

We Create Community



Alamitos Bay Marina Re-Opening Ceremony Held



Cutting the ribbon to open the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild are L-R: Jim Puder, General Manager, Bellingham Marine Southwest; Rick DuRee, Marine Advisory Commissioner; David Thornburg, Chair, Marine Advisory Commission; Nina Moussavi, District Director – Office of Councilwoman Suzie Price; Pat West, Long Beach City Manager; Elvira Hallinan, Manager of Marinas and Beaches, and Eric Noegel, Manager of Project Development, Bellingham Marine Southwest

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine and Bellingham Marine marked the completion of a multi-year rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina (Marina) on April 27 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Marina's Basin Three.

"The City of Long Beach is proud to be the operator of the largest municipally owned set of marinas in the United States," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "This renovation project at Alamitos Bay Marina, represents the renewal of more than half of the City's recreational marina inventory, and serves as a terrific example of our community's ongoing commitment to provide the region with quality aquatic experiences."

This \$105 million-dollar project included the complete upgrade of more than 1,600 boat slips throughout the marina and additional infrastructure improvements, such as:

- ◆ State-of-the art concrete floats.
- ◆ Rounded slip fingers for ease of navigation into assigned slips.
- ◆ On-slip pump out stations to aid boaters in conveniently removing waste material from their vessels while also supporting clean Long Beach waterways.
- ◆ ADA accessible gangways so the marina is welcoming to the entire boating community.

"Alamitos Bay Marina is one of Long Beach's true gems," said Councilwoman Suzie Price. "This major investment in renovating the Marina will ensure Long Beach will continue its leadership role in providing quality and affordable coastal access to the community."

Alamitos Bay Marina originally opened in the late 1950s, and has served Southern California's boating community as a popular home port and destination for guest boaters for more than 60 years. The Marina includes boat slips and side tie docks ranging from 15 feet to 115 feet, to accommodate a wide array of recreational vessels.

This large-scale project was funded entirely through revenue bonds, paid back through marina slip fees and other revenues. No General Fund tax dollars were or are used to fund the project or the Marina's day to day operations.



PRM Goes Green for Earth Day

Earth Day Beach Cleanup Makes a Difference



El Dorado Nature Center held their annual Earth Day Beach Cleanup on April 21 from 10 a.m. to Noon. More than 350 volunteers showed their support for keeping our beaches safe and clean by removing over 1,000 pounds of trash from around Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Cherry Beach and the Peninsula at 72nd Place.

The event was held in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation and Clean LB, who stressed the importance of taking an active role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy.



Earth Day Pop Up Party

Also on April 21, the community came out to the Earth Day Pop Up Party at the 51st Street Greenbelt!

The event was an opportunity for residents to see potential designs for the new Greenbelt. Attendees also participated in a crop swap and free bicycle registration, and enjoyed arts and crafts, face painting, a balloon artist, refreshments and giveaways.

Thanks to Councilmember Al Austin for hosting and Long Beach Public Works and Health & Human Services for partnering with Parks, Recreation and Marine on this great event.



Southern California Special Olympics Honors PRM's Elyse Garcia

The following article was recently featured on the Southern California Special Olympics web site about PRM Community Services Supervisor Elyse Garcia:

Special Olympics of Southern California Volunteer Spotlight: Elyse Garcia.



Elyse Garcia and her family have been helping individuals with intellectual disabilities longer than Special Olympics Southern California has carried its current name.

Her mother Betty used to run a swimming program with the Jewish Community Center, and she was ap-

proached by the Western Games – which would go on to become the California Special Olympics. Elyse's sister, was a swimmer.

Prior to that, Elyse's parents worked Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts groups for people with disabilities.

When Elyse was about 12 years old, the minimum age requirement to volunteer, she assisted with swimming and track and field.

What started in 1968 is still going strong in 2018, and Elyse joked that "it's kind of like a family business." In a full circle sort of way, her own children have been involved since they were old enough to volunteer.

"I grew up with all the original athletes in the program so they're more like peers," she added. "It's just what we did. I would hang around with the brothers and sisters of athletes. "That's where I met my husband, too. He came as my sister's volunteer."

