

# July Newsletter






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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

## JULY 2026

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## Business Of The Month - The Children's Clinic

Congratulations to our July Business of the Month, The Children's Clinic!

Located on Pineville Road in Long Beach, The Children's Clinic has been serving families throughout our community with compassionate, high-quality pediatric care. Their dedicated team is committed to helping children grow up healthy and strong by providing personalized medical care in a welcoming and family-friendly environment.

Known for their caring staff, commitment to patient wellness, and focus on building lasting relationships with families, The Children's Clinic has become a trusted healthcare provider for generations of Long Beach residents.

Stop by The Children's Clinic and see why they are such a valued part of the Long Beach community!

## A Message from the Mayor

As we mark one year since taking office, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the trust you have placed in me and our Board of Aldermen. Serving as your mayor has been both an honor and a privilege, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside so many dedicated individuals who care deeply about our community.

Over the past year, we have focused on building a strong foundation for Long Beach's future. Together, we have continued investing in infrastructure, supporting economic development, improving public services, advancing important capital projects, and creating opportunities that enhance the quality of life for our residents. While there is still much work ahead, I am proud of the progress we have made together.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the hard work of our city employees, department heads, first responders, boards and commissions, volunteers, community organizations, local businesses, and engaged citizens. Your commitment to Long Beach is what makes our city such a special place to live, work, and raise a family.

As we begin our second year, our commitment remains the same to serve with integrity, transparency, and a vision for the future. We will continue working to strengthen our neighborhoods, improve our infrastructure, support local businesses, enhance recreational opportunities, and ensure Long Beach remains a community we are all proud to call home.

This newsletter highlights many of the people who help move our city forward, including your elected officials and the members of our Planning & Development Commission. I encourage you to get to know these dedicated public servants and stay engaged in the work happening throughout our community. Thank you for your continued support, your involvement, and your belief in Long Beach. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

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# Looking Back at June in Long Beach

As we welcome July, we're taking a moment to reflect on another exciting month in the City of Long Beach. June was filled with community improvements, celebrations, accomplishments, and opportunities to showcase what makes our city such a special place to live, work, and visit.

From enhancing our downtown gathering spaces to celebrating local businesses and recognizing residents who represented Long Beach with pride, June was a month of progress and community spirit. We also had the opportunity to connect with leaders from across Mississippi, continuing to learn and grow as we work to make Long Beach an even better place for future generations.

Below are just a few of the highlights from an incredible month.

## **New Lighting Brightens Community Gathering Space**

Our downtown continues to become an even more welcoming place to gather! New decorative string lighting has been installed between City Hall and the Long Beach Public Library, creating a beautiful atmosphere for residents and visitors to enjoy.

This enhanced community space will serve as the perfect backdrop for events, photos, and everyday visits. We're especially excited to add seasonal decorations throughout the year, bringing fresh themes and festive touches to this area as we celebrate each season together.

## **Congratulations, Savannah Madigan!**

The City of Long Beach proudly congratulates Savannah Madigan on representing our community in the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Princess Pageant.

Savannah served as a wonderful ambassador for Long Beach, and we are grateful for the pride, grace, and enthusiasm she brought while representing our city. We wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors.

## **Celebrating Polk's Drugs Grand Reopening**

June also brought the opportunity to celebrate one of Long Beach's new businesses. City leaders joined Polk's Drugs for its ribbon cutting and grand reopening, recognizing the pharmacy's commitment to serving our community.

## **Representing Long Beach at the Mississippi Municipal League Conference**

Members of the City of Long Beach team, along with Mayor Tim Pierce, attended the Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference in June. The conference provided valuable educational sessions, networking opportunities, and discussions on innovative ideas that can benefit our community. Investing in professional development allows our city leaders and staff to bring new knowledge and fresh ideas back to Long Beach as we continue working to provide exceptional service to our residents.

As we move into July, we look forward to building on the momentum from June and continuing to celebrate the people, projects, and partnerships that make Long Beach a great place to call home.



# Celebrating America Together

The City of Long Beach proudly celebrated another successful 4th of July Jubilee, bringing thousands of residents and visitors together for a day filled with patriotism, family fun, and community pride.

From the morning festival and vendor market to the evening parade, live entertainment, block party, and spectacular fireworks display, the day was a wonderful celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary and the spirit that makes Long Beach such a special place to call home.

