

# We Create Community



## Free Beach Week Activities Activate Shoreline

Parks, Recreation and Marine offered free “Beach Week” activities from July 8 - 12. Beach Week was originally intended to lead up to Sun Soaked, an electronic dance music festival, which was canceled by the organizer. The free week-long series of activities were still funded by the festival and included morning yoga, tai chi on the sand, a fitness boot camp, and kayaking and canoeing for adults. Children’s activities included volleyball, kickball, flag football and sand soccer clinics, a skate park and Marine Safety Lifeguard mock rescues.



Kayaking Classes



Tai Chi Classes



Lifeguarding Demonstrations



Kickball



Skate Park



Soccer



Volleyball



Swimming



Beach Games

# Stearns Champions Park Community Center Re-Opens

A re-opening celebration for the Stearns Champions Park Community Center was held on July 20.

The community center was closed for use after evidence of dry rot and termite damage was discovered in the roof of the 43-year-old, 5,667 square foot building. The repair project included installing a new roof support system with a waterproof membrane and insulation, asbestos abatement and measures to enhance ADA compliance and energy efficiency.

The \$1,401,058 project was supported by a combination of funding sources, with the majority of funds coming from Measure A. Other funding came from a Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant, General Capital Project Funds and from Fourth Council District one-time infrastructure funds.

The community center is vital for the youth programs and adaptive recreation classes held year-round, and for summer programs like Creative Arts Day Camp, Summer Fun Days and the Summer Food Service Program, which serve hundreds of youth each week.



L-R: PRM Recreation Superintendent Joy Warren, Chief of Staff for Mayor Robert Garcia Mark Taylor, PRM Director Gerardo Mouet, Councilman Daryl Supernaw and Stearns Champions Park Supervisor Andean Brown-Jacobs cut the ribbon on the refurbished community center with participants in the Park's Creative Arts Day Camp



## By the Numbers:

### Community Recreation Services - June 2019

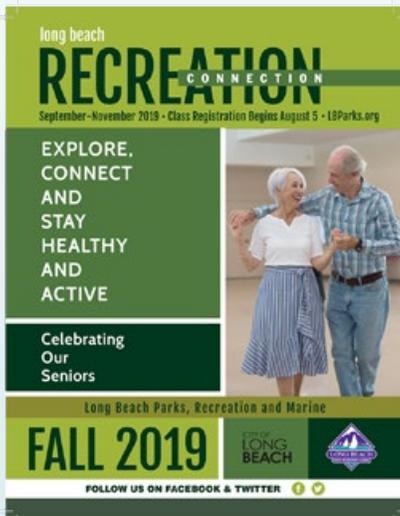
Permits to Gather .....	269
Reserved Picnic Sites .....	60
Facility Use Permits .....	73
Field Use Permits Issued .....	0
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries .....	13,656
El Dorado Regional Park Passes .....	1,173
Visits to City/ City Operated LBUSD Pools .....	22,658
Youth and Teen Participants.....	19,323
Senior Citizens Participants .....	19,203
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center .....	41,684
Be SAFE Program Attendance.....	6,186
Sports League Participants (Summer).....	8,360
Number of Contract Classes (Summer).....	727

## By the Numbers:

### Maintenance Operations - June 2019

Community Services Enrollees .....	60
Community Services Total Hours .....	1,650
Community Services Beach Maintenance Hours.....	221
Community Services Marine Maintenance Hours .....	559
Community Services El Dorado Park Hours .....	340
Community Services Tree Farm Hours .....	138
Community Services Los Cerritos Wetlands Hours .....	296
Community Services Special Cleanup Hours .....	96
Work Orders Completed.....	409
Restrooms Cleaned Daily .....	172
Facilities and Gyms Cleaned and Stocked Daily .....	28
Park Turf Acres Maintained .....	814
Park Landscape Acres Maintained.....	2,310
Number of Contract Classes (Summer) .....	72

# PRM Fall Class Registration is Going On Now



Registration for new fall recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is going on now. The community is invited to explore and register for more than 400 classes in art, music, nature, fitness, and special interest subjects; and adult sports leagues and aquatics

programs will be offered starting in September. These programs provide opportunities for exercise and recreation, social interaction and learning, and growth and relaxation for preschool aged children to adults.

“Parks, Recreation and Marine has hundreds of fee based classes and free activities available to get or stay fit, improve skills and most of all have fun!” said Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet. “I encourage residents to see what we have to offer and register now for an activity that will change their lives.”

## **New this fall:**

### Preschool:

Little Hoopers basketball fundamentals class, Art Innovators and Readwrite En Español.



### Youth:

Roblox Coding to create your own Roblox game adventures with Lua code, a language similar to JavaScript, 3D Creations: Minecraft, Keyboarding & Computer Coding, Woodshop: Holiday Gifts and Junior Robotics Team.



### Youth & Teens:

Audition Prep for Solo Pop, Musical Theatre & More

### Teens & Adults:

Palette Up! One-class watercolor session with painting fundamentals, and options for advanced techniques.

