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New Fiscal Year Brings Support for Parks, Recreation & Marine Programs

The 2020 General Fund budget for Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) began on October 1 and supports some minor enhancements in staffing levels that will go a long way towards improving customer service and the quality of PRM programs and services.

It is estimated that 345,000 vehicles and over 1 million people will have entered El Dorado East Regional Park (EDE) in fiscal year 2019. EDE issues hundreds of Permits to Gather, Picnic Site Permits and Youth Group Camping permits each year. Two part time Recreation Leader Specialist V positions have been added to focus on permit compliance and entry gate operations and make visits more enjoyable for the public.

To continue Long Beach Animal Care Service's (LBACS) progress in reducing euthanasia and increasing adoptions, a new and permamnent Adoption Coordinator will oversee adoption and volunteer programs with support from a new Clerk I. These positions will strengthen LBACS's "Compassion Saves" operating model that commits to no healthy or treatable animal being euthanized without a search for a positive outcome, and strengthening collaborations with rescue partners and volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone behind PRM senior citizen programs, Long Beach Animal Care Services, El Dorado Nature Center activities and community support for park and beach maintenance, among other programs. With more than 100 community partners interested in supporting the PRM mission and the need to enhance programs with the help of volunteers, the addition of a new Recreation Assistant to recruit and train interested citizens is a great example of "a little going a long way."

For more information on the PRM 2020 budget, visit https://bit.ly/2mhmbq8.

California Coastal Cleanup Day Supports Local Waterways

The community came together to make a positive impact on local marine life by volunteering at the California Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21. This annual event draws more than 65,000 volunteers statewide in a joint effort to clean up waterways and coastlines.

El Dorado Nature Center staff coordinated Long Beach's cleanup efforts, in cooperation with the Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach Marine Institute, Friends of Colorado Lagoon, the Seal Beach Yacht Club and Clean LB.

A total of 1,226 volunteers picked up 2,376 pounds of trash from Alamitos Bay Marina, Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Cherry Beach, Colorado Lagoon, the Peninsula area and around the Sea Scout Base.

Jenni Rivera Park Playground Construction Underway

A groundbreaking event took place on September 23 for the new Measure A-funded Jenni Rivera Park playground. The park is located at 2001 Walnut Avenue.

The new playground will include pour-in-place rubberized surfacing and play elements appropriate for ages 5-12. The playground will be adjacent to the park's bike and pedestrian path, and across from the 125-foot long mural depicting the late singer Jenni Rivera's life and love of her hometown, Long Beach.

The 3-acre park was dedicated on July 2, 2015. The park provides open space along the Pacific Electric Right of Way between Orange and Walnut Avenues.

Breaking ground for the new Jenni Rivera Park Playground are: L-R: David Zanatta, Vice Chair Parks and Recreation Commission; Judy Ross, Transactions and Use Tax Citizens Advisory Committee (Measure A), Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Jenni Rivera's sister Rosie Rivera and son Johnny Lopez.

Gumbiner Park Fast Company

Gumbiner Park has been recognized for "Innovative Urban Design" in *Fast Company's* 2019 Innovation by Design Awards. Gumbiner Park is featured in their October print issue in the Spaces, Place, and Cities category. Visit https://bit.ly/2lKz9MY to view the issue.

Long Beach's most dangerous intersection was transformed into Gumbiner Park. The project realigned a complicated convergence of five intersections into three intersections and closed one block of roadway to create the park. The project improved safety and pedestrian circulation while creating a one-acre public open space for a park poor community in Central Long Beach. The park was dedicated on April 19, 2017.

A 2010 analysis conducted on intersections with high collision rates ranked the joining of Martin Luther King Ave. and Seventh St. as the most hazardous, with 38 injury accidents in the preceding five years and an average of 23 overall accidents annually. In the year following the decoupling, collisions on 7th Street dropped to 27 per year and 6th Street dropped to 13 per year within the project limits. The street realignment made the intersections safer.

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Parks, Recreation and Marine Strategic Plan Update

Long Beach Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department (PRM) is well underway with an effort to create a new strategic plan that will cover a 10-year period, from 2020-2030, and will guide operational, staffing and budgeting decisions for the Department.

A community survey available in the City's four languages was widely promoted at all community centers and summer events and was completed in August. PRM staff also participated by identifying what they felt were "strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats" in the PRM operation. The information from the community and staff surveys is being analyzed.

In early 2020, PRM will invite community members to share their ideas at community conversations and PRM Director listening sessions in all City Council Districts.

The new Strategic Plan is scheduled for completion in summer 2020. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/business-operations/about/prm-strategic-plan/ for the news about upcoming strategic plan events.

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Craftsman Village Park

Craftsman Village Park is located at 851 Orange Avenue in the historic Craftsman Village Hellman neighborhood. The .3-acre park's amenities include Craftsman inspired fencing, lighting and entry features; native plantings, trees, walkways, benches and picnic tables as well as a small turf area and play elements.

The park incorporates water saving features such as drought tolerant material and efficient irrigation systems.

