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Homeland Cultural Center DanceFest Celebrates Ten Years

Emcee Charles Sanchez

Homeland Cultural Center presented their 10th annual artist showcase event, DanceFest, on July 22 at the Scottish Rite Event Center. The free event was emceed by "Long Beach's Own Comedian," Charles Sanchez of the Galavision comedy show "Que Locos!"

Several hundred people attended the free event and enjoyed performances and demonstrations from Homeland artists including West African Drum and Dance Ensemble, Hmong Association of Long Beach, Paisajes de Mexico Ballet Folklorico, the Kutturan Chamoru Foundation of Long Beach, and Xipetotec Long Beach. Poetry readings were done by Felicia Cade and Aim4theHeart.

Parks, Recreation and Marine and Partners of Parks co-sponsored the event, which was supported by grants from the Arts Council for Long Beach and the Port of Long Beach.

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 Parks and Recreation Society.

Hmong Association of Long Beach

West African Drum and Dance

Sound Army

Kutturan Chamour Foundation

Xipetotec Long Beach

Paisajes de Mexico Ballet Folklorico

Homeland B.Boys

Los Cerritos Park Playground Opens Thanks to Measure A

An Opening Celebration for the Los Cerritos Park Playground, at 3750 Del Mar Avenue was held on August 1. The $1 million project is the second playground completed of six Measure A - funded playground upgrades. The Measure A ballot initiative was approved by Long Beach voters in 2016. Measure A adds a transactions and use (sales) tax in Long Beach for ten years to support public infrastructure and enhancements to Public Safety services.

The playground was upgraded with the installation of two new tree house-themed playground structures, one for ages 2 to 5 years and another for ages 5 to 12 years, and other site furnishings. Improvements were made to increase ADA accessibility.

This project and one completed in April at Jackson Park are the first two projects out of six planned with Measure A funds. New playgrounds at Drake, Jenni Rivera, Veterans and Whaley Parks will open later this year.

Four friends try out the new playground equipment.

Kids have fun with the playground's tree house motif by painting bird houses.

Cutting the ribbon with community kids are L-R: 8th District Councilmember Al Austin, 7th District Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Mayor Robert Garcia, and Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair David Zanatta.

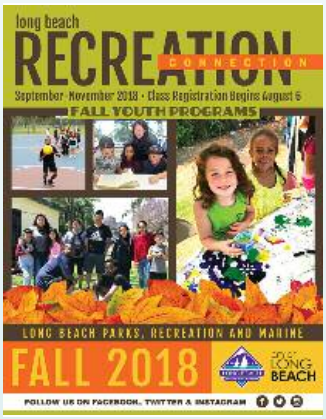
By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services: June 2018

Permits to Gather	254
Reserved Picnic Sites	49
Number of Contract Classes (Winter)	496
Facility Use Permits Issued	67
Field Use Permits Issued	64
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	1,067
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	13,777
Adult Sports League Participants (Winter)	36,689
Visits to City Pools	23,995
Youth and Teen Participants	17,862
Senior Citizen Participants	19,789
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	32,834

END THE
100 DAYS OF SUMMER with
TRINITY
at Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way
Friday, August 24

Three tributes - all in one show!
Hits by Styx, Foreigner and Journey
Enjoy food trucks and a Kid Zone at 5 p.m.
Concert 6-8 p.m. - Free!

Register Now for New Fall Recreation Classes



Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine has new recreation classes for all ages starting in September. Visit www.LBParks.org for descriptions and registration information. Here's what's new this fall:

Pre-School: In **Tiny Tykes,** soccer professionals weave storytelling, creative games and music to build a passion for soccer in children ages 2-5. All children receive a jersey, shorts and a soccer ball. Class held at Wardlow Park on Wednesday mornings in September and October. $109

Youth: Mad Science of Los Angeles will satisfy your child's (ages 5-12) curiosity about physical and chemical reactions in **"Did Someone Say Science?"** Class held at Heartwell Park on Monday afternoons from September to November. $149. Students ages 5-12 can explore the reaches of our solar system in **"NASA Space Academy"** held at Heartwell Park on Saturday mornings from September to November. $149

Dance magical adventures and pretend to be a fairy princess in "**Princess Dance"** for ages 4-7. Sessions held at Los Alamitos Community Center on Monday evenings in September, October and November. $67

Write On! Creation of Myths: Narrative Writing focuses on International stories to inspire writing (October 20-November 27). In "**Experiential Writing,"** (September 4-25) narrative and expository styles, and compare/contrast are covered. "**Experiential Writing: Camp Survival"** (October 2-23) focuses on writing in narrative, expository and persuasive styles. Classes held at Cypress Community Center on Tuesday afternoons. $70 plus $38 materials fee.

Ages 8-14 and 7-17 can learn basic chords, technique, and songs on the uke in a fun friendly environment **in Ukulele Funtime** offered at Jammin' Music in Long Beach on Friday afternoons September through December. $40-$90.

