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Schooner or Later offers a beautiful view of Alamilto Bay marina.

Rise and Dine

Local favorites for the most important meal of the day

From coffee shops to outdoor dining to hole-in-the-wall local spots, Long Beach is a breakfast city.

This year's People's Choice top pick was not a surprise: **Schooner or Later** (241 N. Marina Drive). Situated in a placid corner of Alamilto Bay, the Long Beach favorite — marking its 40th anniversary this year — is famous for its 20-ounce bloody marys served in a goblet. Pair that with a Mess-a-rito breakfast bomb, then pencil in a long nap.

Runners-up for breakfast include:

Zuzu's Petals (801 E. Third St.): This adorable spot in the East Village near Downtown serves generous portions and an array of vegetarian options. Try the Cinnagave Shaken Espresso and The Skillet.

The Breakfast Bar (70 Atlantic Ave.; 3404 E. Fourth St.) made the list of the top 100 best breakfast places in the U.S. in 2019. A must-try: Uncle Marcee's Omelet Casserole, made 24 hours in advance and baked to order.

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BRUNCH

For a long, lazy morning, check out **The Attic** (3441 E. Broadway), our 2025 People's Choice brunch favorite. Lots of the usual offerings on the breakfast menu in this quaint Belmont Heights restaurant with a porch. Try the Mac & Cheetos, a local favorite.

Other great brunch spots include **Nick's on 2nd** (4901 E. Second St.), and stay for dinner; you won't be disappointed with anything on the menu here. If Nick's is busy, go across the street to **Saint & Second** (4828 E. Second St.) for a classy brunch that also shines. ●



The original Breakfast Bar in Downtown Long Beach

A large advertisement for 'Claire's at the Museum'. The background is a blurred view of the ocean and palm trees. In the foreground, a glass of pink drink with a lime wedge sits on a wooden railing. The text 'Seas the day at Claire's' is written in a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts. Below it, 'at the Museum' is in a smaller sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the museum's name and address are listed.

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at the Museum

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Joe Josts is one of the oldest pubs in the city.

Lunch Break

Long Beach's picks for your midday meal

Lunch is where you get into the heart and history of Long Beach.

We could go in many directions here, but a good place to start is **Joe Josts** (2803 Anaheim St.) in the Zaferia neighborhood. The local pub turned 100 last year, and has been owned by the same family in its long tenure here. It's a

beloved, everybody-knows-your-name kind of place with only a few choices on the menu: the Joe's Special Polish sausage sandwich with a slice of Swiss cheese, a pickle and mustard on rye bread; pickled eggs and Marmion peanuts.

From there, it's dealer's choice. Here's a few of the 2025 People's Choice picks:

OUTDOOR

Ubuntu Cafe (335 Nieto Ave.) is an easy People's Choice pick for best outdoor dining. The airy cafe just south of Colorado Lagoon is both classy and casual. For a stunning view of Alamitos Bay, visit **Boathouse on the Bay** (190 N. Marina Drive).

BURGER

The Win-Dow (4600 E. Second St.), known for its affordable smash burgers and chicken sandwiches, is a fast, delicious option — and winner of this year's People's Choice award in the burger category.

PIZZA

It was close, but this year's People's Choice picks for best pizza include winner **4th Horseman** (121 W. Fourth St.), where you could stare at the walls for hours (you'll see what we mean); and runners-up **Little Coyote** (2114 E. Fourth St; 3500 N. Coyotes Diagonal) and **Speak Cheezy** (3950 E. Fourth St.).

SUSHI

There are many sushi options in Long Beach, so it's quite a feat to win this category. The two that landed on top: **Sushi Nikkei** (3819 Atlantic Ave.), with its unique Brazilian-Japanese flavors; and **Sushi Mafia** (649 E. Broadway), which boasts a fusion of ingredients fit for the "Godfather."

