

# We Create Community



## Flashpants Starts The Countdown for 100 Days of Summer



Parks, Recreation and Marine's Memorial Day weekend concert has become a popular tradition in Long Beach. On May 27, the '80s cover band Flashpants took Marine Stadium by storm and officially started the countdown for the Department's "100 Days of Summer" campaign.

Flashpants covered songs by Depeche Mode, Duran Duran, Van Halen, Devo and other '80s music legends, while interacting with the audience of over 2,500 who danced, sang and air guitared all night.

The evening included a Kids Zone with a bounce house, crafts and face painting, leading up to the free concert at 6 p.m. The Blast Ice Cream, Greasy Wiener and MIB Pizza food trucks were on hand to serve delicious fare.



From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Long Beach will offer hundreds of free or low cost cultural programs, sports activities and special events throughout the City. "100 Days of Summer" is a partnership among Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau to promote opportunities to "stay and play" in Long Beach.

Visit [www.100daysofsummer.org](http://www.100daysofsummer.org) for ideas to have fun without traveling far or spending a lot of money. Listings include free concerts and movies, Long Beach Sea Festival events, El Dorado Nature Center and historic site programs, places to bike, golf, play tennis, swim, find free drop-in youth and teen programs and much more.



# Promenade Square Park Tot Lot Groundbreaking Held



*L-R: Parks and Recreation Commissioners Margo Morales and Stella Ursua, Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Mayor Robert Garcia, President of the Promenade Area Residents Association Debra Kahookele; Parks, Recreation & Marine Director Marie Knight, and Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, Connie Sziebl officially break ground for the new Tot Lot.*

On June 4, residents joined Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal and staff from the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine, and Public Works for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Promenade Square Park Playground at The Promenade N. and E. First Street.

The Tot Lot will include a slide, several climbing structures and climbing rocks, a park bench, and playground safety surfacing. The design will complement the design elements of Promenade Square Park and The Promenade. The Tot Lot is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

“This new Tot Lot will serve the many growing families in the downtown area, who until now were over one-half mile away from the nearest playground, said Mayor Robert Garcia. “I am proud of the efforts of the Promenade Area Residents Association (PARA) to help create the first playground in downtown Long Beach. “



“PARA had the vision for the Tot Lot and was instrumental in surveying the community to gather input on its design and layout, and in raising funds to make it a reality,” said Vice

Mayor and Second District Councilmember Suja Lowenthal.

The total project cost is \$192,300, and is supported with \$75,000 from City funds pledged by Mayor Garcia, \$75,000 from the Office of Vice Mayor Lowenthal, \$20,000 provided by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, \$10,000 from the Downtown Long Beach Associates, \$7,300 raised by the Promenade Area Residents Association, and \$5,000 from the Molina Family Trust.

## Refurbished Recreation Park Volleyball Court Opens



*L-R: Third District Councilmember Suzie Price, Mayor Robert Garcia and Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Marie Knight cut the ribbon to open the new court.*

A newly refurbished sand volleyball court is the latest sports amenity at Recreation Park. The new court opened on June 4 at a ceremony with members of the community, Mayor Garcia, Councilwoman Suzie Price, and Parks, Recreation and Marine staff in attendance.

Recreation Park is known for its many sports facilities including the casting club, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, Billie Jean King Tennis Center, Joe Rodgers Softball Stadium, Blair Field and two golf courses. The new volleyball court adds to the ways that residents can stay active and have fun at the park. The free-use courts are available first come, first serve.

The new sand volleyball court is larger than the old court, and has an area of play consistent with standard sand court specifications. New drainage features, new poles and netting were also installed. A new sand court edge was created with soft material instead of concrete to make sand court play safer and more pleasant, and to more seamlessly transition to the surrounding landscape.



The approximately \$45,000 project was funded from FY 14 One-time Appropriations for Parks, Playgrounds and Library Infrastructure.

For more information about the new Recreation Park volleyball courts, please call 562.570.3150.

