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Ten Years of 100 Days of Summer = 1000 Days of Fun

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine, in partnership with the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau, offers free or low-cost cultural programs, sports activities and special events throughout the city. The program, called 100 Days of Summer, launched in 2009. By this Labor Day, the City will have provided 1000 days of fun.

The band Under Cover kicked off the 100 Days of Summer celebration with a free concert at Marine Stadium on Friday, May 24. Under Cover played high-energy dance music featuring pop, rock, soul, funk, Latin, R&B, Top 40 and favorites from the '50s to present day. The event also featured a Kids Zone and food trucks.

From aquatics to festivals to free recreation programs for all ages and family friendly free movies and concerts in the park, all residents can stay and play in Long Beach this summer.

For information on this year's 100 Days of Summer programs, residents can visit www.100daysofsummer.org or call 562.570.3100.

Uptown Dog Park Renamed in Honor of Gayle Carter

On June 1, the Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park was renamed in honor of Gayle Carter. Gayle Carter was a long-time supporter of the Uptown Dog Park since its opening in 2009 at Scherer Park, and was an advocate for animals and their human companions.

Gayle passed away in September 2017 and leaves a legacy of volunteerism, fundraising and setting an example of concern and compassion for animals and people that is best stated by the Long Beach Post's obituary headline for her, "Always Everyone Before Herself."

She established the Friends of Uptown Dog Park and helped to open dog parks at Jackson and Coolidge Parks. She arranged for dog obedience and agility classes, and spay and neuter clinics to be held at the park. Her enthusiasm also led to fun community events such as wiener dog races, potlucks, canine fashion shows and photos with Santa. She was known for helping to raise money to help people experiencing homelessness take care of their dogs.

"The city is fortunate to have nine off leash dog recreation areas for people and their pets to play," said Mayor Robert Garcia. The contributions of people like Gayle Carter who share their love of pets and their positive energy, make these places safe, fun and welcoming places for the community."

"Her positive impact on the Uptown Dog Park and her work to educate and involve the community in issues related to responsible pet ownership make renaming this dog park in her honor, a natural way to honor her legacy," said Councilman Al Austin.

Long Beach Park System Rises to Number 18 in Country

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) has risen to number 18 among the 100 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) 2019 Parkscore® Index survey. Last year, the City was ranked 21st.

The TPL ranking was based on four characteristics of an effective park system: access, investment, acreage, and amenities. PRM was commended for its walkable park access, as 81% of residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park. Also noted was the City's investment in parks and recreation at $171 per resident, compared to the national median of $80 per resident. PRM also stood out for the number of community centers, senior centers and off-leash dog recreation areas serving residents throughout the City.

As the City continues to improve its parks experience for residents and visitors, PRM is developing a Strategic Plan that will engage the community in identifying goals and priorities for PRM for the next ten years. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/business-operations/about/prm-strategic-plan for more information about the plan.

For more information about the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) 2019 Parkscore® Index survey, visit https://www.tpl.org/city/long-beach-california.

El Dorado Nature Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Since 1969 at El Dorado Nature Center, thousands of school children have discovered the natural world on school field trips and at educational programs, residents have gotten up close and personal with turtles, reptiles, birds and butterflies; people have been inspired to become stewards of the environment at volunteer programs, and countless numbers have walked the trails to escape from urban stress and enjoy the peace and beauty of 105 acres with meadows, forests and lakes.

This island of serenity in the midst of Long Beach is turning 50 this year and celebrating with "50 ways to find your center." The first of the 50 ways was a free concert on June 13, followed by a Family Nightlife Walk on June 18. On June 21 a Summer Solstice Celebration honored the land and people who have made El Dorado Nature Center special. The event was emceed by Laura Bosworth from the Long Beach Storytellers and featured performances by folk singer Shayna Adler and dancer Sirena Serpentina.

For more information about El Dorado Nature Center, visit www.longbeach.gov/park/park-and-facilities or www.facebook.com/FriendsofElDoradoNatureCenter.

