

We Create Community



Pike Park Opens to the Public



Officially opening Pike Park, L-R: Parks and Recreation Commission Vice President David Zanatta, Councilmember Jeannine Pearce, Mayor Robert Garcia and Interim Director of Parks, Recreation & Marine Stephen Scott



The new Pike Park at 195 W. Seaside Way opened to the public on February 13. The 8,000-square foot park includes a dog park, fitness stations, a slide, landscaping, lighting, benches and bike racks. The park was built by a private developer as a requirement included in the approval of the adjacent residential project.

Before the ribbon cutting, participants were encouraged to ride the slide from the upper level walkway into the park. “The slide is an engaging way for visitors to travel from the western staircase into Pike Park, and is one of many amenities in this small space that will provide big fun for residents,” said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The Park was named for its location in the former Pike Amusement Area founded in 1902 along the shoreline south of Ocean Boulevard that featured arcades, food stands, gift shops, a variety of rides, a roller coaster, and a bath house.



Summer Job Fair Held

Parks, Recreation and Marine's Community Recreation Services Bureau hosted a job fair on February 19. The goal was to ensure that community members were informed about employment opportunities with the Department.

More than 100 applicants spoke with staff and applied for positions with the Department's summer programs including Day Camps, Summer Fun Days and the Be SAFE program.



Youth Strategic Plan Forums

The Long Beach City Council allocated \$260,000 in the 2019 and 2020 budgets for a Youth Strategic Plan to be spearheaded jointly by the Departments of Health and Human Services and Parks, Recreation and Marine. Youth Ambassadors (YA) identified by each Council District are co-leading the creation of the plan. The YAs have been oriented in how to collect data, the administration of surveys and community forums, and how to data in planning processes.

Community forums were held at the beginning of the year at the Billie Jean King Library for Council District 1, 2 and 6, at Whaley Park for Districts 3, 4 and 5 and at Silverado Park for Districts 7, 8 and 9. The YAs and City staff gathered community input for the plan development and connected youth to each other and to community resources. Alex Norman, Professor Emeritus of Social Welfare at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs attended the forums to help develop questions that would result in answers that provide accurate and comprehensive data for the plan. The goal of the plan is to understand problems happening among Long Beach youth and design strategies to mitigate them. The plan will identify services that the City of Long Beach should offer to youth in the future.



Los Angeles Dodger RBI Program Supports PRM Youth Sports Leagues

Hundreds of youth will be able to participate in Parks, Recreation and Marine-sponsored T-Ball, Softball and baseball programs this summer thanks to a grant from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation's Reviving Baseball In Inner Cities Program (RBI Program).

A total of \$8,614 was donated to the Department to support park field maintenance and umpire fees for 876 players at 23 sites. The Foundation will also make in-kind contributions of uniforms, equipment, recruitment flyers, location banners, educational and health resources, coach training, youth clinics, incentives and giveaways, and Dodger tickets.

The RBI baseball and softball youth development program seeks to increase participation in sports, and use sport participation as an engagement tool to increase access to education, literacy, health, wellness, and recreational resources in underserved communities in the Los Angeles area.

The RBI Program is bigger than just playing baseball and sets its focus on youth character development as it engages communities and families in programming. In addition, it impacts youth and families across all three of LADF's pillars, i.e., Sports + Recreation, Education + Literacy, and Health + Wellness.



Summer Day Camp Registration Begins April 11

"Rec It" this summer with Long Beach day camps. Sports, games, crafts, and more. June 15 – August 28, Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Extended hours and field trips available for additional fee. Financial aid available. Inquire at park site. Visit LBParks.org for more information.

Aquatic Day Camps

Belmont Junior Beach Camp, Ages 5-7, \$165 per week
Bayshore Beach Camp, Ages 8-12, \$165 per week
Bay Club Teen Camp, Ages 13-15, \$123 per week,
Counselor in Training Camp, Ages 13-17, \$320 (4 weeks) 562.570.1888

High Five Sports Camp

Pan American Park, Ages 5-12, \$115 per week, 562.570.1660

Pee Wee Camp at Wardlow Park

Ages 5-8, \$115 per week, 562.570.1705

Park Day Camps, \$115 per week, Ages 5-12

El Dorado Park West, 562.570.3225

Silverado Park, 562.570.1675

Veterans Park, 562.570.1695

Creative Arts Camp at Stearns Champions Park, 562.440.2867

Music and Arts Camp at Whaley Park

562.570.1710 \$120 (online registration at LBParks.org highly recommended on April 11 at 8 a.m.)



