

# We Create Community



## Fall Class Registration Going on Now

Registration for fall recreation classes offered by Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is going on now. More than 700 activities in art, music, fitness, special interest subjects, sports and aquatics will begin in September and run through November. Residents can browse the fall classes in the fall "Recreation Connection," at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org) or at Long Beach park community centers and Long Beach Libraries.

The "Recreation Connection" also lists free activities including youth sports leagues, teen centers and senior centers, supervised after school recreation programs, and much more.

Preschool classes enable children as young as six months old to learn new skills in a nurturing social setting. Among the offerings this fall are Preschool Cake Design, Little Music Makers (music introduction), Parent & Me Pre-K Readiness, and Tot Soccer.

Classes for youth include All About Dough and Cake Design that build culinary skills. Mexican Folklórico Dance classes celebrate Mexican culture, Reading and Math Development classes support learning, and Music Exploration, Keyboard and Guitar classes guide kids through beginning music techniques. Basketball, Soccer and Martial Arts classes keep kids active and fit.

From Driver's Education, Gymnastics, Ceramics, Fitness, Dance and Sports, teens can explore, create and have fun. Offerings include B.L.A.S.T. Total Body Fitness, Drawing Fundamentals, Oil Painting, Yoga and Jujitsu.

Kids don't have all the fun. Adults of all ages can meet new people, explore interests, and develop skills. From Fast Quilting to Argentine Tango and Line Dancing, and Jujitsu, Chair Based Yoga, and ZUMBA® Gold, there a plenty of options to recreate and have fun.

### Registration Information

Online: Register anytime on LB Reconnect.

By Mail: Send the registration form (page 55 in Recreation Connection) and payment to: City of Long Beach, 2760 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. Please write address, phone number and class #(s) on the check.

In Person: Bring registration form and payment to the PRM Registration Reservations Office (2760 Studebaker Rd.) weekdays between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 562.570.3111.

More information about PRM programs and offerings is available at [LBParks.org](http://LBParks.org).



**Brent Dennis**

*Director, Long Beach Parks,  
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within the scenic settings of parks throughout the city. The array of Community Band concerts and several other special concerts at the El Dorado Nature Center offered residents additional evenings blending culture and nature. Our Movies in the Parks and Be S.A.F.E. movie presentations attracted hundreds of area families out into our parks to enjoy fun, family-oriented blockbuster flicks.

As area youth begin their return to the classrooms, so too do scores of our amazing summer, seasonal staff members. At the height of summer hiring, our Parks, Recreation, Marine, and Animal Care Services Team grew to nearly 700 dedicated employees. Our after-school programming will begin this month as another August highlight for the Community Recreation Services Team.

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

The month of August offers many opportunities for the community to learn about and weigh in on the various elements of the City of Long Beach fiscal year 2023 Budget. The proposed budget for PRM eclipses \$74 million if approved by City Council. Virtual Community Meetings are scheduled for August 11, 17, and 22. The City budget is required to be adopted at either the September 6 or September 13 Council meeting, prior to the new fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2022.

I would also like to introduce you to and welcome our three new Parks and Recreation Commissioners who will begin their new terms of appointed service this month. Welcome, Commissioners Chris Chavez, Silissa Smith, and Sylvester Givens!

I hope you will be able to take advantage of our end of summer special events, programs, and community engagement opportunities throughout the month. Parks Make Life Better and Parks Make Long Beach a great place to live, work, and play!

As the month of August basks in the afterglow of a joyful July, our Department enjoyed joining the nation in celebrating Parks Make Life Better month. The weeks leading up to Labor Day are filled with unlimited opportunities for fun, fitness, and friendships.

The Alamitos Beach floating water playground has welcomed thousands of swimmers to engage in the challenges of the obstacle course elements. This beach along with Granada and Mother's Beach saw the water's edge become more welcoming with the installation of the 3 new ADA access mats.

Long Beach Animal Care Services is joining the NBC/Telemundo national "Clear the Shelters" campaign to make it much easier to adopt a dog or cat throughout the month of August. We are pleased to offer reduced adoption fees. Hills Science Diet is providing goodie bags to adopters. Join us in helping advance our Compassion Saves mission.

The Municipal Band's summer concert season concluded its six-week run with amazing musical performances





## Be S.A.F.E. Program Connecting Families with Free Recreation Activities

Be S.A.F.E. (Summer Activities in a Friendly Environment) offers free recreation activities at 11 City parks Monday through Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. through August 26 at 11 City parks:

- Admiral Kidd Park, 2125 Santa Fe Ave.
- Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave.
- Drake Park, 951 Maine Ave.
- Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle Ave.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave.
- 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.



