

October Newsletter



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Welcome To The City Of Long Beach Monthly Newsletter!

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11 Art & Artisan Market Breakfast Fundraiser at VFW 	12	13	14	15 EMERGE Center White Cane Day	16 Night Out Against Crime	17 Farmer's Market Beach Coastal Cleanup
18 Art & Artisan Market	19	20 MEETING Board of Aldermen Meeting	21	22 Mah Jong at Harbor View Planning Development Meeting	23 Cemetery Tour	24 Farmer's Market Tricks! Treats! Trail! 
25 Art & Artisan Market Trunk or Treat 	26	27	28 LBHS Homecoming Parade	29	30 LBHS Homecoming Football Game	31 Farmer's Market HAPPY HALLOWEEN 

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Business Of The Month - Recharge Long Beach

Congratulations to our October Business of the Month, Recharge Long Beach!

This month, we're proud to spotlight Recharge Long Beach and celebrate the local businesses that help our community thrive. Behind every small business are people who put time, energy, and dedication into serving their customers, and we're excited to recognize Recharge Long Beach as part of our Long Beach business community.

Supporting local businesses helps keep Long Beach vibrant and creates opportunities to connect with the people who make our city special. We encourage everyone to stop by, learn more about what Recharge Long Beach has to offer, and show them some hometown support.

Join us in congratulating Recharge Long Beach on being recognized as our October Business of the Month!

Cruisin' the Coast in Long Beach

Long Beach welcomes Cruisin' the Coast on Monday, October 5, with a full day of cars and entertainment. Show & Shine runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Green. From 3 to 5 p.m., USM Gulf Park hosts its Southern Miss Cruisin' Hangout. The parade rolls through downtown at 6 p.m., followed by The Tip Tops in concert at the Long Beach Harbor from 6 to 9 p.m.

The fun continues Thursday, October 8, with Trucks & Tacos at the Town Green from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Residents should expect heavier traffic around downtown during Cruisin' events and watch city channels for any road or parking notices.

HANGOUT IN LONG BEACH

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TOWN GREEN 9 AM - 4 PM
SHOW AND SHINE

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USM GULF PARK CAMPUS 3 PM - 5 PM
SOUTHERN MISS CRUISIN'

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DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH 5:30 PM
CRUISIN THE COAST PARADE

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LONG BEACH HARBOR 6 PM - 9 PM
THE TIP TOPS CONCERT

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TOWN GREEN 8 AM - 10 PM
TRUCKS AND TACOS