PRM Hosts Voting Centers

Many local voters performed their civic duty by voting in the March 2020 election at Los Angeles County Regional Voting Centers. Parks, Recreation and Marine played a prominent role in the City of Long Beach by hosting voting centers at Bixby, Chavez, College Estates, Drake, El Dorado, MacArthur and Pan American Parks. The Centers were in operation for 11 days (February 22- March 3) and saw steady activity throughout the voting period.



El Dorado Regional Park Visitor Center

A new Visitor Center is now open for business at El Dorado Regional Park. The Center is located to the right on the inside of the entry gate and is a place where park patrons may purchase annual passes and make picnic reservations. The Center is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 562.570.1771.



By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations February 2020

Community Services Worker (CSW) Enrollment.....	72
CSW Total Hours	1,819
CSW Beach Maintenance Hours.....	102
CSW Marine Maintenance Hours.....	804
CSW El Dorado Park Hours	419
CSW Tree Farm Hours	136
CSW Los Cerritos Wetlands Hours	326
CSW Special Cleanup Hours	32
Work Orders Completed	438
Restrooms Cleaned Daily	172
Facilities & Gyms Cleaned & Stocked Daily	28
Park Turf Acres Maintained	814
Park Landscape Acres Maintained.....	2,310
Parks Potable Water Use.....	27,793 CCF \$110,609
Parks Reclaimed Water Use.....	4,776 CCF \$17,907

WRAP Program Movie Night

Parks, Recreation and Marine's (PRM) WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential) program at Edison Elementary School hosted a free family Movie Night on February 7 with a screening of "Toy Story 4". The event brought families together for a fun evening that included a photo booth area, Toy Story themed games, crafts and face painting. The families especially enjoyed making their own "Forky" character from the movie!



Thanks to the PRM Edison WRAP Team, Ricky Rin, Liana Gaoay, Eunice Torrecampo, Mrs. Silva, Hector Gutierrez, Sallid Sanchez, and Arcelia Toledo.



Keep Informed About COVID-19

Resources

Please visit www.longbeach.gov/COVID19 for accurate, timely and local information about COVID-19.

The City of Long Beach has established hotline numbers for various inquiries about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- 562-570-NEWS – MEDIA INQUIRIES
- 562-570-INFO – GENERAL PUBLIC

Health Providers

- Normal hours: 562.570.4302
- After hours emergencies only: 562.570.5537

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is sharing updates about COVID-19 at:

www.CDC.GOV/COVID19

By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services February 2020

El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries	6,324
El Dorado Regional Park Passes	1,096
Visits to City/City Operated LBUSD Pools	12,041
Youth and Teen Participants	8,087
Senior Citizens Participants.....	17,133
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	37,170



Rancho Los Cerritos Recognized for Long Ago Long Beach Program

Rancho Los Cerritos should have sheep. Who cares if the baaaa? The California Department of Education, in partnership with the California Association of Museums, will present Rancho Los Cerritos with the Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Museum Education for its Long Ago Long Beach program. The award recognizes the outstanding achievements of California museum programs that serve K-12 students. Meighan Maguire, Director of Education at Rancho Los Cerritos, will attend CAM's annual conference in Los Angeles on March 4, 2020 to accept the award.

Long Ago Long Beach is an after-school enrichment program that brings the Rancho Los Cerritos experience to underserved schools across Long Beach. "By taking the historic house museum on the road where many young learners spend their weekday afternoons – participating in after-school childcare programs at their school site – Rancho Los Cerritos is expanding its boundaries, diversifying its audiences, and sharing local history with younger audiences. five-week-long after-school program, started in 2018, teaches second and third-grade students about local and California state history. In the classroom, children interact with



artifacts, photographs and documents from the Rancho Los Cerritos collection. Students also take part in a field trip to the Rancho that includes a tour of a 175-year-old adobe home. While on-site, students are immersed in 1800s-era life by participating in such activities as candle making and doing laundry by hand. For further information about Long Ago Long Beach visit, <https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/long-ago-long-beach/> To learn more about Rancho Los Cerritos visit, www.rancholoscerritos.org

Parks, Recreation and Marine Plans Free Spring Break Fun Days for Youth

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has great free and affordable programs for youth and teens planned during spring break. Kids can come out for games, crafts, sports, field trips and more Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. from April 13-17.

