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Marie Knight Appointed New Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



On February 19, Long Beach City Manager Pat West named Marie Knight the City's Director of the Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Department. Ms. Knight brings 27 years of professional experience in the municipal and community sectors, and her appointment will be effective in late March, 2016.

"Ms. Knight has an extensive background in parks, recreation and community services," said Mr. West. "She also has valuable experience in project management, customer service, public engagement and organizational development, and will be a great addition to our City Management Team."

Ms. Knight has served the City of Orange for nine years as the Director of Community Services where she is currently in charge of Recreation Services; Park Planning and Development; Parks and Facilities Maintenance; and the public information operations for the City. She previously served as Director of Recreation and Senior Services for the City of Newport Beach; Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs in Orange County Alliance; and Leisure Services Manager for the City of Garden Grove.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to serve the entire Long Beach community as Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine," said Ms. Knight. "Long Beach's parks, beaches, marinas and golf courses are some of the best in the nation, and I will devote my energy to making sure they continue to thrive and are accessible to everybody."

She is replacing George Chapjian, who resigned as PRM Director in June 2015 to take a similar position with the Community Services Department for Santa Barbara County. Stephen Scott has been serving as Interim PRM Director.

"Stephen has done an outstanding job as Interim Director, and I want to thank him for his excellent leadership and stewardship," said Mr. West.

Ms. Knight holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Communications from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She is also a professional speaker and a member of the California Park & Recreation Society, and she serves on several community boards.

Long Beach Hosts California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference and Expo



Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine hosted the CPRS Conference and Expo March 8 -

11 at the Long Beach Convention Center. With a theme of "Level Up!", the conference offered parks and recreation industry leaders a chance to network and move a "level up" in their profession.

Attendees were offered more than 100 educational sessions covering recreational programming, marketing, park maintenance and other topics. Tours of local parks and aquatic facilities, and sessions for recreation specialties like therapy and senior programs were well attended.

More than 700 vendors showcased products and solutions for parks and recreation agencies in the Conference Expo Hall.

With approximately 1500 delegates, 300 speakers and volunteers, and 700 exhibitors, almost 2,500 people visited Long Beach last week to enrich their professional and personal lives while making a positive economic impact on the City. Congratulations to the Long Beach staff and the local parks and recreation agencies for more than a year of hard work to make the 2016 CPRS conference a success.

CPRS was founded in 1946 as nonprofit, professional and public interest organization. It has close to 4,000 members who work to advance California's parks and recreation profession.

Community Recreation Services Update

Parks, Recreation and Marine Night at CSULB Women's Basketball

March 3 was "Parks, Recreation and Marine Night" with CSULB Women's Basketball at the Walter Pyramid. More than 150 youth players from PRM basketball teams at El Dorado, Whaley and Veterans Parks, and the Garfield School WRAP program and their families, joined PRM staff for the exciting game between the 49ers and the UC Davis Aggies.

The Silverado Park and Garfield Wrap D-girls (Ages 11-12) hit the courts at halftime for some exciting scrimmages while the PRM crew cheered them on.

The evening allowed the youth to experience the excitement of playing in a college facility and envisioning themselves in a few years in college and playing their favorite sport.



Bike Repair & Hydration Stations Improve Bikeability in Long Beach Parks

A new amenity in Long Beach parks and along the beach bike path is improving riding conditions for area cyclists.

were also installed along the beach bike path.

A photo of the "Fix It" station installed in El Dorado Regional Park Area III was posted on Facebook and quickly went viral with over 200 likes, and comments like "fantastic," and "much needed!"



El Dorado Regional Park Area III

"Fixit" bike repair stations include tools to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, from changing a flat to adjusting brakes and derailleurs. The tools and air pump are securely attached to the stand with stainless steel cables and tamper-proof fasteners. Hanging the bike from the hanger arms allows the pedals and wheels to spin freely while making adjustments. Stations have been installed at Bixby Knolls Park, Chittick Field, El Dorado Park West, El Dorado Regional Park Area III, 14th Street Park, Houghton Park, and MacArthur Park. Bike Repair and Hydration Stations were installed at Heartwell and Admiral Kidd Parks. Stations



Admiral Kidd Park

Spring Break Programs Offered March 28-April 1, 2016



Parks, Recreation and Marine has great options for youth during the LBUSD spring break, including "Spring Fun Days", free drop-in crafts, games, sports and more for ages 5-12, **Monday-Friday, March 28-April 1**. The following parks will be open six hours each day: Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Chavez, Cherry, College Estates, Coolidge, Davenport, DeForest, Drake, El Dorado West, Freeman Center, Heartwell, Houghton, MacArthur, King, McBride, Orizaba, Ramona, Recreation, Scherer, Seaside, Stearns Champions, Silverado, Somerset, Veterans, Wardlow and Whaley. **Teen Centers** at McBride, Chavez, El Dorado, Houghton and Silverado Parks will be also open. Visit bit.ly/1Ga7Boi for hours and activities.

