

Citizens' Guide

Buildings in a park. That basic concept guided the consortium of architects who designed the new Long Beach City Hall-Main Library complex.

Rising out of a central plaza, surrounded by greenery and open space, is the dominating City Hall Tower, 14 stories high. The area at the base of the tower is on three levels. High public contact areas, including the Council Chambers and the Main Library, are on the Plaza Level, with direct access from the street.

Harking back to the time when the Town Square was the center of a community's activity, the Center has been planned to complement and enhance the downtown area. There are many places to walk, sit, sun, admire works of art, play roque or shuffleboard, or watch others play.

Fountains, trees, shrubs, flowers and a Japanese garden, dedicated to Long Beach's sister city, Yokkaichi, provide an aesthetically pleasing counterpoint to the functional aspects of the buildings.

Two existing structures — the city's Public Safety Building and the County Courts Building — were integrated into the total complex which covers a six-square block area bounded by Ocean Boulevard, Magnolia Avenue, Broadway and Pacific Avenue.

Design of the City Hall-Main Library was by four Long Beach architectural firms: Hugh Gibbs and Donald Gibbs; Frank Homolka and Associates; Killingsworth, Brady and Associates, and Kenneth S. Wing and Kenneth S. Wing, Jr.

The contractor was Montgomery Ross Fisher, Inc., of Los Angeles.

Members of the City of Long Beach-Los Angeles Civic Center Authority, which directed development of the City Hall-Main Library Complex were Robert C. Westmyer, Chairman; Gene M. Bishop, Jess D. Gilkerson, John W. Torpey, Raymond C. Kealer and the late Jonah Jones.

CITY HALL FACT SHEET

Address: 333 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, Ca. 90802.

Construction began September 24, 1973 with site clearance and excavation for the four tower core structures.

The building was dedicated July 4, 1976 as part of the Long Beach Bicentennial Celebration.

The "move-in" began February 4, 1977.

Overall height of City Hall is 271 feet above street level.

There are 280,000 square feet of floor space in the structure.

The tower is supported by four footings, each containing 650 cubic yards of concrete.

Total quantity of poured-in-place concrete amounts to 37,300 cubic yards, with 6,749,600 pounds of reinforcing steel.

Frame of the tower includes 3,000 tons of structural steel.

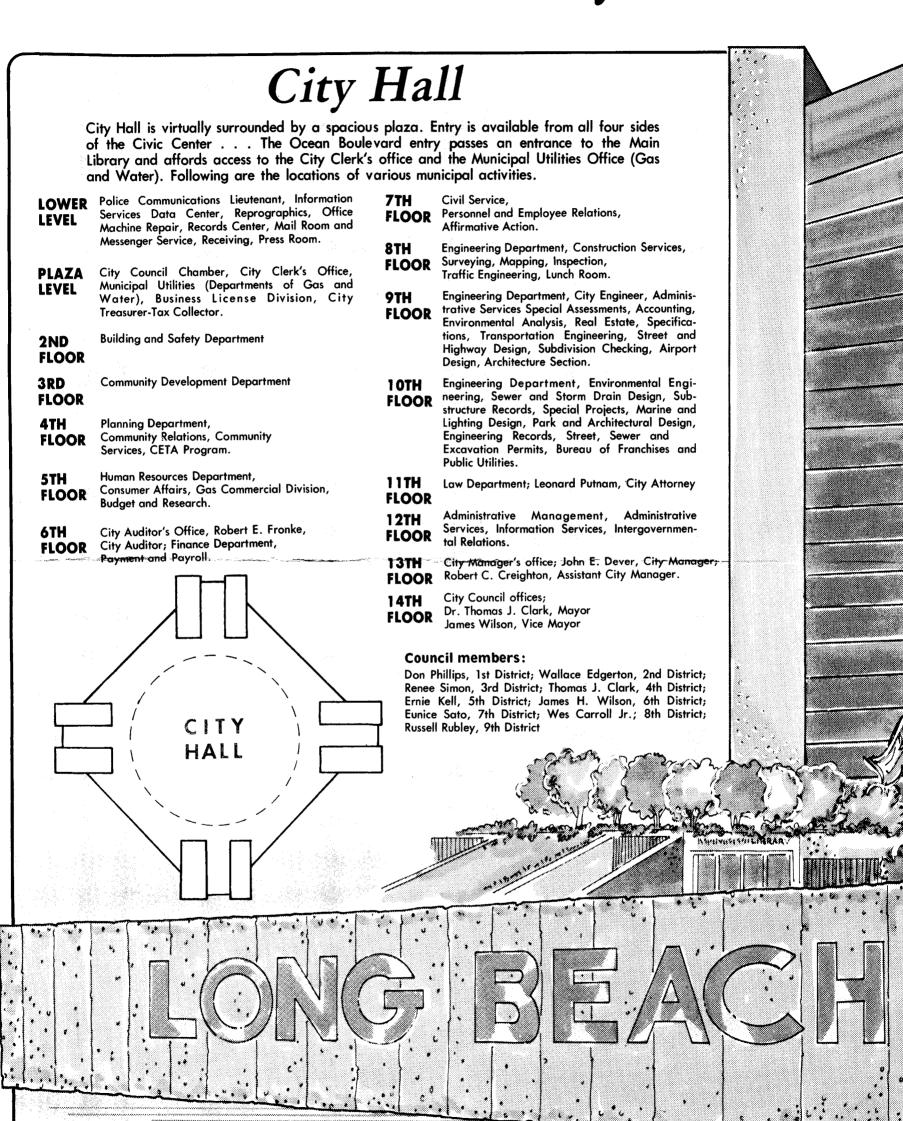
Tower space is enclosed by pre-cast concrete panels and aluminum glass curtain walls.

