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Shoreline Beach Bike Path Reaches 30 Year Mark

The Long Beach Shoreline Bicycle and Pedestrian Path turned 30 on January 9, 2018. The official dedication day was celebrated with a parade, jazz bands from Wilson and Poly High Schools, a 10 K Fun Run, bicycle rodeo and bicycle registration, food booths, games, free swim passes to Belmont Plaza Pool and a day-time firework display.

The three-mile paved path provides a safe, scenic route for cyclists and walkers as they travel across the City. The path spans the beach from Alamitos Avenue on the west to 54th Place on the east. It is 2.4-miles long, 17-feet wide, and has two six-foot lanes for bicycle traffic and one five-foot lane for pedestrians and joggers. The path links to the 29.1-mile Los Angeles River Bikeway and the 28-mile San Gabriel River Bike Trail to form a 57.1-mile loop.

"Efforts to encourage the City to build a bike path date back to the 1970's. In 1979, as part of the Long Beach Local Coastal Program adopted by the City Council and certified by the California Coastal Commission, the path had the approval of both state and city governments," said Marie Knight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine. In 1985, a Mayoral-appointed Bike Path Citizen Advisory Committee gathered thousands of signatures to persuade the City to earmark $1.5 million in funds from the capital improvement budget and seek matching resources from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission grant. The committee met with City engineers, and researched other beach bike path designs in the state to make recommendations about how to accommodate pedestrians, and how it would pass through the Belmont Shore Pier.

The Shoreline Pedestrian Bike Path was a success beyond anyone's expectations. Thousands of cyclists, joggers and walkers traverse the path every day. In 2013 the California Coastal Commission approved a second path for pedestrians to run parallel to the path used primarily by bicyclists. The 11-foot wide Beach Pedestrian Path opened on May 30, 2015.

In 2016, a new bike and pedestrian counter called Eco-Totem was installed on the path, near Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, to collect data on bicycles and pedestrians through physical counts. In about one year almost 1.1 million people on wheels or on foot have been recorded. Almost every weekend runs and walks are organized by groups to raise money for charity.

The Long Beach Shoreline Bicycle and Pedestrian Path activated an under-utilized beach and provided a safe, accessible recreational resource to further the City's bikeability and healthy lifestyle goals.

Opening Day on January 9, 1988

Residents now have separate paths to walk or ride along the beach.

Winter Break Fun at Parks, Recreation and Marine

During the winter school break from December 26-January 5, youth and teens found fun at their local parks.

Free drop in activities were offered during extended weekday hours and included games like charades, board games and digital games, and musical chairs. Sports fun such as basketball, soccer, obstacle courses and dodge ball kept kids active. Other fun included crafts, cooking, and field trips.

Parks, Recreation & Marine staff are proud to provide safe and enriching environments that foster growth and encourage fitness and positive engagement in the community.

Making Gingerbread Houses

Field Trip to CSULB Men's Basketball Game

Human Foosball

Jeopardy Competition

It's Great To Be Outside!

Getting Ready Bake

Indoor Games

Animal Care Services Youth Explorers Graduate

Congratulations to the 2018 graduates of the Animal Care Services Explorer Program.

Since 2011, over 120 local youth who are considering careers in animal welfare and public safety, have graduated from Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine's (LBPRM) Animal Care Services Bureau Explorers program with enhanced self-confidence and more knowledge about career paths in animal welfare.

LBPRM operates the program with support from the Boy Scouts of America "Learning for Life" program that helps youth to enhance their confidence and self-esteem, and with the Long Beach Unified School District's, "Linked Learning" program and their "Career Technical Internships" to help students succeed in careers.

The Explorer program prepares youth ages 15-19 to transition from school to work. The Explorer curriculum incorporates field trips and presentations by animal care experts to show how animals are cared for and managed, and special investigations teams who discuss how animal incidents are reported and managed. The Explorers are positively influenced by adult role models who demonstrate the importance of caring for animals and the impact of advocating for spay/neuter and adoption programs that contribute to Long Beach becoming the safest large City for people and animals.

2018 ACS Explorer Program Graduates

Kiandra Chillington
Janice Chung
Kiana Claro
Mellissa Crane
Peter Enkhorn
Sophia Galicia-Canto
Kelly Gragson
Natalie Hooker
Hailey Johnson
Nick Kefalas
Lissette Barrera
Caleb Lee
Itzel Lucas
Jasmine Lyla
Maryann Hernandez
Maiya Maynor
Isabella Montealegre
Arriana Morrow
John Rodriguez
Monserrath Rojas
Erin Shin
Christopher Talag
Zayra Victoria

Recreation Class Interest Survey

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine offers classes for all ages and interests in locations throughout the City and in nearby cities. LBPRM is always updating their programs and would like to hear from you about the types of recreation classes that you and your family would like to take. A short survey is available at *www.longbeach.gov/park/news/class-interest-survey.*

Your input will help us plan for the future as we continue to offer programs and services to meet your needs.

