

We Create Community



Catch the Passion! It's National Parks & Recreation Month



The month of July is recognized as a month of peak attendance at public parks throughout the country. In keeping with the National Parks and Recreation Association's theme for July 2019, "Game On!", Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine shared how they encourage residents to "Catch the Passion" at a celebration at the July 2 City Council Meeting. Staff shared many impressive (and passionate) statistics:

PRM ranked number 18 in the top 100 park systems in the Country in the Trust for Public Land Park Score Index.

Summer Fun Days programs are offered at 21 parks offer free drop-in crafts, sports and fun activities for kids.

At 11 Be SAFE locations, parks are open later for family fun. Special events like free movies and concerts in the park entertain families all summer long.

Long Beach Unified School District is providing free youth recreational swimming at three City pools.

Four gyms, dozens of game courts and nine fitness zones offer free access to exercise.

Eleven Day Camps provide enriching experiences for youth.

Six miles of clean, safe beaches are ready for summer fun.

Six senior centers offer recreation, health and social services, nutrition, excursions, and more.

Six teen centers provide recreational programs for teens in a safe and positive environment.

More than 562,000 youth and teens participate in free after school and school break programs.

Free quarterly youth sports leagues are offered including with Dodgers RBI and the Los Angeles Kings.

Men's Women's & Coed leagues are offered in seven sports for players to stay active and have fun!

Almost \$7.6 million in grants have been received over the last two years for parks and facilities.

30 sports organizations, with 10,000 athletes, use 100 clean safe park athletic fields each year.

For more information on ways to "Catch the Passion" this summer with Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine, visit www.LBParks.org or 100daysofsummer.org.

El Dorado Nature Center 50th Anniversary Celebration Continues



Are you “Nature Centered”? If not, join the many visitors to El Dorado Nature Center this summer who are becoming so, as they stroll the trails and enjoy special events in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Center.



The celebration began on June 21 with the Summer Solstice to honor people who have made El Dorado Nature Center special. Performances by folk singer Shayna Adler and a dance performance by Sirena Serpentina were highlights.



On June 29, the first Artisan Craft Show of the summer was held to offer specialty items made by local artists



and crafters. The remaining shows will be held on Saturdays through August 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



That evening, visitors experienced nature in a celestial way at “A Night with the Stars!” The Friends of El Dorado Nature Center and the Orange County Astronomy Club set up a telescope to view Jupiter, three of its moons and much more. At dusk, a screening of “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” added to the other worldly theme.



For information on other special events this summer at El Dorado Nature Center including education stations, concerts, and nightlife walks, visit [www.facebook.com/ FriendsofElDoradoNatureCenter](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofElDoradoNatureCenter).



Parks, Recreation and Marine Strategic Plan Efforts Launched



The City of Long Beach's Parks, Recreation and Marine Department (PRM) is launching efforts for a Strategic Plan that will engage the community in identifying goals and priorities for PRM for the next ten years.

"A Strategic Plan for Parks, Recreation and Marine will be an important blueprint to continue our work of expanding open space and bringing recreational opportunities to every neighborhood in Long Beach," said Mayor Robert Garcia.

Over the coming months, PRM will invite community members to share their ideas at community conversations and engagement events across the city, through surveys, public workshops and activities at park summer events. The City also has created a PRM Strategic Plan Page at a <https://bit.ly/2TD7WY1> with a list of outreach events and a community survey.

"Our current Strategic Plan is more than 15 years old," said

Gerardo Mouet, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Marine. "We want to design a new plan with community input at the core of the process."

The Fiscal Year 2019 budget included \$70,000 to update PRM's Strategic Plan, which was last addressed in 2003. The new PRM Strategic Plan, dubbed "Parks Make Long Beach," will cover a 10-year period, from 2020 to 2030, and is intended to incorporate the City's existing plans with new goals as well as serving as a guide for PRM's operational, staffing and budgeting decisions.

The launch of a new PRM Strategic Plan coincides with a pledge by Mayor Robert Garcia to work to ensure that everyone in Long Beach be within a 10-minute half-mile walk to a park. Currently, 81% of Long Beach residents are within a 10-minute walk to a park. The 10-minute walk campaign is led by the Trust for Public Land, National Recreation and Park Association and Urban Land Institute. Read more about it at <https://10minutewalk.org/>.

Parks, Recreation & Marine Summer Food Program Underway



For the 40th year in a row, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is offering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) for children and youth. SFSP continues the free lunch programs offered during the school year by Long Beach Unified School District. The USDA began SFSP to fill the nutrition gap for children from low-income areas.