Four high speed elevators serve employees and visitors to City Hall.

Automatic fire detecting and sprinkler systems are provided throughout the building.

Four miles of large electrical conduit, two miles of high voltage wire and 300 miles of other electrical wire are in the structure.

Your New City Hall..



Main Library Directory

Main Library

The new Main Library is a twostory, garden-topped building. It has an auditorium accommodating 286 persons for film showings, lectures, musical events, book reviews or closed circuit television of the City Council meetings.

It has a children's area and story hour room, offering all children print and non-print library learning experiences. There are multi-purpose meeting rooms, a film preview room, a fine arts special collection meeting rooms, a film preview room, a fine arts special collection room (donated by the Loraine and Earl Burns Miller trust) featuring storage for rare, expensive and over-sized books in the fine arts field. Another special collections room features the Long Beach History and Petroleum collections. A separate department houses government publications, and a business reference area is maintained in the Social Science Department.

A Handicapped Services room has special equipment for the visually handicapped. The Recording Section has a radio-cassette audio system and listening rooms for people using discs and cassettes. Two sections are set aside on the Plaza level for the Yokkaichi Collection and the Friends of Long Beach Public Library memorial volumes. Television and television monitors for video cassette showings are available in the auditorium and other selected areas of the building. The Library also has an extensive collection of city directories and telephone directories for the entire country.

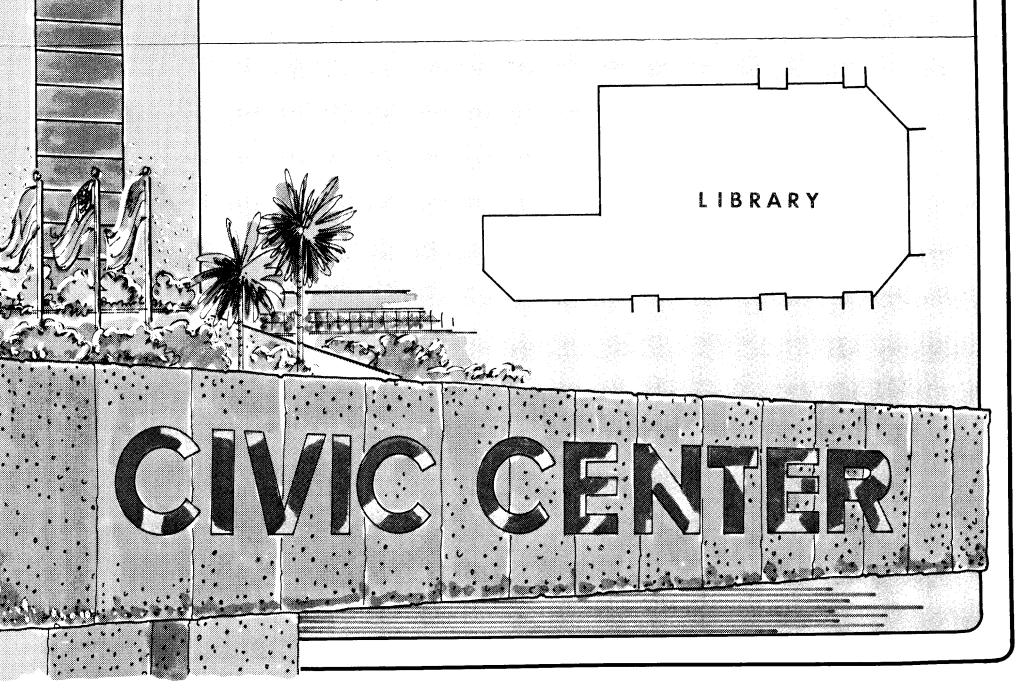
The building is unique in that the design and graphics will permit a patron to find the material he is seeking with a minimum of requests for assistance. The entire first level, and the arts and film areas on the lower level —

about 90 percent of the areas to which a patron would want access — are visible from the central information desk a short distance inside the main entrance.

Probably the overwhelming impression the Main Library makes upon a person who visits it for the first time is a feeling of spaciousness.