Residents have many options for spending time together including arts and crafts, games, sports, science activities, computer labs and more. Free movie showings are made possible by sponsorship from the Port of Long Beach.



Free Be S.A.F.E. movie showings have been taking place and are made possible by sponsorship from the Port of Long Beach. Coming up Thursday, August 18: "Mulan" (2020) PG-13 at Scherer Park.



Thursday, August 23: "Spider-Man: No Way Home" PG-13 (Marvel) Orizaba Park.

Thursday, August 25: "Spider-Man: No Way Home" PG-13 (Marvel) Houghton Park.

More information, is available on the Be S.A.F.E. webpage.

**Free Summer  
Concert Finale**  
**Friday, August 26 6-8 PM**

**With UNDER COVER**  
**at Marine Stadium**  
**5255 Paoli Way**

**Kids Activities, 5 p.m. • Concert, 6-8 p.m.**  
**For more information call (562) 570-3150**

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## New Access Mats Increase Accessibility on City Beaches



New beach access mats are making it possible for people of all abilities to more easily access Alamitos, Mother's and Granada beaches this summer. A public celebration for the three mats was held on July 15 at Granada Beach.

The durable, anchored ground coverings are made of 100% recycled material. The non-slip synthetic rubber is designed to support wheeled pedestrian assistance vehicles such as wheelchairs, beach access chairs, walkers and strollers, and it also can withstand the weight of utility vehicle traffic. The mats are ADA-compliant.

The installation of the beach access mats was brought to the Long Beach City Council last summer by Third District Councilwoman Suzie Price and was cosponsored by Councilwoman Zendejas and Councilwoman Allen and approved by City Council.



*New beach access mats at Granada beach.*

The beach access mats are colored blue to help guide the visually impaired and be easily identifiable as ADA-accessible and are available for public use year-round.

## El Dorado Nature Center Volunteer Opportunities

Make a difference in the lives of plants, animals and people and join others in clean up efforts that protect our natural world.



### 1ST 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. Saturdays, September 3, October 1, November 5, 10 a.m.-noon.

### 3RD SATURDAY WETLAND WARRIOR CLEANUP AT COLORADO LAGOON

Help protect the critical habitat at Colorado Lagoon Marine Biological Reserve. Two hours of time can save wildlife. Wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. Meet near the bike racks along Appian Way. Parking fee waived. Saturdays August 20, October 15, November 19, 10 a.m. – noon.

### 4TH SATURDAY EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK CLEANUP

Join fellow park-lovers to clean up fishing line and other debris from our beautiful park and lakes.

Youth under 18 must bring an adult. Meet at the parking lot on the left just past El Dorado Frontier in Area III. Saturdays, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, 9 -10 a.m.

### ADOPT-A-BEACH

Individuals, families, civic or non-profit organizations, and businesses, can join the Adopt-A-Beach program and protect our coastline. We provide everything you need!

Call El Dorado Nature Center at (562) 570-1745 to make arrangements or for more information.



### 2022 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY



You can take an active role in keeping our coastline clean and healthy. Cleanups will take place at beaches throughout the city. For more information and group registration, call (562) 570-4876. Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. - noon.



## Model Boat Shop Program at Colorado Lagoon



The Model Boat program is a decades long program where Recreation staff assist participants with the construction of model sailboats for seven weeks each summer. A successful session concluded on August 5. The participants ages 7

and up were responsible for building their own boats - the shape, the smoothness, the sail and the paint. Recreation staff helped with assembly and are hands on when kids have questions or need help. The participants learned woodworking skills, self-reliance, independence and pride.

The program is housed at the Model Boat Shop located at the Colorado Lagoon. It was started in the 1960's by Clyde Ellerman. The end of the year Regatta is named in his honor. His daughter JoAnne Pike assisted with the program and eventually took it over and ran it for 36 years before retiring in 2018. Unfortunately, due to supply and material challenges and a global pandemic, the program was not able to continue.



day camps. Under the supervision of Aquatic Supervisor II Caitlynn Cruz, the program launched this past summer to tremendous success!

Over 57 different youth of all ages built over 70 boats this summer. They successfully raced their boats in the Clyde W. Ellerman Regatta on August 5, 2022 at Colorado Lagoon.

