

# June Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

## JUNE 2025

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Long Beach  
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Confidence  
Report



## Business Of The Month - Bradley's Cajun Quick Stop & Deli

Congratulations to our June Business of the Month, Bradley's Cajun Quick Stop & Deli!

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 7011 Beatline Road in Long Beach, MS. Bradley's Cajun is a popular spot at a gas station offering an extensive menu of Cajun-style dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Visit their Facebook Page or stop in store to find more information.



## Long Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Jubilee

Long Beach is set to celebrate its 3rd Annual 4th of July Jubilee on Saturday, June 28, with a full day of family-friendly festivities in the heart of downtown. The event kicks off at 11 a.m. with local vendors lining Jeff Davis Avenue, offering crafts, food, and coastal goods. At 6 p.m., the community will gather for a festive parade featuring floats, bands, and community groups. The celebration continues with a downtown block party beginning at 7 p.m., hosted by Coastal Daiquiri, with live music and entertainment.

The evening concludes with a fireworks show at 8:45 p.m., lighting up the sky in honor of our nation's independence. Admission is free and open to the public.

Join us downtown for a patriotic celebration full of small-town charm and community pride!



# STEPS TO PREPARE

KNOW YOUR  
HURRICANE  
RISK

KNOW YOUR  
EVACUTION  
ZONE

ASSEMBLE  
YOUR  
SUPPLIES

## Long Beach Prepares for 2025 Hurricane Season

As the 2025 Hurricane Season officially begins June 1 and runs through November 30, the City of Long Beach is urging all residents and businesses to take time now to prepare. With forecasts predicting an above-average number of storms this year, early planning is critical to protecting your family, your property, and your peace of mind.

### **Preparation Starts at Home**

Every household should have an emergency plan in place. Discuss evacuation routes, communication methods, and meeting points. Prepare a disaster supply kit with essentials such as food, water, medications, flashlights, important documents, and pet supplies. Be sure to check your flood insurance policy, coverage typically takes 30 days to activate.

### **City-Wide Readiness**

The City of Long Beach has already begun proactive efforts including clearing drainage systems, coordinating with Harrison County Emergency Management, and confirming emergency contracts. Our Public Works, Fire, and Police Departments are trained and ready to respond to storm impacts and recovery efforts.

### **Stay Connected**

In the event of a storm, the City will issue updates through official channels:

- Website: [www.cityoflongbeachms.com](http://www.cityoflongbeachms.com)
- Facebook: @CityofLongBeachMS
- Local news and radio broadcasts

### **Storm Surge & Safety Tips**

Because of our coastal location, Long Beach is particularly vulnerable to flooding and storm surge. Know your evacuation zone and avoid driving through flooded roadways. Secure outdoor items and trim tree limbs to minimize storm damage.

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Community strength lies in connection. Check in on elderly neighbors, assist those who may need help evacuating, and lend a hand where you can. Together, we build a more resilient Long Beach.

Let's stay prepared and stay safe. For questions or assistance, contact City Hall at 228-863-1556 or email [mayor@cityoflongbeachms.com](mailto:mayor@cityoflongbeachms.com).

# Long Beach Fire Department Completes 2025 Hydrant Flushing Program

The Long Beach Fire Department has successfully completed its annual fire hydrant flushing program for 2025, ensuring the city's water infrastructure remains in optimal condition for emergency response and public safety.

This state-mandated maintenance process involves systematically opening fire hydrants to flush out sediment and verify water pressure across the distribution system. The procedure not only helps maintain water quality but also ensures that hydrants are functioning correctly, providing firefighters with reliable access to water in the event of a fire.

During the flushing period, which took place throughout May, residents may have noticed temporary water discoloration or a slight drop in pressure. These effects are normal and typically resolve after running cold water taps for a few minutes.

The fire department appreciates the community's patience and cooperation during this essential maintenance activity. Regular hydrant flushing is a critical component of the city's commitment to public safety and infrastructure reliability. For more information on the hydrant flushing program or other fire department services, residents can visit the Long Beach Fire Department's official Facebook page.

## Senior Health & Resource Fair

### You're Invited: Senior Health & Resource Fair – June 19 at the Long Beach Senior Center

The City of Long Beach, in partnership with the Mississippi Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the Southern Mississippi Planning & Development District (SMPDD), invites you to join us for a festive and informative Luau-themed Senior Health & Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 19, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Long Beach Senior Center, located at 20257 Daugherty Road.