The program began on June 17 and will run Monday through Friday August 16. Free meals are available to all attending children and youth who are between one and 18 years old. A list of locations and hours and daily menus can be found at www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/youth-and-teen-programs/usda-summer-food-program/.

PRM Day Camps and Specialty Camps Engaging Kids This Summer

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's (PRM) 2019 Summer Camp theme is "Re-Discovering Summertime." Staff is getting kids ages 5-12 involved in



sports, crafts and field trips to let them discover the fun of being a kid in Long Beach during the summer. Camps at El Dorado Park West, Silverado and Veterans are offering these classic camp activities

along with Pan American Park's Hi-Five Sports Camp, Stearns Champions Creative Arts Camp, and Whaley Park Music and Arts Camp that have special focuses on athletics and the arts. The Wardlow Park Pee Wee Camp scales activities for ages 5 to 8.



PRM's Aquatics Day Camps include the Bayshore Beach Camp for ages 8-12, the Bay Club Teen Camp for ages 13-15 and the four-week Counselor-in-Training Camp for ages 13-17. These camps strengthen water safety skills and build camaraderie through games, pool and ocean activities.



The camps operate between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through August 23. Call 562.570.3111 for details about camps, including financial aid and extended care information.

Specialty Camps

PRM's week-long specialty camps give kids a chance to experience art, filmmaking, engineering, sports and more. The weekly timeframes can help families to schedule activities during their busy summers.

The Long Beach Summer Music Academy at Wilson High School taught by Kevin Hamilton of Rogers Middle School and Michelle Ellis of Wilson High School is providing middle school band and orchestra students with a fun, rewarding, and fundamentally sound musical experience. The weekly sessions will culminate in a public concert.



Young artists are learning to pinch pots and work on pottery wheels to make pieces in Kid's Pottery Summer Camp at Clay on First in Long Beach. They also have time to play in the park and have an engaging summer! Week-long sessions are ongoing through August 23. Inspired by cool machines including trains, helicopters, and treehouses, young engineers built portals to the Nether, Creepers, and Minecarts from Minecraft in the STEM + Minecraft with Lego Materials Camp at College Estates Park in June.



Kids do all the cooking in the Top Junior Chef Camp. Instructors work within each camper's skill level and campers work in teams to cook, complete and open a restaurant in one week for family and friends! Upcoming sessions July 22-26 and August 5-9 at Recreation Park.



100 Days of Summer Continues with Free Family Fun in LB Parks

Free family fun has been happening throughout the City in Long Beach parks this summer as part of PRM's "100 Days of Summer" celebration. For more information about free summer recreation programs, visit www.100daysofsummer.org.

Long Beach Municipal Band The Long Beach Municipal Band began their 110th season of free outdoor summer concerts in Long Beach parks on June 25 at Whaley Park with a program of American Folk Songs and jazz icon Barbara Morrison performing with the Studio Band. The series runs through August 2.



Movies in the Park This summer staff has selected the most popular movie shown from each of the last 10 years.



Here families gather for the first screening of the season, "How to Train Your Dragon."



Be SAFE The "Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment" program is taking place at 11 parks throughout the city during extended evening hours for families to recreate and spend time together.

Activities include sports, fitness classes, crafts and free movies. Be SAFE takes place at Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Coolidge, Drake, King, Orizaba, Pan American, Scherer, Seaside, Silverado and Ramona Parks, Monday-Friday from 5-8 p.m. through August 23.



Animal Care Services Update



Foster the 4th Event

The days before and after July 4th are some of the busiest times at Long Beach Animal Care Shelter (LBACS). Frightened pets are filled with panic at the sound of fireworks and frequently run away and are brought to LBACS. In an effort to make kennel space available, LBACS partnered with the non-profit Live Love Animal Rescue on a Foster the 4th program that temporarily pairs shelter cats and dogs with people who can provide a home during this busy holiday time. Adopters agree to a two-week commitment and all food and supplies are provided. In total, 58 shelter dogs spent their 4th of July holiday with foster families.

Annually, the City encourages pet owners to put ID tags on their pets and keep pets inside over the holiday. Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) gave out 133 free pet tags between June 14 and July 4.

Adoption Events

Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) strives to promote pet adoption and to host adoption events that connect people with animal companions. On June 15, the annual spcaLA's Pet Adoption Day was a big success. Drawn by vendors, music, giveaways and opportunity drawings, attendees adopted 64 animals through spcaLA and 38 animals from LBACS. The event was supported by sponsors spcaLA, Subaru of America Inc., Tito's Handmade Vodka, 95.5KLOS, the hard working LBACS staff and their volunteers.

The LBACS's Adoption Waggin can be also be seen at community events this summer including at the July 15 Popsicles with the Commander at Drake Park and at selected movies and concerts in the park.



