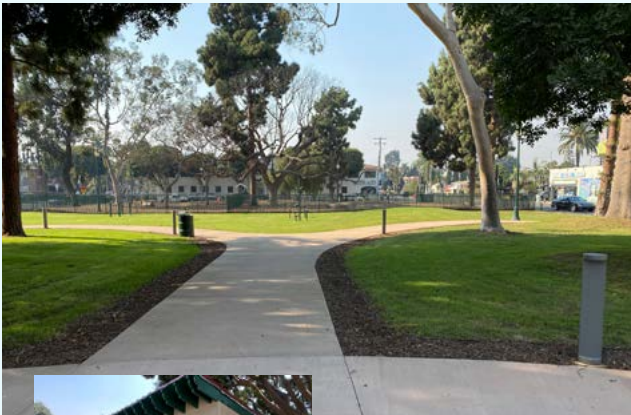


# We Create Community



## Parcel One Improvements at Bixby Park



*Bixby Parcel One includes a free-standing restroom, new irrigation system and landscaping.*



A renovation of the north section of Bixby Park along Broadway Avenue was recently completed. The project included new pathways and ADA compliant crosswalks, lighting bollards, landscaping and planters, a new irrigation system, dog park drinking fountains and a new center area planter fountain.

The cost of the project was approximately \$500,000 with funding source from Long Beach Measure A and contributions from the Friends of Bixby Park.

### **Bixby Park Development History**

2014: Beginning in March 2014, residents and stakeholders began working with architects and Parks, Recreation and Marine staff to update the Bixby Park Master Plan, redesign the playground and prioritize funding needs.

2015: A pre-fabricated free-standing restroom, was constructed including architectural details and colored tiles consistent with the park and historic band shell.

2017: The first phase of renovations that were generated from the updated plan for Bixby Park was the Camp Bixby Playground and Fitness Loop completed in 2017.

The Camp Bixby playground features a 2- to 5-year-old play structure and a 5- to 12-year-old play structure with climbing components and slides, sand play areas, eight swings, a cable climber, two universal access slides, and an additional shaded seating area.

The fitness loop, located near Junipero Avenue and Ocean Boulevard includes a walking path with distance markers that connect six stations with fitness equipment. Construction will be completed before Labor Day weekend.

A Dog Park in the northwest section of the park opened in November 2017.

October 2020: Bixby Parcel One renovated



*Brent Dennis, Director, Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine*

Ah, the beauty and anticipation present in the month of November! During this time of year, we have so much to be thankful for, especially in 2020, as a community seeking the best ways to stay healthy, fit and safely engaged with friends and family. With Halloween now a distant memory, we turn our sights forward towards Thanksgiving. For all our team members serving the community through the department's Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services' programs and services, we find ourselves motivated to make this season a very special one for our residents and those who visit Long Beach.

The evening of Thanksgiving heralds in the popular community tradition of "Trees in the Bay" where nearly 70 colorful, illuminated floating trees are installed in the waterways and park lakes across Long Beach. The display is in place through New Year's Day and lighted up each evening from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. A special thank you to our Marine Bureau team who devote time during the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving preparing and installing the trees that have a total of over 20,000 lights!

We are thankful for so many great community partners. The Conservation Corps will be working closely with our Parks Maintenance team to plant 400 new trees that were grant awarded to help beautify the west side of the city. Parks Maintenance Operations has shifted into the fall/winter mode with a focus on tree trimming and specialty park amenity improvements. Our department's collaborative partnership with Public Works will help realize an array of important capital improvement projects in the coming months.

Even during the challenges of the COVID era, our Community Recreation Services team has revved their creativity into high gear with more virtual youth programming along with an amazing Mobile REcess initiative where we provide physically distanced recreation activities out in underserved neighborhoods at ten different sites. I was excited to see the El Dorado Nature Center offer a reimagined native plant sale this month and found my trunk filled with a variety of perennials when I stopped by to support our staff and helpful volunteers during the sale that runs through November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Animal Care Services has many adorable animals looking for loving homes and caring individuals this month. Our ACS team has also been welcoming back volunteers to help assist them with many important animal care services and needs as we head into winter.

From all of us at PRM, we wish you and yours a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

## Naturalist Notes

As summer fades into fall, and the sunlight becomes less, you may have wondered why certain trees start changing colors? Deciduous trees, or leaf droppers, are preparing for winter and they do it in the most amazing way. The leaves are triggered to stop making chlorophyll, which needs sunlight and takes up energy to produce food. The trees that are preparing for a winters nap need to store all the energy then can through the darker months. Once this happens, the green color will start to fade and other colors yellow (Xanthophylls), Orange (Carotenoids) and reds (Anthocyanins) will take over until the leaves fall off the tree. Look for the Liquid Amber and Chinese Pistache trees planted throughout the park, and watch as they put on their final show of the season.