The community welcomed the opening of the park on September 14, 2013 as new open space to serve a park deficient area.

The project was funded by a $722,465 grant from the Proposition 84 Urban Parks Grant.

Free Youth Fishing Derby

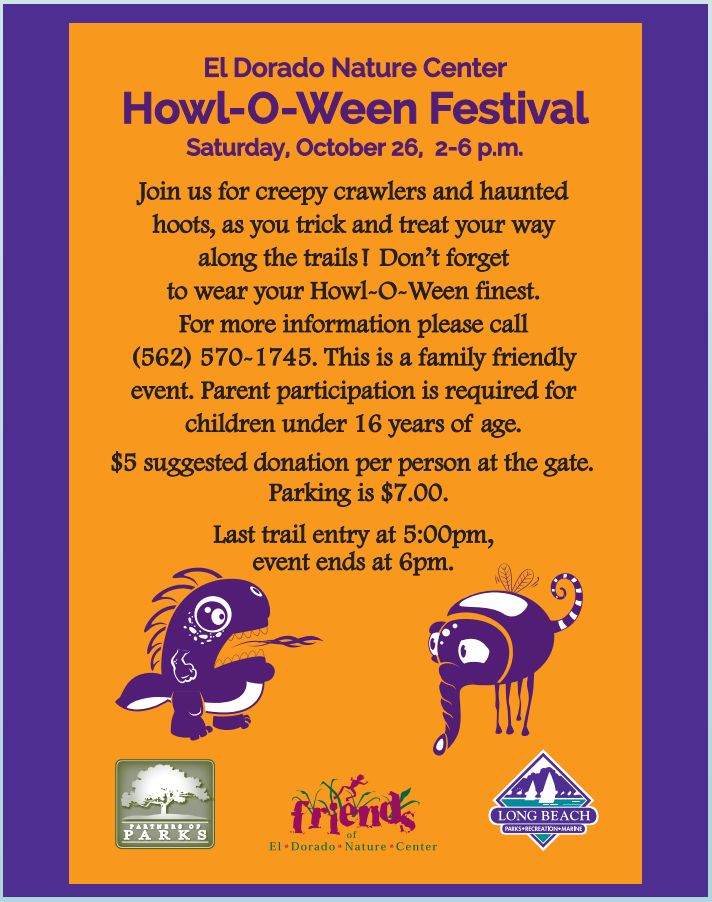
Saturday, November 23

El Dorado Regional Park,
7550 E. Spring St.

- Registration: 8-9 a.m.
- Fishing Derby:
  9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Raffle: 1 p.m.
- Prizes and Refreshments

This is a free children's fishing derby. Fishing poles and tackle to catch fish will be provided to youth ages 15 years and under for free. Anyone over 16 years old is required to have a California State Fishing License.

Call 562.570.1711 for information.



Free After School Programs Going on Now in Long Beach Parks

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) offers free after school activities for children (5-12) and teens (13-18) in parks throughout the city. Activities offered include arts and crafts, games and sports. Homework assistance is also available. The six teen centers are within walking distance of area high schools and help build friendships through fun activities that promote confidence-building and talent discovery. “From crafts and cooking to homework help and sport tournaments, PRM staff create a safe and positive environment for youth,” said Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet. “The after-school programs also enhance social skills, teach responsibility and leadership and promote positive self-esteem.”

Parks offering after school programs for ages 5-12 are as follows:

Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe. Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Coolidge Park, 352 Neece Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
MacArthur Park, 1321 Anaheim St.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Martin Luther King Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Orizaba Park, 1435 Orizaba Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m.
Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia Ave.	Weekdays	2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Ramona Park,3301 E. 65th St.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Seaside Park, 1401 Chestnut Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Somerset Park, 1500 E. Carson St.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23rd St.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Veterans Park, 101 E. 28th St.	Weekdays	2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 6 p.m.
Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.	Weekdays	2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Parks offering teen center programs for ages 13-18 are as follows:

Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.
Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.
Coolidge Park, 352 Neece Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.
Freeman Center, 1205 Freeman Ave.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.
McBride Park, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.
Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.	Weekdays	3 to 7 p.m.

These are free, noncustodial drop-in programs that provide a safe and supervised environment in which children can spend time after school. Participants come and go at their own discretion.

The community can access more information about park programs at www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/after-school-programs/parks/.

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Music for Mutts and Cats, a fundraiser organized by the Friends of Long Beach Animals (FOLBA) was held at the Steelcraft Restaurant complex in Bixby Knolls on October 3.

Guests had the opportunity to meet adoptable animals and to donate blankets, towels, toys, and food and treats, as well as make monetary contributions. More than $700 was raised to benefit Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) and FOLBA. A dog named Smokey was adopted and is off to his forever home. Live music was provided by Left on Cypress, Neptune Recovery and Dad Company.

Long Beach Animal Care Services thanks both Friends Of Long Beach Animals and volunteer Ricky Yim for making the event a success.

For more information about supporting Long Beach Animal Care Services, visit longbeach.gov/acs/donate-and-volunteer/donations.

