

# We Create Community



## Redesigned Recreation Park Playground Opens to the Public



The opening of the redesigned Recreation Park Playground was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony with City officials and the community on June 14.

The updated playground offers two separate playground structures for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 that promote inclusive play, recreation, and increase ADA accessibility.

Enhanced outdoor recreational features include a skateboard park element, new picnic tables and seating, in addition to landscaping beautification such as new trees and turf.

The \$1.9 million project was made possible through Measure A funds.



**Brent Dennis**

*Director, Long Beach Parks,  
Recreation & Marine and ACS*

July is "Parks Make Life Better Month" and our Parks, Recreation, Marine and Animal Care Services Team will be celebrating all month long. Being part of the national campaign of expanded community awareness about the importance of parks is an exciting honor and important opportunity. We are very thankful and motivated to welcome summer back this month with all of the great programs and events that Long Beach loves and appreciates.

In preparation for a Summer of Fun, the Department recently dedicated an amazing new "signature" playground at Recreation Park that has a fun and engaging dinosaur theme. Shortly after that dedication we gathered on Alamitos Beach to celebrate the new Wibit, a floating water playground complete with obstacle course elements. Beach ADA access mats were also installed in three key locations on our beachfront to provide easier, physical access to the water's edge.

July fireworks sparked the annual uptick in lost animals. Fourth of July festivities with loud noises, flashing lights, and strong smells can affect your pet's behavior. You are encouraged to monitor your pet to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Residents are also encouraged to register their pets with Long Beach Animal Care Services and microchip pets to make reuniting quicker and easier, in the event they are separated during the summer months. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home in a crisis.

The summer concert season is off and running with amazing musical performances within the scenic settings of parks throughout the city. The array of Community Band and Municipal Band concerts are complemented also by many other music festivals and special events in the coming months. A calendar of these concerts along with our Movies in the Parks and Be S.A.F.E. movie presentations are found on our PRM website and contained in our 2022 Summer Entertainment Guide.

Long Beach residents and visitors are urged to consider a visit to both of our beautiful ranchos this summer. Rancho Los Alamitos and Rancho Los Cerritos are tremendous community assets that have preserved a remarkable part of history and culture of Long Beach. Both ranchos have engaging programs, educational classes, unique special events and opportunities for volunteerism and member support.

Stay cool, fit, and entertained this month through the countless ways to have fun in Long Beach parks, community centers, golf courses, tennis courts and on our beaches. Welcome Back July as we love your summer vibe and remember that Parks Make LB!

## July is "Parks Make Life Better Month"

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) maintains 169 parks and provides hundreds of recreation programs and classes each year to "make life better."

**Parks Make Life Better Socially:** PRM offers after-school programs at 26 parks and 12 schools to give youth places to play and make friends. Teens connect at five teen centers and senior citizens socialize at six Senior Centers.

**Parks Make Life Better Physically:** Youth and adult sports leagues, aquatics, fitness and sports classes, golf courses, tennis courts, and miles of bike and walking paths are available to improve the health and fitness of Long Beach residents.



**Parks Make Life Better Mentally and Emotionally:** Long Beach parks are places of beauty and serenity where one can relax and escape the hectic pace of daily life.

**Parks Make Life Better Environmentally:** Parks and open spaces preserve animal and plant habitats, trees reduce air pollution, and citizens engage in volunteerism and educational programs to become stewards of the natural world.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFR0-zGbcH8> to see a video about this memorable month.



## Alamitos Beach Water Playground Opens for Summer Fun



Long Beach's newest beach attraction, an inflatable aquatic playground known as the Wibit, opened June 25, at Alamitos Beach, south of Ocean Boulevard and east of Shoreline Drive, between Fifth and Sixth places.

The inflatable water park, free and open to the public, will be configured in a figure-eight shape to connect multiple floating play structures. Features will include a springboard, bouncer, monkey bars and other elements to encourage water play, such as swimming, balancing, climbing, jumping, sliding and swimming.

This \$400,000 project located in the City's Second Council District and coordinated by Public Works in coordination with

the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, was made possible through the Tidelands Operations Fund, which has covered costs for repairs and upgrades to many public facilities in Long Beach.

