

April Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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Business Of The Month - Coffee Mounds

Congratulations to our April Business of the Month, Coffee Mounds!

Conveniently located in Long Beach, Coffee Mounds offers a welcoming space to grab your favorite coffee and start your day off right. Known for its quality brews and friendly service, Coffee Mounds has become a go-to spot for both locals and visitors.

Whether you're in need of your morning pick-me-up or an afternoon recharge, their team is always ready to serve up something delicious.

Stop by Coffee Mounds and see why it's a cherished part of our Long Beach community!

Get Involved Long Beach!

One of the things that makes Long Beach so special is the strong sense of community and the people who take an active role in making our city a better place to live, work, and visit. There are many ways to get involved, and everyone has something valuable to contribute.

Residents are encouraged to connect with local organizations that help shape and support our community. Groups such as Long Beach Main Street, Rotary, the Long Beach Garden Club, the VFW, and the American Legion offer meaningful opportunities to serve, meet new people, and be part of something bigger. Whether your interests are community development, beautification, service, or supporting our veterans, there is a place for you to get involved.

Staying informed and engaged in local government is also important. Attending Board of Aldermen meetings is a great way to stay up to date on city decisions, projects, and initiatives that impact our community.

Volunteering is another powerful way to make a difference. From helping at events and festivals to supporting local programs and initiatives, volunteers play a vital role in keeping Long Beach vibrant and connected.

We also encourage everyone to stay connected by following the City of Long Beach on social media. Our pages provide updates on events, projects, announcements, and important information to help keep you informed.

Long Beach continues to thrive because of the involvement and dedication of its residents. We invite you to get involved, stay connected, and be a part of what makes our community so strong.

Message from Mayor Tim Pierce

As we welcome the month of April, it's exciting to see Long Beach come to life with the energy of spring. This time of year brings not only beautiful weather, but also a renewed sense of activity across our city from community events and local business growth to continued progress on important infrastructure projects.

We are making steady strides on several key initiatives, including the Gateway Project and ongoing improvements at the harbor. These projects represent long-term investments in the future of Long Beach, helping to enhance connectivity, strengthen our infrastructure, and create a more welcoming environment for both residents and visitors.

April is also a wonderful time to get out and enjoy everything our community has to offer. With events like the Radish Festival, ribbon cuttings, and opportunities to support our local businesses, there are many ways to stay connected and engaged.

I encourage you to take advantage of the season. Visit our city, attend an event, and spend time with family and friends in our beautiful city. Long Beach continues to grow and thrive because of the strong support and involvement of our residents.

Thank you for being part of what makes Long Beach such a special place to call home.

— Mayor Tim Pierce



Southern Miss Launch Executive AI Leadership Academy with Inaugural Gulf Coast Cohort

The Gulf Coast Business Council, in partnership with The University of Southern Mississippi, recently launched the inaugural Executive Leadership Academy focused on artificial intelligence at the Gulf Park Campus with 28 participants.

This nine-month, executive-level program is designed for senior leaders to better understand how to integrate AI into their organization's strategy and decision-making. Participants will meet monthly to explore key topics such as governance, infrastructure, innovation, workforce transformation, and responsible implementation. The program equips leaders with tools to improve decision-making, drive innovation, and manage emerging risks as AI continues to transform industries.

The academy represents a strategic investment in strengthening regional leadership and long-term economic competitiveness, bringing together executives from across the Gulf Coast to collaborate and prepare for the future of AI.

Tim Pierce was in attendance and provided welcoming remarks, greeting participants and highlighting the importance of innovation and leadership in the City of Long Beach.

Organizations represented in the inaugural cohort include:

AnderCorp; Bass Tactix Outdoors Ministries; Coastal Mississippi; Hancock Whitney Bank; Humane Society of South Mississippi; Ingalls Shipbuilding; Lynn Meadows Discovery Center; Memorial Health System; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; Mississippi Power; MS-AVCRAD – Mississippi Army National Guard; Office of U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith; Scarlet Pearl Casino; Southeast Commercial Real Estate; Singing River Health System; To The Rescue Bookkeeping LLC; Treasure Bay; and William Carey University.



Long Beach Events Happening in April

April is full of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and support our local business and community in Long Beach! From ribbon cuttings and festivals to family-friendly activities and networking events, there's something for everyone to enjoy this month.

Business Easter Egg Hunt – April 4

Participating Businesses | Community Event

Hop into downtown Long Beach for a fun and interactive Business Easter Egg Hunt! Visit participating businesses, enjoy special treats and surprises, and spend the day exploring all that our local shops have to offer.

Ribbon Cutting – The 1905 Room at Radish – April 2 | 4:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the opening of The 1905 Room at Radish with an official ribbon cutting! Come out to support this exciting addition to our downtown and welcome another great space to Long Beach.

Ribbon Cutting – Benchmark Physical Therapy – April 17 | 1:00 PM

Help us welcome Benchmark Physical Therapy to the Long Beach community! This ribbon cutting is a great opportunity to meet their team, learn about their services, and show support for a new local business.