Long Beach's New Fiscal Year Begins October 1

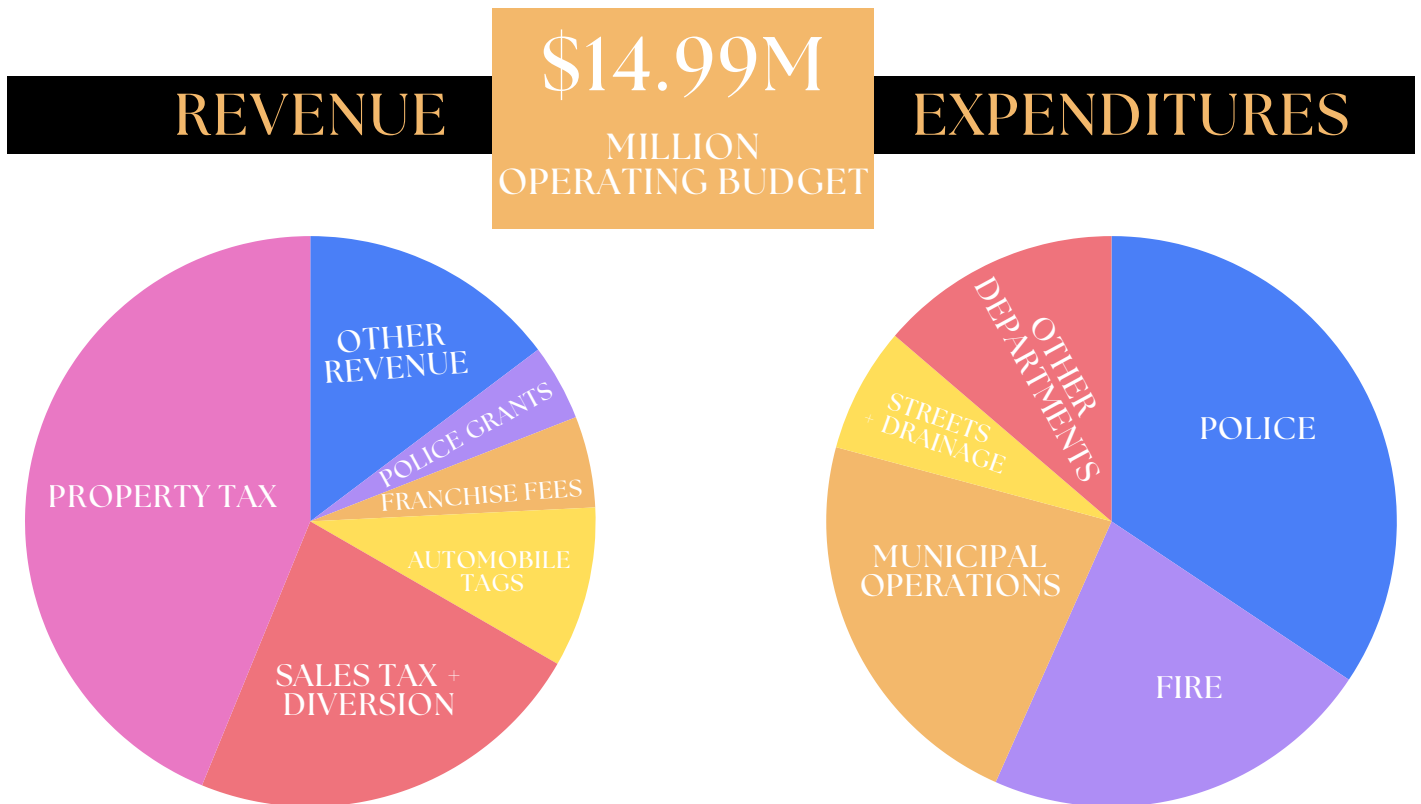
The City of Long Beach's 2027 fiscal year begins October 1. The Board of Aldermen adopted the budget in September, setting out how the city plans to fund services for the year ahead.

The General Fund totals \$14.99 million. Its two largest departmental allocations are \$5.15 million for the Police Department and \$3.34 million for the Fire Department. Together, those departments account for about 57% of the General Fund. The budget also includes \$1.06 million for streets and drainage and \$415,856 for recreation.

On the revenue side, the city projects \$6.57 million in General Fund property taxes, \$2.27 million in sales taxes and \$1.16 million in sales tax diversion revenue. Water and sewer services are budgeted separately from the General Fund.

These figures offer a snapshot of the adopted spending plan. Residents can review the full FY 2027 budget on the city's website.

How we do what we do



Progress Around Long Beach

There is plenty to celebrate along the Long Beach waterfront this fall, with the Jim Simpson Pier and the Long Beach Gateway now open for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The reopening of the Jim Simpson Pier brings a favorite coastal destination back to the community. Whether you are heading out for a walk, taking in the views or enjoying a sunrise or sunset, the pier offers another way to experience the beauty of our Gulf Coast.

The City of Long Beach thanks the Harrison County Board of Supervisors for its work on this project and its commitment to getting the pier reopened. A few final touches are still underway, but we are excited to see residents and visitors enjoying the pier once again.

Nearby, the Long Beach Gateway is also open, providing a welcoming space to spend time along our waterfront. The Gateway opened to the public in September, and the city looks forward to celebrating this milestone with the community.