By the Numbers:
Community Recreation Services: November 2017

Permits to Gather	64
Reserved Picnic Sites	9
Number of Contract Classes	130
Facility Use Permits Issued	60
Field Use Permits Issued	74
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes	535
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	7,210
Adult Sports League Participants	8,652
Visits to City Pools	12,543
Youth and Teen Participants	29,678
Senior Citizen Participants	7,512
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	30,410

1st Jingle Bell Fun Run!

Youth from Parks, Recreation and Marine's WRAP Expanded Learning sites and their families came together for the 1st Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run on December 16. The event was hosted by the PRM Junior Beach Runners Program, an award-winning, 10-week fitness and nutrition program. 140 participants received bells for their shoes, enjoyed a one-mile fun run through Heartwell Park, a "Trip to the North Pole Obstacle Course" and "Santa's Workshop," where they made healthy banana snowman snacks. The day ended with a giant "Snowball" fight challenge between the adults and the children.

Be a Weekend Wetland Warrior in 2018

Only five percent of California's once vast coastal wetlands remain today. Join El Dorado Nature Center's "Weekend Wetland Warrior" team and help protect the critical habitat at Golden Shore Marine Biological

Reserve. Two hours of time can save wildlife. Wear sturdy shoes. The cleanup is canceled in the event of rain.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming cleanups held Saturdays from 10 a.m. – noon: February 17, March 17 and May 19. In the event of rain, cleanups will be cancled.

On April 21 staff will hold the annual Earth Day Coastal Cleanup event. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park for more information.

Connect to Long Beach's Past at The City's Historic Ranchos

This new year, take a visit to someplace old. Long Beach's Historic Ranchos, Los Alamitos and Los Cerritos are places to experience the early beginnings of Long Beach and Southern California.

Rancho Los Alamitos starts off the year with a newly refurbished ranch house after recent seismic strengthening. The Rancho is located at 6400 E. Bixby Hill Road and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Visit www.rancholosalamitos.org for more information.

Rancho Los Cerritos located at 4600 North Virginia Road and is open Wednesday through Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Visit www.rancholoscerritos.org for more information. Upcoming events at Rancho Los Cerritos include:

A new eight-week House Docent Training begins on January 24 from 3-4:30 p.m. Learn about California and Rancho history through the 1940's, and about the people who lived and worked at the Rancho and how they contributed to the growth of Southern California, so you can lead public tours of the historic ranch house.

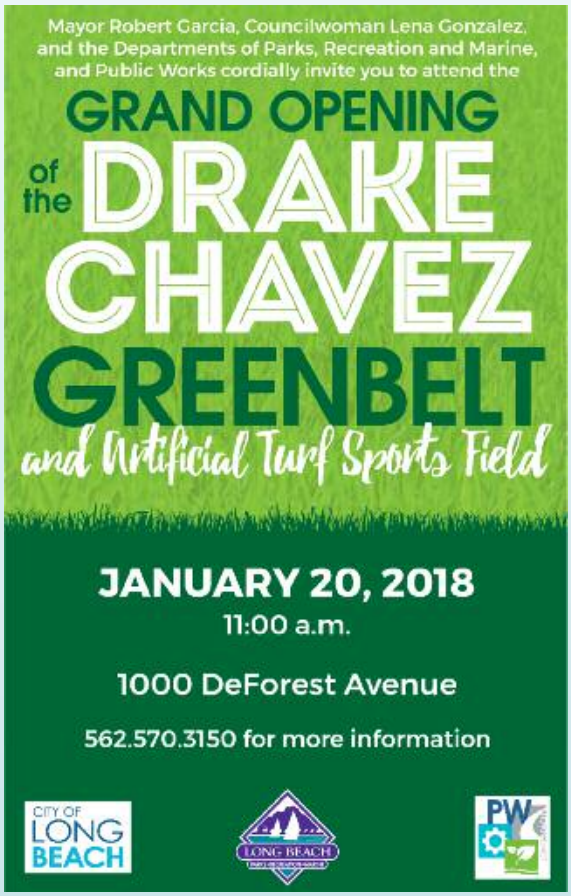
"Beginning Birding for Teens" will be offered on January 27 at 8 a.m. California Naturalist and Audubon member Randy Hardwood will lead the group as they stroll through the grounds and watch and listen to resident birds and seasonal migrants. This event is on every fourth Saturday from October to May. RSVP by 8 a.m. the day before the event: 562-206-2041 or www.rancholoscerritos.org. Free. In the event of rain, tours will be canceled.

Creation Station gets kids involved at the Rancho with art. On February 3 from 1-4 p.m. Kids can get creative with history by experimenting with colorful materials to make old-fashioned arts and crafts. This free, drop-in program takes place rain or shine. February's theme, Heart's Crazy, celebrates Valentine's Day.