# Long Beach Parks Rated In Top 25 In Country



spending per resident with the availability of four popular park amenities: basketball hoops, off-leash dog parks, playgrounds, and recreation and senior centers.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has been ranked in the top 25 of the best park systems in the country by the Trust for Public Lands 2016 ParkScore® Index. The Index rates park systems in the 100 largest U.S. cities. LBPRM earned 4.5 benches in the ParkScore's one-to-five park bench rating summary that provides a snapshot of local park quality.

Coming in at number 22, Long Beach was rated on the ability of residents to access a park within a 10-minute walk (approximately ½-mile); median park size, and percentage of total city area dedicated to parks. Investment in facilities was a final consideration and combined park

LBPRM has basketball hoops available at 24 parks throughout the city. Long Beach residents also enjoy nine dog parks and Rosie's Dog Beach, the only off leash beach dog in Los Angeles County. There are a total of 36 parks with playgrounds. Supervised after school programs for youth and teens, recreation classes and reservable spaces for private events are available at 28 park community centers. LBPRM operates six senior centers with programs and services for older adults.

For more information about the Trust for Public Land 2016 ParkScore® Index, visit [www.tpl.org/media-room/2016-parkscore](http://www.tpl.org/media-room/2016-parkscore).

## By the Numbers Maintenance Operations Bureau - May 2016

### Community Service Worker Program:

Total Enrollment	141
Total Queensway Bay hours (Water cleanup, debris and litter pickup)	83
Total Number of Hours Worked at Beach Maintenance	37
Total Marine Maintenance hours (Litter pickup):	502
Total El Dorado Park hours (Litter pickup, and custodial).	411
Total Tree Farm hours (Litter pick up custodial and facility).	70
Total Los Cerritos Wetlands hours (Litter pickup and vegetation removal)	189
Special Cleanups: City clean-ups, graffiti paint-out	1,053
Total hours for the month of March	2,345
Work orders completed	438
Restrooms cleaned daily	172
Facilities cleaned and stocked daily	28

### Park acres maintained:

Park turf	814
Park landscape	3,120
Street (medians) turf	53
Street landscape	212

### Water Use for April 2016

Parks and Street Island Potable	16,988 ccf	\$71,069
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed	34,016 ccf	\$62,819

# Long Beach Seniors Honored at Older Americans Month Event

On May 5, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe honored several Parks, Recreation and Marine senior program participants at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Los Angeles. These older volunteers share their wisdom, talents and time to enhance the quality of life for us all.



**Wini Williams Carter** has served as a Police Reserve Officer, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and teaches knitting at the Houghton Park Senior Center. Wini is a charter member of the North Long Beach Project Area Committee, and an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal's homeless outreach programs.

**Audrey Stewart** (not pictured) chaperones King Park youth summer programs, assists with special events and much more! Her shrimp poe boy sandwiches have spoiled both kids and staff, and her love and leadership are priceless.



**Edward Smith** is a long-time volunteer who teaches fitness classes and assists in the Senior Center Fitness Room by orienting patrons in the proper use of the equipment.

**Robert and Margaret Medrano** coordinate the popular Karaoke Kafe at the Senior Center. Every Monday evening and on the second and fourth Thursday afternoon of each month, 50 to 60 people are singing along to favorite songs and having a great time.



**Naomi Nixon** is a retired Recreation Superintendent from the City of Cypress who uses her skills to teach tap dance classes at Long Beach Senior Center.

**Mary Alice Sedillo** is the Chair of the Long Beach Senior Advisory Commission. Ms. Sedillo is a retired Real Estate Broker, a past Vice-President of the Carson Chamber of Commerce and past President of the Pilot Club of Carson.



**Samuel Huot Lor** is an Electrical Engineer for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Sam has been involved with the Cambodian Town Initiative, where he served on the Advisory Board, and as a Board Member on the Cambodian Coordinating Council.

We would like to thank the honorees for all of their hard work and many contributions to our programs.