VEGAN

This year's winner, **The Wild Chive** (2650 E. Broadway), worked hard for its brick-and-mortar location in Bluff Park by hosting pop-ups for years throughout the city. **The Grain Cafe** (4403 E. Fourth St.), with its eclectic menu and cheery exterior, comes in as runner-up. ●



The variety plate from Sushi Nikkei



Ubuntu Cafe near the Colorado Lagoon

Dinner Party

Long Beach's best, from takeout to date night

Speaking of awards, **Heritage** (2032 E. Seventh St.) is the first restaurant in the city to earn a Michelin Star. Reservations are a must. You might have already heard about **Ammatoli** (285 E. Third St.) in Long Beach, which was recognized by the James Beard Awards and the Los Angeles Times' Best 101 Restaurants. It's earned the hype.



The steak salad at Thai District in Downtown

A promotional graphic for 'GRILL 'EM ALL BURGERS BEER BEACH'. The top half features the restaurant's name in large, stylized red and white lettering. Below the name, it says '5411 EAST OCEAN BLVD ON THE SAND AT HORNYS CORNER'. To the right is a small circular portrait of a man. The bottom half of the graphic shows a hand holding a large burger with a bite taken out of it, next to a tray of fries and a salad. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code and the word 'SCAN'. In the bottom center, there is a phone icon, the Instagram handle '@GRILLEMALL', and the phone number '562 343 1284'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'LEMMY' featuring a stylized face.

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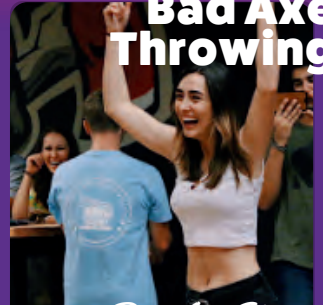
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210 The Promenade N.

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Chef Philip Pretty plates food at Heritage Farm.

The city is also home to the largest Cambodian community in the U.S., with the best cuisine outside Southeast Asia. Try the house special at **Phnom Penh Noodle Shack** (1644 Cherry Ave.) and the chicken wings at **Shlap Muan** (2150 E. South St.).

Other solid choices:

Chez Bacchus (743 E. Fourth St.) won top honors for fine dining in our poll. This farm-to-table, upscale establishment on the edge of Downtown has an impressive wine list and an inventive cocktail menu.

Los Compadres (the original in Downtown, 1144 Pine Ave.; 3229 E. Anaheim St.) won for best Mexican food; also check out **Lola's** (2030

E. Fourth St.; 4140 Atlantic Ave.) and ask for a gallon of the green “crack” sauce.

Tarantella on 4th (2120 E. Fourth St.), a small Italian restaurant with a backyard patio in the heart of Retro Row, won best Italian. They serve delicious pastas with a romantic vibe. Perfect for date night.

The People's Choice for Thai was **Thai District** (149 Linden Ave.), which serves reliably fresh and flavorful traditional Thai dishes. Other favorites: **Panvimarn Thai Cuisine** (4101 Bellflower Blvd.) and **Manaow** (3618 E. Broadway).

Roe Seafood (5374 E. Second St.) is one of those low-key local favorites in Belmont Shore, and was this year's top pick for seafood. ●

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Drink local at these coffee, tea and juice spots.

Here again, Long Beach has many options – and opinions. We're sticking to only independent, local venues for this list, but you'll also find chain coffee and tea options about every three blocks in some parts of the city.

COFFEE

The 2025 People's Choice top pick was **CoffeeDrunk** (Cal Heights, 913 E. Wardlow Road; Retro Row, 2701 E. Fourth St.; and Bixby Knolls, 4374 Atlantic Ave.), with iced, creamy, sweet lattes and punchy tonics, along with well-reviewed food and service.

Runners-up included **Steelhead**, serving homemade kombucha and an array of espresso concoctions, at multiple locations, including **SteelCraft** (3768 Long Beach Blvd.) in Bixby Knolls. And, last but not least, is **Rose Park Roasters** (455 E. Ocean Blvd.; 800 Pine Ave.; and 3044 E. Fourth St.), which has a sharp bite for a quick pick-me-up.

