

July Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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Business Of The Month - Juan Tequila's

Congratulations to our July Business of the Month, Juan Tequila's.

Be sure to stop in and congratulate them sometime soon!

Located at 306 E Beach Blvd in Long Beach, MS. Juan Tequila's is a popular mexican restaurant that hosts different community events throughout the week such as trivia. Visit their Facebook Page or stop in store to find more information.

The First Taste



The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce invites you to "The First Taste"—a special pre-party event leading up to the highly anticipated Taste of Long Beach! Join us on Thursday, July 24th, 2025 at Bull's Restaurant, located at 300 Jeff Davis Avenue in downtown Long Beach, for an evening of great food, wine, and community.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM, followed by a carefully curated dinner from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM featuring wine pairings, appetizers, a main course, and dessert.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple, and seating is limited. Guests can register online at www.mscoastchamber.com or by calling (228) 604-0014. A cash bar will also be available.

This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy a taste of what Long Beach has to offer while supporting our local culinary scene—don't miss it!



Mayor Tim Pierce

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor. As a lifelong resident of Long Beach with a background in public service, including roles as Alderman, School Board President, and NASA division chief, I am committed to building a bright future for our city.

Our administration is focused on smart growth, responsible development, and key investments in infrastructure, business, and neighborhoods. Major priorities include revitalizing the harbor and Jeff Davis Pier, annexing the Industrial Park, creating a walkable business district, and strengthening partnerships that support our schools and economy.

My wife, Tina, and I have proudly called Long Beach home for over 34 years. We're grateful to raise our family in such a special community, and I look forward to working together to build a stronger, more connected Long Beach.

The future starts now.

– Mayor Tim Pierce

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Donald Frazer - Alderman-At-Large

"I would like to thank the citizens of Long Beach for their support and trust in me to represent the city for my 3rd term. In this term I look forward to working with the board to complete the rebuilding and improvement of our Harbor and Gateway projects, continue working on infrastructure, drainage, and paving projects, as well as economic growth of our city, all with the goal to make Long Beach the most desirable place to live!"

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Patrick Bennett - Ward 1 Alderman

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Jesse Allen - Ward 2 Alderman

"I would like to personally thank everyone for their vote and the overwhelming support I have received so far. I look forward to serving the citizens of this amazing city and I hope to develop an even greater relationship with each of you as I strive to grow your trust in me. Feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you!"

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Joey Giuffria - Ward 3 Alderman

"As the Alderman for Ward 3, I bring a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to public service following a successful career in the telecommunications industry. Now retired, I am fully dedicated to serving the residents of Ward 3 with integrity, transparency, and a focus on community-driven solutions. My background in a fast-paced, technology-driven field has equipped me with the problem-solving skills, leadership, and strategic thinking necessary to address local issues and advocate effectively on behalf of our ward. I look forward to working collaboratively to ensure Ward 3 continues to grow and thrive."

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Timothy McCaffrey - Ward 4 Alderman

"I am honored to have been re-elected as your Ward 4 Alderman and truly grateful for the trust and support you've placed in me. It is a privilege to continue serving our community, and I look forward to working hard on your behalf to move Long Beach in a positive and forward-thinking direction. Together, we can build on our progress and create a stronger future for all of us."

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Greg Bonds - Ward 5 Alderman

"As a lifelong resident, I am honored to serve the residents of Long Beach as the Alderman for Ward 5."

I am extremely excited to work alongside my fellow leaders to keep moving our city in the right direction, while also preserving the charm and character that make Long Beach so special. I'm committed to being present, accessible, and transparent—please don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas or concerns."

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Pete McGoey - Ward 6 Alderman

"I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the voters of Long Beach Ward 6 for the opportunity to represent your interests as your alderman over the last four years. I'm appreciative of your vote of confidence that allows me to continue to serve you again over the next four with the goal of moving our city forward in a positive and healthy direction. God bless you and each of your families."

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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
- 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.

Citywide Infrastructure Updates: Summer Progress in Motion

As we move into the heart of summer, several infrastructure projects are actively progressing throughout the City of Long Beach to improve safety, connectivity, and overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Utility crews are currently at work rerouting underground lines along Railroad Street and Cleveland Avenue. This essential step will allow for continued progress at the intersection of these two roadways, where major improvements are planned. Following the Fourth of July holiday, construction teams will resume work at this intersection to begin the next phase of upgrades. Meanwhile, crews are completing final touches on the Nicholson Avenue striping project, bringing this road enhancement project near full completion. These improvements will contribute to better traffic flow and improved pedestrian safety.

