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Red Car Greenway Construction Begins

Breaking ground for the Red Car Greenway - L-R: Director of Public Works Craig Beck, Councilwoman Suzie Price, Mayor Robert Garcia, and Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Marie Knight

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 19 for the Red Car Greenway at Fourth Street and Park Avenue.

The Red Car Greenway is a 3.66-acre project that will consist of a ten-foot wide decorative concrete pedestrian walking trail and drought-tolerant native landscaping on the former Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW) between Park Avenue and Ximeno Avenue. The project will feature a trailhead at the entrance on Fourth Street at Park Avenue, and will be crossed by a bike path at Sixth Street, which connects to the City's bike route network.

The project is part of the PE ROW Greenbelt Master Plan, which starts at the intersection of Park Avenue and Fourth Street and extends northwest to Loma Avenue.

The project will feature pathway lighting, trail boulders for seating, trash receptacles, and doggie bag dispensers, wood grain textured concrete fencing at entries and decorative concrete pedestrian trails along the greenbelt that connect to local streets adjacent to the greenbelt.

The project incorporates sustainable design features including native shrubs, California natural grassland and coastal wildflowers. The water efficient landscape design will exceed the efficiency water saving requirements set by the State of California.

The $1,050,334 project is supported by $300,000 from the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District Grant, $450,000 from the State of California Land and Water State Conservation Fund, $81,000 from the Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office, $150,000 from Measure A (2016), and $69,354 from Third Council District Fiscal Year (FY) 14 one-time funds.

100 Days of Summer Concludes with Free Trinity Concert

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) wound down the "100 Days of Summer" in Long Beach with a free concert featuring Trinity on August 25 at Marine Stadium. Families came early so that kids could play in a free Kids' Zone with moon bounces, face painting, and balloon animals. The Greasy Weiner, The Cheddar Wheel and the What the Funnel food trucks served delicious fare.

The "triple tribute" band took the audience back to the '70s and '80s with versions of the greatest hits of Journey, Foreigner and Styx.

This was the eighth year in a row, that LBPRM and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau teamed up to offer www.100daysofsummer.org, a searchable calendar of free concerts and movies, El Dorado Nature Center and historic site events, and ideas for spontaneous fun like hiking, biking, golf, tennis, swimming, and youth and teen programs, to enjoy from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Residents had non-stop opportunities to "stay and play" in Long Beach with many free or low cost activities.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - August 2017

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Number of persons enrolled in the program for August.....56
Total number of CSW Hours for August.....1,973

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....197
(Litter pickup on beachess, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....364
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....321
Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....124
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....342
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....626
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Work orders completed.....747
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis 172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....28

Park acres maintained

Park turf.....814
Park landscape.....2,310
Street (medians) turf.....53
Street landscape.....143

Water Use:

MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for March, 2017
Parks and Street Island Potable.....44,737.....$168,338
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....67,759.....$117,825

Residents Gather at Parks for National Night Out

National Night Out is an evening that strengthens neighborhood camaraderie and community/police partnerships to discourage crime. The annual event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

On August 1 from 5-9 p.m. people throughout the city sat outside their homes, had potluck dinners, and got to know their neighbors. Many residents attended Be SAFE programs at the 11 participating park sites.

The Wrigley Association encouraged residents to get together at Veterans Park for the Long Beach Municipal Band concert and a chance to meet staff from Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach Police, the 6th District City Council Office and community associations.

By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services - July 2017

Permits to Gather	273
Reserved Picnic Sites	63
Number of Contract Classes	213
Facility Use Permits Issued	66
Field Use Permits Issued	96
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	632
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	14,564
Adult Sports League Participants	10,130
Visits to City Pools	47,752
Youth and Teen Participants	66,031
Senior Citizen Participants	28,501
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	38,772

All City Beach Day Was Fun In the Sun For Everyone!

The annual All City Beach Day is a highline of the summer for youth in Parks, Recreation & Marine programs. On August 11, staff brought approximately 2,400 children to visit the beach at Claremont Avenue. The youth and teens were from 46 citywide recreation programming sites including 24 Summer Fun Days sites, five teen centers, nine day camps, and eight WRAP school sites.

This event was supported by the Los Angeles Kings, who provided lunch and a goodie bag for each child. In addition, the King's Ice Crew and Chariot provided street hockey for all the kids to enjoy. In addition, the Port of Long Beach provided sand buckets and shovels and Long Beach Airport distributed lip balm and foam balls.

The Long Beach Lifeguards were on hand to provide kids with a safety talk and watch over them in the water. Kids also enjoyed being sprayed by one of the City Fireboats.

The kids had a great day at the beach playing in the water, interacting with public safety staff and dancing on the sand to a DJ that was provided by the Kings. Fortunately, there were no reported stingray bites!

Summer Youth Swim and Dive Teams Culminate With Novice Meets

Each summer hundreds of Long Beach youth develop water sports and swimming skills in PRM aquatic programs.

