

# May Newsletter











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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

## MAY 2025

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## Business Of The Month - Exclusive Cleaners

Congratulations to our May Business of the Month, Exclusive Cleaners!

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 100 W Railroad Street in Long Beach, MS. Exclusive Cleaners is a locally owned professional dry cleaning and laundry services. Visit their Facebook Page or stop in store to find more information.



## National Day of Prayer

Join us on Thursday, May 1st at 12:15 PM in the City Hall Meeting Room for the National Day of Prayer. This annual observance invites our community to come together in prayer and reflection for our city, state, and nation. All are welcome as we unite in faith, hope, and gratitude.



## Finally First Friday

Finally First Friday hosted by Long Beach Live is on Friday, May 3, in downtown Long Beach. This community event will feature an evening of live music in a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere beneath the oak trees. Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy performances by local musicians while spending time in the heart of our city. Live music begins at 6:00 p.m. We invite everyone to join us for an evening of music, connection, and community pride.



## City of Long Beach Congratulates the Long Beach High School Class of 2025

The City of Long Beach extends its sincerest congratulations to the graduating Class of 2025 from Long Beach High School. This momentous occasion marks the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and academic achievement. As these students embark on their next journey—whether it be higher education, military service, or entering the workforce—we commend their accomplishments and wish them continued success in all future endeavors.

In addition to celebrating the graduating class as a whole, the City would like to recognize and express its deep appreciation to the senior members of the Long Beach Mayor's Youth Council. These outstanding students have demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership, civic engagement, and public service throughout their time on the council.

The 2024–2025 Mayor's Youth Council Seniors include:

- Bella West
- Brianna Carver
- Chloe Fox
- Henry Sawyer
- Jenna Shirk
- Kindall Stullenburger
- Marlie Rath
- Shayla Nguyen
- Trent Rishel
- Ava Smith

We thank these students for their service and contributions to the City of Long Beach. Their involvement has made a lasting impact on our community, and we are confident they will continue to lead with excellence in the years to come.

Congratulations once again to the Class of 2025. The City of Long Beach is proud of you and looks forward to seeing all you will accomplish.



Long Beach Mayor's  
Youth Council

City of Long Beach

# Celebrating National Preservation Month in Long Beach

May is National Preservation Month, a time dedicated to recognizing the places, people, and stories that have shaped the character and culture of communities across the United States. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, this annual observance encourages individuals, organizations, and municipalities to promote and participate in efforts to preserve and protect the physical and cultural heritage that defines our cities and towns.

In Long Beach, we take pride in our local history and the many structures and stories that contribute to the unique identity of our city. From historic homes and civic buildings to family-owned businesses and neighborhood landmarks, these places serve as more than just physical spaces—they are touchstones that connect generations and remind us of who we are and where we've come from.

Among Long Beach's most cherished historic landmarks is the W.J. Quarles House, one of the oldest surviving homes in the city and a distinguished example of early Gulf Coast architecture. This structure represents both the craftsmanship of a bygone era and the enduring spirit of the Quarles family, who played a significant role in the city's early development. Another notable site is the Bankhouse Coffee building, which once functioned as Long Beach's post office and now continues to serve the community in a new way—blending the past with the present.

Preserving these spaces is about more than just maintaining old buildings. Historic preservation helps safeguard our community's collective memory while also contributing to economic growth, tourism, and neighborhood revitalization. It strengthens civic pride, promotes sustainability through the reuse of existing structures, and enhances the visual and cultural appeal of our city.

We encourage all residents to take this opportunity to learn more about the landmarks that make Long Beach special. Whether it's through a visit to a historic site, a conversation with a long-time resident, or supporting preservation efforts, every action plays a role in protecting our city's legacy.

Together, let's celebrate our past, preserve our present, and inspire a future where history continues to thrive in the heart of Long Beach.





# Welcoming Warmer Weather in the City of Long Beach

## Town Green Splash Pad Opening – May 1, 2025

The City is excited to welcome families back to the Town Green Splash Pad, which will officially open for the season on Wednesday, May 1, 2025. The splash pad will operate daily from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Located at Harper McCaughan Town Green, the splash pad offers a fun and family-friendly way to enjoy the outdoors, providing a safe space for children to cool off and play throughout the warmer months. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this seasonal amenity as part of our continued commitment to enhancing quality of life in Long Beach.

## Golf Cart and Low-Speed Vehicle Registration Reminder

With more residents enjoying time outdoors, the City would like to remind the public of the requirements for operating golf carts and low-speed vehicles on public roads within city limits. All golf carts and low-speed vehicles must be registered with the City of Long Beach and display a valid registration decal. Registration is required annually and can be completed through the Long Beach Building and Permit Office, located inside City Hall at 201 Jeff Davis Avenue.

