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**CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION
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LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE SUMMER CLASS REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW



Registration for new and existing recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine is going

on now. More than 700 classes will take place throughout the city from June to August for ages preschool to adults ages 50+. The classes include art, music, nature, fitness, special interest subjects, adult sports leagues, aquatics and more all summer long.

PRESCHOOL

Challenger International Sports Skills Camp (ages 2 to 4 years).
Preschool Cooking Thyme (ages 2 years, six months to 5 years).
Hip Hop Tots Dance (ages 2 to 5 years).

YOUTH

Hollywood Special Effects Camp (ages 7 to 13 years).
Engineering Design Challenge Using Lego® Materials (ages 7 to 12 years).
Skyhawks Basketball (ages 7 to 10 years).

TEENS

Summer Music Academy: Band and Orchestra (ages 11-15 years).
Drawing Fundamentals (ages 16 and up).
Jujitsu: Japanese Self Defense (ages 13 and up).

ADULTS

Oil Painting (ages 16 years and up).
Latin Rhythms Dance (ages 18 years and up).
Karate (ages 18 years and up).

OLDER ADULTS

Round Dance Intermediate and Advanced (ages 50 years and up).
Chair Based Yoga (ages 50 years and up).
Zumba® Gold Toning (ages 50 years and up).

Register for classes by visiting LBParks.org and clicking on "Online Registration" under "LB RecConnect," by phone at 562.570.3111, or by visiting the Registration Reservations Office (2760 Studebaker Rd.), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Director's Corner

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



Our Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services team has much to celebrate during the month of May. Older Americans Month is a primary focus for our Community

Recreation Services Bureau and impressive array of special programs and events throughout the month. Our department will be at the May 13 City Council meeting to highlight Older Americans Month and receive a proclamation in recognition of the month long celebration. Special events for older adults will be held at the El Dorado Nature Center, the Expo Center, Cesar Chavez Park, DeForest Park, Houghton Park, Long Beach Senior Center on 4th Street, McBride Park, and Silverado Park. In particular, the DeForest Park event on Saturday, May 17 is a morning-long pickleball tournament. The theme for this year's Older Americans Month is "Flip the Script on Aging".

Council District 7 kicked off the month with a Mariachi Festival in Veterans Park on May 3. Beach Streets Open Streets took place in West Long Beach on Saturday, May 10. Hosted by the City of Long Beach and presented by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Beach Streets embraces the active commuting lifestyle by opening the streets and transforming them into safe, open areas for people to bike, walk and explore their neighborhoods. This year's event uplifted the City's Westside Promise Initiative, a

10-year community investment plan that aligns existing City efforts and leverages partnerships to address current and historic challenges facing West Long Beach.

May is one of Long Beach Animal Care Services busier months of kitten season, when our professional staff and invaluable volunteers embrace the role of bottle feeders to scores of kittens that come into our care. To broaden the awareness of fostering and adoptions of the hundreds of furry friends that come into our care, our mobile, citywide presence of the Adoption Waggin', brings resources and in-person opportunities to provide a forever home to a dog or cat. The Adoption Waggin' has many scheduled community events to roll into throughout the month. We appreciate the numerous Council District Offices that choose to include Animal Care and the bounty of important resources that can be made available to residents at these special events.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

The celebration of local talent at the historic Recreation Park Bandshell, known as "The Shell", will kick off with the return of "High School Battle of the Bands" on Saturday, May 24. Organized by the newly formed, Live at the Shell non-profit, the venue is billed as East Long Beach's Premier Outdoor Amphitheater, the summer will see the second season of Shakespeare by the Sea performances on June 13, 14, 20, and 21, 2025. The Seven Saturdays of Summer will feature 80's Rock, Bluegrass, Rock-a-Billy, Jazz, Country Line Dancing, Gospel, along with the incredible Camerata Singers.

Harvey Milk Park hosted the annual Equity Plaza Wall inductees honoring five local LGBTQ+ leaders for their contributions in advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in Long Beach on Saturday, May 10. A "Friends of Harvey Milk Park" organization will be forming after this year's recognition event. Special thanks to Council District 1 for sponsoring the event again this year.

Here's to an amazing May made for you! Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach!

CELEBRATING IN MAY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



Parks, Recreation and Marine's (PRM) Older Americans Month celebration is underway with free recreation activities

happening throughout the city for adults ages 50 and above during the month of May.

A Nature Center adventure on May 1 and a picnic at El Dorado Regional Park on May 3 started off the month with fun, fellowship and food in the picturesque setting of our local parks.

Coming up local older adults can look forward to these great events:

May 13 – Older Americans Month Mayoral Proclamation at Long Beach City Hall from 4-6 p.m.

