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CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

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## PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS INCLUDES SILVERADO SKATE PARK RENOVATION, AGENTS OF DISCOVERY EDUCATIONAL APP AND GAUCHO GRILL BEACH CONCESSION STAND AT ALAMITOS BEACH

### During the first quarter of 2024 many projects and initiatives have helped to make progress on the goals of the Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Strategic Plan. The plan is guiding PRM's operational, staffing and budget decisions for a 10-year period from 2022 to 2032 and is serving as a tool to adapt park services as the community's needs evolve. Some of the first quarter highlights are:

**PROVIDE SAFE, ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES.** Marine Maintenance staff made several critical repairs including storm related damage in Shoreline Marina on Dock A to continue to intake new permittees and supply free public access to pump out stations. Staff also replaced 3 Beach Public Restroom doors in Basin-3 RR.

Beach Maintenance staff handled the storm season fortification of Peninsula Beach berm to safeguard lives and property during a heavy storm season, and collected and disposed of nearly 1,400 tons of debris. Staff installed a new pump and PVC piping for the fill outfall in the Rainbow Lagoon.

**OFFER MEANINGFUL RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS.** Agents of Discovery is an educational mobile gaming platform app using augmented reality to get youth active outdoors. PRM developed "missions" for the app that are free to play and engage users in learning about park sites through fun challenges. In addition to missions at DeForest, Willow Springs and MacArthur Parks, staff designed a mission at the El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center is set to launch by summer 2024.

### BUILD INNOVATIVE AND LASTING PARTNERSHIPS.

PRM partnered with ASK (Action Sports Kids), a Long Beach-based nonprofit Foundation to renovate the Silverado Park Skate Park. ASK raised \$160,000 for construction and held three rounds of meetings with the kids who use the Skate Park for their input. The park was upgraded with longer-lasting concrete elements, and a new grind rail.

PRM partnered with The Over Under Initiative, Inc. (OUI) which is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to increasing access to sports by developing multiuse sport courts. OUI secured a Sports Matter grant, valued at \$30,000, from the Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation to install a Goalpher system on the full basketball court at Veterans Park, which will give park users the option of playing soccer or basketball.

**ENSURE A DYNAMIC AND DIVERSE WORKFORCE.** Job bulletins were opened to hire four Marine Agent I-IIIs and seasonal summer employees. Community Recreation Services staff held a Job Fair in January for attendees to apply to open positions and participate in interviews on site. During the first quarter, staff planned a job fair for older adults to take place at the Long Beach Senior Center as part of Older Americans Month in May.

**CREATE A FINANCIALLY SECURE AND RESILIENT OPERATION.** A 94 percent occupancy rate was maintained for all marinas. Marine Operations staff continued to schedule, inspect and onboard vessels for new permits.

# Director's Corner

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



**If April showers do indeed bring May flowers, then Long Beach is going to be blooming BIG time. Our parks look so nice and healthy** with the fresh greenness of springtime. Later this month our department will join in the city-wide celebrations of Earth Day and Arbor Day with a wide range of special 'green' events, tree plantings, and beautification efforts.

Congratulations to our two new superintendents welcomed to the Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services Management Team this month.

We are pleased to announce Caitlynn Cruz, PRM's new Recreation Superintendent! Caitlynn has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Cal State Long Beach. Caitlynn started her career in the Recreation field in the City of Lakewood in 2005. After working her way up through the ranks, Caitlynn eventually joined the City of Long Beach in 2017, as an Aquatics Supervisor I, promoted to Aquatics Supervisor II just two years later. Caitlynn's experience includes supervision of over 80 staff members, overseeing a budget of \$1.67 million dollars, recruitment, program planning, training, etc. With over 14 years of recreation experience, half of which were spent here at PRM, Caitlynn has proven she was an excellent choice as the newest Recreation Superintendent for the Community Recreation Services team. Congratulations Caitlynn!

We are pleased to announce Kelly Armstrong as PRM's new Beach Maintenance Superintendent! Kelly joined PRM over 19 years ago, starting as a Recreation Leader/Specialist III-NC in the Aquatics Day Camps in 2004. After being promoted twice within the Recreation Leader career ladder, he transferred to the Beach Maintenance Division, starting out as a Maintenance Assistant I-NC in 2009. Since then, Kelly has been promoted to Equipment Operator II (2012), Equipment Operator III (2015), and Park Maintenance Supervisor (2016). Most recently, Kelly had assumed the Beach Maintenance Superintendent position on an interim basis beginning in December 2023. Kelly's career growth and success are evidenced by his commitment to hard work and dedication to our organization. His abundance of institutional knowledge made him an excellent candidate for the permanent Beach Maintenance Superintendent role. Congratulations Kelly!

The Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commission welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner, Cory Allen. Mr. Allen fills the seventh seat on the Commission that had been vacant for the past year. As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center in El Dorado Park West. Mr. Allen joins Commission Chair, Bob Livingston, Vice-Chair Susan Redfield, and Commissioners Kasey Schoen, Sharleen Higa, Christopher Chavez, and Silissa Uriarte Smith.

This year's Sowing the Seeds 5th Annual Fundraising Event for the Partners of Park will be the final special gathering of the POP Board and community supporters of our non-profit partner to express our appreciation for the half decade of successful leadership by outgoing Executive Director Trinkia Rowsell. Major accomplishments of Partners of Parks under Trinkia's leadership include a new Strategic Plan, expanded board representation, increases to the scholarship programs, and the funding of the replacement of the Admiral Kidd Park Playground. The search for a new Executive Director is underway with interviews of top candidates under consideration to be scheduled before Summer.

As April helps us bid farewell to winter and usher in the spectacular seasonal beauty of SoCal springtime, I hope you will be able to enjoy our parks, beaches, and engaging programs and special events. Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!



# EL DORADO NATURE CENTER CELEBRATES EARTH DAY



**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY STEWARDS** Help us maintain the beauty of the Nature Center by cleaning the stream, pulling weeds, clearing the trails or spreading mulch. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Saturday May 4, 10 a.m. – noon.



**3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY WETLAND WARRIOR CLEANUP** Only 5% of California's once vast coastal wetlands remain today. Join our Weekend Wetland Warrior team and help protect the critical habitat at Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve (5750 Boathouse Lane). Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Saturdays, May 18, June 1 - 10 a.m. – noon.

**4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK CLEANUP** Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes. An hour of your time can really make a difference! Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and wear a hat and sunscreen. All ages welcome. Children under 18 must bring an adult.

Saturdays, April 27, May 25, 9 -10 a.m. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III.

**ADOPT-A-BEACH** Any individual, family, civic or non-profit organization, business, etc. is eligible to join the Adopt-A-Beach program. We provide everything you need! Call El Dorado Nature Center at 562.570.1745 to make arrangements or for more information.

## Earth Day began in 1970 to bring attention to environmental issues and has since spread to monthlong events and

celebrations around the world every April. El Dorado Nature Center has several ways for residents to make Long Beach a more sustainable place to live.

**THE EARTH DAY COASTAL CLEANUP** will take place on Saturday April 20 from 10 a.m. – noon east of Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, (35 39<sup>th</sup> Place). With approximately 7 miles of beach and many species of plants and wildlife that depend on this habitat, it's important to keep our local marine environment clean and healthy. Help protect our coastline and join us for a cleanup! Let's try to reduce our footprint by bringing your own bucket or bag. Call 562. 570.1745 for more information.



# POPULAR SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW



The summer camps will take place at the following sites:

- Bayshore Park, 5415 E. Ocean Blvd. (Aquatics)
- Belmont Plaza Pool, 4320 E. Olympic Plaza
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- El Dorado Park West, 2800 N. Studebaker Rd.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia St.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Whaley Park, 5620 E. Atherton St.

## Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer Summer Aquatics and Park Day Camps from

June 17 - August 23. Youth ages 5-12 will enjoy games, crafts, physical fitness, enrichment activities and more. Enrollment is going on now. Visit [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) to enroll in available camps.

Camps will operate Monday - Friday from June 17 - August 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for those enrolled in extended care. Park camps offer extended day service from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Aquatics Camps providing morning (7-9 a.m.) and/or afternoon (4-6 p.m.) options.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP FEES

Weekly base rate (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.): \$100/child

Weekly rate with extended care (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.): \$125/child

Aquatics Camp weekly fees: \$165/child

Aquatics Camp Extended Care fees: \$28 for a.m. or p.m. or \$56 for both a.m. and p.m.

Field trips and other activities are additional costs.

For information about financial assistance, visit [long-beach.gov/parks](http://long-beach.gov/parks) or call 562.570.3150.

## PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE MOBILE RECESS PROGRAM

### The free Mobile Recess program brings trucks loaded with supplies and equipment to designated streets and parks

to provide free recreational activities for youth ages 5-14 (Grades K-8). Those interested in participating may register in person at any participating location, Monday-Friday during program hours. Space is limited and all signups are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Mobile Recess program will be held at the following locations weekdays through June 14.

Monday, 3 - 5:30 p.m. @ Hudson Park, 2335 Webster Ave.

Tuesdays, 2 - 4:30 p.m. @ Sparks at Midtown, 1900 Long Beach Blvd.

Wednesdays, 3 - 5:30 p.m. @ Hudson Park, 2335 Webster Ave.

Thursdays, 2:30- 5 p.m. @ Rose Park, corner of 8th St. & Orizaba Ave.

Fridays, 2 - 4:30 p.m. @ Jackson Park, 1432 E Jackson St.



# LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES LOW COST VACCINATION CLINICS

## Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) and Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP) are teaming up to

bring you a low-cost vaccine clinic because every pet deserves to be happy and healthy. This clinic is open to the first 60 pets and is held at the Shelter on 7700 E. Spring St.

Please note the following information:

- No appointment necessary.
- Please bring all past vaccine records.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- All cats must be in a carrier.

For a list of prices and services, visit [www.campla.org/mobile-vaccine-clinic](http://www.campla.org/mobile-vaccine-clinic)

Upcoming clinics will be held on April 22, 26 and 29.

VISIT <https://www.long-beach.gov/acs/events/> for more information about fees and services.



## LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PLANTING PROJECT AT RECREATION PARK



LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE STAFF RECENTLY COMPLETED A PLANTING PROJECT AT THE RECREATION PARK BAND SHELL. THE COMPROSMAS PLANTS WILL GROW TO FORM A COLORFUL BORDER AROUND THE FACILITY.

## LEARNING HUBS

# COMMUNITY

[LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org)



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.

<p><b>HOUGHTON PARK</b> (562) 570-1640</p> <p><b>MCBRIDE PARK</b> (562) 570-1605</p>	<p><b>ORIZABA PARK</b> (562) 570-1427</p> <p><b>VETERANS PARK</b> (562) 570-1695</p>
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Learning Hubs are open Monday-Friday: 3-6 p.m.

# LONG BEACH YOUTH SPORTS DODGER DREAM TEAM PROGRAM

**Registration will be held from May 1-31 for free T Ball, Baseball, and Fast Pitch Softball leagues for youth born 2007-2019.**

Sites with asterisk will offer Baseball and Fast Pitch Softball for ages 9-17 (born 2006-2014).

Visit [dodgersdreamteam-longbeach.Leagueapps.com](http://dodgersdreamteam-longbeach.Leagueapps.com) or [teamsideline.com/longbeach](http://teamsideline.com/longbeach) or call 562-570-1707 for details.

- Bixby Park 570-1601
- Chavez Park\* 570-8890
- Cherry Park 570-1615
- College Estates Park 570-1710
- Coolidge Park 570-1618
- Drake Park 570-1625
- El Dorado Park\* 570-3225
- Heartwell Park\* 570-1635

- Houghton Park\* 570-1640
- M.L. King Jr. Park\* 570-4405
- Lincoln Park 570-3551
- McBride Park 570-1605
- Orizaba Park 570-1427
- Pan American Park 570-1660
- Ramona Park 570-1665
- Seaside Park 570-1625
- Scherer Park 570-1674
- Silverado Park 570-1675
- Somerset Park 570-1690
- Stearns Champions Park 570-1685
- Veterans Park 570-1695
- Wardlow Park 570-1705
- Whaley Park 570-1710



## LINCOLN PARK MONTHLY CALENDAR

**2024**

**APRIL - JUNE**

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS	FRIDAYS
<b>Walking Group</b>	<b>Intro to Fitness with Park Equipment</b>	<b>Play date in the Park</b>	<b>Come and Dance: Moving &amp; Grooving</b>
Time: 5 - 6 p.m.	Time: 5 - 6 p.m.	Time: noon-1 p.m.	Time: 5 - 6 p.m.
<b>All ages</b> <u>Description</u> All walking is done on flat ground starting at Lincoln Park and walking around the civic center and Billie Jean Library. Walk as long as you'd like.	<b>(13 ages and up)</b> <u>Description</u> Learn many ways to apply a healthy style with simple use of park fitness equipment. This beginner exercise class is designed for people of all fitness levels.	<b>(3 year and up)</b> <u>Description</u> Learn different ways to explore many fun activities for casual playdates with our PRM team.	<b>All Ages</b> <u>Description</u> Learn different types of freestyle dance with different genres of music. Beginner class that includes line dancing and other fun dances.

