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EL DORADO PARK WEST DUCK POND REOPENS



L-R: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER APRIL WALKER, GENERAL MANAGER, LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPT. CHRIS GARNER, 4TH DISTRICT CITY COUNCILMAN DARYL SUPERNAW, MAYOR REX RICHARDSON, PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE DIRECTOR BRENT DENNIS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT BUREAU MANAGER MARILYN SURAKUS GATHER WITH LOCAL YOUTH TO CUT THE RIBBON AND REOPEN THE EL DORADO PARK WEST DUCK POND.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the reopening of the El Dorado Park West Duck Pond on June 27.

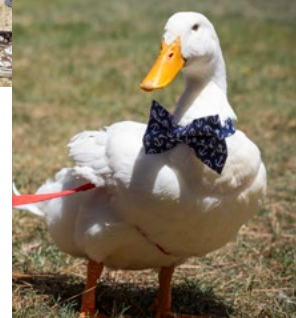
The public eagerly awaited the opening after more than two years of construction on the project.

The project included:

- A restored pond liner to support ecological function and pond habitat
- Improved public access
- Converting the pond into a recycled water reservoir

- Upgraded walkways
- New reclaimed water system to the adjacent golf course
- Enlarged wetlands and forebay
- New California native landscaping

The project was supported by Long Beach Measure A, Los Angeles County Measure W, grant funding from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant, in addition to federal grant funding in partnership with Long Beach Utilities.



Director's Corner

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



Long Beach joins the nation in celebrating July as Parks Make Life Better month. Our Department had the privilege to highlight our ten weeks of summer programming that runs through

Friday, August 23 before the City Council. Movies in the Parks, Community Band and Municipal Band concerts, summer camps, and lots of special events will help keep 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 will allow 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 8pm 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. The Long Beach Municipal Band has successfully launched its 115th Season, once again led by Conductor Kurt Curtis, for its six-week run this summer. The Department's 2024 Summer Family Fun Guide holds all of the great opportunities for events and performances scheduled through the start of the next school year.

It was an event worthy of celebration as the community welcomed the El Dorado Duck Pond back into the realm of park amenities on Thursday, June 27. Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson and District 4 Councilman Daryl Supernaw joined me in the well-attended gathering 'pondside' that culminated in a lively ribbon cutting. Visitors to El Dorado Park West have been enjoying the improvements of this popular destination with enhanced accessibility and walkways, water quality, native California landscaping, and adjacent parking areas.

Our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services team welcomed the four new City of Long Beach Management Assistants with a department orientation and tour of select parks and beachfront areas. We wish Adriana Ochoa, Ethan Azad, Kiley Barton, and Michael Quinn a successful year ahead and look forward to working with them. All three of last year's MAs were fortunate to be hired into full-time employment in key City departments. A special thanks to Alyssa Durbin-Tan for her work with PRM in her final rotation on the Long Beach Open Space and Recreation Element Plan. In terms of planning, our Department has taken the lead in a Citywide Feasibility Plan for new skateparks.

Lots of park improvement projects continue to be advanced this summer with the Colorado Lagoon Open Channel project being one of the most significant. Basketball court improvements being made by the Courtside Foundation, additional facility improvements to support the growth and popularity of pickleball, and an impressive group of new signature playgrounds, all remind us that Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach! Enjoy the summer and may it be a FUN one!



**Parks
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Life
Better!**

ADAPTIVE YOUTH AND ADULT ARISE RECREATION PROGRAMS

The ARISE Adaptive program for middle and high school youth and adult participants with disabilities develops

physical fitness, builds courage, and teaches valuable social and life skills through arts & crafts, sports/physical activities, and games. Examples of activities include sports (basketball, outdoor soccer, indoor hockey, kickball, balloon volleyball, catch/toss, four squares, and more), parachute games, table games, musical chairs and other activities.

Staff provides hands-on support with activities to help each participant to tap into their full potential. The development of social skills and relationship building is encouraged.

The middle and high school programs, for youth grades six through 12, takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., on Saturdays. The cost is \$4 per session.

The adult program is offered weekdays from 2 to 5 p.m. (holidays excluded). The fee is \$15 per weekly session.

For more information and to register, call 562.570.1686.



LONG BEACH ANIMAL CARE SERVICES (LBACS) WEEKLY LOW-COST VACCINE CLINICS

Long Beach Animal Care Services (LBACS) is partnering with Community Animal Medicine Project (CAMP)

to host weekly low-cost vaccine clinics to provide essential vaccinations and basic wellness services for pets at an affordable price. The partnership aims to ensure all

pets in the community are receiving the necessary medical treatments to prevent and protect against diseases. Increasing access to weekly vaccination clinics is part of LBACS's Compassion Saves model to improve and enhance the quality of life for all pets in the community.

The clinics will occur every Monday, second Friday, and fourth Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at LBACS (7700 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90815). The clinics will be closed on Sept. 2 due to the Labor Day holiday. The complete schedule is available at longbeach.gov/acs.

