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Mayor Foster talks to community members and City staff about different projects and issues of concern in Long Beach. Watch the most recent episode of ["Heart of the City"](#) by tuning in to KXLA Friday at 2:00.

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### **Mayor Foster highlights the Port of Rotterdam and the Middle Harbor Project.**

Homeland Neighborhood Cultural Center Wins Top National Arts Award

The Homeland Neighborhood Cultural Center, which is operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, has received the Dorothy R. Mullen Arts and Humanities Award from the National Recreation

and Park Association (NRPA).

The award will be given at NRPA's National Congress and Exhibition Opening General Session in Baltimore, Maryland on October 15, 2008. The Department's Mural Arts program was honored with the Dorothy R. Mullen Arts and Humanities Award in 2006.

Other Homeland programs include Ballet Folklorico, break dancing, hip-hop, West African dance, and krump. Homeland has become the home of annual celebrations of the Khmer Khrom, Hmong New Year, Cambodian New Year, Posada, and Kwanzaa.

A new 66-seat 2,742 square-foot theater, to be named for founder Manazar Gamboa, will begin construction in 2008, and will be a venue for a revived writing and theater program, open mic nights and poetry readings.

Affordable housing programs in Long Beach maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents by providing neighborhood stability, pride and safety. The benefits, including increased school attendance rates, are a priority in any city.

Affordable housing is needed by all, from small-business owners, teachers, court clerks, and service industry workers, including those working in hospitals and schools. It's no wonder that the City of Long Beach is committed to facilitating the availability of decent and affordable housing for its residents and workforce.

Residents are urged to join the City of Long Beach and its nonprofit public benefit corporation The Long Beach Housing

Development Company (LBHDC), and celebrate Affordable Housing Week 2008 from July 7 to 11.

- 7/4 **Sea Festival Event: July 4th Festival** at the Marina Green. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/4 **Free Fridays** at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Visit [www.lbma.org](http://www.lbma.org) for more information.
- 7/4 **July Fourth Kids Bike Parade** on the bikepath at the beach near Granada Ave. Call 562.439.3316 for details.
- 7/5 **Sinjin-GAV Hope Fours Charity Volleyball Tournament** at Alamitos Beach. Call 310.913.0108 or visit [www.sinjinvolleyball.com](http://www.sinjinvolleyball.com) for details
- 7/6 **Free Garden Tours at Rancho Los Cerritos** every 1st Sunday through October. Call 562.570.1755 for details.
- 7/9 **Sea Festival Event: Moonlight Movies on the Beach** at the beach near Granada Avenue. Call 562.426.7670 for information.
- 7/9 **Sea Festival Event: Mayor's Cup** through 7/13. Spectating from the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/9 **Catalina Ski Race** in the ocean near the Coast Long Beach Hotel. Call 909.463.3069 for information.

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Bryan Rogers, Executive Director of the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network and family literacy visionary, has been named the 2008 Long Beach Family Literacy Champion Award Winner.

The Long Beach Family Literacy Program has been providing family literacy services to families since 1992. Currently funded by Even Start monies and First 5 LA, the Program offers comprehensive and integrated services to families. The program, a collaborative effort among the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, City of Long Beach, and the Long Beach Unified School District, is housed on the campus of the Long Beach School for Adults. For more information, please call 562.595.8893 ext. 264.

The pavement resurfacing project that is closing 7th Street between Redondo Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway this weekend is utilizing a host of environmentally friendly construction techniques.

The second and final phase of the project will be from 8:00 pm on Friday, July 18 through 5:00 am on Monday, July 21. The project requires removing the top layer of deteriorated asphalt and replacing it with newer rubberized asphalt. Because traffic volumes on 7th Street are high and there is little room for a contractor to perform safe lane closures to resurface the street, the project has been streamlined and condensed to be done during only two weekend closures, the first of which occurred from July 11-14.

By performing the work during the two weekend closures, the City will be expediting the work, which will reduce emissions from the construction equipment as well as the many hours of idling vehicles that would occur due to traffic congestion if this project were to be constructed during regular workday hours. It is estimated that more than 80,000 hours of vehicle idling time and the associated pollution will be avoided by this method of construction.

