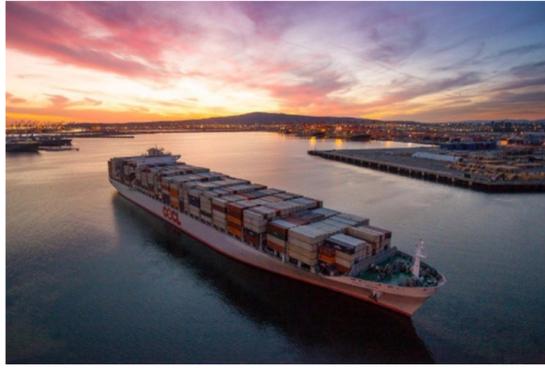




Valentine's Day Pop-Up Tour



We don't know about you, but we think the twinkle of crane lights can be romantic. We have seats available for a special (free!) Valentine's Day Pop-Up Tour on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in joining, email communityrelations@polb.com for an invitation. You can make reservations for up to two people.

Apps Open for Popular High School Summer Internship



If you know or are a current junior or senior high school student in the Long Beach Unified School District service area, don't miss out on the opportunity to explore Port careers and gain professional experience during an eight-week paid summer internship program.

Applications are being accepted now through March 6.

[For more information and to apply, visit the Port's Academy website.](#)

[Watch this video](#) to learn more about what a Port of Long Beach summer high school internship offers.

Halfway There!



As part of the Port's community mitigation grant program, the Port awarded nearly \$700,000 to the City's Development Services Department to fund "I Dig Long Beach." The project goal is to develop an "urban forest" throughout Long Beach with 6,000 trees planted at various locations throughout the city by 2020. The planted trees provide various benefits by helping absorb greenhouse gases, providing wildlife habitat, cooling land surfaces, and beautifying our neighborhoods.

We're excited to announce that the project is hitting a major milestone this month – the halfway mark! The special tree planting is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Hamilton Middle School in North Long Beach. If you're interested in participating in this or future tree plantings, please call the Housing & Neighborhood Services Bureau at (562) 570-6866.

View the flier in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Meet the Community Grant Advisory Committee



Last summer, the Port of Long Beach announced an unprecedented, voluntary \$46.4 million program to lessen the impacts of Port-related pollution on the community — no other U.S. seaport has voluntarily committed as much funding for community-based environmental mitigation. 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.

A lot goes into how the funds are distributed, and that is why we not only have subject experts and Port staff determining guidelines, but a mayor-appointed Community Grants Program Advisory Committee as well. The individuals on the committee all play a role in the city of Long Beach and we're proud to work with our neighbors on such an important project.

Meet the Advisory Committee:

Gary DeLong (chair) – Former Long Beach City Councilman and a small business owner. He currently serves on many boards including the Aquarium of the Pacific, the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Long Beach City College Foundation, the Long Beach Community Foundation, and the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation.

Irma Archuleta – Formerly representing area II on the Long Beach City College Board and currently serves on the Los Angeles County Status of Women Commission.

Joanne Davis – A local small business owner and member of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce for six years.

Kathleen Irvine – A resident of the Willmore City/Drake Park Historic District, Kathleen currently serves as President for the Willmore City Heritage Association and as Vice-Chair of the Sustainable City Commission.

Sabrina Sanders - Recently recognized as one of the Long Beach Post's "top 40 under 40" for her mentorship of young adults pursuing a career in higher education, Sabrina has also served as President of the Hamilton Neighborhood Association, is a Commissioner on the Long Beach Community Investment Company board, and is a member of the North Long Beach Whole Village Initiative.

[Read more about the Community Grants Program here.](#)

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Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, Feb. 25
[8th Annual Long Beach Mardi Gras Festival & Parade 2017](#)
 Shoreline Village
 noon - 5 p.m.*
 401 Shoreline Village Drive
 Long Beach, CA 90802
 *Parade begins at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25
[I Dig Long Beach - Hamilton 3000th Tree Celebration*](#)
 Hamilton Middle School
 9 - noon
 1060 70th St.
 Long Beach, CA 90805

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

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