Don't Miss Out of the Rest of the 50 Ways to Find Your Center

4. June 25: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
5. June 26: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
6. June 27: Concert Steel Parade-Steel* 6:30 p.m.
7. June 28 Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
8. June 29: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9. June 29: Stargazing & "Close Encounters Third Kind." 7 p.m.
10. July 2: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
11. July 3: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
12. July 5: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
13. July 6: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
14. July 9: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
15. July 10: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
16. July 11: Concert: Corday - Classic Rock*. 6:30 p.m.
17. July 12: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
18. June 13: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
19. July 16: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
20. July 17: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
21. July 19: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
22. July 20: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
23. July 23: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
24. July 24: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
25. July 25: Concert Salty Suites – Bluegrass* 6:30 p.m.
26. July 26 Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
27. July 27: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
28. July 30: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
29. July 31: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon
30. August 3: Artisan Craft Faire - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
31. August 6: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
32. August 2: Education Station - 9 a.m. - noon
33. August 7: Education Station - 9 a.m. - noon
34. August 8: Concert Big City Hillbillies - Country*. 6:30 p.m.
35. August 9: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
36. August 10: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
37. August 13: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
38. August 14: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
39. August 16: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
40. August 17: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
41. August 20: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
42. August 21: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
43. August 22: Concert Sligo Rags - Celtic Rock*. 6:30 p.m.
44. August 23: Education Station - 9 a.m. to noon.
45. August 24: Artisan Craft Faire – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
46. August 24: Stargazing and E.T. the Extra Terrestrial" 7 p.m.
47. August 27: Family Nightlife Walk* - 7-9 p.m.
48. August 28: Education Station - 9 a.m.
49. August 30: Education Station - 9 a.m.
50. August 31: Artisan Craft Faire - 9 a.m.

* Call 562.570.1745 for fee and registration information.

Free Movies in the Park Feature the Best of the 10 Years of 100 Days of Summer

Free Movies in the Park sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum and Partners of Parks are back this summer! Movies begin at dusk. Come early for a moon bounce and face painting. In honor of the 10th year of 100 days of summer, the most popular movies from each of the last ten years will be featured including:

How to Train Your Dragon
June 17 at Pan American Park
June 19 at King Park
June 21 at Chavez Park

Happy Feet
June 24 at Signal Hill Park
June 26 at Coolidge Park
June 28 at Whaley Park

Bee Movie
July 1 at Veterans Park
July 3 at Davenport Park
July 5 at Silverado Park

Madagascar
July 6 at Long Beach Animal Care Services

Bolt
July 8 at Ramona Park
July 10 at Orizaba Park
July 12 at College Estates Park

Moana
July 15 at Drake Park
July 17 at Admiral Kidd Park
July 19 at MacArthur Park

Frozen
July 22 at Somerset Park
July 24 at Grace Park
July 26 at Wardlow Park

Cars
July 29 at DeForest Park
July 31 at Bixby Park
August 2 at Scherer Park

Wreck it Ralph
August 5 at Seaside Park
August 7 at Cherry Park
August 9 at Signal Hill Reservoir Park

Monsters Inc.
August 12 at Stearns Champions Park
August 14 at Heartwell Park
August 16 at Houghton Park

The Incredibles
August 19 at McBride Park
August 21 at El Dorado Park West

The movie and the popcorn are free.

Time spent as a family is PRICELESS!

Be SAFE Program Features Free Movies Supported by the Port of Long Beach

The Port of Long Beach is sponsoring free movies as part of the Be SAFE (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) program of extended recreation hours at 11 parks. Bring your family and friends for a night of fun.

Avengers: Infinity War
June 18 at Admiral Kidd Park
June 20 at Bixby Park

Lego Movie
June 27 at Drake Park

How to Train Your Dragon Hidden World
July 2 at Orizaba Park

Captain Marvel
July 11 at Seaside Park

Ralph Breaks the Internet
July 18 at Silverado Park

Aquaman
July 25 at Houghton Park

Mary Poppins Returns
August 1 at Pan American Park

Bumblebee
August 8 at King Park

Dumbo (2019)
August 15 at Ramona Park

Incredibles 2
August 23 at Scherer Park

Free Music in Long Beach Parks During the 1000 Days of Summer

The 1000 Days of Summer celebrates 10 years of 100 Days of Summer and against the soundtrack of great free music in Long Beach parks.

Long Beach Municipal Band 1 - Celebrations in Sound!
The Band's 110th season runs from June 25 - August 2. Free concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Weekly themed music will be performed by professional musicians and conducted by Larry Curtis, in his 27th year as conductor. Each performance will end with selections from vocalists accompanied by the Band's Studio Band. The 2019 Municipal Band season is sponsored by the Departments of Parks, Recreation & Marine, Environmental Services, Energy Resources, Public Works, the Port of Long Beach and Partner of Parks.

Tuesdays	June 25 & July 2 at Whaley Park
Tuesday	July 9 at Cear E.Chavez Park
Tuesdays	July 16-20 at Bluff Park
Wednesdays	June 26-31 at Los Cerritos Park
Thursdays	June 2 -August 1 at Marine Stadium
Fridays	June 28-August 2 at El Dorado Park West

Week 1: June - 25 - 28 American Folk Songs
This week's concert draws from songs that are fun ingrained in our American cultural fabric. Barbara Morrison will perform with the Studio Band.

