

We Create Community



Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine Celebrates "Parks Make Life Better Month"



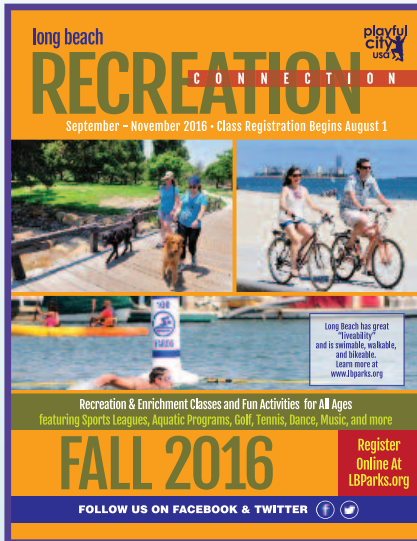
Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine celebrated "Parks Make Life Better Month" in July, the month when the most residents participate in park programs. At the July 19 City Council meeting, LBPRM Director Marie Knight talked about the positive impacts on the community that our programs and services provide. City Councilmembers offered congratulations for the great work done by staff each day to provide recreation programs that improve the quality of life for all residents and help keep parks clean and safe.

In addition to the Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of the month, Leeway Sailing Center staff members Mark Ryan, Max James-Jolly, Erin Grissom and Julia James were recognized for their heroism and fast response in saving the life of a four-year-old child at Alamitos Bay on June 5.

Here's How LBPRM is Making Life Better for You:

- ◆ Over \$38 million in revenue
- ◆ 510,658 Senior Visits
- ◆ 245,876 Aquatic Visits
- ◆ 319,514 Sports Participant Visits
- ◆ 742,308 Youth and Teen Visits
- ◆ 37,074 Class Enrollments
- ◆ 580,246 El Dorado Regional Park Visits
- ◆ 233,733 El Dorado Nature Center Visits
- ◆ Managed 3,300 boat slips & 2,100 lineal feet of large vessel commercial dock space
- ◆ Responded to over 5,500 work orders/Go Long Beach requests for facility maintenance
- ◆ Removed over 4,000 tons of trash and debris from our parks and beaches
- ◆ 155,152 attended Municipal Band, Summer Concerts, Movies in the Park and Sea Festival
- ◆ Fielded 28,000 Animal Care Calls for Service
- ◆ Created over 650,000 publications to promote participation and revenue-generating activities

LBPRM Fall Class Registration Going On Now



This fall, Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine (LBPRM) has new classes for youth and teens to inspire creativity, strengthen academic skills and provide active fun. Among the many adult offerings available is the new Open Water SCUBA Diver Certification course.

New Classes for Youth
LBPRM offers options for creative fun, such as

Homeschool Art at Averyboo Arts for children ages 7-12 to gain knowledge in history, math, geography and science through art. Children ages 8-12 can write, direct, film and star in a horror movie in Incrediflix's **Scary Movie Live Action Flix** and learn about stop motion animation in **Scary Movie Stop Motion** class and young bakers ages 9-13 will find **Creative Decorating** for pastries at El Dorado Park West fun and delicious.

New dance classes at the Long Beach Dance Centre include **Ballet & Tap Combo**, covering introductory ballet and tap techniques for children ages 5-8 and **Beginning Jazz** for children ages 6-9 to learn fundamental jazz steps and movement combinations. **Musical Theatre Stars!** at Recreation Park, teaches children ages 5-12 musical theatre dance styles and connects the emotions of songs to choreography. The **Teen's Dance Workshop** at the Long Beach Dance Academy for children ages 12-16 includes barre and center technique and **Mexican Folk Dance** – at Veterans Park for teens ages 13+ will teach footwork for dances from Mexico and Spain. Students ages 8-17 can learn to play the **Guitar** at Whaley Park on Wednesday nights in September, October and November.