With its location near Long Beach's popular beach walking and biking paths, the floating playground will provide the community with yet another unique recreational opportunity.

The Wibit water play structure will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until the end of the summer season. Children under the age of 14 must be supervised when playing on the structure.

## City Dedicates El Dorado Park West Community Center in Honor of Dr. Thomas J. Clark



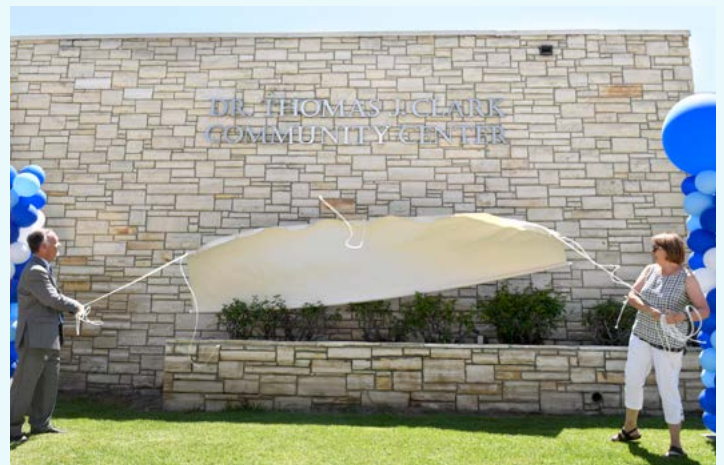
The Community Center at El Dorado Park West was renamed in honor of Dr. Thomas J. Clark on June 25.

Following an item brought forth by Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, and approved by the City Council at large on January 4, 2022, the re-naming of El Dorado Park West Community Center recognizes the legacy, contributions, and service of Dr. Clark.

Dr. Clark had an optometric practice in the Los Altos area of Long Beach. He served on the Parks and Recreation Commission in the 1960's and led the Commission's effort to secure a bond for the purchase of the land that is now El Dorado Park West. In 1966, he was elected to the Long Beach City Council for the Fourth District where he served for 30 years (1966-1996), including three terms as Mayor of Long Beach (1975-1978, 1978-1980 and 1982-1984).

After Dr. Clark retired from the Long Beach City Council, he was elected to the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees for Area Five where he served for 16 years including

several terms as Board President. He served as President of both the California Community College Trustees and the Community College League of California (2006). In 1976, he was inducted into the Long Beach City College Hall of Fame for his community leadership and in 2007 he was elected to the Long Beach City College Hall of Champions for his accomplishments as a Track and Field athlete.



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## Free Summer Fun Days Going on Now



Parks, Recreation and Marine's Summer Fun Days program engages children ages 5 to 12 in supervised fun such as sports, games, arts and crafts, and special events. The free program allows registered participants to drop in anytime Monday through Friday, through August 26, from noon to 5

p.m. each day at parks throughout Long Beach. Pre-registration is required. Participants should visit the park of their choice to register. Locations are available on the Summer Fun Days webpage at <https://bit.ly/3AOwGFU>.

## Summer Food Services Programs Serves Local Youth



For the 43rd year in a row, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) is offering the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program to provide free, nutritious meals to Long Beach children and youth during the summer months.

The program began on June 21 and will run through August 26. PRM provides free meals for children and youth Monday through Friday, with times varying at each site between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meals are available to all attending children and youth between ages 1 and 18. Meals consist of well-bal-

anced, nutritious options and include milk, juice, fruits and vegetables.

The program operates at 24 locations throughout Long Beach and Signal Hill. A list of locations is available at <https://bit.ly/3P7GsQH> or by calling the Summer Food Office at 562.570.3524.

The Summer Food Service Program for Children is funded through the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the California Department of Education.



## Long Beach Municipal Band Season Underway



- Larry Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium Park – Thursdays through August 4
- El Dorado Park West–Fridays through August 5

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



The Long Beach Municipal Band is playing to appreciative audiences in their first full season in over two years with free outdoor concerts in Long Beach parks through August 4 with a different theme and vocalist every week.

Residents can enjoy performances of the Long Beach Municipal Band on the dates listed below. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free.

