

May Newsletter







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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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APEX GAMING LOUNGE

Business Of The Month - APEX Gaming Lounge



Congratulations to our May Business of the Month, APEX Gaming Lounge!

Apex Gaming Lounge offers a fun and welcoming space to unwind, connect, and level up your gaming experience.

They are located at 19020 Pineville Rd Unit B Long Beach, MS.

Known for its high-energy atmosphere and modern setup, Apex has quickly become a go-to hangout for gamers and friends looking to relax, compete, and enjoy something a little different right here in Long Beach.

Stop by APEX Gaming Lounge and see why it's a cherished part of our Long Beach community!

A Message from the Mayor

As we welcome the month of May, we are proud to see continued progress and momentum throughout the City of Long Beach. From infrastructure improvements to community events and growing local businesses, there is so much happening that reflects the strength and spirit of our city.

One of our top priorities remains investing in infrastructure that supports both our residents today and future generations. Several key drainage improvement projects are underway or preparing to begin, including work in the Briarwood/Parkwood, Park Row, and Rosalie areas. These projects are essential to improving water management and reducing flooding concerns across our community. In addition, the recent approval of improvements to three of our pump stations is another important step toward strengthening our city's resilience.

Beyond infrastructure, we are excited to see our city continue to thrive. Our local businesses are growing, expanding their offerings, and creating new opportunities for residents and visitors alike. From award-winning shops to unique events and extended dining options, our small businesses are truly the heart of Long Beach.

May also marks the return of many of our favorite community traditions. With the reopening of the splash pad, the return of Long Beach Live, and our weekly markets and events at the Town Green, there are countless opportunities to gather, connect, and enjoy all that our city has to offer. These moments are what make Long Beach not just a place to live, but a place to call home.

We encourage everyone to get involved, attend an event, support local businesses, and stay engaged with the exciting developments happening across our city. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of what makes Long Beach such a special community.

Long Beach Live is Back!

Free Concert Series at the Town Green

Get ready, Long Beach! The sounds of summer are here! The Long Beach Live Concert Series has officially returned, bringing live music, community fun, and unforgettable nights back to downtown. Hosted at the beautiful Harper McCaughan Town Green, this free monthly concert series is the perfect way to gather with friends, enjoy great music, and experience the heart of our city.

Each First Friday, the evening kicks off with the Cruise-In at 5:00 PM along Jeff Davis Avenue, followed by live music beginning at 7:00 PM. Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, grab dinner or drinks from a local restaurant, and settle in for a relaxing, family-friendly night under the stars. Long Beach Live is more than just a concert. It's an experience that brings energy to downtown, supports local businesses, and creates a space where the community can come together.

2026 Concert Lineup

Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss a single show!

 **May 1st**

D Jr. and Shine Soul

 **June 5th**

The Project

 **July 3rd**

Kelsey Moran Band

 **August 7th**

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 **September 4th**

Brandon Blackburn and Bruce Smelley Duo

 **October 2nd**

2nd Class Citizens

Whether you're dancing in the grass, catching up with friends, or simply enjoying a night out downtown, Long Beach Live offers something for everyone. Come early, stay late, and make it a night in Long Beach. We look forward to seeing you there!



Long Beach Business Updates

Shop, Sip, and Celebrate in Long Beach

There's so much happening in Long Beach this month, from exciting business milestones to fun, can't-miss events for the whole community. Our local businesses continue to grow, innovate, and create experiences that make Long Beach a destination for both residents and visitors alike.

Serendipity Creamery – Sweet Success

Congratulations to Serendipity Creamery on receiving the prestigious Golden Scoop Award from Hershey's Ice Cream! This national recognition highlights their excellence in quality, service, and customer experience, something our community already knows and loves. Be sure to stop by and celebrate this well-deserved honor with a scoop (or two)!

The Rusty Pelican – Now Serving Dinner

Looking for a new dinner option? The Rusty Pelican is now open Monday through Saturday from 4 PM to 7 PM. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a relaxed evening meal while supporting a longtime local favorite.

The Juicy Caboosy – Events & Nightlife

There's always something happening at The Juicy Caboosy this month! Kick things off on May 1st at 6 PM with a festive Cinco de Mayo Cocktail Making Party, a fun, hands-on experience perfect for a night out with friends.