Elyse's mother passed away in 1999, but her legacy continues on through her daughter's selfless work. Elyse is the Long Beach Area Director and helps recruit volunteers. Above all, she looks for people who "have the athletes' safety in the forefront."

She also coordinates with facilities to host events, all with the athletes in mind to ensure they get the best experience possible.

"Most of the people in the program I've known forever," Elyse said, "so it's like fighting for family."

With 50 years of experience, Elyse has seen the organization evolve and staff members come and go. In recent years, she's happy to see a shift back toward "an athlete program."

"It's back to where it should be," she said. "The way people are educated now, I think there's more interest in what's good for the athlete."

In fact, the feedback she receives from the athletes' families stands out above all other memories.

"Families come back saying they don't know what they would've done without Special Olympics," Elyse said. "Just being able to help one person at a time... it really makes you feel good."

START THE 100 DAYS OF SUMMER with **UNDER COVER**

at Marine Stadium, 5255 Paoli Way
Friday, May 25

Get ready for a dynamic, fun, energetic night of high energy dance music featuring Pop, Rock, Soul, Funk, Latin, R&B, Top 40 and all of your favorites from the '50s to the present day. Enjoy food trucks and a Kid Zone. Kids Zone and food trucks at 5 p.m., concert, 6-8 p.m.



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Summer Specialty Camps Are Convenient and Fun

Kids will have a blast this summer with art, sports, science and more at Parks, Recreation & Marine's summer Specialty Camps. Register now at www.lbparks.org.

Sports & Active Fun

Build forts and hunt for treasure in the **Extreme Team Challenge Camp**. Ages 7-11. 7/30-8/3. The **Hunger Games Camp** teaches survival skills, archery, and team work. Ages 8-13. 7/30-8/3. Kids can use the force and a light saber in **Star Wars Camp**. Ages 6-11. 7/16-7/20. All camps held at Heartwell Park.



The **Mini-Hawk Multi-Sport Camp** will introduce ages 4-7 to sports basics. 8/13-8/17. **Basketball Camp** will focus on passing, shooting, dribbling, and rebounding. Ages 6-12. 7/2-7/6. No class 7/4. **Flag Football Camp** covers passing, catching, and defense. Ages 6-12, 7/23-7/27.

The **Sports Sampler Camp** lets campers try basketball, soccer, baseball, and flag football. Ages 6-12. 6/16. Camps held at College Estates Park.

The **Super Hero Gymnastic Camp** focuses on tumbling and fun for ages 4-7. 7/23-7/27. At **Zombie Survival Camp** campers will survive with games and challenges. Ages 5-13. 6/19-6/22. Both camps held at Marina Park in Seal Beach.

Skateboarding Summer Camp for ages 5-13 will be offered at El Dorado Park West from 6/18-6/22, 7/2-7/6*

*No class 7/4. 7/9-7/13, 7/16-7/20 and 8/13-8/17.

Challenger Sports Soccer Camps teach skill development and techniques. Full Day Camps for ages 8-16 and Half-Day Camps for ages 6-9 and 10-16. Camps held at Wardlow Park.

The **Learn to Row Camp** at Pete Archer Rowing Center teaches boat handling and rowing. Ages 12-18. Each camp meets M-F for two weeks. Camps run from 6/18 - 8/24.

Creative Arts

In the **Cute Baby Animals Art Camp**, ages 5-12 will learn about animals and create art for an exhibit. 6/18-6/22. The **Magizoology: The Fantastic Beasts Art Camp** inspires Harry Potter-themed art. Ages 5-12. 9-7/9-13. Sketch dinosaurs, birds and rodents in **Jurassic Art Camp**. Ages 5-13. 7/17-7/20. Create art and explore the legends of krakens, mermaids and bunyips in **Sea Monsters Art Camp**. Ages 5-13. 7/24-7/27. Become a master of Star Wars themed art in **Star Wars Art Camp**. Ages 5-13, 7/30-8/3. Explore planets and stars through art and science in **Amazing Astronauts and Art Camp**, ages 5-13, 7/31-8/3. Create creepy canvases of zombie-riffic art in the **Zombie-Riffic Art Camp**. Ages 5-13, 6/19-22. All camps held at Marina Park in Seal Beach.