May 14 - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration at McBride Park from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 16 – Movie night with “Grease” at Chavez Park from 6 – 10 p.m.

*May 17 - Pickleball Tournament on May 17 at DeForest

Park, 6255 DeForest Avenue. Event is open to the public to watch, Please call 562-570-3500 for information.

*May 21- Sunset Rodeo Dance and Dinner at the Expo Center on May 21. Spaces are limited, Please call 562-570-1618 for information.

*May 23 – Silverado Park Carnival from 10 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

*May 29 - Older Americans Got Talent Show on May 29 at McBride Park. Sign up is required for an audition slot prior to the event. The Talent Show will be open to the public. Please call 562-570-3225 for information.

May 31 – Hobby Show at the Long Beach Senior Center from 6-8 p.m.

*Pre-Registration is required for these activities at any City of Long Beach Senior Center, A complete list of sites and more program information is available here:

<https://www.longbeach.gov/park/recreation-programs/programs-and-classes/senior-citizen-program/>.

FREE YOUTH FUN DAYS ENGAGE YOUTH DURING SPRING BREAK

Parks, Recreation and Marine offered its free youth recreation program, Spring Fun Days, during the recent

school spring break. Children ages 5 to 12 participated in fun activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, and special events at 21 parks throughout the city. Kids at Bixby Park planted trees for Earth Day and Stearns Champions Park attendees engaged in Easter themed crafts. The free drop-in program ran Monday through Friday, April 1-5 from noon to 5 p.m.

SPRING BREAK RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH INCLUDED AN EARTH DAY TREE PLANTING AT BIXBY PARK, FAR LEFT AND SPRING CRAFTS AT STEARNS CHAMPIONS PARK, BELOW



PRM BELMONT PLAZA AND SILVERADO POOLS WILL HOST WATER SAFETY DAY



Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) and Long Beach Fire Department Marine Safety will host a Water Safety Day

on Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Belmont Plaza and Silverado Pools. This free event will educate children and families on how to stay safe in and around the water by learning essential water smart skills for the upcoming summer season.

Those in attendance are invited to stay for a free recreation swim from 1-3 p.m. at either location. Participants should plan to bring a swimsuit and towel. Registration is free and can be completed at LBParks.org. For additional information about the PRM Water Safety Day visit LBParks.org or call 562.570.3150.

THRONE RESTROOM PILOT PROJECT TESTS PORTABLE RESTROOMS IN PARK LOCATIONS

Parks, Recreation and Marine is participating in a four-month pilot to provide higher quality, portable public



restrooms for a limited number of high-demand locations.

The City Technology and Innovation Department proposed the Throne Smart restrooms as a way to provide park users with accessible, high-quality, and safe restrooms.

Thrones were installed at Harvey Milk Park, DeForest Park, Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier and near Shoreline Marina.

The Throne program offers solar-powered units, flexibility in scheduling of maintenance cleaning depending on the usage, and a user-friendly, QR Code access for managing and evaluating performance.

During the pilot, Throne staff will measure the performance of tech-enabled, data-driven restrooms to improve restroom usage, satisfaction, cleanliness, and perceptions of safety.

The staff will work to understand the cost-effectiveness, scalability, and operational needs of smart restrooms as compared to traditional restrooms.



LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

Youth Sports

Dodgers Dream Team Season

Located at select parks throughout the city.

T-Ball (Ages 5-6), Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8),
Minors Baseball (Ages 9-10), Majors Baseball (Ages 11-12),
Junior Baseball (Ages 13-15), Minors Softball (Ages 9-10),
Majors Softball (Ages 11-12), Senior Softball (Ages 13-18)

Registration Dates: May 1-31 | Cost: \$15 per player for uniform

Bixby Park-562.570.1601 (Ages 5-8)
Chavez Park-562.570.8890 (Ages 5-18)
Cherry Park-562.570.1615 (Ages 5-12)
College Estates Park-562.570.1710 (Ages 5-8)
Coolidge Park-562.570.1618 (Ages 5-8)
Drake Park-562.570.1625 (Ages 5-8)
El Dorado Park-562.570.3225 (Ages 5-18)
Heartwell Park-562.570.1635 (Ages 5-18)
Houghton Park-562.570.1640 (Ages 5-18)
King Park-562.570.4405 (Ages 5-12)
Lincoln Park-562.570.3551 (Ages 5-8)
McBride Park-562.570.1605 (Ages 5-8)
Orizaba Park-562.570.1427 (Ages 5-8)