Children ages 5-8 can experience nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts at **El Dorado Nature Center Spring Break Workshops**. Kindergarten experience required. \$15 per class. March 28-April 1, 9 a.m. - noon. Pre-registration required. Visit www.lbparcs.org. **Sing-Song Spring** (16783 - March 28) Learn about birds and the secrets behind their melodies. **Reptile Rangers** (16784 - March 29) Discover the fascinating and world of these cold-blooded creatures. **Flower Power** (16785 - March 30) Learn about the attraction be-

tween pollinators and blooms as spring approaches. **Hoppity Doo-Dah** (16786 - March 31) It's springtime and you'll have a wonderful feeling as you learn about rabbits comin' our way! **Awesome Osprey** (16787 - April 1) See how incredible hawks hunt and catch underwater prey.



The **Leeway Sailing Center Spring Camp**, March 28-April 1 offers children ages 5-12 opportunities for sailing, canoeing, kayaking, crafts, games and an excursion to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Camp hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The cost is \$155. Extended day is \$25 per week for 7 - 9 a.m. and \$25 per week for 4 - 6 p.m. Staff are trained lifeguards certified in First Aid and CPR. Register at www.lbparcs.org or at the Aquatics Office, 4320 Olympic Plaza by appointment. Call (562) 570-1888.

Spring Break Soccer Camp: March 28 - April 1 Stay active during spring break and develop skills. Class taught at Wardlow Park by Challenger Sports staff. Visit www.lbparcs.org to register for course 16684 (2 - 3 yrs.) 9 - 10 a.m., M-F, \$75; 16683 (4 - 5 yrs.) 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., M-F, \$95; 16682 (6 -16 yrs.) 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., M-F, \$134; or 16682 (6 -16 yrs.) 9 a.m - 12 p.m. M-F, \$134.

"Gold Medal" Summer Day Camps Are a Winner This Summer



Ages 5-12. Camps held Monday-Friday from June 20-August 26. On-line registration starts April 15 at 8 a.m. Visit www.lbparcs.org to register and for program information.

Park Day Camps

El Dorado West - 562.570.3225
Silverado - 562.570.1675
Stearns Champions Creative Arts Camp - 562.570.1685
Veterans Park - 562.570.1695

High Five Sports Camp

Pan American Park - 562.570.1660

Pee Wee Camp

(Ages 5-8)
Wardlow Park - 562.570.1705

Music and Arts Camp

Whaley Park 562.570.1710

Aquatics Day Camps 562.570.1888

Belmont Junior Beach Camp (ages 5-7)
Bayshore Beach Camp (Ages 8-12)
Bay Club Teen Camp (Ages 13-15)
Counselor in Training Camp (Ages 14-17)



Maintenance Update

Know Your Long Beach Parks: Los Altos Park



Los Altos Park at 5481 Stearns Street is a pleasant 4.7-acre park, full of scenery and greenery. The park offers play equipment, picnic areas and a sport field.

The land for the park was deeded to the City of Long Beach in 1951 by the Home Investment Company and the Bixby Land Company. In 1954, the Long Beach City Council approved a development plan to create a passive park with lawn, trees and benches. Security lighting was added in 1995 and a playground was added in 1998 with funding from the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Acts of 1992 and 1996. Parks, Recreation and Marine added a "T-ball" baseball field in 2000. For information about field use, Bobby Sox or Little League, please call 570-1725.



Maintenance Divisions Handle Winter Storm Effects

The Parks, Recreation and Marine Maintenance Divisions were busy along the waterfront and in the parks on March 8, managing the effects of a winter storm.



The Beach crews prepared for a large tidal swell by keeping watchful eyes on protective sand berms erected in the low lying Peninsula area, and making repairs as needed.

The storm left debris stretching along the length of the beach. Our crews pushed debris into piles to better facilitate its removal before becoming trapped in the sand.



The Queensway Bay crews managed the debris boom to keep as much trash as possible from entering the harbor.

