



## Summer Beach Party Continues



Did you know Long Beach is home to the longest-standing sand sculpture contest in the nation?

The Great Sand Sculpture Contest is in its 84th year, bringing world-class professional sand artists and their unique art form to the Long Beach coastline.

The event will be a family party on the beach featuring a variety of food options, vendor gallery, live music and kid zone on top of the remarkable sand sculptures.

You can feel good about attending the event, too! A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House.

As always, this Port-sponsored event is free to the community. Make sure you stop by our booth and check out our sand sculpture, it's going to be a special one!

The event will be held at Granada Beach during the weekend of Aug. 13-14. [Read more about it here.](#)

## Nearly \$50 Million Approved for Port Mitigation Fund



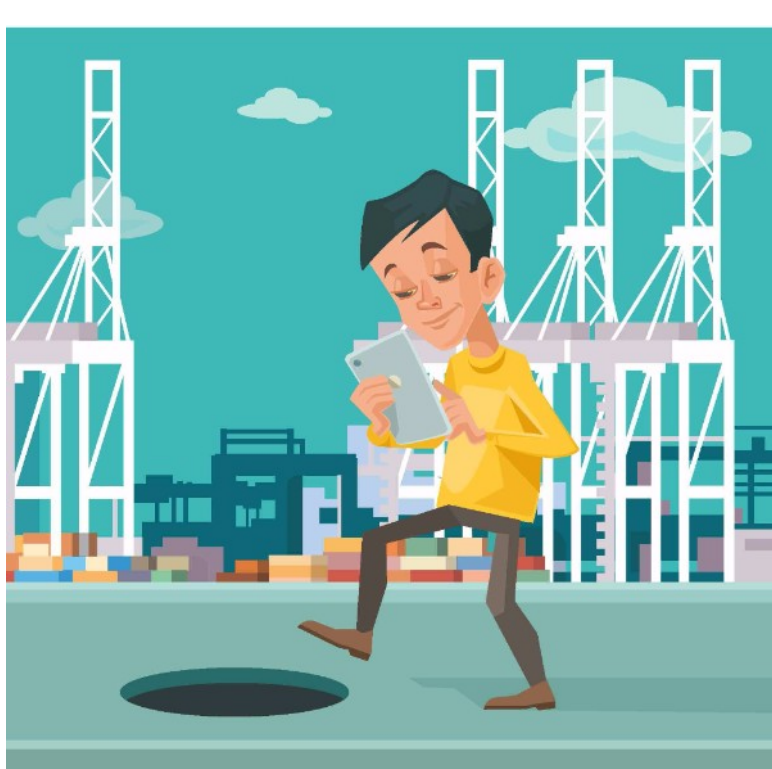
The Port of Long Beach recently announced an unprecedented, [voluntary \\$46.4 million program to lessen the impacts of Port-related pollution on the community.](#)

The investment, expected to be disbursed over 12 to 15 years, adds to the \$17.4 million the Port of Long Beach has awarded to community groups since 2009, for a total of almost \$65 million. The Port recognizes the importance in being a good neighbor — no other U.S. seaport has voluntarily committed as much funding for community-based environmental mitigation.

The funds will be awarded beginning next year for a variety of projects in the city in three categories — community health, facility improvements and community infrastructure. Projects that have been funded by the previous efforts under the Community Mitigation Grant program include solar power for Century Villages at Cabrillo, energy-efficient LED intersection lights throughout Long Beach, I Dig Long Beach's efforts to plant an urban forest of 6,000 trees and many more.

[Read more about the Mitigation Grant program here.](#)

## Pokémon Masters, Catch Them All in Safe Areas

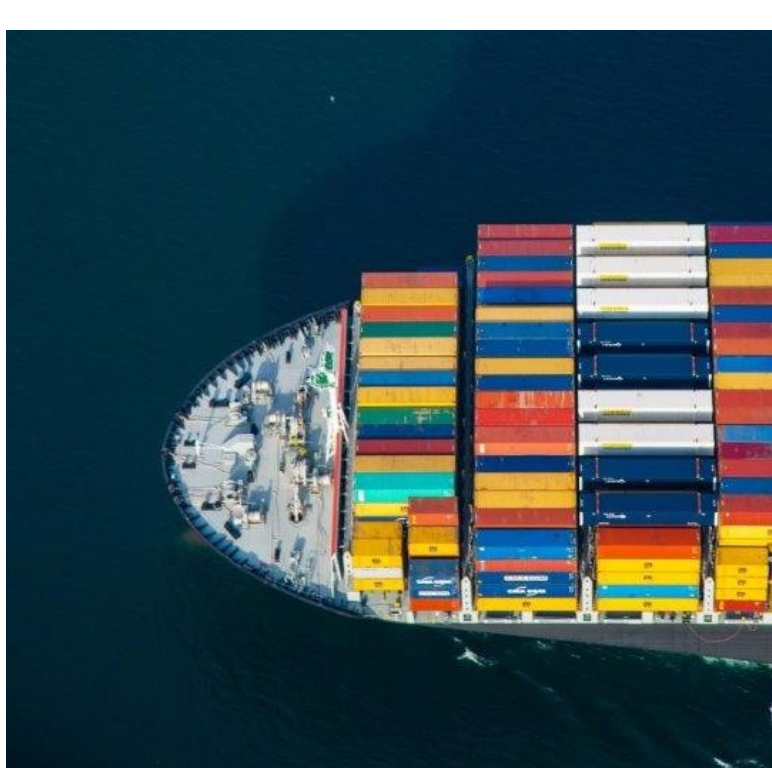


As Pokémon Go fever sweeps the nation, we'd like to remind players that the Port of Long Beach is not a safe place to play. As a working harbor, there are big trucks, heavy machinery, construction sites and other off-limits areas.

Anytime you are in the Port of Long Beach, be aware of your surroundings, keep your eyes and ears open and exercise caution while driving. Many parts of the Port cannot be legally accessed by the general public, and Harbor Patrol and the Long Beach Police Department monitor for trespassing.

Keep on catching them all, but remember to be safe about it!

## Shipping Alliances



Ever wonder why shipping vessels carry different colored containers from different companies? The answer — shipping alliances.

Shipping lines partner with each other to share freight space on ships in order to maximize efficiency and cost effectiveness. Much like airline mergers and alliances, these partnerships help ensure that today's mega vessels are filled to capacity, allow for more frequent and predictable transit times for shippers, and service more ports worldwide.

Currently there are four major shipping alliances that move close to 90 percent of the world's cargo. As with any other business merger or acquisition, the composition of these alliances are closely monitored, so that no single alliance obtains too much of the market share.

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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.

### [Movies on the Beach](#)

#### Every Tuesday

6-10 p.m.\*

Granada Beach

5101 E. Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, CA 90803

\*Movies begin at dusk

### [Municipal Band Concerts](#)

Aug. 2 - 5

6:30-8 p.m.

Parks throughout Long Beach

### [Willmore S.L.A.M.](#)

Free, family-friendly events

at Chavez Park's new

Amphitheatre

**Saturday, Aug. 13**

12-4 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 19**

6-8 p.m.

The Amphitheatre at Chavez Park

401 Golden Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90802

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