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## FALL CLASS REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW



A WIDE RANGE OF FALL CLASSES ARE OFFERED FOR TODDLERS, YOUTH, TEENS, ADULTS AND ADULTS 50+

### Registration for Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) fall recreation classes is going on now.

PRM is offering over 700 activities for all ages from preschool to older adults including art, music, nature, fitness, sports leagues and more.

Preschool classes include Hip Hop Tots (ages 2 years, 6 months to 5 years), Little Music Makers (ages 3 to 6 years) and Parent & Me Soccer (ages 2 years to 3 years, 6 months old).

Youth can enroll in Musical Theater (ages 6 to 13 years), Keyboard Kids (ages 5 to 6 years) and Traditional Karate (ages 5 to 16 years) among many other offerings.

Ceramics Workshop (ages 16 years and up), 2 Step and Swing Dance (ages 18 years and up), and Aerobics Lite

(ages 18 years and up) are among the classes scheduled this fall for adults.

Older Adults have many choices including Senior Line Dancing (ages 50 years and up), Gentle Yoga (ages 50 years and up), and Zumba® Gold (ages 50 years and up).

The public can register for classes by visiting [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) and clicking on "Online Registration" under "LB RecConnect," by calling 562.570.3111, or by visiting the Registration Reservations Office (2760 Studebaker Rd.), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Classes will start in September and extend through November. The latest issue of the Recreation Connection with class descriptions and information is available at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) or at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Public Library branches.

# Director's Corner

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



**As our Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team continues to deliver great summertime programs, events and special services to the community this month,**

we also are preparing for the annual budget deliberations. The City of Long Beach will be offering numerous opportunities for residents to provide feedback and weigh in on budget priorities. Community Budget Meetings for FY/25 were held August 12 at Cabrillo High School, August 14 via a Zoom meeting, August 15 at Ramona Park, and August 19 at Billie Jean King Main Library. Our Department Budget will be presented at the City Council on Tuesday, August 20 as part of the Budget Hearings that also will include Community Development and Public Works that evening.

We celebrated the Scherer Park Clubhouse Improvements that were completed this month with a ribbon cutting event August 14. Other fun moments in other parks this month included National Pickleball Day on August 8 with dedication of our two parks with dedicated pickleball courts at DeForest and Veterans parks, and the 14th Street Mural Kickoff on Saturday, August 10. The Courtside Foundation continues to make great progress in the upgrades to

a number of basketball courts with the completion of newly renovated courts at Orizaba, The Seven Saturdays of Summer Concert Series continue through August 24 at the Historic Recreation Park Bandshell.

Last month, Long Beach joined the nation in celebrating July as Parks Make Life Better month. Movies in the Parks, Community Band and Municipal Band concerts, summer camps, and lots of special events kept residents active, healthy, fit and socially engaged. A special thank you to Signal Hill Petroleum, the Port of Long Beach, and Partners of Parks for their support of many of these summertime programs and events. Thanks to the Office of the City Manager, additional program funding that allowed our six teen center sites to add two additional hours of operations during the ten weeks of summer so these teen sites will be open and staffed until 8 p.m. weekdays at Admiral Kidd, California Recreation at McBride, Jenny Oropeza at Chavez, Freeman Community Center, Doris Topsy-Elvord Community Center at Houghton Park, and Silverado Community Center through August 23. The Long Beach Municipal Band has had great crowds attending its 115th Summer Season, once again led by Conductor Kurt Curtis, for its six-week season.

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

Area students will be returning to school later this month after another fun and memorable summer in our parks and out on our beaches. Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach! Have a FUNtastic August!

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# FREE END OF SUMMER CONCERT

WITH  
80'S  
TRIBUTE BAND

## Friday, August 23 • 6-8 p.m.

**EL DORADO PARK WEST  
2800 STUDEBAKER ROAD**

**FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON**

**LBPARKS.ORG**





# LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES CLEAR THE SHELTER EVENT



**Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) has joined NBCUniversal Local's Clear the Shelters pet adoption and donation campaign, taking place through September 10, 2024.**

To encourage the adoption of animals in need of a home, LBACS is offering adoption specials including reducing adoption fees to \$25 and waiving fees for any pet that has been at the Long Beach Shelter for longer than 30 days

Those interested in adopting can visit LBACS (7700 E. Spring St.) Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Potential adopters can also

search for adoptable pets in the shelter by breed, gender and size, then apply online at [www.longbeach.gov/acs](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs). Residents can also get involved by making a monetary donation, fostering, volunteering, and donating supplies.