This vibrant event is designed to celebrate our senior community while providing valuable resources, support services, and a bit of fun along the way. Attendees will enjoy access to:

- Health Screenings
- Aging & Advocacy Services
- Community Resource Information
- Games, Door Prizes & Giveaways

To kick off the day, a Community Breakfast will be served from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM, giving participants a chance to enjoy a meal and connect before the fair begins.

Whether you're seeking support services, wellness information, or simply a good time with fellow community members, this event offers something for everyone.

For more information, please contact Donna Hudson at 228-868-7517.





# 2024 Consumer Confidence Report

City of Long Beach – PWS ID# 0240005

## **Is my water safe?**

Last year, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard during the past year.

## **Do I need to take special precautions?**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised individuals such as those undergoing cancer treatment, organ transplant recipients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, the elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk. These individuals should seek advice from their healthcare providers.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects is available by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

## **Where does my water come from?**

Your drinking water comes from 10 deep water wells located throughout the City of Long Beach. Three wells draw from the Graham Ferry Formation, while the remaining seven draw from the Pascagoula Formation.

## **Source water assessment and its availability**

A Source Water Assessment has been conducted for Long Beach by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Copies of this report are available upon request at the Long Beach Water Department Billing Office. Of the 10 wells assessed, 9 were ranked as "moderate" and 1 was ranked as "lower" in susceptibility to potential contamination.

To read the complete version of the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit:  
[www.cityoflongbeachms.com/ccr2024](http://www.cityoflongbeachms.com/ccr2024)

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City of Long Beach

# Building a Better Long Beach: Major Infrastructure Projects Underway

## Long Beach Gateway Project

Gnarly Construction began mobilizing on May 12<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Long Beach Gateway Project, with full construction beginning on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The work will take place in the West Harbor Parking Lot, located south of Highway 90 at Jeff Davis Avenue. During this time, the area will be closed to the public to ensure safety and efficiency.

Despite construction, local favorites—Steve's Marina, the Long Beach Yacht Club, and Parrish's—will remain open and accessible via Cleveland Avenue throughout the duration of the project.

The Gateway Project, a \$4.3 million investment, includes the construction of a 42-foot lighthouse, promenade walkways, beach showers, enhanced landscaping, and infrastructure improvements that will visually and physically connect the downtown district with the harbor. Designed to serve as a vibrant entry point to the city, this project will also support vendor and food truck operations and improve stormwater drainage in the area. Construction is expected to take up to two years to complete.

The City thanks residents and visitors for their patience as we work to enhance one of Long Beach's most iconic corridors.

## 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 and striped:

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

These completed improvements enhance visibility and ensure safe traffic patterns at each location. In addition, CSX will soon begin upgrading signals at each of these crossings to further improve safety.

Nicholson Avenue, currently undergoing drainage improvements by Moran Hauling, is progressing well. With utility relocations complete and drainage box construction underway, paving is scheduled to be completed and the road reopened by the first week of June, weather permitting. Following the completion of Nicholson Avenue, the project will transition to Cleveland Avenue. This next phase will include similar infrastructure enhancements such as drainage upgrades and paving, continuing the city's commitment to improving stormwater management and road safety along the rail corridor.

This multi-phase project is a critical part of Long Beach's broader infrastructure improvement strategy. The City extends sincere thanks to MDOT and CSX for their coordination and support in advancing this initiative.

We appreciate the public's continued patience and support during this construction period and remain committed to delivering long-term improvements for the benefit of the entire community. Additional updates will be shared as progress continues.

# Summer 2025: Camps and Vacation Bible Schools in Long Beach, Mississippi

## Summer Camps

Different businesses and organizations in Long Beach are offering a variety of engaging summer camps and Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) for children of all ages. From sports and arts to marine science and faith-based programs, there's something for every child to enjoy.

### Summer Camps:

#### **KidFit Summer Camp**

Dates: May 27 – July 25, 2025

Time: Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: The Energy Club, Long Beach

Activities: Themed weeks with field trips, swimming, yoga, arts & crafts, and more.

Registration: [kidfitchildcare.com](http://kidfitchildcare.com)

#### **Camp Gumbo at Coast Episcopal School**

Dates: June 9–12 and June 16–19, 2025

Time: Monday to Thursday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Ages: 6–12 years and rising kindergarteners

Activities: Music, PE, robotics, baking, art, and more.