Radish Festival – April 18 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Downtown Long Beach

Don't miss one of the most exciting events of the spring! The Radish Festival will feature local vendors, farmers, artists, and chefs showcasing creative radish-inspired dishes. Bring the whole family out for a fun-filled day in downtown Long Beach!

Long Beach Historical Society Quarterly Meeting – April 20 | 6:00 PM

Take a step back in time and learn more about our city's rich history at the Historical Society's quarterly meeting. This is a great opportunity to connect with others who share a passion for preserving Long Beach's story.

Main Street Mingle – April 21 | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Juicy Caboosy

Join us for lunch at Juicy Caboosy for our Main Street Mingle! This casual networking event is a great way to connect with fellow business owners, community leaders, and residents while enjoying a delicious meal.



Business Easter Egg Hunt



Radish Festival



Historical Society Meeting



Main Street Mingle

Investing in Long Beach Small Businesses

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce is investing in the local business community by offering a total of \$40,000 in small business grants to support growth and development in Long Beach.

These grants are designed to help local businesses expand, improve operations, and continue contributing to the economic vitality of our community. Whether it's funding for upgrades, equipment, marketing, or other business needs, this opportunity provides meaningful support to small businesses working to grow and thrive.

To be eligible, applicants must be current members of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and must complete and submit a grant application for consideration. Local business owners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and apply. Investing in small businesses strengthens our local economy, supports job creation, and helps keep Long Beach a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, please contact the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Why Supporting Local Businesses Matters

Small businesses are the backbone of our community, playing a vital role in shaping the identity, economy, and everyday life of Long Beach. From locally owned shops and restaurants to service providers and entrepreneurs, these businesses create jobs, support families, and bring unique character to our city.

When you choose to shop local, you're doing more than making a purchase, you're investing directly in your community. Dollars spent at local businesses are more likely to stay in Long Beach, supporting other businesses, funding local initiatives, and contributing to the overall growth and success of our city.

Organizations like the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and Long Beach Main Street continue to prioritize small business support through programs, events, and initiatives that help businesses thrive. Opportunities like the current small business grant program are just one example of how our community is working together to encourage growth and sustainability.

Residents can also play a key role by supporting local year-round whether it's dining at a local restaurant, shopping downtown, attending community events, or simply spreading the word about their favorite businesses.

Together, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant Long Beach where small businesses succeed and our community continues to grow.

City of Long Beach

Spotlight: City Departments at Work Long Beach Library

Behind every lifelong reader, curious child, and connected community in Long Beach is the welcoming presence of the Long Beach Public Library.

As our city continues to grow, the Long Beach Public Library plays an essential role in supporting education, encouraging creativity, and providing access to valuable resources for residents of all ages. More than just a place to check out books, the library serves as a hub for learning, connection, and community engagement.

The library offers a wide range of services, including access to books, digital resources, public computers, research assistance, and educational programming for children, teens, and adults. From early literacy programs and story times to workshops, book clubs, and community events, the library helps foster a love of learning at every stage of life.

With an active calendar of programs and a growing number of visitors, the library continues to expand its impact. Whether families are attending a children's activity, students are utilizing study spaces, or residents are exploring new skills and interests, the library remains a vibrant and welcoming space for all.

Beyond its resources, the Long Beach Public Library is committed to service. The dedicated staff work closely with the community to provide guidance, support, and opportunities that enrich everyday life. Their mission goes beyond books. They strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome to learn, explore, and connect.

The City of Long Beach is proud to have such a valuable resource at the heart of our community. Through its continued commitment to knowledge, accessibility, and service, the Long Beach Public Library helps strengthen and inspire Long Beach every day.



April at the Long Beach Library

April is a wonderful time to visit the Long Beach Public Library and discover something new to read. As spring is in full bloom, 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.

April is also National Poetry Month, highlighting poetry’s important role in our culture and encouraging everyone to read, write, and share poetry. Throughout the month, the library will celebrate with special touches, including a poetry display on the elevator doors where visitors can share a favorite line or even a verse of their own. If you’d like to participate, simply ask the front desk for a poetry card and join in the fun!

With a full calendar of activities and seasonal inspiration all around, April is the perfect time to stop in and see what’s happening. The week of April 20th will feature special events, including Patron Appreciation Day and a “Learn to Write a Haiku” workshop, giving visitors a chance to get creative and celebrate poetry in a hands-on way. Events like Poem in Your Pocket Day are also part of the national celebration, reminding us how powerful and personal poetry can be.