LBPRM enrichment classes support learning. Children ages 7-12 can learn grammar and editing, as well as practice narrative, persuasive, compare/contrast and expository writing in **Experiential Writing** at the Cypress Community Center. Students ages 7-12 can create narrative essays with quirky characters, twisty plots, descriptive dialogue and unique settings in **Narrative Writing** also at the Cypress Community Center. **Spanish Adventurous Saturday** for adventures ages 4-11 immerses youngsters in the Spanish language and culture with crafts, music, stories and games. **Spanish Movement and Art K-3** for children ages 5-1 teaches the language with increasing levels of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Both classes will be offered at Bixby Park.

LBPRM encourages children and teens to stay active. This fall students ages 6-17 can learn discipline and self-defense, Muay Thai Kick Boxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and wrestling in **Mixed Martial Arts-White Belt**. **Mixed Martial Arts-Upper Belt** will offer advanced training. Both classes will be held at El Dorado Park West. Students ages 5-15 will learn Itosu-Ryu in **Traditional Karate**, with self-discipline and respect. Classes will be held at El Dorado Park West and Recreation Park. Kids ages 5-13 can advance their **Skateboarding** skills in classes offered at Heartwell Park.

New Classes for Teens

The **College Application Essay Workshop** teaches high school seniors between the ages of 16-18 to write, revise, and edit a personal statement for an essay for the 2016 Common App. Class held at Los Alamitos Community Center.

New Adult Classes

The **Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) Open Water SCUBA Diver Certification** course will prepare students to dive in locations all over the world with on-line training, pool sessions at the Deep Blue SCUBA and Swim Center and a chartered boat trip to Catalina Island. For more information visit: www.deepbluelongbeach.com.

Visit www.lbprms.org to register and for information about session dates and times, fees and course requirements.

FREE CONCERT

End The 100 Days of Summer with Pop Vinyl



Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way
Friday, August 26

Kids Zone opens at 5 p.m., concert 6-8 p.m.

Prepare to dance and sing to Motown, Oldies, '70s, '80s, '90s, Pop, Disco and Fun!

Enjoy food trucks and a Kid Zone.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Promotes "Liveability"

The cover of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) fall "Recreation Connection" features images of "Liveability" which includes "Swimability," "Bikeability," and "Walkability," to help promote a healthy active lifestyle.



Swimability

With three City pools and the use of three LBUSD high school pools in the summer, LBPRM offers swimming instruction for ages nine months to adult, giving all residents the ability to be "swimable." A new 500-yard open water buoy line opened in Alamitos Bay in June that features marked buoys every 100 yards, starting near Second Street and ending east of the Bay Shore Swimming Pier. New water quality signage and swim ladders on public docks will increase safety and help swimmers get in and out of the water at Alamitos Bay Landing, Naples Island, Mother's Beach, Davies Launch Ramp, and the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.



Walkability

Long Beach is listed in the top ten list of the Most Walkable Cities in the United States according to Redfin Real Estate Company's Walk Score®, ranking of the most walkable

U.S. cities with populations of more than 300,000. Many City parks have walking trails including:

- Admiral Kidd: .28-mile walkway
- Cesar Chavez: .41-mile fitness loop
- Channel View: .91-miles along Los Cerritos Channel
- Heartwell Park: walk a .53-mile, .49-mile or .57 mile-path
- Houghton Park: .79-mile walkway
- M.K. King Jr.: .5-mile walkway

- Marina Vista: .55-mile walkway
- Ramona: .45-mile walkway
- Scherer: .54-mile walkway
- Silverado: .54-mile walkway and .57-mile walkway
- Stearns Champions: .61-mile walkway
- Tanaka: .23-mile walkway

A new four-mile resin-based beach pedestrian path adjacent to the beach bike path opened in 2015.

The El Dorado Nature Center will offer docent led Family Night Walks on September 13, October 11 and November 8. Visit www.lbparcs.org to register. The El Dorado Audubon Society offers free bird walks on September 11, October 9 and November 13. El Dorado Nature Center has over 2.5 miles of scenic trails to walk along.