Eight-week swim teams for ages 7-17 took place at all City pools, and dive teams were held at Silverado and King Park Pools from June 19 through August 19. The teams were supported by a grant from the LA84 Foundation in the amount of $25,000 for summer aquatics programs targeting economically disadvantaged youth.

At the Richard R. Miller Novice Swim Meet on July 29 at Belmont Plaza Pool, 130 youth competed in events including 25 to 100 yard swims with butterfly, backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, and individual medley.

The Richard R. Miller Novice Dive meet was held on August 6 at Silverado Park Pool with 35 competitors.

The top swim and dive team performers qualified to advance in LA84 Swim events.

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Rainbow Harbor / Marina

Rainbow Harbor and Marina is located between Shoreline Village and the Aquarium of the Pacific. The marina features 87 slips for recreational boaters and commercial operators. The facility features 12, 150 foot docks, that are home port to businesses for sports fishing, whale watching, harbor cruises, dinner cruises, private charter boats, rental boats, personal watercraft rentals, and more.

Dock 1: Pierpoint Landing sports fishing, SCUBA and charters

Dock 2: Harbor Breeze whale watching and harbor cruises

Dock 4: Grand Romance Charters

Dock 4: Long Beach Transit Aqua Link Water Taxi

Dock 5: Dockside Boat and Bed Lodging

Dock 6: Hornblower Cruises Dinner and Dining Cruises
Kai Charters - 70' Schooner Charters

Dock 7: Long Beach Transit Aqua Bus
Harbor Breeze Yacht Charters

Dock 8: Short Term Guest Mooring. Three-hour limit

Dock 9: Spirit Cruises
Long Beach Transit Aqua Bus
Long Beach Boat Rentals
Island Trader Charters Private Boat Tours

Pierpoint Landing

Navy Memorial

Sandy Beach

Catalina Classic Cruises

Grand Romance Charters

Aquarium of the Pacific

Tennis Concession Update

The Billie Jean King (BJK) and El Dorado Park Tennis Centers (ELDO) just completed a busy and successful summer. Coach Valter Paiva and the staff of VP Tennis Academy at BJK and coaches Mitch Bridge and Peter Smith and the staff of Southern California Tennis Academy (SCTA) at ELDO led a popular 12-week Junior Summer Tennis Camp. The children who participated had a great time learning tennis and meeting new friends.

ELDO hosted two SCTA sanctioned tournaments, the 33rd Annual Long Beach Junior Satellite July 22-23 and the 2017 Long Beach Junior Open August 12-14. The Satellite had 75 players ages 8-18 competing in singles and doubles. The Junior Open tournament had over 125 competitors and a few doubles teams in various divisions. Junior Open tournaments are for players at a more advanced level who have moved beyond satellite competition. The players competed very hard and showed great sportsmanship during the entire weekend.

At both facilities, USTA Junior World Team Tennis (JWTT) is forming teams for eight weeks of league play. At ELDO, Coach Cooper Bridge is forming teams in the 10, 12 & 14 age divisions with eight players per team. Matches will be on Saturdays at 3 p.m. At BJK, Coach Richard Nguyen has developed some very successful teams. His 10 & under team brought home the trophy for best team in the Greater Los Angeles region for the third season in a row. They defeated teams from the Los Angeles, South Bay, and Long Beach areas to become #1 in Spring/Summer 2016, Fall/Winter 2016, and now Spring/Summer 2017. They will represent the Greater LA region when they compete against other #1 teams from various regions of So Cal at the Junior Team Tennis Southern California Section Championships.

A Wilson Demo Day was held on August 25 at BJK that allowed patrons to try new Wilson racquets, strings and shoes, and be guided in racquet selection by BJK pros. This social tennis event included a tennis exhibition by the USC Trojans men's tennis team, a chance to hit with tennis instructors on court and plenty of refreshments. The Demo Day was a fun-filled, family friendly evening where every participant won prizes during a special raffle and one lucky player won a special tennis racquet.

Employee of the Month: Tammy Masten

Congratulations to Tammy Masten, Aquatics Supervisor I on being named Employee of the Month for August! While Tammy is currently assigned to oversee Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool, she has worked at every one of our pools and even taught swimming lessons in the open water of Alamitos Bay back in the day.

As a youth, Tammy swam competitively for nine years with the "Tidelanders" Swim Club. She attended Millikan High School where she participated in Swim Team, Basketball and Softball. After graduating, Tammy continued her education and athletic career at Long Beach City College where she played Softball and Field Hockey. Tammy graduated from California State University Dominguez Hills with a degree in Physical Education and a minor in Business. She was hired by the City of Long Beach in 1981 and was recently recognized for 35 years of service to the Department. Tammy also worked as the Girls Basketball coach at Millikan High School for two years before becoming the Girls Swim Team coach where she continued to coach for 27 years.