Week 2: July 2-5 (No concert 7/4) Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All
This week's concert pays homage supporting a country of equal opportunity and freedom for all. Becky Martin will join the band to pay tribute to our nation's birthday.

Week 3: July 9-12 Constellation of Stars
This week the Municipal Band pays tribute to many talented performers who have reached spectacular heights. Tony Galla will highlight this salute to stars who perform crowd pleasing renditions.

Week 4: July 15-19 Classical Favorites
The Municipal Band has performed over 1 million selections over its 110-year history. Conductor Larry Curtis has selected classic compositions from the band's repertoire. Vocalist Melony Collins will perform.

Week 5: July 23-26 Spectacular Sounds of Cinema
Composers write for the film industry where their works are heard by millions as they make considerable impact to the screen action. Mark Kopitzke will join the studio band to end the evening in style.

Week 6: July 30 - August 2 Toot, Whistle and Boom!
The 2019 season concludes with a concert of compositions with audience participation and a performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Nicole Kubis will provide a proper ending to this finale concert week.

Community Concert Series
Bring family and friends and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun and music.

June 15, Noon-2 p.m. at Ramona Park, Father's Day BBQ & Concert

June 29, 4-6 p.m. at Lower Drake Park with Star 69

July 6, 4-6 p.m. at Veterans Park with Gregg Young and the 2nd Street Band

July 13, 2-6 p.m. at Scherer Park with The Gr8 Summer Blues Concert featuring Alvin Hayes, Jr., Bernie Pearl Blues Band, New Blues Revolution and more.

July 20, 4-6 p.m. at Stearns Champions Park with Boxcar 7

July 27, 4-6 p.m. at Cherry Park West with Midnight Ride

August 3, 4-6 p.m. at Promenade Park with Susie Hansen Latin Band

August 4, 6-8 p.m. at Marine Stadium with Reel Steel

August 9, 6-8 p.m. at El Dorado Park with Elm St. Band

El Dorado Nature Center Summer Concerts
Gates open at 6:30 p.m. with the show from 7-8 p.m. $3 suggested donation at the gate.
June 13: J.P. McDermott and Western Bop
June 27: Steel Parade
July 11: Corday
July 25: Salty Suites
August 8: Big City Hillbillies
August 22: Sligo Rags

Long Beach Community Band
All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.
June 20: Bixby Park
July 26: Wardlow Park
August 7: Cherry Park
August 12: Stearns Champions Park
August 16: Houghton Park

City Council Sponsored Concerts
June 21: Kid's Imagination at El Dorado Park West, 6-8 p.m.
July 6: Uptown Jazz Festival at Houghton Park,12-7 p.m.
August 10: Chico at MacArthur Park, 4-6 p.m.
August 7: Elm Street Band at Los Cerritos Park, 6:30 p.m.
August 15: Sounds of the 7th. Los Cerritos Park, 6:30 p.m.
August 21: Knyght Ryder at El Dorado Park West, 6:30 p.m.
August 24: The Emperors at Whaley Park, 4-6 p.m.

Rancho Los Cerritos Concerts
Pack a picnic and invite friends for a free concert on the lawn. Gates open at 5 p.m.; music from 5:30-7 p.m. Adobe home open for self-paced tours.
July 28: Bernie Pearl Blues Band with Barbara Morrison, 5 p.m.
August 25: Band of California Battalion

City Hall Goes to the Cats for Fourth Kitty Hall Event

Long Beach City Hall once again became "Kitty Hall" on May 21 to encourage cat adoptions and promote awareness of Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS).

"Kitty Hall connects animal lovers with cats and kittens that need forever homes," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "We're hoping to spread the message at Kitty Hall for people to adopt pets, and to spay and neuter their animals."

A total of 33 kittens were adopted at the event. While the public played and cuddled with kittens and cats available for adoption, ACS staff and volunteers answered questions about cat ownership and fostering kittens including demonstrations on the care and feeding of newborns, and accepted adoption applications.

The Mobile Adoption Wagg'in was on site and spay and neuter vouchers were available, along with a discounted adoption rate of $20 and other special promotions.

Kitty Hall is one of ACS's efforts to reduce cat euthanasia. With $50,000 in City funding and support from the cat rescue organizations Little Lion Foundation and Helen Sanders CatPAWS, the Long Beach Little Paws Project was started and has saved 500 at risk kittens. ACS also seeks rescue and other placement for sick, injured or un-weaned kittens. Healthy, weaned kittens are kept at the shelter for adoption placement at ACS or through spcaLA or are given to rescue organizations at their request.

