## November Newsletter

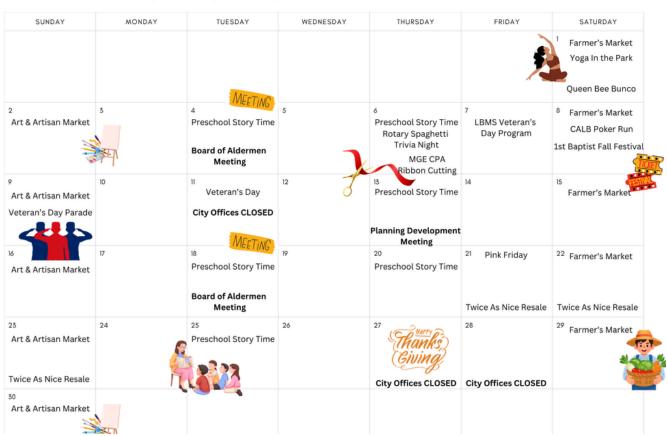


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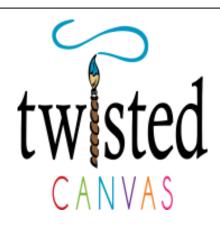
### NOVEMBER 2025



### In this newsletter you can expect:

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### Business Of The Month - Twisted Canvas

Congratulations to our November Business of the Month, Twisted Canvas.

Located at 6190 Beatline Rd., Suite B in Long Beach, MS. Twisted Canvas brings creativity to life in Long Beach with unique art experiences, custom designs, and community paint events that inspire everyone to unleash their inner artist. Visit their Facebook Page or stop in store to find more information.

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!



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### Small Business Holiday Season Kickoff

The City of Long Beach is excited to kick off the holiday shopping season by celebrating the local businesses that make our community special. Beginning Thanksgiving week and continuing into early December, residents are encouraged to shop, dine, and explore right here at home as we support our Long Beach businesses.

In partnership with the Long Beach Main Street, we'll highlight Shop Small Weekend, the Shop Small Passport, and festive storefront activities throughout town. Every purchase, whether a cup of coffee, a holiday gift, or a meal with friends, helps strengthen our local economy and keep Long Beach thriving.

Make Long Beach your first stop this holiday season and help us spread hometown cheer while supporting the businesses that make our city shine.

### Community Food Drives & Giving Season

November is a time for gratitude, generosity, and giving back, and two important community efforts are helping make sure every family in Long Beach enjoys a warm Thanksgiving meal.

The Gulf Coast Public Safety Feed the Needy Program continues its long-standing tradition of serving thousands of meals across Harrison County, thanks to the incredible partnership between local police departments, the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, and caring community donors. What began as a small effort years ago has grown into a massive volunteer operation that now provides more than 4,000 meals each Thanksgiving to individuals and families in need. This remarkable program is powered by the compassion and dedication of public safety teams who work tirelessly to make the holidays brighter for others.

Residents who know of a family or individual in need of a Thanksgiving meal can request assistance by calling the Long Beach Police Department at 228-865-1981 before the order deadline of November 21, 2025, at 4:00 PM. Those wishing to donate or support the effort may contact the D'Iberville Police Department at 228-396-4252, Attn: Feed the Needy Program, 11290 Lamey Bridge Road, D'Iberville, MS 39540. Contributions of time, funds, or food items are always appreciated and go directly toward providing a brighter holiday for our neighbors.

At the same time, the Rotary Club of Long Beach is hosting its 20th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which has provided traditional Thanksgiving meals to 30–50 families each year for two decades. Donations of gift cards for turkeys or hams, stuffing, gravy, pie filling and crusts, mashed potatoes, canned cranberries and vegetables, and desserts are being collected throughout the month. Volunteers will pick up donation bags left on porches Saturday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, or you can contribute financially via PayPal. For more information or to arrange a donation, contact Jason Lindholm with Lindholm Wealth Management at (228) 731-3000.

These two efforts reflect the true heart of Long Beach neighbors helping neighbors, and a community that comes together to ensure no one is left behind during the holiday season. Every can, card, and contribution makes a meaningful difference.