Tammy enjoys spending free time with her nephew Kyle while serving as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. Kyle is well on his way to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition, Tammy has served as a volunteer for Special Olympics for 35 years and has supported the Employee Recognition Committee, Department Safety Committee, VIP Committee and the International Sea Festival Committee. At least twice a year, Tammy travels to Las Vegas to compete in Video Poker Tournaments, and often beats the odds! Congratulations to Tammy!

California Native Plant Sale
Saturday, October 14, 2017

Just in time for fall planting season, join Friends of El Dorado Nature Center and Partners of Parks for its annual plant sale. *Partners of Parks is a tax exempt 501 (c) (3)*

Drought-tolerant natives for sale include California buckwheat, Coast Sunflower, Ceanothus species, sages and more.

Member Preview Sale: 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Memberships available at gate

Public Sale: 9:30 – 2 p.m.
Cash, checks & credit cards accepted

El Dorado Nature Center
7550 E Spring St.
562.570.1745

City Hall Becomes "Kitty Hall" for Cat Adoption Event

Animal Care Services held a very successful "Kitty Hall" cat adoption event at Long Beach City Hall on August 11 that led to 20 cats and kittens finding homes.

Behavior and Rehoming Coordinator Jill Prout led the ACS team in event set up. Thanks to the entire Rehoming team, Medical team, Animal Care team, Clerical, and other staff and volunteers who helped to select and care for the cats and kittens for the event. Manager Ted Stevens was on hand with the new ACS mobile Adoption Waggin'.

The event is a great way to promote the availability of adoptable cats and the services of Long Beach ACS.

LB Animal Care Services 2017 Mid-Year Statistics a Record Progress

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Animal Care Services achieved a record year in 2016 with saving animals. So far 2017 is showing continued improvements!

The following statistics are the best numbers ever reported for the first six months of any year, and show increasing progress being made at the animal shelter in 2017, compared to the same six month time period in 2016:

More than 200 fewer cats and dogs were impounded at the shelter, a 6% reduction.

Euthanasia is showing another steep decline with over 290 fewer dogs and cats euthanized, a reduction of 64% for dogs and 34% for cats. (Compared to 2015, euthanasia is down 79% for dogs and 57% for cats, representing 725 fewer dogs and cats euthanized.)

Live Release Rates of 95% for dogs and 76% for cats, compared to 89% and 63%, respectively.

The Live Release Rate is the percentage of animals that come to the shelter and leave with a positive outcome such as return to owner, adoption or transfer to a rescue group.

These results are due to the continued collective efforts over the past several years of the dedicated volunteers, dozens of non-profit groups, community supporters and the dedicated and hardworking staff at ACS.

"We are thankful to all of the supporters and rescue groups that have helped us to save so many lives and we will continue to look for new partnerships, programs and innovative ways to help save even more." said Ted Stevens, Manager of Animal Care Services.

"We could not have achieved this without the collaboration of all of our supporters and staff working together and these results are a reflection of that teamwork."

September - October 2017 Calendar of Events

September

Sat. 16:	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call 562.570.4876
	10 a.m.	Southern California Turtle and Tortoise Care Society Show	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 19:	10 a.m.	*African Plants and Their Stories Lecture	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 20:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Th. 21:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Fri. 22:	5 p.m.	Exhibit Opening “History of Chinese Immigrants”	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 23:	1 p.m.	*Craft Beer Fest, food and artists family activities	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sun. 24:	1:30 p.m.	*“Rhythm In Time” How Music Connects to Nature	Rancho Los Alamitos
Wed. 27:	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	Parks, Recreation & Marine Administration
Sat. 30:	Varies	Free Coed and Boys Flag Football Leagues Begin	Citywide Parks
	Varies	Free Coed and Girls Volleyball Leagues Begin	Citywide Parks

October

Sun. 1:			
Mon. 2:	Varies	* Four – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	Silverado Park Pool
	Varies	Free Youth Street Hckey Leagues begin	Citywide Parks
Tue. 3:	Varies	* Four – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	King Park Pool
Th. 5:	4 p.m.	SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer
Sat. 7:	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Sun. 8:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 9:	Varies	* Four – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 10:	Varies	* Four – week Tu/TYh Swim Lessons begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	7 p.m.	*Family Night Life Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 12:	2 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 14:	9:30 a.m.	California Native Plant Sale	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 18:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Th. 19:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	SNP Mobile Pet Vaccination Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer
Fri. 20:			
Sat. 21:	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	10 a.m.	Australian Plants and their Stories	Rancho Los Cerritos
	10 a.m.	Grand Opening Event for Willow Spring Walking Path	Orange Ave. Btw. Willow and Spring Sts.
Sun. 22:	1:30 p.m.	*Timeless Space and Values Lecture / Program	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sat. 28:	Varies	* Eight – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	King Park Pool
	Varies	* Eight – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	Silverado Park Pool
Mon. 30:	Varies	* Four – week M/W Swim Lessons begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 31:	Varies	* Four – week Tu/Th Swim Lessons begin	King Park Pool

***Call for registration and fee information.**

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