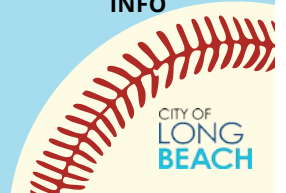
Pan American Park-562.570.1660
(Ages 5-18, no Jr baseball)
Ramona Park-562.570.1665 (Ages 5-8)
Seaside Park-562.570.1625 (Ages 5-8)
Scherer Park-562.570.1674 (Ages 5-8)
Silverado Park-562.570.1675 (Ages 5-18)
Somerset Park-562.570.1690 (Ages 5-8)
Stearns Champions Park-562.570.1685
(Ages 5-8 & 9-12 *softball only*)
Veterans Park-562.570.1695 (Ages 5-8)
Wardlow Park-562.570.1705 (Ages 5-8)
Whaley Park-562.570.1710
(Ages 5-8 & 9-15, *baseball only*)



SCAN FOR MORE
INFO



For more details, call the Youth Sports Office at 562.570.1707.



PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE (PRM) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

PRM's Marine Bureau completed projects that furthered goals of the PRM Strategic Plan to provide safe, accessible public spaces and a sustainable park ecosystem. The Plan, approved by the Long Beach City Council in 2022, is guiding operational decisions through 2033 and helps to adapt park services as community needs evolve. The Plan may be viewed at www.longbeach.gov/park/business-operations/about/prm-strategic-plan/.

The Marine Maintenance Division repaired sections of Dock 10 in Shoreline Marina to make the dock safe and useable for public mooring and free vessel pump out services.

Staff built a roof at Shoreline Marina Dock-6 and added a locking system to the trash enclosure to make the enclosure safe for permitted use.

Marine Maintenance installed new solar panels on the Marine Stadium Landscape Maintenance facility to help achieve net neutral carbon emissions.

A new sewer pump-out system was installed in Basin 2 at Alamitos Bay to ensure a clean and environmentally safe pump out process for Marina customers.

The Beach Maintenance Grounds Division's Lawn to Garden program done in partnership with Long Beach Utilities, the Surfrider Foundation, and ECO Design at Alamitos Bay's have transformed non-recreational turf areas into beautiful native landscapes. The projects restore healthy watersheds using contoured landscapes that direct water back into the ground instead of storm drains.

Advanced irrigation controllers are being installed at Rainbow Harbor, Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon, and South Waterfront. These controllers enhance water conservation efforts by detecting irrigation system leaks, alerting maintenance teams to issues in real time, and automatically adjusting water usage during rainfall.



The Ocean Core trash can replacement initiative strategically placed 320 new units across beaches, inner bays, parking lots, and Rainbow Harbor docks. These innovative receptacles are composed of 40% post-consumer recycled material and 10% ocean-bound plastic, supporting sustainable waste management and marine conservation.

Marine Operations furthered the goal of partnerships by teaming with the Aquarium of the Pacific Volunteers group to capture and catalogue marine debris caught with the new trash skimming technology that was procured this past year. The group is also setting up tabling at the collection events in Rainbow Harbor to interact with the community and teach them about the marine debris issue.

COMING THIS SUMMER TO A PARK NEAR YOU
SUMMER KICKOFF CONCERT
LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND FREE CONCERTS
MOVIES IN THE PARK
EL DORADO PARK NATURE CENTER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
SUMMER FUN DAYS FOR YOUTH
RECREATIONAL SWIMMING · MOBILE RECESS
FAREWELL TO SUMMER CONCERT
AND MORE IN OUR SUMMER FAMILY FUN GUIDE
VISIT: LBPARKS.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH BARBARA LOEFFLER



Since joining PRM in 2008, Barbara has been an invaluable asset to the Long Beach Senior

Center and the 50+ community they serve. Her understanding of the Center's programs and services assisted in reopening the Long Beach Senior Center after COVID- 19. Barbara embraces the responsibilities of the Information and Referral Program and is passionate about maintaining the Library and keeping the building decorated for every

season. She maintains the emergency food pantry, and medical equipment loan program. Barbara trains the staff and volunteers at all seven senior program sites. On her way out the door she often stops by our Thrift Store to pick up and drops off any donations to shelters. Barbara constantly seeks ways to bring happiness to other and create a comforting, cozy environment at the Center and positive impact on colleagues and community.

CONGRATULATIONS MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH BELINDA ESTRADA

Belinda Estrada has been a member of the Animal Care Team at LBACS for a over a decade and serves as an

Animal Care Team Lead due to her exceptional work ethic and dependability. Belinda's role involves providing daily care, husbandry and enrichment to hundreds of shelter animals -- from dogs and cats to hamsters and turtles -- as well as supervising, training, and providing leadership to her team members. The Animal Care

Team has a heavy daily workload at the shelter caring for the large population of animals. Despite the challenging nature of Belinda's work, she maintains a kind, compassionate, positive attitude. Belinda greets her coworkers with a smile and helps out wherever it's needed. Belinda has said that every pet at the shelter is like her own, and this is reflected in the work she does at ACS every day. She truly loves the animals here and she is an absolute joy to work with.