Skateboarding for ages 5-12 will help kids improve boarding skills. Class held at Heartwell Park on Saturday mornings in September and October. $150. After mastering the fundamentals, the "**Skatedogs Competition Series"** allows ages 5-13 to compete in fun skateboarding events. Class held at Oak Middle School in Los Alamitos on Sunday afternoons from in October through December. $215.

Teens: "Game Time Basketball Team Play" for ages 8-17 will help players develop teamwork, confidence, and skills in dribbling, passing, shooting, ball handling, footwork and defense. Classes offered at Wilson High School and Hoover Middle School Gyms on Saturday afternoons from September to November. $65 and $20 material fee.

Adults: iphones, ipads, I'm Lost (Apple Models Only) Learn to add apps, access features, use the camera, and more. Class held at Los Alamitos Community Center in Los Alamitos on October 9, 9 a.m.- noon. $42 + $20 material fee.

Adult Hip Hop: Learn street dance and a hip hop routine. Class held at Marina Community Center in Seal Beach on Wednesday evenings in September, October and November. $67

With the **Wedding Survival** class, whether getting married or attending a wedding, you will look your best on the dance floor! Class held at Marina Community Center in Seal Beach on Thursday evenings in September and October. $48

West Coast, Nightclub and More!: Learn the styles of rhythm dances from the west coast to the east coast! Class held at Marina Community Center in Seal Beach on Wednesday evenings in September and November. $57

Intro to Sketch Writing: Learn to write a point of view for multiple characters, and write solo, monologues and collaborative writing. Class held at Expo Arts Center in Long Beach on Monday evenings in September and October. $195

Pilates Barre Fitness: Core, leg and arm exercises using our Pilates equipment. Class held at Recreation Park on Wednesday mornings in September, October and November. $40

Meditative Painting in Nature: Classes begin with simple meditation, then you will learn composition, simplification and mixing colors to create your painting. Class held at El Dorado Nature Center on Friday mornings in October. $62

ADULT 50+: Boomer Zumba® is a Latin inspired, calorie burning dance using merengue, cumbia, salsa, reggaeton, cha-cha and belly dance. Class held at Houghton Park on Wednesday evenings in October and November. $3 walk in fee.

Fit, Firm and Flexible for 50+ intergrates flexibility, strengthening and balance exercises. Class held at Pan American Park on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September – November. $3 walk in fee.

Gentle Yoga- All Levels improves flexibility, strength and balance. Class held at Recreation Park on Monday mornings in September and October. $40-$50. Walk in fee available.

Gentle Yoga- Level II focuses on stretches, flow, core and relaxation. Held at Recreation Park on Thursday mornings in September and November. $40-$50. Walk in fee available.

In the Voice Class - Level 1, expand vocal range and improve breath control and tone quality. Class held at Bixby Park on Tuesday mornings in September and November. $60

Voice Class - Level 2 builds good singing habits acquired in the Level 1 voice class (required). Class held at Bixby Park on Wednesday mornings in September and November. $60

PRM Summer Day Camps are "Creating Memories"

Parks, Recreation and Marine's (PRM) 2018 Summer Day Camp theme is "Creating Memories."

Hundreds of young campers will always remember the fun they had this summer playing sports, creating art masterpieces, learning new skills, going on field trips, swimming, making friends and building their self-esteem. PRM offers a variety of camp experiences so that the interests of every child are met and that working parents are secure in the knowledge that their child is safe and happy.

Aquatic camps include the Belmont Jr. Camp for ages 5-7, the Bayshore Beach Camp for ages 8-12 which features a weekly marine biology learning activity, and the Bay Club Teen Camp with afternoons of fun for ages 13-15, and the Counselor-In Training Camp, a four-week leadership program for ages 13-17. All aquatic camps offer Red Cross swimming lessons and opportunities to learn to canoe, kayak and sail.

Stick Sculptures

Community park camps for ages 5-12 at El Dorado Park West, Silverado Park and Veterans Park offer arts and crafts, sports tournaments, games, field trips, swimming and more. The Hi Five Sports Camp at Pan American Park has a name that says it all. Campers sample a wide variety of sports over the summer as well as having fun with crafts, games and field trips.

Clothes Pin Tag

Silent Ball

Basketball

Stick Sculptures

Field Trips

Summer Day Camps Create Memories

Young campers, ages 5-8 have the Wardlow Pee Wee Camp available to have fun with activities especially for their age and abilities. The Wardlow Park Pee Wee Camp had an art gallery that showcased their amazing talents for family and friends.

The Music and Arts Camp at Whaley Park and the Cherry Park Creative Arts Camp appeal to youth who love to perform, create visual arts and express themselves creatively.

The campers engaged in MDV (Music, Dance and Vocal) at the Whaley Park Music and Arts Camp presented the "KIDCHELLA," music festival concert for the parents. Campers sang, danced and played instruments to songs.

Animal Care Services Hosts Movie in the Park

Long Beach Animal Care Services hosted their third annual Movie in the Park event on July 28. Dozens of families not only enjoyed the free screening of "Peter Rabbit," but were able to become familiar with the Animal Shelter and meet great adoptable dogs and cats.