## PRM Offers Community Learning Hubs

PRM is offering Community Learning Hubs for youth enrolled within LBUSD in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade to provide safe spaces to attend LBUSD Distance Learning and access high speed internet. The hubs are offered at Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.), McBride Park (1550 M.L. King Jr. Ave.), Orizaba Park (1435 Orizaba Ave.) and Veterans Park (101 E. 28th St.) weekdays through December 18 from 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.



include academic support, sports, fitness and much more. Participants must bring their own device and lunch.

Participants must register [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org). Find the Community Learning Hub registration link. Fill out the registration form. Call 562.570.3150 for more information.

In July 2020, the Long Beach City Council approved a spending plan for the City's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds and allocated funds \$500,000 to support recreation and enrichment programs for youth. The Community Learning Hub program is funded with CARES Act dollars.

Participating youth can participate in safe, in-person afterschool activities and social interaction with other program participants once the school day is over. Health safety protocols will be implemented, and activities will

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## Trees In the Bay Signal the Start of the Holiday Season



*Unique to Long Beach during the holiday season, Trees in the Bay are lit from Thanksgiving weekend through the end of the year.*



The annual installation of floating "Trees in the Bay" brings joy and smiles to residents during the holiday season.

In 1949, resident Don May placed a decorated Christmas tree on a raft and floated it out onto Alamitos Bay and started the tradition.

This year residents can enjoy lighted trees along the Peninsula, Alamitos Bay, Colorado Lagoon, Rainbow Lagoon, Rainbow Harbor, Belmont Pier, Spinnaker Bay, on 2nd Street medians, in lakes in Scherer and Heartwell Parks and at the El Dorado West Park duck pond.

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## PRM Winter Programs For Youth

### Winter Park Camps

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer camps to safely engage youth during the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) winter break. Winter Camp for ages 5-12 will be held weekdays from December 21-31, (closed December 25) from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Campers can enjoy fun new games that follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.



The camps will be held at Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave., Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave., Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave., College Estates Park, 808 Stevely Ave., Coolidge Park, 352 E. Neece St., Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave., El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Rd., Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave., MacArthur Park, 1321 Anaheim St. McBride Park, 1550 M.L. King Jr. Ave., M.L. King Jr. Parks, 1950 Lemon Ave., Orizaba Park, 1435



Orizaba Ave, Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia St., Ramona Park, 3301 E. 65<sup>th</sup> St., Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd., Seaside Park, 14<sup>th</sup> St. at Chestnut Ave., Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St.,

Somerset Park, 1500 E. Carson St., Stearns Champions Park, 4520 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Veterans Park, 101 E. 28<sup>th</sup> St., Wardlow Park, 3457 Stanbridge Ave., and Whaley Park, 5620 Atherton St.

Register online at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) beginning December 1 at 8 a.m. Call 562.570.3150 to make an appointment for in person registration. In-person weekly cost: \$30. Financial assistance is available on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, call 562.570.3150.

### El Dorado Nature Center Winter Break Workshops

Children ages 5-8 can participate in nature-themed workshops during winter break at El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St. Sessions will be held December 22-24



and December 29-31. Check-in time is at 9:45 a.m. and workshops are held from 10 a.m. to noon and costs \$20. Pre-registration is required, and children must have kindergarten experience. Register at [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org).

The schedule of workshops includes:

#### Batty For Bats

December 22 | 44048

Quick...to the Nature Center, Bat Kids! Gather clues to solve the Mystery of the Elusive Flying Mammal. They are counting on us to restore their mistaken identity so bring your best bat skills.

#### May I Burrow Your Den?

December 23 | 44049

Winter is here, and everyone needs a cozy place to hide! From roly polies to coyotes, let's discover how animals survive the season and we'll get wild creating a shelter of our own.

#### Winter Wonders

December 24 | 44050

Celebrate the season with some inspiration from nature. Bring the outdoors in as we create our own wintry decorations! For more information, call (562) 570-1745.

#### Wildlife Workbench

December 29 | 44051

Humans have a tool to solve every problem. Hammers for building, spoons for cooking, but what about wildlife? Find out how animals create tools and make your own from natural materials.

