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PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE FREE CONCERT KICKS OFF SUMMER



UNDER COVER BAND AT RECREATION PARK PERFORMS MUSIC FOR ALL AGES TO ENJOY

Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) welcomed the summer season with a free concert featuring the Under Cover band on May 24 at El Dorado Park West. Concert goers danced and sang along to pop, funk, soul, rock, Top 40, Latin, and more.

In addition to the summer kickoff concert, PRM will also host this summer a variety of other free, family-friendly events, including Movies in the Park, Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Series, and ensembles at the El Dorado Nature Center. Visit LBParks.org for more information.

Director's Corner

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



Hang On, Long Beach! June has recreational fun busting out all over! As the school year comes to a successful close, our Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team has a great calendar

of outstanding programs, special events, and unique opportunities to usher in Summertime in Long Beach. Our department has a presentation before the City Council in June to highlight all of summer's fun along with an emphasis on July as Parks Make Life Better Month. Our Marine Bureau team will be installing the pair of popular Wibits on the beachfront for additional water recreation experiences that are signature Long Beach. Summer water fun will be available on the Wibits on Friday, June 14. Our Marine Bureau beach maintenance team will be all hands on deck to keep our beachfront clean and welcoming for the influx of local residents and visitors to Long Beach this summer.

Mayor Richardson's Citywide Spring Cleaning program for May 2024 was a great success with scores of special community-based cleanup projects. Many of our Friends groups pitched in to help clean up their beloved parks in all corners of Long Beach. Coordinated efforts between Public Works, Community Development Neighborhood Services, and PRM were important ingredients in the overall impact and effectiveness of this inaugural month-long

event. Volunteer opportunities sprouted up in all nine Council Districts. Following up the Citywide Spring Cleaning, Leadership Long Beach graduates led a series of beautification projects in all nine Council Districts under the direction of our Parks Maintenance Operations Bureau leadership.

May 20 marked the first day on the Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team for our new Superintendent at Animal Care Services, Alma Vera-Lima. Alma Vera-Lima is a born and raised Angelena and comes to LBACS with 20 years of rescue work and animal advocacy. She spent a decade working at spcaLA as a humane educator, an operations manager, and finally the Senior Director of Operations there. Since leaving spcaLA Alma was the Director of Programs and Operations at Kitty Bungalow, as well as their Interim Executive Director. Alma will be directly overseeing operations, including Christine and the shelter and rehoming teams, as well as Dr. Wood and the medical team. Alma is a proud adopter of an LBACS pittie named Dahlia, and a Kitty Bungalow working cat named Grimace. In her free time, she is a professional Aztec Dancer and loves to travel internationally. Congratulations, Alma, on your appointment and best wishes for success in your new leadership position and role on our PRM Management Team.

The Employee Recognition Committee recognized Kelly Bowen as the April Employee of the Month. Kelly was recognized for her friendly, people-first exuberance, especially contagious within our older adults in our senior center programs and activities. It wasn't all that long ago that Kelly was recognized for her heroic response to save a senior center meal patron from choking. As a member of the Community Recreation Services team, Kelly was described as friendly, always smiling, and always placing her program participants first. I joined many of our Department team members in surprise and sadness to learn of Kelly and her family's decision to move east to Tennessee. Congratulations, Kelly, for your well-deserved honor and the best of professional successes and personal enjoyment in your new life and career path in The Volunteer State. You will be missed.

There are moments in our lives, great and small, that remind us how precious life is. As I was writing this message, I was alerted to a wonderful act of kindness performed by one of our amazing Community Information team members, Tina Babi. Tina was entering the Parks Administration patio courtyard and discovered a precious, newborn bird that had fallen from a significant height from its nest in a tall pine tree. The bird was gently placed in a makeshift nest of pine needles with the hope that its mother would be able to still provide sustenance. Tina lovingly provided water to the bird's open mouth. The long fall had resulted in a damaged wing. While the tiny bird did not survive, Tina's best efforts were commendable and appreciated. Thank you Tina for this act of kindness and reminder of the beauty of nature and wildlife in our lives!

Parks Make Long Beach...Parks Make Life Better!



PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH A SUCCESS



In May, Parks, Recreation & Marine celebrated Older Americans Month, recognized nationally each year, by offering a wide variety of free activities throughout the city for adults ages 50

and above. The activities include arts and crafts, basketball, swimming, field trips, enrichment activities, a dinner and dance, job fairs, and a talent show.

EL DORADO NATURE CENTER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy evenings of great music in a beautiful lakeside setting. Gates open at

6:30 p.m. Concert from 7-8 p.m. Friends of El Dorado Nature Center members can enter as early as 6 p.m. Bring an eco-friendly dinner and low chairs.

- June 27: Big City Hillbillies
- July 11: Corday
- July 25: Sligo Rags
- August 8: JP McDermott and Western Bop
- August 22: Steel Parade



CELEBRATING 115 YEARS LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER CONCERTS



The Long Beach Municipal Band will celebrate their 115th season this year with free outdoor summer concerts

in Long Beach parks, from June 25 through August 2, 2024, with a different theme every week. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free.