- Bixby Park on the Bluff – July 26
- Veterans Park – August 2
- Los Cerritos Park – Wednesdays, through August 3

## Signal Hill Petroleum & Partners of Parks Support Movies in the Park



L-R: David Zanatta and Trina Schoonmaker, Partners of Parks; Trinka Rowsell, Executive Director, Partners of Parks; Alex Rothwell, Community Relations Manager, Signal Hill Petroleum; Mayor Robert Garcia, Director of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Brent Dennis; and Randy Zarn, Partners of Parks accept a check from Signal Hill Petroleum (SHP) for the Movies in the Park program presented in partnership with Partners of Parks. SHP has supported Movies in the Park for 16 years. This year there will be 30 movies screened at 30 parks to provide a great experience for the community.

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## Pet License Fees Waiver During Amnesty Period



The Long Beach City Council approved a temporary amnesty for first-time pet license fees and late penalty fees for expired pet licenses in CDBG designated areas in the City on June 21.

The amnesty removes a financial hurdle for low- and moderate-income residents, encourages residents to acquire pet licenses, and allows Long Beach Animal Care Services to collect licensing fees it may have never received if not for the program to ensure more pets throughout the City are able to be returned to owners, if lost. A 2021 survey from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) found that pet owners expressed worries over financial security and ability to adequately care for their animals.

Pet owners responsible for dogs and cats over the age of four months old are

required to obtain an annual pet license from the city, which the pet must carry via a collar or microchip implant. Failure to secure or renew a dog or cat license within sixty days is a violation subject to a late penalty fee of \$30. The license fees for dogs and cats are \$28 and \$12, respectively, and the penalty fee for an expired license adds \$15 to the aforementioned annual license fee.

The amnesty began on Friday, June 24 and will end on Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

To view a map of CDBG areas in Long Beach visit <https://www.longbeach.gov/ti/gis-maps---data/map-catalog/>

For information on pet licensing visit <https://www.longbeach.gov/acs/pet-laws-and-licensing/licensing/>

## Maintenance Updates



July 4 crowds

### Beach Maintenance 4th of July Preparations

Beach Maintenance crews were very busy preparing for the 4th of July and cleaning up afterwards. The crews began at 5 a.m. on the 4th to clean beach areas including Bay Shore, Mother's Beach and Colorado Lagoon prior to crowds arriving. On the 5th more than 43 tons of trash were cleared off our beaches and inner bays. Huge shout out to this hard-working crew!

### Pierpoint Landing Star Marine

Maintenance staff recently coordinated and the painting the Nautical Star in front of the Pierpoint building. The star was long overdue for new paint and the end results looks great!



July 5 all clean





## Congratulations May Employee of the Month Albert Estrella



Congratulations to Gardner II Albert Estrella on being named the Employee of the Month for May. He recently answered a few questions so that we can get to know him better.

**What's the last TV show you binge-watched?** Peaky Blinders on Netflix.

**What's the best thing you've learned in your current position?** To expect the unexpected.

**What's your own advice that you always follow?** Try to be the better than you were yesterday.

**What's one small thing that makes your day better?** What's for lunch?

**Who inspires you?** My mom and dad.

**What is or would be a good nickname for you at work?** Ports.

**What song always gets you onto the dance floor?** "1999" by Prince.

**If you could have a super power, what would it be?** Mind-control.

**Who would play you in a movie of your life?** Fluffy "Gabriel Iglesias" or the Rock!

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

**A genie gives you one wish. What is it?** Unlimited wealth and health.

**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?** 1 year and 9 months.

## Go Long Beach App Empowers Residents to Report Issues in Parks



The **GO Long Beach** app allows Long Beach residents, businesses, and visitors the opportunity to access City Hall, 24-hours a day, seven days a week, from anywhere. The app helps residents report issues they find in city parks and beaches that need maintenance attention. Explore the different request types listed in the app to report issues.

The "Animal Care Services" request allows the reporting of dogs off leash or deceased animals that need pickup.

Under "Trees Vegetation and Irrigation", "running water in a park" can be found which is especially important with current drought conditions. Broken tree limbs are another option in this request type.

"Parks and Public Property Maintenance" is the place to report issues with restrooms, and marinas, damage in playgrounds, and building issues

Under "Graffiti" like all the request types, you can upload a photo and confirm the location on a map that will be sent directly to the staff that can handle the repair.