Due to these efforts, nearly 1,100 kittens that entered the shelter in 2018 were rescued or adopted.

By the Numbers - Maintenance Operations Bureau Statistics - May 2019

Community Service Workers Program

Number of persons enrolled for May:	81
Mumber of hours worked - Beach Maintenance: (Litter pickup along beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool Ocean Blvd., Peninsula and maintenance yard)	883
Number of hours worked - Marine Maintenance: (Litter pickup around various sites including Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and assist with custodial work)	800
Number of hours worked - El Dorado Park: (Litter pickup, custodial at sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)	331
Number of hours worked - Tree Farm: (Litter pickup, custodial and facility)	126
Number of hours worked - Los Cerritos Wetlands: (Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Wetlands)	503
Number of hours worked at special clean-ups: (Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs, community events)	610
Number of CSW hours for May:	3,253
Work orders completed:	474
Restrooms cleaned daily:	172
Facilities & Gymnasiums cleaned & stocked daily:	28
Acres of park turf maintained:	814
Acres o park landscape maintained:	2,310

Parks, Recreation & Marine Starts Outreach for New Strategic Plan

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is engaging the community in identifying goals and priorities for PRM for the next ten years to update their 15-year old Strategic Plan. The Plan will be an important blueprint to continue PRM's work of expanding open space and bringing recreational opportunities to every neighborhood in Long Beach.

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.

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.

Employee of the Month: Linda Bermudez

Linda Bermudez has been a cornerstone of the Reservations / Registration Division for many years. Her great customer service skills and hard work have earned her the designation of Employee of the Month for April. Linda answered a few questions so we could learn more about her:

1. **What do you like to do in your free time?** Hiking, cooking, listening to music, and of course spending time with my family
2. **Where is the most interesting place you've been?** A place called San Miguel De Allende in the State of Guanajuato. My retirement place….
3. **What's one thing that makes your day better?** Flowers. I love flowers…
4. **Who inspires you?** My four kids & Joel Osteen
5. **What are you famous for at work?** My personality
6. **What's your biggest achievement for PRM?** To continue to provide the best of me and excel in everything I do at PRM.
7. **What advice do you give your kids, that you could also give to your coworkers?** Always stay humble and kind.
8. **What's your favorite breakfast spot in Long Beach?** The Pan
9. **What's your secret work nickname?** Don't have one, only at home
10. **How long have you been with Parks and Rec? Since** 1999

June - July 2019 Calendar

June			
Sat. 15	Noon	Father's Day BBQ and Concert	Ramona Park
Mon. 17	11 a.m.	Free Youth Summer Fun Days Recreation Activities	Locations at LBParks.org
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "How to Train Your Dragon"	Pan American Park
Tue. 18	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Avenger's Infinity War"	Admiral Kidd Park
Wed. 19	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "How to Train Your Dragon"	M.L. King Jr. Park
Fri. 21	5:30 p.m.	Summer Solstice and 40th Anniversary Celebration	El Dorado Nature Center
	6 p.m.	Free Concert – Kid's Imagination	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "How To Train Your Dragon"	Chavez Park
Mon. 24	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Happy Feet"	Signal Hill Park
Tue. 25	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Wed. 26	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Happy Feet"	Coolidge Park
Th. 27	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – Steel Parade	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Lego Movie 2"	Drake Park
Fri. 28	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Happy Feet"	Whaley Park
Sat. 29	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Star 69	Lower Drake Park
	7 p.m.	Free Astonomy Event and "Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind"	El Dorado Nature Center
July			
Mon. 1	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bee Movie"	Veterans Park
Tue 2	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
	Dusk	Free Movie "How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World"	Orizaba Park
Wed. 3	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bee Movie"	Davenport Park
Th. 4		4th of July Holiday	
Fri. 5	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bee Movie"	Silverado Park
Sat. 6	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert – Gregg Young & 2nd St. Band	Veterans Park
Mon. 8	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bolt"	Ramona Park
Tue. 9	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Chavez Park
Wed. 10	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bolt"	Orizaba Park
Th. 11	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Concert – Corday*	El Dorado Nature Center
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Captain Marvel"	Seaside Park
Fri. 12	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Bolt"	College Estates Park
Sat. 13	2 p.m.	Free Concert Alvin Hayes, Bernie Pearl, New Blues Revolution	Scherer Park
Sun. 14	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	Orizaba 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
	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Frozen"	Wardlow Park
Sat. 27	4 p.m.	Free Community Concert Midnight Ride	Cherry Park
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

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