TEA

Long Beach is host to a number of innovative tea and boba spots, including **Cha For Tea** (5720 E. Seventh St.) and on the other side of town, **Loose Leaf Boba** (315 The Promenade N.).

JUICE

In the city's crowded juice scene, **Salud Juice** in Belmont Shore (4918 E. Second St.), Bixby



Knolls (3768 Long Beach Blvd.) and Rose Park (1944 E. Fourth St.) took top honors for best juice bar. Salud offers an array of cleanses, tonics, acai bowls and more – all organic. Salud is also one of those impressive local feel-good stories: It was founded in 2012 by a couple of college kids in an apartment in Rose Park, and has grown into a local favorite. ●

Sweet Spots

Local picks for a sugar fix

Long Beach has become a notable baking mecca. Seriously. **Gusto Bread** (2710 E. Fourth St.) is the People's Choice for best bakery, and it's also been recognized by the James Beard Awards (two years running), as well as LA Eater, Food & Wine, the New York Times and the LA Times. It's another great Long Beach story: Founders Arturo Enciso, born in Mexico, and Ana Belén Salatino, from Argentina, ran the bakery from their home in the northern



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Arturo Enciso at Gusto Bread

Downtown area when they started in 2017. Their brick-and-mortar shop in Carroll Park regularly has long lines and sells out. Get there early for the best selection.

Check out a few other bakeries that have helped expand waistlines across the city: **Sconeage Bakery** (4339 E. Anaheim St.) was this year's runner-up. Please try the granola; it's fresh, light and baked to perfection. Note that Sconeage has a shop, but your best bet in finding them is the Marina Farmer's Market on

Wednesday evenings (voted best farmers market in the city), and 2nd & PCH farmers market on Saturday mornings (the runner-up).

For dessert, the people chose **Sweet Jill's** (5001 E. Second St.), a popular place in Belmont Shore that serves homestyle cakes, cookies and more. The runner-up was **Long Beach Creamery** (222 E. Broadway; 4141 Long Beach Blvd.), with its handcrafted ice cream — and often locally inspired — flavors. Try the strawberry mascarpone; you won't regret it. ●



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A view from the Sky Room at the Fairmont Breakers Hotel

Cheers!

It's 5 o'clock somewhere.

Long Beach has a plethora of watering holes, wine bars and weed stores to help you relax after a long day. One of our favorites is the newly reopened **Sky Room** (210 E. Ocean Blvd.) in the Fairmont Breakers Hotel, which originally opened in 1938 and catered to celebs like Clark Gable, Cary Grant and Rita Hayworth.

BEER, WINE AND COCKTAILS

Marina Wine Bar (194 N. Marina Drive) has a comfy ambiance, live music, a fireplace and events, and was our readers' pick for best wine bar. Runners-up (it was close) were **Vine** (2142 E. Fourth St.) and **District Wine** (144 Linden Ave.) in Downtown.

Beer lovers should pay a visit to the **Long Beach Beer Lab** (518 W. Willow St.; 4000 E. Anaheim St.), which offers over 20 craft beers on tap, and hosts live music and events like bingo and line dancing. **The Lab** is the 2025 People's Choice pick for best brewery, along with runner-up **Ambitious Ales** (4019 Atlantic Ave.) in Bixby Knolls.

When you're ready to hit the hard stuff, **The Bamboo Club** (winner) and runners-up **Baby Gee** (1227 E. Fourth St.) — try the key lime colada — and **The Ordinarie** (210 The Promenade N.) are our reader recommendations in this year's poll. The Bamboo Club, a festive Tiki bar in the Zaferia neighborhood, offers all things rum and paper umbrellas. Get the Sunken Siren, and the Thai tea-brined fried chicken sandwich.