Additional low-cost vaccine clinics will be available at one of the City's contract cities, Signal Hill, at the Signal Hill Public Library parking lot (1800 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA 90755), on the following dates and times:

- Friday, July 19, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, August 17, 8 a.m. – noon

These events will offer vaccines and treatments such as Bordetella, flea/tick treatments, and rabies, which is a requirement for all dogs and cats four months or older as stated in Long Beach Municipal Code 6.12.110. For a full list of vaccines and basic wellness services offered at each clinic, please visit CAMP's website. In addition to vaccines, microchips will be available for purchase at all clinics

Clinics are open to the first 60 pets and there is no appointment necessary. Participants are encouraged to bring all past vaccine records for their pets. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier. All residents are welcome to participate in these clinics. You do not have to be a resident of Long Beach or one of the City's contract cities (Signal Hill, Los Alamitos or Cerritos) to participate.

For more information on services and programs provided, visit longbeach.gov/acs.



SUMMER FUN: AQUATIC PLAYGROUNDS PROVIDING WATER FUN FOR RESIDENTS



Inflatable “Wibit” aquatic playgrounds are open at Alamitos Bay at Bay Shore Avenue and at Alamitos Beach, south of Ocean Boulevard and east of Shoreline Drive. The free water playgrounds are open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. through September 2.

The structures feature floating play elements such as springboards, bouncers, monkey bars, climbing structures, and domes that encourage water play. Long Beach Lifeguards supervise the playground use (unless called to an emergency) and require participants to follow these rules:

- All participants (adults and children) are required to pass a swim test prior to accessing waterplay features.

- Each child under 9 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Life jackets and personal floatation devices are not permitted while utilizing waterplay features.

Aquatic-based recreation is a naturally dangerous activity. The City encourages all users of the aquatic playground to exercise caution and abide by all posted rules. Using a waterplay structure is challenging and strenuous and the City assumes no liability or responsibility for injuries sustained while using the waterplay structures. Lifeguards are not guaranteed to be on duty if they are called to an emergency.

For more information, visit longbeach.gov/park/marine/ or call 562.570.3233.

HEROES FROM BEACH MAINTENANCE POST 4TH OF JULY BEACH CLEAN UP



Our Beach Maintenance crew worked hard to clean up city beaches in the aftermath of the City’s biggest beach party on July 4. Crews started at 5 a.m. to begin the process

of trash collection. Casey Edelman put together a great plan and coordinated his crews to empty and remove all trash from our beaches just in time for the day’s visitors to enjoy a clean beach.

PRM BASKETBALL COURTS BEAUTIFICATION AND RESTORATION BY THE COURTSIDE FOUNDATION

The Courtside Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the court as a “platform for community, creativity and opportunity,” will be restoring and beautifying six basketball courts in Long Beach parks by the end of the year. They will also commit to maintaining the courts in perpetuity.

The first court, Orizaba, is an example of their work where they resurfaced courts, filled cracks and evened the playing surface. They painting a mural across the courts and installed new upgraded hoops and backboards.

They will be completing courts as DeForest and Tanaka Parks at the end of July. Drake, Pan American, and Somerset Park courts will follow in the fall.

For more information about the Courtside Foundation visit www.courtsidefoundation.com.



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pop, funk, soul, rock, Top 40, Latin, and more. The farewell to summer concert will take place on Friday, August 23 from 6-8 p.m. at El Dorado Park West, located on Studebaker Road north of Willow Street.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION APPROVES VISION PLAN FOR M.L.KING JR & SCHERER PARK



For King Park, community members proposed park upgrades including a new computer lab, an outdoor basketball court, more accessible and well-lit walkways.

Two concept plans for Scherer Park were presented that propose improvements to sports courts, the bike and pedestrian path, dog park, duck pond and parking. The first plan, "Eco Adventure," keeps the current layout of the park and adds a viewing deck at the duck pond and a community garden. The second design, "Nature Waves," centralizes the sports facilities and playground near the Long Beach Police Department's North Patrol Office in the northeast corner of the park. The rest of the design would be greenspace with picnic areas and a pedestrian and bike path throughout the park.

Staff will begin applying for federal, state and local grants through like Measure A, Prop 68, Measure W and the Land and Water Conservation Fund to begin projects at both parks.

In June the Parks and Recreation Commission Vision Plans for King Park and Scherer Park were presented and approved by the Commission.

A Vision Plan summarizes a site's amenities, facilities, and uses to meet the needs of a community. Through a Vision Plan process, a concept plan is created that depicts the potential development of a site. The plan investigates site constraints and opportunities and promotes understanding and support for the various possible developments at a site.

The design studio City Fabrick was contracted to lead community workshops for Vision Plan projects and create the plans.



