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Local artists & musicians to showcase at May 22 Festival Entertainment and family activities "Turn the Tide" in Long Beach

Bring your green thumbs and appreciation for music and the arts at the second annual Green Long Beach! Festival on May 22, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

This year's free event will be held in the **East Village Arts District on Long Beach Blvd and 3rd St.** in Long Beach. The "Turn the Tide" theme reflects the inevitable change that occurs when people celebrate, educate and empower others to be green.

Over two dozen local entertainers, organizations and government entities will showcase in the green festival. Three stages of entertainment will feature local bands and live music from bands such as Sun Ray Gravitones and Long Beach Liberators.

For the art aficionados, there will be art exhibits and community gardens to nurture the mind. The Colegio New City school in Long Beach will display their 23,000 Project, an art/green project that is collecting 23,000 water bottles to represent the number of dolphins slaughtered in Japan every year. Using the bottles collected thus far, the Colegio New City assembled a life-size dolphin and sheets of bottles to show it swimming in a sea of plastic.

Green Long Beach! Festival will also have an organic farmer's market as well as food vendors serving the best food in the region. Innovative workshops for kids and an eco-friendly business and product expo will teach people about the latest green trends and technology.

For those traveling to the event, there will be a bike and electric vehicle valet. Parking will be available to those who drive or carpool. The Metro Blue Line also has a stop on 1st St. to those riding into Long Beach.

For more information about Green Long Beach! Festival, visit greenlb.org.

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