The Jardesca Aperitiva cocktail at District Wine

DISPENSARIES

If you're visiting from out of state, weed is legal in our parts, and there's plenty of places to grab a bag of buds with a side of gummies for added relaxation. The readers chose

Haven (multiple locations; try 404 Redondo Ave.; 1248 Long Beach Blvd.), which opened in 2019. The runner-up was **Catalyst** (433 Pine Ave.), which offers perks and discounts for members. ●

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This traveling exhibition is organized by the University of Arizona Museum of Art and the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation. David Gilhooly, *Life/Late Lunch*, 1983, painted and glazed ceramic and wood, 13 x 20 x 15 1/2 inches. From the Collection of Jordan D. Schnitzer.

A ceramic sculpture titled 'Life/Late Lunch' by David Gilhooly, featuring a plate of food, a drink, and a vase, displayed on a wooden tray.



A child watches penguins at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

So Much to See

Play tourist at these Long Beach landmarks.

If you visit Long Beach, chances are you'll get a glimpse of the **Queen Mary** (1126 Queens Highway). It's worth a closer look. The historic ocean liner first set sail in 1936, then shortly after was painted gray and ferried troops during World War II, hence its nickname, "The Gray Ghost." The ship arrived in Long Beach in 1967 and was converted into a hotel and city-owned attraction. Take a guided tour of the ship and learn the paranormal stories that give it an eerie charm: queenmary.com.

While you're in the area of the Downtown waterfront, stop by the **Aquarium of the Pacific** (100 Aquarium Way), which won top honors for the best attraction in the city. The Aquarium — which is not the building with whales painted on it; that's the Long Beach Arena — has a ton of activities, including penguin shows, animal webcams, a harbor boat tour, a whale watching tour and much more. Upcoming special events include Pride Night on June 13, a Juneteenth celebration on June 15 and

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The flower moon rises behind the Queen Mary.

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There's a few other great tourist spots nearby: **Shoreline Village**, a quaint pierside shopping area with restaurants that include **Parker's Lighthouse** (435 Shoreline Village Drive) and the **Yard House** (401 Shoreline Village Drive).

Long Beach is also home to the 19th-century **Rancho Los Cerritos** (4600 Virginia Road) and **Rancho Los Alamitos** (6400 Bixby Hill Road),

which are now museums that offer a window to the roots of this city. In a less touristy part of town, stroll through one of the most beautiful places in the city: the **Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden** at Cal State Long Beach (1250 Bellflower Blvd.). This peaceful garden is an oasis of serenity after a long day. Admission is free, but reservations are required: japanesegarden.innosoftfusion.com. ●

Beauty and the Beach

Art and culture in the city

In Long Beach, art is everywhere — from piano key crosswalks and guerilla street art, to curated exhibitions at our renowned museums and galleries.

The Museum of Latin American Art (628 Alamitos Ave.), voted best museum by readers, is a beautiful space in the East Village near Downtown. It is, in fact, the only museum in the United States dedicated to modern and contemporary Latin American and Latino art.

This summer, check out the installation from renowned Mexican artist Betsabeé Romero, "The Endless Spiral."

Long Beach Museum of Art (2300 E. Ocean Blvd.) was a close runner-up. This museum boasts sweeping ocean views, and, aside from the art, it's a popular venue for events and private parties. This summer's installation (through Aug. 23) is "The Art of Food." You might be hungry after; eat at Claire's. On



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Fay Ray's solo exhibition, "Puerperal," at Compound

a clear day, you can see Catalina Island from the deck.

The city also has a number of other smaller museums and cultural centers. A relatively new space, **Compound** (1395 Coronado Ave.), won runner-up for best gallery. Compound, in the Zaferia neighborhood, is a nonprofit that seeks to gather people around food, community, art and wellness. It's a great place to spend the day reading a book or meeting with creatives over coffee and organic fare.

When it's time to leave Compound, drive around the city to see its incredible murals. They are such a part of the fabric of Long Beach that we have a People's Choice category for this: This year's winner is the DREAMer mural (near



Visitors view artwork at the Museum of Latin American Art.