#### THE ROTARY CLUB OF LONG BEACH 20TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

For the past 20 years, we have been blessed to be able to provide 30–50 families in Long Beach with a traditional Thenksgiving meal.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- · Gift cards for turkeys
- · Gift cards for hams
- · Stuffing
- Canned cranberries
- Gravy
- Pie crust
- Pie filling
- Dessert
- Mashed potatoes
- Canned veggies

#### Or you we take monetary donations via Paypal –

Place bag on your porch and one of our volunteers will pick it up Saturday between 9am & 3pm
For more information, contact JASON LINDHOLM WITH LINDHOLM WEALTH MANAGEMENT
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### November at the Long Beach Library

As fall deepens and the holiday season approaches, the Long Beach Public Library welcomes everyone to cozy up with a book, attend a community event, or discover new online resources. Whether you're a preschooler listening to stories, a teen browsing ebooks, or an adult looking for enrichment, we have something for you this November.

One of our featured events this month is "Sit, Stay, READ!" on Saturday, November 15th. A fun, family-friendly program designed to connect young readers with the joy of reading in a relaxed, engaging setting. Bring your children, grandchildren or neighbors and let them explore stories in our children's department.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout the month, our Preschool Story Time continues at 10:30 a.m., inviting toddlers and their caregivers to enjoy interactive stories, songs and movement. It's a wonderful way to introduce early literacy and community connection.

For adult readers, our Book Sale will take place on Saturdays throughout the month of November from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., offering gently used titles at bargain prices. Stop by, browse the selection, and support the Friends of the Library.

Please note: the library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day, giving our staff and volunteers the day to reflect and thank those who have served.

Don't forget: the library's online catalog gives full access to eBooks, audiobooks, databases, and other digital resources for children, teens and adults available anytime with your library card.

We invite you to drop in, register for events, or ask our friendly staff about the library. Fall is a perfect time for reading, learning, and community gathering, and we look forward to seeing you at the Long Beach Public Library this month.





### **Upcoming City Events**

#### Yoga in the Park

Enjoy a morning of relaxation and movement at Long Beach's Yoga in the Park on Saturday, November 1st and Saturday, December 6th. This free community class sponsored by The Energy Club will be held outdoors, offering participants of all skill levels the chance to connect with nature while practicing gentle stretches and breathing techniques. Led by a local instructor, the session is designed to encourage mindfulness, reduce stress, and promote overall wellness. Bring a yoga mat or towel and join friends and neighbors for a refreshing start to the weekend.

#### **Veteran's Day Parade**

The City of Long Beach, in partnership with Coast Cares Foundation, invites you to join us as we honor our heroes this Veterans Day! The Veterans Day Parade will roll through Downtown Long Beach at 1:30 PM on Sunday, November 9th, proudly celebrating the brave men and women who have served our nation. After the parade, make your way to Harper McCaughan Town Green for a family-friendly celebration complete with food, music, and activities for all ages. Bring your family, wave your flags high, and help us show appreciation to the veterans who have given so much in service to our country. Let's come together as a community to celebrate, remember, and give thanks to our heroes!

#### **First Baptist Fall Festival**

Join First Baptist Church of Long Beach for their rescheduled Fall Festival! Formerly planned as a trunk-or-treat, this family-friendly celebration has been moved due to weather and will now offer even more seasonal fun. Gather with friends and neighbors for an afternoon filled with fall activities, sweet treats, and festive entertainment for all ages. Kids can enjoy games and autumn-themed fun, while parents connect with fellow families and community members in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Come celebrate the season, make memories, and enjoy a cozy community event that brings Long Beach together in the spirit of fall!

#### **Shop Small Saturday**

Join us in Long Beach for Small Business Saturday and celebrate the heart of our community, our local businesses! This special day encourages shoppers to support the entrepreneurs, makers, and shops that make Long Beach unique. Explore charming boutiques, enjoy festive specials, and discover gifts that bring joy while keeping dollars local. Bring your family and friends, stroll our walkable downtown, and be part of a day that strengthens our economy, uplifts our neighbors, and showcases the spirit of our hometown. Shop small, support big dreams, and help keep Long Beach thriving!



Yoga In the Park



Vetean's Day Parade



Fall Festival



**Shop Small Saturday** 

### Long Beach Youth Basketball Registration Open Now

It's time to hit the court, Long Beach! Youth Basketball registration is officially open, and we're excited to welcome players for another fun and active season. This program provides a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamentals of basketball, build teamwork skills, stay active, and make new friends in a supportive and energetic environment.