Bikeability

El Dorado East Regional Park has over four miles of bike trails and the Shoreline Beach Bike Path is also over four miles long. Both paths connect to trails that traverse

the City. Visit www.bikelongbeach.org for more information on bike routes in the City of Long Beach.

By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services June 2016

Permits to Gather	230
Reserved Picnic Sites	47
Number of Contract Classes	281
Facility Use Permits Issued	59
Field Use Permits Issued	02
Adult Sports League Participants	8,744
Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools	8,757
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	12,625
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	547
Youth and Teen Participants	55,839
Senior Citizen Participant	39,030
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	25,454

Homeland Cultural Center DanceFest

A highlight of the summer in Long Beach is DanceFest, the annual showcase of the artists in residence at Homeland Cultural Center. The free event, supported in part by a grant from the Arts Council for Long Beach was held this year on July 17 at the Scottish Rite Event Center.

The audience was captivated by the West Afrikan Drum and Dance Ensemble with rhythmic drumming and



expressive dancing that fosters the appreciation of West African culture and folklore.



The cultural richness of Long Beach was showcased throughout the afternoon with performances including a member of the Hmong Association of Long Beach playing a qeej mouth organ and dancing. The Ancient Khmer Martial Arts group demonstrated bokator that combines physical discipline and spiritualism.



The Homeland Funkstylers, Homeland Sound Army, and Homeland Street Dance Crew amazed the audience with original music, and choreography. The Kutturan Chamoru Performers of Guam presented authentic

Micronesian dance and music.

The Xipetotec Aztec Dance group was visually stunning with feather headdresses, fur, leather, and ankle rattles as they danced to traditional drum beats.



Spoken word artists Don Sevilla, Mark Cedillo, Jumakae and Felicia Cade shared personal written works, and the grand finale showcased singing and celebrated the annual event with full cast on stage.

USDA Summer Food Service Program



L-R: Summer Food Team: Pepito Dominguez, Monitor; Boyd Jernigan, Monitor; Tamalyn Sayre, Coordinator; and Libby Yniguez, Summer Food Field Trips

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine helps to fill the nutrition gap during the summer for children who qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the regular school year with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service program. Free meals, that meet Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children 18 years old and under at 32 sites including 26 parks, one library, two Signal Hill parks and three non-profit organizations from June 20 through August 24. Meals are also provided, as needed, for youth attending field trips. Staff expects to serve approximately 110,000 meals this summer.

For more information including menus, visit: www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/youth-and-teen-programs-usda-summer-food-program/.



L-R in Staff Shirts: Roderick Davis, Regina Ferguson and Nathaniel Tamminga at Wardlow Park with teen volunteers

Youth enjoying lunch at Admiral Kidd Park



ANIMAL CARE SERVICES

Long Beach ACS Joins In “Clear the Shelters” Event

“Clear the Shelters” is a pet adoption initiative to connect animals in need with loving families. Nearly 700 shelters across the country teamed up with NBC-owned television stations and Telemundo for the event on July 23 for, resulting in almost 47,000 pets finding their forever homes.

In Long Beach, 99 dogs and cats were adopted from City of Long Beach Animal Care Services and spcaLA. Staff thanks NBC LA and Telemundo 52 for the support.



ACS and Public Works Team Up to Rescue Parrot

Working together to Serve is the Long Beach Way!

Public Works Street Superintendent Art Cox and Tree Trimmer II Esteban Robles were on scene in Cal Heights to assist Officer Lindsey Taylor with a parrot rescue. The pet parrot accidentally got out and up into a tall tree and was unable to get down on it's own. Art Cox from Public Works reached out to ACS and offered a bucket truck and operator to assist Officer Taylor with the rescue.

Thanks to some awesome teamwork, the parrot was safely rescued and returned to the elated owner.



Know Your Long Beach Parks: Bayshore Park

Bayshore Park at 5415 E. Ocean Blvd. is a hub for aquatics and sports, as well as a great open space area for all ages to enjoy. The 1.24-acre park adjoins Alamitos Bay between 54th Place and the Leeway Sailing Center. It opened in 1934, and includes basketball, handball, and paddle tennis courts, playground equipment, a restroom and concessions.

