



## Another Successful Grand Prix in the Books for Long Beach



The race track may be down, but you can still experience the 41st Annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach with all of our great [behind the scenes pictures](#). Did you know over 200,000 people attend the three-day event? This makes it the largest event for the city, and we're a proud sponsor every year.

Nearly 1,000 groups of people came by the Port's booth to take a picture with our customized green screen backgrounds. You can view the gallery of photos at the links below, just click on the day you took a picture at our booth. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hi to our outreach team!

- [Gallery from Friday, April 17](#)
- [Gallery from Saturday, April 18](#)
- [Gallery from Sunday, April 19](#)

## Grab a Friend and Plant a Tree with the Port



As part of the Port's [greenhouse gas mitigation grant program](#), we have committed nearly \$700,000 to provide funding for 6,000 trees to be planted in Long Beach neighborhoods through 2020. The trees are planted by various volunteers from the community and by local businesses and community groups in partnership with the City's Neighborhood Services department.

The next tree planting will take place on Saturday, May 30 at Cesar E. Chavez Park and this one is a special one — the 2,000th tree made possible by the grant will be planted! Gather your friends and family to join us for this fun event. The Port will provide free hats and water for all volunteers.

- [Find more information.](#)
- [Informational flier in Spanish.](#)

## New Bridge, New Icon



The Gerald Desmond Bridge has been in the city of Long Beach since 1968, but with bigger ships coming through our Port, it is time for a replacement.

Crews have already constructed 148 foundation piles and foundations for the two 515-foot towers are underway for the replacement bridge. Once complete, the towers for the new bridge will be the tallest structure in Long Beach! The new bridge will also have a clearance of 205 ft., allowing bigger ships to enter the north harbor area.

As more construction is completed, it will be much easier to envision the path and trajectory of the new bridge.

More fun facts about the new bridge:

- Once built, the new bridge will have the highest vertical clearance of any cable-stayed bridge in the U.S.
- The bridge will be supported by about 350 foundation piles, as deep as 175 feet below the surface
- There will be viewing decks and biking and pedestrian paths so that everyone can enjoy the view atop the bridge

Stay connected for updates, traffic reports, photos, videos and more through social media and the [LB Bridge mobile app](#). You can also watch live webcams of construction and stay up to date on project news and traffic closures at [www.newgdbridge.com](http://www.newgdbridge.com).

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## Upcoming Events

The Port of Long Beach is proud to sponsor these community events! Click on the event for more information.

**Saturday, May 16**  
**[AOC7 Literacy Fair](#)**  
 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 MacArthur Park  
 1321 E. Anaheim St.  
 Long Beach, CA 90813

**Sunday, May 18**  
**[Long Beach Pride Parade](#)**  
 Step-off is at 10:30 a.m.  
 Ocean Blvd. between  
 Lindero Ave. and Alamitos  
 Ave.  
 Long Beach, CA 90803

**Saturday, May 30**  
**[\\*Community Tree Planting](#)**  
 9 a.m. - noon  
 Cesar E. Chavez Park  
 4th St. and Golden Ave.  
 Long Beach, CA 90802

[Spanish version of flier](#)

\*For more information about the tree plantings, please contact the Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866

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We want to know what you, the community, is interested in knowing! Please e-mail suggestions and questions for this newsletter to [community@polb.com](mailto:community@polb.com).