with the media.

Jennifer's success as a female firefighter was not lost on Hollywood. She has been a consultant on several projects, including the television show Third Watch, where the character Maurice "Bosco" Boscorelli was named in her honor. So why go through the rigors of fire academy, endure the discrimination of being female, brave towering infernos, survive gunfire on 911 calls, and face a Hollywood producer? Jennifer summed it up nicely - "It is simply the best job you could have."





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Cal Heights In Pictures

By Tom Underhill

#1: Play Music On The Porch Day celebration

#2: National Night Out community event

#3: Sharing scooters now in Cal Heights







October is Arts Month

By Susan Hawkins

In celebration of Long Beach's Arts Month as well as the National Arts and Humanities Month, some local artists will be opening up their studios to visitors during the Open Studio Tour. Come see your local artist's in their working environments that are not usually open to the public.

The Tour is a free and self-guided. All you need is the tour map which can be downloaded from the tour website or found around town at local businesses, coffee houses, and merchants. The tour website includes the map of studio locations as well as profiles of the participating artists and links to preview the artists' work ahead of time. The studios are marked with lawn signs bearing the studio tour logo. Some studios will also have live music and light refreshments. Check the tour website for the music schedule.

This year, the tour will be happening over 3 separate weekends. The studios west of Cherry Avenue will be open on October 13th and 14th and studios east of Cherry Avenue will be open October 20th and 21st. The weekend of October 27th and 28th is for all artists who opt to open their studios for a second time. Studios are open from Noon until 5pm. So visit LBopenstudiotour.com, plan your route, get together with friends and come out to support your local artists! 😝

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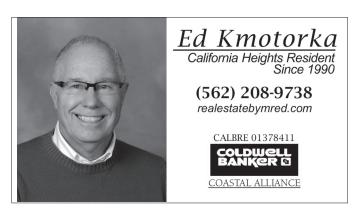
Stumbling on a cracked sidewalk while staring at newly painted graffiti from across a pothole-laden street? Not to fear, the GO Long Beach app can help!

The GO Long Beach app provides us the ability to report problems such as graffiti, damaged sidewalks, and potholes, from our mobile devices. All you have to do is select the appropriate problem, take a photo, and then click submit. The location is automatically prepopulated. In addition, Long Beach has apps to access the LB Public Library and LB Police Department; the Auditor's office and the Airport; find an open parking spot when wanting to shop our local businesses; and get voting information.

To download any of the city apps to your phone via iTunes or Google Play, navigate from the City of Long Beach's main webpage at www.longbeach.gov, or visit www.longbeach.gov/ti/modernization/go-longbeach-apps/.









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Three Victorian Christmas Tours at the Bembridge House

by Chris Hogan

The enchantment of the Bembridge House Victorian Christmas returns! This year's theme is "Victorian Christmas Far and Near." Come marvel at the beauty of the decorations and enjoy learning about holiday traditions from around the globe as you tour the property. You will no doubt be dazzled by the creativity of the volunteer decorators from Long Beach's Historic Neighborhoods, (including California Heights), Community Groups, and Long Beach Heritage.

The traditional daytime event will be held on December 2nd from 11am to 2pm. Besides tours of the House, this family-oriented day will include crafts for children, a visit from Santa, and refreshments. The South Coast Chorale will be singing carols for everyone to enjoy.

The two nighttime adults-only Victorian Christmas tours of the House will be held on Friday, December 7th and 14th from 6pm to 8pm. The evening setting is perfect to showcase the Bembridge House's yuletide glow. The shiny sparkle of all the twinkling lights, the chandeliers, and the flickering candles are not to be missed! Bring friends so you can celebrate the season together with a cup or two of holiday wassail.

Each year the Bembridge House gardeners and volunteers create a Garden Boutique in and around the Carriage House. The emphasis is on natural items. Small and large succulent bowls, as well as beautifully hand-crafted ornaments, wreaths, bird treats, and garden art are for sale and make for unique treasured keepsakes for yourself or as a gift for someone special!