## *By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services - May 2016*

Permits to Gather .....	108
Reserved Picnic Sites .....	11
Number of Contract Classes .....	234
Facility Use Permits Issued .....	79
Field Use Permits Issued .....	44
Adult Sports League Participants .....	5,788
Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools .....	17,890
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries .....	9,520
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes .....	718
Youth and Teen Participants .....	36,956
Senior Citizen Participant .....	40,634
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center .....	30,835

# Know Your Long Beach Parks:

## Older Adult Strategic Plan Update Outlines Quality of Life Initiatives for Local Seniors

The Long Beach Departments of Health and Human Services, and Parks, Recreation and Marine recently collaborated on an update of the Long Beach Older Adult Strategic Plan, a document that details actions to equitably deliver services to the City's older adults with a priority placed on underserved populations, and ways in which older adults can be engaged in developing future programs and services. The updated Plan was presented at the Long Beach City Council on May 24, 2016.



The Plan offers profiles of Long Beach's 119,000 (over age 50) older adults with statistics indicating:

- 47 percent live alone
- 13 percent currently live below the poverty line (and in 2025 the percentage will be 22.6)
- 40 percent have a disability
- 25 percent have less than a high school education
- 24 percent speak English less than "well"

The Plan envisions a health and social services continuum of care that links older adults to services to support a good quality of life. The Plan identifies service areas that have not been fully addressed such as safety, transportation, housing, and health due to lack of resources.

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine senior centers include the Long Beach Senior Center, and centers at McBride, Chavez, Houghton, El Dorado and Silverado Parks, where older adults enjoy recreation programs such as exercise, arts and crafts, social activities, educational programs and volunteer opportunities.

These centers provide convenient access to many programs and services that vary by site including information and Referral, a Public Health Nurse, homeless services, congregate meals, home delivered meals, family caregiver support, and health promotion and nutrition counseling funded by Los Angeles County.



The Plan update recommends implementing a coordinated system of services for local older adults once funding resources are available and can include:

An *Older Adult Task Force* would network with senior service providers to identify common goals, leverage efforts and increase capacity to serve older adults. The group would include representatives from County and City staff, neighborhood associations, local service providers, hospitals, insurance plans, transportation and other stakeholders.

A *One-Stop Older Adult Resource Network* would provide resource lists in multiple languages, referrals to answer questions about services, and outreach to communities to provide education about available services.

The plan recommends the establishment of a *City Office of Aging* that would comprise a Program Coordinator, Public Health Nurse, Research Analyst and Technology Specialist, who would all team to coordinate city and county resources, conduct needs assessments, support the advocacy needs of community members, research technology platforms, leverage referral systems, market services, and provide other resources.

The Plan update concludes with a statement of "next steps" for improving the quality of life for Long Beach's older adults including researching funding and priorities for the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging, establishing the Older Adult Task Force and partnering with universities to analyze service needs.

For more information about the Long Beach Strategic Plan for Older Adults, contact Kelly Colopy, Director, Long Beach Health and Human Services at 562.570.4016 / [Kelly.colopy@longbeach.gov](mailto:Kelly.colopy@longbeach.gov) or Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine at 562.570.3100.

# Long Beach Municipal Band Presents 107th Season



The Long Beach Municipal Band conducted by Larry Curtis will begin its 107th season of free outdoor concerts in Long Beach parks on June 28. Each concert ends with

selections from talented vocalists accompanied by the LBMB Studio Band.

## **Week One “Spirit of America” with Barbara Morrison**

Tuesday, June 28 – Whaley Park  
Wednesday, June 29 - Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, June 30 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, July 1- El Dorado Park West

## **Week 2 “Let’s Dance” with Derek Bordeaux**

Tuesday, July 5 – Whaley Park  
Wednesday, - July 6 - Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, July 7 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, July 8 - El Dorado Park West

## **Week 3 “All That Jazz” with Nicole Kubis**

Tuesday, July 12 – Bixby Park/Bluff Park  
Wednesday, July 13 - Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, July 14 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, July 15 - El Dorado Park West

## **Week 4 “Broadway Memories” with Meloney Collins**

Tuesday, July 19 – Bixby Park/Bluff Park  
Wednesday, July 20- Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, July 21 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, July 22 - El Dorado Park West

## **Week 5 “Old Grand Opera” Jennifer Lynn, electric violin**

Tuesday, July 26 – Bixby Park/Bluff Park  
Wednesday, July 27 - Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, July 28 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, July 29 - El Dorado Park West