Ensuring compliance with local ordinances helps promote safety and responsible use of golf carts throughout our community. We appreciate the cooperation of all residents in maintaining a safe and orderly environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike.

The City of Long Beach looks forward to a vibrant and active spring and summer season. We encourage everyone to enjoy the many recreational opportunities available while adhering to the guidelines that help keep our city safe and welcoming for all.



# Make the Most of Spring and Summer in Long Beach Parks

## Enjoy the Outdoors in Long Beach's Parks!

As the weather warms up and the days grow longer, it's the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all that Long Beach has to offer! The Long Beach Parks & Recreation Department is excited to remind residents and visitors alike of the many opportunities available for outdoor fun and relaxation across our city.

With Long Beach's parks and recreational areas, there's something for everyone—whether you're looking to play, relax, or simply enjoy the sunshine.

Our parks offer a wide range of amenities, including:

- Playgrounds
- Splash pads
- Indoor pickleball and basketball courts
- Picnic tables and pavilions
- Youth and adult ball fields
- Walking tracks (indoor and outdoor)
- Water fountains
- Ample green space for leisure and recreation

And don't forget about your four-legged friends!

Our Fetch Dog Park spans 2.5 acres and offers a safe and fun environment for dogs to run, play, and make new friends.

Featured Parks & Facilities:

- Harper McCaughan Town Green
- Town Green Splash Pad
- War Memorial Park
- Softball Fields
- Youth Football Fields
- St. Patrick's Park
- West Railroad Park
- South Forest Park
- Fetch Dog Park
- Long Beach Recreational Center
  - Indoor pickleball & basketball courts
  - Indoor & outdoor walking tracks

Whether you're hosting a family picnic, enjoying a walk, shooting hoops, or letting the kids splash and play, Long Beach's parks are here to help you make the most of the season.

Get out, get active, and enjoy your parks!

For more information or to learn how to reserve a pavilion or facility, contact the Long Beach Parks & Recreation Department.

# Celebrate Mother's Day by Supporting Local Businesses in Downtown Long Beach

## Long Beach Main Street Mother's Day Event

Long Beach Main Street invites residents and visitors to join us for a special Mother's Day Shopping and Dining Local Event on Saturday, May 2, in downtown Long Beach.

This community initiative is designed to encourage support for our small businesses while providing a meaningful way to celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives. Participating retailers and restaurants throughout the downtown area will be open and ready to help you find the perfect gift, floral arrangement, outfit, or meal to make the occasion truly special.

By choosing to shop and dine locally, you are not only honoring your loved ones—you are also investing in the growth and sustainability of our local economy. We encourage everyone to take part in this event and experience the charm and hospitality that define downtown Long Beach.

We look forward to seeing you there as we celebrate Mother's Day and the businesses that help make our city thrive.



# Stay Connected with the City of Long Beach

## Explore Monthly Updates, Community Event Listings, and Key Contact Information for City Services

**City of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter:** Your Source for Municipal Updates and Community Events

Welcome to the twelfth issue of the City of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter, your official source for updates on city operations, infrastructure improvements, and upcoming events within our community. Each edition provides timely information regarding public works, city services, and a calendar of events open to the public over the next 30 days.

**Community Calendar Submissions:** The City of Long Beach Community Calendar features events that are open to the public and taking place within city limits. If you wish to have an event considered for inclusion in the calendar, please submit your listing by the 27th of each month. Please send submissions to Courtney Cuevas, Community Affairs Director [courtney.cuevas@cityoflongbeachms.com](mailto:courtney.cuevas@cityoflongbeachms.com)

**City of Long Beach Website:** For the most up-to-date and comprehensive information about city services, departments, and programs, please visit the City of Long Beach's official website at [www.cityoflongbeachms.com](http://www.cityoflongbeachms.com). The website also contains direct links to the City's official Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages, where real-time updates and announcements are regularly posted.

**City Services Directory:** For your convenience, below is a directory of frequently contacted departments and services:

- Animal Control – 228-865-1985
- Auto Tag / Property Tax Information – 228 865-4040
- Building Permits – 228-863-1554
- Business Licenses – 228-863-1554
- Cemetery Information - 228-863-1556
- City Court – 228-865-7840
- Code Enforcement – 228-863-1554
- Emergency Police and Fire – 911
- Garbage Collection – 228-863-1556
- Harbor Master - 228-863-4795
- Human Resources – 228-863-1556
- Library - 228-863-0711
- Mayor's Office – 228-863-1556
- Parks & Recreation – 228-669-7601
- Public Schools – 228-864-1146
- Public works (ditches, signs, potholes) – 228-863-0440
- Senior Center - 228-868-7517
- Water Service – 228-864-8531

The City of Long Beach is committed to transparency, communication, and community engagement. Thank you for staying informed and involved in the continued progress of our city.