This event would not have been possible without the dedication of countless volunteers, city employees, public safety personnel, sponsors, vendors, and community partners who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the celebration a success.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our 2026 Grand Marshal, Colonel Andrew M. Ratcliffe III, for leading this year's parade and for his distinguished service to our country. We were also honored to welcome Miss Mississippi, whose participation made the celebration even more memorable for families throughout the community.

A special thank you goes to Barlow Builders, Coastal Daiquiri Company, Eddie Seal's Auto Service, JLB Builders, High Caliber, and Elvis Gates for generously sponsoring dinner for the military personnel from Keesler Air Force Base who participated in this year's parade. Your generosity allowed us to properly thank these servicemen and women for their commitment and sacrifice.

We also extend our gratitude to Coastal Daiquiri Company for sponsoring the evening entertainment, helping provide a fun-filled atmosphere that brought the community together long after the parade had ended. Thank you to every vendor, sponsor, parade participant, performer, volunteer, and attendee who helped make this year's Jubilee such a tremendous success. Most importantly, thank you to the citizens of Long Beach for continuing to support this beloved tradition year after year.



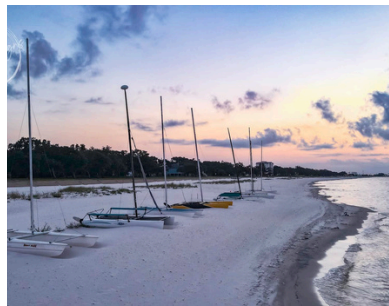
# Sweet Summertime in Long Beach

There's nothing quite like summertime in Long Beach! With sunshine, warm Gulf breezes, and plenty of ways to cool off, our community is the perfect place to make lasting memories with family and friends.

One of the sweetest ways to celebrate the season is by treating yourself to one of Long Beach's delicious ice cream shops or grabbing a refreshing snowball from one of our local favorites. Whether you prefer a classic scoop of your favorite flavor or a colorful, icy treat piled high with your favorite syrup, there's no better way to beat the summer heat while supporting our local businesses.

Looking for even more fun? The Long Beach Splash Pad at the Harper McCaughan Town Green is the perfect destination for kids to splash, laugh, and play while parents relax nearby. With plenty of open green space, picnic tables, and easy access to downtown, it's a wonderful place to spend a summer afternoon. The splash pad is open seasonally from May through October, giving families a free and fun way to stay cool all summer long. After cooling off, take a stroll through Long Beach, enjoy a meal at one of our locally owned restaurants, browse our unique shops, or simply soak in the charm that makes Long Beach such a special place to call home.

This summer, we encourage everyone to get outside, support local businesses, and enjoy everything our beautiful city has to offer. Whether you're enjoying a snowball with friends, sharing an ice cream cone with family, or making a splash at the Town Green, summer memories are waiting to be made right here in Long Beach!



# 2025 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.

To read the complete version of the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report, please visit:  
[www.cityoflongbeachms.com/ccr2025](http://www.cityoflongbeachms.com/ccr2025)

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# Long Beach Events Happening in July

July 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.

### First Thursday Community Bike Ride – July 2 | 6 PM

Grab your bike and join the 1st Thursday Community Bike Ride! Meet at the Town Green at 6:00 PM for a fun, family-friendly ride through Long Beach. It's a great way to get active, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with neighbors while exploring our beautiful community on two wheels!

### Finally First Friday – July 3 | 7 PM

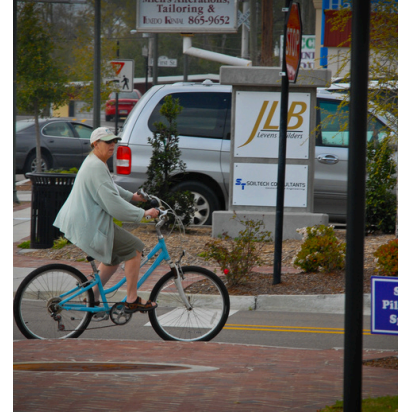
Kick off the weekend at Finally First Friday hosted by Long Beach Live at the Town Green! Enjoy an evening of live music, great food, local vendors, and a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Bring your lawn chairs, gather your friends and family, and spend the evening celebrating everything that makes Long Beach such a special place!

### Carnival Association Queen Bee Bunco – July 10 | 6 PM

Join the Long Beach Carnival Association for a fun evening of Bunco on Friday, July 10, at 6:00 PM at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Whether you're a seasoned Bunco player or trying it for the first time, this event is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and fellowship while supporting a local community tradition.

