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& MARINE

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## HOWL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL AND WRAP BOO-BASH PRM HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



### Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine celebrated the Halloween season with fun, family friendly events.

The El Dorado Nature Center and Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) co-hosted a Howl-o-ween Festival on Saturday, October 21. Residents enjoyed a hare-raising adventure trick-or-treating along the Nature Center trails, heard spine tingling tales from the South Coast Storytellers, met animal education groups, and enjoyed crafts, face painting and bounce houses.

At Long Beach Animal Care Services, visitors stopped by the animal education village, and participated in

“Bark-o-Treat,” to provide treats for shelter guests. Attendees were invited to add their own sentiments to the Día de los Muertos pet memorial in remembrance of the spirits of pets passed.

On October 27 PRM held a free “Boo Bash” in partnership with the Herrera School WRAP program, the Zaferia Neighborhood Association, Partners of Parks and the City of Long Beach Recovery Act. Hundreds of youth enjoyed carnival games, a kid’s zone, trunk or treating at fabulous Halloween themed vehicles and a costume contest.

# Director's Corner

**BRENT DENNIS, DIRECTOR, LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE**



## November heralds many moments that evoke thankfulness.

Veterans Day reminds us of all the noble service for our country of men and women throughout history. Our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services team has many veterans who continue to serve, now at the community level, to provide quality programs, events, and facilities to enhance the quality of life in Long Beach. Thanksgiving and the following day are official City of Long Beach holidays. The Thanksgiving evening also ushers in the popular holiday tradition of Trees on the Bay as presented by our Marine Bureau team.

While as a department, we have managed the planting of hundreds of new trees across the City's parklands, there is one tree that symbolizes the importance of remembering special people in the lives of our team members. A memorial tree was planted in Good Neighbor Park within El Dorado Park West during the pandemic where we paused to remember four of our co-workers who left us too early because of the impacts of COVID-19. This year, we plan to continue the memorial tradition on the morning of Thursday, November 16th, following the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting with reading

of names of those dear to our department who passed away during the year.

Big news in the local realm of the growing popularity of pickleball. At long last, we will be opening new, dedicated pickleball courts at DeForest and Veterans parks. With eight new courts at each of these two parks, having 16 new courts will go a long way towards meeting the recreational demands for this paddle sport on spaces that step beyond shared/dual use courts with tennis. As the courts are completed, ribbon cuttings and debut tournament matches will be scheduled. These new courts will be open for drop-in play, while our two tennis & pickleball centers at El Dorado Park West and Billy Jean King tennis centers are available for reserved courts time for a nominal fee. Stay tuned to the Department website for details on these new recreational amenities.

Art in our parks continues to take significant steps forward with another new mural by Vietnamese American, local artis, Trinh Mai at Veterans Park. SoCal artist and sculptor, Katherine England, has created three mosaic-clad sculptures that will be dedicated this month on the Red Car Greenbelt in Council District 3.

The Park Ambassador program is entering its sixth month with noticeable improvement in the cleanliness and welcoming qualities of our park restrooms. The second shift team of ten Ambassadors have been very visible as they traverse the City to tend to the 55 free standing park restroom facilities with extra attention to the deep cleaning, graffiti abatement, vandalism repairs, and the day's end locking of the restrooms and mini parks after the 10 p.m. park closure time on a nightly basis. This new additional maintenance staffing model will greatly enhance the park visitor experience.

This time of year, we have so much to be thankful for, but most of all, we are thankful for the support of the residents of Long Beach for the many ways they love and care for their parks. The positive activation of our parks, beaches and open spaces continues to make a big difference in the safe, welcoming quality of these areas. We hope to see the month of November bring increased fall sports activation and beautification of our parks and beaches! Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!

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Make  
Life  
Better!**

# PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE WINTER CLASSES REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW

## Registration for winter recreation classes provided by Parks, Recreation & Marine (PRM) is going on now.



Classes including art, music, fitness and sports will be offered December 2023 through February 2024. The classes provide opportunities for exercise and recreation, social interaction, learning and relaxation for everyone from preschool-aged children to adults. Residents can browse the classes in the latest issue of Recreation Connection, PRM's programs catalog, at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) or at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches.