Grounds Maintenance staff handled downed trees and tree limbs throughout the City including El Dorado Regional Park, El Dorado Nature Center, El Dorado Park West, Marina Vista Park, Marine Stadium and Whaley Park.

By the Numbers for January 2016: Community Recreation Services

Permits to Gather	17
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	2
Number of Contract Classes.....	246
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	57
Field Use Permits Issued.....	62
Adult Sports League Participants.....	7,248

Visits to City / City Operated LBUSD Pools.....	10,142
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	5,385
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	647
Youth and Teen Participants.....	41,345
Senior Citizen Participants	27,208
Visits to the El Dorado Nature Center	26,777

Park Development Update

Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment



Los Angeles County is conducting a Countywide Comprehensive Park and Recreation Needs Assessment to analyze public parks, open space, and recreational assets and needs. The participants are the 88 cities in the county, state and local agencies, and county-based non-profit organizations. The outcome will be a countywide inventory of park resources; an analysis of park and recreational needs, opportunities, and constraints; a list of priority projects based on community input throughout the county; and an estimate of the cost to implement priority projects. The report will be submitted to the LA County Board of Supervisors in June 2016.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is leading the Assessment for the City of Long Beach. In August and September 2015, staff from Community Recreation Services, Maintenance Operations, Marine, and Business Operations Bureaus performed an inventory of existing conditions of all amenities in regional, community, neighborhood, and pocket parks. This information, with park location and acreage, was provided to the county.

The county was divided into over 180 Planning Areas (of roughly equal population) so that conditions all over the county could be evaluated on an equal basis. Long Beach was divided into North, East, South, West, and Central planning areas. In January and February 2016, PRM facilitated six workshops to engage the community in the Assessment, and to prioritize a list of ten park projects in each Planning Area. Spanish interpretation was provided at each of the Planning Area outreach workshops, and a sixth workshop at Admiral Kidd Park was conducted in Spanish with simultaneous English translation.

The workshops followed a format created by the county. Based on the information provided by PRM during the inventory phase and information available from a variety of other sources, the county provided analysis of the communities in each Planning Area that included age and ethnicity distribution, poverty levels, obesity and asthma rates, and pollution exposure. Park access was analyzed both in terms of the percentage of community members without access to a vehicle and in terms of walking distance to the nearest park. The areas where parks are most needed was analyzed, based on population density, distance to parks, and the number of acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. This analysis was summarized in maps that were presented at the workshops to help the community better understanding itself and to help workshop participants focus their attention where needs are greatest.



Residents rate amenities at Long Beach Central Area Workshop.

Each workshop was tasked with creating a list of ten priority park projects that were physical improvements such as new or improved sports fields, community centers, or playgrounds. Programming improvements or enhancements were not eligible for consideration. PRM presented projects that the community could choose to include in their top 10 list and the community was invited to suggest other projects. Each workshop took a vote, and the top 10 lists were determined. The vote tally from the Spanish-language workshop was folded into the tallies from the Planning Areas where those projects were located.

Once the county receives the lists of prioritized projects from all Planning Areas, costs for submitted projects will be estimated. Assessment results will likely form the basis of a future countywide park funding measure.

Visit LACountyParkNeeds.org for more information.

Marine Bureau Update

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“Like” the Long Beach Marine Bureau on their new Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/colbmarinebureau



The Long Beach Marine Bureau recently launched a Facebook page to enhance communications with boat owners, marina businesses and the Long Beach community. The page will provide a new and interactive way to share information about the City’s marinas, beaches, launch ramp facilities, Rainbow Harbor, and other related topics with our customers.

Residents are encouraged to “like” the page and to join discussions with others about the City’s wonderful waterfront assets. “Like” the page today at www.facebook.com/colbmarinebureau.

Marinas Beaches Outdoor Recreation

By the Numbers Maintenance Operations Bureau - February 2016

Community Service Worker Program:

Total Enrollment:	119
Total Queensway Bay hours (Water cleanup, debris and litter pickup):	175
Total Number of Hours Worked at Beach Maintenance	204
Total Marine Maintenance hours (Litter pickup):	432
Total El Dorado Park hours (Litter pickup, and custodial).	232
Total Tree Farm hours (Litter pick up custodial and facility).	752
Total Los Cerritos Wetlands hours (Litter pickup and vegetation removal):	210
Special Cleanups: City clean-ups, graffiti paint-out:	88
Total hours for the month of February	2,093
Work orders completed:	220
Restrooms cleaned daily:	172
Facilities cleaned and stocked daily:	28