The Go Long Beach app is available on iTunes and Google Play as a free download. Go Long Beach can be accessed on the City website, <http://user.govoutreach.com/longbeach>.



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KEEP OUR  
BEACHES  
CLEAN

### Long Beach Parks, Recreation & Marine BEACH MAINTENANCE CREW

*Keeping our beaches and waterways clean and safe*

Please dispose of trash when visiting and report littering on the Go Long Beach app.



Go Long Beach app is available at  
<https://bit.ly/3o5pwVW>



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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

**Free Be S.A.F.E. Program** – Extended Recreation Hours – Monday-Friday 5-8 p.m. Admiral Kidd Park, Bixby Park, Drake Park, Houghton Park, M. L. King Jr. Park, Orizaba Park, Pan American Park, Ramona Park, Scherer Park, Seaside Park, and Silverado Park. Visit <https://bit.ly/3Nkk2kx> for more information.

**Summer Fun Days** – Free drop-in supervised sports, games, arts and crafts, and special events for children ages 5 to 12. Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. each day through August 26. Pre-registration is required in person at the park of choice Locations are available at <https://bit.ly/3OkeLup>.

## July

Fri. 15	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Space Jam a New Legacy”	El Dorado Park West Atlantic Plaza Park
Sat. 16	10 a.m. Dusk	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Wetland Warriors Volunteer Cleanup Movies in the Park – “Space Jam a New Legacy”	Colorado Lagoon Marine Reserve Signal Hill Park
Mon. 18	Dusk	Movies in the Park – “Clifford the Big Red Dog”	Scherer Park
Tue. 19	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 20	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Clifford the Big Red Dog”	Los Cerritos Park College Estates Park
Th. 21	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Be SAFE Movie “The Mitchells Vs. the Machines”	Larry Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium Drake Park
Fri. 22	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Clifford the Big Red Dog”	El Dorado Park West Wardlow Park
Sat. 23	9 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday El Dorado Regional Park Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park Area III
Mon. 25	Dusk	Movies in the Park – “Shang Chi and the Ten Rings”	Marina Vista Park
Tue. 26	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Bluff Park
Wed. 27	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Shang Chi and the Ten Rings”	Los Cerritos Park Houghton Park
Th. 28	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Sligo Rags Concert Be SAFE Movie “Cruella” PG13	Larry Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium El Dorado Nature Center Seaside Park
Fri. 29	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Clifford the Big Red Dog”	El Dorado Park West McBride Park

## August

Mon. 1	Dusk	Movies in the Park – “Sing 2”	Whaley Park
Tue. 2	6:30 p.m.	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert	Veterans Park
Wed. 3	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Sing 2”	Los Cerritos Park Orizaba Park
Th. 4	6:30- p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Be S.A.F.E. Movie “Sponge Bob Movie Sponge on the Run”	Larry Curtis Concert Park at Marine Stadium Admiral Kidd Park
Fri. 5	6:30 p.m. Dusk	Long Beach Municipal Band Concert Movies in the Park – “Sing 2”	El Dorado Park West Grace Park
Sat. 6	10 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 8	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park “Jumani: The Next Level” (PG-13)	M.L. King Jr. Park
Tue. 9	Noon – 5 p.m.	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12	Visit LBParks.org for locations
Wed. 10	Noon – 5 p.m. Dusk	Free Summer Fun Days for ages 5-12 Free Movie in the Park “Jumani: The Next Level” (PG-13)	Visit LBParks.org for locations Pan American Park
Th. 11	6 p.m. Dusk	Free Concert – Corday Be S.A.F.E. Movie “The Incredibles 2”	El Dorado Nature Center Bixby Park
Fri. 12	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park “Jumani: The Next Level” (PG-13)	Signal Hill Park
Mon. 15	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park “Soul”	Silverado Park
Wed. 17	Dusk	Free Movie in the Park “Soul”	Drake Park
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 6 p.m.	Be S.A.F.E. Movie Spider-Man: No Way Home PG-13(Marvel) Free Concert – JP McDermott and Western Bop	Houghton Park 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



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