#### By the Light of the Moon

December 30 | 44052

Why do some animals only come out at night? Only the nose knows. We'll investigate the trails and play games to discover how nocturnal creatures find their way in the dark.

#### Tasty Tree-ts!

December 31 | 44053

Nature's cones aren't for ice cream, but hold goodies that squirrels and birds love. We'll hit the trails, explore the pine forest, and discover how these ancient trees and their unique cones support life around them.

## El Dorado Regional Park Passes-A Great Gift For The Holidays



*A Parks, Recreation and Marine gift certificate parking pass is the perfect gift for anyone who is a nature lover on your holiday list.*

An annual parking pass to El Dorado Regional Park is a great idea for the fisher, dog lover, archer, model boat or plane enthusiast, or nature lover on your gift list this holiday season.

Purchase a Parks, Recreation and Marine gift certificate in the amount of the annual pass (\$65 regular or \$40 for Seniors age 50+ those with disabilities) at El Dorado Nature Center at 7550 E Spring Street, Long Beach 90815, Tuesday-Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The recipient can redeem the gift certificate in person at the Nature Center to obtain the annual pass at the Nature Center Visitors Center side porch walk up windows. Please bring a valid driver's license to verify age, and proof of a DMV issued handicapped placard if purchasing a discounted pass. Call 562.570.1745 for more information.

## Adult Computer Classes and Drivers' Education On Line

PRM offers hundreds of computer classes including Microsoft Excel, Access, Word, Powerpoint, Publisher and Grant Writing through our online educational partnered website at [www.ed2go.com/longbeach](http://www.ed2go.com/longbeach). Courses run 6 weeks each and consist of 12 lessons, supplemented by interactive quizzes, assignments, tutorials, and online discussion areas.



Read lessons and ask questions of your instructor. All courses require Internet access, e-mail, and a Netscape or Internet

Explorer Web browser. Once you've chosen a class, complete Ed2Go's class registration. Simply log back on to [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org) to make your payment. Taking more than one online class per month requires registering through the Registration Office (562) 570-3111. Then go to [www.ed2go.com/longbeach](http://www.ed2go.com/longbeach) to attend online orientation.

The course is offered from December 9, 2020 - January 15, 2021 and costs \$95. Register for course # 43776 at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).

### Drivers' Education

PRM's on line Driver's Education course is a California required course to obtain driver's permit. The course is fun and interactive; includes parental involvement. Coursework can be completed at any time of day or night. DMV accepted completion certificates with successful completion. Driving not included. The course is offered from January 2-31, 2021 and costs \$40. Register for course # 42235 at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).



*Now is the perfect time to take part in a driver's education course offered through Long Beach Parks and Recreation.*

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## Long Beach PRM Assists In Distributing Infant and Toddler Supplies

The City of Long Beach has allocating nearly \$250,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to provide infant care items to local families and childcare providers during the pandemic.



Working with local partners, infant care supplies, including diapers, formula, baby wipes and more will be available at weekly distributions to support families that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All Long Beach residents with young children, as well as

Long Beach-based childcare and education providers, are eligible to receive supplies. Distributions for families are held on Fridays (except for during holiday weeks) from 3-5 p.m. at the following sites, while supplies last:

- Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Ernest McBride Park & Cal Rec Community Center, 1550 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St.

All locations will operate with health and safety guidelines, and people are required to wear face coverings and maintain proper physical distancing. Long Beach licensed childcare and education providers interested in accessing supplies are encouraged to register at <https://bit.ly/3ngYo3P> to be scheduled for supply pick-ups.

People may also find out more about supply distribution by calling the Long Beach Information Hotline at 562.570.INFO (4636).

## Know Your Long Beach Parks: Wrigley Heights Dog Park

The Wrigley Heights Dog Park at 3401 Golden Avenue (at the northwest corner of Wardlow Road) is the largest dog park in the City at 1.9 acres. The park opened on May 21, 2011 on the site of a former police horse stable and open space area.

The dog park accommodates dogs with an entry/vestibule area for unleashing or holding dogs when entering or leaving the dog park. The park is mulched throughout and enclosed with painted chain link fencing. Amenities

include shade trees, dog pick-up bags, separate trash receptacles, benches and a water fountain.



Wrigley Heights Dog Park is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., but may be closed Mondays before noon for maintenance.