Capoeira - Frequently called the Art of Deception, combines martial arts, music, dance and acrobatics.



### Adults 50+:

Dance, yoga and Zumba® classes are catered to adults age 50 years and older.

## **Free Recreation Programs**

The “Recreation Connection” lists dozens of free activities including after school and Fall Fun Day programs, youth sports leagues, teen and senior centers. Free use facilities include skate parks, dog parks, fitness zones, bike and walking paths, and more.

## **It's Easy to Register:**

1. Visit us online at [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org), click on “Online Registration” under “LB RecConnect.”
2. Call 562.570.3111.
3. Visit the Registration Reservations Office at 2760 Studebaker Rd., anytime from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents can visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) to see the digital version of the “Recreation Connection” or pick one up at a local park or library.

# Homeland Cultural Center DanceFest Showcases Artists in Residence

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's Homeland Cultural Center in partnership with the Arts Council of Long Beach and Partners of Parks presented DanceFest, a free artist-in-residence showcase on July 14, at the International City Theatre.

The event was emceed by Calipso Aranda, Dash Radio Host. Performers included West Afrikan Drummers and Dancers, Ballet Folklorico Paisajes de Mexico, Hmong Association of Long Beach, Ancient Khmer Martial Arts, Aztec Dance Xipetotec, Homeland Sound Army Crew, Kutturán Chamoru Foundation, AIM 4 the

Heart poetry readings, Happy Senior Line Dance and the Homeland Street Dance Crew.

Homeland is the recipient of the 2008 Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanities Award from the National Recreation and Park Association and a 2012 Award of Excellence from the California Park and Recreation Society.

For more information about the Homeland Cultural Center, call 562.570.1655.



## A Summer Full of Music

All summer long free concerts entertained residents in parks throughout the city as part of the 100 days of summer celebration. Popular sounds of rock, blues, Latin, soul and jazz filled that air as families and friends visited together and enjoyed picnic dinners.



Box Car 7 performed at Stearns Champions Park on July 20. This was part of the free community concert series sponsored by Parks, Recreation and Marine that also included live music at Ramona, Drake, Veterans, Scherer, Cherry and Promenade Parks; and Marine Stadium and El Dorado Park West.



The Long Beach Municipal Band performed at Chavez Park on July 9 to an appreciative crowd including many Willmore City residents.

### Coming up:

Long Beach Community Band - Free  
August 16: Houghton Park @ 6:30 p.m.

El Dorado Nature Center  
August 22: Concert Sligo Rags - Celtic Rock. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Concert, 7-8 p.m. \$3 suggested donation.

City Council Sponsored Concerts - Free  
August 21: Knyght Ryder: El Dorado Park West, 6:30 p.m.  
August 24: The Emperors: Whaley Park, 4-6 p.m.

Rancho Los Cerritos Concerts - Free  
Pack a picnic and invite friends for a concert on the lawn. Gates open at 5 p.m.; music from 5:30-7 p.m. Adobe home open for self-paced tours.  
August 25: Band of California Battalion



The Gr8 Summer Blues concert featuring Alvin Hayes Jr. and Friends, the Bernie Pearl Blues Band and New Blues Revolution happened at Scherer Park on July 13.





L-R: Jorge Acevedo, MOB Superintendent; Julie Heggeness, Parks and Recreation Commissioner; Jermaine Washington; Hurley Owens, MOB Manager; and PRM Director Gerardo Mouet.

Congratulations to the June Employee of the Month, Jermaine Washington, Maintenance Assistant in PRM Facility Maintenance for the past year and a half. He recently answered a few questions so that readers can learn more about him:

### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

I mentor two students from Poly High School and volunteer at church. I like to be helpful to other people.

### **What's your biggest work achievement so far?**

To know that I can accommodate seniors and workers and allow people to be in a clean, friendly environment.

### **Who inspires you?**

My mother – she just got her marketing degree in June.

### **What are you famous for at work?**

My upbeat personality – I'm always saying hi and bringing positive energy to work.

### **What's your favorite breakfast spot in Long Beach?**

My house! I like to cook.

### **Who would play you in a movie of your life?**

Denzel Washington. I admire his energy and his presence. He gives his craft 100%

### **Would you rather be the best player on a horrible team or the worst player on a great team?**

Worst on great. A team can get me going. I'm not in it for myself. What's the point of scoring 60 points yourself when the team still loses?

### **What song is always in your head when you're working?**

Turn Up the Music – Chris Brown

### **In one word, how would you describe your family?**

Happy.

El Dorado Nature Center has been hosting events all summer to celebrate its 50th anniversary. From the Summer Solstice Celebration on June 21 that honored the land and the people who have made the Center special to concerts, astronomy events, movies, crafts fairs and nightlife walks, residents and visitors have been enjoying this oasis of calm and serenity in our busy urban environment.



Visitors are encouraged to take part in a visitor-created, nature themed mural that will go on display when the 50th anniversary celebration is over. Get involved on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 562.570.1745 for times.