Registration: [coastepiscopalschool.org](http://coastepiscopalschool.org)

#### **i9 Sports Nike Kids Camp**

Dates: July 7–11 and July 21–25, 2025

Time: Half Day (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM), Full Day (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Location: West Harrison Civic Center, Long Beach

Ages: 5–12 years

Activities: Multi-sport camp focusing on skill development and fun.

Registration: [i9sports.comi9](http://i9sports.comi9)

#### **Full Circle Martial Arts & Yoga Summer Camp**

Dates: June 9–12, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Activities: Yoga, martial arts, anti-bullying sessions, ninja obstacle course, and Nerf battles.

Cost: \$130

Registration: Contact Full Circle Martial Arts & Yoga, Long Beach

#### **Studio E Dance Co. Princess Camp**

Dates: June 9–13, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Ages: 3–6 years

Activities: Dance, crafts, and themed activities.

Cost: \$140/week

Registration: Venmo \$70 deposit to @studioedance

### Vacation Bible Schools:

#### **First Baptist Church Long Beach**

Dates: June 1–5, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Ages: Completed Kindergarten through Grade 6

Theme: Exploring the wonders of God's creation.

Registration: [fbclb.com](http://fbclb.com)

#### **First Methodist Church Long Beach**

Dates: June 22–26, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Ages: 3 years old to completed 5th grade

Theme: "Mystery Detectives" – uncovering biblical truths.

Cost: Free, dinner included nightly.

Registration: [allevents.in](http://allevents.in)

#### **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

Dates: June 6–10, 2025

Theme: "The Vatican Express" – a journey through Catholic teachings.

Registration: [saintthomaslb.org](http://saintthomaslb.org)

# City of Long Beach



To the Citizens of Long Beach,

As my term as Mayor comes to a close on June 29th, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve this incredible city. It has been the honor of a lifetime to lead our community over the past eight years, and I am truly humbled by the trust you placed in me.

Together, we have made meaningful progress—from major infrastructure improvements and coastal resilience efforts to community revitalization projects like the Long Beach Gateway and Harbor enhancements. We've navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and worked hand in hand to preserve the unique charm and spirit that defines Long Beach.

Throughout my time in office, I have been continually inspired by the resilience, kindness, and determination of our citizens. Whether it was after a storm, during a community event, or in the day-to-day moments that make this city great, your commitment to one another has been a constant reminder of why Long Beach is such a special place to call home.

As I pass the torch to our next mayor, I do so with confidence in the future of our city. The foundation we've built is strong, and I know that with continued collaboration and civic pride, Long Beach will only grow stronger.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you. I will forever be proud to have been your mayor and will always be a supporter of the city we all love so dearly.

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "George L. Bass".

George L. Bass  
Mayor, City of Long Beach





# MAYOR BASS

## A look into Mayor George Bass's two terms from 2017 to 2025



### State and Federal Funding

#### Total funding for 8 years

- State Funded - \$20,714,871
- Federal Funded - \$25,829,146



### Drainage Improvements

- Parkwood Drainage Improvements - Replaced failing infrastructure (\$295K)
- Park Row Drainage Improvements - New drainage system installation (\$598K)
- Briarwood Drainage Improvements - Replaced failing infrastructure (\$184K)
- Magnolia/Dearman Drainage Improvements - Replaced failing infrastructure (\$185K)
- Lovers Lane Drainage Improvements - Improved drainage in 207-acre basin, benefiting 250+ parcels (\$535K)
- St. Charles Drainage Improvements - Eliminated flooding near St. Charles & Pine Street homes (\$37K)



### Roads and Bridges

- 6.26 miles of roads paved at 48+ locations (\$1.1M)
- 2nd Street sidewalk extension with drainage (\$371K)
- Mitchell Road widening & drainage (\$257K)
- North Jeff Davis extension with stormwater & infrastructure (\$222K)
- 2023 Asphalt Overlays & Repairs
  - Commission, Beatline, Pineville road paving & widening
  - Cost: ~\$1.4M
- Pineville Road Projects
  - Sidewalk: Harper McCaughan to "Five Points" (\$1M)
  - Widening: 2 feet from Espy Ave to Beatline Rd (\$325K)