Plans for Phase 3 include additional amenities such as trash cans, pavilions, benches, bike racks and other improvements. These additions will build on the work already completed, giving visitors more places to sit, gather and enjoy the waterfront. The city will share updates as plans move forward.

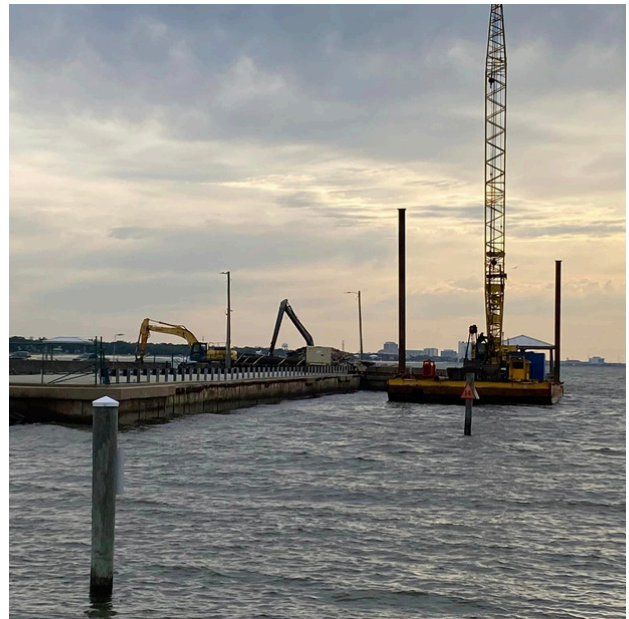
Residents, visitors and community partners are invited to the Gateway Project Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, October 7, at 5 p.m. Join us as we recognize the partners who helped bring the project to life and celebrate a new gathering place for Long Beach.

As the weather cools, we encourage you to get outside, explore these waterfront destinations and enjoy all that Long Beach has to offer.