### **50th Anniversary Celebration Events Coming Up:**

August 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Artisan Craft Faire

August 13, 7-9 p.m.: Family Nightlife Walk\*

August 14, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 16, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Artisan Craft Faire

August 20, 7-9 p.m.: Family Nightlife Walk\*

August 21, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 22, 6:30-8 p.m.: Concert Sligo Rags - Celtic Rock\*

August 23, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Artisan Craft Faire

August 24, 7-9 p.m.: A Night with the Stars - Gaze at stars and enjoy a screening of E.T. the Extra Terrestrial"

August 27, 7-9 p.m.: Family Nightlife Walk\*

August 28, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 30, 9 a.m.-noon: Education Station Interactive nature displays

August 31, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Artisan Craft Faire

\*Visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities) or [www.facebook.com/FriendsofElDoradoNatureCenter](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofElDoradoNatureCenter) for fees and registration information.

# Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) Update

## Foster the 4th Makes Positive Impact

Long Beach Animal Care Service's (LBACS) partnership with the Live Love Animal Rescue on the Foster the 4th program was a big success.



Together, the two groups were able to place 62 dogs, 58 cats and four rabbits into foster care over the July 4th holiday.

Additionally, LBACS gave out 144 free pet tags to help

pets get reunited with their owners.

## LBACS Movie Night

Long Beach Animal Care Services hosted their 4th annual Movie in the Park event on July 6. Dozens of families enjoyed the free screening of "Madagascar," and were able to become familiar with the Animal Shelter and meet great adoptable dogs and cats.



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58 cats  
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care!



## Keep your pets safe and comfortable this summer.



- DO NOT LEAVE PET IN CAR
- PROVIDE ENOUGH WATER
- PROTECT FROM SUNBURN
- AVOID HOT PAVEMENT
- CHECK FOR TICKS
- WATCH TEMPERATURE
- GIVE A HAIRCUT
- SHOWERING / BATHING

LONG BEACH  
YOU MANY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES



Every Friday from 2-5 p.m. LBACS will foster out kittens to people who can make a two-week commitment with an option to adopt.

Staff will match parties with a kitten in accordance with the person's cat care abilities. All kittens are healthy and weaned, and LBACS will supply food, litter and a carrier and will cover offsite medical expenses.

For more information, contact Shelter Director Staycee Dains at [Staycee.Dains@longbeach.gov](mailto:Staycee.Dains@longbeach.gov).

# August - September 2019 Calendar

## August

Sat. 10	4 p.m.	Free MacArthur Park Community Concert – Chico	MacArthur Park
Mon. 12	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Community Band Concert	Stearns Champions Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Monsters Inc.	Stearns Champions Park
Wed. 14	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – Sounds of the 7th	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Monsters Inc.	Heartwell Park
Th. 15	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic – Vaccination and Microchipping	Scherer Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Dumbo (2019)	Ramona Park
Fri. 16	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Community Band Concert	Houghton Park
	6:30 p.m.	Free Council District 5 Concert – Knyght Ryder	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Monsters Inc.	Houghton Park
Mon. 19	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park The Incredibles.	Mc Bride Park
Wed. 21	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park The Incredibles.	El Dorado Park West
Th. 22	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – Sligo Rags	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Incredibles 2	Scherer Park
Fri. 23	6 p.m.	Free Concert Pop Vinyl	Marine Stadium
Sat. 24	4 p.m.	Free Council District 4 Concert The Emperors	Whaley Park
Sun. 25	5 p.m.	Free Concert – Band of California Battalion	Rancho Los Cerritos

## September

Mon. 2		Labor Day Holiday	
Tue. 3	8 a.m.	Registration for Tu/Th swim lessons (9/17-10/10) begins	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Storytime with books, songs and friends	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 4	Varies	New M/W Swim Lesson sessions begin (9/4-9/25)	Silverado Park Pool
Th. 5	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic – Vaccination and Microchipping	Scherer Park
Sat. 7	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Trail Cleanup*	El Dorado Nature Center
Sun 8	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 10	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk*	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 12	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 14	5:30 p.m.	“Sewing Seeds of Summer” supporting Partners of Parks*	E Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 16	Time Varies	Free Youth Coed & Boys Flag Football and Volleyball begins	Citywide Parks
Tue. 17	9:30 a.m.	Storytime with books, songs and friends	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 18	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 19	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic – Vaccination and Microchipping	Scherer Park
Sat. 21	8 a.m.	Registration for Sat. swim lessons (10/19-12/7) begins	King Park Pool
	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call 562.570.1745
	6 p.m.	Third Annual Craft Beer LB Fest*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 23	8 a.m.	Registration for M/W swim lessons (10/7-10/30) begins	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 24	9:30 a.m.	Storytime with books, songs and friends	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 28	7:30 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Ranchos Walk*	LongBeach.gov/RanchosWalk
	8 a.m.	Registration for Sat. swim lessons (9/28-12/14) ) begins	Belmont Plaza Pool
	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup*	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 30	Varies	New M/W Swim Lesson sessions begin (9/30-10/23)	Silverado Park Pool



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