



# YOURPORT

Community Newsletter

## Opportunity to Photograph the Port Like a Professional



Every year, the Port presents its annual PHOTO Program in partnership with the Arts Council for Long Beach. Port professional photographers share photographic techniques and give local professionals and amateurs alike a chance to apply them on a special harbor tour. The best of these images, highlighting the hidden beauty of an industrial port, form a curated exhibition which will be featured later this year during October for Arts Month.

We open the opportunity to first-time participants only. All you need to participate is an SLR camera! If you're interested in participating in this free program, you can enter the lottery at [polb.com/photoprogram](http://polb.com/photoprogram) on Wednesday, June 20.

To learn more about the program, [watch this video](#).

## Summer Movies, Concerts and More



The Port is sponsoring a variety of free, family-friendly events in the coming months so make sure to mark your calendars! The popular Movies on the Beach series in partnership with Alfredo's Beach Club kicks off on Tuesday, June 19, with "The Sandlot." Also, one of Long Beach's favorite traditions, the Long Beach Municipal Band, will begin its concert series on Tuesday, June 26.

[See a full schedule of both Movies on the Beach and Municipal Band concerts here.](#)

We also have other events, contests and more planned this summer. Make sure you're following us at @portoflongbeach on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and like us on [Facebook](#) to keep up to date with everything we have planned!

## Important Bridge Closures



**Monday June 11, 2018**

Last Major Long-Term  
**DETOUR**  
For Bridge Replacement Project Will Begin

As we're nearing the completion of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, there are necessary closures that will take place. The first one, which began Monday, June 11, will be a permanent closure until completion of the new bridge in mid-2019. There will also be a temporary closure from July 4-6.

### Permanent Closure

The permanent closure will be at the connector ramp from eastbound Ocean Blvd. to northbound I-710. The project will demolish the current ramp to make way for a new ramp.

### The Detour

Eastbound traffic on the Gerald Desmond Bridge heading to the northbound to the 710 Freeway will be briefly diverted onto northbound Pico Avenue, then travel about one-half mile on Pico before rejoining the northbound 710 Freeway. The detour route will include three left-turn lanes for traffic leaving the bridge and turning north onto Pico at a signalized intersection.

### [Permanent Detour Map](#)

[Watch this video to learn more about the closure and detour.](#)

[Click here for the Spanish version of the detour video.](#)

For English and Spanish fact sheets on the freeway connector closure, [click here](#).

### Temporary Closure

To facilitate the demolition of the connector ramp, southbound Harbor Scenic Drive will be closed for three days only, from July 4-6.

### The Detour

Two detour routes are recommended for motorists heading to the Queen Mary during that time. For the primary detour, head south on I-710, take the Downtown Long Beach exit, follow it to Shoreline Drive and turn right onto Queens Way, then follow the signs to the Queen Mary. If you miss the Downtown exit headed south on I-710, take the secondary detour and exit at Pico Avenue, turn right heading south, turn left onto South Harbor Scenic Drive, then follow signs to the Queen Mary.

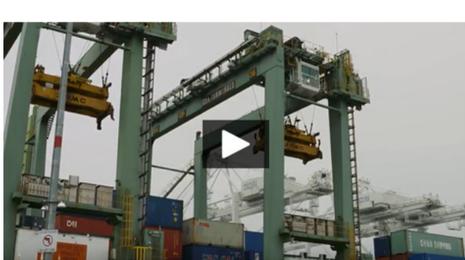
During this 3-day closure, the westbound Ocean Boulevard off-ramp to Pico Avenue and Pier E connector ramp to downtown Long Beach will also be closed. If you are traveling east from Terminal Island into the city, exit at Pico Avenue, turn left headed north, turn right onto 9th Street, continue on 10th Street, then take the downtown on-ramp onto Shoreline Drive (see orange line on map).

### [Temporary Detour Map](#)

We sincerely appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this final stretch towards completion of a new bridge that will offer vastly improved traffic flow.

Visit [newgdbridge.com](http://newgdbridge.com) and follow the project on social media at @newgdbridge on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

## Zero Emissions Project Launch



The Port recently kicked off the nation's largest cargo handling electrification project. The three-year project will convert nine diesel-electric cranes to fully electric equipment, deploy 12 battery-electric yard tractors, convert four liquefied natural gas-fueled drayage engines to plug-in hybrid-electric systems, and provide workforce training. This project is possible due in large part to a \$9.7 million California Energy Commission grant, funding the lion's share of the \$11.4 million project.

The project is anticipated to reduce greenhouse gases by more than 1,323 tons and smog-causing nitrogen oxides by 27 tons each year. Also, the switch to zero-emissions equipment is expected to save more than 270,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

[Watch this quick video to learn more.](#)

## Port of Long Beach Named Best Green Seaport Worldwide



The Port of Long Beach once again lives up to its "Green Port" name. The Port was recently recognized as the "Best Green Seaport" in the world at the 32nd annual Asian Freight & Supply Chain Awards.

The Port of Long Beach has succeeded in dramatically reducing its environmental impact by adopting the groundbreaking [Green Port Policy](#) and [Clean Air Action Plan](#), and the various environmental initiatives under those umbrellas. These strategies have reduced pollution from a variety of sources, including trucks, ships and other yard equipment, to accelerate the Port's progress towards a zero-emissions future.

The Best Green Seaport award reflects the serious commitment the Port has to continue improving air and water quality, and serving as a model of environmental sustainability for seaports around the world.

[Read more about the award here.](#)

Find out more about the Port of Long Beach's environmental programs at [www.polb.com/environment](http://www.polb.com/environment).

## Upcoming Events

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

### [Dig Long Beach Tree Planting\\*](#)

9 a.m. - noon  
Saturday, June 16  
Hamilton Middle School  
1060 70th St.  
Long Beach, CA 90805

### [Moonlight Movies on the Beach - The Sand Lot](#)

6 - 10 p.m. (Movie begins at dusk)  
Thursday, June 19  
Granada Beach  
5101 E. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90803

### [Fourth Fridays on Fourth Street](#)

6 - 9 p.m.  
Friday, June 22  
2300 E. Fourth St.  
Long Beach, CA 90814

### [Moonlight Movies on the Beach - Pirates of the Caribbean - Dead Men Tell No Lies](#)

6 - 10 p.m. (Movie begins at dusk)  
Tuesday, June 26  
Granada Beach  
5101 E. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90803

### [Long Beach Municipal Band](#)

6 - 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 26  
Whaley Park  
5620 E. Atherton St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815

### [Long Beach Municipal Band](#)

6 - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 27  
Los Cerritos Park  
3750 Del Mar Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90807

### [Moonlight Movies on the Beach - Black Panther](#)

6 - 10 p.m. (Movie begins at dusk)  
Thursday, June 28  
Cherry Beach  
1 Junipero Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90803

### [Long Beach Municipal Band](#)

6 - 8 p.m.  
Thursday, June 28  
Marine Stadium  
5255 E. Paoli Way  
Long Beach, CA 90803

### [Long Beach Municipal Band](#)

6 - 8 p.m.  
Friday, June 29  
El Dorado Park West  
2800 N. Studebaker Rd.  
Long Beach, CA 90815

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

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