ADULTS: Ceramics, Drawing, Quilting, Dance, Dog Training, Fitness, Yoga and Martial Arts

ADULTS 50+: Line Dancing, Movement and Balance, Zumba and Yoga

Residents can register online at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org), by calling (562) 570-3111 or by visiting the Registration Reservations Office (2760 Studebaker Road) weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Convenient in-person registration appointments also are available.



Winter class offerings include:

**PRESCHOOL:** Cooking, Spanish Language Immersion, Ballet, Music, Pre-K Readiness, Basketball, Soccer and T-Ball

**YOUTH:** Cooking, Ballet, Tap and Hip Hop, and Mexican Folklorico dance; Basketball, Soccer, T-Ball, Math and Reading Development, Martial Arts and Soccer

**TEENS:** Ceramics, Drawing, Cooking, On-Line Driver's Education, Fitness and Martial Arts

## EL DORADO NATURE CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE

**The El Dorado Nature Center will offer their annual California Native Plant Sale through November 21 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or while supplies last.** The plant sale will feature hundreds of beautiful and beneficial native plants to enhance gardens, patios or balconies and increase habitat for wildlife.

Enjoy gardening!

Plant quantities are limited, and certain plants may be sold out at time of purchase. Pre-orders are not available, and the items chosen on one's plant order form is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.



Plant sale patrons can expect an easy shopping experience by completing the following steps:

- Download the Plant Sale Order Form from the PRM website, or fill one out the day of the sale.
- Complete the form by checking the type and quantity of plants you'd like to purchase and turn it in at the Plant Sale area inside the Nature Center's main gate.
- Bring acceptable payment (cash, checks or credit cards) to the pickup.
- After payment, drive to the designated order fulfillment line to pick up plants.

Proceeds from the California Native Plant Sale will benefit Friends of El Dorado Nature Center, an affiliate of the non-profit Partners of Parks, a group that works to cultivate respect, understanding and stewardship of the natural world.

For more information, people may call (562) 570-1745, or visit the El Dorado Nature Center webpage.

# PRM GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS AT LINCOLN PARK

## Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine will host family events at



Lincoln Park for families, teens, and older adults.

Free Game Nights will take place on November 30 and December 21. Different fun, competitive games for family and friends will be provided including bingo on November 30 and an obstacle race on

December 21. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, and family and friends.

A Free Movie Night will take place on December 28. Families can enjoy cookie decorating, Grinch arts and crafts, and games beginning at 3 p.m. The movie, "The Grinch" will begin at dusk. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic-style dinner and their family and friends.

For additional information about the Lincoln Park Event visit [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org), or call (562) 570-3150.

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



## Family Game Night

Thursday,  
November 30, 2023

### Lincoln Park

101 Pacific Ave, Long Beach, Ca 90802

**Time: 5 p.m.-7 p.m.**

Free Parking at Civic Center Garage  
332 W. BROADWAY, LONG BEACH, CA 90802

**BINGO**

Thursday,  
December 21, 2023

### OBSTACLE RACE

JOIN US EACH NIGHT

IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT! WE WILL PROVIDE THE GAMES! BRING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR A NIGHT OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION! PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKET.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) OR CALL 562.570.3551



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# PRM AQUATICS CAPITAL OF AMERICA SWIM THE DISTANCE CHALLENGE

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



## SWIM THE DISTANCE

### LONG BEACH TO CATALINA 22 MILE CHALLENGE

**STARTING**  
JANUARY 2-MARCH 31, 2024



**REGISTRATION**  
11/6/23 - 1/8/24  
REGISTER IN PERSON  
OR AT  
[WWW.LBPARKS.ORG](http://WWW.LBPARKS.ORG)





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**You are invited to swim the distance from Long Beach to Catalina in the comfort of a City of Long Beach pool.**

Track your laps throughout this 22-mile journey while participating in a healthy competition and working towards your personal fitness goals. All finishers will receive a completion prize, the first three will receive an additional prize. Participation is free but registration and lap swim fees are required. Register from Nov 6, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024 at King Park Pool, 1910 Lemon Ave. or Silverado Park Pool 1540 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.



# PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE FREE YOUTH FISHING DERBY NOVEMBER 18



## **Parks, Recreation and Marine, in partnership with Partners of Parks, the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation**

and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, will offer their annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, Nov.18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at El Dorado East Regional Park (7550 E. Spring St.). Registration begins the day-of at 8 a.m. and the Derby is free.

The Youth Fishing Derby offers a unique experience for youth to enjoy outdoor recreation, learn to fish, get expert fishing tips and have opportunities to win prizes like fishing gear and gift cards. Fishing poles and tackle will be provided to participating youth to use for free during the derby, but youth may also bring their own gear to use.

Anyone over age 16 is required to have a California State Fishing License. Vehicle entry to El Dorado Regional Park is free for the event.

For over 20 years the City has partnered with the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that funds fishing programs for youth, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to put on the Youth Fishing Derby for local youth. Partners of Parks will also support this year's event with complimentary snacks and water for youth.

For more information about the event, call El Dorado Regional Park at (562) 570-1771. Information about the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation is available at [danskids.org](http://danskids.org) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife on Fishing in the City Program webpage. Partners of Parks information can be found at [partnersofparks.org](http://partnersofparks.org).

**LEARNING HUBS**

**COMMUNITY**

Free hubs provide a safe space with high-speed internet for students to participate in enriching after school activities, academic support, sports, fitness and more.

**LBParks.org**

<b>HOUGHTON PARK</b> (562) 570-1640	<b>ORIZABA PARK</b> (562) 570-1427
<b>MCBRIDE PARK</b> (562) 570-1605	<b>VETERANS PARK</b> (562) 570-1695

Learning Hubs are open Monday-Friday: 3-6 p.m.

# PRM JOB FAIRS SHOWCASE RECREATION LEADER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Aquatics, Day Camps, Youth Sports, Older Adults, Teens, Mobile Recreation and Virtual Recreation. Job seekers are encouraged to come by and meet supervisors and staff and learn what a day in the life of a Long Beach Recreation Leader is like. Participants are encouraged to view more information about the open positions and to apply on the Job Opportunities webpage at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).

An Information Only Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at El Dorado Park West (2800 N. Studebaker Rd.) from 6 to 8 p.m., where participants can learn about current and upcoming employment opportunities.

A job fair on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at the Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.) will offer information and allow attendees to apply for open positions. Attendees may have the opportunity to participate in interviews onsite. The fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with interviews beginning at 10 a.m.

For additional information about the PRM Job Fair visit [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org), or call (562) 570-3150.

## Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) job fairs are planned

to share information on current and upcoming job openings for part-time, non-career positions.

PRM Community Recreation Services Bureau staff will provide information about recreation programs that are currently hiring or will start hiring soon, including

**LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE**  
**FREE YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES**

**COED BASKETBALL** Born 2010-2019  
**BOYS BASKETBALL** Born 2010-2019  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL** Born 2010-2019

Emphasis is placed on participation and skill development.  
Nine week season schedule includes practices and six weeks of games.

*Register online starting November 27, 2023 at [teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://teamsideline.com/longbeach).  
Leagues start January 27, 2024 at Long Beach Parks.  
Call your local park for practice schedule information.  
\$10 uniform and team photo fee.*



# SEPTEMBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MICHAEL SHERMAN



## Congratulations to Animal Control Officer II Michael Sherman on being

named the September Employee of the Month. Officer Sherman started his career as a contractor in 2007 and became a City employee in 2008.

Michael goes above and beyond in his work and is an example of an employee serving the community with a heart of gold.

Officer Sherman found out about a man's unfortunate situation suffering from a medical emergency that separated him and his trusty companion. A neighbor was able to watch over the dog until discovering that the dog was having its own medical crisis. The dog was taken for medical treatment.

Later Officer Sherman was informed and wanted to help. Officer Sherman rushed to the emergency hospital where the dog was being treated, called the owner, and set out to reunite the two.

Shout out to Officer Sherman for his extra efforts and providing a happy ending to the owner and his dog.

