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State of the City

On Tuesday, January 15th, Mayor Robert Garcia delivered his fifth State of the City address at the Terrace Theatre.

Starting the evening off with a sweet moment, the Mayor introduced his new husband, Matt Garcia, as the First Dude of Long Beach. Then for the next hour the Mayor talked about significant accomplishments of 2018 and some challenges as we move into 2019. To watch the full State of the City, visit longbeach.gov/mayor/ stateofthecity.

Some highlights the Mayor discussed include Long Beach having the lowest rate of employment at 4.1%, the city is building 5,000 new homes (which is above the 4,000 home goal), crime is at a record low, and the Port of Long Beach moved the most cargo in it's history.

Additionally, Mayor Garcia discussed the eight ballot measures that he has proposed over the last five years, all of which have passed. Measure A is one of those ballots which has generataed more than \$140 million in new revenue, funded 41 new fire and police department positions, created new and improved existing parks, created 6 new playgrounds, has repaired or replaced over 330 residential streets, and repaired sidewalks in every district.

Also discussed, was the success of Animal Care Services. The number of animals euthanized in 2018 was below 1000, which is a great improvement from 2014 when the city euthanized 3200 animals. While this number is good, it wasn't good enough as evident from the many protesters outside the Terrance Theatre.

Long Beach's biggest challenge is afforable housing and assisting our homeless population. A 125 bed year-round shelter will soon open in the city, details will be announced in the upcoming weeks. &

President's Message

Short and sweet this time. 2019 is a California Heights Historic Home Tour year! Even though its eight months away we begin looking for homes now. If you are interested in being on the tour, or know someone who might be, please email us at info@calheights.org.

We'll also try to move forward on some of our other projects that have been discussed in previous newsletters, but the Home Tour will keep us pretty busy for most of the year. Board meetings will continue to take place at Liberation Brewing Company on Atlantic at 8:00 PM the first Tuesday of each month. When they need to be rescheduled, we will try to get the notice up on FaceBook.com/calheights prior to the original date.

Yours,

Hugh Little President, CHNA

Past Home Tour Images













Cal Heights Looking Back

By Frances Stoner

Taking a stroll down Atlantic Avenue the other day I couldn't help but notice all the new restaurants that are currently vying for our attention. Some seem to open and close within months while others seem to stand the test of time. It got me to wondering what it takes to become an iconic restaurant here in our neighborhood.

Should it be the most glamorous, like the Chandelier which opened in 1955 at 4205 Atlantic. Beautiful hostesses in little French maid costumes would lead you to an opulent table where waiters in tuxedoes would ignite swords filled with food at your table, finally swooping it onto your plate, voila! How about something less dangerous but more fun? In the 60's Atlantic had its share of drive up burger places, but none as popular as Grisinger's Drive-In, complete with car hops. Surely many a teenage girl's dream came true when the captain of the football team asked her to the prom over burgers and shakes.

Maybe being famous is the answer. Bob Lemon was a Hall of Fame pitcher who played for the Cleveland Indians, but he remained a Long Beach boy at heart and opened Ricarts Restaurant at 4343 Atlantic. He graduated from LB Wilson, where he won the high school state player of the year in 1938. After serving in the Navy in WW II he began a stellar career not only as a pitcher but as a manager as well. No doubt he could regale his customers with thrilling stories of winning the World Series.

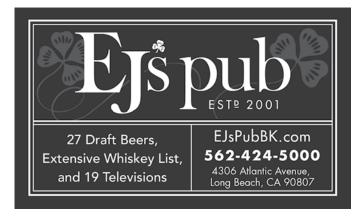
Dining on a budget? Then Arnold's Town House Cafeteria would fit the bill. Arnold's served old-style comfort food. Dismissed by fancy food aficionados but loved by many who couldn't get enough of hand-carved turkey served with tons of sides and even jello, Arnold's kept people coming back for close to 50 years.

Nino's Italian Restaurant also stood the test of time. A throw-back to the time when restaurant owners actually worked at their restaurants, Nino and his wife Inge would walk table to table greeting customers. The patrons loved the old booths, Chianti bottles hanging from the ceiling and Dean Martin crooning in the background.

Sadly, all these eateries are gone, but there is one that remains to this day, Jongewaards Bake 'N Broil. Always living up to its motto "Simply Good Food", the restaurant opened in 1965 by Roger & Carol Jongewaard. Known for their great food and incredible pies, the Bake 'N Broil is still an iconic restaurant right here in our neighborhood.



