

LONG BEACH

Patrols for DWIs boosted after holiday arrests

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Long Beach police will increase drunken driving patrols this weekend for the city's annual fireworks show and arts and crafts festival, as arrests from the July Fourth weekend show more out-of-towners were charged with drinking and driving than city residents.

Police officials said they arrested 10 people on driving while intoxicated charges over the holiday weekend, beginning last Friday. Of those 10, two were Long Beach residents.

"You're welcome to have fun here, but if you drink and drive, you will go to jail," said Long Beach Police Commissioner Michael Tangney, 59, a lifelong city resident. "A very common expression in our jail cells is, 'I knew I shouldn't drink and drive in Long Beach.' . . . The ones from out of town don't know how strict it is here."

Three roving police cars along with regular patrols checked about 250 cars for DWI violations this past weekend as part of the city's heightened enforcement program. The police plan to launch at least three roving cars to supplement their regular patrol units during this weekend's events, which include the fireworks show.

Thomas Tomasello, 29, has

been working for eight years at The Inn, a popular bar among the nearly 10 bars in Long Beach's west end. He lives three blocks from the building and says that many customers don't drink and drive because they also live nearby.

"It's the out-of-towners who more so probably do it, I would say," Tomasello said. "Why would a local drive home? . . . You can walk to every bar down here."

Eight of the 10 DWI arrests this past weekend happened in areas near the center of town or toward the east end. Tangney said residents should look out for drunken drivers, many of whom may come from the west end after drinking.

Daniel Magill, 78, of Long Beach, said that a drunken driver almost hit him after he walked out of a deli near Magnolia Boulevard in the center of town. The middle of the city is where many of this weekend's festivities will take place.

"It's gotten wilder," Magill said. "Kids are out of hand and there are a lot of kids who drink and are underage . . . They [Police] are nailing them left and right."

For Friday's fireworks show, free shuttle buses will run from both the east and west ends of the city to transport people to and from the festival between 7 and 11 p.m.



RANDEE DADDONA

Chilling on a hot day

From left, Lindsay Taggart and her sister Hannah, with Maya and Dylan Reilly — also sisters — take an ice cream break yesterday at a Southold beach. The girls are in a summer wellness program sponsored by The Guidance Center.

ISLIP

DEPUTY SUPE QUILTS WEEKS AFTER SWEARING-IN

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The Islip Town deputy supervisor — picked by Supervisor Angie Carpenter three weeks after her swearing-in on March 1 — has resigned, Carpenter confirmed yesterday.

John J. Carney, a Republican who has worked for the town for about 22 years, "asked to be relieved of his duties," Carpenter said of his resignation on July 1 from the deputy supervisor's position. That role is unpaid. Carney, who was paid \$101,717 in 2013 as the town's public safety commissioner, will remain in that post, Carpenter said.

Bill Mannix, executive director of the town's Industrial Development Agency, was sworn in as the new deputy supervisor on July 2.

Neither Carney nor Mannix returned calls seeking comment.

Carney's resignation came after public questions were raised at a town board meeting on June 23 about Carney's residency status when he was sworn in as deputy supervisor.

Allegations were made at that meeting by East Islip resident Patricia Montanino that Carney was a resident of the Town of Babylon at the time he was appointed. The position requires its holder to be a resident within the Town of Islip at the time of appointment and throughout the term, according to Islip Town Code.

Carpenter said the town attorney's office investigated those claims and said Carney "met the legal definition" of being a Town of Islip resident and was transitioning to an apartment in Bay Shore, where

he had signed a lease within a week of his appointment.

"It may have been a matter of weeks when he was in a transitional period," Carpenter said of Carney's residence, an issue she called "personal." She said she did not seek Carney's resignation.

"I didn't question his motives, why he was asking" to be relieved, Carpenter said in a phone interview yesterday morning. "I said, 'Fine. If that's what you want.'"

Carney began his career with the town in 1993 as a hazmat team leader and spent 16 years as a mechanic at Long Island MacArthur Airport, according to his resume. He was appointed by the town board in January 2013 to public safety commissioner days after former Republican Supervisor Tom Croci, now a state senator, took office.

PORT WASHINGTON

Teen chosen for juvenile diabetes congress

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Ashley Randall will trade one Washington for another next week when the Port Washington resident heads to the nation's capital to represent Long Island at the 2015 JDRF Children's Congress.

Randall, 17, is the sole Long Islander among 10 New York delegates traveling to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's biennial conference July 13-15. The

event includes three days of congressional meetings and educational outreach for Type 1 diabetes, a cause that has become a passion of Randall's since she was diagnosed at age 9.

"I wouldn't say it's difficult, but it definitely is an obstacle," Randall said of living with the condition, in which the pancreas stops producing insulin.

Randall has traveled to seven European countries and raised thousands of dollars for charity. She plays varsity soccer and

lacrosse and runs varsity track at Paul D. Schreiber High School.

"It's been difficult but I've pushed through it," Randall said.

A national JDRF vetting committee selected Randall from a pool of applicants younger than age 18, said Joann Flick, development director for Long Island's JDRF chapter.

"She is an amazing young lady," Flick said, adding that the local chapter was not part of the selection. "It's a really

difficult disease to live with."

Type 1 is one of the most common childhood diseases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. An estimated 1.25 million Americans — 200,000 under the age of 20 — live with Type 1 diabetes.

Pam Randall didn't know what to think when her daughter began showing symptoms.

"Oh my God, it was a horror show. You're not really prepared for it," Pam Randall, 51, said. "We didn't know what was



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Ashley Randall

going on."

Ashley Randall handled the diagnosis well, her mother said, and is looking forward to meeting other children with Type 1 diabetes next week.

"I think if I take good care of myself now, in the future I will be OK," Ashley Randall said.