PRM COMMUNITY SERVICE JUNE BY THE NUMBERS COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS PROGRAM



49 HOURS WORKED BEACH MAINTENANCE

8 HOURS WORKED AT LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

57 CSW HOURS WORKED FOR JUNE

1,092 HOURS WORKED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS YEAR TO DATE

CONGRATULATIONS MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH CARLOS CUAUTLE



Congratulations to Recreation Leader Specialist Carlos Cuautle, in the Sports Office on being selected as the May Employee of the Month. Carlos has served as a Sports Official referee and scorekeeper for every sport in the Youth Sports program including basketball, volleyball flag football and indoor soccer. He provides much needed mentorship and feedback to our newer Sports Officials. His most recent experience as a coach (softball for Chavez Park) was extremely successful, as every participant registered for the following season.

Whether it's registering participants, transferring patrons to parks to ensure their enrollment, or providing quick and accurate responses via phone or email, Carlos is a beacon of positivity and quality service for our sports community. In 2023 Carlos completed and kept an accurate record of 114 player transfers and 39 credits.

One of the amazing tasks Carlos has undertaken was to increase the Sports Office storage efficiency. He measured the office and storage bins, built storage shelves, and inventoried and categorized equipment. He knows the current inventory and where it is located.

Carlos' office schematics have been helpful tool in rearrangement of the Sports Office and working with Technology Services to add workstations for a growing team.

Carlos has a positive attitude and does everything with enthusiasm and a smile. Carlos has been an invaluable asset to the Sports Office rebuilding their sports team post-COVID.

MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS BUREAU STAFF REPAIR DRAKE HANDBALL COURT



LEFT: HANDBALL COURT WITH CRACKS BEFORE REPAIRS AND REPAINTING. RIGHT: FULLY REPAIRED AND RESTRIPEDED HANDBALL COURT.

MOB staff Painter Dave Hackett (Painter II) & Maintenance Assistant Oscar Alaniz recently made repairs to the Drake Park handball courts. Typically, an outside contractor performs repairs due to the scope of work,

but staff was able to take on the task. They prepared the court surface, grinded top layer, filled in gaps/cracks, applied multiple topcoats of surface court paint, and restriped both handball courts!

JULY 2024 CALENDAR

Mon.	15	Dusk	Free Movie "Wonka"	Pan American Park
Tue.	16	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bixby Annex Park
		Dusk	Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Transformers Rise of the Beast"	McBride Park
Wed.	17	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
		Dusk	Free Movie "Wonka"	Admiral Kidd Park
Th.	18	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Recreation Park
		Dusk	Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Transformers Rise of the Beast"	King Park
Fri.	19	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
		Dusk	Free Movie "Wonka"	Ramona Park
Mon.	22	Dusk	Free Movie "Monsters Inc."	El Dorado Park West
Tue.	23	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bixby Annex Park
Wed.	24	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
		Dusk	Free Movie "Monsters Inc."	Whaley Park
Th.	25	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert by Sligo Rags	El Dorado Nature Center
		6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Recreation Park
		Dusk	Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Arthur the King"	Bixby Park
Fri.	26	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
		Dusk	Free Movie "Monsters Inc."	Orizaba Park
Mon.	29	Dusk	Free Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny"	Lincoln Park
Tue.	30	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bixby Annex Park
Wed.	31	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Los Cerritos Park
		Dusk	Free Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny"	Coolidge Park

AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

Th.	1	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Recreation Park
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Dungeons & Dragons Honor Among Thieves	Bixby Park
Fri.	2	6:30 p.m.	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	El Dorado Park West
Sat.	3	10 a.m. – noon	1st Saturday Stewarts Cleanup. Register at 562.570.1745	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon.	5	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic	Long Beach Animal Care Services
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4	McBride Park
Tue.	6	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed.	7	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4	Long Beach Animal Care Services
Th.	8:	6:30 p.m.	Free Concert – JP McDermott and Western Bop	El Dorado Nature Center
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Gran Turismo	Admiral Kidd Park
Fri.	9	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4	Signal Hill Park
Mon.	12	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic	Long Beach Animal Care Services
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy	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.	Scherer Park Community Center Grand Opening	Scherer Park
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy	Heartwell Park
Th.	15	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Blue Beetle	Seaside Park
Fri.	16	8 p.m.	Free Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy	Mother's Beach
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.	Low Cost Pet Vaccine Clinic	Long Beach Animal Care Services
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Elemental	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.	Free Concert – Steel Parade	El Dorado Nature Center
		8 p.m.	Free Movie Ghostbusters Frozen Empire	Orizaba Park
Fri.	23	6 p.m.	Free Summer End Concert with Pop Gun Rerun	El Dorado Park West
		8 p.m.	Free Movie: Elemental	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

Free Mobile Recess Program register on site

The Mobile Recess Program provides free recreational activities for ages 5 - 14. Register on site during program hours. Visit www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/youth-programs/mobile-recess/ for program days, times and locations.

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