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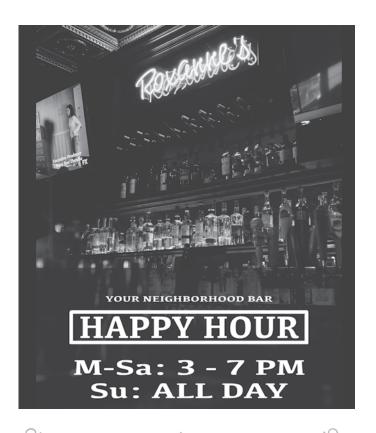
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5th Annual Docu-Shred Event

By Stacey Morrison

On Saturday, January 26th you may have seen a very long line of cars on Bixby Road waiting to pull into Hughs Middle School. In fact, from 8 am to 11 am there were 348 cars that dropped off Ewaste and documents to be shredded.

This was the 5th Annual Docu-Shred Event hosted by local realtor Andrea Testa. Not only did this give residents the opportutnity to safetly dispose of their electronic waste and shred their documents, but Andrea and team raised over \$2,100 for the Hughes Environmental Science class!

What a great event, which Andrea says she will again host next year! &

Alley Cleanups for 2019

Please mark your calendars for the two annual alley cleanups of 2019. Residents can discard of any big items (no hazardous or e-waste please).

- --Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 36th and Lewis, 9 am to 11 am.
- --Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 36th and Gundry, 9 am to 11 am.

Details found at facebook.com/calheights.

Special Refuse Pickup

By Stacey Morrison

The City of Long Beach provides each residential account four free Special Collections per year. To request a special collection, call the Hotline at 570-2876. For details on rules and regulations for special pickups visit, longbeach.gov/lbrecycles/refuse/special-collections/special-collection-101.

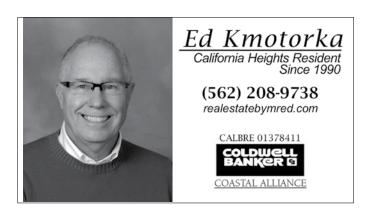
Unwanted items can often be reused by someone else. Consider donating items to a resale organization or thrift shop. Most of these organizations will pick up free of charge. Here is a list of organizations that may pick up your unwanted furniture, computers, appliances, etc:

- Long Beach Goodwill
 610 Atlantic Avenue (562) 989-3630
- Salvation Army
 3060 Long Beach Boulevard (562) 426-7637
- American Cancer Society Belmont Shore
 5235 E. 2nd Street (562) 621-6787
- AMVETS Thrift Store
 3315 E. South Street (562) 470-6805
- Assistance League of LB Thrift & Vintage Shop
- 2100 E. Fourth Street (562) 434-7121
- The Feed Store 2001 E. 4th Street (562) 433-7500
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Cal Heights In Pictures

By Tom Underhill

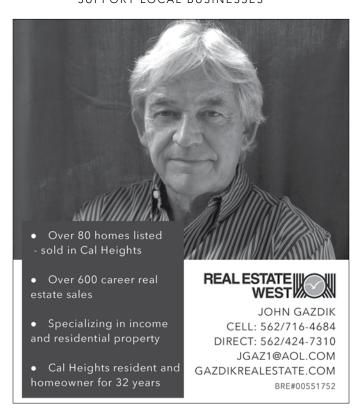
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At Your Local Library

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

RESOLUTION – CONNECT WITH THE DANA LIBRARY

Please add connecting with Dana Library to your New Year's resolutions. Whether it's to learn to use an online database, download eBooks, read one more book per month or attend a program, we are here to help you achieve your goals.

Teen Focus – We started the New Year running by launching our new Teen Focus program on January 16th. The program engages tweens and teens ages 10-17 in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related activities while having fun. We featured our new 3D printer and Nintendo Switch as well as board games and our library's online student resources. Teen Focus takes place Tuesdays-Thursdays from 3:00-5:30 pm.

Blind Date with a Book - Dana is playing matchmaker again this Valentine's month! Come in and get matched with a mystery book of your choosing from February 1-14.

Kanopy Database Seminar – We will highlight Kanopy on Saturday, February 2 from 1:00-1:45 pm. Learn about this free video streaming platform featuring movies, films and documentaries.

Art @ Dana -- Join us as we learn about African-American contributions to art during Black History Month. Participants will get a chance to re-create and keep a piece of art on February 23 from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Dictionary Days - Dana Library promotes literacy with a special program, "A Series of Unfortunate Letters: A Lemony Snicket Dictionary Adventure." Families will use their wits, creativity, intelligence and clues to solve a series of puzzles and activities on Tuesday, March 12 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Dictionary Days is an annual event supported by the Long Beach Public Library Foundation.