Make delicious dishes in the **Top Junior Chef Camp**. Ages 7-12. 6/25-6/29, 7/23-7/27, and 8/6-8/10 at Recreation Park. In **Kid's Pottery Summer Camp**, children can pinch pots and work on a pottery wheel. Ages 6-13. 6/18-6/22, 7/2-7/6, 7/16-7/20, 7/30-8/3, and 8/13-8/17 at Elm Street Art Park. **The Youth Leadership and Public Speaking Summer Camp** builds confidence and communication skills for ages 7-9, 7-and 10-16. 7/16-7/20. Cypress Community Center.

Film

Kids can use a green screen, special effects, and learn stunts in **Action Flix Camp**. Ages 13-16. 6/25-29. Learn to write, act and direct in **Action Movie and Imagination Combo Flix**. Ages 13-16. 6/25-6/29. Kids will create characters, choose backgrounds, use a green screen, and add voice-overs in **Imagination Flix Camp**. Ages 13-16, 6/25-6/29. All camps held at Heartwell Park.

The **Animation and Minecraft Flix Camp** includes Animation Flix in the morning and Minecraft Flix in the afternoon. Ages 7-12. 7/9-7/13. Use different styles of stop-action animation in the **Animation Flix Camp**. Ages 7-12. 7/9-13. Use stop-motion animation, film movies using iPods and voice characters in the **Guardians of the Claymation Galaxy Camp**. Ages 7-14. 8/20-24. Young filmmakers can create movies inspired by Legos at **LEGO Flix Camp**, ages 7-12, 7/30-8/3; **Lego Star Wars Camp**, ages 7-14, 6/4-6/8; **Lego Super Heros**, ages 7-14, 7/30-8/3; and **Live Action and Lego Combo Flix Camp**, ages 7-12, 7/30-8/3. Experience the thrill of filmmaking, storyboard, and handle props and costumes in the **Lights, Camera, Action Camp**. Ages 7-14. 8/27-8/31. Location scout, act, and direct in the **Live Action Flix Camp**. Ages 7-12. 7/30-8/3. Turn a video game into a Minecraft stop-motion movie in **Minecraft Flix Camp**, ages 7-12, 7/9-7/13 and **Minecraft Movies**, ages 7-14, 6/18-6/22. All camps held at College Estates Park.



Song & Dance

At the **Dancing Prancing Ponies Camp** kids will practice to perform a rainbow pony dance. Ages 4-6. 6/25-6/29. The **Hip Hop Dance Camp** will get ages 5-12 dancing, breakin' and tumbling'. 7/9-7/13 and 7/30-8/3. At the **Minions and Monsters Dance Camp**, campers will create a hip-hop minion dance. Ages 4-8. 6/25-6/29. Explore dancing with props and costumes at the **Musical Madness Dance Camp!** Ages 5-12. 7/10-7/13. At the **Perfect Pixie and Fabulous Fairies Dance Camp** kids will create pixie dust and fairy wings for a special show. Ages 4-7. 7/23-7/27. Learn lyrics and hip hop moves to popular songs at the **RockStar PopStar Camp**. Ages 5-12. 7/16-20. The **World Travelers Dance Camp** is about geography and international dances. Ages 5-12, 6/26-6/29. All camps held at Marina Park in Seal Beach.

PRM Summer Specialty Camps

Reading & Writing

Ages 8-13 will thrive on reading, writing, art and theater in the **Harry Potter and Hogwarts Camp** 6/25-6/29 and 7/9-7/13. Camp held at Cypress Community Center. The **Harry Potter Camp** at Heartwell Park will delve into Hogwarts spells, mind reading and Quidditch. Ages 6-11. 7/16-20. The **Storybook Adventure Camp** engages children in dance and acting in the land of fairytales. Ages 4-7. 6/18-22. Camp held at Marina Park in Seal Beach.