## Find a New Furry Family Member



That's when the PRM Department received a call from a Wilson High School senior named Peter Beck. Peter grew up spending his summers building boats in the program. Peter has also been a professional model boat/ship builder for a couple years, building custom ships for customers. Peter was interested in

bringing the program back to life and inquired about the possibility of helping to make this happen. Peter joined the Parks, Recreation and Marine team and quickly went to work developing methods to build boats with safe materials, doing inventory and creating a list of needed supplies. He was joined by Recreation Leader VII Isabella Morgan, who has several years' experience working in our summer aquatic



Do you know that a group of kittens is called a kindle? Cats have been a part of families and society for centuries. Studies suggest that cats have been domesticated since around 3600 B.C.! In celebration of International Cat Day in August, Long Beach Animal Care Services suggests visiting their shelter Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to find a new furry family member!

Visit <https://business.facebook.com/LBAnimalCare> to see just a few of the resident cats and kittens looking for their forever home!

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## LA Dodgers Foundation Program Serves Hundreds of Youth



Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) in partnership with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation's (LADF) Dodger Dreamteam program helped youth reach goals in school, at home, and in their communities through sports-based youth development.

Through a \$53,790 grant from LADF, PRM's Youth Sports Program offered T-Ball, coach pitch, baseball and softball for youth ages 4 through 17 this summer from June through August. A total of 932 players participated on 65 teams. PRM has been awarded this grant from LADF since 2017. To date, the grant funding has assisted PRM in providing baseball and soft-

ball programs to over 2,500 Long Beach youth ages of 5 - 18. Although the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program returned in 2021 to support 828 youth softball and baseball players at 23 City locations. In 2022 LADF added funding for a Dodgers Dreamteam Coordinator position to the grant agreement.

Dodgers Dreamteam players received uniforms, nsports equipment, personal protective equipment, and resources that addressed basic needs, educa-



tion and healthcare. Participants also had free access to LADF programs like Dodger Days, Fitness & Nutrition Clinics, Coaches Trainings, Player Development Trainings and College & Career Accelerator Workshops. Participants of the T-Ball and Coach Pitch divisions all received a team photo and medals.

## Enjoy the Dog Days of Summer at Rosie's Dog Beach

Rosie's Dog Beach is the only dog beach in Los Angeles County and was named the "Best Dog Park in Los Angeles" in 2016 by L.A.Curbed.com, a popular real estate blog, and said to be the best dog beach in the country by People.com in 2017. The four-acre dog zone is located on the beach on Ocean Blvd., between Granada and Roycroft Avenues. "Rosie's Dog Beach" was named to honor the life of founder Justin Rudd's beloved bulldog Rosie. The park is open daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Long Beach Off Leash Dog Recreation Areas

"Mickey" Donahoe Dog Park	Bixby Park	130 Cherry Ave.
Coolidge Dog Park		352 E. Neece Street
El Dorado Dog Park	El Dorado Regional Park Area II	
Jackson Street Dog Park		1432 Jackson Avenue
K-9 Dog Park		Ninth St. and Pacific Ave.
Lincoln Dog Park		101 Pacific Avenue.
Pike Park Dog Park		195 W. Seaside Way
Recreation Dog Park		5201 E. 7th Street
Rosie's Dog Beach	Ocean Blvd. btn. Roycroft & Argonne	
Seaside Way Dog Zone	Linden Avenue and Seaside Way	
Gayle Carter Dog Park	Scherer Park at 4600 Long Beach Blvd.	
Wrigley Dog Park		3401 Golden Avenue



## Congratulations June Employee of the Month Walter Castilla



Congratulations to Maintenance Assistant II Walter Castilla on being named the Employee of the Month for June 2022. Walter can be seen throughout the Department making sure that our facilities are in top shape for our patrons and staff. He recently answered a few questions so that we can get to know him better.

**What's the last TV show you binge-watched?** Peluche Family.

**What's the best thing you've learned in your current position?** Have an open communication with staff.

**What's your own advice that you always follow?** Be safe and have a productive day.

**What's one small thing that makes your day better?** A simple thanks for your help Walter.

**Who inspires you?** My youngest daughter.

**What is or would be a good nickname for you at work?** Walter Castilla I'll call you back.

**What song always gets you onto the dancefloor?** "Quire Beber" by Walter Castilla.

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?** The ability to fly.