The Long Beach Gateway Project is also moving forward. Demolition work is now underway, and full-scale construction is expected to begin by late July. Once completed, the project will transform a key entrance into the city and serve as a visual landmark for residents and guests.

We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as these vital improvements continue. Stay tuned for more updates as the City of Long Beach keeps moving forward with progress.

Community Beach Clean Up

Join the Star-Spangled Cleanup at the Long Beach Harbor on July 5th

The City of Long Beach invites all residents and visitors to join us for the annual Star-Spangled Cleanup on Friday, July 5th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Long Beach Harbor.

Hosted in partnership with the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program, this effort focuses on removing firework debris and litter left behind from Fourth of July celebrations before it can enter the Mississippi Sound. Each year, this event brings together volunteers from across the Gulf Coast to help protect and preserve our beaches and waterways.

This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to our coastal community, enjoy the morning on the beach, and make a real difference. Cleanup supplies will be provided, and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

- 🕒 Date: Friday, July 5, 2025
- 📍 Location: Long Beach Harbor
- 🕒 Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- 🔗 Register: msucoastal.com/coastal-cleanup



Long Beach Retirees

Honoring Our Retirees — A Legacy of Dedication and Service

As the City of Long Beach prepares for a new chapter, we pause to honor three outstanding individuals who have dedicated decades of service to our community. On June 30th, we proudly recognize the retirements of Stacey Dahl, Charlene Stogner, and Mayor George Bass — each of whom leaves behind a legacy of hard work, leadership, and commitment to the people of Long Beach.

Stacey Dahl retires after an incredible 40 years of service. Her dedication, institutional knowledge, and unwavering professionalism have made a lasting impact on city operations and the many employees and residents she's worked with throughout the years. Her four decades of commitment reflect not only her strong work ethic but also her deep love for the Long Beach community.

Charlene Stogner concludes 18 years of faithful service to the city. Her behind-the-scenes efforts, steady presence, and willingness to support her coworkers and the public alike have been invaluable. Charlene's contributions have helped maintain the efficiency and integrity of city operations, and her presence will certainly be missed.

Mayor George Bass wraps up eight years of mayoral leadership, marked by his calm guidance, clear vision, and dedication to making Long Beach a better place for all. Under his leadership, the city has experienced growth, faced challenges head-on, and remained grounded in the values that make Long Beach a strong and resilient community.

On behalf of the entire city, we thank Stacey, Charlene, and Mayor Bass for their years of service. Their legacy of public service will continue to inspire the generations that follow. We wish each of them a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.



Stacey Dahl



Charlene Stogner



George Bass

The City of Long Beach is Hiring Join Our Team!

The City of Long Beach is currently accepting applications for multiple open positions across key departments. If you're looking for a meaningful career that serves your community, now is the time to apply!

Available Positions:

- Fire Recruit (Minimum Age: 18)
- Police Recruit (Minimum Age: 21)
- Police Lateral
- Dispatcher Recruit
- Building Inspector

We're looking for dedicated, motivated individuals to join our team and make a difference in our growing city. Whether you're starting your career in public service or bringing years of experience, Long Beach offers a supportive environment and the opportunity to serve an incredible community.

📍 Apply in person:

Monday–Friday | 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Mayor's Office – Long Beach City Hall
201 Jeff Davis Ave, Long Beach, MS

📄 Applications available online:

cityoflongbeachms.info/jobopenings



Mississippi Tax Free Weekend

Shoppers, mark your calendars! Mississippi's annual Sales Tax Holiday is right around the corner, giving families and shoppers a chance to save big on clothing and school supplies just in time for back-to-school season.

From 12:01 AM on Friday, August 2 through midnight on Sunday, August 4, certain clothing, footwear, and school supplies priced under \$100 per item will be exempt from Mississippi state sales tax. This weekend is a great time to stock up on essentials, refresh your wardrobe, or support your favorite local boutiques and retailers. Whether you're shopping for your kids, your classroom, or yourself, the tax-free savings can really add up!

What's Included:

- ✓ Clothing and footwear under \$100 per item
- ✓ School supplies under \$100 per item
- ✓ Applies to both in-store and eligible online purchases

What's Not Included:

- ✗ Jewelry, purses, and sports gear
- ✗ Items priced over \$100
- ✗ Rentals or layaway purchases

Be sure to stop by and support your neighborhood shops while saving on your back-to-school must-haves!

For full details and guidelines, visit the [Mississippi Department of Revenue website](#).

Thank you for reading!

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