421 E. Pacific Coast Highway) that covers multiple sides of a Downtown residential tower.

Find all of the city's murals on a map created by the Arts Council: artslb.org/public-art-map. ●

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Feel the Beat

Hear the sound of the city at these local venues.

Long Beach — the hometown of **Sublime**, **Snoop Dogg**, **Jenni Rivera** and **Spike Jones** — has a rich music history. That legacy continues with a growing number of concerts and music festivals at the waterfront near the Queen Mary, including **Cali Vibes**, **Day Trip** and the **Vans Warped Tour** (see calendar for more details).

Between those big shows, there's music, culture and fun to be had in the city's neighborhoods and side streets.

Alex's Bar (2913 Anaheim St.), in the Zaferia neighborhood, is marking its silver anniversary (that's 25 years) this year. This Long Beach institution has hosted local acts and now-famous bands like The Offspring. With its cluttered paintings of Elvis and other greats, and red atmosphere, it's the kind of place to come as you are and get lost in the vibe and history of music in the city.

Another great choice: **The Bamboo Club** (3522 E. Anaheim St.), also in Zaferia. The Tiki bar and restaurant is known for its tropical theme, live music and exotic cocktails.

You want to dance? We have that, too. The People's Choice is likely the first venue that comes to mind if you ask a local: **The Gaslamp** (6251 E. Pacific Coast Highway), where there's always a party and local cover bands like Knyght Ryder (the People's Choice runner-up for best local band).

Another venue that made the list: **Executive Suite** (3428 E. Pacific Coast Highway), a three-level gay bar with drag shows, dancing, go-go dancers, karaoke, pool tables, video games and all kinds of music and fancy (or not) drinks to be had. ●

Hotel Maya – A Long Beach Waterfront Icon Reimagined

Perfectly positioned along the scenic Long Beach waterfront, the newly independent **Hotel Maya** is celebrating 50 years of vibrant hospitality, coastal charm, and unforgettable views. This Latin American-inspired oasis is preparing for a full-scale renovation beginning Fall 2025, with refreshed guest rooms, public spaces and its signature restaurant, *Fuego*, to be unveiled by Spring 2026.

But before the transformation begins, the festivities are already underway.

All summer long, guests can join the countdown to Hotel Maya's milestone anniversary on **July 30** with exciting waterfront events and activations. Lounge on the city's largest man-made beach, *Playa at the Maya*, sip poolside cocktails with views of the Pacific, or enjoy a sunset dinner at *Fuego*, where Executive Chef Luis Torres presents bold, fresh flavors across vibrant new menus.

Adventurers can rent a Jetski and ride all the way to Catalina or take a Coastal Guided Tour or rent a Pontoon Boat all from our private dock & Marina. For those looking for activities on land, you can explore the area by bike with easy access to Shoreline Village, the Queen Mary, and the Aquarium of the Pacific.

Hotel Maya is also the ideal home base for cruise travelers,



located adjacent to the Long Beach Cruise Terminal home to Carnival Cruise Lines. Guests can take advantage of the convenient **Bon Voyage Package**, which includes an overnight stay, complimentary shuttle service to and from the terminal, and parking for your vehicle while you're at sea—making your vacation smooth from start to finish.

For locals, *ResortPass* offers a relaxing daycation with access to the oceanfront pool and resort amenities.

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Retail Therapy

Shopping local in Long Beach

Long Beach does not have any indoor malls. We prefer to shop outdoors and at small boutiques, along sidewalks and at trendy commercial centers.

It makes sense to start with **Retro Row** (Fourth Street, between Cherry and Junipero avenues), which won top honors for best shopping center. This short stretch includes over 40 boutique stores, mostly thrift shops and vintage stores. While you're there, check out the 1920s-era **Art Theatre** (2025 E. Fourth St.), now a nonprofit; have a drink at the **Social List** (2105 E. Fourth St.), or a cup of coffee and delicious bite at **Alder & Sage** (366 Cherry Ave.), which has a peaceful outdoor seating area.