This is the 10th consecutive year NBC and Telemundo-owned stations are partnering with affiliate stations, animal shelters and rescues to promote pet adoption and help raise funds to support animal welfare. In 2023, Clear The Shelters has helped more than 157,000 animals find new homes.

## RAMONA PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES CELEBRATED



9TH DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL-MEMBER DR. JONI RICKS-ODDIE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LINK LOGISTICS CUT THE RIBBON ON IMPROVEMENTS AT RAMONA PARK.



**On June 19, the community members joined staff from the 9th City Council District to celebrate recent improvements**

at Ramona Park. The improvements were made through a public-private partnership with Link Logistics, a real estate and supply chain company and include new benches, lighting and paint, hydration station, and upgrades to the basketball court.

Future improvements for Ramona Park include a signature playground to replace old playground equipment, and improve the overall visitor experience with new seating, benches and landscaping. The future improvements will also include ADA upgrades. The project will be funded from Measure A and other additional funding,

Other upcoming projects will include a mural installation with an underwater concept, to match the playground's theme, and a new community swimming pool.



# BE S.A.F.E. (SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT) SUMMER ACTIVITIES

**“Be S.A.F.E.” is a program that supports neighborhoods by extending free supervision hours at designated parks**

during the evening and employing neighborhood youth. Be S.A.F.E. offers arts and crafts, outdoor games, sports, science activities, computer labs, yoga, Zumba® dance and more. By keeping selected parks activated in the evening hours, residents have many options for recreation and spending time together. The program is offered Monday through Friday, from June 17 through August 23, 2024 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the following sites:

- Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- Coolidge Park, 352 Neece St.
- Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- McBride Park, 1550 M.K. King Jr, Blvd.
- Orizaba Park, 1435 Orizaba Ave.

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

Be S.A.F.E. also screens free movies. Upcoming screenings are “Blue Beetle” at Seaside Park on August 15, and “Ghostbusters Frozen Empire” at Houghton Park on August 20 and at Orizaba Park on August 22.

More information, visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/be-safe-programs/](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/summer-family-entertainment/be-safe-programs/).



## EL DORADO NATURE CENTER DISCOVERY CAMPS ENGAGE KIDS IN NATURE



**The El Dorado Nature Center Kid’s Discovery Camps are a popular activity for preschoolers and youth each summer.**

Weekly sessions geared for ages 3-5 allow children to experience nature through investigation, hands-on activities, games and crafts. Themes like Adventure Friends encourage kids to use their imagination and learn about

the trails. In other weeks the focus was on bugs, art and the colors in nature, and hands-on science play.

Youth sessions for ages 5-8 had kids learning about habitats, animals and animal sounds, and having fun with water and learning its importance in our world.

For more information about El Dorado Nature Center Kid’s Discovery Camps visit [longbeach.gov/naturecenter](http://longbeach.gov/naturecenter).

# THREE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO LONG BEACH GOLF HALL OF FAME

## The Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame welcomed three new members – Larry Benson, Jeff Evans and Brett Lederer

during a ceremony on August 4 after the Long Beach Open golf tournament at El Dorado Park Golf Course. The Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame was created in 1996 to recognize individuals who “left their mark on Golf in Long Beach.”

### LARRY BENSON



LARRY BENSON was runner-up in the SoCal Junior Championship. He was the number one player on the 1963 Millikan High School team that won the boys CIF championship. He played for UCLA, where he was a four-year letterman and named an honorable mention All-American in 1969.

After college, was Head Pro at Heartwell and El Dorado Golf Courses in Long Beach and the Sepulveda Golf Complex in Encino. Benson won the 1974 So. Cal. Assistant PGA Professional Championship, the Andy William San Diego Open in 1978 and 1979, and qualified twice for the Bob Hope Desert Classic. He is now retired and living with his wife, Judi, in North Carolina.

### JEFF EVANS



JEFF EVANS served as Head Boys Golf Coach at Wilson High School from 2007 to 2019, and in 2021, when the team won 14 Moore League and two CIF championships. Evans was the head girls golf coach from 2006 to 2018, and in 2021, winning 13 Moore League championships. He was the boys head coach at St. John Bosco High School from 2001 to 2006 and served on the CIF Southern Section

Golf Advisory Committee for 15 years.