Registration is open through November 5, and the season will run from December 1 through February 12. The cost to participate is \$50 per player plus processing fees. Divisions are offered for boys and girls ages 5–14, with each division determined by the child's age as of September 1, 2025. Whether your child is picking up a basketball for the first time or already loves the sport, our program is designed to be both developmental and fun for players at every skill level.

Parents are encouraged to register early to secure a spot, as space may be limited in each division. Volunteers and coaches are always welcome. Your support and involvement help make youth sports in Long Beach successful and meaningful for our kids.

Get ready for another exciting season of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community pride. Let's play ball, Long Beach!



### Main Street Update Grants, Events & Business Support

Our Main Street program continues to build momentum and support revitalization throughout the city. The Long Beach Main Street Board of Directors is thrilled to officially open applications for the 2025 Facade Grant Program, made possible through the partnership with the Mississippi Power Foundation. This initiative supports eligible Long Beach businesses in improving the exterior appearance of their storefronts, enhancing the beauty and economic vitality of our community. Applications are open now and due by December 30 at 5:00 PM. Long Beach Main Street encourages interested businesses to visit the Long Beach Main Street tab on the City website to review guidelines and submit materials. Funding is competitive, and we look forward to seeing creative, impactful improvements across our commercial corridors.

Additionally, preparations are underway for one of our most beloved traditions, the Sea Santa Sail-A-Bration on Saturday, December 6 at 5:15 PM! Downtown Long Beach will transform into a festive Christmas village featuring our tree lighting, local vendors, family activities, and sparkling holiday cheer. Boat registration and sponsorship opportunities are currently available, and your support helps keep this cherished celebration free for families. More details can be found on our Main Street webpage and social media channels. We can't wait to kick off the holiday season with you.







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# Long Beach Shines in WXXV Viewer's Choice Awards

Long Beach continues to lead the Coast with pride, excellence, and community spirit! We are thrilled to share that Long Beach has once again been recognized in the WXXV Viewer's Choice Awards highlighting the outstanding small businesses, passionate entrepreneurs, and vibrant local culture that make our city truly special. Long Beach earned the title of #1 Best Downtown, reaffirming what our residents, visitors, and business owners already know. There's no place like Long Beach!

From charming boutiques and family-owned restaurants to professional services, our community showed up in a big way. Congratulations to every Long Beach business celebrated in this year's awards.

These honors reflect more than just awards. They are a testament to the heart of our community. Every storefront, every event, every smiling face downtown contributes to an atmosphere grounded in hospitality, pride, and hometown love. Thank you to our residents for voting, showing support, and continuing to champion our local entrepreneurs.

As we celebrate these wins, we also look forward to building on this momentum. From continued downtown revitalization efforts to exciting community events ahead, Long Beach's future has never been brighter.

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees, and thank you for making Long Beach the place where community thrives, businesses grow, and visitors always feel welcome. Here's to another year of excellence in Mississippi's Best Downtown!



### Thank You, Long Beach

As we take time this month to reflect and give thanks, we want to extend our deepest appreciation to our residents, city employees, first responders, local businesses, and volunteers who continue to pour love, time, and pride into our community. Every day, we see neighbors helping neighbors, local organizations stepping up to serve, and families investing their time and hearts into making Long Beach stronger and brighter. From the teams maintaining our parks and infrastructure, to the educators shaping our future leaders, to the small business owners who energize our streets and support local events, each of you plays a vital role in making our city feel like home.

We are especially grateful for the spirit and kindness that defines Long Beach. Whether you've lived here your whole life or recently joined our community, you are part of what makes this city so extraordinary. As we move through November, we encourage everyone to pause, celebrate the moments that matter, and take pride in the simple joys of community, a friendly wave, a shared meal, a service project, a parade, or a quiet visit to our parks and waterfront.

Long Beach is special because of you, your dedication, your heart, and the sense of unity you bring to our city. From all of us at the City of Long Beach, we wish you a wonderful month filled with gratitude, connection, and community. May this season remind us how fortunate we are to live, work, and grow together in such a caring and vibrant place we proudly call home.

Thank you for reading!

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