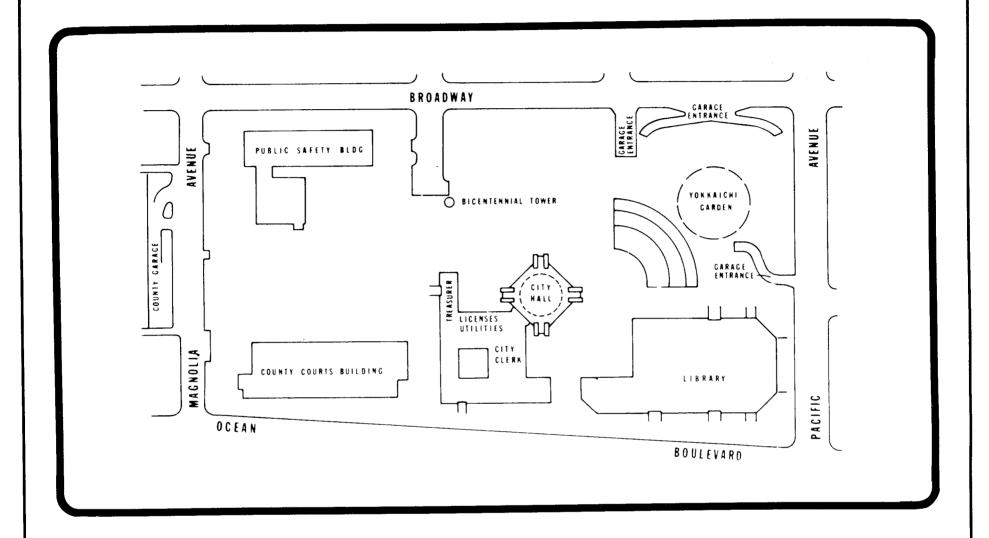
This spaciousness can be appreciated by library patrons in the greatly increased width of the aisles, in the numerous carrels and tables where books and other materials may be spread out and worked upon, and in the many comfortable lounge areas.

Library service is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.



Burton W. Chace Civic Center

Named in honor of the late Los Angeles County Supervisor and former Mayor of Long Beach, the civic center covers a six-square-block area bounded by Ocean Boulevard, Magnolia Avenue, Broadway and Pacific Avenue. In addition to the City Hall-Main Library, it includes the Public Safety Building at Broadway and Magnolia; the Los Angeles County Offices Building on the northeast corner of Ocean and Magnolia; a park, providing facilities for senior citizens activities, and The Bicentennial Tower, with clock and carillon, a gift to the City from Isabel Patterson and the Bicentennial Committee.



PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Headquarters for police and fire services. Long Beach invests more than \$26 million annually in police protection, with emphasis now on curbing crime in the neighborhoods. The city's top-rated fire department responds to 5,000 fire emergencies and 15,000 first-aid rescue emergencies each year. Paramedic units transport 10,000 patients to local hospitals.

COUNTY OFFICES BUILDING

415 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach 90802. Telephone: 432-0411. Municipal and Superior Courts; Supervisor, 4th District (James Hayes); Deputy District Attorney; Marshal; Law Library; Probation Department; Public Defender; Sheriff's office (civil).

TOWER WILL HOUSE 246-BELL CARILLON

The 100-foot-high Bicentennial Tower — to be dedicated Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the new City-Hall Main Library plaza — contains one of the largest carillons in the nation. The Tower has three tubular steel columns in varying widths tightly grouped together with a three-sided clock and speakers for the 246-bell carillon approximately 65 feet above the plaza.

Mrs. Isabel Patterson, Long Beach realtor and philanthropist, contributed the cost of the Bicentennial Tower (\$150,000). Proceeds from the sale of Heritage Certificates to individuals in the city enabled the Bicentennial Committee to buy the clock. In addition, the Committee put \$2500 in a trust fund to be used for the Tricentennial celebration.

As a highlight of Sunday's dedication ceremonies, Dr. Paul Stroud of Long Beach State University will present a special concert on the electronically amplified carillon. Its twin 49-key keyboards and 13 pedals are capable of producing 380 different sound combinations. According to Paul Rowe of Maas-Rowe Carillons, Inc., the builder, this instrument is similar to the 210-bell carillon at Long Beach State University. The Tower can be seen and heard from most points around and within the City Hall-Main Library complex.

The carillon has nine speakers facing in three directions. Maas-Rowe Carillons, Inc. has built carillons for the Metropolitan Opera in New York City's Lincoln Center, the Los Angeles Music Center, the Naval Academy chapel, USC, UCLA and the Ventura city hall. Names of purchasers of Bicentennial Heritage Certificates will be inserted in a time capsule to be buried at the base of the Tower during the dedication. A bronze plaque will acknowledge the contributions of Mrs. Patterson, the Bicentennial Committee and the citizenry.