Evans was the 2015 California Coaches Association Boys Golf Coach of the Year; was named Boys Golf Coach of the Year seven times and Girls Golf Coach of the Year five times by the Long Beach Press-Telegram; and named the Long Beach Century Club High School Coach of the Year in 2017.

As a player, Evans was the Skylinks Men’s Club champion in 2001 and played on the Skylinks team that won Southern California Public Links Golf Association Team Championship in 2000 and 2005. He played on the Southern California Professional League Golf Association team that won the 2007 Southwest Team Championship.

Evans is a volunteer for Little Linksters, and with the Long Beach Golf Festival for 13 years.

### BRETT LEDERER



BRETT LEDERER is a Long Beach native and CSULB golf team alumni who became an instructor at Virginia Country Club. He won the 1998 and 1999 Junior Championship and 2001 Knabe Cup. He excelled on the Mayfair High School team as the Suburban League champion in 2002. He was team captain for LBSU

when they won their first Big West team championship in 31 years in 2004.

In 2003 and 2007, Lederer won the Long Beach Men’s City Stroke Play Championship and made his pro debut in the Long Beach Open. He played on the Golden State Tour from 2007 to 2009, and on the Nationwide Tour in 2010 earning a top-10 finish at the WNB Golf Classic. On the Adams Tour, he won the 2008 Rising Star Open and three second place and four third-place finishes. He earned three top-10 and 17 top-25 finishes over six seasons on PGA Tour Canada,

For the past five years, Lederer has been coaching at Virginia Country Club, including TJ Vogel, who won the Korn Ferry Tour in 2022; and Lilia Vu, who rose to be the number one ranked woman player in the world with four LPGA Tour wins in 2023.

For more information on the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame, visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/sports-and-athletics/golf/hall-of-fame/](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/sports-and-athletics/golf/hall-of-fame/).





# GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK FUTURE SKATEPARK FEASIBILITY SURVEY

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Skatepark Feasibility Community  
Feedback

**Your input is needed to help plan future skate parks in Long Beach.** Scan the QR code below to access the survey and share your thoughts on the future of skateboarding and adding

more skate parks in our city or visit: [bit.ly/3zSVXA5](https://bit.ly/3zSVXA5). The survey closes at the end of August. Email [Sherlyn.Beatty@longbeach.gov](mailto:Sherlyn.Beatty@longbeach.gov) if you have questions.

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

NUMBER  
OF  
PERSONS  
WORKING  
THIS  
MONTH: 14

12 HOURS WORKED BEACH MAINTENANCE

8 HOURS WORKED AT LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

24 HOURS WORKED EL DORADO PARK

44 CSW HOURS WORKED FOR JULY

1,156 HOURS WORKED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS YEAR TO DATE

# CONGRATULATIONS MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JORGE DONATO



## **Congratulations to Jorge Donato, Maintenance Assistant III on being**

named the PRM Department Employee of the Month for June 2024.

Jorge's coworkers feel that he is "the epitome of what a hard worker should be." As a member of PRM's Park Ambassador team, he oversees several of parks. Jorge is always on time, ready to get in the field and tackle any assignment. He always completes his task and

gives 110% at everything he does. Jorge is very respectful and loved by his peers. He is positive and peaceful with everyone he comes into contact with. Jorge goes out of his way to help and is a great asset to his peers.

The Ambassador team staff thank Jorge for all his help and encouragement.

# TALKING TRASH - NEW OCEAN CORE TRASH CANS BOOST ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

## **New "Ocean Core" trash cans are part of the city Beach Maintenance's efforts towards sustainability practices and environmental stewardship.**

The larger capacity containers hold 95 gallons versus the older 55-gallon capacity cans. The cans are made with up to 40% post-consumer recycled material and 10% plastics from plastic waste that has been discarded and not yet made its way to the ocean.

The cans have been deployed at Colorado Lagoon, Mothers Beach, Bayshore Beach, and 55th and 69th Places in the Peninsula area. Additional cans will be placed to eventually cover all city beaches and Rainbow Harbor. This plan includes the recycling of old trash cans.

The new cans will more efficiently manage refuse operations and provide cleaner and safer beach areas for the public.



# YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM HELPFUL HONDA CREW HELPS COOL OFF KIDS



THANK YOU, HELPFUL HONDA CREW



## **On June 26 summer day campers**

at Wardlow Park got a cool treat when the

Helpful Honda crews showed up to pass out free ice cream! This is the second time they've visited PRM camps.





# AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

Mon. 12	Open Hours 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8 p.m.	Free After School Programs Registration begins Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy	Visit LBParks.org for sites Long Beach Animal Care Services Drake Park
Tue. 13	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 14	10 a.m. 8 p.m.	Scherer Park Community Center Grand Opening Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy	Scherer Park Heartwell Park
Th. 15	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Blue Beetle	Seaside Park
Fri. 16	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy Registration begins on line through Sept. 2 for Youth Flag Football and Volleyball Leagues	Mother's Beach Teamsideline.com/longbeach
Sat. 17	10 a.m. – noon	Wetland Warrior Cleanup Register at 562.570.1745	Jack Dunster Marine Reserve
Mon. 19	10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic Free Movie: Elemental	Long Beach Animal Care Services Somerset Park
Tue. 20	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Ghostbusters Frozen Empire	Houghton Park
Wed. 21	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Elemental	Scherer Park
Th. 22	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Free Concert – Steel Parade Free Movie Ghostbusters Frozen Empire	El Dorado Nature Center Orizaba Park
Fri. 23	6 p.m. 8 p.m.	Free Summer End Concert with Pop Gun Rerun Free Movie: Elemental	El Dorado Park West Stearns Champions Park
Sat. 24	9-10 a.m.	4th Saturday Regional Park Cleanup Register at 562.570.1745	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 26	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic	Long Beach Animal Care Services
Wed. 28:	10-11 a.m.	Volunteer Open House Apply at: <a href="http://volgistics.com/appform/634852855">volgistics.com/appform/634852855</a>	Rancho Los Cerritos

# SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

Sun. 1		Last day for walk in Registration for Youth Flag Football and Volleyball Leagues. Call 562.570.1707	
Mon. 2		Labor Day Holiday	
Tue. 3	8 a.m. Times Vary	Register for Tue./Th. swim lessons from 9/24 – 10/17 Free After School Program for ages 5-12. M-F	King Park Pool Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 4	8 a.m. 3-6 p.m.	Register for Mon./Wed. swim lessons from 9/23-10/16 Free Teen Center Programs	Silverado Park Pool Visit LBParks.org for locations
Th. 5	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+)	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Sat. 7	10 a.m. – noon	1st Saturday Stewarts Cleanup. Register at 562.570.1745	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 9	10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 10	Times Vary	Free After School Program for ages 5-12. M-F	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 11	10-11:30 a.m. Times Vary	Parent & Me Workshop, Wind & Water! Ages 2-5 \$20 #64444 Practices start for Youth Flag Football and Volleyball Leagues	El Dorado Nature Center Call 562.570.1707 for information
Th. 12	3-6 p.m.	Free Teen Center Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Fri. 13	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+)	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Sat. 14	7 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Ranchos Walk 9, 6 or 3 mile routes	Visit <a href="http://www.RanchoLosAlamitos.org">www.RanchoLosAlamitos.org</a>
Mon. 16	10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 17	8 a.m.	Register for Tue./Th. swim lessons from 10/1-10/24	Belmont Plaza Pool
Wed. 18	Times Vary	Free After School Program for ages 5-12. M-F	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Th. 19	3-6 p.m.	Free Teen Center Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Fri. 20	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+)	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Sat. 21	8 a.m. 10 a.m. – noon	Register for Sat. /swim lessons from 10/19-12/7 California Coastal Cleanup Day	Belmont Plaza Pool Call 562.570.1745 for information
Mon. 23	10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570.7387	Long Beach Animal Care Svcs
Tue. 24	Times Vary	Free After School Program for ages 5-12. M-F	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 25	3-6 p.m.	Free Teen Center Programs	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Fri. 27	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Free Older Adult Programs (age 50+)	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Sat. 28	9-10 a.m.	4th Saturday Regional Park Cleanup Register at 562.570-1745	El Dorado Regional Park
Mon. 30	8 a.m. 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Times Vary	Register for Mon./Wed. swim lessons from 10/28-11/30 Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. Call 562.570-7387 Games begin for Youth Flag Football and Volleyball Leagues	Silverado Park Pool Long Beach Animal Care Svcs Call 562.570.1707 for information

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