For more infgormation about the Friends of Long beach animals, visit www.folba.org.

Pit Bull Appreciation Day Is Coming Up

By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services August 2019

Permits to Gather.	206
Reserved Picnic Sites	42
Facility Use Permits	151
Field Use Permits Issued	56
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	528
El Dorado Regional Park Passes	968
Visits to City/ City Operated LBUSD Pools	58,172
Youth and Teen Participants	23,925
Senior Citizens Participants	19,579
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	39,985
Be SAFE Participation	1,743
Summer Food Service Program	11,481

July Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Community Services Supervisor Andrea Lain on being named Employee of the Month for July. Andrea has worked for PRM for 21 years including her current assignment at El Dorado West and previously at the WRAP program and at Whaley Park.

What do you like to do in your free time? Run my non-profit Kari Kares for Kids, Inc. and shop for purses.

Where is the farthest place you've travelled? The Bahamas.

What are some small things that make your work day better? A smile or a wave from one of the seniors!

Who inspires you? My mom! She is the strongest person I know.

Among your coworkers, what are you famous for? Sunflowers and going to Hawaii.

What's your nickname at work? Don't have one that I know of.

What's your biggest achievement for PRM? Working my way up from an RLSIII to a Community Services Supervisor . . loving every minute!! 21 years and counting.

What's the best advice you've received that you could also give your coworkers? Learn from your mistakes and move forward.

What's your favorite lunch spot in Long Beach? Great Mex.

August Employee of the Month

El Dorado Nature Center Park Naturalist Erin Kellogg was named Employee of the Month for August. Erin has worked for PRM for the past 21 years. She recently answered a few questions so we could get to know her better.

How do you like to give back? By showing empathy and compassion for all living things every day.

What part of your personality is your strongest asset at work? Humility.

You work at the Nature Center, did you grow up enjoying the outdoors? Yes–as an only child, my imagination ran wild outside and my family liked to camp.

What's your biggest work achievement this year? Continuing to strengthen a relationship with our amazing Animal Care Services team.

What do you wish you had 5 more years of practice in? Speaking Spanish.

What famous person would you love to meet for a drink? John Muir.

What's a personal rule you never break? I have been a vegetarian for 21 years.

What's your theme song driving in to work? Born on the Bayou by Credence Clearwater Revival (Erin was born in New Orleans).

Where's the farthest place you've travelled. Estonia as a wildlife responder on an oil spill.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations - September 2019

Community Services Enrollees	93
Community Services Total Hours	2,237
Community Services Beach Maintenance Hours	212
Community Services Marine Maintenance Hours	711
Community Services El Dorado Park Hours	373
Community Services Tree Farm Hours	96
Community Services Los Cerritos Wetlands Hours	834
Community Services Special Cleanup Hours	10
Work Orders Completed	435
Restrooms Cleaned Daily	172
Facilities and Gyms Cleaned and Stocked Daily	28
Park Turf Acres Maintained	814
Park Landscape Acres Maintained	2,310

October - November 2019 Calendar

October

Th. 17	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 19	Ongoing	Registration Begins for 8 wk. Sat. (10/26-12/14) Swim Lessons	Silverado Park Pool
	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Sun. 20	Noon	Rancho Los Cerritos 175th Anniversary Gala* 562.206.2048	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 21	Ongoing	Registration Begins for 4 wk. M/W (10/28-11/20) Swim Lessons	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 26	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park
	2 p.m.	Howl-o-ween Festival*	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 29	8 a.m.	Registration Begins for 4-wk. Tu/Th. (11/12-12/5) Swim Lessons	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 30	9 a.m.	Pre-School Parent & Me Workshop Silly Spiders*	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 31			Halloween

November

Fri. 1	Ongoing	Ticket sales begin for Rancho Los Cerritos holiday special events	RanchoLosCerritos.org
Sat. 2	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Trail Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 5	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 7	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 9	1 p.m.	Museum Shop Holiday Preview and Open House	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sun. 10	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon 11		Veterans Day	
Tue. 12	Varies	New 4-wk. Tu/Th. (11/12-12/5) Swim Lessons*	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk*	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed.13	9 a.m.	Pre-School Parent & Me Workshop Falling Leaves*	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 16	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Tue. 19	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 21	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 23	8 a.m.	Youth Fishing Derby*	El Dorado Regional Park
	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park
	7:30 p.m.	Tellabration Storytelling Event*	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon.25	Varies	New 4-wk. Mon./Wed. (11/25-12/18) Swim Lessons Begin*	Silverado Park Pool
	11 a.m.	Free Fall Fun Days Youth Recreation Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Tue. 26	9:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
	11 a.m.	Free Fall Fun Days Youth Recreation Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed.27	10 a.m.	Tails and Trails (18 mos. – 5 Yrs. with parents) Owls are a Hoot*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Free Fall Fun Days Youth Recreation Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Th. 28:		Thanksgiving Holiday	

*Call 562.570.3100 or visit www.LBParks.org for fee and registration information.

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