Join Carolyn Vance, of the El Dorado Audubon Society, for a bird walk on February 8 from 8-9:30 a.m. See our migrant and local birds at the historic garden. Meet in the parking lot at 8 a.m. and bring binoculars, a field guide, and water. No advance registration required.

In honor of Valentine's Day, Romances at the Rancho offers a site tour unlike any other. Stroll the grounds by candlelight while costumed interpreters, portraying former Rancho residents, share memories and stories of romance at the Rancho. Tours conclude with a sumptuous dessert and champagne. Saturday, February 10 from 6-9 p.m. $20. Visit www.rancholoscerritos.org to purchase tickets.

A Panel Discussion: "Unions and Labor Organizing" will be held on February 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This panel features experts on labor and workers' rights issues of the past and present. Come take part in discussions with labor scholars, activists, and organizers on topics relating to the experience of workers that will enlighten and encourage participants to make connections between history and today. $5-7.



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Classes

Animal Care Services

Development Projects

Employee of the Month: Clemente Cerrillos

Clemente Cerrillos has worked for the City of Long Beach for just over two years, but has served the City for over 20 years, working with the PRM landscape contractor. He is a gardener serving the southeast quadrant of the uplands park areas. In addition to those duties, Clemente is currently filling a vacancy as Park Supervisor and working with our other gardeners and contractors to keep our parks looking great.

Clemente combines creativity, experience, organization, and energy to do his job. Along with working to enhance the contractor's efficiencies and results, he has provided leadership and mentoring to staff, both new and old.

Of the many contributions he has made to Grounds Maintenance, one of the most important was bringing the contract management into the electronic age on tablets. Clemente was one of the first to learn the system, then work with the others to improve proficiencies. This has allowed Grounds Maintenance to be more responsive to issues in the field. When the tablets are fully on-line with all areas of responsibilities, the staff will complete about 10,000 inspections a year. Clemente continues to trouble-shoot this system to make it more functional. The enhanced landscape conditions around the City are the result of his commitment to innovation.

Clemente has established good working relationships with a broad range of City Departments. This has contributed immensely to the success of the Grounds group. The Water, Public Works, and Police Departments have frequently relied on his expertise, and he has asked for their assistance to get certain jobs done. Congratulations to Clemente on this well-deserved honor.

Lighting Up the Lighthouse

Marine Maintenance staff Salvador Ballesteros and Mark Januszka recently installed new lighting for the Lions Lighthouse for Sight at Rainbow Harbor.

Over the past years, the color-changing light show had become dim. The new LED lights have improved lumen output over the original fixtures. They are also longer lasting and more energy-efficient. The color of the lights can also change to reflect holidays and other special events.

The Lion's Lighthouse for Sight was originally built by the Long Beach Lions Club in 2000 as a dedication and reminder to ending blindness in the world.

Before

After

Sports Court Innovations

It costs about $10,000 to have an outside contractor patch, repair or re-surface our sports courts. Due to that cost, staff has only been able to resurface a few of our 80 sports courts each year with limited resources.

Facility Maintenance Staff Dave Hackett and Pedro Sosa took the initiative to learn about processes that can resurface and repaint courts, for about a fourth of the cost. We will more likely be able to resurface our courts on a five-year rotation thanks to their initiative!

Before

After

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - December 2017

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Number of persons enrolled in the program for November.....49

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....150
(Litter pickup on beachess, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....216
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....259
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....94
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....164
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....304
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Total number of CSW hours for the month of December.....1,187

Work orders completed.....401
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis.....172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stock 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 October 2017
Parks and Street Island Potable.....32,914.....$126,918
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....56,916.....$102,953

January - February 2018 Calendar of Events

January

Mon. 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration	
Wed. 17	9 a.m.	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
	3 p.m.	Volunteer Opportunities Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos
	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	Parks, Recreation & Marine Admin
Th. 18	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 20	10 a.m.	Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	11 a.m.	Drake Chavez Greenbelt and Artificial Turf Field Opening	1000 DeForest Avenue
Wed. 24	1:30 p.m.	House Docent Training Begins	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 29		Spring "Recreation Connection" Program Registration Guide Published	

February

Th. 1	4 p.m.	Mobile Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Sat. 3	10 a.m.	*First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	2 p.m.	"Out of the Wilds and Into Your Garden" Native Plant Class	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 5		Spring Recreation Class Registration Begins	
	Varies	Four-Week Swim Mon/Wed Lessons Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 6	Varies	Four-Week Swim Tu/Th Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
Th. 8	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
	4 p.m.	Mobile Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Th.8	3:30pm	PRM Golf Advisory Committee Meeting	Parks, Recreation & Marine Admin
Sat. 10	6 p.m.	*"Romances at the Rancho" Tours, Music Refreshments	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 15	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
Sat. 17	10 a.m.	Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Mon. 19		Presidents Day Holiday	
Wed. 21	9 a.m.	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center

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

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