They're also bringing the evening vibes with "Whistle & Sip" every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, creating a lively atmosphere to unwind, enjoy drinks, and spend time downtown.

To celebrate Mother's Day, join them on Saturday, May 9th from 2 PM to 5 PM for a special Mommy & Me Workshop, offering a fun and creative way for moms and kids to spend quality time together.

Citywide Event – Mother's Day Sip & Shop Bingo

Make plans to spend your Saturday in Long Beach on May 9th for a special Mother's Day Sip & Shop Bingo at participating businesses. Stroll through the city, enjoy sips along the way, and play bingo for a chance to win prizes, all while supporting local shops. It's the perfect way to celebrate Mother's Day, find unique gifts, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Long Beach Events Happening in May

May is full of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and enjoy all that Long Beach has to offer! From community traditions and outdoor events to family-friendly activities and ways to get involved, there's something for everyone to experience this month.

National Day of Prayer – May 7 | 12:15 PM

Join us as our community comes together in unity for the National Day of Prayer. This meaningful gathering offers a time for reflection, connection, and support as we pray for our city, state, and nation.

1st Thursday Bike Ride – May (Monthly Event)

Get outside and enjoy the fresh air with the 1st Thursday Bike Ride! This community ride is a great way to stay active, explore Long Beach, and connect with others while cruising through town in a fun and relaxed environment.

Main Street “Chill with a Cop” – May 13 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Stop by and meet your local officers at this casual, family-friendly event! “Chill with a Cop” gives residents the opportunity to connect with law enforcement, ask questions, and build relationships in a welcoming and approachable setting.

Bikin’ the Beach – May 15–17

Feel the rumble of motorcycles as Bikin’ the Beach rolls into town! This exciting multi-day event brings riders and visitors from across the region to the Coast for live music, entertainment, and a high-energy atmosphere throughout the weekend.

Jeepin’ the Coast – May 27–31

Get ready for one of the Coast’s most anticipated events! Jeepin’ the Coast takes over with days full of Jeep cruises, meetups, and activities, all while supporting a great cause. It’s a must-see event that brings thousands of visitors to our area and creates a fun, vibrant energy throughout the community.

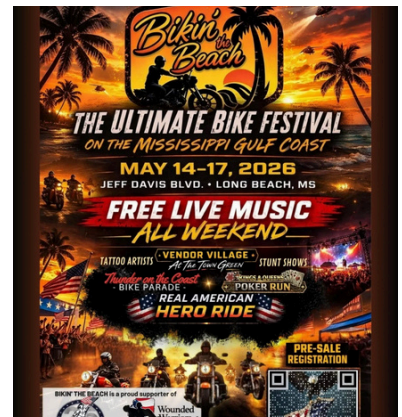
With such a full calendar of events, May is the perfect time to get out, get involved, and enjoy everything happening in Long Beach. We look forward to seeing you around town!



National
Day of Prayer



Chill with a Cop



Bikin the Beach



Jeepin the Coast

City Projects & Infrastructure Updates

Drainage Improvements

The City of Long Beach continues to make significant investments in drainage infrastructure to better serve our residents and strengthen our community against future weather events. Improving drainage remains a top priority, and several key projects are actively underway or set to begin soon across multiple areas of the city.

The Briarwood/Parkwood Drainage Improvement Project is currently in progress, with crews working to upgrade underground piping and improve overall water flow in the area. This project is designed to address long-standing drainage concerns and reduce standing water during heavy rain events. Residents may notice ongoing construction activity as crews work efficiently to complete these upgrades as quickly as possible.

The Park Row Drainage Improvement Project is also currently under construction. This project will focus on enhancing drainage capacity and modernizing infrastructure to better handle stormwater runoff. Once completed, this area will see improved water movement and reduced flooding risks during periods of heavy rainfall.

Additionally, the Rosalie Drainage Improvement Project is set to begin soon. This upcoming project is another important step in the City's ongoing effort to systematically improve drainage across all neighborhoods, ensuring that problem areas are addressed and future issues are minimized.

Together, these projects represent a proactive approach to infrastructure, one that not only addresses current concerns but also prepares Long Beach for continued growth and resilience.