Tech Fridays – Get one-on-one technology help on Fridays. Sessions are 30 minutes long and are scheduled from 1:00 -3:00 pm. Call 562-570-1042 or visit the library to make an appointment.

As always, we look forward to seeing you soon at Dana.



From the 7th
By Roberto Uranga

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to a New Year! I am excited for this year and ready to work with each one of you to improve the 7th and our City.

I was recently asked about my predictions for the new year and

I have wishes rather than predictions. For the City of Long Beach, I hope for a balanced budget, more collegiality among my colleagues, and shorter council meetings; for the Seventh District, I want to see continued business growth, economic development and infrastructure enhancements such as fixed streets, sidewalks, and trimmed trees; Personally, I wish for love, health and prosperity for my kids and the strength to make right decisions.

We must also keep in mind our most vulnerable populations and the less fortunate in our homeless communities. Last month, our City Council received a report from our Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force detailing policy and service recommendations to improve our city's responses to the homeless situation in Long Beach. These recommendations included expansion of mental health services and prevention strategies and setting clear goals for housing to reduce the number of people who experience homelessness each year in Long Beach. Let's keep working together on improving the quality of life for all of our Long Beach residents.

As always, it is a pleasure serving the Cal Heights Neighborhood and our Seventh District community. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 562-570-7777 and via email at district?@longbeach.gov.

Sincerely,

Roberto Uranga Councilmember, Seventh District City of Long Beach &



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- 10/20 Zombie Ride
- 11/17 Canned Rood Ride
- 12/15 Ugly Sweater Ride





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

by Blair Cohn, Executive Director BKBIA

I turned the page and it said February. At this point it feels like we are back in the full routine and the holidays are far off in the rear view mirror...and the post-holiday malaise is over, too. It's full steam ahead and we are planning our summer concerts, flash events, Women's History Month, and Mardi Gras celebrations, as well as our favorite Long Beach County Fair at First Fridays.

We kick off our annual Black History Month celebration on February 1st at First Fridays. The theme this year is Caribbean History: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow - A Black History Month Event. This is a FREE, unique, multicultural, inter-generational communitywide educational celebration of art, music, culture, contributions, history, legacy, and entertainment taking place in the Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Avenue.

The 2019 event includes: Forgotten Images an exhibition of authentic cultural artifacts of African American heritage from the 1600's. New this year is the CEO Diversity Award Luncheon that will honor companies that promote diversity and demonstrate awareness of the challenges and opportunities around diversity. The luncheon begins at noon on February 1st and features Keynote Speaker Carmen Smith, VP Creative Development, Walt Disney Imagineering. The two-day celebration also includes youth sessions, panel discussions, featured speakers, musical performances, and more. Plus, we will have great artists and music up and down the avenue to help celebrate. And speaking of celebrating, I am giving you a heads up for the March 1st First Fridays Annual Mardi Gras

Parade where we take the silliness from business to business. We will soon announce the 2019 King and Queen.

Don't forget your sweethearts on Valentine's Day and you have plenty of options in the business district for dining, fun gifts, and flowers (Melinda McCoy's, Bixby Knolls Florist, Bixby Trading Post, and others).

The BKBIA is now pursuing its "Brewery Knolls" marketing by tying together all of our beer places, including: Smog City (Steelcraft), Liberation Brewing Co., Ambitious Ales, Rasselbock, Stateside Crafts, Dutch's Brewhouse, EJ's Pub, Knolls eat/drink, Bixby's Brooklyn Deli (with Timeless Pints), and Willmore wine bar for added flavor. Expect to see monthly "beer trolley" taking folks around to all these locations. We had a great time with our Walktoberfest and will do similar events prior to October coming around again.

And this is also the time of year when we are brainstorming other ideas including a "Bixby Knolls Knife Fight" where we have all the local chefs face off for a fun taste test contest and crown a favorite.

Last year we were fortunate to woo some national and international street artists to paint murals (Tom Bob from NYC; Ten Hundred from Seattle; and two Bulgarian artists). I have challenged myself to do this again as we keep upping the game to enhance our district with the arts. We showcase many Long Beach artists each month at First Fridays and have also created a reputation as an arts-friendly district in the national arts scene. I have already started our outreach and am eager to see who will next make the trek to Bixby Knolls and leave their mark.

Feature of the month: Lucy's Boudoir, 3925 Long Beach Blvd. Lucy's Boudoir is a bra-fitting boutique dedicated to helping women from AAA to O cup discover and embrace their true size. They believe that getting a proper bra fitting has a direct and positive effect on woman's health, comfort, and confidence. This is also a great spot to pick up a Valentine's Day gift.

And importantly, Happy Birthday to Alissa Cohn!

See you in the neighborhood, Blair. 🚓

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