### Sewer & Water Improvements

- Sewer System Inspection & Rehab - Installed cured-in-place pipelines (\$197K)
- Pump Station "P" Upgrades - Upgraded for reliability & fire protection (\$85K)
- Todd Terrace & Valentine Dr. Water Improvement - Water service & fire protection upgrades (\$183K)
- Clower Ave. Water Main Improvements - Water & fire protection for 52 parcels (\$306,751)
- South Nicholson Pump Station Rehab - Replaced discharge piping (\$62K)
- Trautman Wastewater Improvement - Force main upgrades & overflow mitigation (\$1.07M)
- North Lang Pump Station - Upgraded pumps, motors & piping (\$154K)
- Edmund Dr. Water Improvements - Water & drainage upgrades (\$544K)
- 2021 & 2022 Sewer Rehab - Sewer line repairs in Royal Estates & Green Acres (\$919K)
- Clower/Kuykendall Pump Station Improvements - Force main & station upgrades (\$210K)
- HCUA Wastewater Treatment - Replaced pipes & installed new sewage force mains (\$7.76M)
- Lynwood Circle Water Improvements - Replaced water mains & fire hydrants (\$534K)
- Pump Station "A" Diversion - Sewer improvements on Commission & Klondyke Roads (\$170K)



### Current Projects

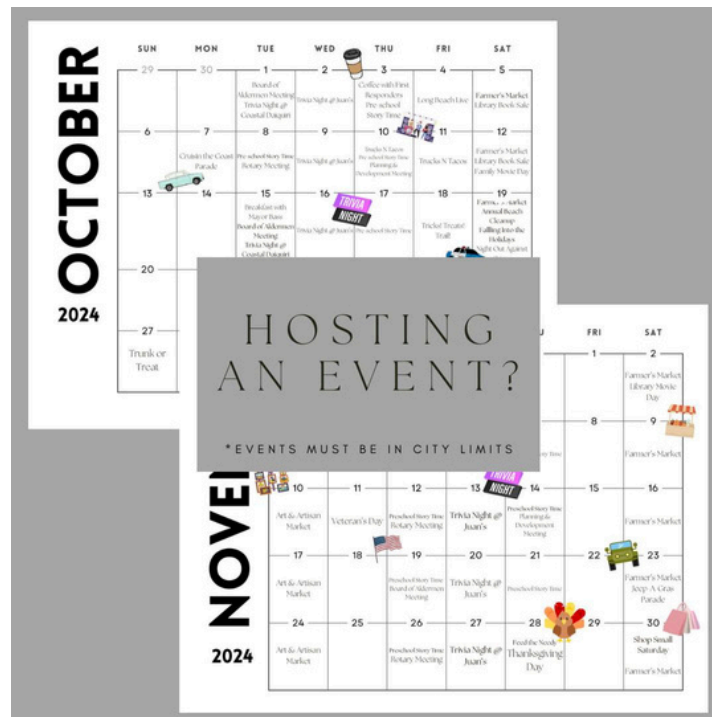
- CSX Railroad Crossing - Lowering railroad crossing for safer transportation (\$3.03M)
- SE Bulkhead - Construction of concrete bulkhead wall for shoreline protection (\$2.8M)
- Eastern Bulkhead - Installation of concrete bulkhead along the eastern shore of the harbor (\$4.83M)
- Long Beach Gateway Project - Creating a new front door for the City of Long Beach



### Planning for the Future

- Beatline/Pineville Intersection - Adding turning lanes & signalization (\$1.5M)
- Klondyke Road Widening - Widening from 28th St to Cleveland Ave, adding center turn lane (\$4.9M)
- Klondyke/28th Street Intersection - Widened lanes, signalization, & drainage improvements (\$1.57M)
- Klondyke/Commission Road Intersection - Widened lanes, signalization, & drainage improvements (\$1.57M)
- Railroad Street/Jeff Davis Avenue - Intersection improvements with storage lanes for traffic flow
- Klondyke/Pineville Road - Intersection improvements with stoplights for safety
- Klondyke Road/Cleveland Avenue - Intersection improvement with roundabout
- Inner Bulkhead - Installation of concrete bulkhead along the inner harbor (\$3.9M)
- Southern Quay - Installation of concrete bulkhead along the southern margin of the harbor (\$44.1M)

Please visit <https://www.cityoflongbeachms.info/mayor> for more information



## Long Beach Community Calendar

The City of Long Beach publishes a monthly calendar in the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in having your event listed on the calendar, please email [courtney.cuevas@cityoflongbeachms.com](mailto:courtney.cuevas@cityoflongbeachms.com) with the event details.

Event details must be emailed before the 27th of each month to be included.

\*Events listed on the calendar must take place within the city limits of Long Beach, Mississippi.

*Thank you for reading!*

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