### Star-Spangled Beach Cleanup – July 11 | 8 AM

Help keep our beautiful coastline sparkling by participating in the Star-Spangled Beach Cleanup at the Long Beach Harbor. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM to help remove litter and preserve one of our community's greatest natural treasures. Bring your family, friends, and a pair of gloves as we work together to keep Long Beach beautiful.



First Thursday  
Bike Ride

Finally First Friday  
Beach Cleanup

# Long Beach Events Happening in July

## Summer Splash Day – July 11 | 10 AM

Cool off at the City of Long Beach Summer Splash Day at the Town Green! Join the Long Beach Fire Department for a fun-filled day of water play, laughter, and summertime fun. Bring the kids, wear your swimsuits, and get ready to beat the heat while making memories with family and friends!

## St Thomas Summer Splash – July 11 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Beat the heat at Summer Splash hosted by St. Thomas Church! Join the fun from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM for a morning of water activities, games, and family-friendly fun. It's the perfect way for kids to cool off, make memories, and enjoy a great summer day with the community!

## The First Taste – July 16 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Experience the First Taste hosted by the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce at Harbor View Café! Enjoy an evening of great food, networking, and community as you sample delicious offerings while connecting with fellow residents, business owners, and visitors. It's a wonderful way to support local and discover one of Long Beach's favorite dining spots!

## Social Mahjong – 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 4 PM – 8 PM

Looking for a fun way to spend your Thursday afternoons? Join the Social Mahjong group at Harbor View Café on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 4:00–8:00 PM. Players of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of strategy, conversation, and community. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot by texting Becky at 228-861-3806.

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



Summer Splash Day The First Taste

Social Mahjong

# July at the Long Beach Library

As we move into July, the Long Beach Public Library is celebrating another successful Summer Reading Program and thanking everyone who helped make this year's Unearth a Story theme such a memorable experience. We appreciate the many children, families, volunteers, and guest presenters who participated throughout the summer and helped foster a love of reading and learning in our community.

While Summer Reading has come to a close, the library continues to offer something for everyone. Whether you're looking for your next beach read, exploring our digital resources, researching a new topic, or introducing a child to the joy of books, our shelves are filled with opportunities to learn and discover.

The Long Beach Public Library remains a welcoming place for readers of all ages year-round. We invite you to stop by, browse our collection, sign up for a library card if you haven't already, and see all the resources and services available to our community. We look forward to seeing you at the library this summer and beyond!



Preschool story time is held at Long Beach Public Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and is geared towards toddlers to preschool aged children. We read stories, sing, dance, play games and work on a craft.



**HOLIDAYS IN JULY**  
**Independence Day** – Closed Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, 2026. Library will reopen on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 9 am.



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SIT, STAY, & READ!** Will be on Saturday, July 18 from 10am to 12 pm. This program is free to attend and is a great way for readers who are just starting to read to overcome shyness when reading aloud. Questions? Call the library at 863-0711.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME FOR JULY 2026**

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Preschool Story Time 10:30am	Preschool Story Time 10:30 am
	<b>JULY 2</b>
	<b>Theme: Independence Day</b> Stories Include: <i>My Fourth of July</i> by Jerry Spinelli
<b>JULY 7</b>	<b>JULY 9</b>
<b>Theme: Yummy Pizza</b> Stories Include: <i>The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)</i> Retold by Philemon Sturges	<b>Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic</b> Stories Include: <i>It's the Bear!</i> by Jez Alborough
<b>JULY 14</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
<b>Theme: Cows</b> Stories Include: <i>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</i> by Doreen Cronin	<b>Theme: Gummy Worm Day (July 15)</b> Stories Include: <i>Diary of a Worm</i> by Doreen Cronin
<b>JULY 21</b>	<b>JULY 23</b>
<b>Theme: Shark Week</b> Stories Include: <i>Never Touch a Shark!</i> by Rosie Greening	<b>Theme: Shark Week</b> Stories Include: <i>Sharks</i> by Colleen Sexton
<b>JULY 28</b>	<b>JULY 30</b>
<b>Theme: Off To School</b> Stories Include: <i>The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!</i> By Mo Willems	<b>Theme: Ice Cream Month</b> Stories Include: <i>Pete the Cat Screams for Ice Cream!</i> by Kimberly & James Dean

# Long Beach Through the Lens

Photos throughout Long Beach submitted to the City



*Thank you for reading!*

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