Beach concessions are available for food, and rentals for kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. The Bayshore Co-op Pre-school is located at the site, and operates from a building that was moved to the site in 1946 from the Long Beach Harbor.

In 1994, the paddle tennis court was converted to a roller hockey court. During the summer, the Long Beach Junior Roller Derby trains girls and boys to compete in amateur roller derby competitions. Adult Roller Hockey leagues play on Saturdays and Sundays, and free pick-up roller hockey games take place on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Recently, Marine Maintenance staff added pickleball lines to the paddle tennis courts to accommodate a growing number of people who want to play this fast-paced sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.



Long Beach Kids Long Beach Golf

Heartwell Park Golf Course was voted “The Best Course to take Junior Golfers in Southern California” by FORE Magazine, the official publication of the SCGA (Southern California Golf Association).

The magazine noted that the very affordable 54-par course is great for youth who are just learning the game or honing their skills. The facility has a number of junior classes and camps, and has an accessible driving range, practice putting green and chipping area.



Three New Members Selected for the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame

The Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame, created in 1996 to recognize individuals who “left their mark on Golf in Long Beach,” welcomed three new members on July 31 at an Induction Ceremony following Long Beach Open golf tournament at El Dorado Park Golf Course (GC). The 2016 inductees are Brianna Do, Joe Grohman and Gary Wishon.



Brianna Do – was born in Long Beach and attended Wilson High School, where she won the Moore League Individual title, led the Bruins to League Championships each year she played, and finished

2nd individually in the State CIF. She was twice named an AJGA All American and was selected as a member of the 2007 Junior Solheim Cup team before accepting a golf scholarship to UCLA. At UCLA, she was twice selected to the All Pac 12 conference team and was part of UCLA’s 2011 National Championship team. Also in 2011, she won the US Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship at the Old MacDonald course at Bandon Dunes. In her first year as a professional on the Symmetra Tour she made four of 11 cuts. In her second year, she had seven top-10 finishes and ended the year 3rd with privileges on the LPGA Tour in 2016. During the Portland LPGA event she qualified to play in the 2016 RICOH Women’s British Open.



Joe Grohman –has been the head golf professional and general manager at Navy Golf Course in Cypress since 1998, and was a professional at Heartwell Park Golf Course from 1995 to 1998. Joe conducts clinics and functions that introduce the golf to youth, veterans, Wounded Warriors and people with special needs, often in conjunction with the Long Beach VA Hospital. Joe has

served on the Board of Directors for the Southern California Section of the PGA of America as well as the Section’s Metro Chapter. He has won the USGA’s 2001 Course and Junior

Program “Best in the Nation” award and the 2010 Armed Forces Recreation Special Citation Award - US Navy, the military’s highest honor for civilian recreation employees. He received the Southern California PGA’s President’s Award in 2012 and was the Section Golf Professional of the Year in 2013.



Long Beach native **Gary Wishon** played golf for Wilson High School and Long Beach City College where he was named to the All Metro Conference team in 1969 and 1970. As a professional he apprenticed under Long Beach Golf Hall of Famers

Monty Blodgett at El Dorado Park GC and Pinky Stevenson at Virginia Country Club (CC), gaining his PGA membership in 1978. Wishon served as Head Professional at Virginia CC until 1991. He became the Head Professional at Chalk Mountain GC and received a degree in Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1999. With fellow Long Beach Golf Hall of Famer Rudy Duran, he created the River Oaks GC (six-hole player development course) in Paso Robles in 2004. Gary returned to Long Beach in 2011 as the Head Golf Professional at Recreation Park 18 GC, and consulted on the renovation of the “Big Rec,” bunkering, and gave input on tree plantings and architectural concepts at all Long Beach courses. Gary was the runner up in the 1989 So Cal PGA Section Championship, and in the Section’s stroke and match play Four Ball Championships. Gary has served on several SCPGA Committees and the Section Board of Directors. He is considered an excellent golf instructor.