Space is limited, so reservations are required. Reservations for the daytime December 2nd Christmas Tour are \$15 and for the two nighttime December 7th and 14th tours are \$20. You can make a reservation at www.lbheritage.org. \$\sigma\$

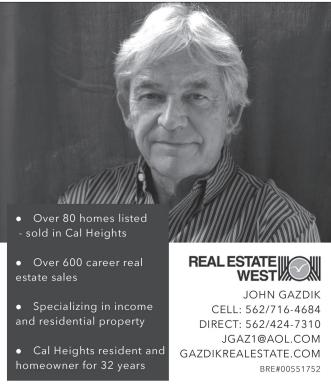
Oct. 15 Deadline to Register to Vote

The deadline to register or re-register to vote for any election is on the 15th calendar day before that election.

You will need your California driver license or California identification card number, the last four digits of your social security number, and your date of birth. Details are found at registertovote.ca.gov.



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At Your Local Library

by Josephine Caron, Senior Librarian DANA Neighborhood Library 3680 Atlantic Avenue

LIBRARY CARDS: Although September is designated as National Library Card Sign-Up Month, anytime is a good time to get a LB Public Library card. If you don't have a card, visit the Dana Branch library and bring a picture ID with proof of current address. With a LBPL card you can check out books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks; use computers; get homework help; utilize self-check out stations; access the library's educational, business and marketing databases such as Lynda.com; take practice tests for the PSAT, SAT, and GRE; download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and music. The LBPL library card is free but priceless and belongs in every wallet, pocket, and backpack.

STORYTIME: Make sure to bring your toddler to storytime on Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15 am. Each storytime features a theme, followed by crafts relating to the theme and playtime. What a joy it is to see toddlers so excited about books and visiting the library!

HOMEWORK HELP: We encourage students to use our Family Learning Center. Our new Learning Guide is looking forward to meeting Dana students Tuesday-Friday afternoons and helping them with their homework.

ENTERTAINMENT: On a lighter note, due to popular demand and for just plain frightening fun, Frankenstein's lab returns this year for tweens and teens ages 9-17. They can enjoy games, food, and a movie on Thursday, October 25 from 4-6 pm. If you're looking for free family entertainment on a Saturday afternoon, come and watch a movie in the Dana Library meeting room at 1 pm.

The Dana Branch is the proud recipient of an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Pitch-an-Idea Mini Grant to expand after school and off school programs for our energetic, thriving, and diverse teen population ages 10-17. The project restructures the Teen Café after school program and promotes activities that enhance social and educational skills through recreational activities. It provides age appropriate video games and board games that increase mental acuity such as chess, checkers, and scrabble as well as learning experiences with 3D printing and Eyewitness science casting and molding crafts. The programs will enhance Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills and build teamwork and confidence in a positive and nurturing environment. We will launch this program in November. If you have any questions, swing by, call us at 562-570-1042 or visit the library's website at lbpl.org. 🚓



From the 7th
By Roberto Uranga

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Summer has come to a close, which means many of us are back in the thick of a new school year. For us at City Hall, the end of summer also means a new budget for the city.

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget was approved on 9/4/2018, and there are a lot of exciting things in store for us this next fiscal year. This year's budget addresses homelessness, provides \$1.9 million for a neighborhood Safe Streets initiative, provides \$3 million in funding for new Police and Fire academies, and adds new police and fire-fighters. In addition to public safety, the City will continue its focus on infrastructure and will increase funding to the arts and social equity for youth and children.

We made many infrastructure improvements in Cal Heights over the last few months. Some improvements include sidewalk repairs on the 3400 block of Lewis Ave., pothole repairs on the 500 block of Wardlow, and a signal timing adjustment made on 36th and Long Beach Blvd. There are many more improvements in the pipeline, including the removal of every backlogged tree stump.

I would like to take a moment to tell you about my experience at Blackbird Café, which recently opened for dinner. I enjoyed the tuna melt and my wife, Tonia, could not stop raving about the pork chops. It is important to support your local businesses, and I encourage everyone to check it out! Blackbird Café is located at Wardlow and Orange.