**Who would play you in a movie of your life?** Eugenio Derbez.

**Using one word, how would you describe your family?** Successful.

**A genie gives you one wish. What is it?** Life blessings.

**Would you rather have a completely automated home or a self-driving car?** Automated home.

**How long have you worked with Parks & Rec? How long with the City?** 18 years all at PRM Parks Maintenance.

## July by the Numbers

### Maintenance Operations Bureau

#### Community Service Workers Program

##### *Attendance figures for the month of July 2022*

Number of persons enrolled in the program for July.....	33
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance .....	74
(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)	
Number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas .....	252
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)	
Number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands .....	132
(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other various Wetlands)	
Number of hours worked at special clean-ups .....	264
<b>Total number CSW hours for July:</b> .....	722
Work orders completed .....	494
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide .....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....	28

##### **Park acres maintained**

Park turf.....	814
Park landscape.....	2310

##### **Water Use**

MOB General Fund Water report for May

Parks Potable .....	33,252 ccf.....	\$145,417
Parks Reclaimed.....	63,108 ccf .....	\$146,498

## Centerpiece Showcases Queensway Bay



Every year after the Grand Prix flowers have run their course, Marigolds are planted in annual beds for the busy summer season downtown. Our Dolphin Fountain remains the center piece where we can show off a bit for the large crowds coming to spend the day by the sea.

These pictures feature our "Sunburst" design and huge thank you goes to Albert Estrella and his Parkwood landscape team. The outer ring is made up of Dwarf Mondo grass, then annuals with a white teacup rose center ring. The upper beds have a ring of annuals backdropped by our purple flowering Liriope Muscari. Kudos gentlemen!

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# Calendar

**Free Mobile Recess Program Register** at <https://bit.ly/3xuBRrd>.

Mondays and Wednesdays	10 a.m. – Noon	Grace Park and 17th St., between Henderson & Chestnut
Mondays and Wednesdays	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Atlantic Plaza Park and Craftsman Village Park
Tuesdays and Thursdays	10 a.m. – Noon	Miracle on 4th Street Park and 23rd Street. between Cedar & Chestnut
Tuesdays and Thursdays	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Rose Park and Tanaka Park

## August

Th. 18	Dusk	Be S.A.F.E. Movie "Mulan" (2020) PG-13	Scherer Park
Fri. 19	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Soul"	Ramona Park
Sat. 20	10 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Wetland Warriors Volunteer Cleanup	Colorado Lagoon Marine Reserve
Mon. 22	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Luca"	Cherry Park
Tue. 23	Dusk	Be S.A.F.E. Movie Spider-Man: No Way Home PG-13 (Marvel)	Orizaba Park
Wed. 24	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Luca"	Coolidge Park
Th. 25	Dusk	Be S.A.F.E. Movie Spider-Man: No Way Home PG-13 (Marvel)	Houghton Park
	6 p.m.	Free Concert – JP McDermott and Western Bop	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 26	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park "Luca"	El Dorado Park West
Sat. 27	9 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
Tue. 30		Registration Deadline Coed & Boys Flag Football/ Coed & Girls Volleyball Leagues	Visit <a href="https://teamsideline.com/longbeach">teamsideline.com/longbeach</a> to register

## September

Sat. 3	10 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 5		Labor Day Holiday	
Tue. 6	10 a.m.	Free Tuesday Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Wed. 7	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Th. 8	8 a.m.	Free Bird Watching Event	Rancho Los Cerritos
Fri. 9	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Rancho to Rancho Walk	Rancho Los Alamitos to Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 12	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Tue. 13	8 a.m.	Registration begins for swim classes held 9/7-10/20/22	King Park Pool
	10 a.m.	Free Tuesday Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 14	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Th. 15	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Fri. 16	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Sat. 17	9 a.m. – noon	2022 California Coastal Cleanup Day	562.570-4876 for sites
	1 – 5 p.m.	Annual Craft Beer LB Fest For more details and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://craftbeerlbfest.com/">http://craftbeerlbfest.com/</a>	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 19	8 a.m.	Registration begins for swim classes held 10/3-10/26	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 20	10 a.m.	Free Tuesday Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
	1:30-4:30 p.m.	Free Cool Craft Project & Storytime. (Youth must be supervised)	Rancho Los Alamitos
Wed. 21	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Th. 22	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Fri. 23	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Sat. 24	8 a.m.	Registration begins for swim classes held 10/22/22-12/10/22	Belmont Plaza Pool, King Park Pool
	8 a.m.	Registration begins for swim classes held 10/15-12/3	Silverado Park Pool
	9 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
	9 a.m.	Second Annual Youth Summit	Billie Jean King Main Library
Tue. 27	10 a.m.	Free Tuesday Storytime	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 28	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Th. 29	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites
Fri. 30	Varies M-F	Free After School Recreation Program	Visit <a href="https://LB Parks.org">LB Parks.org</a> for hours and sites



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