# Long Beach Public Library

## Discover What's Happening This May at the Long Beach Public Library

As we step into a new season, the Long Beach Public Library is thrilled to offer a variety of events and programs for families and residents of all ages. From early literacy activities to community movie mornings and the launch of the Summer Reading Program, there's something for everyone to enjoy this May.

### **Preschool Story Time – A Weekly Favorite for Young Readers**

Preschool Story Time continues to be a beloved tradition at the library, offering engaging, interactive sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Designed specifically for toddlers and preschool-aged children, these events include story readings, songs, movement, games, and creative crafts that help build foundational literacy and social skills in a joyful, welcoming environment.

This month's themed story sessions include:

- May 1 – Mother Goose Day: Featuring classic rhymes and Southern retellings.
- May 6 & 8 – Star Wars and Mother's Day Themes: Stories about aspiring Jedi and celebrating the wonderful moms in our lives.
- May 13 & 15 – The Color Yellow: Exploring the bright and cheerful world of yellow.
- May 20 & 22 – Bees and Turtles: Honoring World Bee Day and World Turtle Day with stories that teach and inspire.
- May 27 & 29 – Airplanes and Dinosaurs: In celebration of Paper Airplane Day and International Dinosaur Day.

Each session is thoughtfully crafted to align with national observances or seasonal topics, helping young children connect stories with the world around them.

### **Movie Day at the Library – A Family-Friendly Saturday Event**

On Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m., the library will host a special Movie Day in the Main Wing. This free event will feature a PG-rated film suitable for all ages, creating an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy a relaxing morning at the library. Bring your kids, grab a seat, and enjoy a film in a comfortable, community-focused setting. It's a perfect way to kick off your weekend.

### **Summer Reading Program 2025 – Color Our World**

The library's highly anticipated Summer Reading Program returns this year with the theme "Color Our World." Registration opens on May 1 and will continue through May 31. Families can register online via the library's website or in person with a paper form.

This program encourages children of all ages to keep reading and exploring throughout the summer months. The Preschool Summer Program will officially begin on June 3, 2025, with a schedule full of colorful, creative programming designed to engage young readers and support continued learning during summer break. Participation in the Summer Reading Program is free, but all attendees must be registered in advance.

### **Library Holiday Closures**

Please note that in observance of Memorial Day, the Long Beach Public Library will be closed from Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26, 2025. The library will reopen and resume normal hours on Tuesday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m. We encourage residents to plan their visits accordingly and make use of digital resources available on the library's website during the closure.

The Long Beach Public Library remains committed to providing enriching, accessible programming that serves the educational and cultural needs of our community. Whether you're a parent looking to nurture your child's early love of reading, a family searching for weekend entertainment, or simply curious about what the library has to offer, we invite you to take part in the many exciting events happening this month.

For more information, visit the library or check out updates on the City of Long Beach website and social media pages.

## Update on Long Beach Railroad Crossing Grade Improvement Project

The City of Long Beach is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing Railroad Crossing Grade Improvement Project, made possible through valuable partnerships with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and CSX Transportation.

We are happy to report that the following railroad crossing intersections have now been fully paved:

- South Lang Avenue
- Trautman Avenue
- Girard Avenue
- Beach Park Area

Final striping for these intersections is scheduled to be completed in early to mid-May, which will enhance visibility and ensure safe traffic patterns at each location. CSX will also improve signals at each crossing in the near future.

Currently, Moran Hauling is performing drainage improvements beneath Railroad Street at Nicholson Avenue. With utility companies having successfully relocated their lines, construction is now progressing. Moran Hauling is currently awaiting approval from MDOT on the new drainage pipes. Once approved, they will move forward with constructing drainage boxes and completing the road fill work.

Following the completion of Nicholson Avenue, the project will move to Cleveland Avenue, which will undergo similar infrastructure improvements including drainage upgrades and paving. This next phase will continue the effort to enhance roadway conditions and improve stormwater management along the rail corridor.

This multi-phase project is an essential part of Long Beach's infrastructure improvement efforts. The City is extremely grateful for the continued coordination and support from MDOT and CSX, which has allowed this important work to move forward smoothly.

We appreciate the public's patience during this period of construction and look forward to delivering long-term improvements that benefit our entire community. Additional updates will be provided as the project progresses.

*Thank you for reading!*

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