Finally, I am excited to let you all know that planning has begun for our 65th Annual Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane Parade, which will be taking place on Saturday, December 8th, 2018 at 5pm. The Parade began in 1953 as the brainchild of Gertrude Whittle and has grown year over year under the stewardship of Maria Norvell. If you are interested in becoming a part of this historic event by participating, volunteering, or donating to support the parade please call my office at 562-570-7777, email at district?@longbeach.gov or visit www. longbeach.gov/district7 to download a parade application.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



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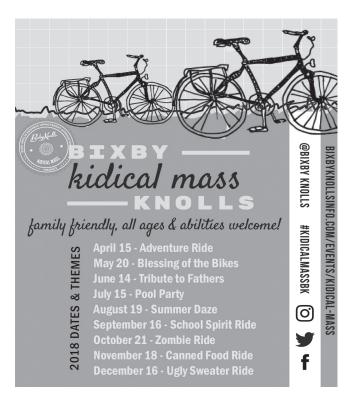
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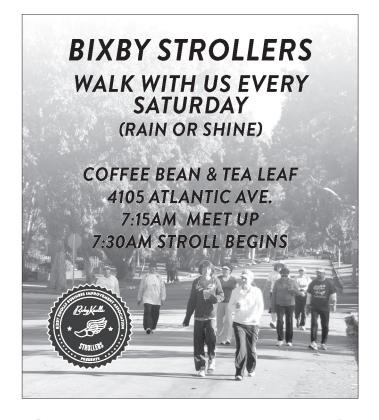


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IN THE KNOW'LLS What's New? What's Happening?

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

Hi Neighbors,

Happy fall and happy Pumpkin season. I say that because I have a close friend who gets Pavlovian at the mention of pumpkin lattes, pumpkin pie, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin soup, pumpkin candles, pumpkin ice cream, pumpkin cheese cake, and pumpkin tortilla chips. I'd call that fanatical but to each his own. October to me also means Trojan football is in full swing and as much as I try to resist I start to think about Halloween, my favorite classic horror and monster movies, haunted houses, and what costumes Marley will wear this year (I have hopes for a Joan of Arc costume among choices of a princess or a witch).

I encourage you to come by the Expo Arts Center on Friday, October 5, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The building will be jam packed as we celebrate Arts Month. There will be a great art show in the main room and a very special Port of Long Beach photography exhibit in the North Room sponsored by the Arts Council for Long Beach. Look for other great things happening along the avenue, too, as businesses host artists, musicians, and have plenty of great specials for you to enjoy.

Our Knights of the Round (Turn) Table sessions have been great fun and in September we discussed The Doors "The Doors" record. Our next session will be October 25, 6:30pm, in the Terrace Room of the Long Beach Petroleum Club. Sign up for our newsletter to get the announcement of each music selection. We eat, drink, and listen to great music together. We even feature an "opening act" from an attendee who brings in one special song to share with the

group before we get into the night's featured selection. I really look forward to this all month.

On October 21st, we have our annual Kidical Mass Zombie Ride which is always a favorite. We hire a professional makeup artist to "ugly" the faces of the riders before we go. I get a kick out of how people react as 40 zombies ride past them. The ride will begin at 1 pm at Georgie's Place, 3850 Atlantic.

Speaking of Georgie's Place, have you tried their pinot and ice cream dessert treat? Absolutely refreshing and delicious. A perfect adult treat when you want something sweet with just a little kick to it.

Also on October 21st is our new "Walktoberfest" event to add to your Oktoberfest celebrations. All the details will soon be posted on our website but here's the gist: For \$20 you get a special beer boot mug on a lanyard, pretzels, one free beer, and a card listing all of the participating locations offering food and drink specials. This is our first in a new series of "Brewery Knolls" events.

Monthly recommendation: La Casita Rivera, 3819 Atlantic Avenue. I hope you have been to this family owned spot that people rave about the guacamole, Happy Hour, and Taco Tuesdays. They have so many delicious options it's good to order a number of different things to share with your whole table. Stop by Tuesday through Thursday from 3pm to 6pm for \$4 Michelada's, Margaritas, wine, draft and bottled beer plus \$1.25 tacos! Make sure to say hi to the very sweet and accommodating Lili. La Casita Rivera is the perfect example of a small entrepreneur pursuing the American Dream.

At the time of this writing things are buzzing around Ambitious Ales (opening in late October), the former Hof's Hut property, former Nino's property (construction going strong), and Smart & Final Extra! (opening soon after a few minor construction delays). The former Baja Sonora space has a new tenant in Hortencia's. The owners have other locations near Crestline and found Bixby Knolls to open a new location. Keep your head on a swivel as you walk or drive around and you'll see the changes in the district.

As always, we thank you for supporting your local businesses. Please continue to do so and help make our district thrive. See you in the neighborhood.

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