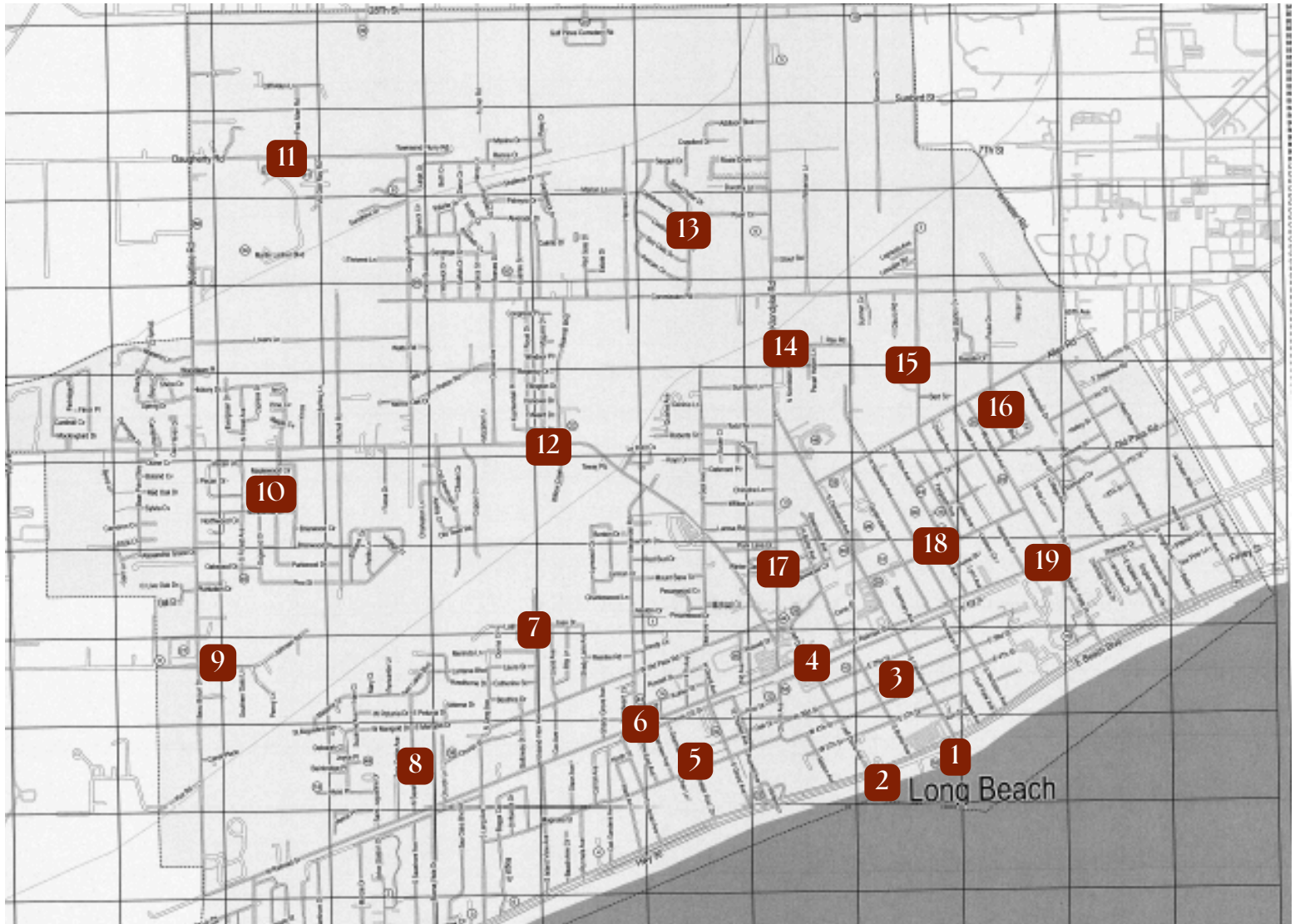


The Big Picture

A close-up look at significant infrastructure and quality of life projects in the works.



The Details



1. Long Beach Harbor Improvements and FEMA Repairs
2. Long Beach Gateway Projects Phase I, II, III
3. 3rd Street Sidewalks
4. Jeff Davis Avenue and Railroad Street Intersection Improvements
5. Magnolia/Dearman Drainage Improvements
6. Alexander/Railroad Pump Station Improvements
7. Latil Street Pump Station Improvements
8. North Seashore Pump Station Improvements
9. Johnson/Beatline Pump Station Station Improvements
10. Parkwood/Briarwood Drainage Improvements
11. Daugherty Road Pump Station Improvements
12. Willow Creek Pump Station Improvements
13. Castine Pointe ADA Improvements
14. Klondyke/Ray Street Pump Station Improvements
15. Rosalie Drainage Improvements
16. Pinecrest Drainage Improvements
17. Klondyke Road Paving
18. Park Row Drainage Improvements
19. Railroad Street Paving

Save the Dates: Long Beach Events

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OCT. 2 | Finally First Friday

7:00 PM • Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 5 | Cruisin' the Coast — Long Beach Show & Shine

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM • Jeff Davis Avenue

OCT. 5 | Southern Miss Cruisin'

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Southern Miss Gulf Park

OCT. 5 | Long Beach Cruisin' the Coast Parade

5:30 PM • Downtown Long Beach

OCT. 8 | Trucks N Tacos

All Day · Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 10 | Yoga in the Park

9:00 AM • Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 16 | Night Out Against Crime

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM • Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 17 | Coastal Beach Cleanup

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Long Beach Harbor

OCT. 17 | Movie on Main — Hocus Pocus

6:00 PM • Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 23 | Historical Society Cemetery Tour

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM • Long Beach City Cemetery

OCT. 24 | Spooky Halloween Trail

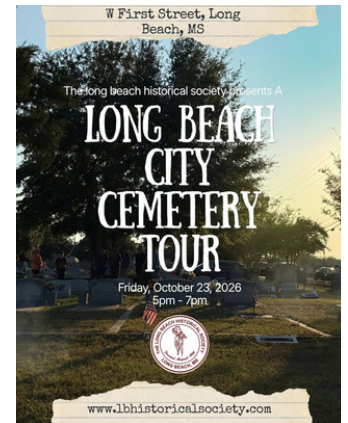
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM • Long Beach Recreation Center