With the addition of these three individuals, the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame now has 81 members.

For more information on the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame visit:

<http://cityoflongbeachgolf.com/hall-of-fame/general-information>.

Keeping Parks Safe



Facility Maintenance staff members Sabino Rodriguez, Luis Oviedo, Pedro Sosa and Dave Hackett replaced doors at Scherer Park.

Facility Maintenance staff members Sabino Rodriguez, Marvin Cruz and Jorge Marentez fixed a broken water line at Cherry Park. They shut off water, cut out the broken pipe section, installed coupling, and had the site up and running within two hours of the call.



Facility Maintenance staff members Luis Oviedo and Pedro Sosa installed new fencing at El Dorado Regional Park Archery Range.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - July 2016

Community Service Workers Program

Total number of persons enrolled in the program for July	151
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay (Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)	33
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance (Litter pickup)	126
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance (Litter pickup; custodial assistance)	420
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas (Litter pickup; custodial assistance).....	385
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm (Litter pickup; custodial assistance)	110
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands (Litter pickup and vegetation removal).....	114
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups (Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-out, events)....	869
Total number of CSW hours for the month of July	2,057

Statistics

Work orders completed by Maintenance & Development Bureau	507
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily	28
Park turf acres maintained	814
Park landscape acres maintained	3,120
Street (medians) turf acres maintained.....	53
Street landscape acres maintained.....	212

Water Use for June 2016

Parks and Street Island Potable	32,856	\$116,241
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed	68,716	\$116,656

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August - September 2016

August

Fri. 12	7 p.m.	Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concert	Houghton Park
	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Zootopia	Houghton Park
Sat. 13	9:30 a.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	Veterans Park
	11:30 a.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	MacArthur Park
	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Zootopia	LB Animal Care Services
Sun. 14	9 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Sand Sculpture Classic	Granada Beach
Mon. 15	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	Signal Hill Park
Tue. 16	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie on the Beach Toy Story	Granada Beach
Wed. 17	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	Coolidge Park
Th. 18:	4 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Fri. 19	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert with Knyght Ryder	El Dorado Park West
	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur	Silverado Park
Sat. 20	7 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 21	7 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Tiki Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Mon. 22	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Davenport Park
Tue. 23	8 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Movie on the Beach Inside Out	Granada Beach
Wed. 24	7 p.m.	Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concert	Pan American Park
	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Pan American Park
Fri. 26	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Finale Concert with Pop Vinyl	Marine Stadium
Tue. 30	8 p.m.	Movie on the Beach Star Wars the Force Awakens	Granada Beach

September

Th. 1	4 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 3	Varies	New Saturday Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza, King & Silverado Pools
	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 5		Labor Day Holiday	
Wed. 7	10 a.m.	*Fall Volunteer Opportunity Meeting	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 8	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Fri. 9	5 p.m.	*Exhibit Opening – Bixby Contributions to Long Beach	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 10	9:30 a.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	Admiral Kidd Park
	10 a.m.	*Fall Volunteer Opportunity Meeting	Rancho Los Cerritos
	11:30 a.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	Silverado Park
Sun. 11	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
	1:30 p.m.	*Lecture Bridging Communities A Measure of Success	Rancho Los Alamitos
Mon. 12	Varies	New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 13	Varies	New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk (Must Pre-Register)	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 14	9:30 a.m.	*8-week School Docent Training Begins	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 15	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 17	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call 562.570.4876
	11 a.m.	Low Cost Vaccination and Licensing Clinic	Signal Hill Park
Wed. 21	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Sun. 25:	4:30 p.m.	*Gala (Dinner. Entertainment. Auction)	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 26:	Varies	New Mon./Wed. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 27	Varies	New Tue./Th. Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
	4 p.m.	*Teen Volunteer Opportunity Meeting	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 28	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	2760 Studebaker Rd.

*Call for registration and fee information.



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