POP VINYL TO PERFORM AT PRM SUMMER KICK OFF CONCERT



Friday, May 23, 6-8 p.m.
El Dorado Park West
2800 Studebaker Road

Dance and sing to pop, funk, soul, rock, Top 40, Latin, and more. Bring blankets, chairs and picnic dinners to enjoy on the lawn.

MAY CALENDAR

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| 11 Sun. | | Mother's Day | |
| 12 Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 13 Tue. | 4-6 p.m. | Older American's Month Mayoral Proclamation* | Long Beach City Hall |
| 14 Wed. | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Asian American Pacific islander Heritage Month, Event* | McBride Park |
| 16 Fri. | 6-10 p.m. | Older American's Month Movie Night "Grease"* | Chavez Park |
| 17 Sat. | 8 a.m. | Older American's Month Pickleball Tournament* | DeForest Park |
| | 10 a.m. | Casting Club 100th Anniversary | Recreation Park |
| | 10 a.m. – noon | Wetland Warrior Cleanup | Jack Dunster Marine Reserve |
| | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Pet Supplies Plus Pet Adoption Event | 2806 N. Bellflower Blvd. |
| 19 Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 21 Wed. | 4-8 p.m. | Older American's Month Sunset Rodeo Dance* | Expo Center |
| 23 Fri. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Older American's Month Carnival* | Silverado Park |
| | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| | 6 p.m. | Free Summer Kick Off Concert | El Dorado Park West |
| 24 Sat. | 9-10 a.m. | 4 th Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup | El Dorado Area III |
| | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | District 7 Adoption and Vaccine Clinic | Veterans Park |
| | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Water Safety Day – Register at LBParks.org | Belmont and Silverado Pools |
| 26 Mon. | | Memorial Day Holiday | |
| 29 Th. | 6-8 p.m. | Older American's Month Talent Show* | El Dorado Park West |
| 31 Sat. | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Older American's Month Hobby Show* | Long Beach Senior Center |

*Pre-Registration is required for these activities

JUNE CALENDAR

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| 3 Tue. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 7 Sat. | 10 a.m. | 1st Saturday Stewards Nature Center Cleanup | El Dorado Nature Center |
| 9 Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| 12 Th. | 6:30-8 p.m. | Concert with Salty Suites, \$5 per person | El Dorado Nature Center |
| 16 Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "Inside Out 2" | Davenport Park |
| 18 Wed. | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "Inside Out 2" | Somerset Park |
| 19 Th. | 5-8 p.m. | Be S.A.F.E. free recreation activities | Visit LBParks.org for details |
| 20 Fri. | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "Inside Out 2" | Signal Hill Park |
| 21 Sat. | 10 a.m. – noon | Wetland Warrior Cleanup | Jack Dunster Marine Reserve |
| 23 Mon. | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "The Garfield Movie" | Drake Park |
| 24 Tue. | 6:30 p.m. | Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert | Whaley Park North |
| 25 Wed. | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "The Garfield Movie" | Grace Park |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert | Los Cerritos Park |
| 26 Th. | 6:30 8 p.m. | Concert with Big City Hillbillies \$5 per person | El Dorado Nature Center |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert | Larry Curtis Concert Park |
| | 6 p.m. | Free Movie "King Fu Panda 4" | Silverado Park |
| 27 Fri. | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "The Garfield Movie" | Orizaba Park |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Free Long Beach Municipal Band Concert | El Dorado Park West |
| 28 Sat. | 9-10 a.m. | 4th Saturday Stewart Cleanup | El Dorado Regional Park |
| 30 Mon. | 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Low Cost Vaccination Clinic | Long Beach Animal Care Svcs |
| | 6 p.m. | Free Movie in the Park "The Garfield Movie" | McBride Park |

FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR AGES 5-12, MAY 12-JUNE 13

Parents must register children on site. Visit LBParks.org for locations.

Mon-Fri, 2:30-5:30 p.m. College Estates, MacArthur, Pan American (1:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays), Veterans and Whaley Parks.

Mon-Fri, 3-6 p.m. Bixby, Cesar E. Chavez, Coolidge, Drake, El Dorado West. Houghton M.L. King Jr., McBride, Orizaba, Ramona, Scherer, Seaside. Silverado, Somerset, Stearns Champions, Veterans and Wardlow Parks.

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