- 7/12 **Sea Festival Event: Kahakai Sprints** at Marine Stadium. Call 562.426.7670 for information.
- 7/12 **The LA Calendar Motorcycle Show** through 7/13 at Queen Mary Events Park. Call 818.223.8550 for details.
- 7/12 **Float and Serve** event on the beach near Granada Avenue. Call 562.394.7124 for details.
- 7/12 **Bixby Knolls Dragster Expo and Car Show** on Atlantic Avenue near Berlinhall. Call 562.595.0081 for details.
- 7/13 **Bicycle Race** at Industrial Park near Via Oro and Carcon. Call 714.356.1214 for details.
- 7/15 **Sea Festival Event: Moonlight Movies on the Beach** at the beach near Granada Ave. Also to be held on 7/29. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/16 **Sea Festival Event: Moonlight Movies on the Beach** at the beach near Granada Avenue. Also to be held on 7/30. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/17 **Sea Festival Event: Offshore Powerfest Tradeshow** through 7/20. Call 562.426.7670 for information.
- 7/18 **Special Needs Children's Day** at Marine Stadium. Call 562.943.5268 for details.
- 7/18 **97th Anniversary Offshore Power Boat Race** at the Marina Green and Rainbow Lagoon. Call 714.612.3378 for information.

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**Residents are invited to learn their rights and responsibilities during a free tenant rights training workshop on June 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 425 Atlantic Ave.**

**Training will include:**

- What is Fair Housing?**
- How can the Fair Housing Foundation help you?**
- Summary of Fair Housing laws**
- Additional resources and landlord/tenant issues**
- How to get help for specific concerns**

**The workshop is sponsored by Fair Housing Foundation and Legal Aid Foundation of Long Angeles, Long Beach Office. It will be presented in English with Spanish and Khmer translation. Light refreshments will be available. Free parking behind the building and on the street. To reserve your space or for more information, please e-mail [Sharron\\_Hinkey@longbeach.gov](mailto:Sharron_Hinkey@longbeach.gov) or call 570.1010.**

- 7/18 **Power Fest Boat Performance Expo** at Marina Green. Call 562.427.4606 x6 for details.
- 7/19 **Long Beach Car Show: 5th Anniversary** at Marina Green Park. Call 562.308.0169 for more information.
- 7/19 **Sea Festival Event: Pierdaze--California Dreaming** at the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier through 7/20. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/19 **Sea Festival Event: 60th Annual Long Beach-Catalina-Long Beach Ski Race.** Call 562.434.7670 for details.
- 7/19 **Noah Kalema Outrigger Regatta** at the Granada Beach Landing near the Belmont Plaza Pool. Call 949.646.7725 for details.
- 7/20 **So. Cal. Cadillac and La Salle Club Regional National event** at the Rainbow Lagoon. Call 805.498.1544 for more information.
- 7/20 **Sea Festival Event: 97th Anniversary Offshore Power Boat Race: Long Beach/Catalina Isthmus/Avalon/Long Beach.** Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/20 **Columbian Festival** at Queen Mary Events Park. Call 562.499.1626 for details.
- 7/21 **Sea Festival Event: Youth Sailing on American Pride** at the Rainbow Lagoon through 7/25. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/22 **Sea Festival Event: Moonlight Movies on the Beach** at the beach near Granada Avenue. Also to be held on 7/29. Call 562.426.7670 for information.
- 7/22 **Sea Festival Event: Youth Beach and Ocean Days** at the beach and the Aquarium of the Pacific. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/23 **The Belmont Shore Business Association's Stroll and Savor** will be held through 7/24 on 2nd St. Call 562.434.3066 for more information.

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### **Be Part of the Adventure at Green Port Fest 2008 on October 4 - Rain or Shine!**

Mark your calendar for the Port of Long Beach's Fourth Annual Green Port Fest on October 4, 2008, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can tour the Port by boat and train, see the wildlife that lives in the harbor, drive a locomotive simulator and learn about the many environmental and security programs at the Port of Long Beach. Parking is free at the Queen Mary, complete with free shuttles. Or, call (562) 590-4121, request a free Long Beach Transit day pass and take the bus.

You can also walk or bike to the event. Find out more at [www.polb.com/portfest](http://www.polb.com/portfest).

- 7/25 **Sea Festival Event: 2008 View Sonic Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival** at Marine Stadium through 7/27. Call 562.426.7670 for information.
- 7/26 **Sea Festival Event: Noah Kalama Outrigger Regata** in the ocean off of the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/26 **Sinjin-GAV Slam Doubles Volleyball Tournament** in Belmont Shore. Call 310.913.0108 or visit [www.sinjinvolleyball.com](http://www.sinjinvolleyball.com) for details
- 7/26 **4th Street Business Improvement Association community event** on 4th St. between Junipero and Cherry Ave. Call 562.436.2486 for details.
- 7/27 **BSBA Family Funfest** on 2nd St. Call 436.3066 for more information.
- 7/27 **Caribbean Summer Festival** at Queen Mary Events Park. Call 562.499.1628 for more information.
- 7/30 **Sea Festival Event: USA Beach Junior Open** through 8/3 at the AVP stadium at the Marina Green. Call 562.426.7670 for details.
- 7/31 **2008 Rancho Summer Concert Series - Listen to the soulful and sultry sounds of "Lauren Koval"**. Call 562.570.1755 for details.