Visit <https://bit.ly/1Ga7Boi> for daily program schedules. (FD) = Youth Fun Day Sites, (TC) = Teen Center Sites

FD / TC Admiral Kidd 2125 Santa Fe Ave. 570.1600
FD Bixby 130 Cherry Ave. 570.1601
FD / TC Chavez 401 Golden Ave. 570.8890
FD Coolidge 352 Neece Ave. 570.1618
FD Drake 951 Maine Ave. 570.1625
TP Freeman Ctr. 1205 Freeman Ave. 570. 8688
FD / TC Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave., 570.1640
FD M.L. King Jr. 1950 Lemon Ave. 570.4405
FD MacArthur, 1321 Anaheim St. 570.1655
FD / TC McBride 1550 M.L. King Jr. Blvd. 570.1605
FD Orizaba 2935 Spaulding Ave. 570.1427
FD Pan American 5157 Centralia St. 570.1660
FD Ramona 3301 E. 65th St. 570.1665
FD Scherer 4600 Long Beach Blvd. 570.1674

FD Seaside 1401 Chestnut Ave. 570.5126
FD/TC Silverado 1545 W. 31st St. 570.1675
FD Somerset 1500 E. Carson St. 570.1690
FD Stearns Champions 4520 E. 23rd St. 570.1685
FD Veterans 101 E. 28th St. 570.1695
FD Wardlow 3457 Stanbridge Ave. 570.1706
FD Whaley 5620 Atherton St. 570.1710



January 2020 Employees of the Month



Congratulations to our Co-Employees of the Month for January, Deisy Olea and Nicole Perez, who are both heroes for saving the life of a swim patron at King Park Pool. Deisy, with Permit Instructor Noah Borin retrieved an unresponsive man from under the water and started two person CPR. Nicole took over so that Deisy would not tire and assisted until EMS services arrived. Other guards on duty called 911 and retrieved rescue equipment. The patron survived due to the professionalism and heroism of these women and the entire King Pool team.

They recently answered a few questions so we could get to know them better.

Deisy Olea

What do you like to do in your free time?
Go out, and go hiking.

What's your biggest work achievement so far?
Rescuing the victim at the pool.

What's your own advice that you always follow?
Never give up.

Where is the most interesting place you've been?
The Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum.

What's one small thing that makes your day better?
If I know I helped someone or made them feel better.

Who inspires you?
My parents. They are so hard-working.

What are you famous for at work?
Well, I think I'm nice and pretty funny – but also rescuing someone, too.

What song is always in your head when you're working?
Passionfruit by Drake.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?
To be invisible.

Who would play you in a movie of your life?
Jack Black (for his personality) or Johnny Depp

Would you rather be able to fly or be able to swim fast and breathe underwater?
Swim fast and breathe underwater.

Nicole Perez

What do you like to do in your free time?
Spend time with my family, especially my mom.

What is your biggest achievement so far?
Saving a life. It was a scary moment but being able to think of my training was a great feeling.

What's your own advice that you always follow?
Put 110 percent effort into what you want.

Where is the most interesting place you've been?
Boston, Massachusetts, a very different environment.

What's one small thing that makes your day better?
My mom sends a group text message to the family every day that motivates me.

Who inspires you?
My mom. She raises my siblings and I while working three jobs and still comes home loving and caring.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?
To be invisible.

Using one word, how would you describe your family?
Outgoing. Literally – we love to go out as a family.

Would you rather be the best player on a horrible team or the worst player on a great team?
Best player/horrible team so I could motivate and guide other players to be better.

Would you rather be able to fly or be able to swim fast and breathe underwater?
Swim fast and breathe underwater.

March - April 2020 Calendar

March

Th. 19	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park

April

Th. 2	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 4	1 p.m.	Creation Station Youth Art Program – Free	Rancho Los Cerritos
Tue. 7	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 9	8 a.m.	Bird Walk	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 11	8 a.m.	Summer Day Camp Registration Begins	www.LBParks.org for sites
	Noon	Florence Bixby Garden Tour*	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sun. 12		Easter Sunday	
Tue. 14	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Tue. 28	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos

*Call 562.570.3100 or visit www.LBParks.org for fee and registration information



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