

February Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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Business Of The Month - The Corner Drug Store

Congratulations to our February Business of the Month, The Corner Drug Store!

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 5101 Beatline Road in Long Beach, MS. The Corner Drug Store offers a variety of services as well as gifts in store. Visit their Facebook Page or website to find more information.



Arbor Day

Join the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Garden Club for a special **Long Beach Arbor Day** celebration on February 20th at 12:30 PM at Greenvale. This event will highlight the importance of trees and nature in our community. The Long Beach Garden Club is generously sponsoring the planting of five new plants at Greenvale, adding beauty and greenery to the area. Come be a part of this fun and meaningful event.



Mardi Gras Parade

The **Long Beach Mardi Gras Parade** hosted by the **Carnival Association Of Long Beach** Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm. Roads will be shut down at 5:30 pm. Please see the image below for the parade route.

Galentine's Day Sip & Shop Bingo

Make plans to attend Long Beach's first Galentine's Day Sip, Shop & Stroll. Bring your mom and friends for a full day of shopping, eating, and drinking at local businesses in Long Beach. This one day event will be on Saturday, February 8th!

- Grab a bingo card from any participating store
 - Complete a square & get a stamp or signature from each business
 - Once you bingo, turn your card in to any participating business
 - Anyone who earns BINGO has a chance to win prizes from our businesses! Winners will be contacted Tuesday, February 11th!
- Let's support our local businesses!



March of the Mayors

March of the Mayors is a call to our communities to help feed the hungry! Citizens and friends of Long Beach are asked to provide CANNED GREEN BEANS. Come join in this FOOD DRIVE by bringing canned green beans for March of the Mayors starting today. GREEN BEANS can be dropped off at Long Beach City Hall and Long Beach Central Fire Station!



Construction

Pineville Road

Pineville Road between LaRosa Road and Railroad Street will have lane closures for road work beginning Friday, February 7th at 8:00 AM, assuming no unforeseen circumstances arise. This work includes milling and overlay of the road. Please avoid the area and expect delays due to the road closure.

Please use caution while workers are present.



Long Beach Railroad Crossing Project

The City of Long Beach has officially received the green light to proceed with the much-anticipated Long Beach Railroad Crossing Grade Improvements project, which will begin construction as early as March 3, 2025. The project aims to improve access for trucks and trailers by eliminating high railroad crossings that currently block efficient transportation through the city.

On January 24, 2025, the Long Beach Board of Aldermen issued the notice to proceed, marking a significant step forward for the city's transportation infrastructure. This project has been years in the making, originating during Mayor Bass' first term when discussions with the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) began. After careful review, the engineering firm Neel Schaffer was selected to lead the project, working to address the varying grades of the railroad crossings throughout Long Beach.

However, the road to the current design hasn't been smooth. An initial survey showed the railroad crossings at an incorrect height due to changes made by CSX after the survey was completed. This setback required Neel Schaffer to revisit and revise the engineering plans before moving forward with construction.

Once complete, the Long Beach Railroad Crossing Grade Improvements project will eliminate the steep grade of existing crossings, allowing for smoother and safer passage for larger vehicles such as boat trailers and eighteen-wheelers. Currently, Jeff Davis Avenue is the only street in the city that has a low enough grade to accommodate these types of vehicles, making the new improvements critical for improving traffic flow and supporting local businesses that rely on heavy equipment.

The construction will involve earthwork, concrete sidewalks, asphalt pavement, drainage improvements, striping, and utility adjustments along the railroad corridor. The city assures residents and businesses that updates on start dates, location specifics, and potential traffic disruptions will be provided regularly as the work progresses.

"We know how important this project is for the long-term accessibility and safety of our community," said Mayor Bass. "We're committed to keeping everyone informed as we move forward."

For more information on the project and to stay up-to-date on progress, residents are encouraged to check the city's official website and follow Long Beach's social media channels.

Thank you for reading!

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