## **Week 6 “Fiesta De La Musica” with Tony Gallo**

Tuesday, August 2 – Drake Park  
Wednesday, August 3 - Los Cerritos Park  
Thursday, August 4 - Marine Stadium  
Friday, August 5 - El Dorado Park West

## Summer Concerts in the Park



### **El Dorado Nature Center Concerts**

June 23 - Steele Parade (Steel Drums/Calypso)  
June 30 - Sligo Rags (Celtic Rock)  
July 7 - The Salty Suites (Bluegrass)  
July 14 - Adam Topol Trio (Soft Rock/Reggae)  
Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m.  
Bring picnics and low backed chairs.  
\$3 donation to Friends of El Dorado Nature Center.

### **Rancho Los Cerritos Concerts**

Sundays June 26 & July 24, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Free.  
June 26 - AI Threats & Amusement Park  
July 24 - Ray Goren & Generation Blues  
Pack a picnic and invite friends and family for a free concert on the historic grounds. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the

concert is from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Tours of the adobe home will be available throughout the evening. No pets. Call (562) 206-2040 for more information.



### **Shoreline Symphonic Winds Concerts**

The Shoreline Symphonic Winds will perform show tunes, movie sound tracks, and traditional and contemporary concert favorites at 7 p.m. before Movies in the Park at these dates

and locations: June 27 at Cherry Park, July 13 at King Park, July 22 at Stearns Champions Park, August 5 at Wardlow Park, August 12 at Houghton Park and August 24 at Pan American Park.

### **El Dorado Park West Community Concert**

August 19, Knyght Ryder, 6:30 p.m.  
Sponsored by the Office of Councilwoman Stacy Mungo.  
Free. Call (562) 570-5555 for additional information.

# Know Your Long Beach Park: Rosie the Riveter Park



Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Park And Interpretive Center at 4900 E. Conant Street was originally named Douglas Park and was renamed by the Long Beach City Council in 2006 in honor of the thousands of Long Beach women known as

“Rosie the Riveters” who assembled bombers and cargo planes at the former Douglas Aircraft Plant during World War II. Former Fifth District Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske formed the non-profit Long Beach Rosie the Riveter Foundation to raise money to add elements to the park to detail the events of World War II and honor the contributions of Long Beach “Rosies.” Support was also provided by County of Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe, and the non-profit Partners of Parks. The new park features were presented to the public on December 11, 2011 with more than 20 “Rosie the Riveters” and their families laying wreaths with flags of the six military branches and a flag for POW/MIA at the memorial wall.

The 3.28-acre park site has a rose-colored walking path with an etched timeline chronicling the history of Long Beach, Douglas Aircraft Company and the women who worked



there, and the events of World War II. A “flight path” lit with solar-powered lights is etched in the pavers and follows the timeline of several planes assembled at the Douglas plant. Visitors can experience the park by listening to a guided tour, 1940’s music and radio broadcasts via cell phones.

Interpretive signs attached to 1940’s era light poles have the themes of “Our Arsenal of Democracy,” “Long Beach 1941,” “Rosie

the Riveter Comes to Long Beach,” “Bicycles, Airplanes and the War,” “Doing a Man Sized Job,” “Women Airforce Service Pilots,” “The War at Home,” “Working the Swing Shift,” “Our Compass Rose and Memorial” and “Going Home.”

A quiet garden and brick military memorial wall to the women and men who served in the military is a focal point and acknowledges that “All Gave Some and Some Gave All” during World War II in the military. A replica of a “compass rose” navigational aid that once decorated the lobby of the Roosevelt Naval Base in Long Beach is located at the front of the wall.

On Memorial Day - May 30, 2016 - the non-profit organization Honoring Our Fallen, unveiled a Memorial Wall with the engraved names of the 8,289 members of the Armed Forces who have died since September 11, 2001. The wall adds to the significance of the park as a place for quiet reflection and appreciation of the sacrifices made by the honorees.



## Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinics Planned

Long Beach Animal Care Services Low Cost Pet Clinics are offered monthly at various locations. Pet owners must be 18 years or older. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Bring vaccination information. Visit [www.snpla.org](http://www.snpla.org) for services and fees. Licensing is provided for residents at Saturday clinics. Bring renewal notice and rabies certificate.