June Employee of the Month: Raul Martinez



Congratulations to Park Maintenance Supervisor Raul Martinez for being named the June Employee of the Month. He has been doing a great job with the Grounds Maintenance Division for the last 2 ½ years. He recently shared a little about himself.

What advice do you always follow?

Rule 76 – “No excuses, play like a champion”

Where is the most interesting place you've been?

Hiking in the Rockies Estes Park – there was an igloo at the top of the hike.

Who inspires you?

My Mom

What are you famous for at work?

I keep a low profile

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

Seek and Destroy by Metallica

What's your favorite breakfast spot where you live in Whittier?

Scotty's Family Restaurant

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

The power to control plants – it would make my job a lot easier.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Relax and go to the movies

What's your biggest work achievement so far?

Putting the city on central control for irrigation

What small thing that makes your day better?

Ice Cream

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Bayshore Park



Bayshore Park is one of the most popular recreational areas in Long Beach, particularly during the summer months. Located on the south side of Alamitos Bay at 5415 E. Ocean Blvd., the 1.2 acre Bayshore Park opened in 1934. It offers basketball, handball, paddle tennis courts and a rentable roller hockey rink; a playground, the Leeway Sailing Center, a sandy picnic area, restrooms, concessions and the Bayshore Co-op Preschool. Over the years many improvements have been made to increase the usability of area.



In 2016, a measured open-water buoy line, new swim ladders and water quality signage were made available. The 500-yard Bay Shore Buoy Line features marked buoys at every 100 yards, starting at the Bay Shore North Restrooms near Second Street and ending east of the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.

New swim ladders on docks at Alamitos Bay Landing, the northeast corner of Naples Island, Mother's Beach, Davies Launch Ramp, and the Bay Shore Swimming Pier have increased safety by helping swimmers to get in and out of the water.



New water quality signs installed in the area and at Mother's Beach and Colorado Lagoon inform swimmers about water quality in the Bay to encourage more activity.



In 2018 improvements to the Bayshore Area included a rebuild of the Leeway Pier and Leeway Pier Center, new paint and enhancements to the Bayshore Concessions Stand, the addition of free, public lockers for beachgoers, a rebuilt swim dock and pier, with a drinking fountain and play water guns.



The installation of a large aquatic playground near the swim dock is allowing swimmers to climb, slide and jump into the water.



On June 7, the grand opening of the new Bayshore Lifeguard Station at 5415 E. Ocean Blvd, was celebrated. The facility includes storage space, changing rooms and showers for safety personnel, along with an area to provide first aid to the public.

For more information about Bayshore Park, visit www.LBParks.org.

July - August 2019 Calendar

July

Sat. 13	2 p.m.	Free Concert Alvin Hayes, Bernie Pearl, New Blues Revolution	Scherer Park
Sun. 14	12:30 p.m.	Mud Mania A Celebration of Adobe*	Rancho Los Cerritos
	4 p.m.	Free Dancefest Homeland Cultural Center Artist Showcase	International City Theater
Mon. 15	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Moana	Drake Park
Tue. 16	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 17	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Moana	Admiral Kidd Park
Th. 18	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Ralph Breaks the Internet	Silverado Park
Fri. 19	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Moana	MacArthur Park
Sat. 20	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert Boxcar 7	Stearns Champions Park
Mon. 22	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Frozen	Somerset Park
Tue. 23	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 24	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Frozen	Grace Park
Th. 25	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Concert – Salty Suites*	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Aquaman	Coolidge Park
Fri. 26	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Community Band Concert	Wardlow Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Frozen	Wardlow Park
Sat. 27	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert Midnight Ride	Cherry Park
Sun. 28	5 p.m.	Free Concert - Bernie Pearl Blues Band with Barbara Morrison	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 29	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Cars	DeForest Park
Tue. 30	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 31	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Cars	Bixby Park

August

Th. 1	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Mary Poppins Returns	Pan American Park
Fri. 2	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
Sat. 3	6 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Susie Hansen Latin Band	Promenade Park
Sun. 4	6 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Reel Band	Marine Stadium
Mon. 5	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Wreck It Ralph	Seaside Park
Wed. 7	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert Sponsored by Council District 7 – Elm Street Band	Los Cerritos Park
	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Community Band Concert	Cherry Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Wreck It Ralph	Cherry Park
Th. 8	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – Big City Hillbillies	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Bumblebee	M.L. King Jr. Park
Fri. 9	6 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Elm Street Band	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Wreck It Ralph	Signal Hill Park
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 Sponsored by Council District 7 – Sounds of the 7th	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park Monsters Inc.	Heartwell Park
Th. 15	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

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