

April Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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Business Of The Month - Family Attic

Congratulations to our April Business of the Month, Family Attic!

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 528 Klondyke Rd Suite B in Long Beach, MS. The Family Attic offer a variety of items that are perfect for gifts or collectors. Visit their Facebook Page or stop in store to find more information.



City Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled morning at the Harper McCaughan Town Green! Join us on Saturday, April 12th from 10 AM to 12 PM for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring the whole family out to enjoy egg hunts, springtime activities, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!



Blessing of the Jeeps

Long Beach is excited to welcome Jeepers to this year's Blessing of the Jeeps event, hosted at St. Thomas Catholic Church! Join Blessing of the Jeeps for a fun-filled day celebrating community, adventure, and the iconic spirit of Jeep owners and fans alike. Whether you drive a Jeep or just love the culture, there's something for everyone—live music, delicious food, family-friendly activities, and of course, a special blessing for the Jeeps!

Ongoing City Improvements

Upcoming Paving Work in Long Beach

Ongoing paving projects in Long Beach are set to begin soon, with the contractor, Warren Paving, working on three key roads. The schedule is as follows:

Paving Schedule:

- Pineville Road (Clower to Royal):
 - Work began on Tuesday, April 1st and was completed on Wednesday, April 2nd.
- Lovers Lane (Beatline to Daughtery):
 - The contractor will begin paving on Lovers Lane on Wednesday, April 2nd, with an estimated work of completion by Friday, April 4th.
- Gates Avenue (Allen to Old Pass):
 - Finally, the contractor will move to Gates Avenue, with an estimated work duration of 3 days.

Warren Paving plans to move quickly through each of these roads, ensuring minimal disruption to traffic while improving road conditions for Long Beach residents.

Timeline Recap:

- Pineville Road: Completed
- Lovers Lane: April 2nd to April 4th (estimated)
- Gates Avenue: April 7th to April 9th (estimated)

This schedule allows the work to be completed efficiently while addressing key road maintenance needs.

Lighting Downtown

Weaver Electric is nearing completion of the final phase of upgrading the light poles at Harper McCaughan Town Green to energy-efficient LED lighting! This exciting project marks a major step forward in improving visibility, sustainability, and safety in our community spaces.

We're proud to partner with Mississippi Power in our shared mission to illuminate Downtown Long Beach and create a brighter, more welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

Coming Soon:

In the next few months, Mississippi Power will also begin installing new LED lights north of the railroad tracks, extending our revitalization efforts further into the downtown area. These lights will be placed along N. Jeff Davis Avenue, which has been recently renamed Greenvale Lane—continuing our commitment to a connected and vibrant city.

Ongoing City Improvements

Exciting Updates at War Memorial Park

Exciting developments are taking place at War Memorial Park as a series of improvements are underway to enhance the park's offerings for the community. These updates will provide more space for gatherings, better facilities, and increased safety.

New Pavilion Under Construction

One of the most anticipated additions is the new pavilion, which is currently being installed. This new structure will serve as a great venue for various events, family gatherings, and community activities. The pavilion is designed to create a welcoming space where people can enjoy the park, rain or shine.



Bathroom Construction Nearing Completion

In addition to the pavilion, the bathroom construction at the park is nearly finished. The new facilities are expected to be ready for use in the coming weeks, providing visitors with much-needed amenities during their time at the park. This addition will make the park experience even more comfortable for all guests.



New Fence for Enhanced Safety

To further improve the park, a new fence will soon be installed around the property. The fence will help enhance the safety and security of the area, providing peace of mind for park-goers and ensuring a more secure environment for families and events.

A Commitment to Community Spaces

These improvements are part of a broader effort to create inviting and well-maintained spaces for the community to enjoy. The goal is to make War Memorial Park a more vibrant and enjoyable destination for people of all ages.

Supporting Local Business Growth in Long Beach: Grants, Resources, and New Business Opportunities

Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Offering \$20,000 in Small Business Grants

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at supporting small businesses in the area. The Chamber is offering \$20,000 in small business grants to help local entrepreneurs grow and succeed.

These grants are designed to provide financial assistance to businesses that need support for expansion, improvements, or operations. Whether you're looking to enhance your storefront, invest in new technology, or fund other business needs, these grants could be just the boost your business needs.

How to Apply: Eligible small businesses in Long Beach can apply for the grants through a simple application process. More details on eligibility, application deadlines, and required documentation are available on the Chamber's website.

This initiative reflects the Chamber's ongoing commitment to supporting the local business community and promoting economic growth in Long Beach. The deadline for grant applications is approaching, so don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to take your business to the next level!

Long Beach Main Street Association Launches New Business Welcome Packet

We are thrilled to announce that the Long Beach Main Street Association is now offering a New Business Welcome Packet for all incoming businesses! This helpful guide is designed to support new entrepreneurs by providing the necessary tools and resources for opening and operating a business in Long Beach.

This comprehensive packet includes valuable information that will make the process of starting a business in our community easier and more efficient. Inside, you'll find:

- **Key Contacts and Resources:** Access to local organizations, suppliers, and support networks.
- **Permit and Licensing Guidance:** Step-by-step instructions on obtaining the necessary permits and licenses to get your business up and running.
- **Tips for Navigating City Processes:** Helpful advice on interacting with city departments and streamlining operations.
- **And Much More!**

We highly encourage all new business owners to work closely with the City of Long Beach Building and Permit Office to ensure a smooth process from start to finish. The New Business Welcome Packet serves as the perfect resource to get you off to a great start and help your business thrive in Long Beach.

Thank you for choosing Long Beach as the home for your business. We are excited to see your venture flourish!

Railroad Crossing Project Faces Setbacks, Progress Continues on Other Road Work

The much-anticipated railroad crossing project, which began on March 3rd, has encountered several challenges, delaying some parts of the work. However, progress continues on other sections of the project that don't require digging or drainage work.

Initial Delay by CSX

The project, which aims to improve the railroad crossing on Railroad Street, was quickly halted by CSX due to missing documents and the unavailability of a flagman. As a result, the project could not proceed as planned.

CSX's Response: Flagman and 24/7 Representation

After a two-week delay, CSX has now provided a flagman and a dedicated representative on-site, present 24/7 when workers are on the job. This should ensure smoother operations moving forward.

Unexpected Utility Lines Found

During the excavation phase, Moran Hauling, the contractor working on the project, encountered multiple unmarked utility lines from internet providers. These lines were not included in the engineering report, creating another obstacle to the project's progress.

In order to proceed with the necessary drainage work on Railroad Street, all utility companies with wires in the affected area will need to relocate their lines. The delay caused by this issue could take several weeks.

Ongoing Paving Work on Other Streets

Despite the delay on Railroad Street, Moran Hauling is continuing with work on other roads within the project that do not require digging or drainage work. The paving work will take place on the following roads:

- South Lang: April 7th - April 9th
- Trautman: April 10th - April 11th
- Girard: April 14th - April 18th
- Beach Park: April 17th - April 18th
- White Harbor: April 21st - April 25th

This will allow the project to continue making progress even while awaiting the necessary utility adjustments on Railroad Street.

Next Steps

Once the utility companies relocate their wires, work on the Nicholson Avenue and Railroad Street section of the project can resume. Until then, the ongoing paving efforts are helping to maintain forward momentum for the overall project timeline.

Thank you for reading!

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