Other popular shopping spots include **Fair Trade Retail Collective Long Beach** (4105 N. Bellflower Blvd.), a collection of ethical artists, businesses and activists who sell goods and host events. Another runner-up is **2nd & PCH** (6400 Pacific Coast Highway), the best place to find upscale mall-type stores, such as Lululemon and Anthropologie, and pick up any groceries you may need at Whole Foods.

Please check out the **East Village Arts District** (Ocean Boulevard to 10th Street; Long Beach Boulevard to Alamitos Avenue), one of the more underappreciated shopping spots in town, with loads of boutiques, art studios and galleries, and amazing restaurants.

The best apparel stores were **Long Beach**



Retro Row is one of the city's most popular shopping destinations.

Clothing Co. (4218 Atlantic Ave.) and **Stay Anchored** (4150 McGowen St.).

A couple of other runners-up included colorful and quirky gift shop **Songbird** (2240 E. Fourth St.), and **Urban Americana** (1345 Coronado Ave.), where you'll find great vintage home goods.

The best farmers market, meanwhile, was the **Marina Market** on Wednesday afternoons at Marine Stadium (5255 Paoli Way), and the **2nd & PCH market** on Saturday mornings. ●

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Skin Deep

Look good, feel good with these Long Beach spas and salons

The **Fairmont Breakers** (210 E. Ocean Blvd.), the city's first five-star luxury hotel, opened this year in a historic Downtown building that first hosted guests nearly a century ago in 1926. After undergoing a yearslong renovation, it now has 185 rooms, two restaurants (including the Sky Room), indoor and outdoor bars, a rooftop pool and a lovely, relaxing spa that readers this year picked for best in the city. The spa offers massages, facials and body treatments, and serene experiences such as sound baths.

If you need a summer Brazilian wax, check out **Skin+Wax by Summer** (4240 E. Fourth St.), our readers' choice for best skin salon.

The best barbershop, meanwhile, was **Bravehearts Barbershop** (800 E. Ocean Blvd.), and runner-up was **American Vintage Barbershop** (203 Covina Ave.).

For tattoo services, **Paper Crane Studio** (530 E. Broadway) or the runner-up, **Somatic** (3406 E. Broadway) are Long Beach's picks for fresh ink.

And don't forget the manicure! Our readers this year chose **Bliss on Broadway** (4032 E. Broadway) as the best nail salon, and runner-up **Hey Nice Nails** (316 Elm Ave.) in the East Village. ●



The spa at Fairmont Breakers Hotel



Bliss on Broadway



Employees at American Vintage Barbershop cut a customer's hair.



Stars of the SEA

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific in an exploration and celebration of sea stars starting May 24, 2025. Discover their delicate beauty, fascinating diversity, superhero powers, and the threats that could lead to these stars fading forever. Plus, learn how the Aquarium is saving sea stars, one star at a time.

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Summer Events Calendar



The Great American 4th of July Kids Bike Parade

Live music, food, culture — Long Beach has it all. The summer is packed with events for kids and adults, singles and families, and everyone in between.

JUNE

June 7-8: Cali Vibes returns to the Queen Mary event space, with Kid Cudi, Ludacris, Cypress Hill and more: calivibesfest.com.

June 7: The Long Beach Symphony hosts a classical concert featuring Cambodian artists, plus Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 4, at the Terrace Theater: longbeachsymphony.org.

June 8: The Symphony hosts its RuMBa Family Foundation concert with activities and crafts for kids, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Terrace Theater. Kids get in free, and parking is free: longbeachsymphony.org.

June 8: CCEJ hosts its Long Beach Day of Love in honor of Pride Month, with a celebration of love and joy 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Park: artslb.org/event/ccej-love-day.

June 10: The Distinguished Speaker Series hosts Dr. Sanjay Gupta at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Theater: speakersla.com.

June 13-14: Live at the Shell hosts a free pro-



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Calendar



The Long Beach Juneteenth Festival takes place June 14.



