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Business Beat: Time for tea, chiles, more

Long Beach Airport wins more awards



The Dream Come True Tea Time crew cuts the ribbon for its new home in Bixby Knolls. (Photo by Jo Murray, Grunion/SCNG)

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Tea Time

Dream Come True Tea & Party Room has moved to 4350 Atlantic Ave. in Bixby Knolls. They are now offering afternoon tea in the new pink tea room. The tea room has both indoor and outdoor dining options as well as private rooms for parties.

Options include individual tea booked via Open Table, all-inclusive parties or room bookings. For details: www.dreamcometruepartyroom.com/.

Seasonal chiles

The company that likes to zig when others zag, Frieda's Produce, has partnered with Ralphs to bring the authentic New Mexico Hatch chiles to the local Ralphs. They will be roasting peppers on a first-come, first-serve basis from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Marina Pacifica Ralph's at 6290 E. PCH.

Pre-orders for large quantities can be made through Frieda's website on the Monday before the roasting.

"Hatch chiles are zesty peppers with bold flavor and heat levels ranging from mild to extra hot." Frieda's Haley Gillilan wrote. "They are available for a limited time only and are exclusively grown in Hatch, New Mexico. Roasting brings out an even more intense flavor."

For details: www.friedas.com.

Rolling Blochs

This Saturday, July 16, Bloch Wellness and Sports Medicine will host its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of a new, comprehensive, mobile wellness unit, aptly named MIND BODY ROLL (MBR).

"MBR is a 34-foot class A R.V. that has been completely transformed into a mobile wellness office offering services that range from chiropractic care to massage, hyperbaric oxygen chamber, and IV therapies to name a few," Dr. Rochelle Neally emailed.

The free event is at the Marina Pacifica Shopping Center, 6378 PCH, parking lot. It runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"There will be food, music, tours of the new vehicle and giveaways. Councilwoman Suzie Price will be on hand to help with the ribbon cutting," according to Neally.



Taxi-Dancer?

Long Beach Airport (LGB), the oldest airport in California, was named a Top 10 airport in 2020 by USA Today and most recently the Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter (CMAASC) recently awarded the airport with two Project Achievement Awards.

The airport was recognized for the improvements to Taxiway C and the reconstruction of Taxiway B (redesignated as Taxiway E). The awards highlight “professionalism, innovation and excellence in management of the construction process” based on a statement from the CMAASC.

“We appreciate the tremendous work and collaboration amongst our team and business partners to bring these projects to fruition,” Airport Director Cynthia Guidry wrote in a statement. “Teamwork, determination and perseverance toward the same goals are key to the success of these transportation projects.”

Burger Time

Mark your calendars for the second week in August for the second annual Long Beach Burger (LBBW) Week, this year Aug. 7-14. LBBW gives burger lovers the chance to try out new places and support local restaurants. Featured eateries will offer a LBBW menu with various dine-in, to-go and delivery options

Burger-centric eateries in Long Beach wanting to participate may contact Long Beach Food & Beverage at www.lbfoodandbeverage.org.

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