Pump Station Improvements

In addition to drainage upgrades, the Board of Aldermen recently approved and executed contracts to improve three city pump stations. These pump stations play a critical role in managing stormwater and maintaining proper drainage throughout the city.

Enhancements to these facilities will increase reliability, improve performance during severe weather events, and ensure that our drainage systems operate as efficiently as possible. By investing in both visible infrastructure projects and behind-the-scenes systems like pump stations, the City is taking a comprehensive approach to protecting homes, businesses, and roadways.

These improvements are essential to building a stronger, more resilient Long Beach. One that is better equipped to handle the challenges of heavy rainfall while continuing to grow and thrive.

Spotlight: City Departments at Work

City Clerk's Office

Behind every City meeting, official record, and important document in Long Beach is the dedicated work of the City Clerk's Office.

As we celebrate National Municipal Clerks Week, May 3rd – 9th, we recognize the vital role the City Clerk's Office plays in keeping our local government organized, transparent, and accessible to the public. Often working behind the scenes, the Clerk's Office serves as the official record keeper for the City, ensuring that all actions, decisions, and documents are properly maintained and available to residents.

The City Clerk's Office is responsible for a wide range of essential services, including preparing and maintaining Board of Aldermen agendas and minutes, managing public records requests, overseeing municipal elections, and preserving important historical documents. Their work ensures that residents have access to accurate information and that the City operates in compliance with state laws and regulations.

Beyond records and documentation, the Clerk's Office is often one of the first points of contact for residents seeking assistance. Whether answering questions, guiding individuals through processes, or helping locate important information, the staff is committed to providing courteous, professional service to everyone they assist.

With a strong focus on accuracy, efficiency, and public service, the City Clerk's Office plays a critical role in the day-to-day operations of Long Beach. Their attention to detail and dedication help ensure that our local government runs smoothly and remains accountable to the community.

The City of Long Beach is proud to recognize the hardworking individuals in the City Clerk's Office during this special week. Their commitment to service, transparency, and organization helps support a well-functioning government and a well-informed community.



May at the Long Beach Library

May is a wonderful time to visit the Long Beach Public Library and discover something new to read. As spring transitions into summer, the library continues to be a welcoming space for readers of all ages to explore books, enjoy quiet study time, and take advantage of the many resources available to our community.

This month also marks the kickoff of one of the library's most exciting programs of the year. Registration for Summer Reading 2026 – Unearth a Story is now open from May 1 through May 31. Readers of all ages are encouraged to sign up and take part in a summer full of books, activities, and fun. The Summer Reading Program is a great way to stay engaged, build reading habits, and enjoy everything the library has to offer throughout the summer months.

In addition to summer reading registration, the library will host Sit & Stay & Read on May 16th, inviting the community to slow down, relax, and spend time enjoying a good book in a comfortable and welcoming environment. Whether you're diving into a new novel, reading with your child, or simply enjoying some quiet time, this event is a perfect reminder of the joy of reading.

We invite everyone to stop by this May, say hello to our friendly staff, and check out something new. Whether you're picking up a quick read or spending time exploring, the library is here for you.

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Long Beach Fire Department: Hydrant Testing

The Long Beach Fire Department began its annual state-mandated fire hydrant testing the week of April 1, 2026. This important process will continue for approximately two months, depending on weather conditions.

Hydrant testing plays a critical role in maintaining the city's fire protection system. By testing each hydrant, firefighters can ensure proper water flow, identify any maintenance needs, and confirm that hydrants are fully operational in the event of an emergency. This proactive approach helps the department remain prepared to respond quickly and effectively when needed.

During the testing process, residents may notice temporary discoloration in their water. This occurs when sediment in the water lines is stirred up as hydrants are flushed. While the water remains safe, it may appear brown or cloudy for a short period of time.

Residents are encouraged to take precautions during this time, especially when doing laundry, as discolored water may stain clothing. If discoloration occurs, running cold water from a faucet for a few minutes should help clear the lines.

The Long Beach Fire Department, along with Utility Partners, will work to minimize disruptions and flush lines as needed throughout the testing period.

We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as this important work is completed. Hydrant testing is a key part of keeping Long Beach safe and ensuring our fire protection systems are ready when they are needed most.

Thank you for reading!

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