# MARINE BUREAU FALL BOAT AUCTION BRINGS IN A RECORD HAUL

On October 28 the Marine Bureau held its Fall 2023 Auction. Ten in-water vessels, 19 kayaks, sups, dinghies and miscellaneous marine equipment sold for a recent record amount. Marine Operations staff work for weeks prior to the event inventorying and cataloguing every auction item. Once items clear the lien process they are then put on the list for available to sell.

None of our auctions would be possible without the assistance of Marine Patrol and Marine Safety staff. Each auction season they partner with Operations staff to secure property and move vessels to the the Auction location at the Alamitos Bay Marina Harbormaster's Dock.

No auction is worthwhile without a brilliant emcee and auctioneer. The Marine Bureau has been lucky to enlist the services of Victor Moraila, from Financial Management – Fleet Services. His auction skills are the best and we appreciate his willingness to continue facilitating auctions.

The next Marine Bureau Auction will be in late Spring 2024.



## PRM COMMUNITY SERVICE OCTOBER BY THE NUMBERS COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS PROGRAM



NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING: 35

40 HOURS WORKED AT LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

235 HOURS WORKED BEACH MAINTENANCE

74 HOURS WORKED AT EL DORADO PARK AREAS

24 HOURS WORKED AT SPECIAL CLEANUPS

373 CSW HOURS WORKED FOR JUNE

## NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Mon.	13	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue.	14	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Wed.	15	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th.	16	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri.	17	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat.	18	10 a.m. – noon 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Volunteer Wetland Cleanup Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Event	Jack Dunster Reserve 2086 N. Bellflower Blvd. El Dorado Nature Center
Sun.	19	8-10 a.m.	Morning Bird Walk	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Mon.	20	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue.	21	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Wed.	22	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th.	23		Thanksgiving	
Fri.	24		City Holiday	
Sat.	25	9-10 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	Past El Dorado Frontier in Area III
Mon.	27	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue.	28	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Wed.	29	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th.	30	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites

## DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

Fri.	1	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat.	2	10 a.m. – noon	1st Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon.	4	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue.	5	6-8 p.m.	Job Fair for Recreation Program Positions	El Dorado Park West
Wed.	6	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th.	7	4-7 p.m.	Rancho Los AlamitosVoices Holiday Celebration	Make reservations ranchoalamos.org
Fri.	8	4-7 p.m.	Rancho Los AlamitosVoices Holiday Celebration	Make reservations ranchoalamos.org
Sat.	9	4-7 p.m.	Rancho Los AlamitosVoices Holiday Celebration	Make reservations ranchoalamos.org
Sun.	10	5-8 p.m.	Free Holiday Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon.	11	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Tue.	2	10-10:30 a.m.	Free Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed.	13	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Th.	14	8-9:30 a.m.	Free Bird Walk	Rancho Los Cerritos
Fri.	15	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat.	16	10 a.m. – noon 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 3-5 p.m.	Volunteer Wetland Cleanup Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Event Howliday Wrap up Adoption Event and Donation Drive	Jack Dunster Reserve 2086 N. Bellflower Blvd. Long Beach Animal Care Services El Dorado Nature Center
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Th.	21	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Fri.	22	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites
Sat.	23	9-10 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	Past El Dorado Frontier in Area III
Mon.	25		Christmas Holiday	
Tue.	26	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Winter Fun Days Youth Recreation Activities	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed.	27	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Winter Fun Days Youth Recreation Activities	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Th.	28	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Winter Fun Days Youth Recreation Activities	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Fri.	29	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Winter Fun Days Youth Recreation Activities	Visit LBParks.org for locations

### Free Mobile Recess Programs through December 22

Monday and Thursday	2-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday	3-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	3-5:30 p.m.

### Register on Site

**Grace Park**, 361 E. Plymouth Street  
**Rose Park**, corner of Orizaba Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
**Hudson Park** 2335 Webster Ave.

Visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/mobile-recess](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/mobile-recess) for more information

### LBUSD Students Free Community Learning Hubs ages 5-14, through June 14, 2024 Register online

Monday-Friday 3-6 p.m.

**Houghton, McBride, Orizaba and Veterans Parks**

To enroll, visit your desired location. Academic support with high-speed internet, sports, fitness and more. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/community-learning-hubs](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/community-learning-hubs) for details.

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