### Long Beach Dog Parks

Park	Location	Size	Date opened
Recreation Park Dog Park	5201 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	1.7 Acres	Opened 1996
Rosie's Dog Beach	Ocean Blvd., btwn. Roycroft & Argonne	2.9 Acres	July 22, 2003
K-9 Dog Park	Ninth Street and Pacific Avenue	.8 Acres	September 27, 2009
Carter Park	Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.	.6 Acres	November 21, 2009
Wrigley Heights Dog Park	3401 Golden Avenue	1.9 Acres	May 21, 2011
El Dorado Dog Park	El Dorado Regional Park Area II	1.5 Acres	February 8, 2014
Coolidge Dog Park	352 E. Neece Street	.25 Acres	March 22, 2014
Jackson Street Dog Park	1800 Jackson Street	.14 Acres	February 21, 2015
Seaside Dog Zone	450 E. Seaside Way	.45 Acres	December 12, 2015
Bixby Dog Park	130 Cherry Avenue	.42 Acres	November 4, 2017
Pike Park Dog Park	195 W. Seaside Way	8,000 Sq. Ft.	February 13, 2020

## PRM September and October Employees of the Month



Congratulations to Administrative Aide Denise Beck on being named Employee of the Month for September 2020. Denise has been with the City for 18 years including currently serving in the PRM Financial Services Division as Accounting Office Supervisor and also served as Interim Secretary for the Business Operations Bureau.



Olivia Casillas has been with the city eight years starting in Community Recreation Services. In 2018 she became the new Clerk Typist for the Grounds Maintenance Division.

**What do you like to do in your free time?** Go to Utah, boating, hiking, fishing, exploring.

**What's your own advice that you always follow?** Acknowledge that you are not perfect and accept responsibility when you are wrong.

**What's one small thing that makes your day better?** Toothpaste

**Who inspires you?** My younger sister Kerrie. Through all the tough times she continues to work hard to better herself and her life. I call her Dory because she just "keeps on swimming"

**What are you famous for at work?** Always asking to be fired, but also known to help whenever asked.

**What song is always in your head when you're working?** Most frequently Kascey Musgraves – Rainbow.

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** The ability to make healthy dinner appear on the table in a blink of an eye!!! Sure would save time!

**Who would play you in a movie of your life?** Sandra Bullock

**Using one word, how would you describe your family?** Resilient.

**Would you rather be the best player on a horrible team or the worst player on a great team?** Worst player on great team!!!

**Would you rather be able to fly or be able to breathe underwater?** Breathe underwater!!!

**What's the last TV show you binge-watched?** Dexter.

**What's the best thing you've learned in your current position?** Excel.

**What's your own advice that you always follow?** A little progress each day, adds up to big results.

**What's one small thing that makes your day better?** Coffee or wine.

**Who inspires you?** Lucille Ball.

**What is or would be a good nickname for you at work?** Gata.

**What song always gets you onto the dancefloor?** El Caballo Dorado.

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** Time travel.

**Who would play you in a movie of your life?** My daughter, Melina.

**Using one word, how would you describe your family?** Mental.

**Would you rather be able to skip any line or eat anything you want whenever you want?** FOOD!!

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## Calendar of PRM Events

Fridays, ongoing	Infant and Toddler Supply distribution, Fri 3-5 p.m.	Cesar E. Chavez Park, El Dorado Park West, Houghton Park, Ernest McBride Park & CalRec Community Center, Silverado Park
November 26	Trees In the Bay Lighting	Coastal waters
December 9 - January 15, 2021	Ed2Go classes begin	Online
December 18	Community Learning Hubs for youth	Houghton Park, McBride Park, Orizaba Park and Veterans Park
December 21-31	Winter Park Camps (Closed December 25)	Various, see page 3
December 22-24 & 29-31	El Dorado Nature Center Winter Break Workshops:	El Dorado Nature Center
December 22	Batty For Bats	El Dorado Nature Center
December 23	May I Burrow Your Den?	El Dorado Nature Center
December 24	Winter Wonders	El Dorado Nature Center
December 29	Wildlife Workbench	El Dorado Nature Center
December 30	By the Light of the Moon	El Dorado Nature Center
December 31	Tasty Tree-ts!	El Dorado Nature Center
January 2-31, 2021	Driver's Education courses	Online

## By the Numbers October 2020

### Maintenance Operations Bureau

#### Community Service Workers Program

*Attendance figures for the month of October 2020*

Number of persons enrolled in the program for October:.....	44
Number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas: .....	370
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)</i>	
Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands: .....	516
<i>(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)</i>	
Number of hours worked at special clean-ups: .....	72
<i>(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)</i>	
<b>Total number of CSW hours for the month of October:.....</b>	<b>958</b>
Work orders completed: .....	481
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide: .....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily:.....	28
Park acres maintained	
Park turf.....	814
Park landscape .....	2310



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