Science & Engineering

Young minds will thrive in science camps like **Crazy Chemicals Camp**. 5-12, 7/16-7/20. The **Builder's Club** uses creative engineering to build castles, towers, and more. Ages 6-11. 7/9-7/13. In the **Eureka Camp**, campers will use simple materials to make catapults and forts. Ages 5-12. 6/11-6/15. See the science behind building skyscrapers, bridges, and tunnels in the **Fngineering, Mix Ups and More Camp**. Ages 5-12. 8/6-8/10. Discover "Who done it?" by decoding messages

and using spy equipment in the **Secret Agent Lab Camp**. Ages 5-12. 6/11-6/15. In the **STEM+Jedi Engineering w/ Lego Materials Camp** kids will build trucks and catamarans, and X-Wings and energy catapults from a galaxy far, far away. Ages 5-7. 7/23-7/27. In the **STEM + Jedi Master Engineering Using Lego Materials Camp** kid can build projects inspired by forklifts and machines from far away galaxies. Ages 7-12. 8/13-8/17. All camps held at Heartwell Park.

Ages 5-7 can create motorized Creepers and moving Minecarts in the **Minecraft Engineering Using Lego Materials Camp**. 6/25-6/29. **Minecraft Master Engineering Using Lego Materials** lets ages 7-12 build Minecraft objects while exploring physics, engineering and architecture. 6/25-6/29. **Robotics using Lego EV3 System** focuses on mechanical and software design to build robots. Ages 9-14. 8/6-8/10. In the **Robotics Using Lego WeDo System Camp**, campers will build and program robots. Ages 7-9. 8/6-8/10. Design and build, kites, rockets and hovercrafts in the **Wings & Things Camp**. Ages 5-12. 7/23-7/27. All camps held at College Estates Park.

By the Numbers:

Community Recreation Services: March 2018

Permits to Gather.....	95
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	10
Number of Contract Classes (Winter).....	496
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	56
Field Use Permits Issued.....	19
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	589
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	7,801
Adult Sports League Participants. (Winter).....	36,689
Visits to City Pools.....	16,220
Youth and Teen Participants.....	15,496
Senior Citizen Participants.....	21,492
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	20,443

Marine Bureau Boat Auction



The Marine Bureau is having a Boat Auction on June 9th at Alamitos Bay Marina - 205 N. Marina Drive.

Viewing starts at 8 AM, bidding starts at 9 AM. All sales are final and all items are sold as-is.

A tentative list of boats will be available one week prior on the City website at:

www.longbeach.gov/park/marine/news-forms-and-info/boat-auction.

This list will also be available at the Shoreline Marina and Alamitos Bay Marina offices.

Maintenance Update

Parks, Recreation and Marine Grounds Maintenance staff led by Gardner Chris Weaver and Terri Weekly recently beautified the Los Altos Library. Chris did the plant layout and Terri instructed a Boy Scouts group eager to assist in this Eagle Scout project. The effort to improve this area and partner with Council District 4 and volunteer groups were much appreciated by Library staff and patrons.



The Facility Maintenance Division recently upgraded the Whaley Park court lighting with LED lights, finalizing the last phase of Whaley's volleyball, basketball, and futsal court improvements. The collaborative effort between all of Maintenance Operation's trades allowed MOB to complete this project in-house at a fraction of the cost of using outside contractors. The court resurfacing and facelift has increased the quality of the recreational programming and services that can be offered to the community



By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau - April 2018

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Number of persons enrolled in the program for April.....	83
Total number of CSW Hours for April.....	1,360
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....	13
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....	169
(Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....	515
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....	339
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....	56
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	153
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)	

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....116
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

Work orders completed.....615
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....28

Park acres maintained

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

Water Use:

MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for March 2018
 Parks and Street Island Potable.....13,538.....\$70,860
 Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....12,124.....\$29,845

Marine Bureau Staff Help Marina Guests Navigate Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach was held April 13-15 and as in past years, the Shoreline and Rainbow Harbor Marinas were visited by guest boaters to attend the race. To ensure that long-term customers, as well as our guests, had a great experience during race weekend, Marine Bureau Staff along with other city departments work hard to make the weekend a success.



Kimarie Vestre, Eric Skelly and Stephanie Hardy, Marina Supervisors handled guest slips and other issues. Thanks to the Marina Operations Maintenance team for staffing the marinas and ensuring the guest boaters had a pleasant stay. Thanks to Kelly Armstrong and the Queensway Bay Maintenance team for making sure that maintenance issues were handled, the waterways were clean, and

trash was picked up. Also thanks to the Marine Maintenance team for making sure the marinas and restrooms were cleaned and in working order.