Park acres maintained:

Park turf	.814
Park landscape	2,310
Street (medians) turf	53
Street landscape	143

Water Cost and Consumption for February 2016

Parks and Street Island Potable	18,303 ccf	\$74,857
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed	17,333 ccf	\$36,719

Animal Care Services Update



Pet Food Express Cat Adoption Program

Animal Care Services is excited to announce a new partnership with the new Pet Food Express at 4220 Long Beach Blvd. Pet Food Express is welcoming Kitty Katchers, a non profit organization supporting feline and dog rescue and ACS, in establishing a Cat Adoption Center at their store.

Call the store at 562-728-1737 for program dates and be prepared to fall in love with an adorable new kitten or a wise old cat.

Volunteers are needed to support this wonderful program. If you are interested in volunteering with this new center, send an email to: pfevolunteers@gmail.com for more information.

ACS is thrilled for this new opportunity and thanks Pet Food Express for their on-going support of our shelter!!

Partners of Parks Supports Long Beach Animal Care Services



The non-profit Partners of Parks (POP) has raised funds to support Parks, Recreation and Marine programs for over 30 years. Now POP is supporting Long Beach Animal Care Services and their goal to make Long Beach the safest large city

for people and animals by adding ACS programs to their website's on-line donation menu.

It's easy to get involved. Visit <https://partnersofparks.fasttransact.net> and select one or more of the following from the "direct my funds" tab at the bottom of the page:

1. Animal Care Services – General
2. Animal Care Services – Medical
3. Animal Care Services – Spay & Neuter Programs
4. Animal Care Services – Kitten/Cat Programs

Support ACS and Make a contribution today!

ACS Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinics

Be a responsible pet owner, and bring your cat or dog to an upcoming ACS Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic. Pet owners must be 18 years or older. All pets must be on leashes or in carriers. Only healthy and non-pregnant animals will be vaccinated. Please bring prior vaccination information with you to the clinic. Vaccination and microchip services are provided for pets residing in any city. Licensing is provided for residents within our jurisdiction at Saturday clinics; please bring your renewal notice and rabies certificate with you. Visit www.scvvc.org/home.html for information about services and fees.

**March 17 4-7 p.m. Pet Vaccination Clinic
Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.**

**March 20 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wellness Clinic
Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave.**

**April 7 4-7 p.m. Pet Vaccination Clinic
Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.**

**April 9 10 - 11:30 a.m. Pet Vaccination Clinic
Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.**

**April 9 1:30 - 3 p.m. Pet Vaccination Clinic
Silverado Park, 1545 W 31st St.**

**April 17 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wellness Clinic
Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.**

**April 21 4-7 p.m. Pet Vaccination Clinic
Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.**



March - April 2016 Calendar

March

Sat. 12:	9:30 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Good Neighbor Park
	11:30 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Wardlow Park
Sun. 13:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 16:	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Ctr
Th. 17:	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Ctr.
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 19:	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	10 a.m.	New Tot Lot Opening	2331 Locust Avenue
Wed. 23:	6 p.m.	Commission on Youth and Children Meeting	PRM Administration
Sun 27:		Easter Sunday	
Mon. 28:	Varies	Spring Break Fun Days	Community Parks
Tue. 29:	Varies	Spring Break Fun Days	Community Parks
Wed. 30:	Varies	Spring Break Fun Days	Community Parks
Th. 31:	Varies	Spring Break Fun Days	Community Parks

April

Sat. 2:	2 p.m.	California Native Plants Class	El Dorado Nature Center
Sun. 3:	Varies	*New four-week swim lesson sessions	Belmont Plaza Silverado Park Pools
Th. 7:	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 9:	10 a.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Admiral Kidd Park
	1:30	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Silverado Park
Sun. 10:	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 12:	7 p.m.	Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
	Varies	*New four-week swim lesson sessions begin	King Park Pool
Fri 15:	8 a.m.	*Summer Day Camp Registration Begins	Varies
Th. 21:	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic	Scherer Park
	7:30 p.m.	El Dorado Audubon Society Meeting	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 22:	11 a.m.	Kitty Hall Cat Adoption Event	Long Beach City Hall
Sat. 23:	10 a.m.	Earth Day Beach Cleanup	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier.
Mon. 25:		Summer "Recreation Connection" is published	www.lbparks.org

*Call for registration and fee information.

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