OCT. 25 | Trunk or Treat

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM • Harper McCaughan Town Green

OCT. 31 | Halloween in Long Beach

At Local Businesses



Celebrating City Retirement

The City of Long Beach is proud to recognize David Falks on his retirement after 16 years of dedicated service as Assistant Harbor Master. We are grateful for his commitment to the Long Beach Harbor and the community he served.

As Assistant Harbor Master, David helped support the harbor's daily operations and assisted the boaters and visitors who use this important part of our waterfront. His years of service reflect the care and effort that go into keeping the harbor a welcoming place for residents and guests.

Throughout his time with the City, David contributed to a place that holds special meaning for Long Beach. The harbor is an important part of our community's identity, and we appreciate his dedication to serving those who work, dock, and spend time there.

David's retirement marks the conclusion of a meaningful career with the City. We thank him for the time, knowledge, and commitment he shared over the past 16 years.

Please join the City of Long Beach in congratulating David Falks on his retirement. We wish him happiness, relaxation, and many wonderful experiences in this next chapter!

Long Beach Fire Department Training

The Long Beach Fire Department is proud to recognize Firefighters Jinright, Perez, and McMillan for successfully passing their hazardous materials final examination and practical skills assessments.

This achievement marks an important step in their training and preparation to serve the Long Beach community. Hazardous materials training helps firefighters recognize potential dangers, understand protective measures, and respond to incidents involving hazardous substances.

The three firefighters are now moving into the field-delivery portion of their Firefighter I and II training. This next stage will continue building the knowledge and hands-on skills needed for firefighting and emergency response.

Each training milestone reflects hours of study, practice, and commitment. That preparation supports the department's ability to respond effectively when residents, businesses, and visitors need help.

Long Beach Police Department Introduces New Motor Unit

The Long Beach Police Department is proud to introduce its new Motor Unit, adding two Harley-Davidson motorcycles to the department's fleet.

Captain Craig and Officer Craft have been assigned to the motorcycles and will serve as the unit's first officers. Both successfully completed an 80-hour Motor School and earned their "Motor Wings," marking an important accomplishment as they prepare to take on these new assignments.

Operating a police motorcycle requires specialized training and skill. Their completion of Motor School reflects the preparation and dedication involved in bringing this new unit to Long Beach.

The motorcycles provide another way for officers to serve and connect with the community while enhancing the department's presence on the road. Residents and visitors can look forward to seeing Captain Craig and Officer Craft representing the Long Beach Police Department on two wheels.

Honoring Years of Service at the Long Beach Public Library

As the Long Beach Public Library prepares to join the Harrison County Library System, the City of Long Beach extends its sincere appreciation to the employees and volunteers who have served our library, our residents, and our community for many years.

Some of these dedicated employees have given 25 years or more of service to Long Beach. Their commitment has helped generations of residents discover a love of reading, find information, learn new skills, and feel welcome at the library. From helping a child choose their first book to assisting patrons with research and technology, their everyday work has made a lasting difference. Beyond the books and resources, it is the people who have made the Long Beach Public Library such a meaningful part of our community. Our employees have built relationships with families, encouraged young readers, and provided thoughtful assistance to residents of all ages. We are grateful for the care, knowledge, and dedication they have shared throughout their years of service.

The library and employees will continue to serve the City of Long Beach as a welcoming place for learning, discovery, and connection. Joining the Harrison County Library System will bring additional programs, expanded digital resources, and technology updates to support that continuing mission.

As the library begins this next chapter, we recognize and thank the employees and volunteers whose years of service have helped build its foundation. Their contributions remain an important part of the library's history and its lasting impact on Long Beach.

Thank you for reading!

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