Staff also made one of the race's signature features, the dolphin fountain hairpin turn look great. Thanks to Marine Patrol and Marine Safety for ensuring that the marinas and waterways were safe. The team effort provided for a great customer experience.

Congratulations to Maria Gutierrez Employee of the Month



Maria Gutierrez is an outstanding Recreation Leader Specialist who has served for over five years as the Site Director for the WRAP Expanded Learning Program at Starr King Elementary School. She exemplifies the "PRM Way" and provides outstanding customer service daily, that impacts program participants, co-workers, staff, the school's personnel, and WRAP families.

Most recently, without hesitation, Maria stepped up to fill a void left by a staff member on maternity leave. In this capacity, she has been able to balance maintaining a high-quality program at her site with providing guidance and support to four other WRAP sites through regular site visits. Her fellow site directors all have positive feedback about her ability to support them and their staff as she offers practical solutions and guidance for each site.

Maria has built positive and effective relationships with the Starr King Elementary administration, school personnel, and families, consistently demonstrating the PRM way! She has facilitated many successful "Family Night" events in partnership with the school including their First Father/Daughter Dance, Talent shows, and currently she is coordinating a Mother/Son Sports Extravaganza. Her attention to detail has been a benefit as she leads the way for her staff to create outstanding events and programs.

When new staff are hired for the programs, Maria does not shy away from being welcoming or taking the opportunity to train and guide new staff. She encourages new staff to build on their strengths while effectively showing them how to manage their daily tasks. Thanks to her leadership many new staff are prepared and confident in their role as WRAP Program Leaders.

Overall, Maria is an outstanding leader who effectively coaches her staff to success. She is always willing to offer her help and provide constructive feedback for program improvement. She is a valuable and dedicated team player and more than deserving for the recognition of the recognition as Employee of the Month.

May - June 2018 Calendar of Events

May			
Sat. 12	9:30 a.m.	*Curated Tours of Florence Bixby Gardens	Rancho Los Alamitos
	12:30 p.m.	*Curated Tours of Florence Bixby Gardens	Rancho Los Alamitos
Sun. 13	11:30 a.m.	*Mother's Day Tea	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 16	9 a.m.	Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 17	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park West Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Mobile Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Fri. 25	6 p.m.	100 Days of Summer Concert Under Cover Band	Marina Vista Park
Mon. 28		Memorial Day Holiday	

June			
Sat. 2	10 a.m.	Heidi and Frank Pet Adoption Day	Long Beach Animal Care Services
Th. 7	4 p.m.	Mobile Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Sat. 9	8 a.m.	Marine Bureau Boat Auction	Alamitos Bay Marina
	TBA	Uptown Jazz Festival	Houghton Park
	7:30 p.m.	*Liars, Thieves and /Chocolate Storytelling Event	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 12	7 p.m.	*Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 14	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Big City Hillbillies	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 18	11 a.m.	Summer Fun Days Begin	Visit www.lbparks.org
	5 p.m.	Be SAFE Programs Begin	Visit www.lbparks.org
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Signal Hill Park
Wed. 20	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Symphonic Winds	Bixby Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Bixby Park
Th. 21	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Mobile Pet Vaccination & Microchip Clinic	Uptown Dog Park at Scherer Park
Fri. 22	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Wonder"	Whaley Park
Sat. 23	10 a.m.	DeForest Wetlands Grand Opening	6255 DeForest Avenue
	4 p.m.	Concert: Gregg Young & Second Street Band	MacArthur Park
Mon. 25	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Houghton Park
Tue. 26	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Whaley Park
Wed. 27	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Grace Park
Th. 28	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Marine Stadium
	6:30 p.m.	Concert: Steel Parade	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri 29	11 a.m.	Concert: Symphonic Winds	El Dorado Senior Center
	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
	Dusk	Movie in the Park "Despicable Me 3	Drake Park
Sat. 30	4 p.m.	Community Concert: Yard Sale Band	Somerset Park

* Call for registration and fee information.



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