Locations:

- WHALEY PARK NORTH on Tuesdays, June 25 and July 2
- BIXBY ANNEX PARK on Tuesdays, July 9-30
- LOS CERRITOS PARK on Wednesdays, June 26 and July 3-31
- RECREATION PARK on Thursdays, June 27; July 11-25 (No concert on July 4); August 1
- EL DORADO PARK WEST on Fridays, June 28; July 5-26; August 2.

Concert goers can look forward to exciting weekly themes for each concert:

Week 1 (June 25 – 28) “Night at the Movies” – Music from the silver screen with the melodies of composers James Horner, John Williams and Hans Zimmer. Vocalist, Nicole Kubis.

Week 2 (July 2-5 - No Concert July 4) “Spirit of America” Celebrate our country’s birthday and thrill to the Armed Forces Salute to the men, women, and their families safeguard our freedom. Vocalist Mark Kopitzke will close the night.

Week 3 (July 9-12) “For the Sport of It” From Olympics music to the beats of baseball, football and car racing,

each piece will resonate with the of athletic competition. Vocalist, L. Young.

Week 4 (July 16-19) “Maestro – Music of Leonard Bernstein” Get ready to hear iconic works like “Candide” and “West Side Story”. Vocalist Meloney Collins will close this week’s concert.

Week 5 “(July 23-26) Constellation of Stars” Hear legendary singers with an array of musical styles from the classic “Moon River” to the iconic rock anthem “Bohemian Rhapsody”. Enjoy the vocal harmonies of The Swing Kittens featuring Nicole Perreira, Kaley Griffith and Nicole Kubis.



Week 6 (July 30 - August 2) “Curtain Call” The Municipal Band will close the season with a concert of Broadway hits from beloved classics to modern showstoppers. Fan-favorite Crystal Lewis will close the concert.

The Long Beach Municipal Band concert series is made possible with sponsorship from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Department of Energy Resources, Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau, the Port of Long Beach, Partners of Parks and the Friends of the Long Beach Municipal Band.

PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE FREE BE S.A.F.E. PROGRAM (SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT)



Be S.A.F.E. supports neighborhoods by extending free supervision hours at designated parks during the evening.

Be S.A.F.E. offers arts and crafts, outdoor games, sports, science activities, computer labs, movies and more. Be S.A.F.E. gives residents a variety of options for recreation and spending time together.

Bring the family to Be S.A.F.E. 5-8 p.m. Monday - Friday from June 17 - August 23, at these parks:

- Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- Coolidge Park, 352 Neece St.
- Drake Park, 951 Maine St.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- M. L. King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- McBride Park, 1550 M.L. King Jr. Blvd.
- Orizaba Park, 1435 Orizaba Ave.
- Pan American Park, 5157 Centralia Ave.
- Ramona Park, 3301 E. 65th St.
- Scherer Park, 4600 Long Beach Blvd.
- Seaside Park, 14th ST. I Chestnut Ave.
- Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St.

<https://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/be-safe-programs/>

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Marine Bureau Boat Auction

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
Viewing at 8 a.m.
Bidding begins 9 a.m.

Alamitos Bay Marina Office
205 N. Marina Drive
Cash, Credit/Debit Card

(562) 570-3215
Or visit: bit.ly/3xSsUtr

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PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE OFFERS SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK



Movies begin at dusk with a different movie related dress theme each week.

Theme: Pajama Day

WISH

June 17 – Silverado Park

June 19 – No Movie

June 21 – Signal Hill Park

Theme: Beach Day at the Park

THE LITTLE MERMAID

June 24 – Houghton Park

June 26 – King Park

June 28 – Wardlow Park

Theme: Neon Day

TROLLS BAND TOGETHER

July 1 – College Estates Park

July 3 – Recreation Park

July 5 – Chavez Park

Theme : Crazy Socks Day

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA

TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM

July 8 – Bixby Park

July 10 – Grace Park

July 12 – Cherry Park

Theme: DIY Candy Outfit

WONKA

July 15 – Pan American Park

July 17 – Admiral Kidd Park

July 19 – Ramona Park

July 20 – Signal Hill Park

Theme: Tie-Dye Day

MONSTERS INC.

July 22 – El Dorado Park West

July 24 – Whaley Park

July 26 – Orizaba Park

Theme: Crazy Hat Day

INDIANA JONES

July 29 – Lincoln Park

July 31 – Coolidge Park

August 2 – Veterans Park

Theme: Animal Print Day

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August 5 – McBride Park

August 7 - Animal Care Services

August 9 - Signal Hill Park

Theme: Dress like a Super Hero

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

August 12 – Drake Park

August 14 – Heartwell Park

August 16- Mother's Beach

Theme: Crazy Hair Day

ELEMENTAL

August 19 – Somerset Park

August 21 – Scherer Park

August 23 – Stearn Champions Park

For more information, visit LBParks.org or call 562.570.3226.

Sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum and Partners of Parks

Mayor Rex Richardson, Councilman Daryl Supernaw, and the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works cordially invite you to a

Ribbon Cutting for the El Dorado Park West Duck Pond

located at 2400 N. Studebaker Rd. at East Los Arcos St. adjacent to El Dorado Golf Course

Thursday, June 27 at noon

Please call (562) 570-3170 for more information



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CONGRATULATIONS APRIL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH KELLY BOWEN



Congratulations to Recreation Leader Specialist Kelly Bowen

on being named the Employee of the Month for April 2024. Kelly was nominated by Superintendent Heidi Mazas who says Kelly has been essential in coordinating the 10-week Summer Food Program that serves at 25 locations in the

City of Long Beach. Kelly is also an indispensable part of the Aging Services team as she develops programs, activities, marketing materials and has taken lead in planning city wide Senior Field trips which included taking 150 seniors to the Ronald Reagan Library for a lunch under Airforce One. Kelly has a list of trips planned through September for the Older Adults and has stepped in making sure the Older American's Month in May was successful by planning every little detail from lunches to giveaways, from promotional information to event signage. The Senior Team's success is because of all the time, energy, creativity and positivity that Kelly provides. All the staff that plan senior programs agree that Kelly makes their jobs in planning events and programs easier for older adults in Long Beach.

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PRM COMMUNITY SERVICE MAY BY THE NUMBERS COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS PROGRAM

NUMBER OF PERSONS WORKING: 18

48 HOURS WORKED BEACH MAINTENANCE

62 HOURS WORKED AT EL DORADO PARK AREAS

32 HOURS WORKED AT LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS

142 CSW HOURS WORKED FOR MAY

1016 HOURS WORKED BY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS YEAR TO DATE

JUNE 2024 CALENDAR

Th.	20	noon – 5 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days Recreation Program for Ages 5-12 Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "The Marvels"	Visit LBParks.org for sites. Pan American Park
Fri.	21	noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days Recreation Program for Ages 5-12	Visit LBParks.org for sites.
Sat.	22	9 a.m.	4th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	Area III past El Dorado Frontier
Mon.	24	8 a.m. Dusk	Registration begins for Mon.-Th. swim lessons from 7/1-7/11 Free Movie in the Park "Litte Mermaid" (2023)	Belmont Plaza, Silverado Park Pool Houghton Park
Tue.	25	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Under the Boardwalk"	Whaley Park Coolidge Park
Wed.	26	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park "Litte Mermaid" (2023)	Los Cerritos Park M.L. King Jr. Park
Th.	27	6:30- p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Concert by the Big City Hillbillies Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Under the Boardwalk"	Recreation Park El Dorado Nature Center Ramona Park
Fri.	28	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park "Litte Mermaid" (2023)	El Dorado Park West Wardlow Park

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JULY 2024 CALENDAR

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Mon.	1	8 a.m. Dusk	Registration begins for Mon./Wed. swim lessons from 7/15-8/7 Free Movie in the Park "Trolls Band Together"	Silverado Park Pool College Estates Park
Tue.	2	8 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Registration begins for Tu/Th swim lessons from 7/16-8/8 Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Aquaman & the Los Kingdom"	Belmont Plaza, King, Pool Whaley Park Drake Park
Wed.	3	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park "Trolls Band Together"	Los Cerritos Park Recreation Park
Th.	4		Independence Day Holiday	
Fri.	5	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie in the Park "Trolls Band Together"	El Dorado Park West Chavez Park
Mon.	8	8 a.m. Dusk	Registration begins for Mon.-Th. swim lessons from 7/15-7/25 Free Movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem"	Belmont Plaza, Silverado Park Pool Bixby Park
Tue.	9	8 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Registration begins for Mon.-Th. swim lessons from 7/15-7/25 Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Belmont Plaza Pool Bixby Annex Park
Wed.	10	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem"	Los Cerritos Park Bixby Park
Th.	11	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Concert by the Corday Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Migration"	El Dorado Nature Center Recreation Park Scherer Park
Fri.	12	Dusk	Free Movie "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem"	Bixby Park
Mon.	15	Dusk	Free Movie "Wonka"	Pan American Park
Tue.	16	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Transformers Rise of the Beast"	Bixby Annex Park McBride Park
Wed.	17	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie "Wonka"	Los Cerritos Park Pan American Park
Th.	18	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Transformers Rise of the Beast"	Recreation Park King Park
Fri.	19	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie "Wonka"	El Dorado Park West Pan American 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. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie "Monsters Inc."	Los Cerritos Park Whaley Park
Th.	25	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Concert by Sligo Rags Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Be S.A.F.E. program movie "Arthur the King"	El Dorado Nature Center Recreation Park Bixby Park
Fri.	26	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie "Monsters Inc."	El Dorado Park West 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. Dusk	Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Free Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny"	Los Cerritos Park Lincoln Park

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.

SUMMER TIME IS LEARNING TIME AQUATIC SWIM LESSONS

Visit LBParks.org for class schedules, open swim, lap swim, water exercise classes and all ages recreation swim at Belmont Plaza Pool, King Park Pool and Silverado Park Pool. Open swim fees are free for youth ages 17 years and under June 17-August 23 courtesy of LBUSD.

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