

## Programs in Numbers Q3 2017

### Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

**157** Deliveries  
3,904 since 2010

**94.2** Tons  
2,591 since 2010

### Parkway Tree Planting:

Planting paused for  
summer months

### Compost Pilot Program:

**22** tons  
237 since 2014

### Edible Garden Food Donations

**15** pounds  
881 since 2011



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## Willow Springs Restoration Grand Opening

This past Saturday, October 21, 2017, the Grand Opening was held for the Restoration of Willow Springs Park Wetlands, located at 2755 Orange Ave, Long Beach, CA 90806.

“This restoration will allow the public to experience the historical, natural surroundings of Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “From hiking to nature exploration to educational experiences, this project will provide enhanced recreational activities and much needed open space for residents.”

The Wetlands Restoration Project is a 12-acre project within the 48-acre Willow Springs Park. It features a walking loop that takes visitors through a series of water-capturing bioswales that flow to:

- Forty-three thousand square feet of restored seasonal wetlands.
- Twelve acres of open space with native plants and trees.
- A constructed spring mimicking the original artesian spring that provided water to early Long Beach.
- A water retention basin that cleans and diverts water from the Los Angeles River to be reused onsite.
- An outdoor classroom for environmental education.

“The City has worked to transform this area from an inaccessible rugged landscape to a wetlands and recreational area,” said Councilmember Roberto Uranga. “I am eager for the public to enjoy the views and the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature.”

For more information regarding the event, please call Gladys Kaiser, Manager of Community Recreation Services, at (562) 570-3150.

## Commissioner Spotlight

Meet the newest member of the Sustainable City Commission.



Commissioner Eric Rock is humbled to serve on the sustainability commission. As a lifelong resident of Long Beach, he has had the opportunity to utilize many of Long Beach's reputable resources: water from a world class processing facility, education from an internationally ranked school district, recreation from our countless scenic parks, paths, and trails. These treasures and more provide a quality of existence that allow our metropolis to favorably stand out. Eric promises to diligently serve with an open mind, fervent energy, and steadfast devotion to maintain and build upon the standard of excellence that has been established by his predecessors and peers.



## UAIZ Ordinance Passes City Council

The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Ordinance passed City Council on October 3rd. This ordinance establishes a UAIZ program in Long Beach under the LA County UAIZ program, and amends the zoning code to adopt the state definition of

urban agriculture and allow it in multi-family, commercial, and light-industrial zones within the city.

The UAIZ program provides tax incentive for urban agriculture on vacant lots. Owners of vacant lots can enter into a 5 year contract with the City to use their lot for agricultural purposes. In return their property taxes are assessed based on the agricultural value of the land, providing a much lower tax rate. The City hopes this program will bring more urban farms and organic produce to Long Beach, increasing access to healthy food, and encouraging residents to eat local.

The program launches in November. For updates and more information go to <http://bit.ly/UAIZinLB>.

### Edible Garden

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshops! To RSVP or for ADA arrangements, contact [Kelsey.Forster@longbeach.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Forster@longbeach.gov).

**Monday, November 6th 12-1pm**  
Natural Pest Control

**Monday, December 4th, 12-1pm**  
Topic TBD

The Sustainable LB Edible Garden is located at the Civic Center Plaza at 333 W Ocean Blvd. Enter the plaza from Ocean and go up the stairs through the first gate on your right.

### EV Charger Giveaway

The City of Long Beach received a donation of Electric Vehicle Chargers from Mercedes Benz. We're giving them away to Long Beach residents who own or lease an EV and obtain an electrical permit.

**Apply for your EV charger online at <http://bit.ly/EVgiveaway>**

Recipients will be responsible for any and all expenses related to completing the electrical work necessary to accommodate the chargers at their homes, including City permit and inspection fees.



## Sustainability Spotlight: Parks

Long Beach's Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine is adding more sustainable green spaces for environmental and health benefits across the city. Green space (or open space) has many benefits for cities; walkways and bikeways encourage residents to get active, while trees and plants clean the air and reduce heat. In addition, these new parks help capture and filter rain water as it gets absorbed and sinks back into our aquifers, helping to protect our water supply, and native landscaping creates new habitats for bees, birds, and other local species.

Parks is currently developing over 57 acres of new parks and wetlands, focusing their efforts in park deficient areas. These new parks include the Red Car Greenbelt (3.66 acres), Drake-Chavez Greenbelt (8.75 acres), 14th Street Park Expansion (.2 acres), Wrigley Greenbelt (9.8 acres), DeForest Wetlands (39 acres), and Willow Springs Wetlands (12 acres) which will open on October 21st. All these new parks feature sustainable design. Follow Parks Recreation & Marine on Facebook and Twitter @LongBeachParks, and check the Parks Recreation & Marine website for updates on these parks and park events around the city.

## Climate Central—Climate Action and Adaptation

The City is creating a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for Long Beach which will help to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change. So what is Climate Action and Adaptation?

- Climate Action—also referred to as “mitigation,” this step takes an inventory of current GHG emissions and projects future emissions. It also surveys current mitigation efforts and creates a framework for future GHG reduction strategies to be implemented and monitored.
- Climate Adaptation—this step reviews the current science predicting local climate impacts and conducts a vulnerability assessment for infrastructure and community assets. It also prioritizes adaptation strategies and creates a framework for implementation and monitoring.

Find more information and ways to get involved at [lbs.info/climate](http://lbs.info/climate)

## Our Team

New members have joined our team this fall, get to know them!



**Kristyn Payne** is joining the team as a Sustainability Analyst. She received her BA in Environmental Studies from University of California, Santa Barbara in 2016. There, she interned with UCSB Sustainability for over three years. After graduating, Kristyn participated in an AmeriCorps Service Year as a CivicSpark Climate Action Fellow with the County of San Luis Obispo. She is excited to be joining the City of Long Beach staff.



**Blanca Diaz** joined Sustainable Long Beach in October 2017 to support the Native Plant Nursery. Prior to joining our team, Blanca has worked as a farmer and garden educator with kids ranging from pre-k to 8th grade. She is passionate about native plant restoration, science, ecology and ethnobotany. When not tending the land, Blanca serves the community as an herbalist and teacher.

## Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00 PM in City Council Chambers

### October 26th, 2017

**Presentations:** Water Conservation from LB Water, and Review of the Office of Sustainability 2018 Draft Work Plan

### December 6th, 2017

**Presentations:** Waste Reduction Programs from Environmental Services Bureau, and an update on the Climate Action Adaptation Plan from Planning

## Upcoming Events

### Sat October 28, 2017

- 8:00AM, Litter Free LB—WESCA Cleanup
- 9:00AM, Greener Good Farmer's Market—West Long Beach
- 9:00AM, Local Harvest Farmer's Market—Bixby Park
- 10:00AM, The Growing Experience Urban Farm Stand

### Sun October 29, 2017

- 9:00AM, Green Acres Farmer's Market
- 9:00AM, Long Beach South East Farmer's Market

## Join us at the Longview Litter Patrol

The first Friday of each month the Office of Sustainability teams up with volunteers to take care of this section of Willow Springs Park. Join us for the next event:

**November 3rd 3-4pm at 2755 Orange Avenue.**

Find more sustainable events in Long Beach on our Green Events Calendar at [SustainableLB.com](http://SustainableLB.com)

HISTORIC PAST

INNOVATIVE PRESENT

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



## SUSTAINABLE LONG BEACH

Sustainable Long Beach's mission is to provide policies and programs that  
Advance **environmental stewardship**,  
Support **local sustainability practices** &  
Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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