We invite everyone to stop by the Long Beach Public Library this April, 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	This Month at Your Library
			1	2 Easter Preschool Story Time 	3	4 Book Sale 9AM - 1PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Poetry Month 🌸 • Haiku Writing Workshop – April 23 • New Spring Books in the Children’s Wing • Weekly puzzles & digital resources (Hoopla, TumbleBooks)
5	6	7 Library Board Meeting Preschool Story Time 	8	9 National Unicorn Day Preschool Story Time 	10	11 Book Sale 9AM - 1PM	
12	13	14 National Jelly Bean Day Preschool Story Time 	15	16 Earth Day Preschool Story Time 	17	18 Sit, Stay, READ! Book Sale 9AM - 1PM	<p>Notes</p> <p>Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 AM</p> <p>LONG BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY Long Beach, Mississippi</p>
19	20 Patron Appreciation Day 10AM - 12PM	21 Books Preschool Story Time 	22 Old Book... New Look! 10AM - 3PM	23 Learn to Write a Haiku 9AM - 11AM Preschool Story Time 	24	25 CLOSED	
26	27 CLOSED	28 April Showers... Preschool Story Time 	29	30 Bring May Flowers Preschool Story Time 			

Happening at the Harper McCaughan Town Green

As the weather warms up, the Harper McCaughan Town Green continues to be a central gathering place for our Long Beach community. With a full lineup of weekly activities and seasonal favorites returning, there are plenty of opportunities to get outside and enjoy all that our city has to offer.

One of the most anticipated spring features, the splash pad, will officially open on May 1st, just in time for families to cool off and enjoy the sunshine. The splash pad has become a favorite for children and a great way to spend a fun day outdoors.

Each weekend, the Town Green is filled with activity. The Long Beach Farmers Market takes place every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, offering fresh produce, local goods, and a chance to support area vendors. On Sundays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Art & Artisan Market brings together talented artists, makers, and creators showcasing unique, handcrafted items.

In addition to weekend events, the Town Green also hosts community bike rides every first Thursday of the month starting April 2nd. These rides are a great way to stay active, meet neighbors, and enjoy a relaxed evening in Long Beach.

Whether you're shopping local, enjoying time with family, or simply taking in the beautiful surroundings, the Town Green continues to be a vibrant hub for community life in Long Beach.



Spring Yard Cleanup & Solid Waste Collection Guidelines



As spring arrives, many residents are taking the opportunity to complete yard maintenance and outdoor cleanup projects. The City of Long Beach would like to provide a reminder of the Solid Waste Collection Guidelines to ensure efficient service and maintain the cleanliness and safety of our community.

Yard Waste and Debris

Vegetative debris, including tree limbs and branches, must be cut to lengths not exceeding 8 feet. Leaves, pine straw, and smaller debris are required to be bagged for collection. All materials should be placed within 3 to 5 feet of the curb and should not obstruct roadways or drainage.

Collection Limitations

Please note that collection services are limited to 8 cubic yards of debris per yard per week. Projects exceeding this volume may require alternative disposal arrangements.

Placement and Prohibited Items

To ensure safe and timely collection:

- Do not place debris beneath power lines, trees, or near mailboxes, fire hydrants, or utility meters.
- Contractor-generated waste, including debris from construction, landscaping, or tree services, will not be collected.
- Items such as concrete, hazardous materials, appliances, and unbagged household garbage are not eligible for pickup.

Household Waste

All household garbage must be placed in an authorized Waste Management cart for scheduled weekly collection.

Adhering to these guidelines allows for efficient service and helps maintain the appearance and functionality of our city. For additional information or questions regarding collection services, please contact Pelican Waste & Debris or Waste Management at (228) 701-9086.

City of Long Beach

City Improvements in Progress

Drainage Improvement Projects Underway in Long Beach

The City of Long Beach continues to make progress on important infrastructure improvements, with ongoing work at both the Parkwood/Briarwood Drainage Improvement Project and the Park Row Drainage Improvement Project.

These projects are part of the City's continued commitment to addressing drainage concerns and improving overall stormwater management in our neighborhoods. By enhancing drainage systems, these improvements will help reduce flooding risks, improve roadway conditions, and protect nearby properties during heavy rainfall events.

Construction crews have been actively working in these areas, and residents may continue to see equipment and temporary disruptions as work progresses. We appreciate the community's patience as these critical upgrades are completed.

Once finished, these projects will provide long-term benefits to the surrounding neighborhoods and contribute to a more resilient infrastructure system for the City of Long Beach.

Road Striping Improvements in Partnership with Harrison County

Following recent paving projects throughout the city, the City of Long Beach is working in partnership with Harrison County to complete roadway striping on newly paved roads.

Striping is an essential final step in the paving process, ensuring clear lane markings, improved traffic flow, and increased safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. These markings help guide motorists and enhance visibility, especially during nighttime and inclement weather conditions.

The City is coordinating closely with Harrison County to schedule and complete this work as efficiently as possible. Residents may notice crews in various areas applying striping to recently improved roadways.

We appreciate your patience as we finalize these improvements and continue working to enhance the safety and quality of our city streets.





Long Beach Fire Department: Hydrant Testing

The Long Beach Fire Department will begin its annual state-mandated fire hydrant testing starting 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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