Moonlight Movies on the Beach returns in 2025.



The Long Beach Municipal Band is back for its 116th season.

duction by Shakespeare by the Sea, "As You Like It," at the city's bandshell (701-939 Federation Drive), along with additional performances this summer. Showtime is 7 to 10 p.m. For details: liveattheshell.org/shakespeare.

June 14: Long Beach hosts its Juneteenth festival with a daylong celebration (10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.) of Black history, food, live music and more at Rainbow Lagoon Park: lbjuneteenth.com.

June 14: The Los Angeles Independent Beer Fest, with over 70 beer makers, food, games, music and more. The event is 1 to 5 p.m. at Shoreline Park: laindependentbeerfest.com.

June 16: The city-hosted Movies in the Park series begins with "Inside Out 2" at Davenport Park. All movies begin at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket, snacks and the whole family. See the full schedule: tinyurl.com/ParkMov.

June 17: Moonlight Movies on the Beach is back! After canceling the series last year, organizers of the wildly popular evening events are back with a full lineup of flicks, starting with "The Goonies" on June 17 at Granada Beach (5000 E. Ocean Blvd.). Films start at sundown. Get there early! See the full schedule: tinyurl.com/LBMoonlight.

June 21-22: The Day Trip Festival happens at the Queen Mary Waterfront with Tiësto, Vintage Culture, Wax Motif and many more performers. Details: daytripfest.com.

June 24: The Long Beach Municipal Band begins its 116th season (that's right) with a concert

at 6:30 p.m. at Whaley Park. See the full schedule: tinyurl.com/LBMuni.

June 26-29: The Downtown Long Beach Design District will be a featured site at this year's LA Design Festival with four days of panels, exhibits and events. Info: ladesignfestival.org.

June 28: The 29th annual All Toyotafest, with car enthusiasts, especially fans of Toyota vehicles, both contemporary and vintage, at Rainbow Lagoon Park: toyotaclub.org.

June 29: The Dia de San Juan Festival at Rainbow Lagoon Park with bands, food and more: fiestalegre.com.



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JULY

July 3: If you didn't already know, Long Beach starts celebrating the Fourth of July on the Third of July, with Big Bang on the Bay, a massive and popular event with fireworks, food and more, at Boathouse on the Bay in Alamitos Bay. All money raised goes to local nonprofits: boathouseonthebay.com/big-bang-on-the-bay.

July 4: Happy Fourth of July! Long Beach celebrates with block parties, beach parties and a fireworks show at the Queen Mary: queenmary.com/fourth-of-july.htm. Also check out Justin Rudd's Great American 4th of July Kids Bike Pa-

rade at 10 a.m. on the Beach Bike Path (5000 E. Ocean Blvd.): justinrudd.com/bikeparade.html.

July 7: Paul Simon in concert at the Long Beach Terrace Theater, 7:30 p.m.: tinyurl.com/SimonLBCon.

July 12: Live at the Shell hosts an 80s rock concert with Knyght Ryder, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the city's bandshell (701-939 Federation Drive). For details: liveattheshell.org.

July 19: The Bluegrass Festival from 3 to 8 p.m. at the bandshell (701-939 Federation Drive). For details: liveattheshell.org.

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July 1	Wonka	Ramona Park	(562) 570-1665
July 3	Despicable Me	M.L. King Jr. Park	(562) 570-4405
July 10	Transformers One	Houghton Park	(562) 570-1640
July 17	DC League of Super Pets	Orizaba Park	(562) 570-1427
July 24	Harold and The Purple Crayon	Seaside Park	(562) 570-1625
July 31	Vivo	Drake Park	(562) 570-1625
Aug 7	Space Jam a New Legacy	Pan American Park	(562) 570-3297
Aug 14	Barbie	Scherer Park	(562) 570-1674
Aug 19	If	Admiral Kidd Park	(562) 570-1600
Aug 21	Minecraft	Bixby Park	(562) 570-1601

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Calendar

July 24-26: Long Beach Walls and the Art Renzei Festival (a self-guided sculpture tour) take place, with artists creating beautiful murals throughout the city. Details: creativeclasscollective.org.