Employee of the Month: Emanuel Zaragoza

Congratulations to the June Employee of the Month, Emanuel Zaragoza. Emanual serves the Grounds Maintenance Division (GMD) as a gardener in the southwest uplands park areas. He has assisted with construction oversight on a number of parks and medians, and improvements to sports turf, and strives to improve program coordination with the Public Works Department regarding homeless persons.

His approach to his job is a mix of creativity, experience, organization, and energy. He has guided contractors and staff on proper grading, sod installation, and subsequent care of athletic fields. Admiral Kidd and Chittick Fields were renovated by Emanuel this past spring and have provided quality playing surfaces for leagues.

He worked with the landscape contractor to enhance power washing schedules, trash removal frequency, and irrigation tasks to improve park presentation and cleanliness. He is skilled in irrigation programming and repair, equipment operation, and tree work. He became trained in bee management to improve responses to swarms and hives, and earned a class B license enabling him to use large equipment.

Emanuel has established solid working relationships with Community Recreation staff and the Police, Public Works and Water Departments, which has contributed to the success of the GMD. His dedication and innovation makes him invaluable to the GMD and the Parks, Recreation and Marine family.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - July 2018

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total Number of persons enrolled during July.....57

Total number of CSW Hours for July.....1,414

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....21
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....266
(Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....485
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....234
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....44
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....336
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....28
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Work orders completed.....582
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 July 2018
Parks and Street Island Potable.....36,681.....$135,469
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....52,166.....$93,223

Maintenance Operations Bureau Update

The Maintenance Operations Bureau Facility Maintenance Division handles hundreds of work requests each month to keep park community centers, restrooms, athletic facilities and playgrounds safe and clean.

Recently staff repaired the Recreation Park Dog Park bulletin board. Now pet owners have a new cork surface to post and exchange information.

Before

After

Staff was undeterred when they learned that a play equipment manufacturer no longer made replacement slides for the playground structure at Heartwell Park. Instead of boarding up the slide opening, staff took the initiative to pour in place new footings to accommodate a different slide and maintain all the playground elements.

The Facility Maintenance team recently ordered and installed new ADA accessible swings at Los Altos Park.

They made a family with a special needs granddaughter very happy. Olivia can now enjoy the thrill of swinging at the playground for the first time. The swings were funded by Council District 4, who worked with PRM to recommend the selected swings.

Painter Dave Hackett renovated the playground equipment in El Dorado Park West near Studebaker and Stearns. Fresh paint improved the appearance of the play structure.

August - September 2018 Calendar of Events

August

Sat. 11:	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Totally for Sure	Bixby Knolls Park
Mon. 13:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	Heartwell Park
Wed. 15:	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Sounds of the 7th	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	McBride Park
Th. 16:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Transformers: Last Knight	Ramona Park
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Fri. 17:	6:30 p.m.	Community Concert: Knyght Ryder	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Sherlock Gnomes	Scherer Park
Sat. 18:	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Elm Street Band	Marine Stadium
Mon. 20:	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Community Band	Veterans Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: A Wrinkle in Time	Veterans Park
Tue. 21:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Black Panther	M.L.King Jr. Park
Wed. 22:	Dusk	Movie in the Park: A Wrinkle in Time	Veterans Park
Th. 23:	6:30 p.m.	*Concert: Salty Suites	El Dorado Nature Ctr.
	Dusk	Movie in the Park: Black Panther	Silverado Park
Fri. 24:	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Finale Concert: Trinity	Marine Stadium
Sat. 25:	TBD	Community Concert: The Emperors	Whaley Park
	6 p.m.	Family Night Out: Concert and the Movie “Coco	Silverado Park
Sun. 26:	5:30 p.m.	Concert on the Lawn: Acknowledgement Band	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 27:	3 - 6 p.m.	After School Programs Begin	Park Community Centers Varies

September

Sat. 1:	10 a.m.	*1st Saturday Stewards Cleanup at El Dorado	Nature Center
	Varies	Eight-week Saturday Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont, King, Silverado Pools
Mon. 3:		Labor Day Holiday	
Tue. 4:	Varies	Four-week Tuesday-Thursday Swim Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
Wed. 5:	9:30 a.m.	* Volunteer Open House	Rancho Los Cerrito
Th. 6:	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Sun. 9:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 11:	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 12:	9:30 a.m.	*School Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos
	10 a.m.	* Parent & Me (18 mo. – 5 yrs.) Workshop Party at the Pond	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 13:	8 a.m.	Bird Walk	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 15:	9 a.m.	California Coastal Cleanup Day	Call 562.570.1745 for locations
Sat. 15:	10 a.m.	Turtle Show	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 19:	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 20:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
	4 p.m.	Teen Volunteer Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 22:	9:30 a.m.	* Culinary Workshop Preserving Your Fall Harvest	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sun. 23:	4 p.m.	*Dancing in Old California Live Music and Dancing	Rancho Los Cerritos
Fri. 28:	5:30 p.m.	Exhibit Opening “Tibahangna to Today: Stories of the Tongva People”	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 29:	9:30 a.m.	House Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos

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

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