Daily programming from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. we have our fun zone area with different variety of lawn games, art & craft activities, board games and helpful staff!



Activities and Schedule are subject to change  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [LBPARKS.ORG](http://LBPARKS.ORG) OR CALL 562.570.3551

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# CONGRATULATIONS FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH ANNE HUDSON



## Congratulations to Anne Hudson, Administrative Analyst in the Park Planning and Partnership

Bureau on being named the Employee of the Month for February.

Her coworkers say Anne demonstrates dedication, teamwork, and a genuine commitment to

serving the Long Beach community. The Park Planning & Partnerships bureau has had several leadership changes in the past few years, and Anne's professionalism and ability to jump into projects has helped the team weather any challenges. Anne manages more than 100 contracts,

working with other PRM bureaus and outside partners to provide essential access and services. These contracts include the lease with the operator of the City's tennis centers; permits for community gardens and the city-wide composting program; and more than a dozen agreements with LBUSD to provide after-school programs and summer nutrition to school-aged children.

Even though much of the Partnership division's work occurs behind the scenes, Anne is a great ambassador and provides excellent customer service to potential and current partners, and the public. Anne's heavy and ever-changing workload also includes negotiating and generating new agreements; drafting, issuing and evaluating RFPs; and ensuring insurance compliance. Her attention to detail is critical and appreciated by her coworkers. She is never too busy to find the answer to a question or provide insight into a bureaucratic challenge. She meets deadlines and always catches the balls that are in the air - or at least juggles them, elegantly.

## PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH EVENTS



May 11 Senior Olympics Basketball\* at Chavez Elementary School Gym

May 14 Senior Olympics Swimming\* at Silverado Park Pool

May 16 Older American's Got Talent Show\* Alpert Jewish Community Center

May 18 Take Action for Your Mental Health Fair at Houghton Park

May 22 Job Fair at Long Beach Senior Center

May 24 Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Celebration at McBride Park

May 29 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium & Los Cerritos Wetland Visits\*

May 30 Light Up the Night Dance and Dinner\* at Expo Arts Center

\*Pre-registration required for these events. Visit [www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/senior-citizen-program/](http://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/senior-citizen-program/) for more information.

## In May, Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) will celebrate Older American's Month, recognized nationally each May,

by offering a wide variety of free activities throughout the city for adults ages 50 and above.

May 3 El Dorado Nature Center Adventure and Lunch

May 7 Older American's Celebration at Long Beach Civic Center at Long Beach Civic Center

May 8 Long Beach Port Tour\*

May 9 Arts & Crafts Workshop\* at Houghton Park



## APRIL 2024 CALENDAR

Wed.	17	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Th.	18	5:30 p.m. - Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Wall-E"	Lincoln Park
Fri.	19	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Sat.	20	10 a.m.	Earth Day Beach Cleanup	Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Mon.	22	8 a.m.	Registration begins for Mon./Wed. swim lessons from 4/22-5/15	King Park Pool
Th.	18	Varies M-F	Free Family Games Night featuring board games	Lincoln Park
Tue.	23	5-7 p.m.	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Wed.	24	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Th.	25	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Fri.	26	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Sat.	27	8 a.m.	Registration begins for Sat. swim lessons from 4/27-6/15	Silverado Park Pool
		9-10 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	Past El Dorado Frontier in Area III
Mon.	29	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Tue.	30	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.

## MAY 2024 CALENDAR

Wed.	1	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Th.	2	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Fri.	3	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Sat.	4	10 a.m. - noon	1st Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon.	6	8 a.m.	Registration begins for M/W swim lessons from 5/20-6/12	Silverado Park Pool
Tue.	7	8 a.m.	Registration begins for Tue./Th. swim lessons from 5/21-6/13	Belmont Plaza & King Park Pools
Wed.	8	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Th.	9	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Fri.	10	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
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.	Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Jack Dunster Biological REsev
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	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit LBParks.org for hours and sites.
Fri.	24	6 p.m.	Free Summer Kick off Concert	Recreation Park
Sat.	25	9-10 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	Past El Dorado Frontier in Area III
Mon.	27		Memorial Day Holiday	
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.
Fri.	31	5:30 p.m. - Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Moana"	Lincoln Park

### Free Mobile Recess Programs April 17 - June 14, 2024

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

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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