July 26: The DTLB Art + Design Walk: Warped Tour Edition, 2 to 7 p.m. with live performances in unexpected corners of Downtown. The event also coincides with Long Beach Walls, a week-long mural festival throughout the city.

July 26-27: The Vans Warped Tour 2025 makes its debut stop in Long Beach at the Queen Mary Waterfront. For tickets: vanswarpedtourlongbeach.com.

July 26: Another local favorite, the Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival at Marine Stadium: lbdragonboat.com.

July 26: The 76th Catalina Ski Race is a long-time tradition in Long Beach. For information: catalinaskirace.net.

AUGUST

Aug. 3: The 32nd Annual Sultans Classic Car Show takes place at Marina Green Park: lbsultans.com.

Aug. 3: The 13th Annual Uptown Jazz Festival, hosted by the 9th Council District and headlined by BJ The Chicago Kid, 2 to 7 p.m. at Houghton Park. Music, entertainment, food and beer garden, kids area and more: longbeach.gov/pages/city-news/uptown-jazz-fest.

Aug. 9-10: The 36th Annual Long Beach Jazz



John Vandenberg plays during the Annual Uptown Jazz Festival.

Festival takes place at Marina Green Park. This family-run event has dozens of performers on deck, with food and activities for the family: longbeachjazzfestival.com.

Aug. 22-24: The New Blues Festival takes place at Shoreline Aquatic Park. For details and tickets: newbluesfestival.com.

Aug. 23-24: The free Happy Sundays Music Fest happens in the Zaferia neighborhood. See organizer for event details and times: happysundaysfest.com.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 13: The Craft Beer Festival is the only festival in Long Beach to feature local Long Beach breweries, food and artists. Learn more: craftbeerlbfest.com. ●

The Cove offers new affordable apartments for veterans

The Cove is a 90-unit affordable housing community located at 2121 W. William Street. This project will consist of 60 permanent supportive housing studio apartments designated for unhoused veterans, including 15 units set aside to serve unhoused VASH-eligible veterans with severe mental illness, through funding from the Department of Mental Health's No Place Like Home program. These studio apartments are supported by Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing ("VASH") from the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach (HACLB). All VASH units will be direct referrals from the coordinated entry system (CES) administered by the Long Beach Multi-Service Center.

There is no minimum income requirement for these units and individuals will pay approximately 30% of their adjusted monthly income in rent as determined by HACLB. All households must meet HACLB eligibility requirements and occupancy standards. Income restricted in accordance with the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) program and other regulatory agreements. Income limits are subject to change.

Community Features

Lobby, garden, fitness room,



laundry facilities, bicycle parking, community room with kitchen, computer room, outdoor patio, 2nd-floor courtyard and offices for on-site management and supportive services staff. Residents will receive support from on-site staff from Century's oasis residential services and the Veterans Administration ("VA") Long Beach Healthcare System. Services include intensive case management services, facilitating access to local services and on-site programs to address social, emotional, educational, and economic needs of residents. Supportive housing units are restricted to households earning up to 30% to 50% of the area median income for Los Angeles county.

Mobility/hearing/sight impaired households will have priority for 15 units designed for the

mobility-impaired and nine units designed for the hearing/sight impaired. Accessible units will include the following features: roll-in shower stall, or bathtub with seat and grab bars; toilet with grab bars; lowered kitchen cabinets and countertops; wheelchair-accessible kitchen and bathroom sinks; enhanced fire alarms and doorbell devices with visual and sound notification. Preference will be given to applicants who require a unit with these specific design features regardless of program.

To fill out a pre-application, visit covecvc.com or pick one up directly at 2001 River Drive. Applications must be received or postmarked by December 4, 2023 to be entered into the lottery for placement on the waitlist. Lottery will be held on December 6, 2023.

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