### June 16

4-6 p.m. Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.

### June 21

Licensing 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cerritos Park East, 13224 E 166th St., Cerritos

### July 7

4-6 p.m., Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.

### July 9

Licensing 9:30 -11 a.m. Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave. Licensing 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Ramona Park, 3301 E 65th Ave.

### July 21

4-6 p.m. Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.

### July 27

Licensing 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cerritos Park East, 13224 E 166th St., Cerritos

# June - July 2016 Calendar

## June

Sat. 11	12 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Uptown Latin Jazz Festival *Liars, Thieves and Chocolate Storytelling Event	Houghton Park El Dorado Nature Center El Dorado Nature Center Golden Shore Marine Reserve King Park Pool, Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 14	7 p.m./	Nightlife Walk	
Sat. 18	10 a.m. Varies	Wetland Warrior Cleanup 8-Week Swim Lesson Sessions Begin Father's Day	
Sun. 19		Summer Fun Days and Summer Day Camps Begin	Citywide Parks
Mon. 20	Varies 8 p.m.	New four-week swim lessons begin Movie in the Park: Star Wars The Force Awakens	Belmont Plaza, King & Silverado Park Pools Signal Hill Park Belmont Plaza Pool Granada Beach
Tue. 21	Varies 8 p.m.	New four-week swim lessons begin Movie on the Beach	Bixby Park El Dorado Nature Center El Dorado Park
Wed. 22	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Star Wars The Force Awakens	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier El Dorado Nature Center Belmont Plaza Pool Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Th. 23	6:30 p.m.	*Concert: Steele Parade	Rancho Los Cerritos
Fri. 24	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Star Wars The Force Awakens	Cherry Park Cherry Park Whaley Park
Sat. 25	10 a.m. 1 p.m. Varies	LB Sea Festival Pirate Invasion *Backyard Butterfly Presentation New four-week swim lessons begin	Los Cerritos Park Granada Beach MacArthur Park Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center
Sun. 26	10 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	LB Sea Festival Pirate Invasion Concert: Al Threats & Amusement Park	
Mon. 27	7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Shoreline Symphonic Winds Movie in the Park: Pan	
Tue. 28	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	
Wed. 29	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie on the Beach	
Th. 30	8 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Pan Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band *Concert: Sligo Rags (Celtic Rock)	

## July

Fri. 1	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	El Dorado Park
Mon. 4	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival Party on the Pier	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Tue. 5	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Minions	Whaley Park Seaside Park
Wed. 6	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Minions	Los Cerritos Park Heartwell Park
Th. 7	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band *Concert: Salty Suites	Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 8	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Minions	El Dorado Park Chavez Park
Sun. 10	12:30 p.m.	Mud Mania: A Celebration of Adobe	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 11	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Hotel Transylvania 2	DeForest Park
Tue. 12	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Bluff Park
Wed. 13	6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Concert: Shoreline Symphonic Winds Movie in the Park: Hotel Transylvania 2	Los Cerritos Park King Park King Park
Th. 14	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band *Concert: Adam Topol Trip	Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 15	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Hotel Transylvania 2	El Dorado Park College Estates Park
Sat. 16	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival – Love Long Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Sun. 17	10 a.m.	LB Sea Festival – Love Long Beach Festival	Granada Beach
Mon. 18	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	Grace Park
Tue. 19	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Bluff Park
Wed. 20	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	Los Cerritos Park Orizaba Park
Th. 21	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Marine Stadium
Fri. 22	6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Concert: Shoreline Symphonic Winds Movie in the Park: Goosebumps	El Dorado Park Stearns Champions Park Stearns Champions Park
Sun. 24	5:30 p.m.	Concert: Ray Goren & Generation Blues	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 25	8 p.m.	Movie in the Park: Norm of the North	Drake Park
Tue. 26	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Bluff Park
Wed. 27	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park: Norm of the North	Los Cerritos Park Drake Park
Th. 28	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band	Marine Stadium
Fri. 29	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Concert: Long Beach Municipal Band Movie in the Park; Norm of the North	El Dorado Park Scherer Park

\*Call for registration and fee information.



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